

Trail Writer

*The Official Publication of the
Winchester Trails
Maintenance Assoc. Social Committee*

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July 2005

Yards of the Month



*Alison Poor
8915 Red Cloud*



*Michael and Cynthia Frazier
10606 Wagon Trail*

Golf Tournament

Winchester Hurricane's Swim Team will be hosting a golf tournament at Jersey Meadows Golf Course on August 7th to raise money for the swim team. The goal is to raise money for new starting blocks and lane markers. The cost is \$80 per golfer and includes lunch.

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- \$10 Mulligans (2 per golfer maximum)
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The Maintenance Board meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in the clubhouse. All residents are encouraged to attend.



*Happy
4th of July!*

Winchester Trails

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We would like to thank Houston Plant & Garden World for their sponsorship of our Yard of the Month program.

Note: Due to camera limitations we were able to show only a portion of these beautiful yards. We encourage you to take the time to drive by these homes and enjoy the entire yard.

Social News

22nd Annual July 4th Celebration

Monday Night July 4th

Parade registration 5pm

Classic Car Judging 5:30 pm

Parade 5:45 pm

Hot Dogs Served 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Swim Games 6:30 – 7:30 pm

Pool Party Saturday July 23

Come to the pool 4 pm to 7 pm for games and Pizza. We will provide lemonade and water. Bring your own sodas if you want. Come down and meet your neighbors

Fall Party

Please email me with some ideas and perhaps we can schedule a meeting in August to organize something. Would you like another Halloween family party? How about a progressive dinner? Wine tasting at the clubhouse? Pot Luck Gratitude dinner? Or we can just wait for the Luminary night in December.

Clubhouse News

Please call the clubhouse rental phone line at 281-615-0335 if you would like to rent the clubhouse. We will be scheduling the annual key holders for various clubs after July 18, 2005 on a first come basis for time slots. The fee for such clubs varies for the year with a key and security deposit of \$100 which is returned upon returned keys in May. The fee for other rentals is \$10 per hour with a min. rental of \$25. A key and security deposit of \$100 is also required. For a more complete list of the rules or a copy of the contract please email Lesa.

Pilates Classes

Please contact Lesa if you are interested in taking a pilates class at the clubhouse one night a week. The social committee is in the process of seeing if folks in the neighborhood would be interested enough to hire a teacher. There are no details at this time as to cost or time or even what night. This would be an opportunity to join a pilates class without joining a club. The classes would be limited so let me know what you think.

Lesa Smith

Social Committee Chair

thelmalou@houston.rr.com

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Winchester Trails 2005 Graduates

Based on the Jersey Village High School Commencement Program and the WT Directory, Congratulations go to the following 2005 Graduates. Our apologies to anyone overlooked.

Class of 2005 - Summa Cum Laude

Michael Cargill
Kristi Nesbitt
Jennifer Sonne
Christina Stolte
James Van Hooser
Laura Vedas
Dan Wamhoff
Holly Wisnoski

Class of 2005

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Jill Wright
James Young

Class of 2005 - Magna Cum Laude

Amanda Brown
Garima Mittal
Maggie Stockwell

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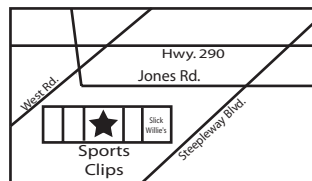


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New Teenagers – Happy 13th!

7/13 - Bobby Jones

New Drivers – Happy 16th!

7/6 - Brady Douglas
7/13 - Kenneth Cargill
7/14 - Lindsey McCord
7/21 - Stephanie Artz

New Voters – Happy 18th!

7/3 - Jordann Ricke
7/10 - Sallie Martin
7/15 - Madeline Hackemesser
7/27 - Jennifer Sonne

New Adults – Happy 21st!

7/6 - Karl Chude
7/10 - Stephanie Bean
7/12 - Daniel Fleming
7/14 - Donald Lawrence
7/19 - Robert Young
7/27 - Benjamin Kraft
7/29 - Stephen Dominguez

Happy 5th Anniversary!

