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Greetings,

The Board Meeting was held on August 2 in the clubhouse. Several residents attended the meeting to discuss the posting of the NO PETS signs on the esplanades at the ends of the cul-de-sacs. The signs were painted on the curbs at the request of residents who attended the June Board Meeting with concerns about dogs using these as well as other common areas in the Trails as a canine bathroom. The homeowners at the meeting did not believe that the signs were a good reflection on the neighborhood. After a long debate, the Board agreed to have the signs removed although we all agreed that this issue needs greater exposure. There is an additional article on the issue in this edition of the TrailWriter.

The West Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 9 continues to make considerable progress on the Park Plan. They have sent out bid packages to fence contractors and should have received bids by the time you receive the newsletter. They will move to enter into an agreement with a contractor in the early fall. More as these improvements to our neighborhood continue to unfold.

It was also announced that after serving the Trails for over seven years, Ms. Myla Chandler of PCMI will be stepping down from her position managing our subdivision. This is an exciting time for Myla as she is being promoted within PCMI, and that would not allow her to continue in her existing capacity. While the Board would prefer that Myla stay, we are not about to stand in the way of this opportunity. We offer our congratulations and thanks to Myla for her dedication and we wish her all the best in the years to come. Myla

will be working with Ms. Barbara Riley to transition her working in our neighborhood. Barbara attended the August meeting, met the Board and several of the residents of the Trails.

Ms. Riley has been a community manager for eight years and her experience has been with single family homes as well as condominiums, town homes and commercial property. She has the professional designations of Certified Manager of Community Associations and Association Management Specialist. Barbara looks forward to working with the residents of Winchester Trails. She can be reached by telephone and email. PCMI's office number is (281) 870-0585 and her email address is briley@pcmi-us.com. Please extend her a warm welcome.

This fall, Sherry Wright will be stepping aside as the editor of the TrailWriter. She has done a fantastic job and has been a joy to work with over these past few years, but Sherry has other commitments that will not allow her to continue. We will need a new editor so here is your chance to get involved in the community. She is willing to train her replacement. She can be reached by email at heggs23@sbcglobal.net

The new school year has started. Please drive carefully through the neighborhood as we have many children walking or on bicycles heading to school. Let's have a safe and wonderful school year.

The September Board meeting is a working session at PCMI's offices to establish the 2008 budget and will not be open to the public. The annual meeting will be on October 4th. We look forward to seeing you there.

Until next month... Walter

Upcoming Events

September 3	Labor Day Holiday
September 10	Pool Closes for Season
September 21-22	Garage Sale 8am-4pm
September 23	Autumn Begins
October 4	Annual Homeowner's Meeting 7pm
October 8	CFISD School Holiday

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Deadline

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

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HOWDY PARTNER

Since the beginning of August, Cutting Horse Lane has had some new neighbors in Charlie and Diana Hester. They live at 10503 Cutting Horse with their son Joshua, 14. They also have another son Matthew, 25, that does not reside at home. Charlie is a General Manager while Diana is self-employed. They have previously called the Trails home but more recently come from Winchester Country. The Hester's enjoy attending sporting events and watching son Joshua play baseball. Welcome back!

Moving from the Westchase Memorial area, Carl Easton now calls 10606 Great Plains Lane home. Carl works in Information Technology and besides being busy with work, he's diligently working on his new home. We are glad to have him in the Trails.

In the last TrailWriter I asked for a replacement on the Welcome Committee and Missy Fouts of Hondo Hill kindly volunteered. Please thank her for her future efforts if you see her around the neighborhood.

The Howdy Partner feature of the TrailWriter is made possible through the efforts of the Welcome Committee. If you are new to the neighborhood and have not been welcomed, please let us know. We want to stop by and say hello, get some information to introduce your family to the neighbors through this article, and give you a handy packet of information to help familiarize you with your new neighborhood. We also have Trails information available on our website at www.winchestertrails.com. Welcome to the Trails!

