

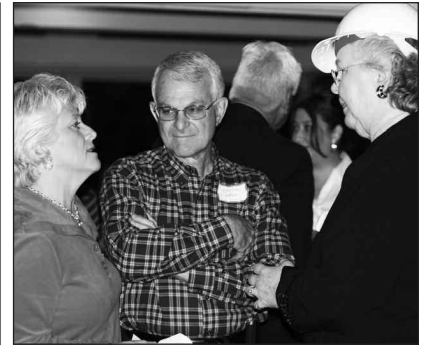
ExxonMobil Names 2008 Refiner of the Year

On Dec. 2, 2008, ExxonMobil recognized Baytown resident Joyce Pennington as 2008 Refiner of the Year – an honor bestowed upon her during ExxonMobil's 22nd Annual Holiday Reception at the Goose Creek Country Club.

Each year, ExxonMobil Baytown awards Refiner of the Year to a community volunteer who has made outstanding contributions to the Baytown area and its citizens, and Joyce is no exception.

"She is recognized in all corners of the community for her leadership and volunteerism. In fact, she is like an individual Red Cross," said Olefins Plant Manager Mike Zamora, who made the presentation. "If someone needs help of any kind, they know they can count on her."

Joyce is known as Grandma Mac to local students, and she volunteers and reads at schools all over the city. "The students look forward to seeing her in her long dress, apron and bonnet, and the excitement she brings makes books come alive when she reads them," Zamora said.



She is also an active member of Kiwanis, as well as a volunteer at the Women's Shelter, Special Rodeo; and she reads to residents at Swan Manor. Joyce collects and distributes goodie bags for women in need and even takes time to coordinate and encourage people to write letters to cancer patients.

Her latest project involves the residents of Oak Island where Hurricane Ike ravished the community. Joyce has coordinated volunteers for the clean-up effort, organized a clothing drive and assisted with food provisions.

"Joyce Pennington's devotion to others is unparalleled," Zamora said. "She is a genuine friend of Baytown and ExxonMobil and we are privileged to have her as our neighbor."

More than 200 community and business leaders from Baytown attended ExxonMobil's Holiday Reception. Some of the notable guests in attendance were State Representative Wayne Smith, Harris County Justice of the Peace Judge Tony Pumbo, and Mayor Stephen DonCarlos, along with members of the Baytown City Council.

ExxonMobil Raises \$1.7 Million for 2008 United Way Campaign

ExxonMobil employees once again demonstrated their commitment to giving back to the Baytown community by raising a record \$1.7 million for the 2008 ExxonMobil United Way Campaign. In addition to financial contributions, ExxonMobil employees also gave of their time and talent to participate in various United Way activities to help the community.

In October, for instance, more than 350 ExxonMobil volunteers rolled up their sleeves and participated in various service projects as part of the United Way Day of Caring. Fifteen agencies received assistance from ExxonMobil, including Bay Area Homeless Services, Love Inc., the Bay Area Rehabilitation Center, the Baytown Opportunity Center, Habitat for Humanity and Meals on Wheels. Employees helped paint, landscape, make repairs, install carpeting and perform various other odd-jobs to help improve those agencies and institutions that provide invaluable services to the area.

In addition, employees sold raffle tickets to raise money for the campaign, as well as participated in silent and live auctions, golf tournaments, and various other activities – all in an effort to help the United Way and improve the community where we live and work.

Overall, it was a fantastic year for the ExxonMobil United Way campaign, and we look forward to raising the bar even higher in 2009!



United Way of the Baytown Area partnered with four school districts to distribute more than \$200,000 in hurricane-relief funding to families whose clothing was ruined or lost because of Hurricane Ike. The funding was part of the \$500,000 gift donated by ExxonMobil for Baytown area hurricane recovery. United Way used the money to purchase \$100 clothing gift cards for more than 1,000 students and their families. These cards were presented to school counselors to distribute to the students and families. The remaining funds were used to replenish much needed school supplies.

