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Swimming Pool Rules and Regulations

These rules and regulations, for the safe and sanitary operation of the pool, are for your protection and benefit.

- o No glass containers in the pool/park area.
- o All persons using the pool or pool area do so at their own risk and sole responsibility.
- o Children under 10 years of age must be accompanied at all times by an individual 18 years of age or older to be admitted to the pool area.
- o All members and their guests must register with the lifeguard upon entering the pool facility.
- o Members will be held responsible for the actions of their guests.
- o Management will not be held responsible for loss or damage of any personal property of any kind.
- o The pool may be closed or its use limited at any time because of weather, operational difficulties, overcrowding, and at the discretion of the manager. In case of lightning or thunder, Red Cross current standards will be used.
- o No pets are allowed in the pool area.
- o Alcohol and other drugs are prohibited.
- o Profanity, improper behavior, and intoxication are not allowed.
- o It is requested that any individuals infected with a communicable disease, please not enter the pool facility for at least two

weeks.

- o All non-toilet-trained babies must wear swim diapers.
- o The wading pool is limited to children under the age of 6 years old. Parents are responsible for the supervision of their children at all times.
- o Running, pushing, wrestling, ball playing, dunking, splashing, or causing undue disturbance in or about the pool area will not be tolerated.
- o No diving in areas 6 feet deep or less per Texas code.
- o Only Coast Guard approved life preservers are permitted and the supervising adult must be within arms reach of the child wearing the life preserver.
- o Appropriate swimwear must be worn in the pool. No cut off jeans or pants, shorts or tennis pants, and only white shirts can be worn as protection from the sun in the water.
- o Smoking prohibited inside pool area.
- o Persons under the age of 18 are required to leave the pool upon signal of the lifeguard for adult swim/safety break. During this period, persons under the age of 18 must be completely out of the water.
- o For the safety and enjoyment of all, the lifeguards have full authority to ask disruptive or unruly guests to leave the facility.



Dog Owners, Take Note!

Please be sure to clean up after your dog should they do their business on the sidewalk or common grass area. It is an unpleasant site to come up on when walking or riding a bike. Let's extend common courtesy to everyone enjoying the outdoors!



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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.

REMEMBER FATHER

June 18

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Yard of the Month - May



Congratulations to Pete & Renee Davis of 17203 Leaside Drive for being chosen at May's Yard of the Month.

Criteria for Yard of the Month Recipients

Rules

- *Yard of the Month will be awarded during the months of April-Sept.
- *One (1) home will be selected during each month.

*Winner must be willing to have photos of the yard taken and published in the newsletter.

*Winners will be selected based on the attractiveness, maintenance, beautification, originality and creativity of their landscaping.

*A home cannot receive an award more than once a year.

Awards

*Yard sign indicating the selection of the winning home will be placed in the front yard of the recipients of the month.

*A gift certificate from a local nursery will be presented to each winner from the Landscape Committee.

Winners

*All winners must be in good standing.

Judging Criteria

*General upkeep of the yard (well manicured grass, edged, uniformly green and generally weed free).

*Bushes and shrubbery are neatly pruned and show good color.

*Unique landscaping or originality/creativity.

*Pleasant and overall appearance which makes the property an asset to the community.

Reporting

*The Landscape Committee will advise the Board of the Yard of the Month selection prior to notifying the homeowner/resident.

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Constable's Corner

By Sergeant M. Combest

Hello again! As mentioned in the previous Constable Corner, summer time is just around the corner and the children will soon be released from school. We ask that you consider their safety as you make your way in and out of the neighborhood. With safety in mind, please take all steps to use caution around the school buses for the remainder of the school year. While we watch for and take all necessary action to ensure that motorists abide by the traffic laws as such applies to school buses, we continue to receive information from citizens that motorists are passing the school buses while pick up and drop off are taking place. We remind all that it is a violation of state law. Children pass in front of the bus to cross the street and you may not see them as you are making your pass. If stopped, you may receive a traffic citation for this infraction.

On another note, law enforcement has responded to and investigated a number of burglaries involving unlocked motor vehicles in the area. It is common in such cases that the thief is able to commit this crime and be long gone from the area prior to law enforcement being made aware of it. We asked your assistance in preventing this activity by applying the following:

- Remove or conceal all valuables inside your vehicle when unattended.
- Lock the vehicle regardless if parked outside or within the garage.
- Activate the alarm if equipped with one.
- If possible, park the vehicle in the driveway rather than on the street.
- Report any suspicious activity to law enforcement. This includes a person(s) looking into vehicles, hanging around in the area, etc.
- Record all serial and model number information for items that you have so that such can be listed in the event this happens to you. Doing so will assist us with the investigation of your case.

