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WT Board Message

Dear Winchester Trails,

We had our Board Meeting on February 1 and we discussed several of the initiatives that the Board has been addressing for the past few months, the first of which is security. Our security enhancements are now in motion. We will have more details as they become available as we are working with agencies to establish protocols and procedural matters. You may have noticed some of the changes already. I appreciate the effort that fellow Board Member Jim Malone has put into this. We are fortunate to have someone with the level of knowledge he has regarding security.

We have asked the fence contractors to validate their proposals for the construction of the fence along West Road as the bids were received last year during the referendum process. The cost of materials and labor has changed since those bids were received and we did not want to be surprised by an invoice that is different than anticipated. We are also working with the MUD 9 directors concerning the overall quality of life in the area that the MUD has a responsibility. We are encouraged and excited by their plans. It is a delight to work with them and if you see them, let them know we appreciate their efforts. More on this as it unfolds.

We have been aware of some of the problems behind the homes on the south side of Pearl. In addition to the fence being in need of repair or maintenance, there is some criminal activity. While that area is part of Jersey Village, it affects us here in the Trails. We will be working with the proper authorities including our own security team to address this. We are also sensitive to a portion of the fence along Pearl being damaged by those seeking access to that area in Jersey Village. Let's be courteous to our neighbors and maintain the quality of life we have come to expect in the Trails. We all have to make an effort to keep our neighborhood the way we want it.

Thanks again for all your support and communications. It has been a pleasure to work with so many residents.

Until next month...

Walter



Yards of the Month



Winchester Trails

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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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Trails Subdivision, call

PLANNED COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT
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Upcoming Events

March 1	Maintenance Board Meeting 7pm
March 11	Daylight Savings Begins – ‘Spring Forward’
March 12-16	CFISD Spring Break
March 17	St. Patrick’s Day
March 21	Spring Begins
April 5	Maintenance Board Meeting 7pm

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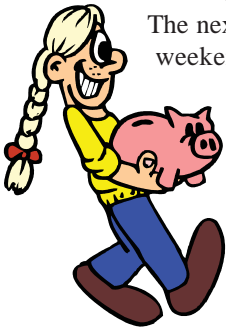
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Deadline

The deadline for the April newsletter is March 10. All items should be sent to heggs23@sbcglobal.net.

Garage Sale Early Reminder!

The next Trails Garage Sale will be coming the third weekend in April. Now is the time to start your preparations, as "one man's junk is another man's treasure".



WT Luncheon

Wanted: Trails residents 65 years or older who would be interested in attending a Spring Luncheon. Please reply to Paulette Walker at 281-894-5707, paulette_walker@sbcglobal.net, or at 10610 Wagon Trail Road, by March 15.

Would you like to be the Clubhouse Rep?

For this volunteer job you must have ability to use a cell phone voicemail system, be available to inspect the clubhouse after parties, coordinate renter's dates, and manage paper and cleaning supplies for the clubhouse. I can train any one to do this job in about 15 minutes. It only requires a minute to check for voice messages each day and probably 2 to 3 trips by the clubhouse each week depending on rentals. If interested please call me or contact one of our board members.

Lesa Smith
281-469-4339

TREE BRANCHES !!!

PLEASE remember that Waste Management will not pick up branches (less than 3 inches in diameter) and tree trimmings unless they are cut into lengths not exceeding 4 feet and securely tied to form a bundle. Items should also not be left out at the curb until the evening before pick-up. Bulk items (like furniture or appliances) are ONLY picked up on Fridays.



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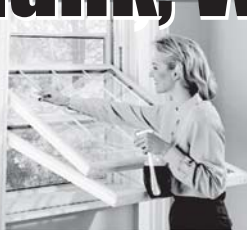
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MILESTONES

New Teenagers - Happy 13th!
3/21 - Allison Artz

New Drivers - Happy 16th!
3/2 - Kord Douglas
3/3 - Ryan Slaven, Whitney Kanke

New Voters - Happy 18th!
3/1 - Patrick Woods, Leslie Henderson,
Logan Henderson
3/14 - Scott Terry
3/28 - Travis Halverson
3/29 - Alex Moore

New Adults - Happy 21st!
3/4 - Lauren McCarthy
3/5 - Magan Van Den Heuvel
3/7 - Christopher Ulrich
3/13 - Kristi Lindsey

Happy 10th Anniversary!
3/8 - James & Kimberly Kanke

Happy 15th Anniversary!
3/14 - Baron & Tana Foreman

Happy 20th Anniversary!
3/28 - Gary & Denise Wardwell

Sherry Wright
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WT Tennis Courts

Please be advised of rules and regulations concerning the Trails Tennis Courts:

1. Tennis courts are to be used for tennis only. No ball playing or activities of any kind other than tennis are permitted.
2. No bicycles, skates, skateboards, in-line skates, hockey, or wheeled toys are allowed on the courts.
3. No fireworks on the courts. This has caused some damage to the court surface this year.
4. No pets are allowed on the courts.
5. Sitting, pushing or pulling on the nets is prohibited.
6. Please pick up your trash and turn off the lights when using the courts.

