

The Village Gazette



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Village Creek Community Association

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HOA NEWS

Recent improvements to the community:

- The area along Lake Vista between Carriage Glen to Opal Valley: Brush and debris removed, grass and mulch have been installed.
- Treed area on Eden Grove cleared.
- Mulching throughout the community is now completed.
- The Lake has been dyed an aqua color to help with algae. This will not hurt the vegetation or wildlife (fish, turtles and our new resident ducks).
- "Please pick up after your pet" signs have been installed.
- "No Motorized Vehicles Allowed" signs are currently being replaced with new ones.
- Gutters have been installed on the pool house.
- The pool has been resurfaced; additional repairs and maintenance are still underway.
- Estimated start date on the splash pad construction is April 1st.
- Estimated start date for various landscaping updates throughout the community is April 1.



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Village Creek Website

Check out our community website at www.myvillagecreek.net. It continues to grow with new ideas contributed from residents. Residents can find a lot of helpful information regarding our community, such as: Architectural home improvement request forms, block captains, board member info and previous meeting minutes, calendar of events, Chaparral Management information, the Constables Corner, deed restrictions, landscaping and lake updates, lost and found items, a neighborhood map, neighborhood watch, newsletters, pets, phone numbers and links, pool/splash pad updates, school info, trash/recycling, and yard of the month winners.

A new item on the menu is "Neighbor to Neighbor". This is a place to advertise your business for free to other Village Creek residents. If you own a business and would like your information posted on the website, please email Diana@myvillagecreek.net with the information required below.

Resident Name
Business Name
Business Address
Business Phone
Type of Business
Email
Website



It's a nice way for Village Creek residents to support each other. But please remember as per the deed restrictions, A RESIDENT MAY NOT OPERATE A BUSINESS FROM THEIR HOME.

E. Restrictions of Use:

2. Prohibition of Offensive of Commercial Uses: Article IX, Section 2

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Constable's Corner

By Sergeant Michael Combest

Over the last month, we have responded to calls involving a person(s) entering unlocked or unsecured vehicles and removing property. In each of these incidents, it was clearly obvious that the person(s) responsible were looking for easy items to carry away and given the situation, were able to do so with no detection. It is our desire to deter this activity from taking place within the neighborhoods. With that in mind, we ask for your assistance by following the simple suggestions indicated below:

- Park your vehicle on the driveway or in the garage when possible. A vehicle parked on the street is an easier target than one parked on the driveway.
- Remove or conceal valuables in the vehicle. It is sometimes inconvenient to do this, but a laptop, GPS unit or electronic device visible inside the vehicle makes the vehicle a target.
- Secure the vehicle by locking it and activating the alarm system, if equipped. Any means of detection or deterrence can scare away a thief.
- If the vehicle is entered and property is removed, do not hesitate in contacting law enforcement. It can be very important to examine the vehicle for any evidence which may identify the person(s) responsible before the evidence is removed or contaminated. The opportunity to check a vehicle for fingerprints can be very important in solving the crime.
- Take the time to record numbers that will identify the property you carry in your vehicle such as serial numbers for an Ipod, laptop, etc.
- Close your overhead or walk through garage doors when you are not going to be out front. It takes only a few seconds for weed eater, mower or a set of golf clubs to be taken. If you have a detached garage, be sure to close and lock the walk through door.

Again, these are just a few helpful reminders that may prevent you from becoming a victim. As always, please report suspicious activity in your neighborhood. A simple phone call can help in preventing or solving a crime.

Harris County Constable's Office, Precinct 4

Ron Hickman, Constable

24 Hour Emergency phone: 281-376-3472

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HOA Meetings

The Home Owners Association (HOA) meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. to discuss general business and special concerns. The meetings are held at the Fairwood club house, located at 14701 Spring Cypress. All residents are encouraged to attend.

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Neighborhood Watch

Submitted by: Mike Preiser

The Village Creek Neighborhood Watch Program is off the ground, but barely. As noted in the March edition of the Village Creek Gazette, the first step in the process is the selection of Block Captains for each street in our neighborhood. We have 54 streets in our neighborhood and so far we have had six people volunteer to be Block Captains. Obviously we need many more volunteers.

Since joining your Board in October, 2007 I have received many emails and even a few phone calls regarding minor robberies and incidents of vandalism in the neighborhood. Many of you have expressed concern and asked what can be done to nip these issues in the bud. The answer is we need to take an active involvement in supporting law enforcement in our neighborhood. Law enforcement alone cannot address these issues. They need "eyes and ears" in the neighborhood to bring incidents to their attention as they occur 24/7. This sends a message to those committing these incidents that we will not stand idly by and watch them as they take advantage of our neighbors and friends.

