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## Yards of the Month



The Chumley Family 10403 Wagon Trail



Lloyd and Diane Marshman 10514 Dude

The Maintenance Board meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in the clubhouse. All residents are encouraged to attend.

## **August Social News**

A few dedicated neighbors turned out for the annual July 4th Celebration in spite of the heat! We had honored guest in the parade this year. Our Grand Marshal was the neighborhood girl scout better known as "Cookie Queen", Elizabeth Przyborski leading the parade behind the firetruck in a 1968 Camero Convertible driven by Lesa Smith. Next we had our lead car representing our military driven by Scott Carrigan with Rear Admiral Lori Carrigan and Colonel John Carrigan wearing their dress uniforms, taking first place in the car category. Following were the Rae family in the "Best Muscle Car", a brand new mustang and the Garza family in the "Best Group" entry. And then there was Richard Moore with his classic, winner of the "Best Classic Entry". Behind the cars in the parade were the walkers and bikers who suffered the most in the heat. Emily Loney won 1st place, Rachel Ridley won 2nd and the Ancell Barbie truck won 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

I would like to thank my teen volunteers Elizabeth Nucere and Garelyn for helping so much with decorations and all the preparations. I would also like to thank the Raes for the supplies run and I can't forget my cooks Richard Moore and Edgar Smith.





The lifeguards did an excellent job of running the games once again.

As summer comes to an end, please be thinking of what you would like to see as our fall social. Last year we had a spectacular Halloween party. I don't think we will ever top that one! We will be having the luminary party in December, however, I think we will move it back to Sunday night. Too many parties on Saturday nights in December contributed to the low attendance and lack of volunteers.

The Pilates class is a go at this point. We just have to work out some details of running the class and hire an instructor. It would certainly make things easier if we had a resident volunteer to teach this class. If you are interested in the class, teaching or otherwise, please send me an email. You can also keep an eye on the website for more info as this project develops.

If you are new to the neighborhood and have never been greeted by a block captain please send me an email so that I can direct a captain to your door. That's it for August news! Lesa Smith

Social Committee Chairman

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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.

## **Extra Bits**

#### **Web Sites of Interest**

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#### time of Year

Yes, it is that time of year again. If you are taking the family on your annual vacation, remember the guidelines that follow. They are so simple and easy to do, yet so deadly. Camera phones are nice and fun, but they also take pictures of credit cards, tickets and children. Hotel rooms are no place to hide anything of value, take the time to put it in the hotel safe and register it. Please do not put your children's names on their shirts, shoes, etc. Most of the wrong type of people can read too. Take your paper tags off your bags once you reach each destination. No one needs to know where you are from or where you are going next. Leave an agenda with someone back home. The hotel's lifeguard is not a babysitter or referee. You can enjoy a cool one, read, cards or other activities that still keep you in charge of your children. Try not to wear yourself out. Watching kids for other people, especially if you just met them, is generally not a good idea. Do not rely on how tired you are to justify driving a few more hours. The driver has to be alert enough to watch out for your car, the lane next to you, the oncoming lanes, anything falling from vehicles, people walking roadside and the usual donkeys flying. That takes concentration. To divert your attention from this duty by eating, talking on the phone or even playing referee is dangerous to all those who share the car and road with you. It is a vacation or they would call it something else. Make up your mind to have fun and go with the flow.

#### SECURITY NEWS

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER: Please remember to keep your vehicle doors locked and if at all possible park your vehicle in a locked garage. Also do not leave valuable items sitting in your vehicle. Please remember to keep the doors to your garage locked also. It is very easy for an intruder to enter an unlocked garage or unlocked vehicle and help themselves to your property.

## **About Garage Sales**

I know it is tempting to have garage sales throughout the year, but we

would like residents to participate in the two neighborhood community garage sales instead. The signs every weekend are unsightly and it also brings unwanted traffic into our streets. We do sponsor a Spring and a Fall garage sale



so that everyone can participate in the joy of selling junk or buying treasures. These sales are the third weekends in April and September, so mark your calendars. The next one is coming soon! Thanks for your cooperation,

Lesa Smith

## **GREEN THUMB CORNER**

It's discouraging to get back from an out-of-town vacation to find a heavy load of "catch-up" yard work awaiting your return, and the oppressive heat and humidity of August don't exactly encourage you to get back to work again. But sooner or later, it has to be done. As usual, try to work in the relative cool of the early morning or evening, and remember to cover up during the day to avoid sunburn.

Clean up the beds, removing fallen foliage, yellowed leaves and dead wood, and cut off any faded blossoms. Removal of seed pods from crape myrtles will prolong the flowering period. Cut back those "leggy" annuals to encourage fresh growth and new blooms; this works particularly well on begonias and impatiens. Dahlias should be cut back after the first crop, leaving about half the growth.

