

The Village Gazette

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Village Creek Community Association

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Homeowner's Association (HOA) Update

You, the residents, have spoken and we have heard your requests. In an attempt to keep you abreast of what is going on right here in Village Creek, there will be an update each month in the Gazette.

At last month's meeting, locations for the NEW BIKE RACKS were discussed and agreed upon—there will be one bike rack placed in the area around the pool/playground and the second bike rack will be located near the spray park. So, inform the bike riders in your home that they will soon have a place to rest their ride other than laying it on the ground.

Also, it has been confirmed that there will be an additional entrance/exit to Village Creek in the future. The time frame has not been communicated. Lake Vista Drive will connect into the adjoining neighborhood in the back of the community, allowing direct access to the elementary school that many of our children attend. We will keep you posted on this progress.

Another 'pocket park' is under construction and will be opening in the near future and discussions occurred regarding connecting all walkways to create a green belt throughout the community. Additional STOP signs may be going up at key intersections so be aware as you enter and exit the neighborhood via Lake Vista Drive. Keep in mind that there are several small children, runners, and pet-owners walking with their four-legged friends, so keep your speed at a reasonable rate (preferably around 25 mph). Maybe consider treating Lake Vista Drive like a school zone to keep our children and residents safe.

As always, any resident is welcome to attend the HOA meetings. However, if you are unable to attend, you may contact your HOA Board Representatives for information. One of your newest Resident Board Members is Scott Porto of 17206 Cobble Shores Drive. He may be contacted via e-mail at stporto@sbcglobal.net or you may leave information in the mailbox located on the porch.

Thank you for your input. Remember, the board is here to serve the community and your representatives are your voice if you are unable to attend. The next scheduled meeting is on Thursday, September 30th at 10:30am tentatively scheduled at the Emerald Model Home. Watch the community sign located at the front of the community for any updates or changes!

HALLOWEEN

The Women's Club would like to invite you our Halloween event. It will be held on Sunday the 31st of October at 4:30pm. (At the pool/park commons area). We will have a costume contest, pictures with pumpkins, and other activities. It will be over with by 5:30pm and you can go trick or treating from there! If you are interested in helping or just have questions please e-mail me at vcwc@sbcglobal.net.



Decoration Help

Hey neighbors! It almost holiday time again and we are in need of some volunteers for community decorations. If you would like to help decorate the community for holidays or have decorations you would like to donate. Lets make our community look great this holiday season. Please contact Carissa Nelson at 281-370-6652 or e-mail at vcwc@sbcglobal.net.

FOOD • FUN • GAMES FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

The Village Creek Women's Club invites you to our First Annual Fall Festival and Craft Fair. Bring the entire family for a day of food, fun, games and entertainment. Vendors will provide food and gifts for purchase and the Village Creek Women's Club provides the fun! Join us Saturday, November 6th, 10:00am-'til U drop!. You won't want to miss this fun family event!

**Bake Sale • Face Painting • Jewelry Making • Putting Green
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Homeowner Board Representatives

Village Creek Residents

Do you have a question about how things are done in your community? Contact one of your board members for the answers!

Scott Porto, Cobble Shores .. stporto@sbcglobal.net, 281-379-2290

Brett Gilmore, Flower Mist. kellygilmore@ev1.net, 281-376-8419

What are you doing Tuesday, October 5th?

The VCWC will be meeting at Panera Bread at 7pm on Tuesday, October 5th for an evening of fun and food (we go dutch so bring some \$ if you wish to eat!). The meeting in September was one of the largest yet for the VCWC and we thoroughly enjoyed the company, the ideas, and the input! Again, ALL RESIDENTS are welcome because we are here for YOU!!!! If you can, pencil in the date and time on your calendar and come join us!

Village Creek Women's Club

Our next meeting is Tuesday October 5th the location, Panera's Bread at 7:00pm. We welcome everyone to attend and to come and meet your neighbors.

Community Sign

By now each of you have seen the new communication sign and hopefully you are finding relevant information for the community.

You are also able to rent the sign to share best wishes for birthdays, anniversaries, new arrivals, or other exciting information. Cost is \$5.00 the first day and \$3.00 for each additional requested day. Funds are due prior to display and will be deposited into the social fund for the community.

Contact Kelly Gilmore at 281-376-8419 or kellygilmore@ev1.net for more information or display request.

How May We Help You?

