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August 2007

4th of July Parade

This year was no different from last, as the rain continued to pour down, but it didn't stop our great residents from coming out to our annual 4th of July Parade! With over 100 patriotic kids and adults, the annual parade and water games at the pool were a great success. Congratulations to our "Most Patriotic" winner, Sabrina Freire, who won a \$10 MacDonalds Gift Card-Way to Go!



Break-In at the Pool

While preparing for the 4th of July Parade and party, it was discovered that someone had broken into the pool storage closet and stolen our snow cone machine, syrups, games and Christmas decorations. This break-in will cost the neighborhood over \$1000. The HOA is offering a \$100 reward for information that leads to the arrest and/or recovery of these items. You may contact Jimm Lubenow at JLubenow@houston.rr.com or Diana Christopher at diana.christopher@sbcglobal.net with any information. Please help us secure our neighborhood by reporting any mischievous actions or people to the Constable's office at 281-376-3472.

Congratulations to the folks at 17203 Cobble Shores for being July's Yard of the Month!

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 7, from 6 - 9 pm is National Night Out. Please turn on your front lights and turn off crime in our neighborhood. Our constables will be driving around with great tips for kids and adults

alike. Meet your neighbors! Bring a smile, a lawn chair and a snack! Which block will have the best party? Send us pictures and information about your party and you might see yourself in our next newsletter! Send your information to skstengle@sbcglobal.net by August 10.



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Yard of the Month

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Constable's Corner

By Sergeant Michael Combest

We are well into the summertime and for most that means lots of activities; many of which are fun for all and others that we can all do without. Let's first address the concern of safety. As you know, the children will be involved various activities throughout the area. This can be anything from going to the neighborhood pool or park or traveling back and forth from a friend's home, as you have probably observed. Please keep this in mind as you travel about. Please be aware of the children moving around, because many will enter the street or cross the roadway on a bicycle completely unexpected. We ask that you slow your speeds and be certain to come to a complete stop at the stop signs giving yourself time to react should you encounter a child or other pedestrian. Parents if your child is going to be riding his or her bicycle to and from a friend's home or to the pool, please encourage them to utilize a locking mechanism on the bike. Every little effort goes a long way in preventing theft.

On a different note, summertime also seems to bring about the unwanted acts of vandalism and theft. We work very hard to prevent this from taking place, but ask your assistance by taking preventive steps to help protect your property. A few of these include:

- Please make certain that bicycles and other child related items are properly stored after use. Doing so makes it difficult on the thief wandering around looking for something to steal.
- Be certain to lock your vehicles when it is not being used and try not to leave valuable items lying inside the vehicle such as wallets,

- cellular phones, laptops and personal items. A car burglar will often walk the street looking for these items in plain view.
- As mentioned in the past, you and your neighbors know your surroundings better than anyone else. Please report any activity you believe may be of a suspicious or criminal nature. This includes vehicles parked in odd places that are not normally there or an unknown vehicle left unattended for lengthy periods of time or even an open and unattended door or window. If you see someone wandering around your neighbors' home or looking in vehicles, please call the Constable's office. Time is usually a key factor here. The sooner we know about it, the better.
- If planning time away from your residence, take the necessary steps to safeguard your home in your absence. You are welcome to submit a vacation watch on our website (cd4.hctx.net) so we can also help watch your home. If there is a friend or relative in the area, ask them to watch over your home.

We certainly rely on the watchful eyes and ears of the citizens to aid us in protecting your community. Sometimes the smallest or what seems like the most insignificant piece of information can help us solve a crime if passed along to us. Please be assured your calls are never a bother, but rather a helpful source of information.

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Trash

If at all possible, please wait until the morning of trash day to put out your trash. Putting it out the night before attracts animals and pests who are not welcome guests! Also, take

care to secure loose trash items, as they can easily blow away. Thanks for making every effort to ensure the cleanliness and beautiful appearance of Village Creek!

Neighborhood Watch

It has been reported that vandals are taking advantage of some of our residents. Cars are being driven through yards, eggs are being thrown at cars and property and thrash is being dispersed throughout the neighborhood.

Please be aware of these actions and report any suspicious or reckless behavior to the constable's office. If at all possible, be prepared with descriptions or license plate numbers, as any information will be helpful in stopping the vandalism.

The constable's office can be reached 24 hours a day at 281-376-3472.



Don't want to wait for the mail?

View the current issue of the Village Creek Community Newsletter on the 1st day of each month online at www.PEELinc.com

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Pet owners; please keep your pets on leashes when walking in the neighborhood, as a courtesy to others. Also, take care to pick up after your pooch if they leave a gift

in someone else's yard or in any common area. No one likes to see, smell or step in those gifts!

For all lost and found pets, please contact the Harris County Animal Control office at 281-999-3191. These trained professionals are the best choice for taking care of these matters.



