# Trail Writer

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## *Greetings Winchester Trails Residents,*

Our Board meeting was held at the Clubhouse on September 7. While our August meeting was a closed session to work on the budget for 2007 and we completed that process, we did not address the budget in detail as that will be discussed during the Annual Meeting in October. There was a spirited debate concerning the fence amendment as viewpoints from both sides were expressed. Approximately 400 signed petitions in favor of the amendment have been presented to the board. This is about 10 short of that needed for passage. Since the volunteers have made considerable progress in obtaining the signatures and there are still quite a few homeowners that have not been personally contacted about the petition, the Board granted another extension of the deadline for the final count until the October Board Meeting. So if you have not expressed your opinion by signing or declining to sign the amendment, please do so. Once again, there have been several volunteers that have worked many long hours to visit will all homeowners to discuss the amendment. Regardless of your position on the matter, please take the time to thank these volunteers should you see them. This kind of effort is truly remarkable.

The Board meeting also addressed the need to seek volunteers for the Christmas luminaries. The season is rapidly approaching and it has been a long standing tradition in the Trails to have this event in December. So if you have time and would like to help, please contact a board member or check the website for upcoming notices.

As the summer has passed into fall, the days are getting shorter and our weather is arguably the best at this time of year, please be mindful of your neighbors and their children walking, bicycling or enjoying other outdoor activities. Please slow down as you drive through the neighborhood.

Finally, I would like to thank the lifeguards we had at the pool this past summer. This year, they were exemplary in their professionalism as well as how they enthusiastically approached their responsibilities. These lifeguards included Jeremy Johnson, Julia Stephens, Caryn Riugg, Sizi Waak, Matt Espinosa, Nick Prather, Christina Jones and Chase Filaroska. If you or anyone in your family knows them, please thank them for us.

Until next month…Walter

## Yards of the Month

*9311 Bent Spur Lane – Kevin & Lisa Ancell*

*10503 Copperdale Lane – Chris & Kristie Turner*

### Upcoming Events

| | |
|---|---|
| October 5 | Annual Meeting 7pm |
| October 6 | JV Homecoming Game |
| October 7 | St. Max Fall Festival |
| October 9 | Columbus Day – CFISD Holiday |
| October 21 | Foundry Craft Fair |
| October 29 | Daylight Savings 'Fall Back' 1 Hour |
| October 31 | Halloween |

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## Foundry Craft Show

A Shopper's Heaven on Earth! The Foundry United Methodist Church will host over 100 vendors at its annual Judy Dierker Craft Classic on Saturday, October 21, 2006, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. You'll find terrific values on a wide array of goods, including handcrafted items, fall & Christmas specialties, gourmet baked goods, children's toys, clothing, jewelry and more in a fun and friendly marketplace. You can also shop The Foundry General Store where every cent you spend benefits local and foreign missions. And, when you're hungry, be sure to stop by our Texas Tea Room, open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and enjoy salads, desserts, and coffees. Admission to the craft show is FREE; purchase tea room tickets at the show for $10 each (all proceeds benefiting missions). Come rain or shine! Foundry is located at 8350 Jones Road, 1-½ blocks north of Hwy 290. For more information, call 713-937-9388 or see www.foundryfamily.org.

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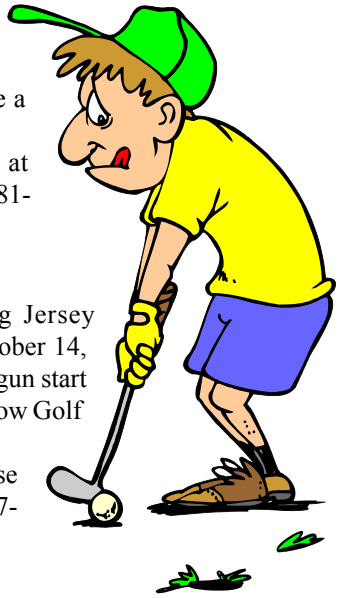
Time: 7:00 a.m. registration / 8:00 shotgun start

Place: Jersey Meadows Golf Course

Format: 4 person scramble

Entry Fee: $100/player which includes Green Fee, Cart, Range Balls and Lunch. Event will include a Silent Auction and Raffle Prizes

Please contact Russell Hamley at 713-466-4494 or David Cargill at 281-955-8999 to sign up.



## Gold Dusters

Golf Tournament - Supporting Jersey Village Gold Dusters Saturday, October 14, 2006 • 7am Registration • 9am Shotgun start Four person scramble • Jersey Meadow Golf Course, 8502 Rio Grande

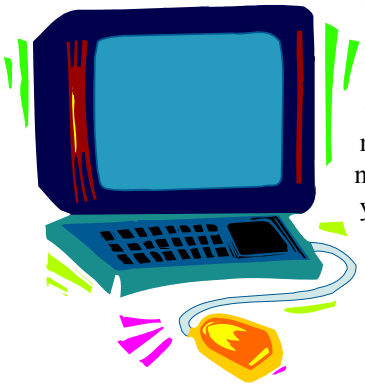
For registration or donations please contact, Shannon Flint @ 713-937-8713.

