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Board Message

Winchester Trails Residents,

If you have not already heard, that due to personal and business commitments, Winchester Maintenance Board Member Eric Schmied has resigned his position as of last December 31. We appreciate the time and effort Eric put into the Board and wish him well in his endeavors. The vacancy to fill the remainder of Eric's term will be considered by the Board at the February meeting. I realize the newsletter may reach you after the February meeting and hope this does not preclude anyone submitting a letter of interest to the Board if one wants to serve the community.

In the January meeting, the Board agreed to start posting the minutes of the meeting on the website. We still have to work some issues concerning this procedure, but it will happen. Please do not be concerned as we will respect the residents and their privacy. In addition, any sensitive information will be treated as such. The minutes will then become widely available should attendance at the meeting not be possible.

In addition, we always have openings for volunteer positions. Recently we have had many residents volunteer their time and efforts to make Winchester Trails a better place to live. We owe these volunteers an expression of gratitude.

Finally, I would like to encourage everyone to attend the meetings if possible. We are making progress and we will continue to strive to do what is best for the neighborhood as a whole.

Best Regards,
Walter

Upcoming Events

February 2	Maintenance Board Meeting 7pm
February 14	Valentine's Day
February 17	CFISD End of 6 Weeks
February 20	President's Day
March 2	Maintenance Board Meeting 7pm
March 6-10	CFISD Spring Break

Yards of the Month



10314 Gold Point Drive – Susie Gullo



8903 Crazy Horse Trail – Mike & Connie Lawrence

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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 Committee Chairman Wanted

We are in need of a volunteer to plan the social events for 2006. The Easter Party is the next event coming soon. July 4th is next along with summer pizza parties. We sometimes have an adult party or family Halloween party and then the final party of the year is Luminaries night in December. The new social chairman can head all these parties or appoint organizers for each different party. This position works closely with the maintenance board so it would be helpful if the new volunteer could attend maintenance board meetings on the 1st Thursday of each month, but not mandatory.

If anyone is interested, please contact the board liaison, Holly Calbat, 281-894-4535 or email her at hcalbat@houston.rr.com

WT Deadline

Due to a change over in editors and the holidays, the January newsletter was more 'generic' and did not contain the usual articles, so you will find them here now. The deadline for the March newsletter is February 13. All items should be sent to hegg23@sbcglobal.net.

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Christmas Party

Our Holiday Party was a Great Success! We had approximately 75-100 friends and neighbors show up for either the Desserts, Hayrides, Moonwalk, or to see our special guest, Santa. It was quite cold, but we rode around the neighborhood in the trailer, singing Christmas carols and everyone was full of Christmas cheer. A big THANKS to all our volunteers who participated and got prizes to give away, and to Jon Van Den Heuvel who drove us for hours on our hayride, and another big THANKS to Santa for traveling all the way from the North Pole to visit our children. Thanks to our hay riders for choosing the homes that won—there were so many great decorated homes, but there were only so many prizes. Congratulations to all our winners, including the Aya Family at 10310 Minturn who won the First Place Prize. Wow, what a beautiful yard they had! Have a wonderful 2006 and see you next year!
Mitzi Costello

Thank You

Winchester Trails would like to thank the following list of managers and companies for their support of our 'Caroling through the Trails' event held on December 10th. The vendors listed donated free equipment, meals and services. Whenever possible, please show your support by patronizing these establishments.

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Lesa Smith, Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center
Blood Drive Chairman for Winchester Trails

Welcoming Committee

A brand new Welcoming Committee is now ready in 2006 to meet and greet all our new Trails residents. If you are new to the neighborhood and have not been welcomed, please call Carolyn Stone at 832-237-8178 or email her at cstone@swrg.com. We want to stop by and say hello, get some information to introduce your family to the neighbors through the Howdy Partner article, and give you a handy packet of information to help familiarize you with your new neighborhood. We also have Trails information available on our website at www.winchestertrails.com. Welcome to the Trails!

