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## Greetings neighbors,

The September Board Meeting was held on September 6 at PCMI's offices as the 2008 operating budget was developed. The meeting is held at PCMI since the records of expenses and other information that is needed is close at hand. Like everyone, we are faced with higher costs ranging from energy to the increase in minimum wages that occurred in 2007 and will occur again in 2008. The 2008 budget will increase to cover these costs and hence the maintenance fee will also. The proposed assessment will be \$450 next year; which represents an increase of less than six percent. This fee is still below most if not all of our neighboring subdivisions and while we wish it could have less, it is still reasonable to maintain the quality of life we enjoy.

The single biggest factor in the increase is security. The 2007 budget increase was for security but it did not cover all the expenses associated with it. For 2007, there was another subdivision that was to share about 20 to 25 percent of the cost. This will not be the case for 2008 as Winchester Trails will be paying for the contract deputy solely. In addition, the cost for the contract deputy program has risen. As a Board, we have heard many positives concerning the security program and we will continue to have this as a part of the neighborhood as long as you request and support it.

Several questions have been asked about the fence along West Road and the impact on the budget. While the fence will mostly be assumed by MUD 9, the funds set aside last year for the fence were going to be taken out of reserves and were not reflected in the homeowner's maintenance fees. These

funds are still in reserve.

Along the lines of the fence, the West Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 9 continues to make progress on the Park Plan. They are waiting for approval of the Park Plan by the State. They have sent out bid packages to fence contractors and these were due on September 19. Their plan is to enter into an agreement with the appropriate fence contractor in the early fall. Other contracts will be let to address other aspects of the Park Plan. We are working with MUD 9 and will continue to report progress. Once again, MUD 9 Board members are our neighbors and if you see them, give them a word of thanks as this will certainly increase our quality of life and add value to our area.

As mentioned last month, Sherry Wright will be stepping aside as the editor of the TrailWriter. We really need a new editor or we will have to consider stopping publication of the newsletter. I have been here 18 years and I would hate to see that happen. Please contact Sherry at [heggs23@sbcglobal.net](mailto:heggs23@sbcglobal.net) so we can continue. The job is important and it only takes about 2 to 4 hours per month. Thank you for your consideration. [Editor's Note: We did get a response. Thank You!]

As the pool is now closed, I would like to take a minute to thank the lifeguards who worked this summer. We had a good crew and Greater Houston Pool Management has taken care of the pool well again. We have had a few issues concerning some of the teens that could have conducted themselves more appropriately. The

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## YARDS OF THE MONTH



*10327 Wagon Trail –  
David & Jenny Cargill*



*10427 Minturn – Bob & Kay Stone*

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## Deadline

The deadline for the November newsletter is October 10.

All items should be sent to [heggs23@sbcglobal.net](mailto:heggs23@sbcglobal.net).



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### Board Message - (Continued from cover page)

lifeguards have the responsibility to ensure a safe pool operation and hence they can also deny access to the pool to anyone who violates the rules. We will be looking to strengthen their authority for next year. I appreciate your input on this manner.

For October, the Annual meeting will be held at the clubhouse on the 4th. We expect to see a good turnout and hear your comments. Thanks for the support.

Until next month...

Walter

### Upcoming Events

October 4	Annual Homeowner's Meeting 7pm
October 6	St. Max Fall Festival
October 8	Columbus Day - CFISD Holiday
October 20	Foundry Craft Show 9am-4pm
October 31	Halloween
November 1	Maintenance Board Meeting 7pm
November 4	Daylight Savings Ends ('fall back' 1 hour)
November 6	Election Day



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## Directory

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## "Treasures of The Trails" Luncheon

When: Tuesday, October 16, 2007

Where: Gugliani's Italian Restaurant

12149 FM 1960 Rd. West

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Time: Noon – 2pm

Each "Treasure of The Trails" must be at least 65 years young and a Trails resident to attend. The first 40 Treasures to reply will be included.

Please RSVP by October 9, 2007 to Paulette Walker at 281-894-5708 or [paulette\\_walker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paulette_walker@sbcglobal.net)

## The Foundry Church's Craft Show and Tea Room

A Shopper's Heaven on Earth! The Foundry United Methodist Church will host over 100 vendors at its annual Judy Dierker Craft Classic on Saturday, October 20, 2007, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. You'll find terrific values on a wide array of goods from vendors offering handcrafted items, fall & Christmas specialties, gourmet baked goods, children's toys, clothing, jewelry and more in a fun and friendly marketplace. You can also shop The Foundry General Store where every cent you spend benefits local and foreign missions. And, when you're hungry, be sure to stop by our Texas Tea Room, open 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and enjoy salads, desserts, and coffees. Admission to the craft show is FREE; purchase tea room tickets at the show for \$10 each (all proceeds benefiting missions). Come rain or shine! Foundry is located at 8350 Jones Road, 1-½ blocks north of Hwy 290. For more information, call 713-937-9388 or see [www.foundryfamily.org](http://www.foundryfamily.org).

