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## A few fun things to do in May...

The weather is great, and you're looking for something to do outside. Here is a list of events and activities at little or no cost:

**The Houston Zoo** - There's always something new to see at the Zoo, and it doesn't break the bank to visit. Pack some snacks to save extra on refreshments.

**Bear Creek Park** - 16601 Clay Road, 281-496-2177. Nature trails, picnic spots, places to play, and a small zoo with ducks, birds, prairie dogs, bison, deer, goats and more make this 2,000 acre park a Houston favorite. FREE.

**Houston Arboretum and Nature Center** - Nature trails, bird watching, wildlife, ponds and beautiful native forests, flowers and shrubs at the border of Memorial Park. FREE.

**Armand Bayou Nature Center** - Hiking, exhibits, tours and more at this wildlife refuge protecting a natural bayou system.

**The 20th Annual Houston Art Car Parade** Saturday, May 12, 2007 - Allen Parkway at Eleanor Tinsley Park. Spectators line downtown's streets to view this parade, which showcases Houston's most outlandish folk art creations on wheels. The Fruit Mobile, a 1967 Ford station wagon, started the whole craze in 1986. Truly a sight to see, the parade is organized by the Orange Show Foundation.

**34th Annual Pasadena Strawberry Festival** May 18 - 20, 2007 - Enjoy a spectacular carnival, the world's largest strawberry shortcake, strawberries, a barbecue cookoff, a children's pavilion, arts & crafts, and live entertainment at this annual festival.

**Miller Outdoor Theatre** - Miller Outdoor Theatre offers a diverse selection of professional entertainment, and it's all FREE!

This month features:

May 5 - Cinco de Mayo (Comite Patriotico Mexicano)

May 6 - Asian/Pacific American Heritage Festival (APAHA)

May 7-11 - Dr. Dulcamara's Magical Restorative Tonic (Houston Grand Opera)

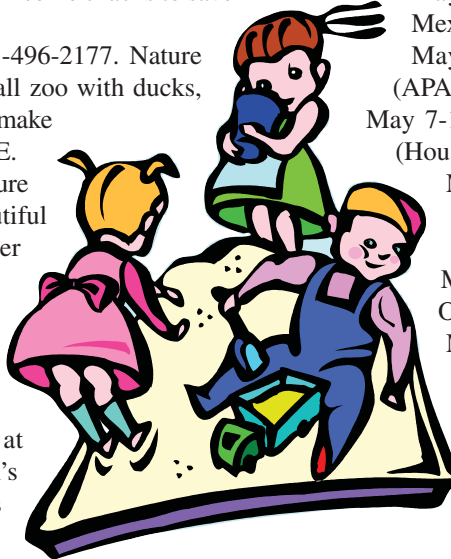
May 11-13 - Don Quixote (Houston Ballet)

May 12 - Music and the Mirror (Asian American Dance Company)

May 18-19 - Hansel & Gretel (Houston Grand Opera)

May 24-27 - Dancin' in the Streets ... Motown & More Revue (Midtown Arts Center/BACE Productions)

Miller Outdoor Theatre is located at 100 Concert Drive in Hermann Park, just south of the Museum of Natural Science and the Houston Garden Center.



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### Do you have an article for the newsletter?

If you would like to submit an article or any information for the Willow Pointe Homeowners Newsletter, you may do so by sending the information in Word format to [stevenrlewis@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stevenrlewis@sbcglobal.net). Please include your name and a means to contact you. *All information is due no later than the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month and is subject to editorial approval as well as available space.*

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## Flood Damage Reduction Project on Jones Road

By Chris and Carrie Diggins

Photo by Carrie Diggins

Across the street from the Jones Road entrance to the subdivision, construction on a stormwater detention basin is 50 percent complete.

When finished, the Fallbrook Stormwater Detention Basin will be able to hold 77 million gallons of stormwater that might otherwise flood homes and businesses, including the Willow Pointe neighborhood.

Excavation of the basin will cost approximately \$2.5 million and is expected to be complete in November, weather permitting. Construction is being done by Sprint Sand & Clay, L.P. The basin requires the removal of 426,000 cubic yards of dirt.

