

# The Village Gazette



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## Yard of the Month

The first Yard of the Month was chosen and for the month of April the honor went to 13211 Lake Vista. Be sure to drive by and take a look at the beautiful yard!

It's not too late to have your yard be the Yard of the Month. Selections are made through September and everyone is eligible. Selections are based on general attractiveness (color, uniformity), maintenance (manicured grass, nicely pruned shrubs, weed-free beds, healthy plants), color, creativity and originality. If your yard is selected, a picture of your yard will appear in the Village Creek newsletter, the yard of the month sign will be displayed in your yard and you will receive a gift certificate from a local nursery and the HOA.



## Seniors – It's not too late!

If you are a graduating senior living in Village Creek, we've extended the deadline for our special Graduation edition of The Village Gazette!

Where are you graduating from? What are your plans for college, the future? Have you or will you receive any honors or scholarships? What were some of the highlights of your high school career?

Please send this information and a picture to [skstengle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:skstengle@sbcglobal.net) by May 10 to be included in our special Graduation edition of the Village Gazette in June. We're looking forward to seeing what great things are in store for our very own young residents!

## Even the poor weather conditions could not rain on our Easter Parade Fun!

The morning festivities started with dreary weather outside, but cheery attitudes inside, as we marched in the Easter parade underneath the cozy shelter of our clubhouse! This was followed by an egg-stra special Easter egg hunt! Children squealed with delight and giggled with pleasure as they enjoyed picking up the eggs. Baskets were overflowing as they carefully headed back to the clubhouse to discover the treasures inside the eggs!

Next came the bunny crafts and pictures with our very own Easter Bunny. Finally, Roly the clown and Becky Lou put on a show like none-other! Each child got a chance to participate and earn a prize! Later the older children had a chance to shine with a magnificent Easter Stroll from Sunset Arbor's cul-de-sac all the way up to the clubhouse! The Easter Bunny led the way proudly dancing to "Here Come's Peter Cottontail" music with a long parade of proud bonnet wearers behind him singing merrily!

The festivities were underway with sno-cones, crafts and the Easter Bunny photo shoot where each child received a cookbook containing a bunny rabbit bread recipe. Among the 800 Easter eggs was a GOLDEN EGG with a \$5.00 gift card to McDonalds inside, as well as 50 eggs containing tickets, good for prizes. After the eggs were all claimed, the children gathered in the clubhouse to uncover the mystery of who had found the GOLDEN EGGS and count up the number of tickets they each had to cash them in for their prizes!

A special Thank You to the following families who made this hunt possible: The Eckel Family, The Gonzalez Family, The Lubenow Family, The Koeplinger Family, The Wheat Family, The Dear Family. Also, thank you to Christie Simpson for the candy donation and Diana Christopher for the 500 stuffed with bubblegum.



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## Village Creek 4th of July Parade

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DON'T FORGET YOUR SWIMSUIT for fun and games at the pool following the parade. This will be fun for the whole family!

*Don't want to wait for the mail?*

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## Pool News

It's here! The 2007 Swim Season has officially begun! Starting May 1 the pool will be open Tuesday – Sunday for your enjoyment. There will be no lifeguards on duty until Memorial Day Weekend, so please be sure to accompany all children for their safety. Also, the Splash Pad is open Thursday – Tuesday, with cleaning taking place Wednesdays. Please take a moment to look over the rules and regulations of our water amenities to ensure we can all enjoy them throughout the summer!

### Swimming Pool Rules and Regulations:

These rules and regulations, for the safe and sanitary operation of the pool, are for your protection and benefit.

