

# English Hills News

October 2013

## Gas Service Is Now Available!

### Bill Geiger

You've seen the digging along the side of our roads, and the sign at the entrance tells it all. Gas service is now available in English Hills. Aside from some limited perimeter customers, it's taken 38 years to bring this utility to our community, but at last we have it.

The lower end of English Hills will have the service first. At the current rate of installation, we will have service throughout the community by year-end, providing favorable weather is with us.

PSNC Energy is offering packages that will waive the connection run from the street to your house. Depending on the complexity of your run

from the street, you may want to consider all of your options. To obtain more information on gas service in English Hills, call Steven Orr at 696-4603.



## Fall Picnic: Saturday, Oct. 19

The annual Fall Picnic was moved to a later date in 2013 to capture the essence of Fall, in its true grandeur. Last year we scheduled the summer and fall picnics closer together. For 2013, this is our chance to try something new.

For the Summer Picnic, we decided to go grill free, with fried chicken and side dishes. For the Oct. 19 Fall Picnic, we will be lighting up the



grill for hamburgers and hotdogs. Chips and soft drinks will also be provided.

If you have a favorite side dish that you would like to share with your neighbors, then bring it along.

The festivities begin at 4:00pm on the Kent Lane cul-de-sac. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair. Come on out for the last event of 2013 in English Hill before the first snowflakes fall. If you're new in our community, it's a great way to meet some of your neighbors. We will see you there.

## Changes in Dues Collection for 2014

The association dues collection process is about to be streamlined. It's been the practice to simply make your dues payment to the EHHA treasurer on May 1. Many homeowners bring their payments to the annual meeting. Ideally, we would like to collect the new dues in the month of May. Collecting dues should not be an all year project for the treasurer.

Beginning in 2014, all homeowners will receive an invoice for annual dues, on or about April 1. This will give all homeowners a printed reminder that payment will be due beginning May 1. We ask that you submit that payment no later than May 31. Complete instructions for submission of dues payments will be included with the invoice.



**Happy  
Thanksgiving  
to you &  
your families!**

## English Hills Winter Party: Feb. 8, 2014!

Just about the time that cabin fever has set in, there is no better time than Feb. 8 for a neighborhood gathering. The Winter Party is an opportunity to meet some of your neighbors, after the holidays have passed and spring is still on the distant horizon.

We live in a wonderful community, and if you are relatively new, the

Winter Party will give you a great opportunity to make new English Hills' friends. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Art and Sue Mack on Dover Lane did a terrific job of hosting this party at their home last year, and they have volunteered to do it again. More details on this event will be published after the first of the year. Please make plans to join us.

## Break-in Occurred in Beaumont Estates

When we report criminal activity in this newsletter, it's not meant to frighten you, but to make you aware of activity around you.

While a resident in neighboring Beaumont Estates was napping on his sofa, an intruder kicked in his locked door. When the homeowner confronted him, the intruder fled from the house without serious incident.

The intruder was soon apprehended, because the homeowner immediately notified the sheriff and

provided an excellent description of the intruder and his vehicle.

Maintaining an alert awareness of strangers on foot, cars that cruise the neighborhood, and door-to-door salesmen is something that we all should practice.

### Is it time to revisit the idea of a Neighborhood Watch?



## Neighborhood News

Send your news or photos to [karen@shadyvale.com](mailto:karen@shadyvale.com)

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## Do You Know Your Neighbors?

Those of us in the older generation can remember the homes closer together and the backyard fence.



The backyard fence was a gathering place and a major spot for communication between neighbors.

Recipes, emergency telephone numbers, and warm baked goods were often traded over that backyard fence, and along with that came a heightened sense of security. The downside of this was an occasional "nosy neighbor."

English Hills is a community of one-acre lots. The odds of meeting over the backyard fence are very slim, so we have to take the initiative to know our neighbors, and that is not always easy to do.

The time that you spend in getting to know your community will be time well spent. Our community is special.

If you haven't felt comfortable with the thought of attending English Hills parties or meetings because you don't know anyone yet, please reconsider and join us for the Fall Picnic on Saturday, Oct. 19.

You'll find out that you are surrounded by interesting, nice, caring neighbors who would welcome you as a new friend.

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