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Greetings friends and neighbors,

The Annual Homeowners Association Meeting was held on Thursday, October 4 at the clubhouse. The meeting was attended by about 20 homeowners with important topics ranging from the annual budget, maintenance fees and the election of a board member. The meeting requires a quorum of homeowners either by proxy or attending in person. For the Trails, that means 10 percent of the 545 homeowners must participate in the process. We had just enough to make the meeting a success and the Board would like to thank all those who to the time to attend and contribute. We also had Officer Andy, our contract deputy, attend the meeting and discuss some of his activities in the Trails.

First, the Board is glad to announce that Greg Johnson won reelection to the Board after serving the unexpired term of a previous board member who resigned due to time commitments. Greg will now have a full three year term. In addition, all Board members have retained their respective positions. I personally look forward to working with Paulette, Ian, Greg and Jim for at least another year.

As discussed in the October edition of the *TrailWriter*, the assessment for 2008 will be \$450 that reflects upon increased costs due to energy, the minimum wage and security. The proposed budget was discussed at length during the meeting with much input from the attendees. All homeowners in attendance were able to vote on whether about \$2000 in surplus funds from 2007 would be returned to the homeowners or placed into the reserve fund that is mandated. Based on the vote, the funds will be placed into the reserve. In

summary, the Board is working to control costs while maintaining a quality of life in the Trails everyone expects.

We have also been working with MUD 9 regarding the Park Plan and the fences along West Road. In their September meeting, the MUD 9 passed a motion to award a contract with a construction company to start construction of the fence along West Road. That fence will be very similar to the demonstration fence that was constructed adjacent to the MUD building parking lot. More details to follow as the schedule is developed. In addition, it was announced that the state has approved the Park Plan.

As mentioned for sometime now, Sherry Wright will be stepping aside as the editor of the *TrailWriter* and the directory. We all owe Sherry a big "Thank You" for all of her work over the years. We will certainly miss her involvement. The Board would like to thank to Lisa Wooldridge for volunteering to edit our monthly newsletter. We would also like to recognize Melissa Zmerzlikar for volunteering to maintain the directory. The publication of a new directory was approved in the Board meeting and will be printed and delivered to residents. Thanks also to Linda Van Zuilekom for managing the clubhouse rentals and to Missy Fouts to maintain and distribute our welcome packages. If you have information that requires any of these volunteers listed please check the inside of the monthly newsletter.

Thanks for all the support and encouragement.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Walter



Holidays

in the Trails

Saturday, December 15, 2007
Winchester Trails Clubhouse

Festivities

At dusk.....Residents set out luminaries
5- 6pm.....Pictures & Cookies with Santa
6 - 8pm.....Fun Outdoor Activities

Please contact
Mitzie Costello at 281-250-8384
to order your luminaries kits, to donate
cookies or to volunteer to assist
with this event.



Upcoming Events

November

- 1 Maintenance Board Meeting 7pm
- 4 Daylight Savings Ends ('fall back' 1 hour)
- 6 Election Day
- 11 Veterans Day
- 22 Thanksgiving Day Holiday
- 23 CFISD Holiday

December

- 6 Maintenance Board Meeting 7pm

Winchester Trails

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His email can be found on the Security page of the Trails website.



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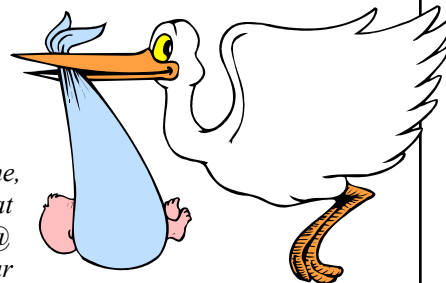
The deadline for the November newsletter is November 10.
All items should be sent to lwool2@sbcglobal.net.

Stork Report

Congratulations go to Javier and Veronica Espinoza on Copperdale on the September 30th arrival of their third daughter, Vanessa Rae. Big sisters Sofia and Liliana are delighted with their new sister.

Vanessa Rae
6 lbs., 15 oz.
18 ¾ inches long.

If you have a new little one, 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.



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YARDS OF THE MONTH



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10515 Pearl - Chris & Angela Paschall

HOWDY PARTNER

Please welcome **Mike and Patricia Hickey** to the Trails. In September, they moved from Winchester Country into 9203 Tepee Trail. Mike and Patricia have two daughters, Allison-14 and Emily-11, two dogs, Sammy and Shadow, and two cats, Rocky and Max. Mike works as a district manager, and Patricia works in Marketing. In their spare time, the Hickeys enjoy boating, traveling and fishing. Please stop by and welcome the Hickey family 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. Welcome to the Trails!

Missy Fouts
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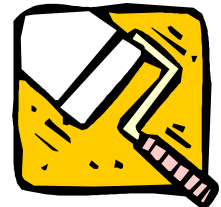
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New Teenagers - Happy 13th!

11/23 - Michael Tran

New Drivers - Happy 16th!

11/13 - Kimberly Sheeran

11/23 - Chelsea Stolte

11/27 - Paige Carrow

New Voters - Happy 18th!

11/04 - Trey Talley

11/28 - Kalee Martin

New Adults - Happy 21st!

11/3 - Travis Norton

11/13 - Bradley Vaughn

11/18 - Jordan Davis

11/20 - Andrew O'Shea

11/20 - Christina Stolte

Happy 10th Anniversary!

