

**NEWS RELEASE**

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THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (April 18, 2013) – The Woodlands Township Board of Directors held a Board meeting, Thursday, April 18, 2013, at The Woodlands Township Town Hall, at 9 a.m., and made determination on the following agenda items.

The Board approved a proclamation naming Friday, May 17, 2013, as “Bike The Woodlands Day.” The Woodlands recently received national recognition as a bike-friendly community from the League of American Bicyclists. The Board also approved a second proclamation recognizing May 12 – 18, 2013 as “Police Week” in The Woodlands. This coincides with National Police Week, which honors the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty.

The texts of both proclamations follow this release.

The Board approved the following **consent agenda** items:

- Minutes of the March 21, 2013 Regular Board Meeting, March 21, 2013 Special Board Meeting, and the March 27, 2013 Regular Board Meeting for the Board of Directors of The Woodlands Township;
- Proclamation in support of National Police Week;
- Proclamation in support of Bike The Woodlands Day;
- Renewal and modification of After Hours Dispatch Services Agreement with the City of Shenandoah;
- Approved a recommendation from the Ad Hoc Transportation Committee regarding the renewal of the trolley agreement with Brazos Transit District for a one-year period;
- Approved extending an H-1B Visa for an employee of The Woodlands Township whose H-1B Visa will expire September 30, 2013;

The Board considered and acted on the following **regular agenda** items:

- Approved lease agreement regarding telephone equipment;
- Received and accepted a quarterly update from The Woodlands Convention and Visitors Bureau;



- Received and accepted an update from The Woodlands Waterway Marriott's General Manager regarding Convention Center activities;
- Approved selection of architectural and design services for the remodel of Fire Station #2;
- Approved selection of broker and consulting services for employee benefits;
- Approved implementing a program to place American Flags at village park entrances by The Woodlands Township on six holidays per year;
- Approved a recommendation from the Ad Hoc Transportation Committee regarding matters concerning the proposed Conroe/The Woodlands Urbanized Area Advisory Committee bylaws;
- Approved a recommendation from the Ad Hoc Transportation Committee regarding creation of a Bicycle Advisory Task Force to report to the Ad Hoc Transportation Committee;
- Deferred until the next meeting a recommendation from the Ad Hoc Transportation Committee regarding an Interlocal Agreement between the Houston-Galveston Area Council and The Woodlands Township for development of a Transit Plan for The Woodlands area;
- Received and accepted a presentation from The Goodman Corporation concerning Town Center Terminal and Streetscape Program (Advanced Planning Report Update);
- Received a Texas 83rd Legislature Regular Session update regarding Senate Bill 14/House Bill 14;
- Tabled until May the creation of The Woodlands Township Ad Hoc Economic Development Committee and approval of a charter;
- Received an update regarding the May 2013 Board Retreat;

At its April 24, 2013, meeting, the Township Board will consider the following items:

- Receive, consider and act upon an update from the San Jacinto River Authority regarding Groundwater Reduction Project;
- Receive, consider and act upon an update from Interfaith of The Woodlands regarding Veggie Village;
- Receive, consider and act upon the release of Request for Proposal for The Woodlands Township insurance and broker services;
- Receive, consider and act upon the appointment of members to the Ad Hoc Economic Development Committee;
- Receive, consider and act upon a report from the Ad Hoc Transportation Committee regarding a user survey;



- Receive, consider and act upon a recommendation from the Ad Hoc Transportation Committee regarding an Interlocal Agreement between the Houston-Galveston Area Council and The Woodlands Township for development of a Transit Plan for The Woodlands area;

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One of the items approved above was the proclamation for Bike The Woodlands Day, the text of which appears below.

“Biking has been an important feature of The Woodlands since its earliest designs. This year’s Bike The Woodlands Day is a wonderful way to celebrate both this long history and the ongoing growth in cycling nationally,” said David Hitchcock with the Bike The Woodlands event. “Bicycles are a transportation mode that gets several hundred commuters to work in The Woodlands. But, biking is more widely linked to good health, recreation, and a sense of freedom that many people discovered as children. The Bike The Woodlands Coalition wants cyclists of all types to be safe, courteous, and knowledgeable about biking to make this an even more bicycle friendly community.”

#### **PROCLAMATION FOR BIKE THE WOODLANDS DAY**

##### **BE IT PROCLAIMED:**

Whereas, the bicycle is a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation that millions of Americans engage in as an excellent form of recreation and physical fitness; and

Whereas, the American League of Bicyclists National Bike Month helps to increase public awareness for bicycling, educate the community about the benefits of bicycling for transportation purposes, and encourage people to try bicycle commuting; and

Whereas, creating bicycle-friendly communities has been shown to improve citizens' health, well-being, and quality of life; boost community spirit; improve traffic safety; and reduce pollution and congestion; and

Whereas, bicycling activities and attractions have great potential to have a positive impact on The Woodlands Township’s economy and tourism industry and to stimulate economic development by making the community attractive to businesses and citizens who enjoy the out of doors and healthy lifestyles; and

Whereas, The Woodlands Township owns, maintains or operates a system of more than 200 miles of pathways that serve as an excellent system for recreational riding; and

Whereas, The Woodlands, in addition to being the home to the CB&I Tri The Woodlands, Memorial Herman Texas Ironman, Le Tour de Woodlands and to many residents who partake in competitive riding



and triathlons, is also a nationally recognized Bike Friendly Community;

Now, therefore, I, Bruce Tough, as Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Woodlands Township, do hereby proclaim Friday, May 17, 2013 as:

“Bike The Woodlands Day”

In The Woodlands, Texas

**PROCLAMATION FOR POLICE WEEK**

**BE IT PROCLAIMED:**

Whereas, The Woodlands Township wishes to recognize National Police Week 2013 and to honor the service and sacrifice of those law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities and safeguarding our democracy; and

Whereas, there are approximately 900,000 law enforcement officers serving in communities across the United States, including the dedicated members of the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office and Harris County Constable’s Office – Precinct 4; and

Whereas, some 60,000 assaults against law enforcement officers are reported each year, resulting in approximately 16,000 injuries; and

Whereas, since the first recorded death in 1792, more than 19,000 law enforcement officers in the United States have made the ultimate sacrifice and been killed in the line of duty; and

Whereas, the names of these dedicated public servants are engraved on the walls of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C.; and

Whereas, The service and sacrifice of all officers killed in the line of duty will be honored during the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund’s 24th Annual Candlelight Vigil on the evening of Monday, May 13, 2013; and

Whereas, the Candlelight Vigil is part of National Police Week, which takes place this year on May 12-18, 2013; and

Whereas, May 15, 2013, is designated as Peace Officers Memorial Day, in honor of all fallen officers and their families;

Now, therefore, I, Bruce Tough, as Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Woodlands Township, do hereby proclaim the week of May 12-18, 2013, as:

“POLICE WEEK”

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