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Splinters From the Board

By Stan Schoen E-mail: sschoen@worthamweb.org

Happy New Year to all!

Remember when the crane was like a rare bird in Houston in the mid '80's? When dinner was sold based on the price of a barrel of oil? The crane is back on Wortham Blvd. at FM1960 as they start construction of our new professional building. At this writing I do not know how tall it will be or other details other than it is exciting because that gives us hope that the hospital still has plans on developing here as they own that property. I will keep you posted so stay tuned to future articles.

As we are into the New Year I want to take a moment to thank my fellow board members:

Rick Anderson, Jonathon Armstrong, Rebecca McShane and Steve Carter. They have truly been wonderful to work with and we get a lot accomplished in serving our community. They are each bright minds with their own talents and personalities that make meetings fun and very successful. I would like to take this time to thank all of our spouses:

Cyndi Anderson, Mindy Armstrong, Tim McShane, Jennifer Carter and Lynn Schoen as they share our time, field some calls and support our efforts with no recognition and for all that, and more, we are grateful and appreciative of you all.

We have many vendors that serve us well, amongst them are Crest Management, Houston Pools, IMS Landscaping and many others, too numerous to mention here but we appreciate all of our vendors.

There are also many vast and unpaid volunteers all on committees and our teams that represent Wortham, including ladies tennis and the Wortham White Sharks. Of course ALL of our residents - We appreciate you all! You/We are Wortham and you make Wortham a great place to live and raise a family.

So as we charge forward deeper into the New Year, we have a lot to be grateful for and it is people who make things happen and in a positive way. Have a great New Year and we look forward to better things and times in 2006!

Make it a great day! See you at my table.

“Block Captains Needed”

Many of our Block Captains have resigned their post and new ones are needed. All of our streets should be represented and as of now we are short of our goal. This position does not require a major amount of work after getting things started. Volunteers are greatly needed. Please Help! All streets could use more Block Captains but especially Lark Brook, Dogwood Blossom, Elm Bridge, Walnut Lake, Magnolia Leaf and Tulip Garden. Many of our streets have more than 40 homes and even with two block captains this can be a daunting task of getting information to each home.

I have received great participation of the Block Captains we now have but they could use your help. Please support our community and VOLUNTEER!

Contact me at fatrascherjr@aol.com

Marie Trascher

Neighborhood Watch Chair



The Houston Postal System has been experiencing delays in mail delivery. Your January newsletter entered the Postal System on December 26, 2005. If you didn't receive your newsletter by the first week in January, please contact the Fairbanks Station Post Office at 713-937-9108. Thanks.

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Dear Wortham Board Members:

I have noticed many cars parked in the streets throughout our subdivision. Here is suggested verbiage, should you care to use it in one of the future Wortham Newsletters, concerning this subject.

"We understand that most homes have at least a two car garage. And many homes, except corners and some cul-de-sacs, also have long driveways that can accommodate up to four standard size cars. But in light of this some homeowners, for whatever reasons, continue to park on the street.

Several reasons why Wortham homeowners may consider parking in either their garage or driveway are:

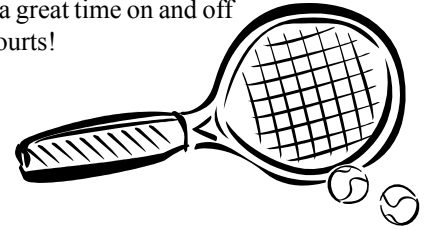
1. Children are not always conscious of traffic and neither they nor drivers can see one another if running for a ball from the sidewalk past a parked car(s). This is especially prominent when school is out.
2. Vandalism, other street traffic and weather may cause damage to vehicles.
3. Emergency vehicle response teams such as fire and ambulance services can more readily get to their destinations on a clear street. Oftentimes, this may be a lifesaving situation. Parked cars may block street numbers addresses painted on the curbing and thereby cause further potential lifesaving delays.
4. Ditto number three for normal traffic and deliveries.
5. Garages and driveways are part of the home simply for these specific reasons.

Therefore, we are asking all Wortham residents to please consider parking vehicles in either their garage or driveway. It is both the right and safe thing to do."

Anonymous Wortham Resident

Tennis Anyone?

We are looking for women tennis players that would like to join an existing team for league play on Friday's as part of the Texas Jackrabbit League. We are also looking for women players that could possibly play on Tuesday or Thursday for a team starting up next fall in the Northwest Tennis League. Experienced players are needed, but new and rusty players are welcome too. If you are interested please contact Donna Sommer at 832-237-4684 or djsommer@aol.com. We have a great time on and off the courts!