The basin is part of the White Oak Bayou Flood Damage Reduction Project – a large undertaking by the Harris County Flood Control District that includes widening and deepening the channel from Tidwell to Jones roads, opening the Jersey Village Channel, and excavating 10 regional stormwater detention basins, including the Fallbrook basin. The purpose of the overall project is to significantly reduce the risk of flooding along White Oak Bayou.

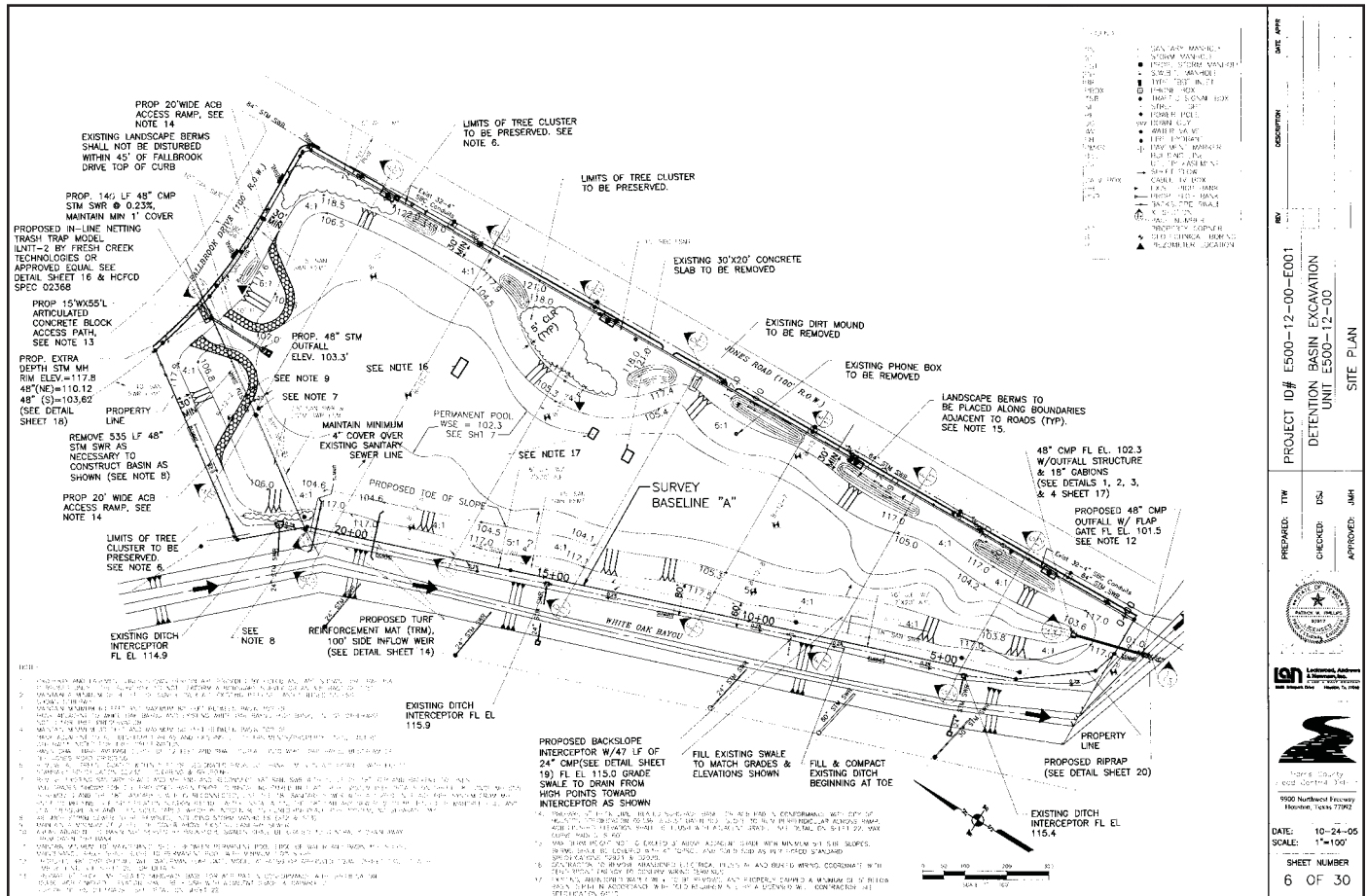
While the construction sign portrays a landscape similar to a park,

no actual park features or trails are planned at this time. Heather Saucier, spokeswoman for Harris County Flood Control District, said that the city or county would have to partner with the District in order to make a park possible.