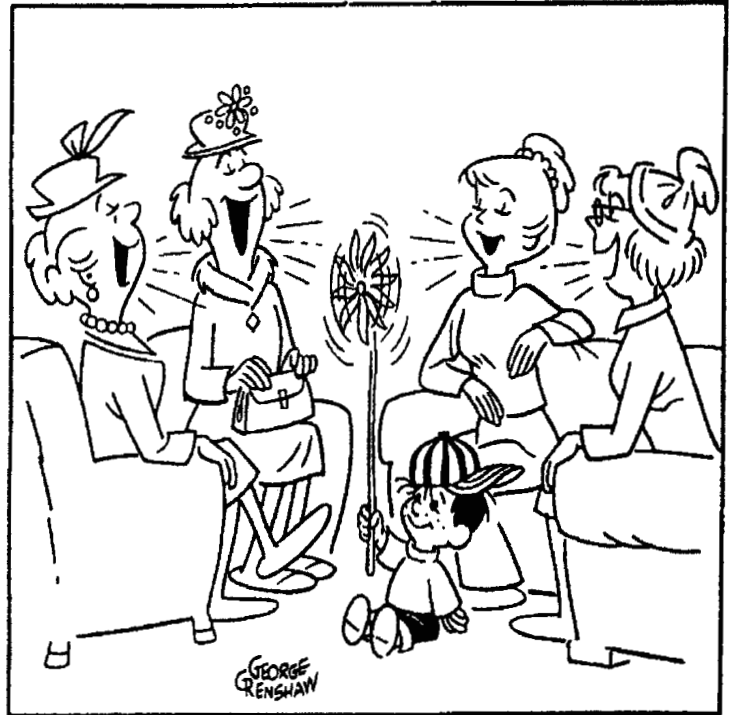
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New Drivers – Happy 16th!

1/1 - Caitlin Gullo
1/17 - Quyen Tong
1/23 - Amanda Gorka
1/25 - Kevin Collier
1/26 - Jordan Bontke
1/29 - Kristin Griesbach
2/4 - Emily Hackemesser
2/9 - Edie Van Den Heuvel
2/10 - Michael Barbab
2/18 - Joshua Stewart

New Voters – Happy 18th!

1/4 - Andrew Rothenberg
1/23 - Arielle Logan

2/1 - Austin Strong
2/12 - Quynh Diep
2/17 - Nichole Steuart
2/22 - Valerie Reed

New Adults – Happy 21st!

1/4 - Chris Tran
2/4 - Katie Nelson
2/5 - Grace Feigh
2/9 - Julie Magnuson
2/11 - Ashley Henson
2/26 - Lucas Hall

*A Very Happy Anniversary to all our couples,
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Happy 5th Anniversary!

5/26 - Joshua & Dana Hong
2/14 - Randy & Qurisha Lucia

Happy 15th Anniversary!

6/30 - Bryan & Donna Slaven
1/5 - Gilbert & Camille Garza

Happy 20th Anniversary!

6/15 - Robert & Holly Calbat
1/4 - Michael & Darlene Murry

Happy 25th Anniversary!

12/6 - Joe & Polly Dominguez
1/10 - Michael & Sharon Wisnoski
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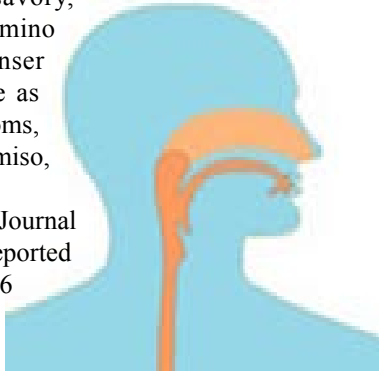
When you taste something, you perceive its aroma, taste, texture, temperature, and spiciness. However, nearly 75% of the overall flavor actually comes through your sense of smell. How do these senses work together, and what can you do if problems arise?

Sense of taste

Most people can recite 4 basic tastes: sweet, salty, sour, and bitter. Scientists are also debating whether to add 2 other taste “chemicals” to the list:

Umami (oo-MAH-mee): Identified by Dr. Kikunae Ikeda in 1908, umami is the savory, hard-to-define taste for amino acids. Umami adds a denser flavor to foods as diverse as tomatoes, cheese, mushrooms, fish, seafood, cured meat, miso, and chicken soup.

