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Happy New Year Winchester Trails!

I hope you had a safe and wonderful holiday season. As we enter the New Year, the Board will be working for you on several initiatives that we started last year. Of course, that includes the fence and our security enhancements.

We held our monthly meeting on December 7. We discussed the filing of the fence amendment with Harris County which formally transfers responsibility of the fence that borders West Road to the Homeowners Association. We have received bids on the fence and will look to hiring a contractor in the first Quarter of 2007. With Jim Malone's leadership, we are also looking at changes to our current security situation that will lead to improvements in several areas. We also authorized the trimming of trees and overall maintenance of landscaped common areas at the end of five cul-de-sacs in the Trails. These areas have not been addressed in several years and the trees have grown long.

Our next mission will be to into the ownership and maintenance of the fence that boarders the homes along Pearl and are adjacent to Jersey Village. Ever since the removal of the golf course and the construction of the ponds, there has been little attention paid to this area. In addition, we suspect there is some criminal activity in this area. We will be working with the proper authorities to address these concerns.

We also are looking at how we conduct our business concerning the volunteer committees. Each of the Board members will be leading at least one of the committees. We also have consolidated some of the committees for efficiency sake. Currently, the committees include Landscape, Security, Social, Pool and Tennis, Architectural Review, Communication, Welcome and Yard of the Month. If you would like to volunteer to help any of these committees, please contact any of the Board members.

Thanks for all the kind words of support. The Board members certainly appreciate it.

Until next month...

Walter

Upcoming Events

January 1 New Year's Day

January 4 Maintenance Board Meeting 7pm

January 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - CFISD Holiday

Yards of the Month



9314 Tepee Trail - Al & Nena Diener



10303 Dude Road - Dasharath & Kailas Patel

Winchester Trails

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Greg Johnson	832-237-8178
Jim Malone	281-890-3803
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Jim Malone is the security representative for WT. His email can be found on the Security page of the Trails website.

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New Teenagers – Happy 13th! New Adults – Happy 21st!

1/6 – Austin Thayer

1/19 - Voigt Hansberger

New Drivers – Happy 16th!

1/4 - John McHale

1/9 - Kimberly Tang

1/10 - Amanda Caple

1/13 - John Nesbitt

New Voters – Happy 18th!

1/2 - Aaron Caple

1/12 - Stephen Martin

1/30 - Jared Janik

1/3 - T.J. Artz

1/20 - Shirlin Christenson

Happy 20th Anniversary!

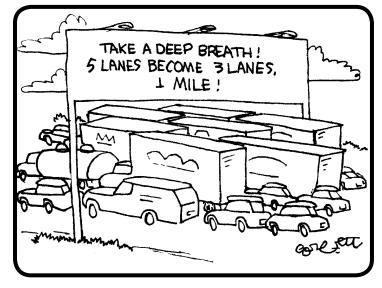
1/10 - David & Missy Fouts

1/15 - James & Carmel Giese

Happy 25th Anniversary! 1/15 - Lee & Virginia

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Amegy Bank "Adopts" Frazier Elementary

Cy-Fair ISD celebrates a new partnership with Amegy Bank. The wonderful people at Amegy have "adopted" Frazier Elementary school. Many Amegy Bank employees have been attending Cy-Fair district volunteer trainings so they are able to present Junior Achievement to students and also serve as mentors at Frazier. In addition to the bank employees giving their special gift of time, they are also providing the school with support and resources that are making a positive impact with students and staff. This is the first time that Amegy Bank has "adopted" a school and the first time Frazier has ever been "adopted" and the people in both organizations are smiling about this great first experience! Frazier Elementary and Cy-Fair ISD are proud to welcome Amegy Bank as a partner in our district.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a business partner and making a difference in Cy-Fair ISD, please contact Pam Scott, Director of Partners in Education at 281-894-3950.

Sherrie Webb, VIPS Publicity Chair

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.



Frost Bike 50 Sunday, January 28, 2007 8:00 a.m. Start

Start location: Cy-Fair College 9191 Barker Cypress Rd, Cypress, TX 77433 Take Hwy 290 Outbound past 1960. Turn Left on Barker Cypress for 3 miles.

