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Worthingham Information Sign Guidelines

In order for the two information signs to be most useful to Worthingham Villages residents as a whole, personal messages will no longer be posted; however a new column will debut in the newsletter this purpose. Requests for the information sign postings should be emailed to either Fred Trascher at FATRASCHERJR@aol.com or Phyllis Giblin at Phyllis.Giblin@cfisd.net. Questions or concerns regarding the information signs or the announcement corner can be directed to any board member.

2006 Houston Marathon and Half Marathon

Worthingham was well represented in the 2006 Houston Marathon and Half Marathon on January 15. The weather was perfect for those of us who ran the half, a little on the warm side for those who went the distance. No matter the mileage, we all agree that Houston hosts the most generous post race celebration of all the ones we've participated in. After months of training, we got a chance to see what we could do. Some of our neighbors broke their personal records. They are the ones who provide the inspiration to those of us who did not. And we are exceedingly grateful to those who came out to support us. There are some of our Worthingham running neighbors who did not join us this year. We look forward to seeing you out there again soon. For those of you interested in running with a great group of people, we invite you to join us. There's always room for one more!



Celebrating after the 2006 Marathon at the home of John and Alma Carnicle are: John Carnicle, Amy Parker, Dana Cirelli, Brenda Hassebrock, Dale Kelley, Sonny and Mary Lee Mims, Alma Carnicle, C.J. Carnicle, Hetty Lima

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Splinters From the Board

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

Who would have thought that we would miss winter altogether? Does this mean we'll have a scorching summer... again?

The weather has been beautiful and we have a lot for which to be appreciative. A family member of mine recently relocated out of Houston to Boston and when she came back for a visit she was telling me how difficult her flight was because there was a winter storm...of course I told her to speak louder as I was in my pool with an umbrella drink.

The nice weather gives us an opportunity to walk around in the neighborhood and I can't help but think, of all things, our fences. I've quoted Robert Frost before 'good fences make good neighbors' and it is worth repeating. The problem with fences is neighbors and it is important that we be good neighbors as we rebuild our aging fences because we have to 'negotiate' with our neighbors to share the cost of our fences. I guess the hard part is to agree with your neighbor that the fence needs to be replaced or repaired and then you obtain material costs or decide if you want a contractor to replace for you and determine the cost and an equitable split. I have to mention this before I start getting e-mails asking for help. Just some food for thought for everyone contemplating a replacement fence and we have some beauties in Worthingham that I do admire.

We are going to attempt to assist you in this whole process. We are securing pricing from fence companies to give us a 'bulk' price for fence replacement. After we get this proposal, we will advertise you of the cost and conditions and you can then make a decision as to continue or ignore. By getting a 'bulk' price you obviously have the opportunity to save money as compared to each of us going out to do this on our own. Our pricing will have the best materials and comply with our deed restrictions. We hope this will be considered a valuable service and we will do more of these negotiations that we find useful to all of our residents. If you have any other ideas please let one of your board members know.

Along with the nice weather is home sales and the sales in our community has been brisk, even in this 'off-season'. The last home I heard about for sale took 31 days and got over \$71 per square foot. It is important that you interview a few good realtors and choose the one that you feel best understands your needs and will try to get you the most value for your home. This is of utmost importance for

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Free Diabetes Support Group meets the 1st Tuesday of each month from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm in the hospital cafeteria led by Sylvia Kircher, RN, CDE, CPT.

Free Diabetes Teaching Classes

These 3 classes will be given on the following Saturdays: Feb. 11, March 11, April 8, May 6, June 3, July 15, August 12, September 9

These classes will be repeated on a monthly basis, which allows you to take classes when it is convenient for you. All classes led by Sylvia Kircher, RN, CDE, CPT

8:30 am – 10:30 am Introduction to Insulin Pumps

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1:30 pm – 3:30 pm Getting the most out of your insulin pump

For more information or to RSVP please contact Tere Kelly @ 281-517-1008. Kindred Hospital Houston Northwest is located at 11297 Fallbrook Dr.

Name the Column Contest

So that the good news regarding birthdays, anniversaries, team successes, etc. can continue to be shared, a new “corner” will debut in the monthly newsletter. As there is yet no official name designated for this column, the Wortham Board Members and Wortham News is offering a column-naming contest to all residents. A \$25 gift certificate will be awarded to anyone who comes up with a catchy title. The contest will go on until April 12 and the section name will be announced in the May Newsletter.

Please send your recommendations for the announcement corner to: Vicky, @ worthamnews@houston.rr.com

Parent Meeting for Incoming 6th Graders

Will your child be attending 6th Grade at Arnold Middle School in the Fall 2006? If yes, then please plan to attend the informational meeting at Arnold, 11111 Telge Road, on Thursday, March 23, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm.

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Neighborhood Recreational Facilities Corner

By Rick Anderson

Hope everyone is off to a great start for the year, its hard to believe it is already two months into the New Year.