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Social Corner

Breakfast with Santa 2005

WOW! Breakfast with Santa this year was a magical moment for all! The parade started at 8am and Kay McGlamory –Santa's most valuable elf-drove Santa in his "sleigh" all around the neighborhood. Followed by some of Wortham's most precious little angels singing Christmas carols and passing out candy to all the kids that came to wave at Santa as he headed towards the Clubhouse.

The kids took a stroll down Lollipop Lane, got to see Micky & Minnie taking a sleigh ride, Snoopy hanging out on his decorated dog house, and onto having their photo taken with Santa Claus himself with a mountain of presents in the background! Margo Horton handed out goodies to the kids after their photo - She is a great realtor and a wonderful neighbor! Fresh-n-Best gave us a discount for the delicious donuts and milk. It was truly a magical morning!

The Toy Drive was a success and so many neighbors brought items to be donated to the Children's Assessment Center. Emilia Harris did a wonderful job coordinating the Toy Drive!

My heartfelt thanks goes out to the many volunteers that came to help with set up (Haley Dool, Nikki Livesay, Dragona Harris, Emilia Harris, Rick Anderson and Traci Ariss), the day of the event (All of you are on "Santa's Very Nice" List) , and for clean up (Rick Anderson and Linda Warman). A special thanks to my sister-Traci Ariss-who helped so much to create some magic!

I wish all of us a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year! It is not about the glitter, presents, or twinkling lights-but about the magic within that we share with others.

Warm Regards,

Rachel Gerhardt-Wortham Social Events Chairperson



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Social Corner - continued

Fall Festival was Fantastic

Thanks to all of the kids and families that came to the Annual Fall Festival on Saturday October 22nd! There were lots of kids (and some grownups too!) that put some wonderful flare into their costumes for Halloween! It was a beautiful crisp autumn day and we could have not asked for nicer weather. There were wonderful refreshments, pumpkin decorating, moonjump, and all kinds of kid friendly games!

My most heartfelt appreciation goes out to the following volunteers and sponsors that without their helping hands this event could not take place:

- Margo Horton for donating all the “trick-or-treat” bags and refreshments (When you are looking to buy or sell your home in our neighborhood-Margo is the lady to call-she is always there for the events for our kids!)
- Nikki Livsay for getting volunteers and the gang together to dress up as Scooby, Shaggy, Spiderman, and Clifford the Big Red Dog. YOU ALL WERE SOOO AWESOME!
- Sonny Livesay for being my “muscle” during set up!
- Rick Anderson and swim team for loaning us the sunshades-just in case it rained...
- Guy and Ann Windheim for the use of the flatbed and hay
- All the following volunteers who stepped up to make this event fun for our kids. Volunteers are the Life Force of Fall Festival-You all are so magical :

Kay McGlamory-your smile is such a gift to me-You are so wonderful!

Traci Ariss- My “evil sister” who I love so very much!

Alexis Watson

Samatha Fuentevilla

Brneda Hurger-Clifford Big Red Dog

Nikki Livesay-Scobby

Julie Soukup –Shaggy

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We hope to see all of you again next year for fun at the Annual Wortham Fall Festival!

Rachel Gerhardt-Wortham Social Events Chairperson



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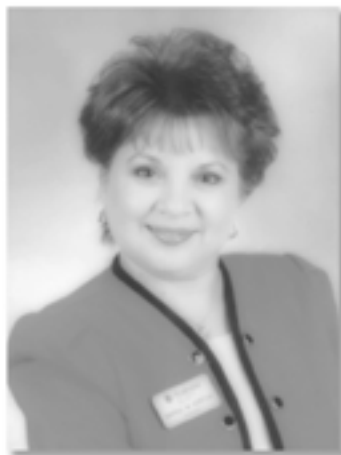
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Fall Festival Pictures



WOW Chics Celebrating 2006!

By Reschele Lawrence

December's WOW was certainly one to remember. We said goodbye to long-time member, Ex WOW President, and good friend Barbara Ramage-Thornton, as she and her family moved to Ohio. We sent her off with armfuls of Texas-themed ornaments and her own autographed Texas mirror. She will be missed. Thanks to all you ladies who came to Rita's WOW and wished Barb well in her new hometown. Who's gonna be the next Pick-A-Peppa Queen? To Rita and her husband, Charles, a sincere thanks for making the night special.

On Thursday, January 12th, at 7pm, we will be meeting at Buffalo's Southwest Café. Thanks to Adam, Buffalo's Manager, we will be enjoying Happy Hour (Margarita's, Draft Beer, Well Drinks) from 7 pm to close, and a gift card will be given as a door prize (you must be present to win)! I hope to see you all there and bring a new friend for us to meet!

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and God Bless you and yours in the new year!

