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Splinters from the Board By Stan Schoen

Once again security takes the spotlight with an unfortunate incident in the neighborhood. This is the third such incident in our area that I am aware of and all of these were, to my knowledge, targeted break-ins. Without going into any details, what I take away from all this is how important it is for us to be able to communicate both to each other and from the National Night Out chair or a board member down to all of us residents. The method we chose to communicate is via our Block Captains to their assigned streets. We had 30 Sheriff Officers here on that dark day and everyone should be made aware of any of these type incidents in the future. Please communicate to us whatever e-mail address or addresses you have. We are not interested in selling this information and would only use it in case of emergencies or anything that we feel you need to know about that is vital to our community. We can't communicate with you if we don't have your e-mail address and perhaps e-mail addresses for other members of your family.

National Night Out (NNO) this year will be in October and should prove to be huge because the weather should be more tolerable and the last two NNOs were BIG BASHES and if you missed those then you missed something!

We had good music with our M.C. Michael Patrick doing his usual great job, we had good food - hotdogs, ice cream, cold drinks - ice cold water and slushies, cookies sponsored by our friends Tracy Crawford and Margo Horton, what else could you want?

The pool was open with activities for the kids, fingerprinting was available, Tom Petty (our neighbor) with the world's coolest arson dog – Hunter, were there. I asked Tom if he could train my kids as well as Hunter is trained but he told me I couldn't afford it! We had horses, fire trucks and equipment, face painting, drawings for gifts to include a \$500 picture and frame from Hobby Lobby and many, many other things to do and see that if you're interested you'll just have to show up this year which promises to be still better and more fun!

The best part about the National Night Out had nothing to do with

the food it was all about YOU, all about US. NNO gives us the opportunity, at least once per year, to get together as a community, to get to know each other a little better and to focus on safety for ourselves. We had our two sheriffs present in Dwayne Polk and Travis Rawls along with their Captain Joe Hughes, but we must rely on ourselves as individuals to better insure our safety.

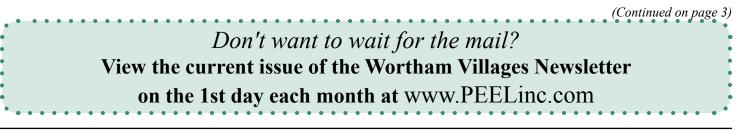
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Long ago, doctors used to make house calls and check up on their patients. Today you really need to keep up with yourself because we are each responsible for ourselves and our own health and the same is true for security. We need to have monitored security systems in our homes, if you can, and we need to watch out for one another as this is the only true way to become more secure whether we had gated entrances, three more sheriffs or whatever else we could ever do. We are our 'brother's keeper' and there is no better way than to know one another.

Next year is going to be a little tougher because we can't keep asking our chair Marie Trascher and her sidekick Fred Trascher to continue with the effort, hard work and determination that they have in these past two years now. Marie has been relentless in her pursuit of excellence for the NNO and she and Fred deserve our heartfelt thanks for a terrific job! Marie has gone out single handed in search for giveaways for our residents, in addition to all the coordination of events that make each year a bigger success than the prior one. Please let Marie know of your interest to keep our tradition of excellence going in years to come.

We still need help with block captains and we just need more involvement from our homeowners so if you have a 'little' time to spare please let us know and let us know what you would like to do and we'll find a place for you.

We are about to start construction on a new concrete fence along N. Eldridge. This will be about 2,300 linear feet and we had a meeting with 11 residents (13 no shows) directly affected by this construction. We showed a sample of the fence, pictures of a finished product



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in another community and answered many questions. Most to me seemed satisfied that they liked what was chosen and we are working on how to best get this done with as little inconvenience to our residents as possible. This is a major undertaking by our community but we feel this will be more fiscally responsible in that we own the fence now and we won't have to re-visit the fence for many years from now. The fence will look great for many years as well because it is not a painted fence, rather a pigmented fence in that the color is poured into the concrete. This fence will be about 8' in height and will add another dimension to our neighborhood in a very positive way. We hope to have construction started within the next 45 days and should complete within 60 days from the start of construction. None of this expense will be from borrowed funds as we will pay cash and the final payment will be on the day of completion. I don't know how many communities would have been able to do this but we are very fortunate in that we can handle this expense.

This project will do wonders for our back entrance and when we recuperate from this expense we can work on plans for the front of Wortham. We have made many changes to the front of Wortham over the years but I feel we are in need of more major surgery up front.

