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Greetings friends and neighbors,

I trust that the Holidays were joyous for you and your family.

The Homeowners Association Meeting was held on Thursday, December 6 at the clubhouse. The meeting was attended by about 10 homeowners with important topics ranging from the Park Plan to Security issues. Since the stone wall construction for Winchester Trails was about 60 percent complete at the time of the meeting, much attention was focused on that portion of the Park Plan. Representatives at the meeting included the Project Manager from the engineering and construction management company as well as one of the Directors from West Harris County Municipal Utility District 9. These representatives listened to concerns over building the wall ranging from construction quality issues to clean up during the process both on the West Road side of the wall as well as the backyards of the several homes. Some issues could not be dealt with at the meeting, but these would be addressed after holding discussions with the fence contractor or other field personnel. Much progress had been made on the wall on the Trails portion of the project since the work started in early November. Once the contractor has completed the Trails section, they will move on to Winchester Meadows and Winchester Country. The MUD will then proceed with the trails and landscaping.

Security was also a topic of discussion with Officer Andy in attendance to discuss

the holiday period as well as activity in the neighborhood. We had a couple of reportable instances but fortunately, no one was greatly affected by these instances. We must all remember to keep doors and windows locks as well a staying alert for suspicious persons or activities in our area. If you see something that does not seem right, it probably is not and the Sheriff's office should be called please refer to your 2008 directories for this number.

Recently, I was approached by one of the Trails residents who had received a notice from an anonymous fellow neighbor concerning trash pickup or the placement of bags at the end of the driveways. While we have backdoor pickup, the trash company will not pick up bags or items that weigh more than 40 pounds at the back door. This necessitates the deposition of bags at the end of the driveway. If this happens to you, please put the trash at the end of the driveway the night before pickup. Also, if you have a lawn service, it is possible that the bags with the clippings could be at the end of the driveway over the weekend. Please be courteous regarding when and where these bags are placed. If you are offended by one of your neighbors, please discuss this with them or report the incident to PCMI so they can investigate and send a letter to the homeowner. Thank you.

Happy New Year,
Walter

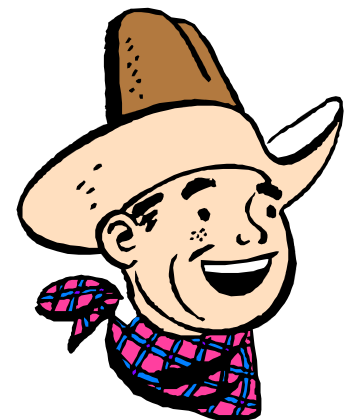
Upcoming Events

January

- 1st New Year's Day
- 3rd Board Meeting at Clubhouse
- 18th Arbor Day
- 21st Martin Luther King –
CFISD Holiday

Go Texan Celebration in the Trails

Do you enjoy the rodeo? Feel like you don't have a niche in the Trails community? Do you love turkey legs and the smell of ribs cooking on an oak fire? Are you are a competitive cooker or have you ever wanted to be? We have an event being planned just for YOU! We are excited to announce our First Annual Go Texan Celebration in the Trails! We are looking for volunteers for committee/planning, judging and just plain helping out. Please contact Paulette Walker at paulette_walker@sbcglobal.net or Lisa Wooldridge at lwool2@sbcglobal.net to let us know you're interested. Let's all help make this an event that everyone will look forward to each year!



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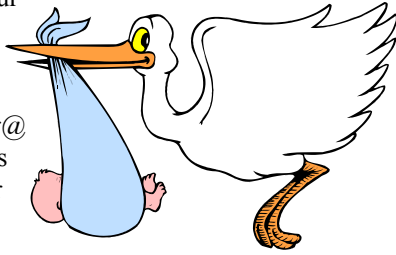
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Stork Report

George and Despina Mihos of Crazy Horse had baby girl Fotini Victory Mihos on Nov. 7th, weighing in at 8 ½ pounds and 21 inches long. Congratulations on your new bundle!

If you have a new little one, please contact Allison Poor at 281-807-0244 or alisonpoor@earthlink.net to share your news and have the WT Stork appear in your yard if desired.



