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A Letter from the President

by Scott Porto

Well here we are, 2006 almost gone! This was a very challenging, yet exciting year for Village Creek Residents and the HOA. The HOA finally received majority control over the board from Friendswood Developing Company. That in itself was a huge step in the right direction. With control, the board was able to start making some long over due decisions for our community.

One of the first changes made this year was the changing of management companies from AMI to Chaparral Management. There were a few bumps in the road but the board felt that it was a decision that needed to be done in order to give the community an opportunity for a start fresh. With this change came apprehension, but Chaparral has stepped up and assisted the board with numerous decisions that helped get the community back on track.

The biggest challenge has been the landscaping through out the community. The board voted to change landscaping companies and have now signed a new contract with Summit Landscaping Services. Summit will handle all of the routine landscaping. We also hired Tom's Tree Service to clean up areas that were over-grown with underbrush, and to remove some of the dead trees around the community. This is an on-going project. With the assistance of Chaparral we have been able to bill a majority of that work back to Friendswood Developing.

With majority control over the board; the HOA has been able to accomplish several other projects within the community. As I am sure most residence have noticed, we have got a new fountain installed in the lake. Not only were we able to get a new fountain installed, we were able to add lighting to the fountain which made it more of a

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Social Committee News

Village Creek residents gathered for a wonderful time at the Fall Festival. Residents had fun enjoying fun, food and games.

Children participated in a costume contest, enjoyed watching the "Wow-Them-To-The-Tips-Of-Their-Toes show presented by Mad Science, played games, got their face painted and had a great time bouncing in the bounce house and on the slide.

Adults and children also entered their creatively carved pumpkins into our pumpkin carving contest and three lucky residents went home with prizes donated by: Macaroni Grill, Chick Fil A and Galaxy Bounce.

Thank you to the social committee members that gave many hours to making this a success: Carmen Gonzales, LeAnn Karsten, Leigh Ann Wheat, Leslie Burregi, MaryBeth Eckel, Michelle Jimenez, Rhonda Duerer, Suzanne Ellison, Wendy Dear, and Celeste Lubenow. A BIG THANK YOU TO all our wonderful residents that volunteered their time. We could not have done it without you.

Cookies with Santa

Join us on Saturday, December 2nd from 10:00 – 12:00 at the pool area for Cookies with Santa. Bring your camera along for a photo opportunity with Santa Claus. Children will decorate cookies and visit with Santa Clause.



Game Night

If you are interested in joining a game night group contact Rhonda at rduerer@teacher.esc4.com Each month we will change the game. Our first night and game will depend on how much interest there is in the group.

Social Idea of the month...

Host a Christmas open house with your surrounding neighbors. Have one neighbor organize the houses that want to participate. Each neighbor opening their house for a tour can offer small appetizer or dessert. Meet at a specified time and go and see how your neighbors have decorated their homes for the holidays.

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focal point of our subdivision at night. This was something that the board also went back to Friendswood Developing for to help recover some the cost, which we were successful in doing. All of the wooden fencing in the community was replaced with vinyl fencing. The board determined that it was more cost effective in the long run to replace the wooden fencing with vinyl when the cost of up-keep was figured in. All the playground equipment has been resealed, any repairs that need to be made were completed, and kiddy mulch was added to help keep the little ones safe.

These are just a few of the changes that the board was able to accomplish since taking over majority control of the HOA. Not only have we made great strides to improving the overall appearance of the community, we are very excited about the upcoming 2007 year; and we are proud to announce that the 2007 community dues will not go up, they will remain at \$545.00. The main objective of your resident controlled HOA is to make sure Village Creek moves in the right direction and stays on track with the type of community we all had envisioned when we moved into this community.



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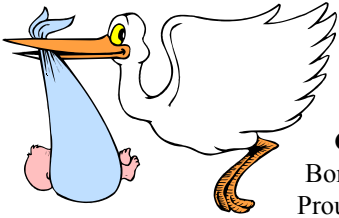
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Stork Report



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Teenage Job Seekers

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TISD Winter Holiday Break

Dec. 15th Early Release
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Neighborhood Watch



The Social Committee will begin decorating our neighborhood on Dec. 2nd at 8:45 a.m. for the holidays. Please be on the look out for those with nothing better to do, than destroy others property. Last year vandals damaged some of Village Creek's holiday decorations. If you see or hear of anything, please contact the Constable's office at [281-376-3472](tel:281-376-3472) (24 hrs).

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Wondering where to take the family picture for your Christmas cards this year? We may have the answer... On Saturday, December 2nd, starting at 9:00 a.m. we will take your picture, with your camera, and will personalize it with your family's name on the Village Creek Sign (at the pool). The cost is a new unwrapped gift/toy (\$5 and up) to donate to Toys for Tots.

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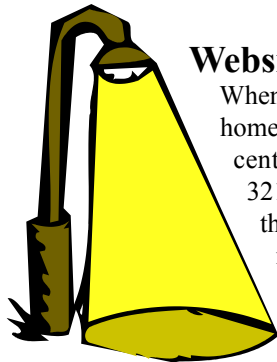
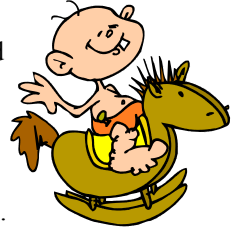
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The Scoop

When one is strolling along the paths throughout the neighborhood it is not a pleasant sight to stumble upon Fido's business right in the middle of the sidewalk or street. Pet owners, please be courteous to others and ensure that your pet does his business in the grass, not on the sidewalk, and if at all possible, please clean up after your pet. Let's keep neighborhood clean.

