

# Trail Writer

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Winchester Trails  
Maintenance Assoc. Social Committee*

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## *Greetings Winchester Trails Residents,*

The annual meeting was held on October 5 at the Clubhouse. This meeting focused on the presentation of the 2007 budget, annual maintenance fee and the election of new Board members. The turnout at the meeting was high as much interest has been generated in the neighborhood and of course, the Board welcomes all that attended.

If you have not heard already, we have three new Board members based on the outcome of the recent election. The new members are Paulette Walker, Ian McCrory and Greg Johnson. Paulette and Ian will serve a three year term, while Greg will serve the one year balance of a vacated position. As you see these new Board members, please congratulate them as they are about to serve you. I would like to thank all who ran in the recent election. I also extend my personal thanks to Holly Calbat and David Othold as I had the privilege of serving with them over the past year. Both Holly and David served us for six years.

Now on to the budget. As discussed in the August edition of the TrailWriter, major items in the budget are costs associated with the street lights, pool, landscaping, and maintenance of common areas. We also have budgeted for social activities and other items. The cost of energy is still a major consideration, although the price of natural gas and other fuels has subsided somewhat in September and October. We will also be enhancing our security to a level that has been requested by many residents. With all those issues, the new assessment will be \$425 for 2007. While the Board understands that this is an increase from the 2006 rate of \$375, it is still one of the lowest of neighborhoods in northwest Harris County. The Board is working with PCMI to keep the annual assessment to its lowest possible.

With respect to the fence amendment, more signatures than is required for passage have been presented to the Board. After the verification process was completed, it was noted that some of the signatures could not be confirmed as the names do not match those on our records. We understand that this is primarily due to new homeowners whose titles are in the transfer process. PCMI has requested records from title companies to allow us to complete the process.

Finally, if possible, please refrain from parking in the street in front or near your home. There are a few areas that have so many cars parked in the street that emergency vehicles could not get through should there be a need for a response.

Thanks and Happy Thanksgiving,  
Walter

## Yards of the Month



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*10410 Great Plains*

## Upcoming Events

November 2	Maintenance Board Meeting 7pm
November 7	Election Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 20-24	CFISD Holidays
November 23	Thanksgiving

# Winchester Trails

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## MILESTONES

New Teenagers – Happy 13th!

11/11 – Kelsey Halverson

11/12 - Blake Spence

11/29 - Cameron Korenek

New Adults – Happy 21st!

11/20 - Shayla Badeaux

11/25 - Caleb Larry

Happy 5th Anniversary!

11/10 - Matt & Janet Eckert

Happy 25th Anniversary!

11/7 - Pacho & Pam Guevara

New Drivers – Happy 16th!

11/2 - Meredith Van Hooser

11/5 - Tyler Bench

11/29 - Jessica Gambhir

New Voters – Happy 18th!

11/9 - Lacey Stolte

11/17 - Leigh Wilcox

11/26 - Lindsey May

*Sherry Wright*

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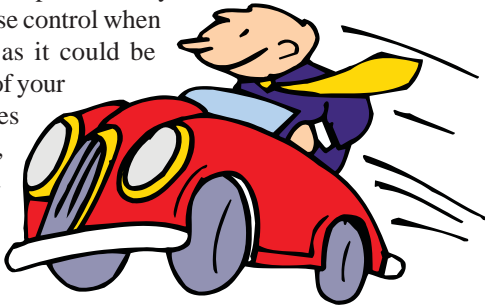
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## Safety Tip: Cruise Control and Wet Roads

Please be aware that experts state you should not use your cruise control when the road is wet or icy as it could be harder to regain control of your vehicle if it hydroplanes (skids) on the surface, therefore putting you at risk for an accident. This is a good reminder for all of us with our wet weather, and an especially good thing for younger, less experienced drivers to be made aware of.



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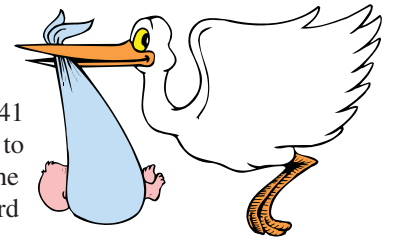
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# Winchester Trails

## Green Thumb Corner

Last month we discussed spring bulbs in some detail, so here's just a brief reminder that the planting "window" continues through November and December. Remember that tulips should not be planted before late December, but get them in the refrigerator as soon as possible for at least three weeks of chilling.

November is the usual time for setting out pansy plants in beds or containers after the weather has cooled, and they really can't be beaten for providing a show of color through the winter months. They will benefit from a little blood meal under each plant, but otherwise pansies require very little care and attention.

This is a good month for general yard maintenance, now that we don't have to spend all our time mowing and edging. Clean up the beds and remove dead foliage to help eliminate insects and disease organisms that can over-winter in the debris. Start to build up a good thick layer of top mulch in preparation for winter, to protect from freezing and winter drying (the cool winter winds can dry out the ground almost as quickly as the summer heat). It's also a good time of year to modify your landscaping - take a good look around and plan any changes that you want to make. Correct any drainage

problems, raising beds if necessary.