Fat: The November 2005 Journal for Clinical Investigation reported that a protein called CD36 or fatty acid transporter (FAT) can be detected in taste buds. A heightened receptor for fat may explain why some people have a preference for fatty foods.



Thousands of taste buds are located on and around the tiny bumps on your tongue and throughout your mouth. Taste buds trigger the release of saliva and several digestive juices that analyze and categorize the food chemicals. Taste buds also help you determine how good something tastes, how good it makes you feel, and how full you feel.

Sense of smell

Your amazing sense of smell can recognize as many as 10,000 different scents. Also, your sense of smell can influence your moods and hormones, emotions and memories, choice of mates, and immune system. For example, “the smell of fear” is no exaggeration!

The roof of each of your nostrils contains the olfactory receptors, tissues, and nerves that process the smells that you breathe into your nose. Nerve endings in the linings of your nose and mouth also transmit a warning message about hazardous tastes and smells (such as poison, smoke, gas, or ammonia).

Winning the Nobel Prize for Medicine in 2004, Professor Richard Axel of Columbia University and Professor Linda Buck of Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, together discovered the gene family that controls the receptors in the upper nose. These gene cells send highly specialized signals that form the patterns that you can recognize as a distinct scent or odor.

Potential problems

Your ability to taste and smell may change due to:

- Aging (approximately 50% of people who are 65 years or older experience decreasing abilities to smell)
- Allergies
- Environmental factors, such as chemicals and dust
- Illness, such as colds, flu, hypertension, or diabetes
- Medications, such as antibiotics or antidepressants
- Metal from braces and dentures, lip and tongue piercings
- Periodontal disease or oral lesions
- Polyps in the nose or sinuses
- Smoking

Recommendations

To help restore your sense of taste and smell, we may recommend:

- Using a tongue brush or scraper
- Drinking plenty of liquids to keep your body hydrated and your mouth rinsed
- Opening up your sinuses with a saline solution or hot shower
- Experimenting with herbs and spices instead of adding salt to foods
- Combining different textures (smooth yogurt, crunchy nuts), temperatures (chilled salads, grilled fish), and spices (hot and sour soup) as part of the entire meal
- Slowing down when you eat or drink to savor all of the senses involved with each food’s taste, texture, color, and smell
- Exercising as you are able (working up a sweat may help open up your sinuses)
- Not smoking or piercing your lip or tongue
- For serious complications of the mouth or nose, we may also recommend that you consult your physician.

For more information

If you have questions or concerns about changes in your sense of taste or smell, please call Dr. Nguyen’s dental office at 281-807-6111 or email to drnguyen@softdental.com. Also, you might find the following websites useful:

American Rhinologic Society at <http://www.american-rhinologic.org/patientinfo.loss.phtml>

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders at <http://www.nidcd.nih.gov/health/statistics/taste.asp>

“Taste: A Brief Tutorial” at <http://www.cf.ac.uk/biosi/staff/jacob/teaching/sensory/taste.html#Index> and “Olfaction: A Tutorial on Smell” at <http://www.cf.ac.uk/biosi/staff/jacob/teaching/sensory/olfact1.html>

Umami Information Center at <http://www.umamiinfo.com/>

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3-4, 10-12, 17-18—CONROE: Mr. Roberts To relieve boredom during a mission, the crew of a World War II cargo ship constructs endless antics to provoke the captain. Shows are 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Crighton Theatre, 235 N. Main. www.crightonplayers.org 936/441-7469 **Piney Woods**

3-Apr. 23—HOUSTON: Eva Hesse Drawing The exhibition features about 100 of the artist's finished drawings, as well as examples of her early drawings, major examples of Hesse's "reliefs" of 1965 and a group of sculptural works, and several "test pieces." The Menil Collection. www.menil.org 713/525-9400 **Gulf Coast**

