



*Idylwood*  
In Houston's Historic East End

Idylwood Civic Club  
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Dear Idylwood Neighbor:

On October 28<sup>th</sup>, at his request, I met with Mr. Raouf Farid, Project Brays Project Manager for Harris County Flood Control District (HCFCD), to discuss opportunities that *may* exist for some Idylwood homeowners whose homes flooded during Hurricane Ike. One option (but not the only option) is to obtain a “buy-out” from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency). Some of you have already made contact with Mr. Farid and/or FEMA to discuss the buy-out option, however, other homeowners may not know that they may be eligible for a buy-out or other assistance.

A buy-out may be possible if your property sustained “substantial damage” during Hurricane Ike (substantial damage is defined, roughly, as damage that exceeds 50% the appraised value of the property). However, criteria *other* than “substantial damage” may make your property eligible or ineligible for a buy-out.

In order to facilitate the dissemination of information about this topic to the greatest number of Idylwood homeowners and to make sure that everyone gets the same information, I have arranged a meeting for Wednesday, 3 December beginning at 6:00 PM at St. Austin Center. Mr. Farid and another representative from the HCFCD will attend this meeting and I have also invited a representative from FEMA and the City of Houston to attend. If you are interested in learning more about the buy-out or other options, please attend this meeting.

Alternatively, if you would like to speak with Mr. Farid directly, please don't hesitate to call him. He can be reached at 713.316.4828.

By facilitating this meeting, neither I nor the Idylwood Civic Club is endorsing or encouraging the buy-out or any other option. The purpose of this meeting is only to provide residents whose homes are subject to flooding with information that may be helpful.

Sincerely,

Maggie Mottesheard, President Idylwood Civic Club

CY: Via US mail to all property owners along North MacGregor and selected property owners along Park Lane and Wildwood Way.

Via Idylwood Neighbors and Idylwood Exchange Yahoo email and posted on [Idylwood.com](http://Idylwood.com) for other residents.