Patricia Rae
281-955-1662

Attention Pet Owners:

Recently a Winchester Trails resident looked out of her window and saw the new signs on the curb around the cul-de-sac and was quite distraught. After talking with friends and neighbors in the Trails, she attended the Homeowners meeting (HOM) and found out that all seven of the cul-de-sacs had been painted with the "NO PETS" sign. As one would drive down the streets this is the first thing that is noticed and with many homes for sale at this time of year it does not give a very good impression of our neighborhood to perspective buyers or visitors.

After much discussion at the HOM, several residents were determined to come up with a way to encourage WT residents to be more responsible. At the HOM, several alternatives were discussed including a dog run and doggie stations (both costly) and sending letters to those people who are allowing their pets to relieve themselves in neighbor's yards and common areas (such as the park and school playground) without picking up after their pet. According to PCMI, this is already being done but most offenders are not making long term changes. As educated and responsible adults, we need to work together to help solve this problem without making our neighborhood look shoddy. The best way determined to solve this problem was by appealing to all homeowners.

- When you walk your pet be responsible and take along a grocery bag or a doggie bag and pick up after your pet.
- Don't let your dog out in the front yard unsupervised to relieve itself because it most likely will go in the neighbor's yard, if it does pick up after it.
- If you see a pet relieving itself in a public place, NICELY offer the pet owner a bag. Sometimes even responsible pet owners forget their bag.

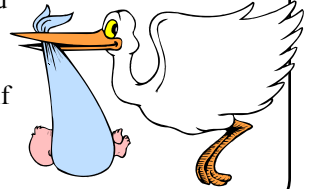
It is a health issue as stated from the Center for Watershed management website: "Pet waste that is left on sidewalks, roads, driveways, parks and yards can mix with rainfall ... and travel to storm drains and surface waters causing pollution and an increased risk of disease."

Our HOA board has removed the signs, but we all need to work together to resolve this chronic problem. Be a Considerate Pet Friendly Neighbor!

Stork Report

July 24 saw the arrival of Meghan Cecile Germany to parents Mike and Robyne of Pearl Drive. Meghan weighed 7 lbs. 4 oz. and was 18½ inches long. Excitedly waiting at home was big sister, Kayla, 2. Congratulations!

If you have a new little one due, please contact Jeff Kelly at 281-970-5441 or jw.kelly@sbcglobal.net to share your news and have the WT Stork appear in your yard if desired.



Hondo Hill Participates in National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 7th, Bill and Alice Brunson hosted their third annual hot dog dinner for the residents of Hondo Hill (10402 – 10610), with eleven of the twenty-three families participating. Attendees brought their favorite covered dishes, desserts and fresh fruit and gathered in the driveway at 10506 Hondo Hill. Officer Andy stopped by and introduced himself to the group and offered information on the security of the neighborhood and how to contact him if necessary. Next year the group is hoping for 100% participation for the cul-de-sac portion of Hondo Hill.

NOTE from Board Director Jim Malone: Congratulations to the Brunson's for organizing this Annual National Night Out activity. This is what this event is all about, a great venue to meet your neighbors. You never know when someone may need some help or see something out of the norm on your property that needs to be reported. Knowing your neighbors and your immediate surroundings can prevent even the smallest of criminal activity. Again, congratulations to the Brunson's for their efforts to make our neighborhood a little safer.

Winchester Trails

Still Desperately Seeking Volunteers!!

Two vital positions in the Trails are still looking for volunteers. Please take this chance to get involved in your neighborhood.

Newsletter Editor: It typically requires 2-4 hours a month to do, depending on the number of submissions, and you get faster with practice. It involves sending out a reminder to regular contributors, listing the articles in an order of importance for the publisher, and doing a little editing and spell checking. The articles and photos are emailed to the publisher. You will also get to write some things for upcoming events, like the garage sales, or looking for graduates, or whatever else you might think sounds interesting. No experience is needed and I'll help you get started. Contact Sherry at heggs23@sbcglobal.net or 281-955-9737.

Directory Editor: This is an on-going process to add and delete residents as they come and go. Publishing a new one is just something that happens once and awhile. The person doing it is like the central clearing house for all the information we have on our residents. There are many lists to keep up with, plus the editor also provides the birthdays and anniversaries for the 'Milestones' article in the TrailWriter each month, as well as the 'Teen Services'.