Our ears (and e-mails) are open and we are listening! The Village Creek Women's Club (VCWC) wants to know how we can best serve you—the residents of Village Creek, and our community. For those who do not know about the VCWC, we are a group of residents who meet once a month to discuss events we can sponsor for the community, such as the recent Summer "Picnic by the Pool" Mixer, the Spring Easter Egg Hunt, and the upcoming Fall Festival and Craft Fair to name a few. In addition, we are developing numerous committees to better serve the community and make certain everyone has their needs met. Some of the committees we are creating and/or currently have are:

Welcome Wishes Committee

Newsletter (Village Gazette) Committee

Community OUTREACH Committee

Sponsors/Donations Committee

Membership Committee

Social Committee (responsible for many of our social events)

Decorations Committee

We would love to have as many as 5 people per committee with one chair-person and possibly a co-chair if needed. You can serve on as many committees as you wish or that interest you. We know that everyone has different areas of interest and hobbies, and hopefully one of these committees will spark your desire to pitch in and get involved in the social activities of the neighborhood. If you have any ideas, suggestions, or comments regarding how the VCWC can better serve the community, please contact us, or attend a meeting. The meetings are open to ALL RESIDENTS (despite the name), and we welcome new faces, fresh ideas, and good fun.

Please feel free to contact President Darla Porto at dkhere@sbcglobal.net or Vice-President Carissa Nelson at vcwc@sbcglobal.net to provide suggestions or if you need information on meeting dates and times. We are here to serve the community so we value your input on how we can best serve you.

Do you have a Home Based Business right here in Village Creek?

You can get information about your service or products to every home in Village Creek, by running a business classified in **The Village Gazette**. With the holidays just around the corner, it is a great way to get your name and contact information to many potential customers in your growing neighborhood. The cost is \$45 for up to 40 words. There are discounts available for multiple month ads (10% off for 2 months, 15% off for 3 months). For more information, please contact Jeri Deyoe @ jdeyoe@PEELinc.com or 713-569-5342. The deadline is the 10th of each month for the upcoming month's newsletter.

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Did You Know....?????

Do you have an interesting fact or useless piece of information you would like to share with the community? E-mail Darla Porto at dkhere@sbcglobal.net with the information you would like to share. Periodically we will have a Did You Know....???? section in the Gazette to let you know interesting facts about others in our community.

To start things off, did you know that Houston has a Women's Professional Football League? Yes, women playing professional football, just like the men in the NFL, with only two rules changes—the women play with a youth size football and they kick from the 40 yard line as opposed to the 35 yard line. This is a full contact league—pads, helmets, and all. Four full quarters and a half-time show. The WPFL is in its 5th season, and the Houston Energy is one of the charter teams, having won the WPFL Super Bowl Championship Game 3 out of the last 4 years. And, yes, they get Super Bowl rings, too! All home games are played at Rice Stadium on Saturday evenings at 7pm. For more information, log onto www.houstonenergyfootball.com or www.womensprofootball.com to see more about the team and the league.

By the way, we do have a resident who plays on the team. VCWC President Darla Porto can be seen wearing #82 on the field! And, if you look closely, her husband, Scott Porto can be seen on the sideline as the Defensive Coordinator!

If you have any interesting facts you would like to submit, please do so. It will give your neighbors something to talk about and keep the neighborhood 'in the know'!

Let Our Soldiers Know We Care

Thank you, to all of you who responded to our request for items to send to the Armies 245th, 4th platoon "The Bulldogs", 5th squad "The Metalworkers. You all where very generous. I have not yet mailed the items so if anyone wishes to donate items here is a suggestion of items that would be appreciated; sunscreen, non aerosol bug repellent, individually wrapped snack items, and powdered drink mix (such as Gatorade or Powerade). If anyone would like to make monetary donations or has a business that would like to cover the cost of shipping the items that would also be appreciated.

I did not receive any response concerning any Village Creek family members that are serving our country at this time. If that has changed please use the communication form from your newsletter to let me know.

Thank you again. Items can be placed in the plastic bin on my front porch.

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Creepy Crawly Gelatin

- 1 ½ cups boiling water
- 1 pkg (8-serving size) JELL-O Orange flavor gelatin
- 1 ½ cups cold water
- Gummy worms



Stir boiling water into gelatin in large bowl at least 2 minutes until completely dissolved. Stir in cold water. Pour into 9-inch pie plate which has been sprayed with no stick cooking spray.