In many cases, the vehicle owner does not even know that the crime occurred because there is no damage or indication of such. It is not uncommon for the owner to believe they have simply misplaced or lost the item that was taken from the vehicle.

Harris County Constables Office, Pct. 4

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Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch has been a successful partnership of local communities and law enforcement across the Houston area and nationwide. It teams local residents with our law enforcement colleagues to reduce crime in communities. Our program is in its' infancy and we are ready to take the next step, which are as follows:

1. Select Block Captains for each block in our neighborhood
2. Block Captains sign up their neighbors as participants in the program
3. Village Creek achieves a 50% or better sign-up rate
4. Neighborhood Watch signage is posted throughout our neighborhood

We have had the information meetings. Now those interested need to step forward as Block Captains. The following streets are still in need:

Briar Harbor	Feathers Landing	Lake Vista
Carriage Glen	Flower Mist Court	Leeside
Cloverview	Friar Village	Leeside Court
Cobble Shores North	Gables Bend	Ligustrum Trail
Cobble Shores South	Ginger Ridge Lane	Magic Falls
Days Dawn	Holsberry Court	Midland Creek
Edengrove	Imperial Crossing	Mimosa Spring
Misty Moores	Robins Crest	Sweet Song
Mossy Woods Court	Scarlett Forest	Towne Bridge
Old Court	Sherlock Acres	Twin Flower
Opal Valley	Sky Haven	Village Commons
Pedder Way	Songhollow	Village Crest Court
Placid Trails	Sunset Arbor	Wandering
Warm Winds	Willow Breeze	Streams East

Neighborhood Watch simply asks us, as residents to step forward and advise law enforcement when we observe unusual activities in our neighborhood. Doing so will send a message to all that we care about Village Creek and want it to continue be the place that it is today, safe and comfortable. Criminals and vandals will get the message.

Welcome to the Neighborhood!

We have new residents joining us all the time. Take a moment to see if there are any near you, and make an effort to welcome them home!



Bobby & Nita Hale,
Sunset Arbor Drive

Jarret & Tara Tooley,
Warm Winds Dr

Brian & Sarah Wallace,
Carriage Glen Dr

Upcoming Event:

The annual 4th of July Parade will take place Friday, July 4, 2008. To be part of the parade, meet at Peddlars Court before 10 am. Be sure to decorate your bike, wagon, stroller or scooter because there will be a prize for the best! The parade will end at the pool where there will be fun and games for the whole family!



Vacation Watch Program

Take advantage of the Constable's vacation watch when you are out of town. Before leaving call the Constable's office and let them know when you will be leaving and when you will be returning. Your home will be checked during the Constable's regular neighborhood drive-through. To contact the Constable's Office, call 281-376-3472

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| 1 cup brown sugar | 1 tsp. salt |
| 1 cup white sugar | 1 tsp. soda |
| 2 eggs | ½ cup chopped nuts |
| 3 cups quick oats | 1½ cup flour |

Cream shortening, sugars, eggs, and vanilla. Add dry ingredients and nuts. Chill. Shape into walnut size balls. Roll in sugar and cinnamon mixture. Bake at 350° for 10 minutes.

If you would like to submit YOUR recipe email it to articles@peelinc.com.



Sunday, June 15

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Attention Teenagers

The **Teenage Job Seekers** listing service is offered free of charge to all Village Creek teenagers seeking work. Submit your name and information to skstengle@sbcglobal.net by the 8th of the month!

Deed Restriction Reminder:

Village Creek deed restrictions prohibit residents from operating a business from their residential home. Selling items from your personal business, such as overstock and clearance items, are in violation of the deed restrictions.

Check Out Our Website:

www.Myvillagecreek.net



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

*See solution at PEELinc.com

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Village Creek Market Report

Courtesy of "DAVID FLORY"

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

	Nov 07	Dec 07	Jan 08	Feb 08	Mar 08	Apr 08
\$350,000 +	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$300,000 - 349,999	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$250,000 - 299,999	2	0	0	1	2	1
\$200,000 - 249,999	2	2	3	0	0	0
\$160,000 - 199,999	1	1	0	0	1	0
\$160,000 -	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	5	3	3	1	3	1
Highest \$/Sq Ft	91.21	94.42	69.97	76.25	101.30	81.97

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

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A Hyperactive Nightmare on Two Legs – Does This Sound Like Your Child?