How do we go forward? Please look at the website and note if your street is not listed with a Block Captain and consider stepping forward to assume that role.

Please step forward and be a Block Captain. You can email me through the website, www.myvillagecreek.net. Let's get this program going and preserve the neighborhood we live in.



NOTICE:

There is a new stop sign at Opal Valley and Empress Cove. Please be sure to always obey all traffic signs.

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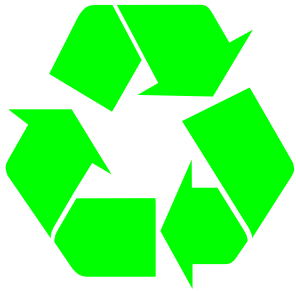
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Street Construction and Stop Light Update

Final alignment recommendations were approved by Commissioners Court in July 2007. Project initiation is in progress for the ultimate design of a 4-lane concrete boulevard section with storm sewer system. Improvements will be designed and constructed in 2 segments. Segment A between Telge Road and Faulkey Gully and Segment B between Faulkey Gully and SH 249.

A traffic signal with pedestrian signals, ADA wheelchair ramps and crosswalk at Spring Cypress and Village Creek Trail is in the design phase. More information can be found at www.hcp4.net.

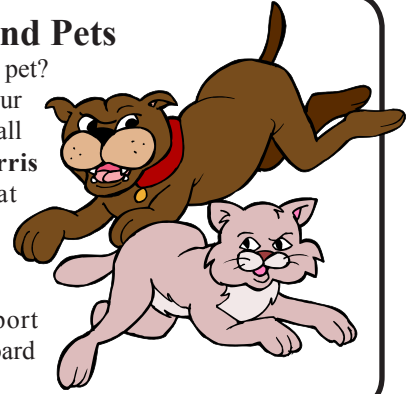


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Please place your trash in one of the many trash receptacles located throughout the neighborhood as you are out and about in the community. Let's work together to keep Village Creek beautiful!

Lost and Found Pets

Have you found someone's pet? Have you lost your pet? If your answer is yes, we encourage all residents to please call **Harris County Animal Control** at **281-999-3191**. The HOA offers their sympathy when one has misplaced a cat or dog, but please do not report lost or found pets to HOA Board Members.



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Long term care: something to think about.

Submitted by Rich Keith

A recent Long Term Care National Poll revealed what people are thinking and doing about long term care. Genworth Financial reports from this poll that many people believe long term care is only for the very old and therefore are prone to ignoring the issues. But what are the important things to know about long term care?

The bottom line: Americans are not planning for possible long term care needs but are concerned about how they will pay for it. The vast majority of Americans are not prepared for the costs of long term care:

- Nearly 6 in 10 Americans (59% of survey respondents) are worried about being able to pay for long term care for themselves.
- 75% (3 out of 4) have made no preparations for their own or a loved one's long term care needs in case it is needed.
- Even if it meant saving \$25,000 a year, only 9% of respondents said they would place a loved one in a nursing home in another part of the state or in a neighboring state.

But the possibility of developing Alzheimer's disease motivates people to plan for LTC. 72% of respondents said that the possibility of developing Alzheimer's disease or another form of dementia is an important motivating factor in planning for long term care.

- The growing incidence of Alzheimer's disease is a motivating factor for long term care planning, especially for senior citizens. When informed of a new report that found Alzheimer's disease

prevalence has increased 10% in the last few years and that someone in America is diagnosed every 72 seconds, roughly half (49%) of survey respondents age 65 or older said the disease was a VERY important motivating factor in planning for long term care. In comparison, only 24% of seniors who were not informed of the recent Alzheimer's disease report were very concerned about being able to pay for long term care.

Consumers incorrectly believe the federal government or their health insurance will pay for their long term care needs

- Almost half of survey respondents (44%) incorrectly believe that Medicare or their private health insurance will pay for their long term care needs. Actually, health insurance and the federal Medicare program do not generally cover long term care.

People would prefer long term care in their home

- If given the choice between care in a facility such as a nursing home or an assisted living facility and care at home, 75% (3 out of 4) of respondents would prefer care at home.
- However, 43% of respondents incorrectly believe Medicare or their health insurance will pay for a home health aide.

