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HOA Board and Voting Members Needed!

Waterford Parks is a great place to live and with your help, it can be even better. Any resident of Waterford Parks who desires to serve on the Board of Directors or as a Voting Member is eligible. Board Members are elected for two year terms while Voting Members are elected on an annual basis. (For the coming year we will need to fill 3 Board positions and 9 Voting Member positions) Board Member responsibilities include:

- Attending monthly meetings (usually the last Monday of each month)
- Serving as liaison to one or more committees,
- Overseeing the financial aspects of the association,
- Addressing the concerns of homeowners, and doing your part to make this a great neighborhood!

Voting Member responsibilities include:

- Electing the Board of Directors at the annual meeting
- Approving the annual budget prepared by the Board.
- Voting Members are encouraged to attend all Board meetings and to willingly volunteer as needed.

If you're interested, please contact the 2007 HOA Nominating Committee or any HOA Board Member. We will be happy to give you more information about the positions and answer any questions you might have. NominatingCommittee@Waterfordparks.com

Attention all Residents!

Parks at Waterford HOA
Annual Meeting
Monday, November 26, 2007
Boon Elementary Cafeteria
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Make plans to attend!

Ladies Night Out Save the Dates!

November

November 15th at 7:00 PM
Hosted by Tiffany Noone
1010 Bandelier

Please RSVP to 214.383.0688 or tiffany.noone@sbcglobal.net

December

December 6th at 7:00 PM
Hosted by Gina Steele
2131 Channel Islands
Please RSVP to 972.678.0591 or gsteel1958@yahoo.com

COOKIE EXCHANGE

Please bring 3 dozen, home-baked cookies to exchange. Bring cookies that will hold their shape well. That means NO soft icings because they are likely to get smashed in transit. Also bring a \$5-\$10 ornament for an ornament exchange.

All Neighborhood Ladies Welcome!
Come meet your neighbors!!

Fall Winter Home Maintenance Checklist

- Clean your air filters and have your heating system cleaned and checked
- Check your smoke detectors
- Check your gutters for debris
- Check your overhead garage door-tighten bolts and lubricate the springs/tracks
- Wash windows and screens, clean weep holes
- Winterize your hose bibs and disconnect the hoses
- Check your yard for proper drainage
- Adjust your doors and check your weather stripping
- Caulk where needed

Good Neighbor Watch!

Just so you know, our own Waterford Parks Resident, Trenton Lundgren, a 9th Grader at Lowery, has been picking up trash in our common areas as part of his community service in the National Junior Honor Society. Please be sure and thank him for all his hard work. Way to go Trenton & thank you!

Welcome New Neighbors!

Yafsoon Bawa
2012 Hopewell
Brad & Misti Marckx
1005 Arches Park Dr

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Information on the Board Positions and Seats:

Name	Title	When Term Ends
Paul Bandiera	President	December 2007
Jim Pettiford	Vice President	December 2008
Sarah Stroud	Treasurer	December 2008
Brian Kirkpatrick	Secretary	December 2007
Brad Boatner	Asst Treasurer, Asst Secretary	December 2007

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Landscape Savings Through Waterford Parks HOA

Waterford Parks neighborhood has a great opportunity for each individual homeowner to have a tree farm deliver and install trees, shrubs and other landscaping for their homes. By joining together as a community, homeowners in Waterford Parks can obtain a savings of 10% off already discounted prices.

The company that we are working with is Treeland, which is north of Frisco. This is a privately owned 30 acre tree farm that has been in business for 22 years. The owner, Bob, is willing to provide landscaping suggestions for each individual homeowner. Simply e-mail a picture of the area you wish to landscape and he will provide planting suggestions.

Homeowners are encouraged to browse possible selections at www.tree-land.com. If you don't see a particular tree or plant in which you are interested, please contact Bob with your request as he has access to a much wider selection than what is shown on his website. He may be contacted at (972) 569-7655 or by visiting the website.

You may contact Bob directly at Treeland or e-mail Karen Frost as our neighborhood contact at Karen@rubberstampin.com to ensure that you receive your discount. We plan to have Treeland schedule deliveries during the fall planting season.



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Attendance Boundary Process - 2007

Summary: September 24 - The process for establishing attendance boundaries for Mary Evans Elementary School and Elementary School #15 is underway. The Allen ISD Board of Trustees appointed a 24-member committee in September to study options for creating school boundaries for the two new elementary schools and the middle schools those campuses will feed into.

