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Maintenance Assoc. Social Committee*

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## Greetings Friends & Neighbors

Your Board of Directors met on Thursday, June 5 with several residents in attendance. Officer Andy, our contract deputy from the Sheriff's department was also present. We had several issues to address including security, pool operations, repairs to the clubhouse, the park plan, and the website.

Officer Andy reported that incidents have decreased in our area due to the presence of Sheriff's Deputies. We should keep our diligence in reporting any suspicious activity to the Sheriff's office. The diving board at the pool has been repaired with much thanks going to PCMI in helping to develop a creative and economical solution. As a reminder, the pool is open on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 for one hour for senior citizens.

We are also working with PCMI and several contractors to make necessary repairs and updates to the clubhouse. The park plan is continuing with landscaping activities schedule to begin later this summer. Please feel free to attend the MUD Board meetings to find out more about the plans they have for the park.

The management of our website has been revived by Melissa and Ron and the results could not be more apparent. Traffic has already increased and we hope to use the website as an effective communication tool. Please feel free to log into our site at [www.winchestertrails.com](http://www.winchestertrails.com) and take a look at the changes.

Once again this year, a special thanks goes to Paulette, Danette and all those who volunteered to help with this year's Fourth of July celebration. It is a treasured tradition in the Trails that was revived in 2007 due to volunteers wanting to keep the Trails a special place to live.

Finally, thanks to Lisa Wooldridge for volunteering her time as editor of the newsletter. Also, we are grateful that Brenda Heaton will be taking Lisa's place as editor. The Board looks forward to working with Brenda.

*Until next month...*  
Walter

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## Howdy Partner-May 2008

Winchester Trails welcomes **Dora, Mark and Lilliana Scott** to the neighborhood. The Scotts moved from Winchester Country into their home at 10219 Pearl in May. Mark works as a Financial Analyst and Dora is a Senior Executive Assistant.

**Chris, Cindy, Brooke and Shelby Pohlmeier** now call 10206 Pearl Drive home. The Pohlmeiers moved in April to their new home from Winchester Country. Chris works as a maintenance technician for the Pepsi bottling company and Cindy works in the mortgage industry. Brooke and Shelby stay busy with various sports and activities.

Congratulations to **James and Sherry Gates** on their new marriage. Although Sherry is not new to Winchester Trails, James is, and he arrives as a new husband and homeowner.

### Please stop by and welcome these families to the Trails!

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](http://www.winchestertrails.com). Welcome to the Trails!

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Missy Fouts, 832-237-5717

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Parent's Day



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## MILESTONES

### New Teenagers - Happy 13th!

07/06 - Bowin Gutierrez  
07/10 - Alina Casari  
07/15 - Nathan Mulholland  
07/19 - Andrew Gafrick  
07/21 - Hannah King  
07/30 - Kristin Hudgins

### New Drivers - Happy 16th!

07/02 - Alex Gafrick  
07/30 - Katie Jennett

### New Voters - Happy 18th!

07/02 - John Wilkes

### New Adults - Happy 21st!

07/03 - Jordann Ricke  
07/15 - Madeline Hackemesser  
07/27 - Jennifer Sonne

### Happy 20th Anniversary!

07/16 - Richard & Laurie Talley

### Happy 25th Anniversary!

07/16 - Steve & Nancy McHale

### Happy 35th Anniversary!

07/02 - Sixto & Lina Blancaver

## Adventure of Mothering

Mothers of Preschoolers  
need a little encouragement...  
Join us this fall (September  
– December) on Friday  
mornings from 9:15 -11:45  
a.m. at the Metropolitan  
Baptist Church.

## 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](mailto:lwool2@sbcglobal.net).

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## Are You A Trails Treasure?

If you are at least 65 years old and live in The Trails, please contact Paulette Walker for our Annual Trails Treasure Luncheon in October, at [paulettewalker@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paulettewalker@sbcglobal.net) or call 281-894-5708.

