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Snowmageddon

Our senior citizens were warned it could be as bad as a Category 5 hurricane, and many of us who survived Hurricane Harvey in 2017 — a Category 4 — knew what that meant. Officials told us to expect rolling power outages, so when we first lost power in Houston, our area, on February 15, Monday morning, most thought it would be a few hours at most. We had a mix of freezing rain, snow, and even hail. Roads were often impassable.

We all settled into essentially camp in our houses. As temperatures dipped, the blackouts persisted for long days. People fretted over their water pipes and wore as many as three coats, wool sweaters, and two pairs of pants. So cold you could see your breath in your own house.

By Wednesday, February 17, power began to return for some, and frozen pipes burst. Houston was advising people to boil tap water. For many, the power went out again. No one knew when or why, or how long.

The food stores ran out of almost everything essential like eggs, bread, milk, and cold-cut meats. It was not easy to buy gas for your car. But by Saturday, February 20, most were getting back to normal, and temperatures were nearly average, at least in the day.

Submitted by Carolyn Dill



Due to snow storm, the luncheon date changed to March 17th.

Valentine/St Patrick

Luncheon

Free to HDSCLF

Wednesday
March 17th—10:00 am
Woodhaven

Italian Russo's Catering

House Salad
Spaghetti & Meatballs
Garlic Bread

Dessert Provided by
HDSCLF

Craft by
Jan Dermon



Important!!

Please **RSVP**
for Head
Count
by **March 10th**
Contact
Virendra Desai
713-533-8719



Chief's Citywide
"Positive Interaction Program"
presentation topic for the month of
March will be:

"HPD Gang Division".

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM

The meeting will be streamed live with sign language interpretation on HPD's YouTube channel:
youtube.com/houstonpolice

Closed captioning can be enabled on the YouTube video, or found at:

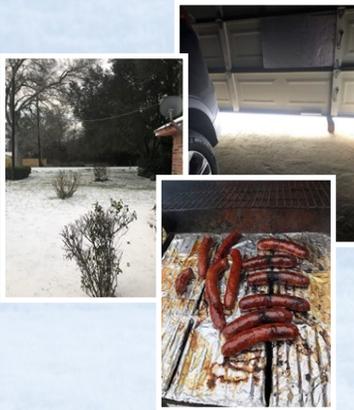
streamtext.net/player?event=CitywidePIP

Thank you, James Sobota
Citywide PIP Coordinator,
Houston Police Department



From Judy Lorenz: 1st pic snow everywhere, no electricity for 70 hours; our six faucets kept the water running to avoid freezing. Bubba slept with a hooded jacket under a lot of blankets. Our daughter in bed at her home. Me with the blue cap with many clothes plus jacket and two pairs of slipper socks under a lot of blankets during the day. Another picture of us inside a warm truck and some views from the truck. Icicles on the truck still stood for five days.

From Jan Dermon: We had no power for almost 12 hours. Brrr, we were so cold on Monday. The next morning, we had a water pressure problem. Lucky Jim knew what to do with the situation. He rewrapped the pipes after he warmed them.



From Christine Johnson: It was a beautiful sight without electric power. It had been almost three days with off and on power. It was freezing that my grandson (16-year-old) and I stayed in our vehicle to use some warmth, plus a phone charger for a short time. We used our common sense to open the car garage 1/4 the way up with two bricks under that to breathe safely. We were hungry, and we used the grill to cook some sausages with one yam and one baked potato plus water to drink. We did enjoy ourselves by playing games on the iPad and a crossword book. We also had a nice nap (lol). It was a good experience for us, and we will know what to do next time. Please stay home and keep warm to stay healthy and safe.

From Jeanne Hilferty: We had no electricity for two days. Our family had to wear heavy clothes like sweaters and jackets to keep warm. We had no water until Tuesday afternoon. Our kitchen and bedroom ceiling leaked, and Larry quickly turned off the water. Unfortunately, our garage ceiling fell.

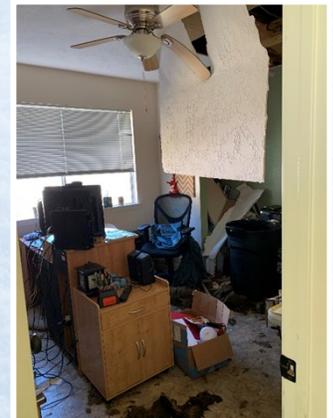
When we had no power, Allen, our son-in-law, cooked on the grill for the meals.

Our dear Dennis Smith came by and checked on us. When we need filled water, Larry and Allen go over to his house and fill the water. We are doing okay.