Submitted by: Jeannette Quickenden S.A.C. Dip, MIGHT, AADP

Screaming fits, temper tantrums, hyperactive, letters home from school, lack of focus, antisocial and unacceptable behavior. Is your child? I so understand your situation. My young daughter can be a big pain depending on what she has consumed.

There could be a very simple solution to these behavioral issues. It is now widely accepted that food additives and delayed patterns of food allergies play an important role in causing learning and behavioral problems both in children and adults. A huge number of convenience foods contain a number of preservatives and colorants that have an adverse effect on some individuals, especially the young.

So what's the answer? Some suggest you cut out a whole range of foods and drinks such as all dairy products, yellow foods, junk food, all food with colorants, fried foods, soda and fruit juices for 2 weeks. You will then need to slowly reintroduce each of them and monitor any behavioral differences, but I know if I did this, my little one would be packing her bags and moving in with the neighbors.

I suggest the first step is to keep a food and behavior diary with time lines for 2 weeks to allow you to monitor what is drunk and eaten along with any personality changes. If you see a link between certain foods or drinks with a change in behavior, check all the ingredients and see if there is a common theme, then avoid, to a degree, foods containing those ingredients. It would be a bit harsh saying your child can't eat birthday cake because of all the colorants, but you can do as I do and just think ahead and be prepared for the fallout.

Although every one is different the most common causes of food intolerance are colorants such as sunset yellow (E110), carmoisine (E122), tartrazine (E102), allura red (E129) and also products such as soda's, energy drinks and even those 'healthy' fruit drinks that contain lots of sugar.

Although it's hard it is to limit their favorite foods, it helps if once you have discover what might be affecting them try a similar alternative to their favorite munchie, but without those problem additives. Whilst this maybe time consuming it can be done. You will then need to educate them to avoid the 'bad' foods. If you are a busy parent or just need some help to put you in the right direction it is worth contacting diet and nutrition specialists. They can help by analyzing the diet and then going on a super market run with you to work out the 'good options'.

Now as the first option in fighting behavioral problems many parents and individuals are looking at what is consumed rather than opting for drugs as the only solution.

Website for Street Light Outages

When there is a street light that is out near your home, please report these to the website www.centerpointenergy.com/outage or 713-207-2222. You will need the home address near the street light that is in question and the number located on the pole. Help keep our neighborhood safe!



Identity Theft Warning

Remember to shred all personal information including credit card applications and old checks before putting them in the garbage. Incidents of people going through trash have been reported in other neighborhoods and serve as a reminder that no one is above this terrible crime. For more information on how you can protect yourself from Identity Theft visit the Constable's website at www.cd4.hctx.net.

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Cases, Compacts & Accessories White-Pool House Museum Exhibits, 112 E. Murphy St. 432/333-4072 Big Bend Country

1-Jul. 6—BROWNSVILLE: Dinosaur Special Exhibit More than nine seemingly live, robotic dinosaurs and static prehistoric reptiles are juxtaposed with dinosaur fossils. Gladys Porter Zoo. www.gpz.org 956/546-2177 or 956/546-7187

1-Jul. 13—BEAUMONT: Art Museum of Southeast Texas presents Sharon Kopriva Recipient of the 2005 State of Texas 3-D Artist Award, Kopriva is dedicated to making sense out of death and inspiring her audience to re-examine this taboo subject. www.amset.org 409/832-3432

1-Jul. 13—BEAUMONT: The Art Museum of Southeast Texas presents Frank Tolbert For more than 30 years, this Houston artist has worked in what he calls a narrative style. www.amset.org 409/832-3432

1-Jul. 20—VICTORIA: Madeline O'Connor Exhibit McNamara House Museum. www.victoriaregionalmuseum.com 361/575-8227

1-Aug. 10—HOUSTON: Max Neuhaus: Drawings Neuhaus will create a site-specific work for the exterior of The Menil Collection building. Drawings from his installation of this work along with those from earlier projects will be exhibited at the museum from April to July. The Menil Collection. www.menil.org 713/525-9400

1-Aug. 31—BEAUMONT: Somethin' Out of Nothin': Felix "Fox" Harris Exhibition For more than 20 years, Harris crafted totem-like sculptures of recycled materials and displayed them in his yard, creating a forest-like environment. Art Museum of Southeast Texas. www.amset.org 409/832-3432

1-May 31—LA PORTE: Developing Houston: Photographic Treasures from the Cecil Thomson Collection San Jacinto Museum of History. www.sanjacinto-museum.org 281/479-2421

5, 7-8, 13-15—HOUSTON: History in Motion Includes the ballets La Sylphide and A Doll's House. Wortham Theater Center. www.houstonballet.org 713/227-2787

