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## Shoreacres Shorts

May 2009

### Citizen and Employee of the Year

From the Mayor:

Each year the city sends out a survey to citizens asking for nominations for Citizen and Employee of the year. This year, the voting was overwhelmingly one sided for both. If you visited the POD after Ike, morning, noon or night you would see some great volunteers. Most often, it would be Laverne Covington. Laverne was there organizing and making sure her people were being taken care of. When I needed to know the needs of the citizens, Laverne was my source. When Father Mike called me about Mission on the Bay, I asked Laverne to come with me. Since then she has been instrumental in getting help to citizens with MOB. For Easter, she even dressed up as the Easter bunny for the kids in Circle Park (oops don't let them see that part). I'm reminded of great previous winners of the award, like Wayne Gamble, Tom Coleman, Mary Beth Maher, Mike Fisco, etc. Good Company all. Numerous good people were nominated for all they do for the city, but Laverne was the hands down winner.



Employee of the year was also a landslide victory. City Administrator David Stall beat me back to the city after Ike. His forward thinking of moving the city server out of town allowed our citizens and neighbors up to the minute updates on the area. We were widely recognized as a great source of info for citizens and families wherever they ended up. David was here 24/7 for the first few days and thank goodness he is on salary for the rest of the hours he has worked to get us where we are today. He slept in his car, ate MRE's and even got struck by a car trying to keep people safe in the city. There were many very tense hours for us early in our Ike Recovery and David kept a level head while many of us were falling apart. David's efforts got FEMA's Residential Substantial Damage Estimator teams in

Shoreacres before they went to Galveston. This meant we were way ahead of other cities getting FEMA funds for damage restoration and remediation. For numerous weeks, he volunteered to meet with citizens on Wednesday nights for one-on-one discussion about rebuilding our city. On the night Council awarded David, he graciously and rightfully acknowledged the efforts of the Police Department, Public Works and City Administration.

City Council and I gratefully acknowledge the efforts both these individuals have given of themselves to our city.

### 2009 Hurricane Season & Vehicle Passes

The 2009 hurricane season officially begins on the first day of June and ends on the last day of November.



In preparation the City has circulated Resident Vehicle Passes with the May utility bills. These paper passes are for use whenever traffic into Shoreacres is controlled during an emergency (storm, chemical release, etc.). Additional passes are available at City Hall during normal office hours. Instructions for use are on the pass sheet.

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