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Maintenance Assoc. Social Committee

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## Board Message

Greetings Winchester Trails Residents,

The Board meeting for July was well attended as we continued to discuss the issue regarding the fence along West Road. As in June, the meeting started an hour earlier to allow for the presentation of the Board's intention regarding the amendment to the Deed Restrictions. Many of the residents' questions were answered regarding the fence and the meeting was very positive in tone and demeanor. The amendment letters were mailed to all homeowners in May with many of these returned in support of its passage. The amendment was written such that the signed petition is required for its passage while "no action" would be considered a negative position. In May, the Board established a deadline of July 6 for the return of the petitions. Based on requests of the residents, the Board moved to extend the deadline until August 3, the next Board meeting.

PCMI had issued a bid package for the demolition and replacement of the fence and has received three bids. Initial analysis of the bids reveals the fence will cost much less than originally expected. Earlier it was anticipated that the fence would cost in excess of \$50,000, but the bids are on the order of less than \$35,000.

Board member Jim Malone made an excellent presentation regarding security in the Trails. He provided a history of our security programs as well as information on the current state of criminal activity in our neighborhood. While we have a safe place to live, enhancements to security are being considered and your opinion does matter. Please let us know your thoughts.

Our next meeting will be on August 3 and we will be holding it at PCMI's offices as we start the budget process for 2007. [Please note that this is a Board Budget Workshop and is only for Board Directors.] We all are very appreciative of the many calls of support for the current Board and how the matters are being presented and addressed. We look forward to working with you continue to make improvements. Please feel free to contact us.

Walter

## Yards of the Month



*10214 Great Plains Lane – Todd & Karen Russell*



*10610 Bent Spur Court – Lynn Lasiter*

## Upcoming Events

August 1	National Night Out
August 16	CFISD First Day of School
	Pool Hours Change – see inside
August 31	Bang Cub Scout Rally 7pm
September 4	Labor Day Holiday
September 7	Maintenance Board Meeting 7pm

# Winchester Trails

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Jim Malone is the security representative for WT.  
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## Pool Hours

Please note that Pool Hours will change as of August 16.  
Between August 16 and September 4, the hours will be as follows:

Monday	4pm-9pm
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	4pm-9pm
Thursday	4pm-9pm
Thursday	Adult Swim 9pm-10pm
Friday	11am-9pm
Saturday	10am-9pm
Sunday	11am-9pm
Labor Day (9/4)	11am-9pm

After Labor Day, the pool will be open the following weekend:

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Sunday the 10th 11am-9pm

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New Drivers – Happy 16th! 8/6 - Brittney Wolf 8/13 - Elizabeth Neucere 8/15 - Rachele Almonte	Happy 20th Anniversary! 8/10 - Robert & Joyce Howard 8/16 - Tony & Linda Van Zuilekom
New Voters – Happy 18th! 8/22 - Jennifer Jackson 8/29 - Allison Wardwell	Happy 25th Anniversary! 8/8 - Edgar & Lesa Smith 8/14 - Randy & Reba Williams
New Adults – Happy 21st! 8/18 - Leslie Stephens 8/26 - Michael Olson 8/29 - Jillian Bontke	Happy 30th Anniversary! 8/8 - Lee & Linda Loria 8/26 - Jerry & Sharon Creed
Happy 10th Anniversary! 8/31 - Kyle & Kelley Nesbitt	Happy 40th Anniversary!! 8/13 - Dallas & Kathy Dean

*Sherry Wright*  
281-955-9737

## Yard of the Month – CORRECTION

In the July issue the Yard of the Month selection at 10610 Wagon Trail Road was incorrectly identified as Paulette Williams. It should have read Paulette and Arthur Walker. Our sincerest apologies for this error, and we thank the Walkers for their patience and understanding.

## Deadline

The deadline for the September newsletter is August 10. All items should be sent to [heggs23@sbcglobal.net](mailto:heggs23@sbcglobal.net).

