



# Winchester Country

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## JUNE

- 3 Swim Team Home Meet: Pool opens at 2:30 PM
- 18 Father's Day
- 19 Senior's Meeting @ Clubhouse 6:00 PM  
\*(Note different date)
- 27 Annual Homeowner's Meeting @ Clubhouse 7:00 PM

## JULY

- 4 Fourth of July Community Event
- 24 Senior's Meeting @ Clubhouse 6:00 PM

## AUGUST

- 16 CFISD 1<sup>st</sup> Day of School
- 28 Senior's Meeting @ Clubhouse 6:00 PM

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## HOMEOWNER'S MEETING

The annual homeowner's meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 27th. Board Elections will take place at that time and they will be talking about the budget and what will be happening in the future for Winchester Country. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

## Board Candidates Biographies

**Stephen Farlow-** I have lived in Winchester Country since August of 1982 at the same residence. I am also a past member of the WCMA Board of Directors and past president of said board. While on the board, I proposed and accomplished having the footbridge installed across the bayou at Horseshoe Bend to give kids and families a safer, quicker route to the swimming pool. I also opposed maintenance fee increases. I am for enforcing deed restrictions in a fair, equitable way and considering individual hardships as needed. I am a special education teacher at Aragon Middle School and am active in boy scouting. If elected, I will represent you fairly.

**Vicki Hamm-** I am running for a position on the board of Winchester Country. I have lived in Winchester Country going on 20 years. I have volunteered for numerous of the community events. I am a girl scout leader and volunteer at the school. My daughter and I spend a lot of time doing community events. My daughter was born and raised in this community. I have worked in the accounting field for 30 years and feel that my experience will help me in this position. My objective is to try and make this a great community in which to live and hopefully get more of the community involved with major decisions that effect us.

**Jeff Mueller-** I have been a homeowner and resident in Winchester Country since October of 1992 and have been active in the Community in various capacities for the past eight years. I have held a position on the Board for Winchester Country for the past three years and have served as a Youth Leader at Foundry United Methodist Church for eight years. Recently I was the Red Cross Disaster Center Co-Manager at Foundry UMC after hurricane Rita. I have lived in the general area since 1972 graduating from Cy-Fair High School and have received degrees from North Harris County College and Sam Houston State University. Additionally, I served in the U.S. Navy for 15 years. Prior to moving to Winchester Country, I served as a Board member for the community I lived in located in the 1960 area. I am employed in a management position at Hewlett-Packard and have been with the company for the past eleven years.

**Bob Olivares, Jr.-** My name is Manuel (Bob) Olivares, Jr. I have been married to my wife, Henrietta, for 38 years. I have a son and two daughters and two grandsons. I have been a resident of Winchester Country for three (3) years. My career was in the engineering business for 32 years and I am presently a security officer for the Cy-Fair Independent School District. I have served on a previous board for Westfield Homeowners in Katy.

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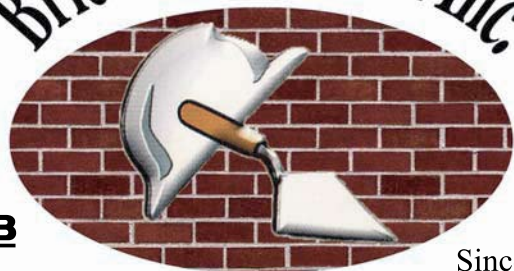
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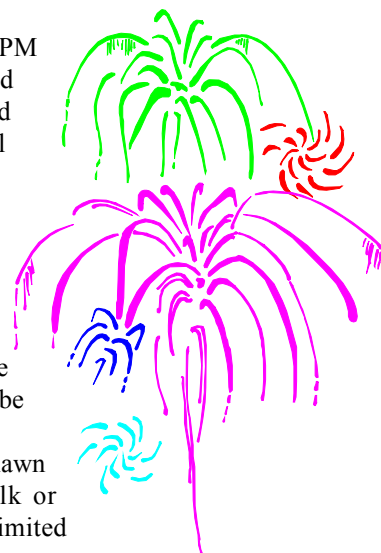
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Pool Games begin at 4PM for kids and parents and games will be cosponsored by Greater Houston Pool Management.

