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Village Creek Easter Egg Hunt

By Amy Calder

On April 1, 2006, Village Creek residents young and old gathered to celebrate Easter. The festivities began in the morning with a parade featuring decorated bikes, wagons, scooters, and all sorts of vehicles. Proud children marched and rode alongside the Easter bunny from Sunset



Arbor to the Village Creek Pool area, where two thousand filled eggs awaited.

Mere minutes after the Easter Egg Hunt officially started, all two thousand eggs had been scooped up by the eager children. Some



were filled with candy, others with prizes. After discovering the hidden treasures in their eggs, some children chose to have their faces painted, others received tattoos,

jumped in the moonwalk, inspected the fire truck, or had their pictures taken with the Easter bunny. Parents talked with their neighbors, enjoyed the enchanted looks on their children's faces, and of course, made several stops at the community snack table.

A good time was had by all, and before cleanup from the morning hunt was complete,

the older children already had their eyes set on the community's newest addition – the NIGHT HUNT. As soon as darkness settled on the community, kids of all ages darted with flashlights in hand to find 1000 eggs strategically hidden near the pool area. Again, it was amazing to note the speed with which the eggs were picked up. Activities at the night hunt also included relay races, glow in the dark chalk, games, hot dogs, and lots of snacks for all to share.

From the list of volunteers below, you will see that this truly was a community effort. Thank you, VOLUNTEERS☺. You have once again reminded us that Village Creek is a wonderful place to live!!!!

Melissa Guion	Christi Elliot
Brenda & Aaron Spedden	Kellye Klinowski
Kristi & Luis Delgado	Leslie Burregi
Leigh Ann & John Wheat	Alison Romike
Sheryl & Rob Menzies	Robyn Connor
Coco & Bill Bland	Melissa Rogers
Amy & Hamilton Calder	Malima Colin
Suzanne & Dave Ellison	Robin Hodapp

*A special thanks to the
co-chairs of these special events:*

Night Hunt: Suzanne Ellison & Melissa Rogers
Day Hunt: Amy Calder & Coco Bland



News from the HOA Board

What we've been up to:

- Approved new management company, Chaparral Management
- Requesting reimbursement from Friendswood Development to pay for all costs relating to trees
- Working with Spencer Landscaping to rectify the drainage problem in common areas
- Working with Mud #5 to control water sprinkler usage and lower cost of water for common areas
- Approved maintenance of all playground equipment to include sanding, re-water seal and clean plastics on play units and replace various broken parts
- Discussed deed restriction violators
- Discussed delinquent assessments
- Working on Special Committees

New Evening HOA Meeting Schedule

Where: Fairwood HOA Administration Bldg
14701 Spring Cypress
(Across the street from Fleet Swim)

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Date: Third Monday of each month
May 15

June 19 Annual Meeting

July 17

August 21

If you have a topic for discussion, please e-mail a board member, so it may be placed on the agenda. This helps us in controlling the length of the meeting and researching an answer for your questions. Thank you.

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HOA MGMT

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Constable's Corner

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There have been some reports of car egging and graffiti to fences in Village Creek. Also a locked vehicle was broken into on Leaside Drive on the evening of April 3. A car stereo/speakers and soccer gear were stolen. The HOA is concerned when this happens to residents, but this is out of the boundaries of the HOA. **The Constables office wants to know of these incidences and would like to be a part of keeping our community safe. They are open 24 hours a day and would like you to call them, even if it's not a true emergency.** If you see someone or know who is at fault for destruction of property or any other incident, please contact the Constable's office at **281-376-3472**.

In the future if you would like to share any vandalism/crime that occurs in our neighborhood, please e-mail Diana.christopher@sbcglobal.net and she will be more than happy to place it in the newsletter.

Exiting Village Creek

Please be courteous to your neighbors when exiting Village Creek through the front entrance of our subdivision. There have been numerous complaints of impatient drivers passing cars waiting at the stop sign to turn out onto Spring Cypress. Cars have also been spotted passing others going the speed limit on Lake Vista Drive. This is very dangerous for all parties involved and for our children who are out at play.

We Need Your Help!


Wouldn't it be nice to have a traffic light at the front entrance of Village Creek Trail and Spring Cypress? Please help the HOA place this request. Please e-mail the county website at <http://www.cp4.hctx.net/cad/index.htm>. Once you get to the website, click "request form" on the left hand side of the page and fill out the form. Don't forget to select "traffic signal" when completing the form.