- No glass containers in the pool/park area.
- All persons using the pool or pool area do so at their own risk and sole responsibility.
- Children under 10 years of age must be accompanied at all times by an individual 18 years of age or older to be admitted to the pool area.
- All members and their guests must register with the lifeguard upon entering the pool facility.
- Members will be held responsible for the actions of their guests.
- Management will not be held responsible for loss or damage of any personal property of any kind.
- The pool may be closed or its use limited at any time because of weather, operational difficulties, overcrowding and at the discretion of the manager. In case of lightning or thunder, Red Cross current standards will be used.
- No pets are allowed in the pool area.
- Alcohol and other drugs are prohibited.
- Profanity, improper behavior and intoxication are not allowed.
- It is requested that any individuals infected with a communicable disease, please not enter the pool facility for at least two weeks.
- All non-toilet-trained babies must wear swim diapers.
- The wading pool is limited to children under the age of 6 years old. Parents are responsible for the supervision of their children at all times.
- Running, pushing, wrestling, ball playing, dunking, splashing or causing undue disturbance in or about the pool area will not be tolerated.
- No diving in areas 6 feet deep or less per Texas code.
- Only Coast Guard approved life preservers are permitted and the supervising adult must be within arms reach of the child wearing the life preserver.
- Appropriate swimwear must be worn in the pool. No cut off jeans or pants, shorts or tennis pants, and only white shirts can

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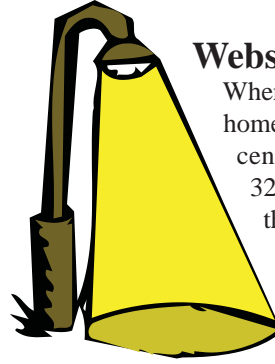
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- be worn as protection from the sun in the water.
- Smoking prohibited inside pool area.
- Persons under the age of 18 are required to leave the pool upon signal of the lifeguard for adult swim/safety break. During this period, persons under the age of 18 must be completely out of the water.
- For the safety and enjoyment of all, the lifeguards have full authority to ask disruptive or unruly guests to leave the facility.

## Splash Pad Rules

In order to maintain the surface of our splash pad, wagons, skateboards, bicycles, tricycles, rollerblades, strollers or any other object may not be used on the surface of the pad. The only things allowed are the pitter patter of little feet and water.



## Website for Street Light Outages

When there is a street light that is out near your home, please report these to the website [www.centerpointenergy.com/outage](http://www.centerpointenergy.com/outage) or 713-923-3213. You will need the home address near the street light that is in question and the number located on the pole. Help keep our neighborhood safe!



## Request Changes

If you would like to request the addition of stop signs or traffic lights, visit [www.hcp4.net/cad/index.htm](http://www.hcp4.net/cad/index.htm). This is the website where you can make these requests known. It is also the place to request street repairs and other needs for our community.

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## Are You Registered To Vote?

On Saturday, May 12; voters will go to the polls to vote on a \$198 million school bond referendum. The bond package provides for new district facilities, renovations at existing campuses, new technology, security cameras and additional school buses.

Over the next five years, Tomball ISD is projected to grow by more than 3,000 students. In order to accommodate student growth, the District is proposing to add classrooms by building new facilities and constructing additional classroom wings at some schools.

This anticipated student growth prompted the District to commission a Facility Study Steering Committee, which was organized last summer and comprised of 41 community members. These individuals, and other volunteers who served on three subcommittees, looked at enrollment projections, analyzed district needs and then made recommendations to the Board of Trustees. TISD Board of Trustees reviewed the recommendations and unanimously

approved the \$198 million bond proposal being presented to voters.

In order to vote, you must be registered. To be a registered voter you must complete a Texas Voter Registration Application and place the application in the mail. This form is pre-addressed. No envelope or postage is required.

You can obtain an application on the Voter Registration website at: <http://www.hctax.net/voter/voterapp/acquirevoterapp.asp>

Early Voting: May 1 & May 8 7:45 a.m. - 7:45 p.m.

May 4 7:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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PLEASE REGISTER TO VOTE!!