6-8, 13-14—BAYTOWN: Little Old Ladies in Tennis Shoes Baytown Little Theater. 281/424-7617

6-Aug. 24—CORPUS CHRISTI: The Target Collection of American Photography: A Century in Pictures Demonstrates a variety of approaches to photography and highlights a range of artistic impulses that have affected contemporary photographic practices. Art Museum of South Texas. www.artmuseumofsouthtexas.org 361/825-3500

6-Aug. 31—CORPUS CHRISTI: Revealing Character: Robb Kendrick's Tintypes Features 66 tintypes of cowboys and cowgirls taken all over the Lone Star State, plus 12 enlarged prints of tintype images. Art Museum of South Texas. www.artmuseumofsouthtexas.org 361/825-3500

6-Oct. 31—CORPUS CHRISTI: Texas Women. Texas Waves. Includes surfboards, memorabilia, videos, dozens of photos and written profiles related to Texas women surfers. Texas Surf Museum, 309A North Water St. www.texassurfmuseum.com 361/888-7873 or 361/882-2364

7-8, 14-15, 21-22, 28-29—HOUSTON: Summer Concert Series Includes honky tonk, Tejano, funk, Cajun and bluegrass. Concerts begin at noon. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500

7-19—GALVESTON: Juneteenth Includes a Jubilee parade, picnic, prayer services, musicals, educational exhibits, demonstrations and more. www.galveston.com 409/744-1491

8, 22—ROCKPORT: Pier Fishing Bring a rod and reel, and learn tackle and techniques of fishing in Texas bays. Begins at 10 a.m. Goose Island

State Park. 361/729-2858

10, 23—HOUSTON: Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Young musicians — ages 4 to 18 — perform classical repertoire. Begins at 11 a.m. Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park. www.milleroutdoortheatre.com 281/373-3386

11-14—GALVESTON: Great Texas Catamaran Race This 300-mile long beach catamaran race is sailed in four separate legs starting in South Padre Island and ending on Galveston Island. Hours are 1 to 4 p.m. East Beach. E-mail: greattexas300@gmail.com 512/844-0160

13—HOUSTON: The Giver This is a stage adaptation of Eric Coble's novel about a courageous boy determined to change a controlling, futuristic society. Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park. www.milleroutdoortheatre.com 281/373-3386

13-14—ALVIN: Alvin-Manvel Relay for Life www.cancer.org 281/924-1667

13-14—BRAZORIA: No Name Festival Family-oriented festival includes a barbecue cook-off, parade, entertainment, a carnival, several tournaments, live band, pageant, craft show and much more. www.brazoriainet.net 979/798-6100

13-15—BEAUMONT: Sixth Annual SETx Mid-Summer Classic Wakeboarding Tournament More than 100 riders compete in four categories ranging from novice to outlaw. 409/781-4786

13-15—GALVESTON: Jubilee Banjo Band The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894

14—CORPUS CHRISTI: C-101 C-Sculptures Enjoy live music, sand sculpting competition, bikini contest and horseshoe competition. North Padre

14—EAST BERNARD: 18th Annual Czech Kolache Klobase Festival Offers plenty of music, dancing and lively entertainment with bands and entertainers. Includes arts & crafts, cake walk, kid games, plenty of kolaches for sale and more. www.kkfest.com 979/335-4827 or 979/335-7907

14—EDNA: Take Dad Fishing Day Includes free fishing at the day pier in the morning. In the afternoon, visit the amphitheater for a fishing clinic with fish ID, casting, knot tying and fish printing on T-shirts. Lake Texana State Park. 361/782-5718

14—GALVESTON: Family Day: Rocks & Fossils Discover how oil is formed through the remains of ocean plants and animals. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig & Museum, Pier 20. 409/766-STAR

14—HARLINGEN: Blues on the Hill Hours are 7 to 10 p.m. McKelvey Park. 956/216-5950

14—HOUSTON: The Blew Notes Trio Enjoy an evening of jazz, poetry and visual arts, featuring the legendary composer and pianist Randy Weston. Begins at 8:15 p.m. Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park. www.milleroutdoortheatre.com 281/373-3386

14—SANTA FE: Second Annual Custom & Classic Car & Bike Show Includes a swap meet. 16000 Hwy. 6. www.santafetexaschamber.com 409/925-8558