Registration: \$25.00 if postmarked by January 6, 2007; \$35.00 January 7, 2007, or later, including day of ride. All pre-registered riders, if registered by January 24, 2007, are guaranteed a T-shirt.

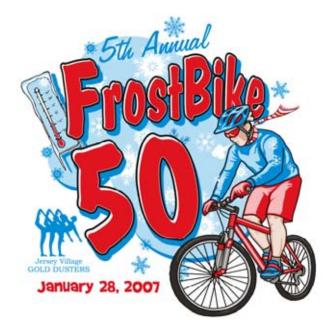
> Lunch Included Served 11:00 - 1:00

20, 45 AND 55 MILE ROUTES A "Rider Ready" Event

Packet Pickup:

Friday, January 26, Noon to 7:00 pm, Saturday, January 27, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm Northwest Cyclery – (HWY 290 @ Jones Road) 17458 NW Freeway Houston, TX 77040 (713) 466-1240

For Additional Information please email us: pkrand@houston.rr.com



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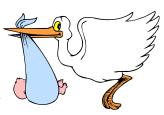
Classified Ads

Personal classifieds (one time sell items, such as a used bike...) run at no charge to Winchester Trails residents, limit 30 words, please e-mail heggs23@sbcglobal.net.

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Stork Report

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Signed				Date		

Happy New Year

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One of the true joys of this season is the opportunity to say "Thank You" and to wish you a new year filled with peace, joy, health and prosperity.

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Green Thumb Corner

The weather outside may be cold and uninviting and the temptation is to sit by the fireside and look through the colorful seed catalogs, dreaming of spring. But there's plenty of work to be done out there, and we could all benefit from a little exercise after the usual indulgences of the holiday season. This is the best month for working with trees (planting, moving, pruning and spraying), and it's also a good time for soil cultivation and general clean-up and maintenance.

Arbor Day is intended to encourage the planting of trees and in this region it's celebrated on the third Friday in January. But any time this month (or next) is ideal for planting new trees or transplanting existing ones. Be sure to choose a reasonable

location, taking into account the growth habit and eventual size of the tree, and don't plant too close to the house slab. Also remember the importance of good drainage (as reviewed in last month's article) and don't feed a new tree in its first season of growth, except for a little root stimulator.

Fruit trees should be planted this month, and established trees should be pruned to eliminate any dead growth and

to open up the center for light and air circulation. Other

trees and woody shrubs may also be pruned, except for the spring bloomers where you might be cutting off this season's potential blooms. Crape myrtles can tolerate heavy pruning – cut them back to few "broomstick" stems if you wish, or groom to any shape you desire. Nandinas and similar shrubs can be prune by cutting

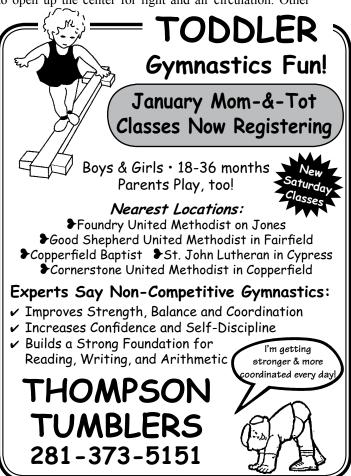
out unwanted canes at the base.

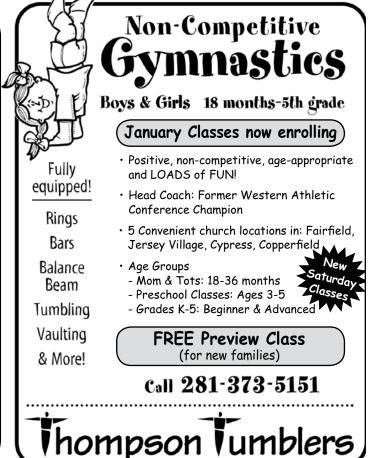
The fruit trees (and others) can be sprayed with dormant oil this month to eliminate scale and other insect pests that may have over-wintered in the bark. The "dormant" label refers to the fact that the oil is applied when the tree is dormant, and the oil is not an insecticide but kills the bugs by suffocation.