7/22 - Jeffrey & Dun Valentin

Happy 15th Anniversary!

7/20 - Michael & Karen Przyborski
7/21 - John & Mari Cooney

Happy 20th Anniversary!

7/20 - Brad & Diane Jackson
7/20 - David & Amy Gurghigian

Sherry Wright
281-955-9737

The Trails Website

The Trails has a new website: www.winchestertrails.com.

Please visit it often for updates on committees and important contacts. You can also find links for deed restrictions, the newsletter and school info. You can even load money in your child's lunch account from there! As always your feedback is important so let me know what you think.

Lesia Smith

Attention Teen Job Seekers!

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O- Odd Jobs H- House-sitting

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B					Brown, Beth*	10/86	281-469-3388
	O				Cary, Katie	11/92	281-955-5813
B	P			H	Castillo, Jason	06/86	281-469-7408
B	P			H	Cole, Alexis	12/89	281-890-2258
B	P		O	H	Dildine, Veronica	08/89	281-807-0759
B	P			H	Dorr, Nathan	06/86	281-955-5430
B					Fernandez, Kasey	04/88	281-469-4421
B					Gunn, Gloria	04/89	281-955-5650
B					Gurghigian, Emily	11/87	281-894-2140
	P				Harper, Grant	11/88	281-955-9671
B	P			H	Horton, Natalie	09/90	281-517-0260
B					Huckabay, Kristin	01/87	281-517-0024
B					Jackson, Jennifer	08/88	281-894-2926
B	P			H	Jones, Sara	11/88	281-894-4493
B					Martin, Sallie	07/87	281-897-0257
				H	Montgomery, Elizabeth	07/88	281-477-6698
B	P	O		H	Movaghar, Christina	09/89	281-477-0569
B	P				Neagli, Kaitlyn	10/87	281-890-3521
B	P				Neagli, Taylor**	08/86	281-890-3521
	P				Nelson, Jim	09/88	281-469-9181
B					Nesbitt, Kristi	05/87	281-894-4817
B*	P				Neucere, Elizabeth	08-90	281-894-5253
B	P			H	Nguyen, Jennifer	05/87	281-955-1023
B*					O'Brian, Kelsey	05-92	281-890-5253
B				H	Racey, Brittany	12/89	281-890-4045
B	P	Y	O	H	Rae, Keegan** ***	03/92	281-955-1662
B				H	Ricke, Jordann	07/87	281-469-6804
B					Roberts, Melanie**	12/91	281-897-8772
B	P	Y		H	Smith, Brian	04/89	281-890-0636
		Y			Stewart, Joshua	02/90	832-237-1064
B					Stockwell, Maggie	05/87	281-894-2531
	P	Y	O	H	Sweet, Jeremy	11/86	281-807-7470
	P			H	Taylor, Melissa	05/86	281-890-2996
				B	Terry, Brigitte **	10/87	281-469-9649
				B	Terry, Scott * **	03/89	281-469-9649
				P	Wolf, Brittney	08/90	281-894-9653
B	P			H	Wright, Jill	08/87	281-955-9737
B					Zufall, Ashley *	11/88	281-894-2626
	P	O		H	Zufall, Kristina	06/92	281-894-2626

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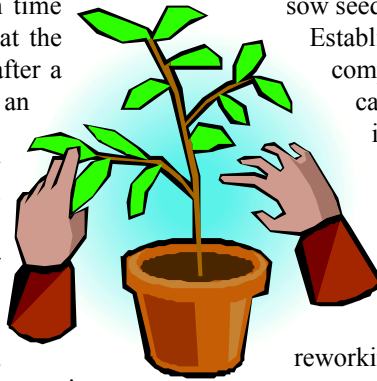
GREEN THUMB CORNER

At this time of year it's tough to spend much time working out there under the hot sun, especially at the weekend when you need a well-deserved break after a busy week. It's much more tempting to relax in an air-conditioned environment or sit around the pool and prolong the holiday atmosphere generated by the July Fourth weekend, but we need to keep up with basic maintenance chores so that the weeds don't take over completely. I'm afraid that Mother Nature doesn't take holidays. And many folks will be getting ready for out-of-town vacations, so make sure to get things in good shape before you go, otherwise you're likely to be greeted by a discouraging amount of "catch-up" work on your return. Try to work during the cooler hours of early morning or late evening, and remember to cover up to avoid sunburn.