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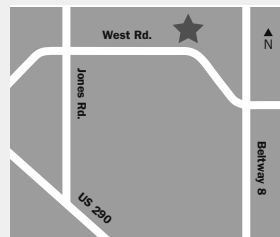


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## HOWDY PARTNER

The Trails welcomes Brenda and Dan Heaton, who moved into their home at 10602 Wagon Trail in May. Although they are new residents, they have been to the Trails regularly to visit their daughter, Dana, who also lives down the street on Wagon Trail with her family. The Heaton's family consists of daughter Dana and husband, Martin Zera, and their four children, Taylor-17, Hailey-13, Kaitlyn-8 and Andrew-18 months, and son Stephen and his wife, Danna, who live in Spring with their three children, Ashley-16, Madison-12 and Zachary-9.

Dan works at Clear Choice Lexus in client relations and also is a deacon in their church, Bethel Baptist Church. Brenda works one day a week in the administrative field for a Winchester Trails resident. Together they enjoy teaching Sunday school to the young children of their church. The Heaton's moved to the Trails from the Willow Lake Subdivision and are enjoying the neighborhood.

Daryl and Cindy Barker, along with their pet Chihuahua, now call 9202 Teepee Trail their home. They moved to Houston from Fort Worth for Daryl's job as a senior contract analyst with Marathon Oil. Cindy teaches Geometry at Cy-Ridge High School. The Barker's are parents to Amy and husband, Zach Sherman, and Vicki and husband, Chris Hart, who remain in Fort Worth as caretakers of the Barker's home. When not working, the Barker's enjoy reading, running, games and participating in church activities.

Please welcome Tim and Karen Moss to the Trails. They moved from Winchester Country after having lived there for 24 years into 9102 South Pass Lane in June. Tim and Karen have five boys: Brandon-26, Matthew-20, James-17, Grant-11 and Blake-9, and one shepherd/border collie dog, Dakota. Tim works as a manager of LPG Systems (part of EPCO), and Karen is a Human Resources manager at EPCO. When not working, Tim enjoys playing in his country western band, SIXGUN and Karen enjoys photography and swimming.

Please stop by and welcome the Heaton, Barker and Moss families to the Trails!

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](http://www.winchestertrails.com). Welcome to the Trails!

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## Crime Strikes Again in Northwest Houston

Please be advised that there have been a string of home burglaries in the subdivisions in the West Road/Beltway subdivisions over the last month. These burglaries are taking place during the daytime hours when most are at work or at the very least when you would least expect it. The MO is to knock on doors to see if anyone is at home, first forcing their way in if someone answers the door or breaking in the back doors should no one answer. This type of activity is not new and has presented itself before. We need to watch out for ourselves and each other. We are our best defense when it comes to these types of crime. Watch out for your neighbors and their property and they will do the same for you. Please do not attempt to approach these crooks yourself as we have enough Sheriff's deputy units in the area at all times. Call the Sheriff's Department at 713-221-6000 and be as detailed as possible so that they can respond immediately. They are very aware of this issue and are working diligently to catch the persons responsible. Thank you for attention to this notice and let's all do our part to keep these crooks out of Winchester Trails.

Jim Malone, Security Coordinator

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### New Teenagers – Happy 13<sup>th</sup>!

10/9 - Courtney Calbat  
10/31 - Katherine Roselius

### New Drivers – Happy 16<sup>th</sup>!

10/29 - Laura Lasiter

### New Voters – Happy 18<sup>th</sup>!

10/26 - Erica Haude  
10/28 - Jacob Pattillo

### New Adults – Happy 21<sup>st</sup>!

10/5 - Scooter Hicks  
10/7 - Scott Davis  
10/13 - Dylan Murry  
10/14 - Beth Brown  
10/18 - Michelle Yim  
10/23 - Michael Cargill  
10/29 - Robert May

### Happy 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

10/17 - Darryl & Suzanne Vinson  
10/24 - Ron & Mitzie Costello

*Sherry Wright (281)955-9737*

## 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. Thanks to all who responded this month and last.

Michelle Brault (Jones) is living in the Woodlands with her husband, working in the family business and raising twin 3 year old daughters.