If you like to keep up with your neighbors, and are good with details, this is the job for you! Contact Sherry at heggs23@sbcglobal.net or 281-955-9737.

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Where Are They Now?

Below are some updates from proud parents on what some of our former pet sitters, baby sitters, lawn boys, etc. are doing. If you missed the deadline last month, you still have one more chance to submit something. Email your brief item to heggs23@sbcglobal.net by September 10.

Ryan Fortner will complete his studies at the University of North Texas (Denton) in December.

Sarah Fortner graduated from the University of Texas and is starting medical school at UT Health Science Center, San Antonio.

Will Nelson graduated from Texas A&M with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering. He has been living in Beaumont, TX, since 2005, working as a Technical Sales Service Engineer for MeadWestvaco.

After graduating from Texas A&M this Spring with a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies, Katie Nelson has returned to Houston and will be teaching fourth grade at Cy-Fair's Birkes Elementary.

Jason Ricke, still single, moved to Kingman, AZ, in August, where he will be working as an attorney for the Mojave County Public Defender's office.

Jessica Ricke, engaged to be married next summer, is working on a master's degree in deaf studies at the University of California at San Diego.

Sandor Karpathy, Jr. was one of the original "lawn boys" along with his brother Chris. Sandor received his PhD. in microbiology and molecular genetics from the UT Health Science Center in Houston last year. He is now working for the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta, and lives there with his wife Stacie and two children, ages 5 and 2.

Chris Karpathy was also a popular babysitter in the Trails. He received his law degree last year from Texas Wesleyan Law School and is practicing with a construction law firm, Griffith & Nixon. He lives in Dallas with his wife, Lori, and Sue and Sandor are hoping for some grandchildren from them!

Michael Hodges, son of former Trails residents Greg and Sheryl Odgers, is now Dr. Michael, and has an internal medicine practice in Mountain Home, AR. He is married, and has two children. His sister, Alyssa, lives near Kansas City, MO. She is married and has two children. Greg and Sheryl's mid-life surprise, Mandy, finished high school a year early and is now a sophomore at St. Edward University in Austin.

The children of Len and Linda Krzykowski--Laura, Lena, and little Peter--are all married, living near Dallas and giving Len and Linda lots of grandchildren.

Colin Wright is the Information Technology Implementations Specialist for Omni Hotels. Based in Dallas for almost 3 years, he relocated in August to Tucson, AZ. His job takes him to Omni Hotels all around the country and he thoroughly enjoys all the traveling.

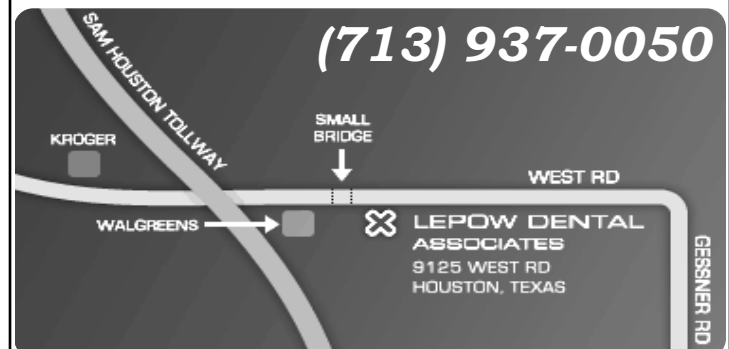


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MILESTONES

New Teenagers – Happy 13th!

9/4 – Zachariah Aubut

New Drivers – Happy 16th!

9/23 - Kelsey Johnson

New Voters – Happy 18th!

9/6 - Logan Suter

9/10 - William Gray, Patrick Guevara

9/18 - Kerry Spare

9/29 - Christina Movaghar

New Adults – Happy 21st!

9/1 - Whitney Diener

9/23 – Keith Hall

9/24 - Ashley Reibenstein

Happy 25th Anniversary!

9/4 - Mike & Donna Hemmi

9/4 - Bill & Kay Jennett

Happy 35th Anniversary!

9/2 - C.P. & Dolores Woodruff, Jr.

9/24 - Asghar & Nasrin Nazemzadeh

Sherry Wright (281)955-9737

Garage Sale Reminder!

