

ExxonMobil names 2009 Refiner of the Year

On December 1, ExxonMobil recognized Baytown resident Don Murray as the 2009 Refiner of the Year – an honor bestowed upon him during ExxonMobil's 23rd Annual Holiday Reception at 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 Murray is no exception.

"Don, you are a genuine friend of Baytown and ExxonMobil," said Mike Zamora, Plant Manager of the ExxonMobil Baytown Olefins Plant. "We are privileged to have you as our neighbor."

Murray served Baytown as City Councilman for eight years, from 2000 to 2008, during which he was Chairperson of the City of Baytown Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone and board member of the City Municipal Development District.

His work on the Houston Galveston Area Council, in particular his effort to expand the city's major roads to meet growing transportation needs, has greatly improved Baytown. Murray was instrumental in acquiring the support and funding to continue completion of Spur 330 and additional flyovers to connect I-10 to Hwy 225.

"As councilmember, Don was very well-known for always voting his conscience and doing what was in the best interest of all parties concerned," said Tracey Wheeler of the Baytown Chamber.

Don is also well-known for his philanthropic efforts. Some highlights include: generating \$150,000 for the Shrine Hospitals for Children during his tenure as the Chairman of the Bayou Bowl Celebrity Golf Tournament; participating in his church's Food Pantry, which feeds hungry

families on a daily basis; and supporting various community activities such as Relay for Life and Meals on Wheels.

More than 200 community and business leaders from Baytown attended ExxonMobil's Holiday Reception. Guests in attendance included State Representative Wayne Smith, Precinct Two Commissioner Sylvia Garcia and Mayor of Baytown Stephen DonCarlos, along with members of the Baytown City Council.



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Above: Refiner of the Year recipient Don Murray accepts award from Baytown Olefins Plant Manager Mike Zamora.

At left: Refiner of the Year recipient Don Murray (center) with Baytown Olefins Plant Manager Mike Zamora (left) and Baytown Chemical Plant Manager Joe Blommaert (right).

ExxonMobil raises a record \$1.85 million for 2009 United Way Campaign

ExxonMobil employees once again demonstrated their commitment to giving back to the Baytown community by raising a record \$1.85 million for the 2009 ExxonMobil United Way Campaign. The average contribution per ExxonMobil employee increased by an impressive 11 percent this year, demonstrating ExxonMobil's commitment to the Baytown area.

In addition to their financial contributions, ExxonMobil employees and retirees volunteered their time and talent to participate in various United Way activities. In October more



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than 350 volunteers participated in the United Way Days of Caring, contributing more than 2,500 volunteer hours and raising \$27,500 in grants for Baytown area United Way agencies such as Lighthouse of Houston, Love INC and

Baytown Area YMCA. ExxonMobil Baytown Area employees helped paint, shovel, clean and perform various other jobs to help improve those agencies and institutions that provide invaluable services to the area.

Additionally, the eighth annual ExxonMobil United Way Golf Tournament

raised more than \$14,000 and a live and silent auction held by Baytown Technology & Engineering Complex (BTEC) raised more than \$14,000 in one day.

Overall, it was a fantastic year for the ExxonMobil United Way Campaign, and we look forward to raising the bar even higher in 2010!



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NEWS BRIEFS

ExxonMobil donates \$26,800 to Goose Creek CISD

On October 28, ExxonMobil Chemical Plant Manager Joe Blommaert presented Goose Creek CISD Superintendent Dr. Toby York with a \$26,800 check from the ExxonMobil Foundation at Travis Elementary School, one of the company's partner schools in the district. The money will be used in two areas: mathematics and technology. A new signature math program for Goose Creek CISD titled MATHCOUNTS will be implemented and technology for math instruction across the district will be upgraded. MATHCOUNTS is a program that inspires excellence, confidence and curiosity in junior school students through fun and challenging math programs. "Goose Creek is extremely pleased to be partners with ExxonMobil," said York. "The donation in support of math initiatives is a wonderful addition this year. Our junior school teachers will use the money to enhance the math curriculum."



Pictured are: (front row – L to R) Dr. Toby York, Goose Creek CISD Superintendent; Travis Elementary School fourth graders Ashley Cavazos, Nile Stewart, Angel Molina, Savana Vasquez and Zachary Zawisza; Joe Blommaert, ExxonMobil Plant Manager; (back row – L to R) Jacqueline Shuman, Goose Creek Elementary School Coordinator of Mathematics; Brenda Hastings-Gongora, Travis Elementary School Principal; and, Robyn Sewell, Travis Elementary School math peer facilitator.



Baytown Refinery receives President's Safety Award

On August 19, ExxonMobil Refining & Supply President Sherman Glass presented the Baytown Refinery with the President's Safety Award for having achieved superior safety performance. A former Baytown Refinery manager himself, Glass had complimentary words to share with the employees regarding their safety performance. "We all know that safety is our number one priority, and I'd like to congratulate everyone here at the Baytown Refinery on this accomplishment," said Glass.

Sherman Glass, President of ExxonMobil Refining & Supply, presents the President's Safety Award to the Baytown Refinery.

ExxonMobil Baytown participates in National Night Out

On the evening of October 6, ExxonMobil Baytown seized the opportunity to support its surrounding communities by contributing to and attending a few of the local National Night Out events closest to its facilities. National Night Out is an event held across the country to bring neighbors together and strengthen communities. Baytown Technology & Engineering Complex (BTEC) donated a spread of food to the BayVilla neighborhood's event and members of the ExxonMobil Baytown Fire Team attended the West Baytown National Night Out event. Fire Team members gave out badges and fire hats to kids and allowed community members to climb into the truck to learn more about the equipment that keeps us safe.