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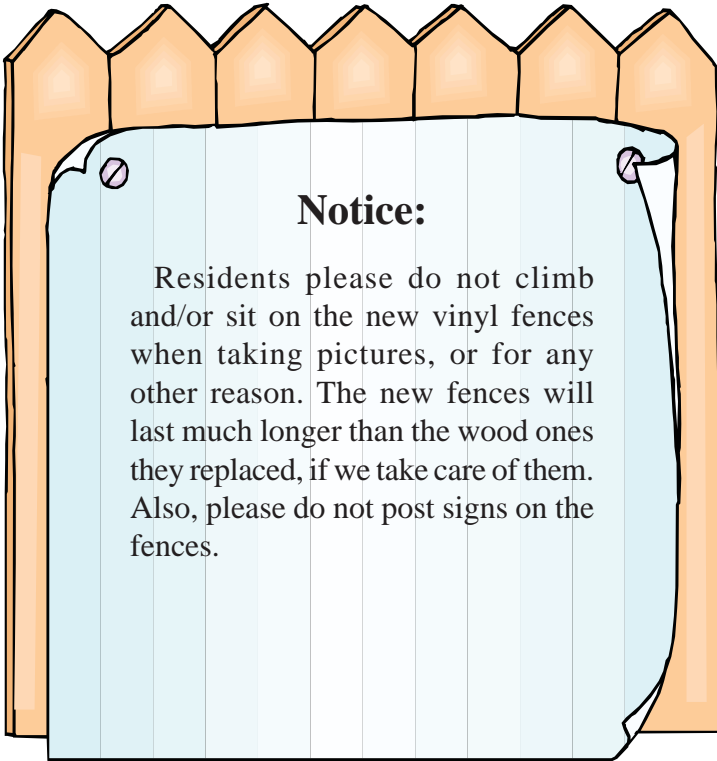


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		7			8		4	6
1	9		4			2		
				8				
	4	1	6					3
2					3	6		7
7	2							5
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\$300,000 - 349,999	0	1	0	0	0	0
\$250,000 - 299,999	0	0	0	0	2	4
\$200,000 - 249,999	2	1	2	2	2	3
\$160,000 - 199,999	1	2	2	0	3	1
\$160,000 -	0	1	1	0	0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Highest \$/Sq Ft</b>	<b>76.18</b>	<b>87.79</b>	<b>80.34</b>	<b>67.92</b>	<b>78.61</b>	<b>91.09</b>

This chart represents the homes that have sold and closed in the past 6 months according to the Houston Multiple Listing Service.

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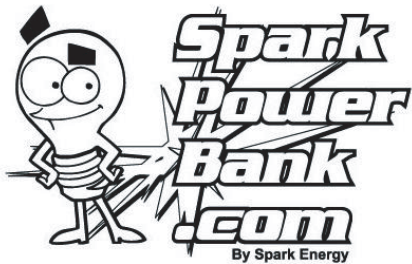


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## Pets on a Leash

A friendly reminder to our neighbors, please keep your dogs and cats on a leash when outside of your private fenced area....this is the law.

Another friendly reminder is to please scoop up after your dog. An easy way to do this is to bring along a plastic bag tied to your dog's leash. Thank you for helping keep our neighborhood clean.

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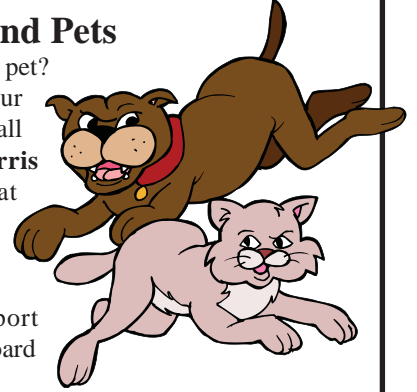


## Trash

Please be sure to secure your trash and/or recycling as you put it out for pick up. Pieces of newspaper or other small trash objects can find their way out of an open trash can or recycling bin and end up all over the neighborhood, making it look a little messy. It is all of our responsibility to ensure Village Creek stays beautiful and clean!

## Lost and Found Pets

Have you found someone's pet? Have you lost your pet? If your answer is yes, we encourage all residents to please call **Harris County Animal Control** at **281-999-3191**. The HOA offers their sympathy when one has misplaced a cat or dog, but please do not report lost or found pets to HOA Board Members.



## Flyers:

If you post any flyers, including those for lost pets, on the stop signs or street light poles within our community, please remember to also remove them in a timely manner.

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