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1st grade Brownie Troop 15045 went to the Summerville Retirement and Assisted Living Community on Saturday December 10th to spread some season cheer. This is the second year for the Girl Scout Troop to Christmas Carol at the center. The girls sang several Christmas songs and passed out "Jingle Bell" necklaces they each made for the residents. The Brownies enjoy this event and look forward to continuing the tradition year after year. Way to go Troop 15045!!

Names from left to right:

Jordan Livesay, Rachel Warman, Jessica Ferro, Isabelle Hamilton, Allison Kaczynski, Christina Franklin, Sabrina Sommer, Emme Enojado, Bailey Tryon, Ryland Gregurek.

Neighborhood Recreational Facilities Corner

By Rick Anderson

Continuing on from my December article here is an update of what is going on with the recreational facilities in Wortham Villages. These facilities include the pool, clubhouse, tennis courts and playground areas. Several things are to be accomplished over the next few months for the facilities and some have already been completed.

The pool area items include repainting the pool area fences, the gates at the pool entrance, the equipment areas, the window bars and the light pole within the pool area. This work should be completed in January or early February.

The clubhouse interior renovations are being planned and finalized. This work will be done in mid to late January or February of 2006 and should last no more than 30 days. The clubhouse will not be available during that time, so please make arrangements for your meeting or functions during that time to happen at another location temporarily. We should have more of a firm construction schedule before the end of December. We think you will be pleased with the results of this work.

The tennis courts have received a facelift with a new court surface topping. Other miscellaneous work such as painting the practice boards and light poles will be completed in January. As stated earlier we will be handing out new tennis court keys on January 7, 2006 from 10 am to 4 pm at the clubhouse. One key will be allowed per household and the distribution at the clubhouse is offered for people to turn in their current key and/or pick up a new key. If you are turning in a key to get a new key, there will be no additional deposit required. If you are not turning in a key but picking one up, a \$20 deposit will be required. Each household's key status will be documented and the fee for a replacement key will be established.

Again, we are still looking for new members of the Recreational Facilities Committee (formerly pool committee) to help us as we continue to look at ways we can effectively maintain and upgrade our facilities. Randall Reinhart has worked hard over the last several years heading up this committee and is stepping down. We need others in the neighborhood to step up to help. If you are interested please contact Rick Anderson at 281-890-4878 or email to rick_anderson@efiglobal.com.

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Albion Hurricanes 95 Blue State Champs!

Congratulations to the Albion Hurricanes 95 Blue soccer team as they won the State Championship on Sunday, December 11. The team includes 2 Wortham residents, Hannah Dauzat and Kristen Ginsburg. The 95 Blue team ended up with 38 points out of a possible 40 to win the State title. The 95 Blue team is currently ranked 10th in the nation! Great job girls!!

To find out more about the Albion Hurricanes soccer club, go to www.albionhurricanes.org.

ADAM ELEMENTARY

Important Dates - January

January 3 - Classes Resume

Jan. 10 - Texas Roadhouse Western Night

Jan. 13 - Exchange City - 5th Grade

Jan. 16 - Holiday

Jan. 19 - Group Pictures

Debbie Williams

Adam Elementary

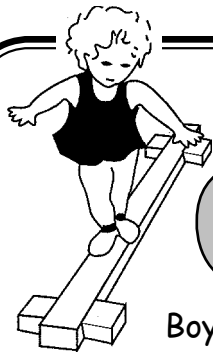
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Road Trip Musings

We just got back from our annual pilgrimage to my home town six hundred miles away. No, we didn't fly. No, no, that would have been *fast*. And *convenient*. We drove. And drove. Through really flat landscape in a straight line north. If you ever get bored and want to visit my mom, just get on 45 headed north, and drive. And drive. And then drive some more. And then, when you are just at the point where you rather be eaten alive by fire ants than spend one more minute in that van, you're there.

Yep, it's ten hours of togetherness¹. It gives you a chance to talk, and be together, and wish the speed limit was something around 120 miles an hour or that Scotty would go ahead and invent the transporter already. It doesn't help that DH's travel philosophy and mine differ somewhat. I like to stop and look at things. "Oh, look, honey. It's the Mineral Water Capital of Texas. We should stop and get a t-shirt." There's a place in Fort Worth in the outlet mall that sells fresh chocolate chip cookies as big as your head. And you can bet cash money that if I'm driving, we're stopping to get us some cookies. DH's travel philosophy, on the other hand, can be summarized as Let's Just Get There. If he thought he could get away with it, you know we'd have a Folger's can in the van for a potty.