If not done yet, give the lawn its final feed of the year with a light application of general-purpose fertilizer (12-24-12 or 13-13-13) to keep the roots nourished through the winter. This is particularly important to help our grass recover from the severe beating it received during this year's lengthy dry spells.

As chrysanthemums and other perennials finish blooming, cut flowering stems close to the ground to allow all the energy to be used for root growth. They can be divided and transplanted any time from now until March, but the sooner the early-blooming varieties are moved, the earlier and better will be their blooms.

Roses should be kept well watered and may be fed lightly; groom out any dead wood, but do not prune heavily until January or February. Azaleas and camellias may be moved; mulch well and keep moist.

Fruit trees may be planted now, although the most popular time is in January and that's when they are more readily available at the

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nurseries. An advantage of planting trees now is that the still-warm soil allows some root growth to be established before going into dormancy. Flowering shrubs, both deciduous and evergreen, may also be planted.

In the vegetable garden, we still have a week or two for setting out strawberry plants, and seeds may be sown for beets, spinach, English garden peas, asparagus, chives, parsley, radishes and cress. Onion sets may be planted, also cabbage plants. Any unused beds should be turned over, spread with manure or compost, and allowed to weather for a while.

Phil Richards  
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## Welcome

Welcome New Trails Residents! We want to stop by and say hello, give you a handy packet of information to help familiarize you with your new neighborhood, and hopefully get some information to introduce your family to the neighbors through the Howdy Partner article in this newsletter. If you are new to the Trails and have not been welcomed, please call Ron Matthews (our temporary chairperson) at 281-955-1005. We also have Trails information available on our website at [www.winchestertrails.com](http://www.winchestertrails.com).

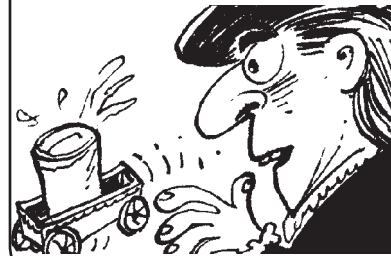
## Website

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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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10-11—PEARLAND: First United Methodist Pearland Gift Alley Includes high-end arts & crafts, silent auction, music and a children's activity area. First United Methodist Church. [www.fumcpearland.org](http://www.fumcpearland.org) 281/485-1466

11—GALVESTON: Eighth Annual Texas Aviation Hall of Fame Induction Gala Black-tie optional event celebrates aviation pioneers and heroes of Texas. Begins at 6 p.m. Lone Star Flight Museum. [www.lonestarflight.org](http://www.lonestarflight.org) 888/354-4488

11-12—HOUSTON: 17th Annual Texas Championship Powwow Includes colorful tribal dance contests, an Indian artist and traders arts & crafts tent, honoring ceremonies, singing, dancing and more. Traders Village. [www.tradersvillage.com](http://www.tradersvillage.com) 281/890-5500

11-12—PASADENA: 25th Annual Martyn Farm Fall Festival Includes demonstrations, farm animals, antique machines, crafts, music, storytellers, rides and more. Armand Bayou Nature Center. [www.abnc.org](http://www.abnc.org) 281/474-2551

12—GALVESTON: 16th Annual Lone Star Flight Museum Fly Day Feel the excitement as WWII bombers and fighters take to the skies. Lone Star Flight Museum. [www.lonestarflight.org](http://www.lonestarflight.org) 888/354-4488

12—GALVESTON: The Levee Singers — A Trip Down Memory

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18—BAY CITY: Market Day [www.visitbaycity.org](http://www.visitbaycity.org) 800/806-8333

18—GALVESTON: Jesus Christ, Superstar The Grand 1894 Opera House. [www.thegrand.com](http://www.thegrand.com) 800/821-1894

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18—TOMBALL: Holiday Parade Features more than 175 entries. FM 2920/Main Street. Miss Tomball Pageant is held at the Tomball Intermediate School. [www.tomballchamber.org](http://www.tomballchamber.org) 281/351-7222

18-Jan. 7—GALVESTON: Moody Gardens Festival of Lights Moody Gardens. 800/582-4673

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24—GALVESTON: Harbor Parade of Lights & Boat Festival View the decorated boats. Pier 21. 409/763-7080

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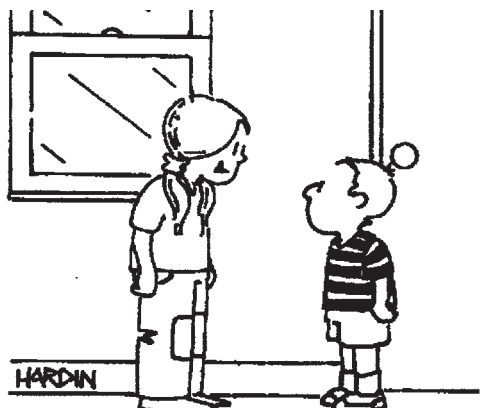
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