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# Splinters From the Board By Stan Schoen E-mail: <u>sschoen@worthamweb.org</u>

Of all the things we can do for our community the top 5 things might be:

- 1. Continuous monitoring and upgrading of facilities, to keep them fresh and minimize maintenance costs.
- 2. Monitoring for Deed Restrictions
- 3. Payment of dues
- 4. Neighborhood Watch Safety issues
- 5. Social issues to include committees and involvement by residents, children and adults.

I've consistently made claims in my newsletter articles that we are a family community and everything we do should always be with the family in mind, first and foremost. As a group we have always abided by this rule and will continue to do so.

The top 5 issues I chose all deal with 'Value' for the community because if we do all these things the value to all of us is positive. I would love to see us on our own trend line whereas our property values increase as a result of all we do regardless of what others have done. It seems we do follow the trend line of Houston in general and right now we are doing well.

The number one thing residents can do to help themselves/ourselves, is to maintain your property, abide by the covenant and restrictions that we all agree to when we purchased our homes and pay your dues. When you sell your home you should want to get the best possible price, there are as many circumstances as there are people that could change this, and the best way to do this is to 'interview' a real estate professional. Get 'comps' and all the marketing information that they have to offer so you can make a sound decision. So many times I hear that so and so 'gave away their home' and that brings the comps down. Again, I urge you to speak to a professional about this when you are looking to sell your home.

One of my top five points is Neighborhood Watch. There are many facets of this to include block captains as the mainstay of this program. The premise is that we all get to know one another and we are our brother's keeper and we watch out for each other and for our property.

Several months ago we searched for 'volunteers' to chair this committee and Marie Trascher put her hand up and asked to be considered. I actually interviewed several excellent candidates and chose Marie for many reasons and she turned out to be a great choice! Her trusty sidekick and husband, Fred is the man behind the scenes, a bonus and he is very involved as well except in this case, Marie is the boss! Marie has done an outstanding job and so has Fred supporting her efforts in so many ways. I have gotten to know these wonderful people and I find them to be sincere, dedicated, extraordinary people and very hands on.

We are fortunate and I've said this many times, because we have so many bright minds and people that want to help and give so much of themselves. I've had the pleasure of being around many residents and we are very lucky and frankly you can't buy the kind of talent and volunteers that we have. The problem is we need more help. Block captains are important! We need block captains to do a minimal amount of work and effort for a short period of time to gather some information for us and gives the block captains a chance to meet all their own neighbors. In the short run we are asking for them to go out, gather e-mail addresses and phone numbers so that we can communicate a possible catastrophic event or an event of concern to all. Once we have this information we need to keep it current and that is done as new people come into the neighborhood, as a greeting to welcome new folks and gather this same information. We also

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	Douglas, Linda & David	832-237-1333
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	Kably, Kimberly	281-970-0861
Elm Bridge Ct	Henkhaus, Kim	281-469-7105
Fern Vale	Lawrence, Reschele & Phillip	
Grove Hollow	Kruppa, Beth & Chris	281-477-7381
Harvest Dale	Welch, Terri	281-890-4061
Hickory Tree	Pickens, Cindy	281-894-0444
Hillside Glen	Livesay, Sonny & Nicole	281-807-7021
	Mayne, Martin & Tamara	281-955-2240
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	Lara, Peggy	281-970-4052
Magnolia Leaf	MacDonald, Lori	281-469-0874
	Vantiger Becky	281-890-7426
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	Kubinski, Terry	281-894-1331
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-	Crawford, Tracy	281-650-3266
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-	Jones, David & Jill	281-955-8972
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#### **Splinters from The Board**-(*Continued from Cover Page*)

have them now going out to put flyers on doors to announce The National Neighborhood Watch programs National Night Out. We didn't pick the date as this is a National event. We have some block captains that will not do this and we need folks who want to do this. Everyone benefits and we're not asking anyone to run or lift weights! We need to come to the table or risk burning people out who have to extend extra efforts to pick up the load for those who refuse or just won't do what we need done to keep our community involved and informed. This is a cry for help for block captains and Marie is doing a lot of work and the block captains she is working with and who attend an occasional meeting are doing their part as well. Won't you contact Marie and volunteer a couple hours per month? National Night Out will be history by the time you read this and a lot of work has been done to make this a tremendous success! Thank you to our friends at the M.U.D. once again and thank you all that have been an important part of this success for your dedication and hard work. Thank you to all of our residents for making this the wonderful community that it is, one in which to live and to raise our families.