Identity Theft Warning

Remember to shred all personal information including credit card applications and old checks before putting them in the garbage. Incidents of people going through trash have been reported in other neighborhoods and serve as a reminder that no one is above this terrible crime. For more information on how you can protect yourself from Identity Theft visit the Constable's website at www.cd4.hctx.net.

Pool Hours

Memorial Day Weekend-September 31, 2007 Hours: 6 am – 9 pm Lifeguard hours: Noon-8 pm Splash Park: Open March-October Hours: 8 am – 8 pm



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.



HERE IS THE SCOOP ON VILLAGE CREEK HOME VALUES



June 1, 2007 – July 9, 2007 Data # of Homes Sold = 14 Highest Price/Sq. Ft = \$91.14 Lowest Price/Sq. Ft. = \$67.04 Average Price/Sq. Ft. = \$77.88

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Vacation Watch Program

Take advantage of the Constable's vacation watch when you are out of town. Before leaving call the Constable's office and let them know when you will be leaving and when you will be returning. Your home will be checked during the Constable's regular neighborhood drive-through. To contact the Constable's Office, call 281-376-3472



NOTICE:

Non-street legal motorcycles, 4 wheelers and mini scooters (that do not hold a state license registration) on Village Creek streets are not legal or safe. The Constable's office will ticket those in violation.

Advertising Information

Please support the business that advertise in the Village Creek newsletter. Their advertising dollars make it possible for all residents to receive a newsletter each month at no charge. No homeowners association funds are used to produce or mail the newsletters. If you would like to support the newsletter by advertising, please contact Peel, Inc. Sales office at 888-687-6444 or <u>advertising@PEELinc.com</u> for ad information and pricing The deadline for ads is the 10th of each month for the upcoming month's newsletter.

Free Tree Program – Volunteer Needed

Centerpoint Energy, along with Trees for Houston, is providing shade trees for customer thanks to the Trees for Efficiency program. This program provides trees for free, with a small fee for delivery and planting assistance.

The program dictates that at least 20 trees must be requested before the delivery and planting can take place. This is a great opportunity for our neighborhood and we would like to take advantage of it, however we need someone to help organize the requests for Village Creek. To learn more about the program or to volunteer to coordinate the orders in our neighborhood please contact Shawna Stengle at skstengle@sbcglobal.net.

Recipe of the Month:



Can't Stop Cookies

2 cups sugar ½ t. salt 2 cups butter or margarine 2 t. soda

3 cups flour 4 cups corn flakes 2 t. cream of tartar 1 cup chopped pecans

Cream sugar and butter. Add dry ingredients. Then, fold in corn flakes and nuts. Roll into balls and bake at 350° for 10 to 15 minutes.

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Village Creek Market Report

Courtesy of "DAVID FLORY"

This market information report is provided to keep you informed of resale market activity in your subdivision.

	Jan 07	Feb 07	Mar 07	Apr 07	May 07	Jun 07
\$350,000 +	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$300,000 - 349,999	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$250,000 - 299,999	0	2	4	0	2	2
\$200,000 - 249,999	2	2	3	1	2	4
\$160,000 - 199,999	0	3	1	0	1	2
\$160,000 -	0	0	2	0	0	0
TOTAL	2	7	10	1	5	8
Highest \$/Sq Ft	67.92	78.61	91.09	68.82	77.49	80.28

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Deed Restriction Reminder:

Village Creek deed restrictions prohibit residents from operating a business from their residential home. Selling items from your personal business, such as overstock and clearance items, are in violation of the deed restrictions.

Pool Access Cards

Please e-mail villagecreekpool@yahoo.com if:

- 1. You are a new home owner and never received a pool card.
- 2. Your pool card isn't working.
- 3. You've lost your previous pool card. Replacement cards are \$10.00. Old cards will be deactivated.
- 4. You would like additional pool cards for your family. Extra cards are \$25.00 each.

Be sure and include your name, address and telephone number in the e-mail. If your card isn't working, also include the number located on the back of the card.

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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- 1) The residence must be located within the service area where CenterPoint maintains electrical lines for other providers (you will not have the CenterPoint name on your bill...that will be Reliant, Green Mountain, etc).
- Trees(s) must be planted within 30 feet of the West, East, or South side of the house (we may not plant on the North side). Tree(s) may NOT be within 10 feet of the overhead utility lines. The home must be cooled by an electric air conditioner.
- You may select 1 or 2 five-gallon tree/s. If you select 2 trees they do not have to be of the same variety.
- There is a charge of \$25 per tree to deliver, plant, mulch, and stake through the root ball. (Please note that there must be a minimum of 20 trees requested in your area before we will be able to deliver and plant).
- All trees must be planted by December 15, 2007.

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