Continuing on from my February article here is an update of what is going on with the recreational facilities we have in Wortham Villages. These facilities include the pool, clubhouse, tennis courts and playground areas. Several things have been accomplished over the last few months for the facilities.

The repainting of the pool area fences, gates, lights pools and doors has been completed. We want to thank Five Star Painters for the great work that was done.

By the time this Newsletter reaches you, the clubhouse interior renovations should be complete. The clubhouse should now be available for normal use and rental. As in the past contact Tina Clinkenbeard regarding setting up times for use of the clubhouse. With the renovations complete we will also be looking to update the furniture as well and may have these items in place shortly. The renovations have really updated the look and the place looks great. We think you will all enjoy what has been done. We want to thank C/M Builders for completing these renovations on time and in budget and for doing a great job as well. We hope to be setting up an open house in the near future to let all of you stop by to take a look for yourself and meet some of your neighbors.

The tennis courts have received a facelift with a new court surface topping and painting of the light poles. As stated earlier we handed out new tennis court keys on Saturday January 7, 2006. If you did not get your key at that time, you must contact Crest Management to make arrangements to receive your new key. One key will be allowed per household. If you are turning have your old key to get a new key, there will be no additional deposit required. If you do not have an old key to turn in, a \$20 deposit will be required. Each household's key status will be documented and the fee (deposit) for a replacement key will be \$50. Also, it is a policy of the board that Wortham residents and their guests may use the tennis courts, but a Wortham resident (with a key) must be at the courts any time their guest is also using the courts. Additionally, it is a policy that no pets or animals are allowed on the tennis courts at any time, due to obvious damage concerns to the court surface.

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. I have been notified by two residents who are willing to help and am looking for more. We will try to set up an organizational meeting sometime in late March. If you are interested please contact Rick Anderson at 281-890-4878 or email to rick_anderson@efiglobal.com.

Clubhouse Open House

Come join the Wortham Board at an Open House for the newly renovated Clubhouse on **Wednesday, March 22, 7-9 PM**. Refreshments will be served.

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WOW, Where Is Everyone?

by Reschele Lawrence

February WOW was eventful. Angela McDaniel, Susan Dool and I sat around my kitchen table solving world problems. We discussed schools, children, and what is wrong with people anyway? Our conclusions should make a huge difference in the life of someone you love. Ask us about it at March WOW.

March WOW will be held at Donna Sommer's house. As no date is scheduled, you'll have to watch the signs and your email for further developments. A \$10 Spring Gift Exchange is planned. If you are not receiving emails, and would like to, send me a note at rlawrence@craftsmanfab.com. See you at Donna's house...

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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yourself and for all of us because our homes have been sold, in the past, for less than we should command. This brings the 'comps' down and is not good for any of us and you do want all the money that you should be getting for your home and that is why you have to find the right realtor. Think of all the things that we have going for us in Wortham:

Amenities:

- Clubhouse
- Pool
- Baby pool
- Tennis Courts
- Playground
- Hike/Bike trail

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 1st quarter of 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!

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The 3rd annual Loop the Lake 5k and Kid's 1k will be held this year on Saturday, May 6, 2006. This great family event is open to runners and walkers with all participants receiving a race t-shirt and post race refreshments. The net proceeds are donated to the Wortham Whitesharks swim team. Additional race information and a registration form can be found in this newsletter. You can also find more race and registration information online by going to www.worthamweb.org, then clicking on events and organizations. If you don't want to run or walk but would like to volunteer, please contact Susan Dool at 281-894-7559. If you have questions or comments about the race please call Blake Walker at 281-970-0564 or email loopthelake@houston.rr.com.

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- March 1 - Spring Portraits
- March 6-10 - Spring Break
- March 7 - Primary Election
- March 21 - 5th grade visits Arnold
- March 22 - Texas Roadhouse Superhero Night
- March 25 - SPICE Camp
- March 23-31 - Spring Book Fair
- March 28 - Kindergarten Field Trip: Oil Ranch
- March 23 - 2nd Grade - Science Resource Center
- March 28 - 1st Grade - Science Resource Center

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Wortham Whitesharks Are Kings of the World (But Not Without You)

It's that time of year again... Time for Swim Team! (Already? But it's still cold outside. - Yes, already!) The Wortham Whitesharks will be starting their 12th season this year (Has it been that long? My, how time flies when you're having fun.), and we want you to be part of it. The Whitesharks are one of the largest swim teams in the Houston area, which is a great testament to the fun and excitement we have every year. It is because of that fun and excitement that we officially became the best team in the NWAL as we won it all in the highest division in the league. This year we are ready to try for an historic ELEVENTH winning season in a row.

If you are not already a part of this great team, you have an opportunity to join something truly extraordinary - EVERYONE is encouraged to come enjoy the summer with us, swimmers and families alike. If you think you just can't commit this year, talk with Coach Jon - he can counter any excuse you can think of. Swim Team is one the largest community activities in the area, and we want you to experience it with us. We have swimmers between 3 and 18 years old start new every year - so what are you waiting for, come join the fun!