Village Creek Strollers

Have a stroller? Like to walk? I am interested in forming an informal morning walking group for Village Creek moms. Moms can exercise and socialize while taking their babies/toddlers for a stroll. Please contact Sarah Hoffman at SarahHoffman@alumni.utexas.net if you are interested.

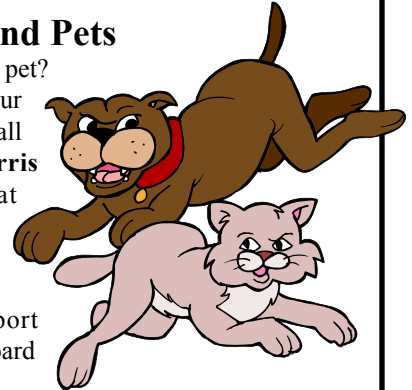


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10—LAKE JACKSON: Holiday Tour of Homes 979/265-2505
10—LOS INDIOS: Celebration for Our Lady of Guadalupe Includes 3 p.m. procession with floats relating to Feast of Our Lady, 5 p.m. Mass, and 6 p.m. festival with Mariachi Imperial and Santa Maria Folkloric Dance Group. Enjoy music, games, horse rides and more. Saint Ignatius of Loyola Grounds, 24380 W. U.S. 281. 956/399-4516 or 956/357-2946
10—PORT ISABEL: Antique & Flea Market Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Port Isabel Community Center and Beulah Lee Park. www.portisabel-texas.com/pi_fleamkt 956/943-1006 or 956/943-2262
10—ROCKPORT: Holiday Symphony by the Sea Martha Luigi Auditorium. 361/729-6445
10—TEXAS CITY: Christmas at the Davison Home Take a step back in time to celebrate Christmas the old-fashioned way. Hours are 4 to 7 p.m. 1st Street and 3rd Avenue. www.texas-city-tx.org 409/643-5799
12—BROWNSVILLE: Victorian Holiday Traditions Brownsville Heritage Complex/Stillman House. www.brownsvillehistory.org 956/541-5560
12-17—GALVESTON: A Tuna Christmas Comedy stars Joe Sears and Jaston Williams. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894
13—SAN BENITO: El Second Weensdee Christmas Party The Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center presents an oral history series on conjunto music. Begins at 7 p.m. 225 E. Stenger St. 956/361-0110
13—SAN BENITO: Guadalupe Art Exhibit This is an art exhibit and Christmas celebration. Narciso Martinez Cultural Arts Center, 225 Stenger St. 956/361-0110
14-Jan. 11—NASSAU BAY: Winter '06 Open Juried Exhibition Features works in all media and subject matter by area artists. The Arts Alliance Center at Clear Lake. www.taaccl.org 281/335-7777
15—VICTORIA: Country Opry Hours are 7:30 to 10 p.m. Victoria Community Center Annex. 361/552-9347
15-17—HARLINGEN: Disney's Aladdin, Jr. All of the favorite characters, including Aladdin, Jasmine and Genie, appear on stage in this adaptation of the Disney hit. Harlingen Performing Arts Theatre. 956/412-7529
16—EDNA: Christmas Crafts Bring the kids and prepare for the holidays by making Christmas crafts to decorate your home. Begins

at 2 p.m. Lake Texana State Park. 361/782-5718
16—HOUSTON: Houston Children's Chorus 18th Annual Christmas Concert Stude Concert Hall, Rice University. www.houstonchildren.org 713/650-3800
16—SAN BENITO: Arts & Crafts and Pancake Breakfast Begins at 8 a.m. Fun 'N Sun RV Resort. 956/399-5800
16—VICTORIA: Market Days Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. DeLeon Plaza in Downtown Victoria. www.victoriatx.org 361/485-3200
16-17—PORT NECHES: Trade Days on the Avenue 409/722-4023
16, 23—HARLINGEN: Northland Country Band Hours are 7 to 10 p.m. Tropic Winds RV Resort. 956/423-4020
17—BEAUMONT: Have Yourself a Rockin' Little Christmas Symphony of Southeast Texas presents Holiday Pops at 2 p.m. Jefferson Theatre. www.sost.org 409/892-2257
17-18—HARLINGEN: A Christmas Musical First Baptist Church, 501 E. Van Buren. 956/423-0470
20—SAN BENITO: Dance with the Crusers Begins at 7:30 p.m. Fun 'N Sun RV Resort. 956/399-5800
21—HARLINGEN: The Texas Piano Man Show Hours are 7 to 10 p.m. Tropic Winds RV Resort. 956/423-4020
23—EDNA: Campfire Carols Hours are 6 to 8 p.m. Lake Texana State Park. 361/782-5718
24—HARLINGEN: Folkways Oral history program is from 1 to 4 p.m. Harlingen Arts & Heritage Museum. 956/216-4901
27—SAN BENITO: Iowa Country Opory Begins at 7 p.m. Fun 'N Sun RV Resort. 956/399-5800
30—HARLINGEN: Ronnie Furr Band Tropic Winds RV Resort. 956/423-4020
31—BAYTOWN: Murder Me Always Baytown Little Theater. 281/424-7617
31—SAN BENITO: New Year's Dance with Texas Country Band Fun 'N Sun RV Resort, 1400 Zillock Road. 956/399-5800
31—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: New Year's Eve Fireworks Bayside between Marlin and Red Snapper streets. www.sopadre.com 800/767-2373

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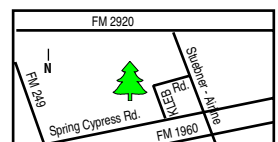


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