11/01 - Clay & Lisa Wooldridge

Happy 20th Anniversary!

11/28 - Evans & Eileen Neucere

Happy 25th Anniversary!

11/13 - Bill & Cathy Stolte

Happy 30th Anniversary!

11/19 - Steve & Diana Hanley

Happy 55th Anniversary!!

11/29 - James & Dorothy Kirkman

Melissa Zmerzlikar
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National Merit

Congratulations to Trails residents (and Jersey Village High School students) Ankit Rajgariah and Julia Shatilo, who are two of the local semifinalists in the 2008 National Merit Scholarship Program.

PCMI Contacts

Barbara Riley (who replaced Myla Chandler) is our new account manager at PCMI. She may be contacted at 281-870-0585, ext. 1315 or briley@stes.com. If you cannot reach Barbara, you may ask for her backup, Liz Trapolino at the same phone number, or ltrapolino@stes.com.

WT Website

Our Trails website, 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.



Winchester Trails Trash

A Friendly Reminder:

Trash is to be placed for pickup after 6pm on Monday and Thursday evenings. Also, tree and shrub trimmings must be bundled & tied prior to placing them on the curb for pickup. Unbundled trimmings will not be picked up. This results in unsightly street trash.

Thank you,
WT Maintenance Board

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Winchester Trails

GREEN THUMB CORNER

We discussed spring bulbs last month, but here's a brief reminder that the planting "window" continues through November and December. Remember that tulips are an exception and should not GREEN be planted before late December, but get them in the refrigerator as soon as possible for at least three weeks of chilling.

November is the usual time for setting out pansy plants in beds or containers after the weather has cooled, and they really can't be beaten for providing a show of color through the winter months. They will benefit from a little blood meal under each plant, but otherwise pansies require very little care and attention.

This is a good month for general yard maintenance, now that the grass isn't growing so fast and we don't have to spend all our time mowing and edging. Clean up the beds and remove dead foliage to help eliminate insects and disease organisms that can over-winter in the debris. Start to build up a good thick layer of top mulch in preparation for winter, to protect from freezing and winter drying (the cool winter winds can dry out the ground almost as quickly as the summer heat). It's also a good time of year to modify your landscaping - take a good look around and plan any changes that you want to make. Correct any drainage problems, raising beds if necessary.

If not done yet, give the lawn its final feed of the year with a light application of general-purpose fertilizer (12-24-12 or 13-13-13) to keep the roots nourished through the winter. This is particularly

important to help our grass recover from the severe beating it received during this year's lengthy dry spells.

As chrysanthemums and other perennials finish blooming, cut flowering stems close to the ground to allow all the energy to be used for root growth. They can be divided and transplanted any time from now until March, but the sooner the early-blooming varieties are moved, the earlier and better will be their blooms.

Roses should be kept well watered and may be fed lightly; groom out any dead wood, but do not prune heavily until January or February. Azaleas and camellias may be moved; mulch well and keep moist.

Fruit trees may be planted now, although the most popular time is in January and that's when they are more readily available at the nurseries. An advantage of planting trees now is that the still-warm soil allows some root growth to be established before going into dormancy. Flowering shrubs, both deciduous and evergreen, may also be planted.

In the vegetable garden, we still have a week or two for setting out strawberry plants, and seeds may be sown for beets, spinach, English garden peas, asparagus, chives, parsley, radishes and cress. Onion sets may be planted, also cabbage plants. Any unused beds should be turned over, spread with manure or compost, and allowed to weather for a while.

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Cypress, one of the fastest-growing communities in Greater Houston, now has something else to boast about. It will soon be home to The First Annual Cy-Fair Home & Garden Show, announced Tony Wood, president of Texwood Shows, Inc. On March 1-2, 2008, Wood will bring his magic mix of Home & Garden professionals and industry-leader presenters to the Berry Center, Cy-Fair ISD's new \$70 million, state-of-the-art facility.

"Statistics show that the Cy-Fair area is ready for a show of this magnitude," said Wood. According to the Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce, the population of the area is over 650,000 and is expected to climb to over 750,000 by 2009, and the average household income is projected to be over \$71,000 that same year.

"We've already received enormous interest in the show from exhibitors who want to participate, and we're lining up a fabulous group of speakers who are all tops in their field," said Wood, who has presented the Spring and Fall Home & Garden Shows in The Woodlands for the past five years.

Categories to be covered include kitchen and bath trends, outdoor living and gardening, home technology and media rooms, the latest in home furnishings, wine cellars, organizing professionals, window treatments, flooring, newest appliances and much more.

"We're looking forward to bringing this exciting and informative show to the Cy-Fair community," said Wood. For more information about the show, contact Wood at 713-661-0109 or at texwood@sbcglobal.net.

Cypress Christian

Cypress Christian School would like to invite you...

Love Music?

The CCS High School Choirs will hold their annual Christmas Concerts on November 30 and December 14.

Love to Read?

Buy a book at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore in Copperfield on the evening of December 5 and a portion of your purchase will benefit the school libraries for our K-12 students.

For more information on any of these events, call 281-469-8829 or www.CypressChristian.org.

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WT Signs

Check it out!

The Trails has some new signs to display. We have 2 new Yard of the Month signs for our exceptional yard winners, and a sign to remind everyone of the monthly meeting. Thanks go to Ron Matthews for securing these.



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