This is the type of weather when we can see the benefit of a low-maintenance landscaping plan that makes good use of perennials and native southwestern plants that are tolerant of the heat. Yaupon is an attractive small tree, and dwarf yaupon is an excellent hardy shrub for creating low hedges. Lantana, although considered a weed by some people, is a tough drought-resistant plant that is becoming more popular every year and is now available in a number of attractive colors. Check with the local nurseries for other naturalized Texas plants.

If you decide to do any lawn feeding during a dry spell, make sure that you water well to avoid the grass being "burned" by the concentrated fertilizer. And don't forget to give the trees an occasional deep watering by allowing a hose to trickle at the base of the trunk for a few hours - particularly important if we have any prolonged dry spells.

If your spring annuals are past their best, don't hesitate to pull them up and replace with fresh plants. Or plant seeds of quick-growing varieties (such as zinnia, marigold, petunia and portulaca) to provide color until late fall. Bear in mind that when your impatiens plants get too "leggy" you can cut them back and obtain a second showing for late summer and fall; just keep them well watered. And if you would like your own display of bluebonnets next spring, now is the time to



sow seed (actually, anytime between now and January).

Established annuals should be fed every few weeks with a complete plant food. Liquid fertilizer works well, and you can make your own by dissolving a handful of 13-13-13 in a two-gallon watering can.

Soak beds as needed and keep well mulched. Patio plants dry out very fast if they are out in the open, particularly clay pots, and hanging baskets also need frequent watering.

Tomato plants are usually past their best by the middle of July, and should be pulled up to allow reworking the bed ready for replanting in August. Although most popular tomato varieties are "indeterminate", meaning that they will continue to grow and bear fruit indefinitely until killed by frost, you'll get a much better crop of fall tomatoes by starting again with fresh plants. Peppers, on the other hand, can be left to grow through the summer into fall, and okra and eggplant are very happy in the heat.

There's not a lot of exciting gardening activity to write about at this time of year, so I usually take the opportunity to say a few words about composting. This is a great way to avoid those bags of grass clippings lining the curb on garbage day, and produce something useful in the process. Together with weeds, leaves, shrub clippings and vegetable scraps you can produce a rich, nutritious humus which can be used as a mulch or dug into the beds as a "free" organic fertilizer and soil enrichment. All you need is a little unused space in an out-of-the-way corner or behind the garage. I like to construct a number of adjacent open-fronted bins, about 5' wide by 3' deep and 3' high, using scrap lumber or chicken wire (the latter is good because it allows aeration). Having more than one bin allows you to easily cycle the composting materials from one pile to the next, every month or so, to get good aeration and mixing, a lot easier than trying to turn over the material in situ. You can throw almost any organic material in there, including tea leaves, coffee grounds and eggshells, but no meat products because you may attract foraging animals. It helps to arrange alternating layers of different textures, also to add a few shovels of soil every now and then to provide extra bacteria, and it should be kept moist.

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Messiah Lutheran Church is a grace place, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Messiah is located at 11522 Telge Road, 1/2 mile north of Highway 290. Regular worship times are 6 PM on Saturday evenings (a casual service of song and sacrament), and traditional worship at 8 and 10:30 AM on Sundays. The Education Hour is 9:15-10:15 AM on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or www.messiahlc.org. All people are welcome at Messiah.

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\$150,000-159,000	1	1	0	0	0	0
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