## Editor's Note

Editors' Note: I would like to personally thank Ron Matthews for jumping in at the last moment for the past 2 months to handle the Yard of the Month selections while our regular committee members have been busy with vacations and other commitments.

## Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Rally Night at Bang Elementary Cub Scout Pack #200, sponsored by the Bang Elementary PTO, is holding a Cub Scout Rally Night on Thursday, August 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the Bang Elementary cafeteria. All 1st - 4th grade boys and their parents are invited to attend this fun-filled event to learn more about cub scouting. A second Rally Night will be held on Thursday, September 21st. For more information, visit the Pack 200 website at <http://www.pack200.homestead.com/>.

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Thanks,  
Lesa Smith  
Clubhouse Representative

## Blood Drive Update

Thank you so much for supporting the blood drive last May. We set up again outside the clubhouse where we collected 10 units of blood from generous donors. That saved 30 lives! For a holiday weekend that's not too shabby.

If you would like to be notified by the Blood Center of upcoming drives, please send me your email and I can put it up on the Blood Center's website for notifications. The next Trails blood drive will be in December so keep an eye on our neighborhood website or just email me anytime for a list of drives.

We are at a critical level of need so remember if you did donate at our last drive, by the time you are reading this, you are eligible again. So go donate! If you are unable to donate, you can still help by volunteering. Let me know if that appeals to you and I will hook you up with the right folks at the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center.

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

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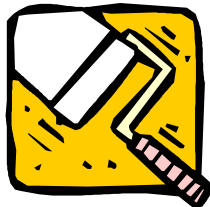
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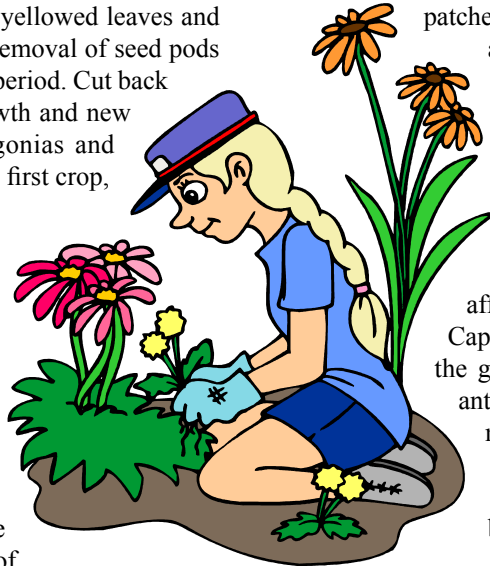
## Green Thumb Corner

It's discouraging to get back from an out-of-town vacation to find a heavy load of "catch-up" yard work awaiting your return, and the oppressive heat and humidity of August don't exactly encourage you to get back to work again. But sooner or later, it has to be done. As usual, try to work in the relative cool of the early morning or evening, and remember to cover up during the day to avoid sunburn.

Clean up the beds, removing fallen foliage, yellowed leaves and dead wood, and cut off any faded blossoms. Removal of seed pods from crape myrtles will prolong the flowering period. Cut back those "leggy" annuals to encourage fresh growth and new blooms; this works particularly well on begonias and impatiens. Dahlias should be cut back after the first crop, leaving about half the growth.

Thunderstorms in early July have taken us past the normal rainfall total for the time of year, so our lawns are recovering nicely from earlier dry spells, but be prepared to supply artificial watering to maintain healthy grass if we have a prolonged dry spell in the August heat. If you have any dead spots, or areas where Bermuda grass and opportunistic weeds have taken over from the St. Augustine, the best remedy is water and food. Healthy St. Augustine will choke out the weeds. Any stressed areas of

grass are also more susceptible to chinch bug damage, so keep up the six-weekly application of Diazinon granules. But make sure that you water it in well, and that's doubly important if you decide to apply a light feeding of 15-5-10; the grass can "burn" very easily in this heat. Make sure to give the lawn a good soaking every now and then; watch for the tell-tale signs of drought - often shown by patches of grass taking on a shiny, metallic, "brassy" appearance.