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### Check out the Art Gallery

This special summer Student Invitational Exhibition, set June 6 through July 20, features the work of Cy-Fair College's advanced credit and continuing education students. A reception is set for 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. June 8 in the Center for the Arts Gallery, located at 9191 Barker Cypress. Call 281-290-5273 for gallery hours and information.

### Free Summer Film Class begins June 7

The Cy-Fair College Summer Film Series is a continuing education course called Film Appreciation. The series is presented at no charge. A professor at the college hosts each film and an in-depth discussion after the movie. The Summer Series will start June 7 at 7 p.m. with "The Apartment," the first of four films from Hollywood director Billy Wilder. The rest of the series has great variety with a foreign musical, comedies and dramas from 1968-2001. Registration is available at all the film events. All films are shown at the Barker Cypress campus in ART 102. For information, call 281-290-3257, e-mail robert.obrien@

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Our next meeting dates will be as follows:

\*\*\*\*\* Monday, June 19, 2006 at 6:00 pm.

Monday, July 24, 2006 at 6:00 pm.

Monday, August 28, 2006 at 6:00 pm.

\*\*\*\*\* *The date for the June meeting has changed from the 4th Monday of the Month to the 3rd Monday of the Month.*

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.

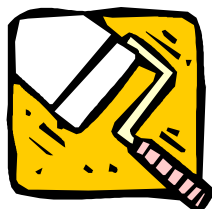
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### Meeting dates:

**June 20** luncheon prepared by Village on the Park.

**July 18** Metro will speak and take pictures to give out FREE Metro passes for those 70 years plus. You do not need to be a member of AARP to come and get a FREE pass for Metro if you are 70 plus. Those 60 plus may bet a discounted pass from Metro.

**August 15** Theresa Atkinson fro Innovation and Physical Therapy will speak to us about Back and Joint Pain and exercises that will help.

### Other Events

**June 10** we will go to Columbus to the Stafford Theater for dinner and a play

**July 25** trip not yet finalized, to be announced at a later time.

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## Rail could save commuters hundreds of dollars, advocate says

HOUSTON (April 28, 2006) – As gasoline prices escalate, so does the potential savings that a commuter rail system would provide those traveling to and from work, according to the chairman of a nonprofit group that is developing a commuter rail line that will run along the U.S. 90A corridor between the Texas Medical Center and Houston's southwest suburbs.

Dalton Smith, chairman of Southwest Commuter Rail Corp. of Texas, was the guest speaker at the April 27 meeting of the 290 Passenger Rail Coalition, an initiative launched by the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce to advocate rail service from College Station to Houston.

Although cost savings is only one of a long list of benefits of commuter rail systems, it may be near the top of almost every commuter's list as gas prices hover near or above the \$3-per-gallon mark. According to Smith, the average commuter rail rider saves \$400 to \$1,500 annually in transportation costs – and those numbers are probably low because they do not take into effect the recent spike in gasoline prices, he said.

In addition to saving consumers money, riding the rail saves them time. Texas drivers spend an average of 50 hours a year in traffic delays, and many employees must leave early to ensure they aren't late for work, Smith said. Commuter rail along the 90A corridor will give Texas Medical Center employees the certainty of knowing exactly how many minutes it will take to get to work, he said.

Other potential benefits of commuter rail include reduction in air pollution and the economic development that is often fueled by such rail lines, he said.

Commuter rail lines in both the U.S. 290 and 90A corridors are part of METRO'S Solutions plan, but the commuter rail service could be decades away without advocacy groups such as the 290 PRC to build a consensus and help move plans forward.

The 90A line was thought to be 20 years away from being built, but could now be operational within four years, Smith said.

"The most important thing you can be doing is the gathering of absolute support for the project," he said. "I think getting the resolutions in support of commuter rail in the 290 corridor is important."