5, 8, 11—HOUSTON: Puccini's Manon Lescaut Houston Grand Opera performs. Wortham Theater Center. 713/228-6737 or 800/626-7372 **Gulf Coast**

8-26—HOUSTON: Searching for Eden: The Diaries of Adam & Eve The world's first lovers meet in paradise at the dawn of time and embark on an epic, exuberant battle of the sexes. One fall from grace and several thousand years later, the middle-aged couple returns to present-day Eden attempting to recapture their primal passion. www.stage theatre.com 713/527-0123 **Gulf Coast**

9—ABILENE: Artwalk Hours are 5 to 8:30 p.m. Historic Downtown. 325/677-8389 **Panhandle Plains**

9—COLLEGE STATION: OPAS — Christopher Parkening & Jubilant Sykes Rudder Theater, Texas A&M University Campus. opas.tamu.edu (no www) 979/845-1234 or 888/890-5667

9-11—SWEETWATER: National Hampshire Hog Conference Nolan County Coliseum. 325/235-3484 **Panhandle Plains**

10—CONROE: A Symphony Evening of Romance Features flutist Laura Rakel, winner of the Audience Choice Award and first place in the Instrument Division of the 2005 Entergy Young Texas Artists Music Competition. Another highlight of the evening will be the popular Celebrity Guest Conductor contest. Begins at 8 p.m. Lone Star Convention Center. 936/760-2144 or 888/823-6610 **Piney Woods**

10-11, 17-19, 24-25—BAYTOWN: The Importance of Being Earnest Baytown Little Theater. E-mail: ellenbradj@aol.com 281/424-7617 **Gulf Coast**

11—LA GRANGE: Polk of a Fest Texas Polka Music Museum fundraiser includes two bands, dancing and fun. Texas Czech Heritage & Cultural Center Fair Pavilion. E-mail: czech@cvtv.net 979/968-9399 **Prairies and Lakes**

11—SEALY: Peter's Hall Community Chili Cook-Off Includes a dominoes tournament, dancing and lots of great chili. Peter's Hall, 144 Trenkmann Road. 979/627-0411 **Prairies and Lakes**

11—VICTORIA: Black History Parade & Festival Parade begins at 10 a.m. at Patti Welder School on North Street then proceeds to the Victoria Community Center. The festival follows. 361/576-5650

11—VICTORIA: Lippazaner Stallions Victoria Community Center Arena. 407/366-0366 **Gulf Coast**

11-12—KATY: Katy Antique & Collectible Show Katy ISD Merrell Center. E-mail: info@cwgs.com • www.cwgs.com 877/840-3829

13-14—HOUSTON: Valentine's Day Lectures Explore the wild world of animal mating and dating and learn about the zoo's renowned breeding programs to save endangered species. Houston Zoo. www.houstonzoo.org 713/533-6500 **Gulf Coast**

16-18, 23-26—ABILENE: The Glass Menagerie Hardin-Simmons University. 325/670-1405 **Panhandle Plains**

16-18, 24-25—ABILENE: Jane Eyre Dinner Theatre Abilene Christian University Fulks Theatre. 325/674-2787 **Panhandle Plains**

17—VICTORIA: Country Opry Hours are 7:30 to 10 p.m. Victoria Community Center Annex. 361/552-9347 **Gulf Coast**

17-19—HOUSTON: Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater Begins at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Jones Hall. www.spahouston.org 713/227-4SPA **Gulf Coast**

17-19—LIVINGSTON: Trade Days Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Pedigo Park, 925 U.S. 59 Bypass North. www.cityoflivingston-tx.com/tradedays 936/327-3656 **Piney Woods**

17-19—TYLER: Tyler Market Center/Trade Days Shop five pavilions with 200 vendors plus 500 open air spaces. Find arts & crafts, jewelry, clothing, antiques and more. 10707 Hwy. 69N. www.tyler-market.com 903/595-2223 **Piney Woods**

17-28—GALVESTON: Mardi Gras! Galveston Strand Historic District. www.mardigrasgalveston.com 888/425-4753 **Gulf Coast**