Fungal diseases can be a major problem in our hot and humid climate. For the last few years I've been fighting a losing battle against anthracnose blight and black spot on photinia shrubs. It shows up in the form of round or oval brown or black spots, often with definite margins. Remove and destroy affected leaves, and spray plants with Benomyl, Captan, Zineb or other copper-based fungicide; the general purpose Daconyl is also labeled for anthracnose. And watch out for white powdery mildew on crape myrtles and euonymus; control with Consan Triple-Action 20 (this is a good general-purpose fungicide/algaecide/bactericide and is also a great household helper

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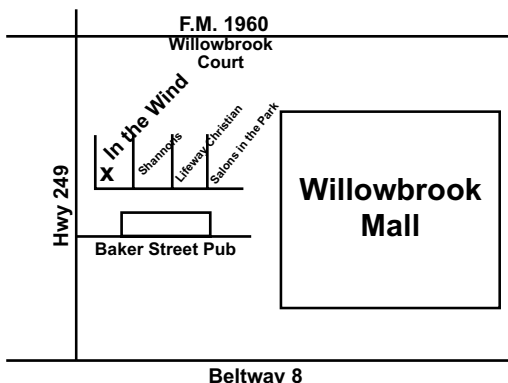
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With that in mind, we should be conscientious so as to not block our neighbor's mailbox with a vehicle. Consideration should also be given so that service companies, landscape crews, or others visiting our homes do not restrict access to a neighbor's mailbox. Let the Pony Express ride!!!

(This information was verified with the Willow Place Post Office that services Winchester Trails and supplied courtesy of Tara Vaughn. Any questions regarding service may be directed to 281-890-2392.)

### Green Thumb Corner - (Continued from pg. 5)

- use it to kill mildew on brick or siding, around the shower stall or window frames, or to eliminate the mildew odor from wet carpet).

Water azaleas regularly and well. They are setting buds now and if they have not bloomed well in the past, check overhead to see that they are receiving some sunlight during the months of July and August. Azaleas don't like too much direct sun, preferring it to be filtered through a high canopy of trees, but they need enough to promote bud formation. Don't be tempted to feed - May was the last month to fertilize azaleas. Light green leaves (particularly if the veins stand out) may signify chlorosis (lack of iron).

On the other hand, this month is the appropriate time for feeding chrysanthemums to promote fall blooms. Continue pinching back tip growth to encourage compact growth and more flower buds.

Summer rose care consists of pruning, light applications of a high-nitrogen fertilizer to encourage fall growth, a regular pest/fungus spray program every ten to fifteen days, plenty of water and a good layer of mulch.

If you like to grow your own bedding plants from seed, this is the traditional month to sow seeds in flats for fall and spring bloomers, and many perennials can be sown now for flowering next year. And don't forget that you can sow bluebonnet seeds directly on the ground anytime from July to the end of the year.

In the vegetable garden we've finished canning or freezing the last of the tomatoes and corn, and the cantaloupe is almost gone - only the peppers, okra and eggplant are still producing, so it's time to start over again for the fall garden. This is the month to think about transplanting broccoli, cauliflower, brussels sprouts and tomatoes; plant seeds for beans and squash (last chance for this year) and rutabaga. I've had reasonable success with potatoes planted this month or next (as long as the fall is not too wet) but it's usually impossible to find seed potatoes in the local nurseries at this time of year. You have to remember to save some from the spring season, because potatoes from the grocery store may not work if they have been treated with a growth inhibitor to prevent sprouting.

Prune blackberries after fruiting, cut out old canes and feed with a high-phosphate fertilizer. Deep-water fig trees, but do not fertilize.

**THIS MONTH'S TIP:** It's easy to forget to sweep up the grass clippings from the curbside after the mowing and edging is finished, but that last little clean-up task can make a big difference to the final appearance.