Deadline

The deadline for the February newsletter is January 10.

All items should be sent to

Lisa Wooldridge at lwool2@sbcglobal.net.

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Please welcome the Dillon family, the Sanchez family and the Wallin family to the Trails neighborhood.

In August Don and Sandra Dillon moved from Canada into their home at 10314 Pearl Drive. The Dillon's have three grown children, Andrea, Christine and Andrew, who still live in Canada. Don works as a General Manager and Sandra is a Bookkeeper, welcome! Brett and Tracy Wallin moved into 10402 Cutting Horse Lane in October. They are expecting their first child, a daughter, in February. Brett works as an Operations Manager and Tracy teaches Pre-K at a private day care. Please welcome the Wallin's and their dogs Noxx and Ty to the Trails.

The Sanchez family now calls 10215 Cutting Horse Lane home also in October. Frank is employed as a Senior Medical Technologist and Mary Ellen is a first grade teacher. Their two sons, Vincent and Andrew, attend Jersey Village High School. Please welcome the Sanchez family and their cat, Chester, to the neighborhood.

If you are new to the neighborhood and have not been welcomed, please let us know. We want to stop by and say hello, as well as to get some information to introduce your family to your neighbors! We also have Trails information available on our website at www.winchestertrails.com. Welcome to the Trails!

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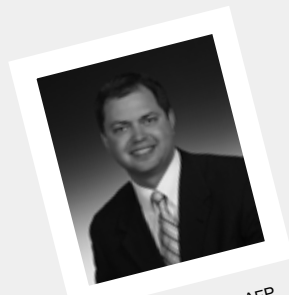
MUD Park Rendering

Below is a rendering of a portion of the park planned by MUD #9 for our area. As part of the beautification items included will be median upgrades as well as park benches to sit and enjoy the view. If you want more details further drawings are available for all to view at the MUD office during normal business hours located at West and Rio Grande.



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New Teenagers - Happy 13th!

01/09 - Jericha Smith

01/19 - Lucy Sanders

01/25 - James Stonegraber

New Drivers - Happy 16th!

01/16 - Jessica Rentcome

New Voters - Happy 18th!

01/01 - Caitllin Gullo

01/10 - Allison Hurt

01/17 - Quyen Tong

01/23 - Amanda Gorka

01/26 - Jordan Bontke

01/29 - Kristin Griesbach

Happy 20th Anniversary!

01/30 - Keith & Lisa Parmely

Happy 30th Anniversary!

01/07 - Mike & Sherry Wright

Happy 35th Anniversary!

01/27 - Jim & Janelle Rinker

Melissa Zmerzlika

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Thank You

A great thank you to Jeff Kelly for his time serving as the Stork person, we appreciate all you have done and we hope you enjoy your retirement from Stork duty! We also want to welcome Alison Poor as our new stork person. Thank you for volunteering and welcome aboard Alison!

Email Communications Update

If you have an email address which you would like to have in our email alert database used for finding lost pets, etc. or would like to have yours removed please contact Lesa Smith @ lesa.j.smith@sbcglobal.net



Website

Our Trails website, www.winchestertrails.com, is packed with all kinds of useful information. Links are 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 – Classifieds

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Yard of Month

10310 Gold Pt

Terry, Kathy & Tom Gloyer



10302 Pearl

Davis, Ed & Ann

**Ann get well soon! **



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The Sheriff's office is implementing a new website... if you get a moment check it out at www.hcso.hctx.net There is various types of information.

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Cypress Christian School Winter Banquet – Celebrating 30 Years

We at Cypress Christian School would like to cordially invite you to our 2008 Winter Banquet. Our 30th Anniversary Celebration will continue with this special event to be held on Saturday, January 26, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Downtown Aquarium. This event will be a “laugh a minute” with our two special performers—David Ferrell and Susan O’Donnell. Through the generosity of sponsors, this evening is free to our guests.

If you would like to RSVP, please contact our Development Office at 281-664-0211 or Lynnette.Anderson@CypressChristian.org. Banquet information is available on the school web site at www.CypressChristian.org.



