



# CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE

Office of the Mayor

## VILLAGES INDEPENDENCE FESTIVAL

T. Michael Andrews, Mayor



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May 15, 2009

Dear Resident:

On Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup>, the Memorial Villages are hosting the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Villages Independence Festival. The Festival includes a program focused on family, neighbors and patriotism and is free to all attendees. Therefore, the success of the Festival relies heavily on donations of money, items and most importantly – volunteer time.

The Festival begins with a parade at 9:00 a.m., from Memorial High School to the Memorial Drive Baptist Church grounds at 325 North Piney Point Road (the site of the Festival). Please mark your family's calendar and make plans to participate in this wonderful event. Parade participants may ride in their decorated cars, on bicycles or skates, or in wagons. The parade is followed by games, food, entertainment and visiting until 1:00 p.m. You can find more information about the festival at <http://www.villagefiredept.com/VIF/>.

We ask that you consider two additional things: **First, we need volunteers! Please call Betty Lusk at the City of Spring Valley Village at 713-465-8308 to volunteer at least one hour of your time.** Over 360 volunteers are required to make this event happen, and we need everything from strong backs to help setup on the day before to folks to work the booths at the Festival. Parking is available at Memorial High School and a free shuttle will run from 8:15 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. between the Memorial High School field house and the Festival grounds.

**Secondly, please consider donating a few dollars to help defray the costs of the Festival.** Nearly half of the money is budgeted and provided by the six Memorial Villages; the balance comes from donations by residents, vendors and service providers in and to the Villages. Your tax-deductible gift of \$25, \$50 or \$100, and/or your assistance with obtaining vendor donations will help to ensure that there is plenty of fun and food. Make your check payable to **Villages Independence Festival** and mail it to the following address:

Villages Independence Festival  
11977 Memorial Drive  
Houston, Texas 77024

We look forward to seeing you on July 4<sup>th</sup>!

Very truly yours,

Michael Andrews  
Mayor