## Welcoming Committee

The Welcoming Committee is now ready to meet and greet all our new Trails residents. If you are new to the neighborhood and have not been welcomed, please call Carolyn Stone at 832-237-8178 or email her at cstone@swrg.com. We want to stop by and say hello, get some information to introduce your family to the neighbors through the Howdy Partner article, and give you a handy packet of information to help familiarize you with your new neighborhood. We also have Trails information available on our website at www.winchestertrails.com . Welcome to the Trails!

## Website

Our Trails website, www.winchestertrails.com , is packed with all kinds of useful information. 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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10/12 - Jeremy Steuart
10/14 - Everett Neucere, Caitlyn Cooney
10/30 - Weston Grove

New Drivers – Happy 16th!
10/22 - Ankit Rajgariah

New Voters – Happy 18th!
10/6 - Kyle Castillo
10/9 - Justin Tran
10/18 - Scott Grass

New Adults – Happy 21st!
10/5 - Sarah Yim
10/9 - Deseree Haude
10/14 - Adam Lee
10/18 - Catherine Loeffler, Christian Loeffler
10/21 – James Wilkes
10/24 - Justin Crosby

Happy 5th Anniversary!
10/20 - Chris & Angela Paschall

Happy 10th Anniversary!
10/24 - Todd & Zoe Stonebraker

*Sherry Wright*
*281-955-9737*

## A Favor to Ask

***It only takes a minute....***

Please tell ten friends to tell ten today! The Breast Cancer site is having trouble getting enough people to click on their site daily to meet their quota of donating at least one free mammogram a day to an underprivileged woman. It takes less than a minute to go to their site and click on "donating a mammogram" for free (pink window in the middle).

This doesn't cost you a thing. Their corporate sponsors/advertisers use the number of daily visits to donate mammogram in exchange for advertising.

Here's the web site! Pass it along to people you know.
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## Green Thumb Corner

The first cool spells are encouraging us to get out into the yard, and although we're nowhere near winter it's already time to be thinking about the spring bulbs. They've been in some stores for a while already, and newspaper articles and radio talk shows have been covering the annual topic. Even if you're not ready to plant yet, now is the time to buy while the selection is still good. Bulbs may be safely stored in the refrigerator, just like a regular vegetable, and can be planted this month or next (except for tulips), or you can even procrastinate until Christmas.

In addition to the usual daffodils and tulips, try Amaryllis, Anemone, Calla, Iris, Lilies, Narcissus, Oxalis and Ranunculus, and select a variety of early-, mid- and late-bloomers to stretch out the flowering period. Plant in rich, loamy soil with lots of humus, and it helps to add bone meal at the bottom of the hole; planting depth is usually indicated on the packet, but a good rule of thumb is to use a depth of two or three times the width of the bulb.

Tulips require special treatment - they need to be chilled (not frozen) for 45 to 60 days before planting, and the recommended planting time is between Christmas and New Year's Day.

The best display of bulbs is usually obtained by mass plantings rather than single rows or small groups, and trying to avoid too many different colors in the same area. Unfortunately, only the daffodils offer any hope of perennial performance in the Houston climate.

I haven't seen much evidence of Black Sooty Mold on the crape myrtles so far this year, but it's a very common problem. The culprits are aphids, whiteflies, or other insects that excrete a sweet sticky substance on the leaves; this forms a perfect growth medium for the mold. So although the visible symptom is a fungus, the cure is to spray with or Malathion or Diazinon to eliminate the real source of the problem. The mold will wash off, and in fact you may be able to use a forceful water spray to remove the insects without resorting to pesticides.

October is the recommended month for giving the lawn its final feeding of the year to promote root health through the winter, and it may also be needed to encourage some re-growth in areas damaged by dry periods earlier in the year. Use

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**Green Thumb** - *(Continued from page 7)*

15-5-10 or 16-8-8 or even a general-purpose 12-24-12. Watch out for Brown Patch - circular brown or yellow areas of grass; this is a fungus activated by cooler moist weather and is easily spread by people and pets walking across affected areas. Control with Terraclor granules.

Acid-loving azaleas like a pH of 5.0 or less, so check your soil and treat with powdered sulfur or copperas. Sprinkle around the base of the shrub without disturbing the roots, and water-in thoroughly. Groom as necessary and budding-out should occur where cut.

Dig up and store caladium bulbs this month or next - it's easier to locate them before the foliage dies back completely, and if left in the ground they may rot or freeze. Dry them in the shade, brush off any loose soil, dust with fungicide, and hang up in old pantyhose in the garage.

In the vegetable garden, plant strawberries between mid-October and mid-November in raised beds with good drainage, using slightly-acid and rich, loose soil with lots of humus (bark mulch is good). Cabbage and collard plants can go in, and you can sow seeds for beets, turnips, carrots, lettuce, spinach, radishes and onions. Also try planting English garden peas this month or next for an early spring crop, but you may have to nurse them through any freezing spells.

Phil Richards
281-890-4531

## Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

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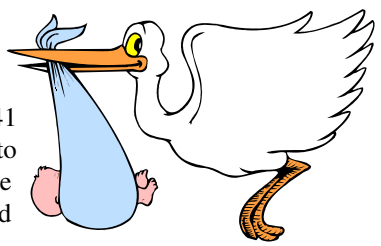
## Stork Report

If you have a new little one due, please contact Jeff and Julie Kelly at 281-970-5441 or jw.kelly@sbcglobal.net to share your news and have the WT Stork appear in your yard if desired.



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