For those of you who have been on the team before, I hope you are getting excited. We want *everyone* to come back - ready to improve, swim fast and have a blast. And don't forget, bring your friends! If you are interested in getting a leg up on the competition, or just can't wait to get started, you may want to sign up for a head start program.

Once again we will take on all comers as we remind the world what the Whitesharks are all about. (Good times, of course!)

Registration for the Wortham Whitesharks Swim Team will be at the clubhouse March 26, 2-4 PM; practices will start in April. Or you can register online. Check out our website at www.worthamwhitesharks.com for more details. Volunteers looking for service opportunities are welcome as well. Hope to see you there!

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With a recent generous \$352,000 donation from Land Tejas Companies, developer of Canyon Gate Communities and Stone Gate, Cy-Fair College will be able to expand its Associate Degree Nursing Program to include additional nursing faculty and more than triple student admission. The donation distributions of \$176,000 in 2006 and \$176,000 in 2007 will be used to fund three additional nursing faculty members and will allow the ADN program to raise the number of students admitted from 30 to 100. For information on the Associate Degree Nursing Program, go to www.cy-faircollege.com.

Admissions and Financial Aid Sessions Set

Cy-Fair College will hold two high school student and parent information sessions in the College Center Conference Center rooms 152 and 153. This semester's last general admissions information session set at 7 p.m. and a general financial aid information session set at 8 p.m. will be presented in English April 12 and in Spanish April 13. Call 281-290-3200 for details.

Free Tax Preparation Assistance Available

Free tax assistance is available at the Cy-Fair College Branch Library, located at 9191 Barker Cypress Road, with AARP volunteers from noon to 4 p.m. every Wednesday and Thursday through April 13 in the library, room 131. Taxes will be filed electronically. For information on what documentation to bring, go to <http://cfclibrary.nhmccd.edu> and click on free tax assistance under news and activities.

Join the Great Decisions Series Discussions

Cy-Fair College's Foreign Policy Association and Windows on the World sponsor the Great Decisions panel discussion series this spring. The series continues Wednesday, March 8, at noon, with a discussion on energy supply and consumption as well as Wednesday, March 29, at 7 p.m. with a discussion on Turkey seeking membership in the European Union. This series is held in the Conference Center, room 152. For information, call Paul Cooke at 281-290-3246 or Buck Buchanan at 281-290-3919.

Check out the String Orchestra

The Cy-Fair College String Orchestra will perform "Music of the French Impressionists" at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 6 in the Main Stage Theatre at the Barker Cypress campus. Tickets are \$5 for general admission and \$3 for students and seniors. Call 281-290-5201 for information.

Fotofest in the Gallery

Check out Fotofest, an international photography and video exhibit titled Belägringen, featuring the work of Swedish artist Hans-Jörgen Johansen March 21 through April 6 in the Cy-Fair College's Center for the Arts Gallery. Hans-Jörgen beautifies the breakdown of organic material by emphasizing re-growth and a constantly changing environment. A reception will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 30. Gallery hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays through Thursdays. Call 281-290-5273 for information.

Spring into L.I.F.E. Programs

The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.)
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programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Cy-Fair College Branch Library (Room 131.) Spring program topics include baseball, drawing, songwriting and bats. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or check the library web page online at <http://cfclibrary.nhmccd.edu>.

Free Spring Film Series Open to Community

The Cy-Fair College Spring Film Series is part of Windows on the World. Each film is hosted by a professor or student organization at the college and followed by a discussion after the movie. The series is under way with March films including "Utsab", "Shwaas" (Indian food will be served) "Ratcatcher", "Wit", "42 Up", "Beautiful Thing" and "The Official Story." The Spring Film Series is presented at no charge to students or the community and is offered as a Continuing Education class called Film Appreciation. Registration is available at all the film events. For information, phone 281-290-3257, email robert.obrien@nhmccd.edu or visit http://faculty.nhmccd.edu/roboobrien/Film_Series.html.

C.A.L.L. Courses for Senior Adults Available

The Cy-Fair College Academy for Lifelong Learning provides opportunities for adults 50 and better to enjoy intellectual and social enrichment. Among the March programs are "Age-ing to Sage-ing: Spring Renewal" and consumer economics. Then in April, learn about computer blogging, buying and selling on eBay or "Music of the Romantic Era." A San Jacinto Reenactment day trip is also on the schedule. Call 281-290-5273 or e-mail Andriav@nhmccd.edu for course information or to sign up now.

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\$190,000-209,999	0	0	0	0	1	0
\$170,000-189,999	0	0	1	2	3	1
\$150,000-169,999	1	0	0	3	0	0
\$130,000-149,999	0	0	0	0	0	1
\$130,000 -	0	0	0	0	0	0
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