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### **Neighborhood Watch News**

The Wortham Board and Deputies have decided that it is not safe to leave a Vacation Watch Form at the clubhouse. You may still use the form as a guide to report a vacation watch to the Harris County Sheriff's Office. Please

call 713-221-6000 and your information will be taken over the phone. It will then be dispatched to the Deputies on duty. Please check our September Newsletter to let you know of the many businesses that have participated in our National Night Out. They have helped to make this event a huge success and

we appreciate their donations.

I hope that all residents attended and had a wonderful time.

Marie Trascher, Neighborhood Watch Chair

### WOW - Back to School Again!

By Reschele Lawrence

WOW at Terry's house was as good as they get. We had great food, an excellent "sad" little Tres Leches cake, and the best girlfriends to share it all with. The evening was extra special as we got to say hello and catch up with ex-pres, Barb Ramage-Thornton, who was visiting us all the way from OHIO! Thank you, Terry, for sharing your home with us.

Lisa White (12719 Orchard Hollow Way) is scheduled to host August WOW. Stay tuned to your email and the signs for date and time! We will try to schedule a day that does not interfere with National Night Out (Aug. 1st ) or the start of school (Aug. 16th).

Stay cool, or sweat trying...

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# Wortham Villages

## **NEIGHBOR'S CORNER**

6th Grade Pool Party!!!

All Wortham Villages incoming 6th graders are invited to a **back to school pool party** on **Monday, August 14th from 6 to 9 PM.** Come enjoy an evening with food, music, games and friends. Call Rebecca McShane with questions - 281-890-7300.

### July 4th Celebration Photos









## Fit Facts

## **Beat the Heat Before It Beats You**

#### Keeping cool when the weather is hot

It's summertime and you head out for a run. Before you even finish the first mile, your body feels as though it might ignite from the heat. It's not your imagination. Fifteen minutes into your run and your body temperature could be as high as 5° F above normal. If you were to continue at this pace, fatigue and heat illness would no doubt take over. Strategies to protect yourself from heat illness The above scenario doesn't have to happen. Drinking enough fluid, whether it be water or a sports drink, is imperative for exercising in hot or humid weather. Maintenance of body fluids is essential to maintaining proper body temperature. Sweat dispels heat through your skin. If you let your body become dehydrated, you'll find it much more difficult to perform even the lightest of workouts. But don't wait until you're thirsty to start replenishing those fluids. Chances are, by the time you actually feel thirsty, your body is well on its way to becoming severely dehydrated.

The following strategies will help you protect yourself from the onset of heat illness:

1. Hydration- Fluid replenishment before, during and after exercise is essential to avoid progressive dehydration. Always consume more fluids than you think you need before and after exercise, and strive to drink six to eight ounces of fluid every 15 to 20 minutes during exercise.

2. Exercise Intensity- You should probably reduce the intensity of your workout, particularly the first few times you are exposed to higher temperatures.

3. Temperature- Use the heat stress index table to determine the risk of exercising at various combinations of temperature and humidity. While a 90° F outdoor temp is relatively safe at 10 percent humidity, the heat stress of 90° F at 50 percent humidity is the equivalent of 96° F. When the heat stress index rises above 90° F, you may want to consider postponing your exercise session until later in the day. Or, plan ahead, and beat the day's heat by working out early in the morning.

4. Fitness- Physical training and heat acclimation can increase your blood volume, helping to regulate body temperature more effectively.