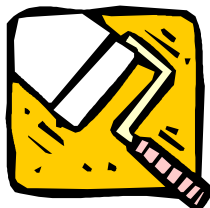
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## Green Thumb Corner

This is the time of year when we can see the benefit of a low-maintenance landscaping plan that makes good use of perennials and native southwestern plants that are tolerant of the heat. Yaupon is an attractive small tree, and dwarf yaupon is an excellent hardy shrub for creating low hedges. Lantana, although considered a weed by some people, is a tough drought-resistant plant that is becoming more popular every year and is now available in a number of attractive colors.

If your spring annuals are past their best, don't hesitate to pull them up and replace with fresh plants. You can plant seeds of quick-growing varieties (such as zinnia, marigold, petunia and portulaca) to provide color until late fall. You can cut them back and obtain a second showing for late summer and fall; just keep them well watered. If you would like your own display of bluebonnets next spring, now through January is the time to sow seed.

Patio plants dry out very fast if they are out in the open, particularly clay pots, and hanging baskets also need frequent watering.

Tomato plants are usually past their best by the middle of July, and should be pulled up to allow reworking the bed ready for replanting in August. Although most popular tomato varieties are "indeterminate", meaning that they will continue to grow and bear fruit indefinitely until killed by frost, you'll get a much better crop of fall tomatoes

by starting again with fresh plants. Peppers, on the other hand, can be left to grow through the summer into fall, and okra and eggplant are very happy in the heat.

Now onto composting, this is a great way to avoid those bags of grass clippings lining the curb on garbage day, and produce something useful in the process. Together with weeds, leaves, shrub clippings and vegetable scraps you can produce very rich and nutritious humus which can be used as mulch or dug into the beds as a "free" organic fertilizer and soil enrichment. All you need is a little unused space in an out-of-the-way corner or behind the garage. I like to construct a number of adjacent open-fronted bins, about 5' wide by 3' deep and 3' high, using scrap lumber or chicken wire. You can throw almost any organic material in there, including tea leaves, coffee grounds and eggshells, but no meat products because you may attract foraging animals.

*Phil Richards*

### WT – Deadline

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## Spring Festival Raises \$510,000 for Boys and Girls Country

The Boys and Girls Country Spring Festival, held on May 3, broke all records for this event, netting over \$510,000. It was a day packed with entertainment, all types of booths for children of all ages, auctions, crafts, and barbecue, hot dogs, and hamburgers. Over 3,200 people attended the festival, including 500 hard working volunteers.

Boys and Girls Country is a residential Home for children, ages five to college age. The Home provides a loving, caring, safe environment in which children from families in crisis can grow into successful adults. Says Shirley Wright, Executive Director, of Boys and Girls Country, "this event not only raised much needed funds to support our work with children, but it was also a wonderful opportunity for our neighbors in northwest Houston to learn how the Home is changing the lives of children".

The event was planned by members of the Spring Festival Committee and co-chaired by Karen Rosales and Frank Todaro. In addition, members of the Northwest Committee provided support in planning, marketing, volunteering at the event, securing booth sponsorships and auction items, and in selling drawing tickets.

Major underwriters for Spring Festival included Schulte Building Systems, HTK Consultants, Inc.,

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## Recycle

If you have items that you are tired of or want out of your home why not donate them to charity? Here are several options for you to consider these are our local chapters for convenience:

### You Drop off:

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### Pickup:

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Houston Charity <http://www.houstoncharitycenter.org/index.html> has some requirements to meet to pick up. No phone number given on site.

If you are more internet savvy then go here... it is a cyfair residents website devoted to recycle and reuse among individuals who live near you <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cyfairfreecycle/>

Lisa Wooldridge

## 2008 Graduate

Senior from Jersey Village HS  
Cory Robinson

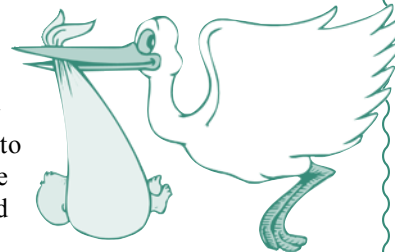


## Epiphany Lutheran VBS

Epiphany Lutheran Church & School will be hosting its annual Vacation Bible School the week of July 21 – 25th from 9 am – 12:30 pm For more information call 713-896-1773 or visit our web-site at [www.epiphany-lcms.org](http://www.epiphany-lcms.org).

## Stork Report

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