Kimberley Brault (Davis) is living in Tomball with her husband, running her dance studio (Cypress Elite Dance) and raising a 4 month old daughter.

Lauren Fernandez graduated from the University of North Texas with a dual degree in Journalism and Public Relations. She is currently residing in the Dallas area where she is an Assistant Account Executive with Jetstream Public Relations, Inc. a technology and healthcare firm.

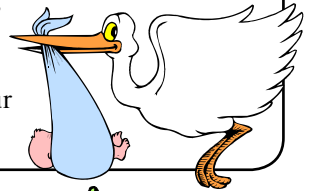
Jonathan Surratt graduated from Rice University in May 2007 with the degree of Master of Chemical Engineering (MChE) and the degree of Master of Business Administration (MBA). He is employed by ExxonMobil Chemical here in Houston as e-Business Coordinator in Global Marketing.

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## Stork Report

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## Certificates

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## GREEN THUMB CORNER

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In addition to the usual daffodils and tulips, try Amaryllis, Anemone, Calla, Iris, Lilies, Narcissus, Oxalis and Ranunculus, and select a variety of early-, mid- and late-bloomers to stretch out the flowering period. Plant in rich, loamy soil with lots of humus, and it helps to add bone meal at the bottom of the hole; planting depth is usually indicated on the packet, but a good rule of thumb is to use a depth of two or three times the width of the bulb.

Tulips require special treatment - they need to be chilled (not frozen) for 45 to 60 days before planting, and the recommended planting time is between Christmas and New Year's Day.

The best bulb display is usually obtained by mass plantings rather than single rows or small groups, and try to avoid too many different colors in the same area. Unfortunately, only the daffodils offer any hope of perennial performance in the Houston climate.

There's been some evidence of Black Sooty Mold on the crape myrtles this year and it's a very common problem, particularly with the amount of rainfall that we've had this year. The real culprits are aphids, whiteflies, or other insects that excrete a sweet sticky substance on the leaves; this forms a perfect growth medium for the mold. So although the visible symptom is a fungus, the cure is to spray with or Malathion or Diazinon to eliminate the real source of the problem. The mold will wash off, and in fact you may be able to use a forceful water spray to remove the insects without resorting to pesticides.

October is the recommended month for giving the lawn its final feeding of the year to promote root health through the winter, and it may also be needed to encourage some re-growth in areas damaged by dry periods earlier in the year. Use 15-5-10 or 16-8-8 or even a general-purpose 12-24-12. Watch out for Brown Patch - circular brown or yellow areas of grass; this is a fungus activated by cooler moist weather and is easily spread by people and pets walking across affected areas. Control with Terraclor granules.

Acid-loving azaleas like a pH of 5.0 or less, so check your soil and treat with powdered sulfur or copperas. Sprinkle around the base of the shrub without disturbing the roots, and water-in thoroughly. Groom as necessary and budding-out should occur where cut.

Dig up and store caladium bulbs this month or next - it's easier to locate them before the foliage dies back completely, and if left in the ground they may rot or freeze. Dry them in the shade, brush off any loose soil, dust with fungicide, and hang up in old pantyhose in the garage.

In the vegetable garden, plant strawberries between mid-October and mid-November in raised beds with good drainage, using slightly-acid, rich, loose soil with lots of humus (bark mulch is good). Cabbage and collard plants can go in, and you can sow seeds for beets, turnips, carrots, lettuce, spinach, radishes and onions. Also try planting English garden peas this month or next for an early spring crop, but you may have to nurse them through any freezing spells.

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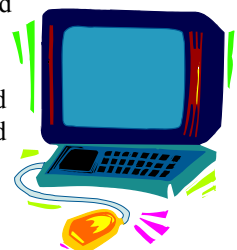
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To learn more about The Pearl and upcoming events, visit us at [www.pearlmfa.org](http://www.pearlmfa.org).

## WT Website

Our Trails website, [www.winchestertrails.com](http://www.winchestertrails.com), is packed with all kinds of useful information. Just added is all the information for the upcoming season at the pool, including how and when to get pool tags and the hours it will be open. Links are also there for deed restrictions, a directory form, school info, updates on committees, and much, much more. Even back newsletters are available in case you misplaced yours. So please be sure to use this valuable resource soon and often. Comments and suggestions are always welcome.



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