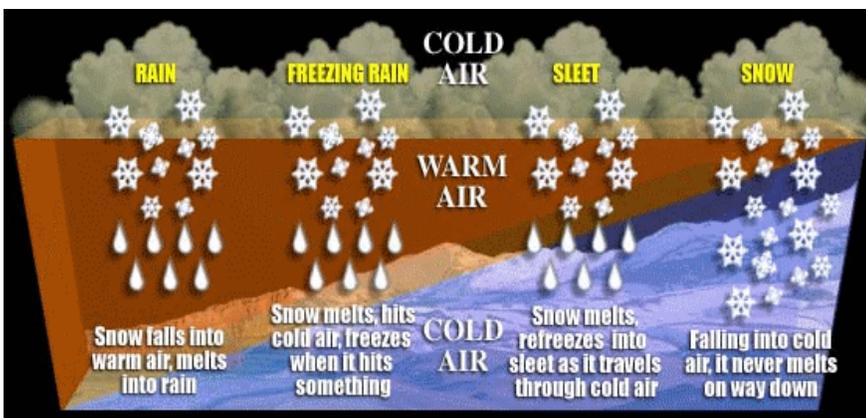


From Patsy

Walker: Water from a damaged pipe above the office caused the ceiling to collapse. There were also floods inside the house.



Special thanks to Judy, Jan, Christine, Jeanne and Patsy for their story.



What causes winter storms?

Winter storms usually form when an air mass of cold, dry, Canadian air moves south and interacts with a warm, moist air mass moving north from the Gulf of Mexico. The point where these two air masses meet is called a front. If cold air advances and pushes away the warm air, it forms a cold front.

<https://www.google.com/search?q=brief+about+winter+storm&dq=brief+about+win->



ZOOM
Conference
Schedule
1:00—2:30 PM

March 10th & April 14th

Jim Dermon, host, will send the meeting ID# and passcode the day before. If you want to join, please contact Jim at 936-828-4013.



Bunny Love

On February 7th my grandson's black and white Rex rabbit gave birth to several bunnies. They didn't start out looking like bunnies—more like wrinkled black piglets. OH, it was so cute to watch them get mommy milk! So easy! But by Valentine's Day, mamma bunny couldn't nurse anymore. She got an infection, part of the reason was the Snow-maggedon. No power! No heat! No water!

So because I have wildlife care experience, it became my job to desperately keep these three alive. It was like suddenly discovering you're pregnant and give birth to triplets with no warning. Soft bunnies barely bigger than a golf ball. So not easy!

I knew how to bottle feed, but my experience had been all baby squirrels. Bunnies are not the same, and my ignorance distressing. They all lost weight in the coldest time. I heated their milk made for kittens by warming the bottles under my armpit or between my thighs.

Fortunately a bunny expert friend came to supply me with the right equipment and a bunny feeding chart. Rescued!

The piglets changed to baby rats and then at two weeks old they finally started to look like bunnies and are hopping about. They may be weaned about the end of the first week of March. I don't know yet. Still learning about bunnies!

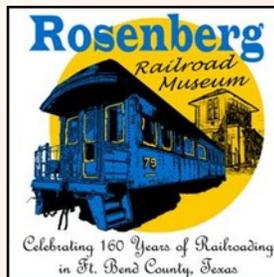
Submitted by Carolyn Dill

**Field Trip to Rosenberg, TX,
 Wharton, TX, & Bay City, TX**

Saturday: March 13, 2021

Cost \$5 Deadline: March 10th

- Rosenberg Historical Museum
- Southern Pacific Railroad Depot
- Luncheon on Your Own (9ers Grill)
- Matagorda County Museum



Contact: Jim Dermon—
 936-828-4013

Meet at Woodhaven at
 8:30 AM

Bus Leaves at 9:00 AM

Field Trip to Port Arthur, TX

Saturday: April 10, 2021

Cost \$5 Deadline: April 7th

- Museum of the Gulf Coast
- Pompeiian Villa
- Luncheon on Your Own (Casa Ole)
- Sabine Pass Battleground Site



Contact: Jim Dermon—936-828-4013

Meet at Woodhaven at 6:30 AM

Bus Leaves at 7:00 AM

Renewals:

Zelma Curbello, Larry/Dana Glasscock, Winona Heniz, Margo Jarreau, Clifford Menard Jr, Joseph/Lucille Radwanski, Rosalind Stuckey, Juanita Thompson, Dale/Mary Tice

Gift Subscription

Tom Becker (Judy Becker)

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Jim Dermon, Treasurer



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