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Greetings Winchester Trails

Our March board meeting was well attended even though it was rescheduled due to weather. We discussed issues surrounding the opening of the pool, repairs to the clubhouse, security and the park plan.

Last year, at the request of many, we opened the pool in early May. We will again be opening the pool the first weekend in May. The pool has been cleaned and prepared for the season although the diving board maybe out of service initially since an inspection revealed the need for repairs. It is anticipated that the board will be in service by the time the pool opens. However, if the board is inoperable in early May, it should be repaired shortly thereafter. Pool tags will be distributed on April 26 and May 3 at the pool. Letters were sent in March with registration forms for pool tags as well as a schedule for the pool hours. This year we will set aside one hour on Wednesday mornings for Senior Citizens. We hope this will make the pool more accessible and enjoyable.

Inspections to the clubhouse indicate some areas that need attention. The roof and gutters will need repairs along with one of the walls inside. In addition, we are considering the replacement of the carpet with ceramic tile. Other improvements will be considered depending upon budgetary constraints.

Elsewhere in this issue of the TrailWriter, you will notice a section on security. We are experiencing an increase in crime in the area as well as our subdivision. We are working with the Sheriff's office to address this problem but one of the best responses we can have to remain alert to suspicious activities such as unfamiliar cars either parked or being driven through the neighborhood. Don't hesitate to call the Sheriff's office if you suspect something. We can combat these crimes by looking out for one another.

The Board continues to attend the MUD 9 meetings to remain active and support the park plan. The wall has been completed, we are fortunate to have the wall and a MUD that considers the importance of maintaining the subdivision. Please provide your input as the next phase of the plan unfolds.

Until next month...

Walter

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Winchester Trails Security Alert!

IMPORTANT

Recently the Trails has experienced several home burglaries. As residents we need to maintain our personal and community diligence in our responsibility to the neighborhood.

Residents should check the following before leaving their home:

- Open garage doors with no vehicle in site
- Gates which are open between the house and garage
- Unlocked or open doors and windows
- Newspapers, front door fliers and front yard trash indicates no one is home

Backyard fences from the home to the garage should be kept locked. Back yard doors that have windows are easy entry for burglars. Consider replacing them with solid doors or even adding a screen door with locks for extra protection. The longer it takes to break-in the better chance a burglar will move on to an easier home or area.

Here are several tips residents should consider:

- Change up your schedules as able
- Get a neighbor to watch your house if you leave even for a weekend
- Check with neighbors and know whose cars are who's
- Be on the look-out for suspicious, slow moving vehicles
- Call the Sheriff's office to report unusual activity, write down specifics
- Call 911 if you witness criminal activity in progress

Remember, we already have a problem. If everyone takes part, we can enjoy a safe environment in the Trails once again. For any questions contact the Board Directors listed in your 2008 Directory.

Thank you,
Board of Directors

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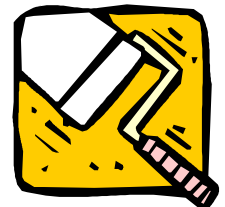
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Steve & Jan Crow



Back Section
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Steve & Linda
Christian



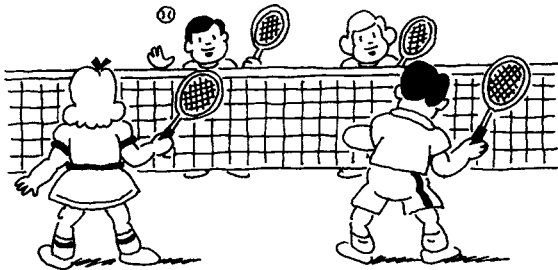
Attention: Yard-of-the-Month Winners!

Each month two yards are selected for our Yard-of-the-Month winners. There is a concern that not all homeowners are receiving their YOM certificates. The gift cards are mailed directly from Sandra Keyser, a local Remax realtor that supports

this committee. The envelopes will be marked YOM. Please remember when you are a future Yard-of-the-Month winner; be on the lookout for your certificate in the postal. Thank you to Sandra Keyser for her help and support.

TENNIS KEY REIMBURSEMENT

FYI: We have not used a key system for the tennis courts for several years now. We do not reimburse residents for old keys. Thank you, Ron Matthews



Prayer

A women's prayer group meets most Thursday mornings from 9:00 to 10:30 here in Winchester Trails. For more information please call Betty Cadena at 281-897-0646.

Got questions? Want Answers?

Community Association Institute (CAI) is an organization that exists to provide resources to Homeowner Associations. The local chapter of CAI is premiering a new call-in radio program, Community Spotlight. The program airs from 2-3 PM every Friday on 650 AM, (KIKK-AM). Topics will be anything of interest to HOAs. Feel free to call in and ask questions.

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HOWDY PARTNER

Please welcome the Mayer family, the Dickerson family and the King family to the Trails neighborhood.

In February, Paul and Jennifer Mayer moved from Minnesota into their home at 9014 Bent Spur Lane. The Mayer's have two children, Megan and Kayla. Paul works as a Manufacturing Engineer and Jennifer is a homemaker.

Jennifer and Gary Dickerson now call 10322 Wagon Trail home. Gary works as a Control System Engineer and Jennifer is a homemaker. They have two miniature pinchers, Roxy and Schatzy, and Italian Greyhound, Jazzy.

Kyle, Stacy and Hannah King moved into their home at 10503 Hondo Hill in March. Kyle works as a Service Desk Manager and Stacy is a Business Intelligence Group Manager for a local bank. Welcome Kings and dog, Maggie, (and unnamed turtle)

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
832-237-5717

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Graduates

If you have a graduate please notify Melissa Zmerzlikar at kmzmerz-wt@yahoo.com so get your graduate in next months TrailWriter.



