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Board Message

Winchester Trails Residents,

First, I would like to thank those who are attending the Board Meetings. The input we receive from the residents help us immensely in understanding differing viewpoints on the issues we encounter. We had very good input at the last meeting from residents that helped us to respond to their concerns. As a Board, we are taking positive action on items that were raised.

As we move ahead, we will be having meetings that will focus on topics that are of interest to all residents. For almost a year, one of the most discussed topics is the condition of the fence along West Road. In the coming weeks you will see more activity as we move ahead on presenting the issue to all residents of Winchester Trails. Since I have been on the Board since the November meeting, we have held open discussions on the fence issue and we have heard a variety of viewpoints. The Board will be presenting an amendment to the current Deed Restrictions that will formally allow the Maintenance Association to assume the preservation of the fence to level expected by the home owners.

We will also be holding a session in one on the upcoming regularly scheduled meeting to discuss security in the Trails. We will communicate the meeting date so all residents can plan to attend. I highly encourage your participation.

Finally, thanks to all who have contacted me with ideas and suggestions. Your contribution is welcome and vital to making us better informed.

Happy Easter, Walter

Upcoming Events

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April 2	Daylight Savings-'spring forward'
April 6	Maintenance Board Meeting 7pm
April 14	Good Friday – CFISD Holiday
April 16	Easter
April 21-22	WT Garage Sale 8am-4pm
April 28	CFISD Holiday
May 4	Maintenance Board Meeting 7pm
May 6 & 13	Pool Registration 10am-2pm

April 2006

Yards of the Month

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9119 Tepee Trail – Jeff and Margaret Ottmann



10214 Dude Road – Jose & Antonia Martinez

2006 POOL INFO INSIDE!

View the Winchester Trails Trailwriter each month on-line at www.PEELinc.com

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His email can be found on the Security page of the Trails website.

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Trails Subdivision, ca	11
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Social Committee Chairman Wanted

Since no one has volunteered to be social committee chair, there is not going to be a children's Easter Party this year. Sorry for the cancellation. If anyone is interested in filling the social committee chair for the remainder of the year, please contact the board liaison, Holly Calbat, 281-894-4535 or email her at hcalbat@houston.rr.com

Newsletter Deadline
The deadline for the May newsletter is April 12. All items should
be sent to heggs23@sbcglobal.net.



Garage Sale Early Reminder!

The next Trails Garage Sale will be coming the third weekend in April. Now is the time to start your preparations, as "one man's junk is another man's treasure".

Swin Team

The Winchester "Hurricanes" Summer Swim Team will have all their events held at the Winchester Country Clubhouse at 9607 Rio Grande Road

Any resident of Winchester Country, Winchester Trails or the immediate vicinity where another NWAL (Northwest Aquatic League) is not already in existence that is 18 years of age or younger as of May 31, 2006 and is a novice swimmer is eligible to join the swim team.

Please view our website at www.eteamz.com/wsthurricanes to view the season schedule, registration cost and current updates. Go Hurricanes !!!!!!

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

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Bravo Cook Boys Choir!

On February 17, 2006, the Cook Middle School Boys Choir made an outstanding performance at the 2006 Texas Music Educators Association Convention in San Antonio, under the direction of Merry Marcotte, Mica Kolb, and Rebecca Hunt. The boys worked countless hours preparing for this one day from the day school started last August. The event was well attended, even by our own school board superintendent, Mr. David Anthony. Sitting front row and center was another very proud Ranger, who so generously supported these boys, Dr. Borneman. The boys choir represented the finest in Cy-Fair's music department. They were not only the youngest to perform at this convention, but they were the only Boys Choir there. What a privilege it was to be a parent in the audience. Please be sure to congratulate them if you see any of them around the Trails and let them know how proud we are!

Lesa Smith



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It's a Baby Shower!

As part of our Bronze Award, Troop # 10554 (Winchester Country and Trails) is hosting a baby shower throughout the month of May. New Layettes will be assembles and distributed to Mother's facing crisis pregnancies. Please consider purchasing any of the items listed below. For pickup, please call Troop #10554 leaders Jennifer (281) 894-0293 (WC) or Sandy (281) 807-3903 (WT) to schedule a pick up. Thank you so much for your help and support of our project!

Some ideas of items we need for our baskets (new please):

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TO: Residents of Winchester Country Trails

FROM: Board of Directors

RE: 2006 Swim Season

Your community **pool opens Saturday, May 27, 2006**. Final swim day will be Sunday September 10th. The pool will only be open when there is a lifeguard on duty. The Registration Form is enclosed. Some Registration Forms will be available at the Club Facilities. **Please note and understand the importance of having an Emergency Telephone Number on the Registration Form.**

2006 POOL TAG REGISTRATION WILL BE THE SATURDAYS OF MAY 6th & 13th AT THE POOL 10:00am till 2:00pm.

TAGS WILL BE AVAILABLE *BY MAIL ONLY* AFTER TAG DAYS; 5 to 10 days delivery.

POOL HOURS OF OPERATION

May 27 through 31 st Tuesday	-	10:00 am to 9:00 pm CLOSED
June 1 st through August 15 th		
Monday	-	10:00 am to 9:00 pm
Tuesday	-	CLOSED
Wednesday through Sunday	-	10:00 am to 9:00 pm
THURSDAY – ADULT SWIM	-	9:00 pm to 10:00 pm
AUGUST 16 through SEPTEMBER 4		
Monday	-	4:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Tuesday	-	CLOSED
Wednesday & Thursday	-	4:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Thursday ADULT SWIM	-	9:00 pm To 10:00 pm
Friday	-	11:00 am to 9:00 pm
Saturday	-	10:00 am to 9:00 pm
Sunday	-	11:00 am to 9:00 pm
LABOR DAY - SEPT 4	-	11:00 am to 9:00 pm
Sept 9 & 10		
Saturday	-	10:00 am to 9:00 pm
Sunday	-	11:00 am to 9:00 pm

POOL CLOSES MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2006.