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Average List Price	\$239,967
High	\$329,833
Median	\$230,142
Low	\$152,500
# SOLD PROPERTIES	
# Closed Sales	7
Average Sales Price	\$199,499
High	\$257,000
Median	\$191,500
Low	\$170,000
Average Days On Market	60
Median Days On Market	43
Sales Price/List Price Ratio	95.1%

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May, 2006

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Deed Restrictions of the Month

E. Restrictions of Use:

17. *Lot Maintenance:* Article IX, Section 17

All lots shall be kept at all times in a sanitary, healthful and attractive condition, and the Owner or occupant of all lots shall keep all weeds and grass thereon cut and neatly maintained and shall in no event use any lot for storage of material and equipment except for normal residential purposes or incident to construction of improvements thereon as herein permitted, or permit the accumulation of garbage, trash or rubbish of any kind thereon, and shall not burn any garbage, trash or rubble.

Please remember to place your lawn clippings at the curb on the day of trash collection only.

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Please support the business that advertise in the Village Creek newsletter.. Their advertising dollars make it possible for all residents to receive a newsletter each month at no charge. No homeowners association funds are used to produce or mail the newsletters. If you would like to support the newsletter by advertising, please contact our sales representative, Kelly Peel @ 512-989-8905 or Kelly@PEELinc.com for ad information and pricing. The deadline for ads is the 10th of each month for the upcoming month's newsletter.

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Village Creek Strollers

Have a stroller? Like to walk? I am interested in forming an informal morning walking group for Village Creek moms. Moms can exercise and socialize while taking their babies/toddlers for a stroll. Please contact Sarah Hoffman at SarahHoffman@alumni.utexas.net if you are interested.

Website for Street Light Outages

When there is a street light that is out near your home, please report these to the website www.centerpointenergy.com/outage or 713-923-3213. You will need the home address near the street light that is in question and the number located on the pole. Help keep our neighborhood safe!

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April 6, 2006

Village Creek Board of Directors

Dear Directors:

Thank you so much for meeting with me last week to discuss water usage for irrigation of the common areas in Village Creek Subdivision. With the changes you are making I believe you will be able to reduce usage during the summer season which will significantly reduce your cost of water and take some stress off the system during times of peak usage.

As you know the MUD is engaged in several projects to upgrade our ability to provide drinking water. The following is a brief explanation of the projects currently underway and an estimate of their timing.

Water Well 2B – This is the additional of a new well, ground storage and pumping facilities currently under construction adjacent to Village Creek at a cost of \$1,898,975.00. The initial 36 hour test of the new well was completed last night and construction has started on the ground storage tank, electrical and ancillary pump facilities. We expect to complete this project in late May. Village Creek residents near this project have truly shown an awesome amount of patience and tolerance of the noise during the construction.

Water Well 1 – The rehabilitation of the original well in the District is nearing completion at a cost of approximately \$ 600,000. This well should be back on line near the end of next week.

Water Plant #3 – Design of this facility, planned on Telge Road, should be completed in May and plans will be submitted to the regulatory agencies for approvals. We expect construction to begin in the late summer with completion prior to next summer.

Water Plant #4 – A site on Shaw Road near Grant has been acquired. I am also attaching an article developed by the Texas Cooperative Extension

Service and Texas Water Development Board that discusses lawn watering. Since lawn watering accounts for about 60% of the residential water use in Texas this is the one area where a little effort will produce tremendous positive impact for Texas pocketbooks and the environment.

Jim Burke

General Manager

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Watering Your Texas Lawn...

How Do You Know How Much Is Enough?

The simple answer to how much is enough is that you should water when plants need water. Of course many variables can affect this. Different plants have different water needs. Soils have different water-holding capacities. Sprinkler systems differ. Some plants have a protective layer of mulch. As the temperature rises and the day lengthens, transpiration (water loss from the leaves) and evaporation from the soil increases. So June's lawn watering schedule will differ from the schedule used later in the summer.

Watering infrequently and deeply is the key to forcing grass and plants to grow deep roots so they can access water for a longer period of time and thrive through the long, hot summer. Water close to the surface evaporates long before the deeper moisture. Homeowners who water every other day are over watering. Air is forced out of soil that is continually saturated. Since roots need air, over watering tends to promote very shallow roots.