Interestingly, the acclimatization process can be completed in 7 to 14 days of repeated heat exposure. However, you must always continue to drink fluids before, during and after exercise.

5. Clothing- Wear minimal clothing to provide greater skin surface area for heat dissipation. Your clothing should be lightweight, loose fitting, light colored to reflect the sun's rays, and of a material that absorbs water, such as cotton.

6. Rest- Know when to say 'no' to exercise. Using common sense is your best bet for preventing heat stress when Mother Nature turns up the heat.

#### Heat sensation risk of heat injury

• 90° - 105° Possibility of heat cramps





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• 130°+ Heat stroke a definite risk.



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### **Neighborhood Recreational Facilities Corner**

By Rick Anderson

"Continuing on from my July 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.

The swimming pool season is about a month away from being over for another year and we hope everyone has had a great summer so far. It's hard to believe it is already August.

As a reminder to everyone, as of July 1, 2006 we have a new Committee Chairperson handling the clubhouse duties (reservations, rentals, etc.). Her name is Linda Carter, her phone number is 281-894-5821 and her email is fourles@housron.rr.com. Linda is taking over for Tina Clinkenbeard, who has been responsible for this role for the last several years; has done a great job and served the community well.

The Board of Directors has also decided to implement a policy regarding cooking in park/parking lot areas outside the pool and tennis court areas. Due to safety reasons, cooking/grilling with charcoal, wood or propane is not allowed in these areas at any time. The only exception to this policy would be a neighborhood sponsored event approved by the Board. Cooking/grilling may be done at the designated locations at the retention pond park areas.

Again, we are still looking for new members of the Recreational Facilities Committee to help us as we continue to look at ways we can effectively maintain, utilize and upgrade our facilities. If you are interested please contact Rick Anderson at 281-890-4878 or email to rick\_anderson@efiglobal.com. We will have another meeting in the future after the pool season is over.

Have another great month at the pool."





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Call Vicky@ 281-955-7312 or Email to Worthamnews@ houston.rr.com any articles or information you would like to put in the newsletter. **NOTE: Articles must be submitted as Word documents and photos and graphics as separate files. Photos imported into a Word document or PDF files are not acceptable.** Please include your name and phone number, also. The deadline for submitting news is the 12<sup>th</sup> of each month for the following month's newsletter.





### WORTHAM VILLAGES 2006 Pool Schedule, Hours of Operation

August 9th through September 4th	
Mondays	4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Tuesdays	4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Wednesdays	4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Thursdays	4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Fridays	10:00 am to 8:00 pm
Saturdays	10:00 am to 8:00 pm
Sundays	12:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Exceptions:	
Monday, September 4th (Labor Day)	10:00 am to 8:00 pm
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Volunteers Needed

A heartfelt "thank you" to all the wonderful people who donated school supplies and volunteered time to make this year's school supplies drives one of the most successful ever. Volunteers and staff passed out school supplies to hundreds of children.

The services provided at Cypress Assistance Ministries, CAM, are made possible by many dedicated volunteers. If you enjoy working with the public, decorating or merchandising, then serving in our busy resale shop, Angels' Attic, is the place for you. Want to help fulfill a family's most basic needs? Come serve in the Food Pantry by restocking shelves, packing groceries, or picking up donations from local grocery stores or restaurants. Our busy community donation area, the Cellar, is looking for people willing to serve by processing donations and restocking Angels' Attic. Do your skills include math and teaching? Our Operation Jobs Program has a need for that certain person that would consider "one-on-one" math tutoring for GED students that are having difficulty.

Stop by and see the newly remodeled Angels' Attic Resale Shop. Angels' Attic is stocked with quality merchandise at resale prices. Our racks are full of children's back-to-school clothing and shoes in all sizes. New costume jewelry and sterling silver fill the jewelry cases for any special occasion. You will also find household items and furniture to redecorate your home for fall. Ask for a calendar of the upcoming sales next time you visit the store. Services at Cypress Assistance Ministries are funded from the proceeds of Angels' Attic along with contributions from local churches, businesses and individuals.

