



**Sterling
Municipal
Library**
March Calendar of Events

BABY TIME
Infants to 18 Months
Mondays, March 5, 12, 19, 26
10:30 - 10:50 a.m.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME
3 - 6 years
Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27
10:15 - 11 a.m.

SPANISH STORYTIME
18 Months & up
Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28
11:15 - 11:45 a.m.

TODDLER TIME
18 - 36 Months
Thursdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
10:30 - 11 a.m.

PJ CAMPOUT—FAMILY NIGHT
Friday March 9, 2007
6 p.m.

SPRING BREAK - FREE MOVIE
Monday & Thursday March 12 & 14
2 p.m.

TEEN LOL MEETING
Tuesday, March 6
5:30 p.m.

For more Information
Call 281-427-7331
www.sml.lib.tx.us



ATTENTION ALL BAYTOWN RESIDENTS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: **New Flood Insurance Rate Maps**

Recently, the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) and the Harris County Flood Control District completed a five year project to study and remap the floodplains in Harris County, including Baytown. The result of their efforts brought us new Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), otherwise known as floodplain maps. Utilizing technological advances including aerial measurement of elevations, the new maps more accurately represent the true elevation of the County and the location of the floodplain. This new understanding of flood risk may have changed your property's floodplain status. This change in status may affect your requirement to obtain flood insurance as well as the cost of coverage.

To find out where your property is located on the new maps, go to the Tropical Storm Allison Recovery Project (TSARP) web site, http://maps.tsarp.org/website/tsarp_firm/viewer.htm and follow the instructions to locate your address. A link to this web site is also located on the City of Baytown web page, www.baytown.org. If you need additional information or assistance, you can also contact the City of Baytown floodplain administrator at (281) 420-6537.

The new maps will become official **June 18, 2007**, giving residents and business owners that don't have flood insurance the opportunity to purchase coverage at the rates applicable under the previous map version, affording the best possible premiums. Furthermore, as long as the flood insurance is continuously maintained in effect, the pre-2007 map zone rates will apply, even to subsequent owners of the property. Properties that are classified outside of the floodplain will be eligible for the lower rates after the June 18, 2007 effective date.

Although Tropical Storm Allison was an extreme event, it is a good example demonstrating how flooding can occur outside the flood hazard area. Sixty-five percent (65%) of the homes that flooded in Tropical Storm Allison were not in a floodplain. Remember that flood insurance is not included in your standard homeowner's policy and that you must provide for it separately. This federally subsidized program is relatively inexpensive. Flood insurance policies are sold through private insurance companies and are backed financially by the federal government. Contact your local insurance agent for more information about purchasing flood insurance. Having flood insurance will not keep you from flooding, but it will help you recover in the event of a catastrophic event. The City of Baytown recommends that all residents carry flood insurance.

For more information on these Flood Insurance Rate Maps or severe weather preparations and precautions, visit www.baytown.org and select the "Public Safety and Health" tab.

NURTURE NATURE FESTIVAL
BAYTOWN NATURE CENTER
SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2007
12:00 - 5:00 p.m.
More information next month!