The yards are looking great and everyone is continuously trying to improve their homes, inside and out and doing a great job. People are having hard times right now with financing and this is showing in all parts of our economy. Folks that have a more expensive home find their homes worth a little less, around the country, not necessarily in Houston, and others have had adjustable rate mortgages that need to find other financing and it is difficult to find. It's just a hard time for a lot of folks and what happens everywhere could affect us because as people need to move on we need buyers who can purchase a home. That's why we have a website to reach buyers everywhere and why it's important for us to keep up our efforts to make this as attractive an option as possible, mainly for the residents of our community to enjoy as well as to attract others who want to reside in the greatest community out there - Wortham! Just think if you lived 5 miles west of here on 290, this might have meant 10 minutes five years ago but think now on 290 during rush hour. I used to leave at 6:15 a.m. to get to the other side of town in time for an 8 a.m. meeting (I don't do that anymore!) several years ago. I'm not sure I could do that today and feel comfortable about being there; I've left at 10 a.m. and found 290 still backed up.

On a final note, Ms. Vicky Yanowski has been handling our newsletters for the past couple of years and has done a tremendous job. Vicky continues to do our newsletter and moved away from Wortham last August and is to be commended. She wants to 'retire' from doing this as well she should. We need a replacement for Vicky as soon as possible. I will send out a job description and it is mostly *(Continued on page 4)*



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compiling all these articles and reminding people to get them in on time. Vicky has done this wonderfully as she sends out reminders twice before the deadline and she never bugs me, just reminds me. We need a replacement as it's silly for us Worthamites to not have a local person step up to take on this responsibility. Please someone raise your hand for this. You will receive the same paycheck as I get as President, which is zero, nothing, nada but appreciation and not a whole lot of that! Thank you!

Thank you Vicky and best wishes to you and your family from us all at Wortham.

Wortham, we're looking good! Make it a great day! See you at my table. E-mail: sschoen@worthamweb.org Website: www.worthamweb.org



WOW – I Can't Believe It's May!

By Reschele Lawrence

Thanks, Margo, for hosting April WOW. The Spring Gift Exchange was a hit and the company was great as always.

Lisa White (12719 Orchard Hollow Way) will be hosting May WOW on Thursday, May 22nd. The fun starts at 7pm and we'll get to enjoy dipping our feet in her awesome new pool if the weather cooperates! I hope to see you all there!

I plan on WOW meeting at Chuy's Mexican Restaurant (where Barton Springs use to be) in June. They are tentatively scheduled to open sometime in June so I will keep checking and will let everyone know!

Take care and God Bless!





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"WORTHAM VILLAGES IS LOOKING FOR A NEW SOCIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Annually the Wortham Villages Social Committee hosts a series of fun filled events for our residents. These include an Easter Egg Hunt, July 4th Parade and Pool Party, Adult Party, Kindergarten and 6th Grade Back to School Event, Fall Festival and Breakfast with Santa. We are in need of a new leader to head this committee so that the fun can continue for the families in our neighborhood. There are already volunteers in place to plan the 2008 July 4th party, adult social event, and Fall Festival. Please call Rebecca McShane, 281-890-7300 if you are interested or have any questions."

Thanks Vicky for all you have done!

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Alarm Vehicle	1	Parking Lot Check	1
Alarm/Hold Up	1	Solicitors	1
Alarm/Rep. Site	1	Subject Stop	1
Alarm/Sil/Pan/HU	1	Suspicious Person	4
Animal/Humane	1	Theft/Other	1
Check Park	19	Theft/Residence	1
Contract Check	257	Traffic Stop	13
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Neighborhood Recreational Facilities Corner

By Rick Anderson

Well, it is now May and the swimming pool season has started. Also, as you can easily tell, the swim team is in full gear again with practices already underway and swim meets starting on Saturday 5/17/08. Please be mindful of the kids and cars at the pool and surrounding areas. Let's all be safe! In response to the requests and comments from several residents, we have also installed new security lights in the parking lot at the clubhouse as well as replaced the lights around the clubhouse (which have not been consistently working). We feel this will certainly improve the lighting/security at the pool/tennis courts area.

The Annual Pool Opening Party should have already occurred by now and I hope everyone had a great time. Thanks to all those who helped, Bob Pazitney, Darrell and Cissy Heafner, Bea Robertson, Cindy Byrne, Shawn Williamson, as well as all our children volunteers.

The Recreational Facilities Committee will continue to look at ways to upgrade our amenities. Any reasonable suggestions/ideas are always welcome, so please feel free to join our committee or drop me an email (rick_anderson@efiglobal.com). We are also asking the residents to provide comments on the operation and usage of the pool (lifeguards and operations/maintenance by Greater Houston Pool Management), tennis courts and clubhouse from this past year. We are looking for positive and not so positive comments, as appropriate, so we can try to meet the needs of the community and fix anything wrong with the operation/upkeep of our facilities. Please send any comments to my email and the Board will take them under consideration.