As a general rule, proper watering means applying 1 to 1 1/2 inches of water per week. How long you run your sprinkler system depends on how much water the system applies. To figure out how long to run your system or sprinkler, place a small empty 1 inch deep cat food or tuna cans (at least 3) over the area the sprinkler covers. Water the length of time you think is correct. Each can, should have the same amount of water, about 1 inch. If the cans contain less than 1 inch of water, you need to water longer. If the cans have an uneven amount of water, the distribution of water needs adjustment.

According to the Texas Water Development Board's Lawn Watering Guide, apply enough water to wet the soil to a depth of 4-6 inches. Use a soil probe (available at most garden centers) to help determine exactly how deep the water penetrates.

Use a sprinkler that emits large drops of water that remain close to the ground, not one that sprays a fine mist into the air. Water during the early morning or evening hours, since evaporation losses will be up to 60 percent higher during the day. Do not water on windy days, and set the sprinkler so that that lawn is watered, not sidewalks and driveways. Consider adding a rain sensor for your sprinkler system.

Remember not to cut the grass too short. Longer blades of grass will reduce evaporation and root stress since shaded soil will not dry out as quickly. Be sure to control any insects that attack your lawn quickly and completely.

A reasonable amount of fertilizing is necessary to develop the root system and to help keep the lawn healthy. Too much fertilizer, however, will lead to excessive growth, which will then require more watering. Many experts recommend leaving the grass clippings on the lawn, which will minimize the need for additional fertilizer.

Add a little color... Color looks great by the front door or in the back yard where you can see it from a window or the patio, and adding a small flowerbed or a container can make a great impression. Measure the area and figure out how many square feet it is to help you determine the number of plants and how much soil amendments and mulch to purchase. If a plant grows 2 feet wide, you need one plant every 2 feet. If the plant grows 6 inches wide, you need a plant every 6 inches. Once plants are in the ground, cover the soil with a good layer of mulch and water it gently. The water will settle the soil and mulch, water every day for about a week, if it does not rain.

Source: Texas Cooperative Extension Service and Texas Water Development Board.



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School News from Willow Creek Elementary

May 1-5 - Staff Appreciation Week
May 1 - PTO Meeting 6:30 PM
May 2 - Second Grade Field Trip
May 2 - Fourth Grade Texas Tea 1:30 PM
May 3 - Book Fair opens
May 3 - Developmental Class CBI Trip
May 4 - Papa John's Pizza Night for WCES
May 4 - Book Fair open 4:00-8:00 PM
May 5 - Newcomb Tournament Game 2:00 PM
May 8 - Fourth Grade visits NIS 9:30-10:30 AM
May 9 - Muffins for Mom 7:30-8:40 AM
May 9 - Book Fair ends
May 9 - TISD Board Meeting
May 9 - TISD A+ Banquet 7:00 PM
May 10 - Fourth Grade AR Field Trip
May 12 - All Library Books are due
May 12 - Fourth Grade Step-Up Celebration
May 12 - 2006-07 School Supply Sale ends
May 16 - TISD Honor Choir Performance at TIS 7:00 PM
May 19 - Third Grade Textbooks due
May 22 - Fourth Grade Textbooks due
May 23 - Fourth Nine Weeks Reward Celebration during Specials
May 23 - All Star Assemblies (4th Grade 8:45 and Third Grade 2:00)

May 24 - All Star Assembly (2nd Grade 9:00)
May 24 - End of Year Parties (2nd Grade 1:45-2:30 and All other grades 2:45-3:30)
May 25 - Last Day of School - Report Cards go home
July 28 - New Student Registration 9:00-3:00
July 31 - New Student Registration 1:00-7:00
August 14 - First Day of School

Last Day Of School May 25th Early Release!

Willowcreek Elementary	12:40 a.m.
Northpointe Intermediate	11:40 a.m.
Willow Wood Jr.	11:20 a.m.
Tomball High	11:25 a.m.

Lost and Found Pets

Have you found someone's pet? Have you lost your pet? If your answer is yes, we encourage all residents to please call **Harris County Animal Control** at **281-999-3191**. The HOA offers their sympathy when one has misplaced a cat or dog, but please do not report lost or found pets to HOA Board Members.

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