Take the opportunity to fill in any low spots in the lawn while they are easy to spot during this period when the grass is dormant. Use weed-free top soil or sand and don't bury the grass too deeply at each application – try to leave the tips of the grass blades sticking out to encourage it to grow through.

Azaleas and camellias may be moved, and bareroot roses may be planted. Hard pruning of established roses is usually left until the middle of February. Keep these and other shrubs moist and well-mulched

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to guard against winter drought or freeze damage.

Prepare new beds and redesign existing ones, correcting any drainage problems, and cultivate with gypsum (to break up the clay) and lots of organic material. Prepare vegetable beds as soon as you can and allow time for them to settle so that you can be ready to plant cool-weather varieties next month.

And while you're out in the garden don't forget our feathered friends – they will appreciate some food and especially fresh water at this time of year.

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Volunteers

The Welcoming Committee is looking for one or more volunteers to help greet our new residents. It does not

take much time and the welcome package materials are made available to you. Someone in the back sections would really be appreciated. Please call Ron Matthews at 281-955-1005, or Sherry Wright at 281-955-9737, to volunteer.

Website

Our Trails website, www.winchestertrails.com , is packed with all

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.

Did You Know?

Before he abandoned the ring for an acting career, Tony Danza's record as a middleweight boxer was 12 wins, 3 losses.





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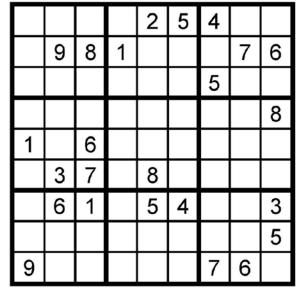
Attention Teen Job Seekers!

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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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The Truth About Mucus

(NAPSA)-It starts with a harmless little sniffle, then a constant trickle from your kid's nose, and before you know it, your child is coughing and sneezing and generally miserable. It's cold season, so

you better get used to all that extra mucus in his nose and chest!

Believe it or not, mucus is actually good for the body and helps protect it. In fact, the body produces up to four cups of mucus a day. The nose continually produces mucus so it can moisten and clean the nasal membranes, humidify the air in the nose and fight infection. Those hard things in your kid's nose? Mucus that has dried and hardened around dust and other particles that try to sneak into his body through his nose.

Allergies and infections can make the body produce too much mucus. Too much slow-moving mucus can trigger coughs, sore throats, a husky voice and bad breath. When

this happens, it's time to break up the mucus and move it out of the bronchial passageways.

So what can you do to provide relief when Junior has too much mucus in his chest and nose?

- Have him (or help him) blow his nose, which is the best way to get rid of mucus. For children under the age of 2, use a bulb syringe to suck mucus out of the nose.
 - Give him plenty of liquids, which help thin out the mucus. Hot liquids soothe coughs and sore throats while also clearing mucus.
 - Think tropical! An enzyme in pineapple is believed to thin mucus. If he likes spicy food, chili peppers also have been known to break up mucus and act as a decongestant.
 - Make sure he gets exercise. Physical activity can loosen mucus in the respiratory system.
 - Use humidifiers, which help add moisture to the air and ease the flow of air through nasal and breathing passages. Be sure to clean your humidifier at least once a week to prevent the growth of bacteria.
 - Give him an expectorant to loosen and thin out the mucus so he can cough more productively.

A new form of expectorant for kids offers parents a whole new way to help the medicine go down, and provides fast relief from chest congestion. Mucinex(r) Mini-Melts(tm) are quick-melting (Continued on page 11)

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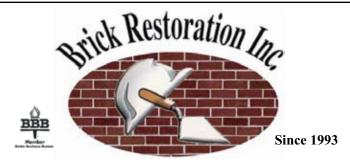




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granules that taste good and are easy for children to swallow.

 Give him nonprescription cold remedies, including decongestants and cough suppressants. The medicine won't prevent or shorten the length of the cold, but it can provide relief from some of the symptoms.

While it may be impossible to keep your child from getting sick during the cold and flu season or prevent the increased production of mucus, it is possible to provide relief from the uncomfortable symptoms.

For more information about kids and mucus, visit www.mucinex. com. Use as directed. (c) 2006 Adams Respiratory Therapeutics, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

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