



*Photo ID: (Left to right) Brazoria County Parks Department Director Richard Hurd, AMI Pearland Office Director Alex Taylor and Keep Pearland Beautiful volunteers Stuart Coffman and Dorman Davidson will make it easy for area residents to be green this post-holiday season with a Christmas tree recycle drive December 26-January 23 for the annual Dunes Day project to rebuild the county beaches' sand dunes. Christmas tree drop-offs will be at **AMI-Pearland's** new office building, **12234 Shadow Creek Parkway, Building 3** (in the Shadow Creek Development), the **Pearland Recycling Center, 5800 Magnolia Street** or any county precinct barn (Angleton, Alvin, Brazoria, Clute, Manvel and West Columbia) starting Dec. 28. ###*

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Dreaming of a *Green* Christmas?

Christmas Tree Recycling To Help Rebuild Brazoria County Beaches

Pearland – Dec. 11, 2009 . . . Are you dreaming of a *green* Christmas? The [Brazoria County Parks Department](#), [Association Management, Inc. \(AMI\)-Pearland](#) and [Keep Pearland Beautiful](#) will make it easy to be green this post-holiday season by collecting Christmas trees December 26-January 23 for the annual **Dunes Day** project to rebuild the county beaches' sand dunes.

"We appreciate the support of our partners, Keep Pearland Beautiful, Save Our Beach Association and Association Management Inc., in our goal to collect the more than 20,000 Christmas trees needed to reconstruct the dunes devastated by Hurricane Ike," said Brazoria County Parks Department Director Richard Hurd.

Area citizens may drop off their Christmas trees (no artificial or flocked trees, or decorations, please) at **AMI-Pearland's** new office building, **12234 Shadow Creek Parkway, Building 3** (in the Shadow Creek Development), the **Pearland Recycling Center, 5800 Magnolia Street** or any county precinct barn (Angleton,

Alvin, Brazoria, Clute, Manvel and West Columbia.) The drive will be held December 28 - January 23 at the Recycling Center and barns and December 26 through January 9 at AMI. County precinct crews will transport the trees to the beach.

According to AMI-Pearland Director Alex Taylor, AMI will encourage homeowners in its 26 Pearland area communities to help keep this holiday season "green" by recycling their Christmas trees. Recycling the Christmas trees will not only help keep Pearland "green" but it will also play an important role in saving the sand dunes along the Gulf coast.

The sand dunes on Brazoria County's beaches saved a significant amount of property from the sudden surge and battering waves during Hurricane Ike. The dunes helped protect property, roadways, and wetlands, but at a heavy cost -- the windblown sand was lost.

"The dunes are coming back due in large part to last year's Dunes Day efforts, but they still need help," explained Hurd. "Should Brazoria County land another big storm in 2010, the dunes will need to be in the best condition possible to help protect Brazoria County and its beaches."

Dunes Day volunteers will meet at Quintana and near Surfside at 9 a.m. on Saturday, 23 January, to position and stake the discarded trees in place to catch windblown sand and rebuild the dune line. Volunteers must bring a hammer and gloves; the County will provide stakes and twine. Trees also may be dropped off at Quintana Beach County Park or with the City of Surfside, according to the Save Our Beach Association. Some area cities are collecting trees as well - contact your city hall for information.

For more information, contact Rich Tillman at (979) 864-1558 ext 112 or James Glover at (979) 864-1541 ext 3. For information about the AMI drop-off, call (713) 332-4675.

[Association Management, Inc. \(AMI\)](#), the only professional management company for homeowners associations to have an office in Pearland, is the Houston area's oldest and largest privately owned company offering a full range of professional management services to a wide variety of communities. One of the first Accredited Association Management Companies (AAMC) in the nation, AMI was acknowledged by [The Community Associations Institute \(CAI\)](#) as an outstanding professional community association management company based on its experience, professionalism, and continuing education. The company currently has a corporate office in **Houston**, as well as regional offices in **Kingwood**, **The Woodlands** and **Austin**.

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