Cypress Assistance Ministries, located at 11202 Huffmeister, exists to provide a safe place for individuals or families to tell their story and be offered some measure of hope during difficult times. For a description of all our services as well as volunteer opportunities and Food Pantry requests please see our Web site, www.cypressassistanceministries.com

#### Donations can be made; Monday through Wednesday from 10AM – 6PM Thursday through Saturday from 10AM – 3PM.

If you need further information or would like to volunteer, please give us a call at 281-955-7684 and ask for Kelly or Lisa.

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School Starts - August 16



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The Cy-Fair College Branch Library has been selected to host the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston's latest traveling exhibition "Playful, Sleek, and Bold: Modern Designs for the Home" from Aug. 21 through Oct. 23. The exhibition features 20 decorative arts objects made by seven designers from the 1930s to 2001.

#### Free Summer Film Series Ends Aug. 16

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. August shows include "History of the World: Part 1" at 7 p.m. Aug. 3, "Step Into Liquid" at 1 p.m. Aug. 8, "Riding Giants" at 7 p.m. also Aug. 8 and "Crimes and Misdemeanors" at 7 p.m. Aug. 16. 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@nhmccd.edu or visit http://faculty.nhmccd.edu/robobrien/Film\_Series.html. **Enhance Your Summer With a Little L.I.F.E.** 

The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Cy-Fair College Branch Library (Room 131.) August programs include

"From Memory to Memoir" Aug. 2, "Weatherman Anthony Yanez is Back" Aug. 9, "Wetlands in Texas" Aug. 16, "Mosaics with Melissa" Aug. 23 and "Taxonomies of Knowledge form L'Encylopedie to Wikipedia" Aug. 30. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for monthly L.I.F.E. program information or check the library web page online at http://cfclibrary.nhmccd.edu.

#### Library Offers Free Computer Classes and Book Clubs

The Harris County Public Library Cy-Fair College Branch offers free computer workshops, including a family-friendly class. Topics range from basic computer functions to introductions to the Internet and various software programs. A variety of monthly book clubs are also available including, history, women of the world, democracy, and sports page. There are plenty of youth programs with activities and book clubs for teens and storytime for younger children. Go online to http://cfclibrary.nhmccd.edu for information.

#### **Check Out the Art Gallery**

Come see the work of Cy-Fair College art faculty Hazel Bartram-Birchenough, who is a 2006 Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award winner, on display Aug. 1 through Aug. 31. This solo show explores the beauty and infinite subtlety of the body and mind. A reception to meet the artist is set for 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Aug. 31 in the Center for the Arts Gallery, located at 9191 Barker Cypress. Call 832-482-1038 for gallery hours and info.



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## WORTHAM MARKET REPORT

Courtesy of Super Dave

This market information report is provided to keep you informed of resale market activity in your subdivision. Jan 06 Feb 06 Mar 06 Apr 06 May 06 Jun 06 0 0 0 2 0 \$210.000 + 1 0 0 0 \$190,000-209,999 0 1 3 2 1 0 0 1 1 \$170,000-189,999 \$150,000-169,999 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0 \$130,000-149,999 0 0 0 0 \$130.000 -0 0 0 0 0 0 1 TOTAL 3 1 4 1 4 Highest \$/Sq Ft 65.98 67.70 65.64 68.10 75.66 76.12 This chart represents the homes that have sold and closed in the past 6 months according to the Houston Multiple Listing Service. .#1 Selling Agent In Wortham!\* David "Super Dave" Flory • #3 Realtor in Houston (out of 17,000)!\*\* • Top 1% of Realtors in the U.S. • Over 600 Homes SOLD in 2005 • Over 96% of David's Listings Result in a Sale The HIGHEST PRICE PER SQ.FT. House Sold in Wortham: \$81.30 Direct line: 281-477-0345 Professional Group 832-478-1205 \* According to information taken from the HAR MLS Compute Deel, Inc.



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