18—ABILENE: Annual Fur Ball Enjoy dinner and dancing with your dog. Benefits Rescue the Animals. Abilene Civic Center. 325/695-7270 or 325/676-6211 **Panhandle Plains**

18—BELLVILLE: Austin County Go Texan Dance Proceeds benefit the Austin County Go Texas Scholarship Fund. Austin County Fairgrounds. www.austincountyfair.com 979/865-5995

18—COLLEGE STATION: Bourbon Street Bash Hilton College Station, 801 University Drive. www.pphouston.org 979/268-6717 **Prairies and Lakes**

18—LIVINGSTON: Fishing with a Ranger Bring rods and reels for some fishing fun. Learn about fishing regulations, ethics, basic tackle assembly and more. Hours are 7 to 10 a.m. Reservations required. Lake Livingston State Park. 956/365-2201 ext. 11 **Piney Woods**

18—VICTORIA: Livestock Show Parade 361/573-3707 **Gulf Coast**

18-May 7—CLEAR LAKE AREA: Robots & Us Meet the lifelike, intelligent machines known as robots — passionately created to maintain and extend human capabilities. Why do people embrace and fear them? The answer lies at the curious intersection where humans meet machines. Space Center Houston, 1601 NASA Road. www.spacecenter.org 281/244-2100 **Gulf Coast**

23, 25-26—HOUSTON: Swan Lake Houston Ballet Artistic Director Stanton Welch creates a spectacular new version of this ballet. Wortham Theater Center. www.houstonballet.org 713/227-2787

25—HOUSTON: Teddy Bear Repair Clinic Bring your child and teddy bear to the Memorial Hermann Children's Hospital Teddy Bear Repair Clinic. Houston Zoo. www.houstonzoo.org 713/533-6500

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Green Thumb Corner

February is prime time for getting the yard back into good shape and ready for a new growing season before the warm weather arrives and before the weeds start to take over, and there are plenty of weeds as a result of recent mild weather. At the time of writing we've seen a couple of light frosts that may have damaged a few patio plants but no sign of a hard freeze so far during this winter season. The relatively warm weather makes it difficult to take care of the pruning because early pruning encourages new growth in mild conditions and the tender new shoots can then be damaged by a possible freeze in the first part of this month. But we should be safe by mid-February, so now is the time to complete the winter pruning of trees, evergreens and summer-flowering shrubs. Don't prune the spring-flowering shrubs - you'll be cutting off potential blooms. Try to plant (or move) trees and shrubs before they start their springtime growth spurt. This is also a favorable month to set cuttings of hardwood shrubs and also to divide, separate and transplant perennials.

Don't forget that Valentine's day is the traditional deadline for rose pruning; cut back to about three or four good canes, knee-high (except climbing varieties). Climbing roses will bloom on last year's

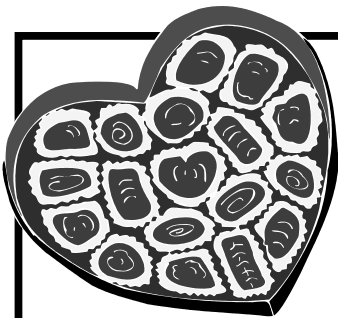
growth and you need to maintain lateral canes on a trellis, fence or wall to promote flowering. Select and plant new bare-root roses now (container-grown plants can go in later, if you wish), but don't feed newly planted bushes until after first bloom.

It's not too late to apply dormant oil spray on fruit trees, and it's a perfect time to clean up, cultivate and mulch all the beds. Do it now, while the weather is pleasantly cool and the task is manageable - leave it too late and you'll find yourself struggling to take care of overgrown weeds in the summer.

Feed trees by using a stake or a length of pipe to drive a series of holes a foot deep and a foot or so apart around the drip line, and apply a small handful of general-purpose fertilizer (such as 12-24-12) in each hole. A good rule of thumb is to apply a total of about one and a half pounds for each inch of trunk diameter. If your pine trees have very pale green or yellowish needles, that's a sign that the soil is too alkaline, and the cure is to include a soil acidifier with the fertilizer (an iron supplement such as "Ironite" serves the purpose very well). Magnolias also need acid soil conditions, so use special azalea/camellia fertilizer or add a soil acidifier.