Members from ExxonMobil's Fire Team participated in West Baytown's National Night Out on October 6. Baytown Mayor Stephen DonCarlos (pictured third from the left) was in attendance to enjoy the event.



Baytown honors veterans

In recognition of Veterans Day, Baytown Technology & Engineering Complex (BTEC) hosted a reception on November 11 to honor our Armed Forces veterans and all active duty personnel for their service and sacrifice to our country. On hand to facilitate the proceedings was Instrument Supervisor Jerry Johnson, who recognized all veterans present at the reception and invited them to introduce themselves and the branch in which they served. Also on hand to speak was Jay Sanders, Post Commander of the Baytown Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), who described the VFW and the services it offers our veterans, as well as the importance of our servicemen and women's contributions to preserving and defending our liberties.



Employees observe a moment of silence in honor of our veterans at the Baytown Technology & Engineering Complex (BTEC) Veterans Day reception.

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Holiday fire safety

Thousands of fire accidents take place each year during the holiday season, causing injuries and some fatalities. The following tips – provided by the United States Fire Administration (USFA) – can help keep you and your family safe this holiday season.

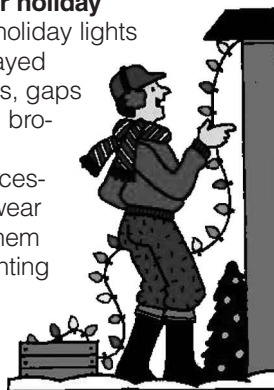
Preventing Christmas tree fires

- ▶ **Select the right tree:** Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needles should not break. If many needles fall off, the tree has probably dried out and is a fire hazard.
- ▶ **Care for your tree:** Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more flammable. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for

more than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

- ▶ **Dispose of your tree:** Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or woodburning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling center or having it hauled away by a community pick-up service.

- ▶ **Maintain your holiday lights:** Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.



- ▶ **Do not overload electrical outlets:** Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires - they should not be warm to the touch.
- ▶ **Do not leave holiday lights on unattended**

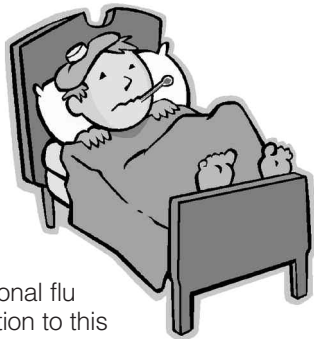
Holiday decorations

- ▶ **Use only nonflammable decorations:** All decorations should be nonflammable or flame-retardant and placed away from heat vents.
- ▶ **Never put wrapping paper in a fireplace:** It can result in a very large fire, throwing off dangerous sparks and embers that result in a chimney fire.
- ▶ **Artificial Christmas trees:** If you are using a metallic or artificial tree, make sure it is flame retardant.

Staying healthy this season

Flu season typically starts in November and continues through April, reaching peak activity in January or February. With the current outbreak of the H1N1 virus (commonly known as “swine flu”), it is increasingly important that we prepare ourselves for this year’s flu season.

Let’s take a look at the following information – provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) – to find out what you can do to prevent the spread of the flu at work and at home.



Quick facts

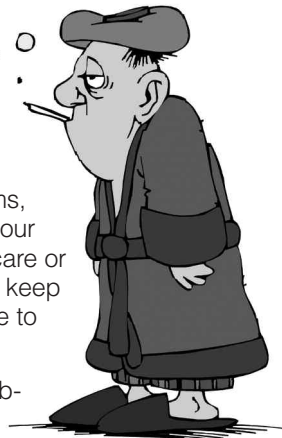
- ▶ H1N1 is a new virus; the seasonal flu immunization provides no protection to this new strain.
- ▶ With H1N1, complications are more common in children and younger adults. With the seasonal flu, complications are more common in children under the age of five and adults over the age of 60.
- ▶ Typically, you can only get infected with any influenza virus once, including H1N1, because your body develops a resistance.
- ▶ Flu viruses spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing around people with influenza. People may also become infected by touching something – such as a surface or object – with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose.
- ▶ Flu-like symptoms include: fever, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue, diarrhea and vomiting.

What can you do?

- ▶ Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- ▶ Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.



- ▶ Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- ▶ Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- ▶ If you are sick with flu-like symptoms, stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone, except to get medical care or for other necessities. During this time, keep away from others as much as possible to keep from making others sick.



- ▶ Follow public health advice regarding school closures, avoiding crowds and other social distancing measures.
- ▶ Be prepared in case you get sick and need to stay home for a week or so; keep a supply of over-the-counter medicines, alcohol-based hand rubs, soap and tissues to avoid the need to make trips out in public while you are sick and contagious.

Emergency warning signs

- ▶ Warning signs in children include: fast or trouble breathing; bluish skin color; not drinking enough fluids; not waking up or interacting; being so irritable that the child does not want to be held; flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough; and fever with a rash. Warning signs in adults include: difficulty breathing or shortness of breath; pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen; sudden dizziness; confusion; and severe or persistent vomiting. These symptoms signal that an individual should seek medical attention immediately.



Additional information about the flu can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/>.

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