Opt-in For Neighborhood Notices?

If you haven't received an email from our directory editor, Melissa Zmerzlikar, and would like to receive neighborhood notices on what's happening in our community please send your email address to Melissa @ kmzmerz-wt@yahoo.com. Your email address will be forwarded to Lesa Smith who handles e-blasts. Thank you to all of our neighbors who are currently participating in this program.

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New Teenagers - Happy 13th!
05/02 - Jake Williford
05/15 - Daniel Mulholland
05/26 - Tyler Hebert
05/31 - Matthew Van Zuilekom

New Drivers - Happy 16th!
05/01 - Matthew Griesbach
05/10 - Nicolas Dutcher
05/10 - Michael Kelley
05/15 - Kelsey O'Briant
05/25 - Meagan Cooney

New Voters - Happy 18th!
05/14 - Eric Lee

New Adults - Happy 21st!
05/01 - Joe Linfesty
05/12 - Jennifer Nguyen
05/14 - Maggie Stockwell
05/18 - Megan McIntosh
05/24 - Suzy Lawrence

Happy 15th Anniversary!
05/21 - Martin & Dana Zera
05/28 - John & Sheryl Dixon

Happy 25th Anniversary!
Stephen & Shirley Christenson

Happy 30th Anniversary!
05/01 - Dan & Karen Gillingham

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

Personal Classifieds

FOR SALE: SP Teri Girls Ice Figure Skates - Size 3-1/2 AA. White w/ 8-3/4" Exceptional condition-will sell for \$350. Call 713-927-7757.

FOR SALE: Buffet Crampon B12 Student Clarinet w/hard case. Excellent condition-will sell for \$325. Call 713-927-7757

Classified Ads

Personal classifieds (one time sell items, such as a used bike...) run at no charge to Winchester Trails residents, limit 30 words, please e-mail lwool2@sbcglobal.net.

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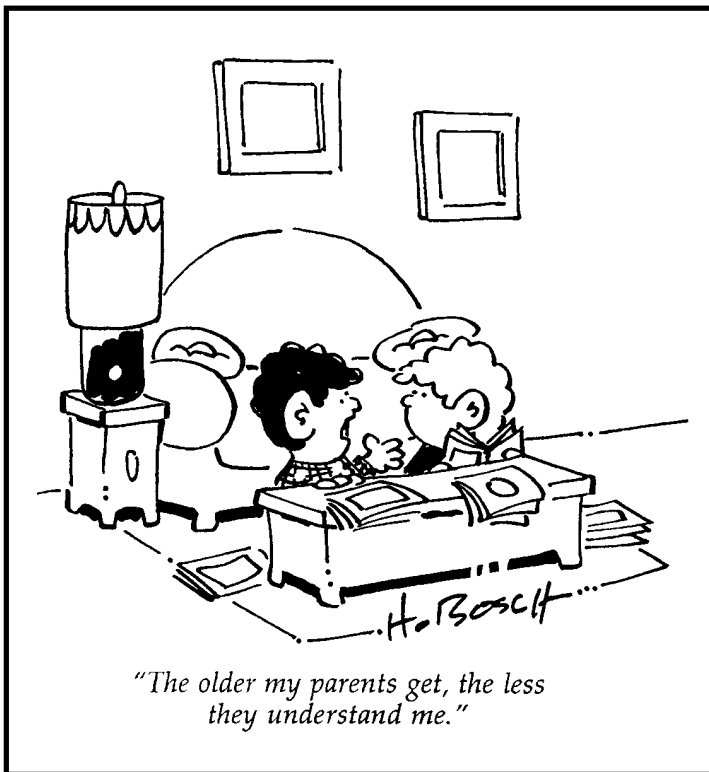
May 10 from 7:30 to 10:30 PM at Raveneaux Country Club, 9415 Cypresswood Dr.

Tickets are \$10 (cash only and not sold at the door). Sales end May 7.

Nice attire only. No jeans, shorts, shorts, T-shirts, flip flops, or tennis shoes allowed.

Please contact Delia Artz at 281-955-7239 for ticket purchase or information.

Note: This dance is sponsored by parents and is not sponsored by Cook Middle School. Adult supervision will be provided until 10:30 and all parents are welcome to stay if they want. Students MUST be picked up no later than 10:30.



“Things to Consider When Choosing a Contractor!”

- Watch for yard signs and ask friends, neighbors and fellow workers for names of contractor that have done them a good job for similar type work.
 - Get the job details in writing also talk over which days and hours they will work.
 - Get bids from at least 3 different contractors for work to be performed.
 - Get a reference list from the contractors and call and always check with the BBB
 - Go over each item on proposal and make any required corrections and/or additions prior to job start. Ask questions if you do not understand terms.
 - Insist proposal states the contractor will be responsible for any damage to existing structure, gutters, trees, plants, shrubs, etc., during indoor/outdoor construction.
 - Will the person making proposal and/or a management person make frequent job visits during the construction interval?
 - Scheduling should also take in consideration the availability of any special material required.
 - All payments should be rendered only at job completion.
 - Never leave a check for payment to a contractor until you can inspect the completed work.
 - Final inspection and payment should be with only the person that wrote the original proposal.
- You should consider a different contractor if the contractor cannot/will not agree to any of the above items.

Billy Bell

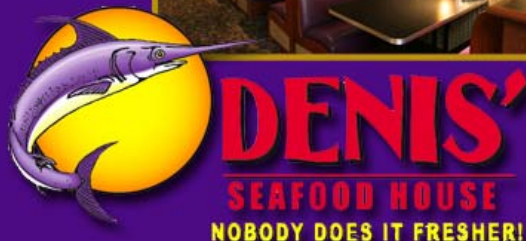
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