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GREEN THUMB CORNER

The weather outside may be cold and uninviting and the temptation is to sit by the fireside dreaming of spring. But there's plenty of work to be done out there, and we could all benefit from a little exercise after the usual indulgences of the holiday season. This is the best month for working with trees (planting, moving, pruning and spraying), and it's also a good time for soil cultivation and general clean-up and maintenance.

Arbor Day is intended to encourage the planting of trees and in the Houston region it's observed on the third Friday in January. But any time this month (or next) is ideal for planting new trees or transplanting existing ones. Be sure to choose a reasonable location, taking into account the growth habit and eventual size of the tree, and don't plant too close to the house slab. Also remember the importance of good drainage (as reviewed in last month's article) and don't feed a new tree in its first season of growth, except for a little root stimulator.

Crape myrtles can tolerate heavy pruning – cut them back to few “broomstick” stems if you wish, or groom to any shape you desire. Nandinas and similar shrubs can be prune by cutting out unwanted canes at the base.

Take the opportunity to fill in any low spots in the lawn while they are easy to spot during this period when the grass is dormant. Use weed-free top soil or sand and don't bury the grass too deeply at each application – try to leave the tips of the grass blades sticking out to encourage it to grow through.

Azaleas and camellias may be moved, and bare-root roses may be planted. Hard pruning of established roses is usually left until the middle of February. Keep these and other shrubs moist and well-mulched to guard against winter drought or freeze damage.

Prepare new beds and redesign existing ones, correcting any drainage problems, and cultivate with gypsum (to break up the clay) and lots of organic material. Prepare vegetable beds as soon as you can and allow time for them to settle so that you can be ready to plant cool-weather varieties next month.

And while you're out in the garden don't forget our feathered friends – they will appreciate some food and especially fresh water at this time of year.

Phil Richards
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Welcome to Winchester Trails

Welcome New Trails Residents! We want to stop by and say hello, give you a handy packet of information to help familiarize you with your new neighborhood, and hopefully get some information to introduce your family to the neighbors through the Howdy Partner article in this newsletter. If you are new to the Trails and have not been welcomed, please call Patricia Rae at 281-955-1662. We also have Trails information available on our website at www.winchestertrails.com.



Recipe Corner

Fish in a pocket

Difficulty level: Easy Prep time 10 minutes or less

This can be done the night before or the morning of. You can just put the fish foil packets in the refrigerator and pop them in when you want. If you work outside the home this is perfect for a quick meal for the whole family.

Tilapia Fish
Oil (I use olive oil)
Carrots- sliced
Onion – chopped a ¼ of a teaspoon or ½ tsp if you're partial to onion
Garlic – ¼ of a teaspoon
Butter – one slice
Parmesan Cheese – grated just a bit not too much
Lemon Pepper and Salt
Foil paper

Cut foil paper to about a 15x15 square or a bit larger. Wash fish, rub a very small amount of oil on one side only, place in foil paper, on top of fish put cut carrots, onion, about a ¼ of a teaspoon of fresh garlic, a slice of butter put those in foil packet. Lemon pepper and salt making sure to get some on fish as well. Grate cheese to finish. Close pocket around all edges. Put on baking dish in oven 350 for about 7- 10 minutes. Fish is done when you can push it and it gives, it is not to be hard.

If you would like to contribute to the WT recipe corner please feel free to contact me. Lisa at lwool2@sbcglobal.net

Tidbits for and around the home

Gardening Tip: Soil under the nails is hard to clean... here's a tip right before you start to garden scratch a wet bar of soap with your nails. Make sure that a bit of soap gets under each fingernail, doing this will prevent soil from getting under your nails. When done gardening, just wash and brush away!

Creating Fog-Free Mirrors in the Bathroom: Ever get tired of coming out of your shower to find your mirrors all fogged up? Here is a resourceful way to put an end to them! Just put a generous amount of foam shaving cream on the mirror and leave it there until the foam just about evaporates, then wipe off. This will give your mirrors 2-3 weeks of being fog free.

If you have a tidbit for the home please email to Lisa at lwool2@sbcglobal.net

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.

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