The following qualifications must be met in order to use the facilities:

- 1. Must wear swim tags at all times while at the pool.
- 2. Must be resident member and/or guest of a resident member.
- 3. Must be current on annual maintenance fees.
- 4. Must be in compliance with deed restrictions.

Pool tags will be available for residents whose maintenance fees are current, for the cost of \$1.00, per tag. Please note that <u>maintenance fees must be paid ten (10) days prior to registration day.</u> Official Pool Registration will be handled on site by the Winchester Country Trails Maintenance Association, by the Board of Directors. Tags will be issued based on the number of <u>full-time</u> household members listed. Guest tags will be available at the pool for other than full-time household members for \$1.00 per day. REPLACEMENT TAGS FOR LOST OR STOLEN TAGS WILL BE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE HOMEOWNER.

After May 13^{th} , you will need to contact PCMI at 281-870-0585 to make arrangements to obtain your tags *<u>BY</u><u>MAIL ONLY*</u>. There will also be an additional 1 time \$5.00 administration fee due per order, in addition to the cost of the tags. Expect 5 to 10 business days to receive.

After May 13, Mail form with \$1 per tag + \$5 <u>BY MAIL ONLY</u>:

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Tag Numbers Issued:

WINCHESTER COUNTRY TRAILS MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

2006 POOL REGISTRATION

8925 Rio Grande – Houston, Texas

DATE:

Please complete the appropriate information listed below and <u>bring with you</u> to Pool Registration on May 6th or 13th from 10am to 2pm. <u>Tags will only be available by MAIL thereafter & you</u> <u>should expect it to take 5 to 10 days to receive.</u>

Pool tags will be issued to all property owners who have returned this form and have:

"PAID ALL MAINTENANCE FEES AND ANY ACCRUED INTEREST IN FULL"

LIST FULL TIME RESIDENTS ONLY (Guest Tags Available at Pool)

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Green Thumb Corner

Spring is here again and we've already had a few warm spells to promote vigorous growth, so it's time to get busy in the yard and garden to keep pace with nature. There are lots of colorful bedding plants in all the nurseries and April is a good time for planting if you didn't take care of it last month. For best results, make sure the beds are raised and take the time to cultivate the soil and add lots of organic material. Keep the transplants well watered and give them a boost with a weak "starter solution" made by mixing a tablespoon of 12-24-12 in a gallon of water. Avoid heavy feeding until plants are well established.

Summer bulbs can be planted now - cannas, gladiolus, dahlia and caladium provide choices of color and height. Caladiums do well in shady areas, although the red varieties like some sunshine; for best results, wait until the soil temperature gets to 70 degrees. If you want instant color you can buy caladium plants rather than waiting a few weeks for the bulbs to produce results.

Regular readers probably get tired of the continual references to mulching, but it is important for all flowers, shrubs and trees. It helps retain moisture, stabilizes soil temperature, prevents caking or erosion of the soil, deters weeds and makes it easier to pull out those that do poke through, as well as enhancing appearance. Smells good, too! A 2" to 4" layer of coarse shredded pine bark mulch is ideal. Azaleas may be pruned, and the feeding period begins now that blooming is over. The recommended regimen is two or three light feedings every four to six weeks between now and the end of June, using one of the special high-acid formulas. Or you can use general purpose 12-24-12 and supplement with a soil acidifier such as copperas. The high-phosphorous 12-24-12 is also good for roses and hibiscus, both of which like a monthly feeding schedule. Other spring-flowering shrubs such as spirea (bridal wreath) may be pruned after blooming, and you can prune and repot the poinsettias.

Chrysanthemums tend to spread like crazy, and it's a good idea to divide and transplant at the end of this month or early May. The new shoots will produce more vigorous growth than the old central roots. Chrysanthemums are biologically programmed to bloom in October when we have equal hours of daylight and darkness, but in our southern climate we may also get a bonus flowering session in spring after a mild winter. Throughout the summer, keep pinching back the tips for bushier growth and more blooms.

As the temperature starts climbing back into the 80's the chinch bugs are likely to be feeding on our carefully-tended grass again, and there isn't really any alternative to chemical treatment. Apply Diazinon granules to the lawn and beds every six to eight weeks. This also controls fire ants and takes care of fleas and ticks, and a good (Continued on page 9)



Green Thumb Corner - (Continued from page 8)

application around the house foundation helps to keep cockroaches out.

An herb patch is an attractive and aromatic feature in the garden, as well as being very useful - it's great to be able to cook or garnish with freshly picked parsley, basil or cilantro. Plants are available at the nurseries, and basil and cilantro both grow very quickly from seed. Rosemary and oregano plants will survive for years in our climate, and mint is also perennial.

In the vegetable garden, beds prepared at least two weeks earlier are ready for planting seeds now that the soil is warming up. Beans, squash, cantaloupe, cucumber and corn are all rewarding crops which can provide a good harvest from a relatively small area. Okra and eggplant may be transplanted this month or next, and it's not too late for tomato and pepper plants.

THIS MONTH'S TIP: After completing the main weekend chores of mowing and edging, it's easy to overlook the final cleanup along the curb. A few minutes spent in sweeping up the clippings from the street will really enhance the appearance of your home and improve the quality of the neighborhood.

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