The Flood Control District has worked with Harris County in the past on such park projects, including the Arthur Storey Park, along Brays Bayou. In addition to the stormwater detention basins, this joint project included passive recreational features, including trails, trees, shrubs and created habitats.

Since the early 1990s, the District has spent more than \$60 million on flood damage reduction projects in the White Oak Bayou watershed, including the Vogel Creek Conveyance Improvement Project.

In addition to the White Oak Bayou Flood Damage Reduction Project, more than 700 homes have been purchased by the District through voluntary home buyout programs in the White Oak Bayou watershed to help residents move to higher ground.





# Willow Pointe

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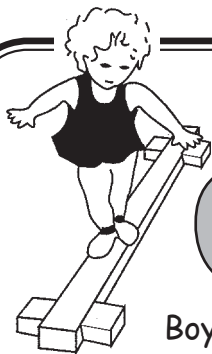
*Submitted by Carrie Diggins*

This delicious summer salad is low-calorie and a perfect way to keep your kitchen cool during the hot weather months!



1/2 head iceberg lettuce, shredded  
1 large cucumber, peeled and diced  
1 tomato, diced  
1 can Ranch style beans, undrained  
1 c. shredded cheddar cheese  
1/2 bottle Seven Seas Creamy Italian Dressing  
Fritos corn chips

Combine all ingredients except chips and dressing. Right before serving, add these and toss. Enjoy as meal with a loaf of french bread.



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## LANDSCAPING

The definition of landscaping is: "to improve the appearance of a piece of ground by contouring and decorative planting." Most homeowners desire to have a pleasing and pleasant yard. We also want our yards to be unique—different from our neighbors.

By choosing from the hundreds of plants available, it is easy to make your home and garden appear the way you want it. Some yards are bright and colorful. Others utilize evergreen plants. Blooming plants usually require more attention than evergreen plants. Typically, non blooming plants need only occasional pruning. Native plants are more disease resistant and withstand local weather conditions better.

No matter which landscaping plan you choose, weeds will be a problem. A weed, according to the dictionary, is "a plant considered troublesome, useless or unattractive, especially one growing abundantly in cultivated ground."

Weeds can grow anywhere—cracks in concrete, joints in the street, gutters on your house if dirt has accumulated, your lawn and their favorite place, your flowerbeds. When you add soil or mulch to your flowerbeds, you are probably adding weed seeds also.

There are three ways to eliminate weeds in your flowerbeds:

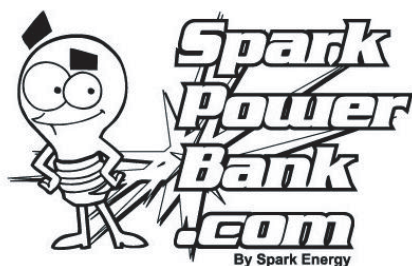
1. Eliminate flowerbeds and expand your lawn.
2. Pull weeds by hand.
3. Use a chemical weed killer.

Doing away with flowerbeds is not the best choice. Although a

well-manicured lawn is pretty, flowers add a lot to the appearance of your yard. The best way to eliminate weeds is to pull or dig them up by the roots. You not only get rid of the weeds, but you also get some healthy exercise for free. Using a chemical weed killer requires care and caution. The manufacturer's instructions should be followed. A weed killer will also harm or kill desired plants.

If you see your plants being attacked by a disease or insect, immediate action is required to control the problem. Most plants cannot defend themselves, especially if stressed. Determine the cause and begin treatment. A plant nursery may be able to help you decide exactly what your problems are and offer solutions.

With a little money, time, work and luck, you may have a "Yard of the Month".



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## Cartoon Corner



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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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		7			8		4	6
1	9		4			2		
				8				
	4	1	6					3
2					3	6		7
7	2							5
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\$180,000 Above	0	1	0	0	0	0
\$160,000-179,999	0	1	1	0	0	0
\$150,000-159,999	1	0	0	0	0	0
\$140,000-149,999	1	0	0	2	0	0
\$120,000-139,999	0	0	1	0	2	0
\$120,000 Below	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Highest \$/Sq Ft</b>	<b>66.36</b>	<b>66.46</b>	<b>74.55</b>	<b>73.45</b>	<b>87.08</b>	

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