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-----POOL RULES -----

- 1. Proper swim attire must be worn to be admitted to the pool.
- 2. Only Wortham Village residents and their guests will be allowed to use the pool. Residents must accompany guests. Residents are allowed four (4) guests with each adult pool tag (this does not include children 10 - 15 years old). Under this guest policy, there must be one adult for every two kids under 12 years of age. No Wortham resident under the age of 18 is allowed to bring a guest.
- 3. Pool passes will be strictly enforced. It is the resident's responsibility to bring to the pool. It is very awkward and uncomfortable situation for everyone when the lifeguard must ask a member to go back home and get his or her tag.
- 4. Lifeguards are employed to insure the safety of swimmers, and they have the authority to remove from the pool area anyone disobeying the rules and/or endangering the safety of themselves or another person.
- 5. There will be a 10 minute break each hour. During this time the pool will be cleared with the exception of persons who are eighteen (18) years of age and older.
- 6. The following activities and items are not allowed:
 - Running or rough-housing
 - Skates, bicycles or skateboards
 - Glass containers and/or alcoholic beverages
 - Littering
 - Cooking
 - Loud music
 - Pets
 - Cutoffs
 - Loud, abusive or foul language
 - Cocoa butter, baby oil or other heavy suntan oil
- 7. Flotation items for swimming pool are allowed, but are restricted to small size tubes and floats.
- 8. Diving Rules:
 - No diving in the shallow end
 - No swimming in the deep end while the boards are open for diving
 - Only one person on the diving board at all times
 - Divers must jump straight out and not towards the sides
 - Divers must wait for person in front of them to get to the side before diving
- 9. Any child nine (9) years or under must be accompanied by said child's parents or person eighteen18 years old or older. Children 10 - 15 years of age may swim without adult supervision after passing a swim test and received pool tags.
- 10. Baby Pool Rules:
 - Only non-swimming toddlers 5 years and under may use the baby pool.
 - Parents, not lifeguards, are responsible for children in baby pool.
 - Any child not potty-trained must wear rubber pants with elasticized
 - waist and legs over disposable diapers when in the water.
- 11. Trespassers and vandals will be prosecuted.

12. Parents are responsible for their children and guests at the pool. Parents must closely supervise their children at all times. The lifeguards will always enforce pool rules throughout the facility, but children who cannot swim must have an adult (18 or older) within arms reach at all times. The same rule applies even if the child is wearing a flotation device.

WORTHAM VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

2008 POOL SEASON

POOL TAGS & DISTRIBUTION:

Residents must be current on their maintenance fees before tags will be issued. Every resident issued tags will be required to wear pool tags for admittance to the pool area.

The pool tag registration days for tag distribution at the clubhouse have been completed for this season.

If you were unable to attend the official registration days, tags will be issued by Crest Management by mail only at a cost of \$ 20.00 per family. Fill out the form you received in the mail and send in with the \$20.00 fee for the tags to be mailed. Again, you will not be admitted to the pool area without a tag. Cost for replacing tags is \$20.00.

POOL HOURS OF OPERATION: The pool will be open during the following hours:

May 3rd through May 26th Monday through Friday Closed Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Sundays 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. **Exceptions:** Saturday, May 3rd (opening day) 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday, May 26th (Memorial Day) 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturdays, May 10th and 17th Pool will not open until 2:00 p.m. due to swim meet May 29th through August 24th

Mondays	4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Tuesdays through Thursdays	10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Fridays	10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
Saturdays	10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sundays	12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Exceptions:	

4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Thursday, May 29th Saturdays, May 31 and June 7th Pool will not open until 2:00 p.m. due to swim meet

August 25th through August 31st

August 25th through August 51st		
Mondays through Thursdays	4:00 p.m. to	8:00 p.m.
Fridays	10:00 a.m. to	8:00 p.m.
Saturdays	10:00 a.m. to	8:00 p.m.
Sundays	12:00 p.m. to	8:00 p.m.
September 1st through 14th		
Mondays through Fridays		Closed
Saturdays	10:00 a.m. to	8:00 p.m.
Sundays	12:00 p.m. to	8:00 p.m.
Exceptions:		
Monday, September 8th (Labor Day)	10:00 a.m. to	8:00 p.m.

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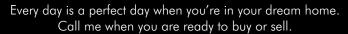
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Bear Den Cub Scout Pack 1537

Submitted by Julie McLaren



The bear den of cub scout pack 1537 met at the retention pond in April and cleaned up litter. From left to right are Jacob Gonzalez, Rob McLaren, Kenny McLaren Connor Lard, Andrew Neaves, Colton Marik. Keith Scott and Jonathan McCubbin.







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WORTHAM MARKET REPORT

Courtesy of Super Dave

This market information report is provided to keep you informed of resale market activity in your subdivision.

	Oct 07	Nov 07	Dec 07	Jan 08	Feb 08	Mar 08
\$250,000 +	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$220,000 - 249,999	0	1	0	0	0	0
\$200,000 - 219,999	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$180,000 - 199,999	0	0	2	0	0	0
\$160,000 - 179,999	0	1	1	0	1	1
\$160,000 -	0	1	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	0	3	3	0	1	1
Highest \$/Sq Ft		68.66	68.16		80.58	51.52

This chart represents the homes that have sold and closed in the past 6 months according to the Houston Multiple Listing Service.

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