If you have any questions or to report any problems concerning the tennis courts, please contact Debbie Griesbach at 281-894-9725 or Johnny Hooker at 281-890-9123.

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Green Thumb Corner

We've had another mild winter, which means that the insect pests have survived and the weeds have been growing, so it's time to get down to some serious work during the spring season to get the yard and garden in good shape before the warm weather arrives.

For an impressive display of spring and summer color, this is a good time to get started with transplants. There were some nice displays of pansies during the last few months but they won't be very happy in warm weather after the end of March, so pull them up and replace with petunias, marigolds, vinca (periwinkle), begonias or geraniums. Lantana is also very good - as a regional native, it is tolerant to heat and drought and is very hardy in summer conditions (although it may not survive winter frosts if you try to keep it going as a perennial). Plant caladiums and impatiens in the shady areas.

Complete the winter pruning, if not done already. We didn't have any significant freeze damage this year, but make sure you remove any dead wood and cut back to green growth. Try to complete all tree and shrub planting now, before the first full burst of spring growth, and divide and transplant perennials. We reviewed tree-feeding in last month's article but it's not too late to do it in March/April (for established trees, not newly planted) and don't forget an acidifier (such as Ironite) if the pine trees are looking yellow.

If you're feeling energetic, the lawn will benefit from a good thatch-raking and also aeration by spiking with a spading fork (special mower attachments make both jobs a lot easier). On the subject of mowers, some routine annual maintenance is advisable before the heavy usage begins: sharpen the blade, check the spark plug, change the oil, and you'll get better performance and reliability. A nice clean cut from a sharp mower blade produces a better appearance than the ragged and bruised grass stems that result from a dull edge.

Azaleas can be pruned and fertilized immediately AFTER blooming, and you can give the grass its first feed of the season (use something like 15-5-10) as soon as it has started to green-up. Begin a monthly feeding program with roses (12-24-12 is a good general-purpose fertilizer), and feed all established plants and shrubs. Surface cultivation will mix the fertilizer into the soil and is important to promote good growth and rapid development. And of course, mulch well.

I try to limit the use of chemicals, but it's almost impossible to grow roses in the Houston climate without resorting to pesticides and fungicides. Spray weekly with Daconil to control Black Spot fungus, and Diazinon or Malathion for aphids (you can mix the two

treatments in the same spray solution). Unfortunately, spraying is also necessary for successful fruit trees. Use a "fruit and nut" spray and make the first application when three-quarters of the blossoms have dropped, then continue at 10-day or two-week intervals until a couple of weeks before harvest. I've tried skipping the spray regimen with peaches and plums, and the result has been 100% infestation of the crop by wasp larvae.

In the vegetable garden, set out tomato and pepper plants this month (and if you hurry it may not be too late for broccoli). Plant seeds for beets and carrots now, but wait until April before planting corn, beans, squash, cucumber, cantaloupe and melons (when the soil is warmer for faster and more consistent germination).

THIS MONTH'S TIP: As we get into the warmth and humidity of spring, watch out for Brown Patch lawn fungus, visible as an expanding circle of dead grass. Apply Terraclor granules and feed to encourage new growth - leaves and stems may be dead, but the grass will come back from the roots.

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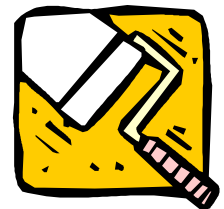
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Winchester Trails Swim Team

Winchester "Hurricanes" - Summer Swim Team registrations will be held at the Winchester Country Clubhouse and Pool at 9607 Rio Grande Road, Houston TX, 77064.

- 1st Registration - March 31, 2007 - 9 am to 2 pm.
- Final Preseason Registration - April 7, 2007 - 9 am to 2 pm.
- Late Registration - April 23, 2007 - 3:30 to 7:30 pm.

Any resident of Winchester, WillowBridge, WillowPoint or the immediate vicinity where another NWAL (Northwest Aquatic League) is not already in existence that is 18 years of age or younger as of May 31, 2007 and is a novice swimmer is eligible to join the swim team. We recommend starting at age 5 and up.

The Cost will be \$85 each for the first 2 swimmers, \$50 for the 3rd swimmer,

and \$40 for the 4th swimmer. No hidden cost or mandatory fund raisers.

Tara Bailey will be returning as our Head coach, we will also have 3 assistant coaches.

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