"Because of ExxonMobil's generosity, United Way was able to meet a signifi-

cant community need – providing meaningful assistance in a timely fashion to families most severely affected by Hurricane Ike," said David Mohlman, United Way Executive Director.

In addition to monetary help, ExxonMobil volunteers stepped up to help our neighbors in the wake of Hurricane Ike. For instance, several employees joined volunteers from Harris County to load cars with supplies, including ice, water and food to Baytown residents at a point of distribution (POD) near the Baytown Courthouse Annex after Ike.

Elsewhere, ExxonMobil fire team members helped senior citizens at the St. James House, an assisted living facil-

ity in Baytown, who were evacuated to San Antonio. As they made their way back to Baytown a few days after the storm, they needed help getting from the bus to their rooms. ExxonMobil volunteers also delivered 70 hot meals prepared by ExxonMobil to Meals On Wheels participants – a program that had been temporarily suspended as a result of the storm.

The Baytown Complex recently hosted ExxonMobil retiree Marion "Smitty" Smith's 100th birthday party. Marion's



Shelter in Place 101

The ExxonMobil Complex puts the safety of its employees and neighbors first. In the event that an emergency situation occurs, adversely impacting the outside community, ExxonMobil is ready to respond. In such instances, Baytown emergency management officials may recommend that area families "shelter in place."

What is "shelter in place"? Basically, it means that residents should stay inside their homes or other buildings until notified that the situation is safe.

To ensure everyone's safety during a shelter in place:

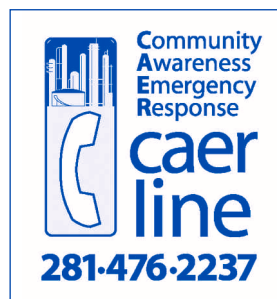
- Close all doors and windows
- Turn off air conditioners, heaters and fans
- Listen to the radio or television for information and further instructions

Students will have shelter in place in their schools as they have practiced. As such, parents should avoid calling or going to the school to pick up their children unless school officials

ask them to do so.

If the situation escalates, an evacuation may be required. Local law enforcement and emergency agencies have primary responsibility for evacuation of neighborhoods that might be affected by an incident. However, in most cases, emergencies do not require employees or nearby residents to evacuate. If schools are evacuated, children will be returned to school or bused home once the incident is over.

Finally, to get the latest information and status on the situation, call the CAER (Community Awareness Emergency Response) Line at (281)476-CAER or (281)476-2237. Any message posted on the CAER line as an "emergency" will be heard in both English and Spanish.



party was originally scheduled at a community facility in Mont Belvieu, where much of his family still resides. Unfortunately, the building was unusable after Hurricane Ike. In a panic, Smith's daughter contacted ExxonMobil, and a few phone calls later, we offered to host his 100th birthday party at our complex. The event was a big success, with nearly 200 guests and family members in atten-

dance. An article about Smith's birthday appeared in the Oct. 6 edition of the *Baytown Sun*.

The Baytown Area Women's Interest Network (BTA WIN) recently held a school supply drive to support the DePelchin Children's Center. Founded in 1892, the DePelchin Children's Center is the Houston area's largest and most

comprehensive provider of children's social and mental health services. In 2007, DePelchin Children's Center placed and supported 1,092 children in foster care. BTA WIN collected more than two carloads of school supplies – including notebooks, pens, crayons and binders – for the Center. This donation helped make several children's first day of school more comfortable.



Kids Corner

How Can We Conserve Energy?

The United States consumes about one-fourth of the world's energy resources and uses almost \$1 million worth of energy every second. We use this energy to make our lives easier, whether we are driving a car, heating soup in a microwave or turning on a light.

So what kinds of energy do we use? Well, there are two kinds of energy: renewable and non-renewable. Renewable energy includes solar energy, wind energy, ocean energy and other sources that can be replaced over a short period of time. Non-renewable energy includes oil, natural gas, coal and sources that may never be able to be replaced.

