



**Mayor Dwight W. Welch
and the City Council
announce the
City's New Curfew Ordinance**



During the Country Club Hills City Council meeting held on Monday, June 9, 2008, elected officials approved the revision of the City's Curfew Ordinance. Basically, the revision states that **persons under the age of seventeen may not be in public places Sunday through Thursday from 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10:30 p.m. until 6:00 a.m.**

WHY A CURFEW LAW IS NEEDED

This juvenile curfew program is a cooperative effort between the Country Club Hills City Council and the Country Club Hills Police Department. The goal of curfew laws is twofold: to prevent juvenile crime and to protect youth from victimization.

Curfews are credited with restoring and maintaining order in many neighborhoods across the country. In addition to equipping law enforcement with tools to keep youth off the streets, curfews provide parents with a legitimate, legal basis for curtailing the late night activities of their children. It is easier for parents to place boundaries on their children's whereabouts, proponents argue, when other youth in the neighborhood are similarly restricted by a specific time to be indoors.

Businesses are responsible for asking persons under the age of seventeen to leave their establishment at curfew time. Misdemeanor tickets can be issued to businesses who ignore curfew laws and allow children to remain in their buildings during youth curfew.

CURFEW EXCEPTIONS

Some exceptions to the Country Club Hills curfew include children accompanied by the child's parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian, and children accompanied by an adult at least twenty-one (21) years of age and specified by the child's parent, legal guardian, or legal custodian. Other exceptions include participating in, going to, or returning from lawful employment, a school sanctioned activity, or a religious event.

CURFEW FINES

A person who violates a provision of this ordinance is guilty of a separate offense for each day or part of a day during which the violation is committed, continued, or permitted. Conviction of the first offense can result in a fine of not less than \$75.00 nor more than \$750.00. Conviction for the second offense can result in a fine of not less than \$250.00 nor more than \$750.00. A conviction of three or more offenses can result in a fine of no less than \$750.00, or charges rendered by a hearing officer.

God Bless America. God Bless our military men and women.

CITY SPONSORED ACTIVITIES FOR TEENS

Activity: JUNIOR HIGH SUMMER MINI CAMP
 Sponsored by: Parks & Recreation Department
 Cost: \$100 per four week session

Activity: JUNIOR HIGH RECREATION ACTIVITIES
 Sponsored by: Karate, Golf, Volleyball, Flag Football, Open Gym at CRC
 Parks & Recreation Department
 Cost: Varies

Activity: POLICE EXPLORERS
 Sponsored by: Police Department
 Cost: Free
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Activity: FIRE EXPLORERS
 Sponsored by: Fire Department
 Cost: Free

Activity: YOUTH MENTORING PROGRAM
 Sponsored by: City Fourth Ward Aldermen
 Cost: Free

For more information on these activities, call City Hall at 708-798-2616, Ext. 2260.

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