Public meetings to discuss the changes have been set at 6:30 p.m. for the following dates and locations: November 1 – Kerr Elementary School; November 5 – Marion Elementary School; November 12 – Boon Elementary School; and November 13 at Ereckson Middle School if needed. Patrons are invited to attend any of the scheduled public meetings.

Public Meeting Schedule

Thursday, Nov. 1 at Kerr Elementary
Monday, Nov. 5 at Marion Elementary
Monday, Nov. 12 at Boon Elementary
Tuesday, Nov. 13 at Ereckson Middle School (if fourth meeting is necessary)

All meetings begin at 6:30p.m.

Parameters For Establishing School Attendance Boundaries

- AISD will continue to use the feeder school philosophy by designating specific elementary campuses to assigned middle schools.
- AISD Staff and the committee will use the most recent enrollment projection data from the annual demographic report.
- The boundary change should optimize school facility usage and accommodate growth patterns throughout the District.
- A campus capacity should not include portable classroom space that is considered temporary.
- Programs for special population groups should be considered in relation to capacity issues.
- Fiscal impact on staffing, transportation and building capacity must be considered.

- AISD believes demographic diversity enriches our community and the committee should embrace this philosophy in its analysis of feeder school scenarios.

2007 Committee Members

Anderson: Karen Brooks and Ben Martinez

Bolin: Mardi Echols

Boon: Sue McCann and Judi Wohead

Boyd: Dawn Johnson

Chandler: Jana Fowler

Green: Jana Kotlarczyk

Kerr: Stephanie Fontenot and Donna Neal

Marion: Brian Mazzei and Michael Noack

Norton: Lisa Morgan

Reed: Angela Pipkin and Michelle Anderson

Rountree: Amanda James

Story: Dave Barnes, Marilyn Stegemoller

Vaughan: Denise Fowler

Curtis: Debbie Bellando, Lisa Kerr

Ereckson: Pearce Andrews and Linda Broom

Ford: Lori Vetter and Kim Cullum

Contact Dr. David Vroonland Asst. Superintendent for Student Services 972.727.7115

Teenage Jobseekers

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Financial Focus

Protect Yourself from Identity Theft

First, the bad news: There's still plenty of identity theft out there. Now, the better news: There's not as much as in previous years. And now, the best news: You can do a lot to protect yourself from being victimized.

If you're not familiar with the concept of identity theft, it basically involves someone getting some pieces of information about you - name, Social Security number, credit card numbers, "pre-approved" credit card offers - and using this data to make purchases or withdraw funds from your accounts.

In 2006, some 8.4 million Americans were hit by identity fraud - but that's half a million fewer victims than the year before, according to a study conducted by Javelin Strategy & Research. The study also found that, in 2006, the average victim of an existing account fraud paid \$587, out of pocket, in consumer costs associated with the fraud, while victims of new accounts opened in their name paid, on average, \$617.

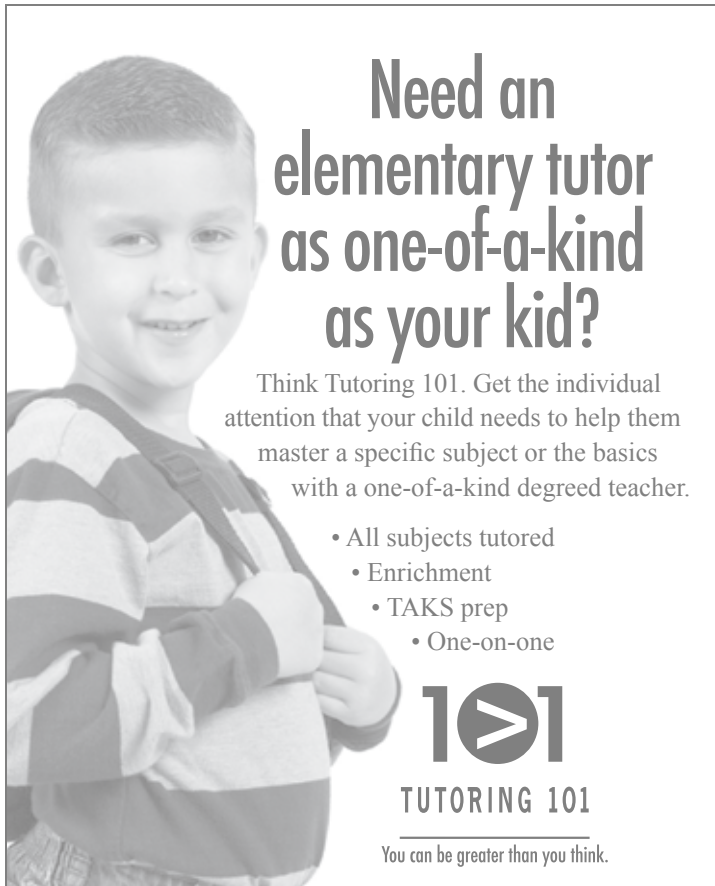
The overall decline in identity theft may indicate that more people are acting to protect themselves - but the average cost per person shows that fraud victims still can get hurt. How can you reduce the chances of being victimized by identity theft? Here are some suggestions:

- Shield your credit card from prying eyes and ears. Thieves can now

use camera cell phones to take photos of your credit cards while you're making purchases. Don't pull your credit card out from your wallet or purse until the moment you're going to use it, and put it away after it's used. If you're making a contribution over the phone to a political or non-profit group, don't give out your credit card number unless you're sure the organization is legitimate.

- Use secure sites when shopping online. Before giving out your credit card number to make a purchase on the Internet, make sure you're on a secure site - one that begins with <https://>. (The "s" stands for "secure.") Also, the site should display a small lock or other security seal.
- Shred those documents. If you are purging old investment statements, tax returns and bank documents, use a shredder. And while you have the shredder out, use it on pre-approved credit card offers.
- Go "virtual". Try to replace paper statements - from banks, financial services providers and credit card issuers - with online versions. Many businesses will be quite happy to save the cost and expense of mailing account statements to you.
- Check your bank statements. Whether you get your bank statements online or on paper, check them at least a few times a month. If you find a transaction that looks unfamiliar or questionable, call your bank to find out more details.

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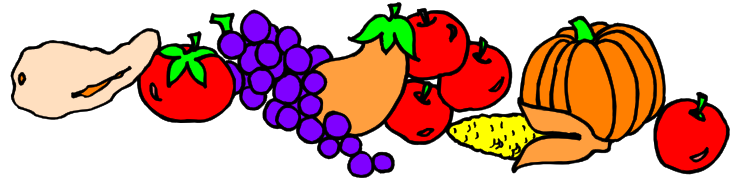
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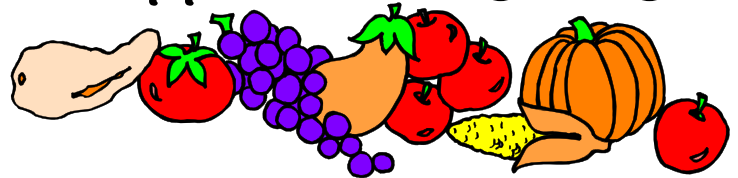
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- Get your credit report annually - To request a copy of your credit report, you can call the three main credit bureaus: Equifax (1-800-685-1111), Experian (1-888-397-3742) and Trans Union (1-800-888-4213). Check your report closely for “surprises” or unaccounted activity.
- Guard your personal information. Don't carry around your Social Security card in your wallet. In fact, unless it's truly necessary, as when you're filing official papers, don't give out your Social Security number. Also, change the PIN number on your cash card once in a while.

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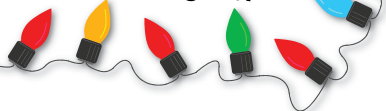


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Compost is available to Allen residents at the Allen Compost Facility, located at 510 S. Jupiter Road, in the northwest corner of the Jupiter Ball Park. The site is open from 8am-5pm on Saturdays only. This site will be closed from Thanksgiving until Valentine's Day. Each household is allowed to collect one cubic yard of compost per month from the facility on a first-come first-served basis. This site is unattended and thus relies on the honor system. Residents that see commercial vehicles taking the compost are asked to report the vehicle license number to Donna Kliewer with the City of Allen at 214-509-4551.

Jupiter Ball Park is not a drop off site for branches, yardwaste, grass or organic materials. Leaving such material is considered illegal dumping. Dumpers will be prosecuted.

Allen ISD

As most of you are aware, there will be some rezoning taking place next Fall that could affect our neighborhood on the elementary and/or middle school level. As the public hearings are announced, we will keep you informed of the place and times of these hearings. Please mark your calendars as these events are posted and make your voice heard!

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.

	9					5	6	3
				6		4	1	
			3					
				2	5	8		
2	6				3			1
		5	7					
1			9					5
3		8				9		
				5				4

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2 # of Pre-Owned Homes Sales

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Avg. \$ Sq Foot \$95.56
Avg. Days on Market 124

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3 Pending Sales
16 Currently Active

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