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Directory Form

To get ready for the publication of the next telephone directory, we would like to ask **ALL** residents to complete a new form as some forms on record go back to 1989. With security issues these days, children will only be listed if so indicated by the parent, so our apologies to those that have submitted a new form recently, but we now want this permission on record. Thanks for your cooperation and understanding.

The following addresses have a recent form on file and DO NOT have to submit a new one (as of Jan.13):

Bent Spur Ct – 10603, 10607 - **Bent Spur Ln** – 9315 - **Copperdale** – 10207 - **Crazy Horse** – 8919 - **Cutting Horse** – 10206, 10215, 10303, 10327, 10506, 10514 – **Dude** – 10310, 10414 – **Gold Pt** – 10403
Great Plains – 10410, 10515, 10610 - **Hondo Hill** – 10318, 10411 - **Hoot Owl** – 10506 - **Minturn** – 10527- **Pearl** – 10311 - **Tepee** - 9118 - **Wagon Trail** – 10406

Please fill out a new directory form to the right and return it to Sherry Wright @ 10303 Cutting Horse or e-mail information to heggs23@sbcglobal.net)

Winchester Trails Information & Telephone Directory Form

[Complete information you want included in Telephone Directory]

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Home Phone # _____

Work Phone #('s) _____

E-Mail Address _____

[This information for use only in Milestones column in TrailWriter newsletter]

Wedding Anniversary _____ (MM/DD/YY)

[This information for use only in Milestones column of TrailWriter newsletter. Please initial here ⇨(if it is alright to list in Directory also)]

Children [under age 21] Name	Birthday (MM/DD/YY)
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

[This information published in TrailWriter newsletter]

Teen Services	Name	Birthday	Phone #
Babysitting	_____	_____	_____
Lawn Care	_____	_____	_____
Pet Sitting	_____	_____	_____
House Sitting	_____	_____	_____
Odd Jobs	_____	_____	_____

I understand that the information on this form is to be restricted to the private use of the residents of Winchester Trails.

 Signature of Resident Date

[] Yes, I wish to be in the next WT Directory

[] No, I do not wish to be included

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Green Thumb - (Continued from page 9)

Hold off feeding the grass until it starts to green-up, and don't feed azaleas until after they bloom, but do go ahead and fertilize evergreen shrubs. In general, wait until March to feed the ornamental shrubs - feeding too early will encourage tender new growth that may be nipped if we are unlucky enough to get a very late frost. Pansies have a hearty appetite and need a balanced fertilizer (13-13-13) every few weeks; remove faded blossoms to encourage new blooms. The pansies should have another couple of months of useful life but the recent mild winter season has really been too warm for a good display.

Before we get into the heavy grass-cutting season, it's a good idea to sharpen the mower blade and take care of other maintenance activities on the machine. And it's not too late to fill in those low spots in the lawn where someone drove over the grass; use a good weed-free topsoil or sand and don't bury the grass too deep at each application - leave the leaf tips sticking out to encourage it to grow through.

In the vegetable garden, set out plants of the cool-weather varieties (broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower) and plant seeds for beets, rutabaga, carrots and potatoes. If you are also thinking of raising a second potato crop in the fall, plan ahead by getting extra seed potatoes now and storing them in the refrigerator. It's usually impossible to buy them in late summer, and regular potatoes from the grocery store may not sprout because they are usually treated with a growth inhibitor.

THIS MONTH'S TIP:

While you're busy pruning those trees and shrubs, remember the rule-of-thumb about not cutting off more than one third of the foliage at any one time (except for crape myrtles, which can tolerate being cut back to almost nothing).

Phil Richards
(281) 890-4531

Attention Teen Job Seekers!

To be added or deleted from these service lists, please call **Sherry Wright** at **281-955-9737**. At age 19 you will automatically be dropped.

Teen Job Seekers not available on-line

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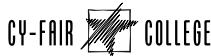
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