To counteract the mind-numbing boredom of driving in a straight line for ten hours, I usually get books on tape from the library. I choose books I think my DH will like, with stories about a conspiracy or an attempted military coup, or a conspiracy *about* an attempted military coup, with lots of hard-bitten men saying things like, "That MiG has more fulcrums than the B1, Colonel." When it's DH's turn to drive, however, he likes to buy some cheap CD from a gas station, and listen to it over and over. CDs like "Funk Hits of the 70s Featuring Bootsie Collins and His Rubber Band". His latest selection was "Ted Nugent's Greatest Hits". What, I asked when he showed it to me proudly, did they just do ten different versions of "Cat Scratch Fever"? NO, he replied, a look of shock on his face, they've got his other hits on here, too. You know, like Wango Tango and Wang Dang. Ah, I nodded wisely. Of course. Who could forget timeless classics like those? And after three solid hours of listening to Ted Nugent do his best, all I can tell you is, Simon Cowell would NEVER have sent him to Hollywood. Sent him and his Wango Tango packing, maybe. I know I would have.

A nyway, after ten hours of gripping radio drama interspersed with interminable seventies "hits", we arrive at Cholesterol Manor. Now, among the seventeen pieces of luggage we take with us, I usually pack my exercise clothes. I don't know why. I never exercise when we're there. I don't eat any complex carbs, either. I just lay around, watch TV, drink soda, and eat things that are bad for me. It's like regressing to adolescence, without the acne and bad self-image. My children love Grandma's, where the motto is, "Of course you can." Eat sweets, watch unlimited TV, stay up late, whatever. My mom packs a whole year's of spoiling into that one short trip. It takes those kids about a week to come down from the sugar high of being at Grandma's.

So, like I said, now we're back, back to the daily grind of exercise, nice healthful complex carbs, and going to bed on time. It's great. Really great. I tell ya, the only thing keeping me from turning right back around and going to Grandma's house is the prospect of that ten-hour drive and having to listen to Ted sing even one more minute...

¹ Or twenty-one and a half, if you're escaping from a supposed big old honkin' category 5 hurricane that's going to bring 120 mph winds and destroy your whole house and send your belongings all over Copperfield. Not that I'm bitter or anything. But our lawn furniture wasn't even tipped over.



Rachel Gerhardt (pictured here with friends Kim Henkhaus, Darlene Jarrar, Denise Hurd, Bonnie Eassey, Donna Sommer and Vicky Yanowski) was a gracious hostess at this Christmas Bunco party.



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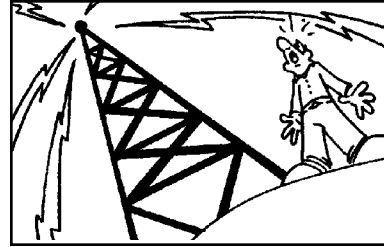
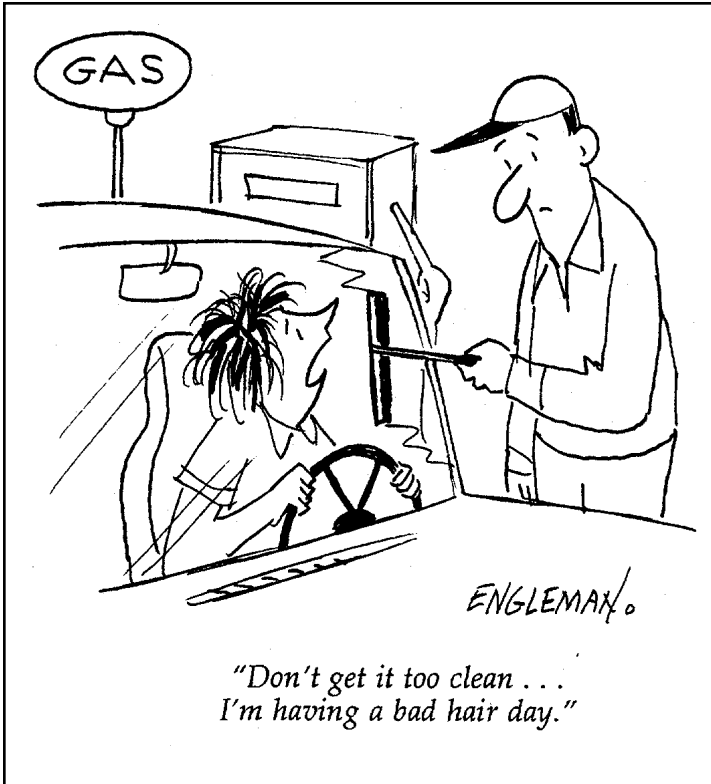
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	Jun 05	Jul 05	Aug 05	Sept 05	Oct 05	Nov 05
\$210,000 +	1	1	0	0	1	1
\$190,000-209,999	1	1	0	0	0	0
\$170,000-189,999	2	0	0	0	1	2
\$150,000-169,999	1	2	1	0	0	3
\$130,000-149,999	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$130,000 -	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	5	4	1	0	2	6
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