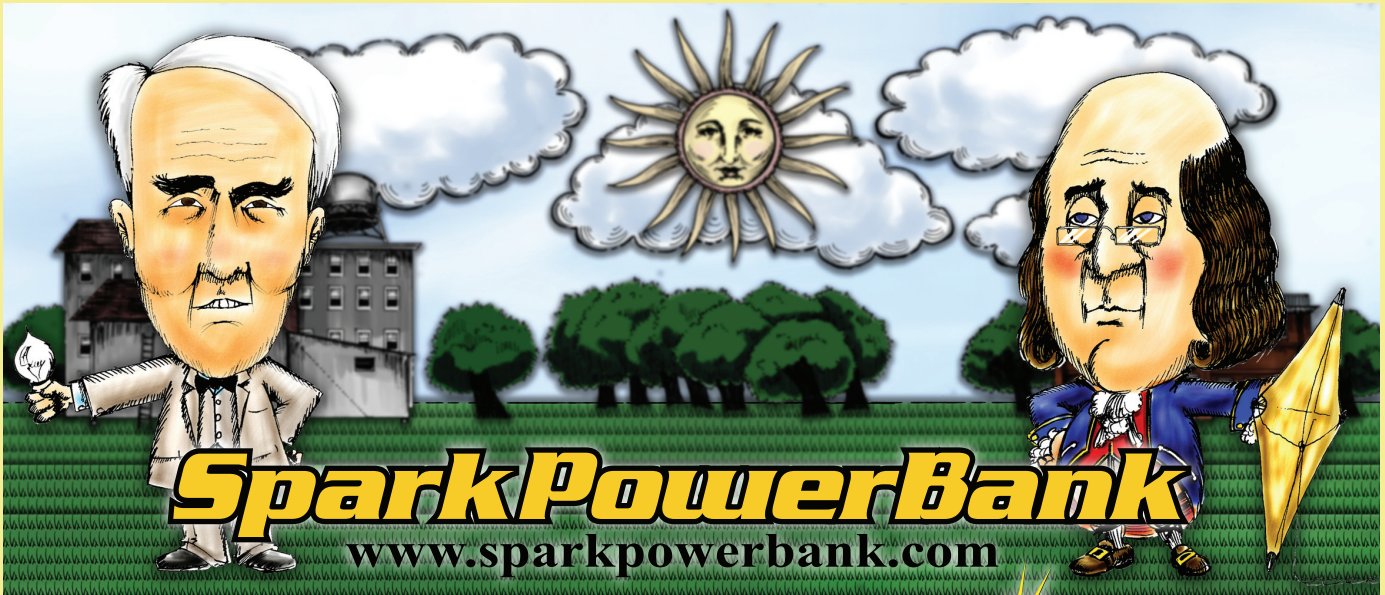
14-15—EL CAMPO: Ricebelt Antique Tractor Show & Pull Features arts & crafts, vendor and food booths, kiddie and lawnmower pulls, and more. American Legion Expansion Grounds, Hwy. 71 S. E-mail: rrprint@sbcglobal.net 979/543-9498

14-20—VICTORIA: Victoria Bach Festival Leo J. Welder Center for the Performing Arts and other venues. www.victoriabachfestival.org 361/570-5788

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Too many kids start out life without being loved or nurtured. It often takes a while for these kids to learn to trust, to learn to open up and to get out of survival mode. Jennifer is a little girl in need of some one on one attention. Almost 7 years old, she loves to play in the dirt, ride her bike and catch frogs. She also enjoys watching cartoons, playing t-ball and taking baths. Jennifer is currently in kindergarten and she is working on learning how to write her name and read. She's always on the move and requires constant supervision. Jennifer is shy but she can also be very loving and affectionate. She craves individual attention and can be competitive with younger children for her caregiver's attention. Jennifer participates in therapy on a regular basis and is working on her social skills.

Jennifer needs to learn boundaries from a family with patience -- someone willing to let her develop and blossom in her own time.

For more information about becoming a foster or adoptive parent, please contact Tracy Eilers at tracyeilers@adopttexas.org.

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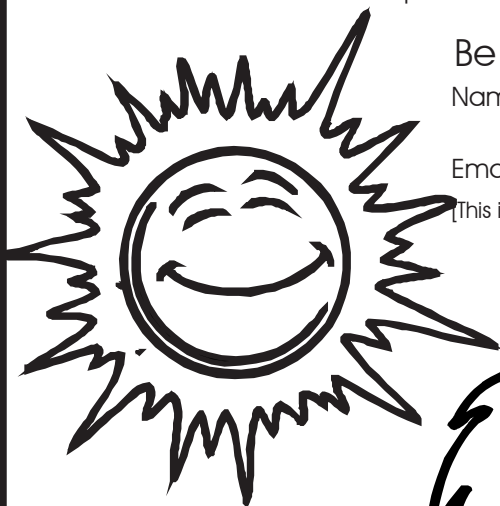
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