

PEPPER SHAKER

Pepper Tree Condominium Association Newsletter

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View a 69 second video about Pepper Tree at our web site.

Past *Pepper Shakers* are available there.

The *Pepper Shaker* is not published at Association expense.

EMERGENCY LIST:

There is a Telephone
Calling

Committee to
call all resi-
dents in case
of an emer-
gency. In

order to get called
regarding an emergency,
you need to provide
Board Member *Patricia
Running* with your tele-
phone number. Please re-
member occasionally
there may be an emer-
gency to shut off water
and you may not receive
an advance notice phone
call. We apologize for
those times. Patricia's
phone is 696-4003.



Potluck dinner. The *Village* potluck dinner will be Thursday, September 8th at 5:30 P.M. This is a fine time to meet your neighbors. Both renters and owners are very welcome.



**Potluck
Dinner**

The October 13th dinner will be a *reservations* type. Resident **Shirley Hibbard** will draw on her heritage and make a Filipino meal for us. There will be a signup list circulated at the September potluck or call **Lois Dailey** at 694-7547. Shirley needs to know how many to prepare for.

Getting ready for winter. Even at *Pepper Tree*, there are a few things that residents need to check out as the cold season approaches.

Sometimes there are power outages. (There was an outage on August 21 for a few seconds.) We need to be sure that we can get our cars out of the garage (assuming that's where they are kept). Most residents have automatic garage door openers - totally worthless in a power outage. A manual override needs to be installed. A garage-door company can do this easily.

Board member **Greg Bauer** would like for everyone to put an insulator over the outside faucet if you have one on the outside of your unit. This is probably city water and is subject to



freezing and bursting.

Check for air leaks. The air-conditioner will let cold air in unless it is wrapped. Put inexpensive insulator pads behind ALL light switches and outlets. Each one leaks a little cold air into the living space. The slight discoloration around these items are caused by air leaking in.

Check under the sink and in the bathroom where plumbing enter the living space. These are major sources of air leaks - and elevated heating bills. Spray foam may be a useful tool to stop these leaks.

**REPAIRS AND SERVICE
— PUT IT IN WRITING!**

If you have a request for maintenance, repairs or suggestions, please put it in writing. Use one of the *Maintenance Request Forms* which are available at the Recreation Room. The forms are for all requests that are not emergencies. A "pick-up box" is located at the Recreation Room and the forms are kept in it. You can get one from the box, fill it out, and return it there. Your requests are collected frequently each week by a Board Member. Thanks for your help! Be aware: telling a Board Member is not telling the Board. Fill out a *Maintenance Request Form*.

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Our City Water Problem. There may be need to shut the water system down again. The repairs Tuesday morning may not have been adequate. *Hazel Dell Plumbing* is evaluating the situation.

Helping Katrina victims. The task seems overwhelming, but we can try to make a difference.

The Crowley, Louisiana, Fire Department is feeding the displaced people coming into their area.

This writer has sent a check to help buy food. We addressed ours to a friend who lives there and is working on assistance. About 300 people are being fed in a nearby campground.



– The Crowley Post-Signal August 31st.

Make a check payable to the *Crowley Fire Department Local 1442*. Mail it to Sterling Shinn, 2333 Bayou Plaquemine Road, Rayne, LA. 70578. The church where Mr. Shinn ministers is canceling its Wednesday evening service to help the Fire Department.

An alternate address is: *Crowley Fire Department*, Post Office Box 1712, Crowley, Louisiana 70527. Office: (337) 788-4106.

If you prefer to give online, we recommend using the PayPal connection at IDES. (*International Disaster and Emergency Services*). Like the Crowley connection, every dollar goes straight to work. There are no overhead costs taken from the gift.

Their address is: <http://www.ides.org/>

There are hundreds, if not thousands, of other worthy organizations helping throughout the South. The important thing is to help.

Here in the Village, our major inconvenience is having the city water shut off for repairs to the system. In the storm-ravaged area, those who survived are seeking shelter, food, and the simplest necessities of life.

He has it right!

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"