Because we use so much non-renewable energy, it's important for us to find ways in which we can con-



serve, or use less, energy so that we'll have enough non-renewable sources for future generations.

So what are some of the ways we can be more energy efficient with our non-renewable sources? Here are some simple suggestions:


- Turn off the lights when you leave a room
- Use fluorescent light bulbs, which require less energy than incandescent lights
- Replace drafty windows that allow heat to escape
- Unplug small appliances that aren't being used
- Reuse and recycle products
- Turn off all computer equipment (unless in use); screen savers do NOT save energy



- Make sure all faucets are turned off and not dripping
- During the winter, set thermostat to a temperature as low as comfortable (65 - 68 degrees F is suggested) when the house is occupied
- Set back thermostat by as much as 10 degrees F at night or when the house is unoccupied during the day
- During summer months, open windows at night to bring in cool night air; close them during the day
- Close drapes during the day
- Turn off bathroom and kitchen fans when no longer required; they are pulling the heat or coolness from the house
- Air dry dishes in a dishwasher



So what other ways can you help to conserve energy? Try to think of the ways you can be energy efficient – both at home and at school.



Holiday Safety Guidelines

Many of the accidents that occur between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day are directly related to holiday festivities. The following tips—provided by the American Academy of Pediatrics, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, National SAFE KIDS Campaign, and other safety organizations—can help you and your family have a safe holiday season:

Shop 'til you drop

- Teach your children to go to a store clerk or security guard if you get separated.
- Keep children under age four in a stroller or supervise them closely.
- If you place your child in a shopping cart, always use the safety belt.
- Stay alert at all times and pay attention to your surroundings.
- Don't overload yourself with packages.
- Keep your car keys in hand before heading to the parking lot.
- Park in a well-lit space away from decorative bushes. Lock your car, roll up the windows, and hide packages in the trunk or under a blanket.
- Where possible, cross the street at designated crosswalks. Before you step off the curb, make sure approaching vehicles have come to a complete stop.



Deck the halls...safely

- Place Christmas trees and other greenery away from

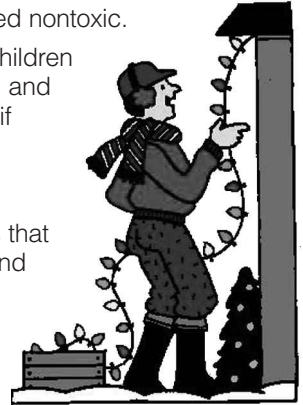
fireplaces and radiators. Keep tree stands filled with water—dried out Christmas trees are a fire hazard.



- Check each set of tree lights for frayed wires, broken bulbs, and loose connections. Throw away damaged sets.
- Place lit menorahs and other candles away from decorations and drapes. Place candles out of children's reach and where pets can't knock them over.
- If you have small children, avoid sharp or breakable decorations.
- Only use spray snow that's labeled nontoxic.
- Keep holiday plants away from children and pets. Mistletoe, holly berries, and Christmas cactus are poisonous if swallowed.

The joy of giving

- Make sure you give children toys that are safe. Read package labels and follow age recommendations.
- Do not give children under age 3 toys that contain small or metal parts or toys that break easily.
- Do not give children under age 8 toys that have sharp edges, points or heating elements.
- Avoid toys that make loud noises or toys that shoot small objects into the air.
- Include helmets and other protective gear (such as elbow, knee, and wrist pads) when giving bicycles, skates or skateboards.
- Do not throw gift wrappings in the fireplace, as they can cause a flash fire. Right away, throw out all toy packaging so it doesn't become a choking or suffocation hazard.
- Keep batteries away from children. They are toxic if swallowed.



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We hide four addresses in every issue, so be sure to read the stories and look for your address (ex. 1234 John Doe Avenue). Mailing label does not count.

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