Survey Information: The survey was conducted March 25-27, 2007 by Public Opinion Strategies. The poll of 800 registered voters across the country and has a margin of error of +3.46% in 95 out of 100 cases.

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Pet Owners

Pet owners; please keep your pets on leashes when walking in the neighborhood, as a courtesy to others. Also, take care to pick up after your pooch if they leave a gift in someone else's yard or in any common area. No one likes to see, smell or step in those gifts!

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.

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

* Solution at www.peelinc.com

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Reminder:

There are lots and lots of kids living in Village Creek – and we love them all! Please be aware that as the weather turns warmer more and more of them will be out and about playing. If at all possible please park in driveways and not on the street. Parked cars along streets can make it difficult for drivers to see children running back and forth.



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Texas Events - April

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10-13—HOUSTON: Bay Area Houston Motorcycle Rally Includes Texas Women's Riders Symposium, classic motorcycle show and auction, MST safety classes and courses, daily poker runs and tours, boat cruises, entertainment stage, barbecue cook-off, two parades and a special Rock the Dock venue at Kemah Boardwalk. Space Center Houston. www.bayarearally.com 888/725-5989

10-13—HOUSTON: Outlaw Music Festival www.outlawmusicfestival.com 281/996-0831

11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 26—HOUSTON: La Boheme Four young bohemians test the boundaries of friendship and art, love and life. Houston Grand Opera. www.houstongrandopera.org 713/228-6737

12—HOUSTON: Manuel Barrueco with Cuarteto Latinoamericano Brilliant Cuban classical guitarist performs with the noted Mexican string quartet at the Wortham Center's Cullen Theater. www.dacamera.com 713/524-5050

12-13—HOUSTON: 2008 BP MS 150 Bicyclists ride from Houston to Austin to raise funds for multiple sclerosis-related research and Lone Star Chapter client programs and services. www.ms150.org

14—HOUSTON: Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band Toyota Center. www.toyotacentertix.com 866/446-8849

18-19—HOUSTON: Spring Showcase Features the gifted young artists

of Houston Ballet's Ben Stevenson Academy. Wortham Theater Center. www.houstonballet.org 713/227-2787

19-20, 26-27—HOUSTON: Houston International Festival Spotlights Out of Africa with a comprehensive cultural tour, featuring cuisines of Africa, artwork, interactive exhibits and performers from around the world. Downtown Houston. www.ifest.org 713/654-8808

23-27—HOUSTON: The Grand Wine & Food Affair An array of renowned winemakers, celebrated award-winning chefs and others offer exotic and sumptuous samplings. www.thegrandwineandfoodaffair.com 713/747-9463

25, 27—HOUSTON: Billy Budd Accusations of mutiny and an accidental death leave a sailor in danger of hanging for murder. Houston Grand Opera. www.houstongrandopera.org 713/228-6737

26-27—HOUSTON: 37th Annual Houston Pod Chili Cook-Off Held under the auspices of the Chili Appreciation Society International, chili cooks from as far away as New York City will be joined by chiliheads. Traders Village, 7979 N. Eldridge Road. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500

28—HOUSTON: Classical Superstars: Mozart & Haydn Zilkha Hall, Hobby Center for the Performing Arts. 713/315-2525

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\$300,000 - 349,999	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$250,000 - 299,999	0	0	2	0	0	0
\$200,000 - 249,999	0	3	2	2	3	1
\$160,000 - 199,999	1	0	1	1	0	0
\$160,000 -	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	1	3	5	3	3	1
Highest \$/Sq Ft	79.19	101.72	91.21	94.42	69.97	74.13

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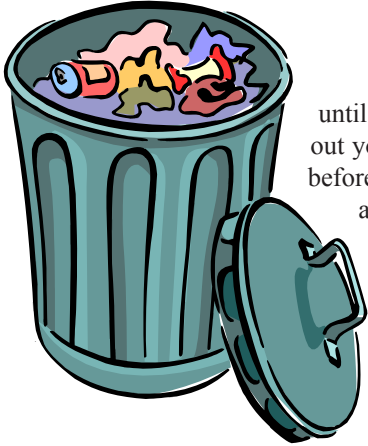
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- www.catalogchoice.org allows you to decline any unwanted catalogs you are currently receiving for free.
- www.greendimes.com allows you to stop junk mail, for a fee.



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Recipe of the Month:



Granny's Cole Slaw

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|------------------|--------------------------|
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| 1 tsp. salt | ½ tsp. celery seed |
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