Some of our lawns were really suffering in the early part of summer due to lack of rainfall, and in such conditions artificial watering is required to maintain healthy grass. If you have any dead spots, or areas where Bermuda grass and opportunistic weeds have taken over from the St. Augustine, the best remedy is water and food. Healthy St. Augustine will choke out the weeds. Any stressed areas of grass are also more susceptible to chinch bug damage, so keep up the six-weekly application of Diazinon granules. But make sure that you water it in well, and that's doubly important if you decide to apply a light feeding of 15-5-10; the grass can "burn" very easily in this heat. Make sure to give the lawn a good soaking every now and then; watch for the tell-tale signs of drought - often shown by patches of grass taking on a shiny, metallic, "brassy" appearance.

Fungal diseases can be a major problem in our hot and humid climate. For the last few years I've been fighting a losing battle against anthracnose

blight and black spot on photinia shrubs. It shows up in the form of round or oval brown or black spots, often with definite margins. Remove and destroy affected leaves, and spray plants with Benomyl, Captan, Zineb or other copper-based fungicide; the general purpose Daconyl is also labeled for anthracnose. And watch out for white powdery mildew on crape myrtles and euonymus; control with Consan Triple-Action 20 (this is a good general-purpose fungicide/algicide/bactericide and is also a great household helper - use it to kill mildew on brick or siding, around the shower stall or window frames, or to eliminate the mildew odor from wet carpet).

Water azaleas regularly and well. They are setting buds now and if they have not bloomed well in the past, check overhead to see that they are receiving some sunlight during the months of July and August. Azaleas don't like too much direct sun, preferring it to be filtered through a high canopy of trees, but they need enough to promote bud formation. Don't be tempted to feed - May was the last month to fertilize azaleas. Light green leaves (particularly if the veins stand out) may signify chlorosis (lack of iron).

On the other hand, this month is the appropriate time for feeding chrysanthemums to promote fall blooms. Continue pinching back tip growth to encourage compact growth and more flower buds.

THIS MONTH'S TIP: It's easy to forget to sweep up the grass clippings from the curbside after the mowing and edging is finished, but that last little clean-up task can make a big difference to the final appearance.

Phil Richards



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## **MILESTONES**



New Teenagers – Happy 13th!

8/7 - Cameron Neagli

8/18 - Courtney Collier

8/19 - Daniel Chapman

8/21 - Erin Mace

8/29 - Catherine Talley

New Drivers – Happy 16th!

8/1 – Veronica Dildine

New Voters - Happy 18th!

8/19 - Matthew Davis

8/25 - Geoffrey Stephens

8/27 - Jill Wright

New Adults – Happy 21st!

8/12 - Steven Beck

8/16 - Stacey Ellis

8/21 - Ryan Stevens

8/27 - Craig Hanka

8/30 - Jocelyn Tung

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Happy 10th Anniversary!

8/19 - David & Anne Olson

Happy 15th Anniversary!

8/25 - Michael & Amy Mulholland

Happy 20th Anniversary!

8/16 - David & Tandy Othold

Happy 25th Anniversary!

8/16 - Jeff & Gina Robinson

8/29 - Kenneth & Sheri Sheffler

Happy 30th Anniversary!!

8/31 - Alfred & Gloria Gutierrez

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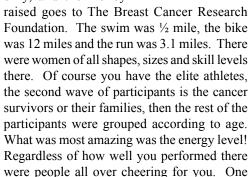
## My First Triathlon

Just in case you are interested....

I completed my first triathlon in June! I was very nervous about it, and up until I was in the water swimming, I was trying to devise a way out of it without hurting myself. I was impressed with my time, although it could have been better – I kept calling people from the transition area to let them know that I had finished another leg, and was still alive!

The race was the Danskin Triathlon in Austin, on June 12th. It is for women

only, and the money





friend described it as a "Girl Power" weekend.

I am hooked now and I plan to race again next year. If anyone is interested in joining me, let me know. It should be the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in June again, in Austin. If you want to see pictures from the race, go to www.brightroom.com, enter the Danskin Series #3 race, my bib number was 1597.

Sarah Olvey Sarah\_olvey@hotmail.com



## Free Informational Seminar on Internet Safety at CCCS

Sgt. Gary Spurger, with the Computer Crimes division of the Harris County Constables Office, Precinct 4, will be giving a free presentation on Internet safety, instant messaging, and identity theft for parents and students. This event will be held in the gym at Cypress Community Christian School (11123 Cypress North Houston Road at Jones Rd.) on Thursday, August 25th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and is open to the public. For directions to the school, please access the school web site: www.cccs-hou.org.

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\$190,000 +	0	0	0	0	1	0
\$180,000-189,999	0	0	1	1	0	1
\$170,000-179,999	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$160,000-169,999	0	0	0	0	1	0
\$150,000-159,000	0	0	0	0	0	1
\$150,000 -	0	0	0	0	2	0
TOTAL	0	0	1	1	4	2
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This chart represents the homes that have sold and closed in the past 5 months according the Houston Multiple Listing Service.

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- 10522 Pearl
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- 8919 Crazy Horse
- 10303 Pearl Dr.
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