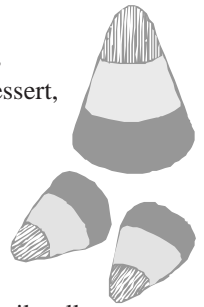
Refrigerate about 1 ½ hours or until thickened. Push gummy worms into gelatin. Refrigerate 2 hours or until firm. Unmold. Garnish with additional gummy worms, if desired.

Note: To unmold, dip pie plate in warm water for about 15 seconds. Gently pull gelatin from edge with moist fingers. Place moistened serving plate on top of pie plate. Invert pie plate and serving plate; holding plates together, shake slightly to loosen.

Enjoy!

Candy Corn Popcorn Balls

- ¼ cup (1/2 stick) butter
- 1 package (10 ½ oz) miniature Marshmallows
- 1 package (4-serving size) JELL-O Gelatin dessert, any flavor
- 12 cups popped popcorn
- 1 cup candy corn



Microwave butter and marshmallows in large microwavable bowl on HIGH 1 ½ to 2 minutes or until marshmallows are puffed. Stir in gelatin until well mixed.

Pour marshmallow mixture over popcorn and candy corn in large bowl. Mix lightly until well coated. Shape into 15 balls or other shapes with greased or wet hands. Wrap each ball in plastic wrap and tie with raffia or ribbon if desired.

EGGSHELL GHOST

1. Wash out and let dry over night, eggshells from 3-4 eggs
2. On a piece of poster board, draw a simple ghost outline about an 8½" by 11" size
3. Cut out the ghost and punch a hole at the top
4. Draw and color two eyes (and mouth if wanted)
5. Put the eggshells in a ziplock baggie and have the kids roll a canned good can back and forth over the eggs until they are crushed into an even texture
6. Spread glue over the ghost in sections and let your little one sprinkle the crushed egg all over the glue. Sprinkle until finished and let your ghost dry.
7. Tie a piece of yarn through the punched hole to hang for decoration.

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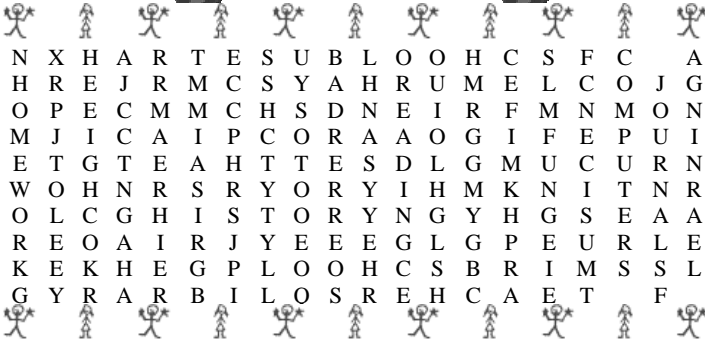
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Get Well

Lisa Shannon a member of our community has been very ill. We just wanted to let you know that we are thinking about you, and we hope for a speedy recovery!

Hey Village Creek Neighbors,

If you would like to submit an article, editorial, classified, playgroup, book club or announcement for November's newsletter please do so by October 12th. This is a community newsletter and it is here for you to use so if you would like to submit a comment or suggestions. Please e-mail to vcwc@sbcglobal.net. (all articles must be submitted by e-mail in word document format).

Thank You

Thanks go to Kara Puente, Prudential Gary Green Realtors, for her donation of a wooden stork to the Village Creek Women's Club. If you or anyone you know would like to announce the arrival of your new baby please contact Kara at 281-376-3658. We will write an announcement in the monthly Gazette and place the stork in your yard to welcome mom and baby home.

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Once again our large pits will be fired up on Thursday night, October 14 and we will cook Thursday and Friday and hold our picnic on Saturday from 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. We will have live music and serve brisket, rib and chopped beef lunch plates. Our chefs will be cooking our famous brisket, pork ribs and chicken. The Brisket Sale is an annual event and fundraiser for our Youth Ministry Missions and Camp Fund. We hope to see you there. For more information and a Pre-Order Form, go to www.RockAtWindwood.org or www.PassItAlong.info.

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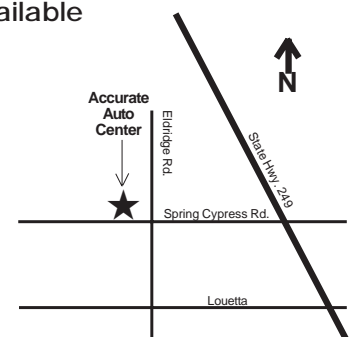
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