The next Trails Garage Sale will be coming the weekend of September 21 & 22. Good luck selling all your treasures, and be sure to pick up any signs you put out.



Gold Dusters

Upcoming Fundraisers for the Jersey Village Gold Dusters

Open House @ Jersey Village High School:

Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2007

Time: 5pm - 7pm

Advance Tickets \$5 from any Gold Duster or \$7 at Door

Serving: Spaghetti, salad, bread, tea/lemonade *Takeout available!

Dance Clinic: Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007

Jersey Village High School '8am Registration

For registration information please contact, Paula Love @ (281) 782-1477

Car Wash: Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007

8am - 2pm (Three Locations)

1. The 99cent Store (West Rd.)

2. Sears (Jones/West)

3. Pizza Hut (Jones & 290)

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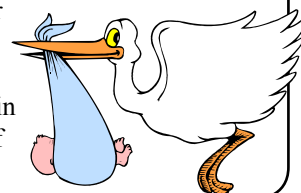
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Stork Report

The Stork made a summer delivery to Blake and Ronique Wilson of Hoot Owl as they welcomed their first child, daughter Reagan Faith Abrielle Wilson, on June 29. Reagan tipped the scales at 6 lbs. 7 oz. Congratulations!

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Green Thumb Corner

It's time to get into the fall growing season, when the cooler weather makes yard work more of a pleasure and less of a chore. It doesn't matter if your preference is for shrubbery, flowers, fruit, vegetable or herb growing - the calendar for this month includes "action items" for all of us, and the first hint of lower temperatures makes it a lot easier to get them accomplished.

This year's abundant rainfall resulted in very active grass growth during the summer and the soil nutrients may have become depleted, so it's a good idea to apply a light feeding to the lawn.

It's hard to beat chrysanthemums for early fall color. In pots on the patio or as permanent perennials in the beds, they are an excellent addition to any yard. They should be fertilized every two or three weeks until flower buds appear, then weekly until the buds show color. Water as necessary. For best garden display, pinch out the center bud of each cluster (but if you want to produce "show quality" blooms with the large-flowered type, leave the center bud and pinch off all laterals).

Keep the roses well mulched, well fed and well watered, and they can reward you with fall blooms that may be even better than spring and summer. Cut out dead wood. As cool weather approaches, water in the morning to discourage black spot and mildew, and maintain a regular spray schedule to prevent black spot from entering leaf tissue. Check azaleas for soil acidity and keep well mulched.

Now is a good time to get started on digging up and dividing perennials like day lilies, iris, violets and cannas. And if you want to start a bed of perennials, this is the time of year to think about planting from seed or nursery transplants. Just make sure the bed is well prepared with lots of organic material mixed in, because it's not going to get the benefit of the same regular cultivation as the beds of annuals. Also consider taking cuttings of tender plants such as coleus and geranium; root them in pots to carry over to next spring.

After the first cool spell, clean up the beds and dispose of old stalks and dead leaves which may harbor insects

and diseases - you can add them to the compost heap, where the heat generated by decomposition is enough to kill most pathogens.

September is also an ideal time to start a small herb garden - you can plant chives, parsley, coriander (cilantro), rosemary, dill and garlic. It needn't take much space, and the results can be very decorative and aromatic as well as useful in the kitchen.

This is a busy month in the vegetable garden if you want to take advantage of the fall growing season. If you hurry, you may not be too late for broccoli, cauliflower, brussels sprouts and tomatoes, and you can plant cabbage and collards for winter greens. And it's time to seed the root crops like carrots, beets, onions, leeks, turnips and radishes. Prepare the beds with the addition of lots of organic material (compost, mulch or peat moss), and make sure that the soil is well cultivated to a depth of twelve inches or more, especially for the carrots. Try lettuce as the weather cools down. One advantage of the fall garden is that the pests are usually far less active than in the spring, so give it a try - you'll find it's well worth the effort when you savor the freshness and flavor of home-grown produce.

THIS MONTH'S TIP: If you've been thinking about establishing a strawberry bed, get started now by preparing raised beds with lots of pine bark mulch so that you'll be ready to plant in October.

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