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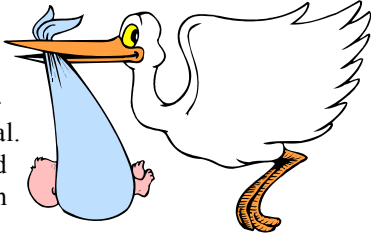
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there. Not sure how to get the Stork? It's there. Plus links for deed restrictions, a directory form, school info, updates on committees, and much, much more. Even back newsletters are available in case you misplaced yours. So please be sure to use this valuable resource soon and often. Comments and suggestions are always welcome.



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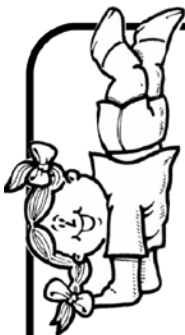
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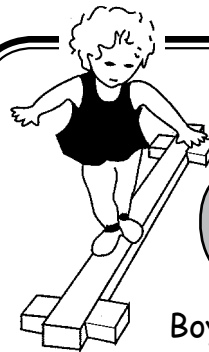
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12—LOS FRESNOS: Elvis Festival Little Graceland Museum. 956/233-5482

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12, 26—PASADENA: Guided Canoe Trips Meet at Bay Area Park for a morning of wildlife watching, wetland education, relaxation and fun. Travel is about 2-3 miles round trip. Reservations required. Armand Bayou Nature Center. [www.abnc.org](http://www.abnc.org) 281/474-2551

14—FULTON: Music at the Mansion Begins at 7 p.m. Fulton Mansion State Historic Site. 361/729-0386

17-19—PORT ARANSAS: Oh Boy! Oberto Redfish Cup Premier inshore fishing tournament is televised on ESPN2. Includes games, music demonstrations and more. Robert's Point Park. [www.redfishcup.com](http://www.redfishcup.com) 501/372-6544

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19—HARLINGEN: Blues on the Hill Features blues music with several bands participating. Lawn chairs and beach towels are welcome. Hours are 6 to 10 p.m. McKelvey Park, 1325 S. 77 Sunshine Strip. 956/216-5950

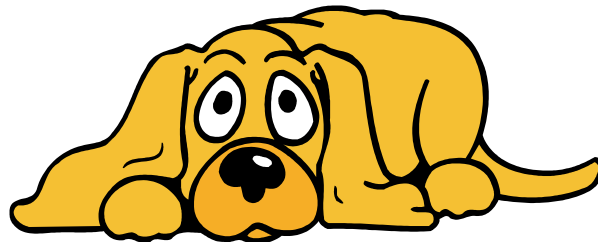
19-20—ROSENBERG: 32nd Annual Festival of Glass & Antique Show & Sale Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Fort Bend County Fairgrounds. [www.houstonglassclub.com](http://www.houstonglassclub.com)

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19-Sep. 24—GALVESTON: Al Souza — Addenda Features a survey exhibition of this Houston artist's work with puzzle parts and cut paper pieces. Galveston Arts Center. www.galvestonartscenter.org 409/763-2403

25-27—CLEAR LAKE AREA: Ballunar Liff Festival Involves a weekend of hot air ballooning, arts & crafts, live entertainment, sky-diving exhibitions and food. NASA/Johnson Space Center. www.ballunarfestival.com 281/488-7676

25-27—PORT ARANSAS: Texas Women Anglers Tournament Features a fishing tournament for women. Robert's Point Park. 361/882-6000

26—CLUTE: Brazosport Art League Gallery Opening: Open-Juried Show Center for the Arts & Sciences. 979/265-7971

26—TEXAS CITY: Shrimp Boil & Dance Enjoy a shrimp dinner and a dance with a live band. Nessler Park/Rotary Pavilion. E-mail: lorrie@texascitychamber.com • www.texascitychamber.com 409/935-1408

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