The 290 PRC has taken a number of steps in building a consensus, Cy-Fair Houston Chamber President Darcy Mingoia noted. Thus far, the 290 PRC has signed resolutions from City of Jersey Village, City of Navasota, Commissioners Court of Waller County, Copperfield Community Association, Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition, Greater Houston Partnership, Waller Area Chamber of Commerce and Waller Economic Development Corporation.

Public-private partnerships are also vital, Smith said. 90A Commuter Rail Partners include Fluor Enterprises, Inc., which will provide Project Management and Construction Management services;

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Jared Lukert	June 9
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Nikki Dixon	June 13
Cheryl Burgess	June 20
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Julian MacDonald	June 23
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Nicholas Stellas	June 27

## Happy Anniversary!



### June Anniversaries

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### Rail could save hundreds-(Continued from Page 7)

Bombardier, which will provide passenger rail cars and be responsible for the control and signaling systems, and will support METRO in maintenance of this equipment; and Public Project Management LLC, which will provide financing expertise and project oversight.

METRO's light-rail system, as well as bus lines, provides important infrastructure to help make a commuter-rail system viable, Smith said. "To have a viable commuter rail project, you need to have a very detailed and connecting system in and around the city, you need to have a very detailed and connecting system in and around the city, so that those coming in on commuter rail can get around to other locations," he said.

As an example, Smith noted, one of the planned station stops on the 90A line is Westbury, where a new METRO signature bus line will take passengers to the Galleria area.

As helpful as commuter rail would be in saving commuters time and money and reducing pollution, Smith underscored that it is not a money-making venture. "The economics of building and operating a commuter rail system are well known: They do not make money," he said. Smith said he expects a shortfall of about \$10 million on the 90A line, some of which could be made up by METRO.

However, he added that it's possible that tax revenue generated by new development spurred by the rail line could offset all or part of the funding gap.

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# Winchester Country

## *Birthday - Anniversary - Youth Job Directory Update*

Winchester Country Residents please note that we will be updating the Birthdays, Anniversaries and Youth Job directory.

### **Birthdays**

(list each family member)

Name	Month/Date
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

### **Anniversaries**

(list celebrants)

Name	Month/Date
_____	_____

### **Youth Job Directory**

Name	Age	Job	Phone
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Examples:

- (B) Babysitting
- (Y) Yardwork
- (PS) Pet Sitting
- (C) Carwashing

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**Jason Wong - Houston, TX USA**

# Winchester Country

## POOL CARDS

Pool registration is well under way. Thank you to all the residents who have already turned in their pool registration forms. Once your pool cards have been activated you will receive an e-mail or a phone call letting you know your cards are activated. If you have turned in your form and you have NOT received a confirmation e-mail or call please contact me at 281-890-8856. Thanks and happy swimming. Holly Calbat, Winchester Country Coordinator

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## WINCHESTER COUNTRY MARKET REPORT

Courtesy of "SUPER DAVE"

This market information report is provided to keep you informed of resale market activity in your subdivision.

	Nov 05	Dec 05	Jan 06	Feb 06	Mar 06	Apr 06
\$130,000 +	0	3	2	1	1	6
\$120,000-129,999	1	3	1	1	2	1
\$110,000-119,999	1	0	1	1	0	2
\$100,000-109,999	2	3	0	2	2	3
\$90,000-99,000	0	0	1	0	0	0
\$90,000 -	1	0	0	0	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Highest \$/Sq Ft</b>	<b>79.13</b>	<b>79.26</b>	<b>73.58</b>	<b>84.92</b>	<b>77.86</b>	<b>79.51</b>

This chart represents the homes that have sold and closed in the past 6 months according to the Houston Multiple Listing Service.

### Recent Sales by "SUPER DAVE" in Winchester Country

- 10206 Tablerock
- 10110 Sand Pass
- 10014 Prospect Hill
- 10206 Saddlehorn Trl
- 10603 Prospect Hill
- 10026 Lazy Meadows
- 9514 Arrowgrass
- 10223 Horseshoe Bend
- 9915 Sand Pass
- 9915 Totem Trail
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