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Dear Friends & Neighbors

What a great summer at the pool this year as the lifeguards provided us with exceptional service once again. Please let them know you appreciate their help. In order to make the pool safer and more enjoyable, we had a few repairs that had to be made this year including the diving board and lights both inside and outside of the pool.

Our Board meeting in August was held on the 14th due to a lack of quorum established for August 7th. We discussed the pending major repairs and renovations to the clubhouse including the replacement of the carpeting, repairs to the sheetrock and painting. We expect to have this work completed by the end of Fall. The tennis courts have considerable use, however, it appears that the courts are used by many non-residents. Once a volunteer for the tennis courts is found, then the Board can appropriate the necessary funds to rehabilitate portions of the courts. Board member elections will be held in September. Please keep an eye on your mail for a ballot. Also, please plan to attend the October Board meeting as we will need voters to attend the meeting to establish a quorum for the election.

National Night Out will be held in October this year as opposed to previous dates in August. The October date will hopefully make for a cooler evening and have more residents able to attend as school is in session and vacations are pretty much a fond memory. This is an important event in keeping our neighborhood secure. It has been shown that neighbors who are vigilant in knowing their neighbors and being aware of activities in the neighborhood keeps crime to a minimum. We are all very busy and sometimes do not have the time to keep up with our neighbors. This gives us a chance to see them again as well as meet new residents. Please look for more information on National Night Out on our website www.winchestertrails.com and in this issue of the *Trail Writer*.

Until next month...
Walter

Upcoming Events/Observances September



1st	Labor Day
7th	National Grandparents Day
22nd	Autumn Begins
30th	Rosh Hashanah
8th	Pool closed for Season
19-20th	Community Garage Sale 8am - 4pm

GREEN THUMB CORNER

This is a busy month in the vegetable garden if you want to take advantage of the fall growing season. One advantage of the fall garden is that the pests are usually far less active than in the spring, so give it a try - you'll find it's well worth the effort when you savor the freshness and flavor of home-grown produce. If you hurry, you may not be too late for broccoli, cauliflower, brussel sprouts and tomatoes, and you can plant cabbage and collards for winter greens. And it's time to seed the root crops like carrots, beets, onions, leeks, turnips and radishes. Prepare the beds with the addition of lots of organic material (compost, mulch or peat moss), and make sure that the soil is well cultivated to a depth of twelve inches or more, especially for the carrots. Try lettuce as the weather cools down.

It's time to get ready for the fall growing season - the calendar for this month includes "action items" for all of us, and the first hint of lower temperatures makes it a lot easier to get them accomplished. As a result of less rainfall this year our lawns are suffering so it's a good idea to apply a light feeding to the lawn. Water generously to avoid fertilizer burn.

September is an ideal time to start a small herb garden - you can plant chives, parsley, coriander (cilantro), rosemary, dill and garlic. It needn't take much space, and the results can be very decorative and aromatic as well as useful in the kitchen.

It's hard to beat chrysanthemums for early fall color. In pots on the patio or as permanent perennials in the beds, they are an excellent addition to any yard. They should be fertilized every two or three weeks until flower buds appear, then weekly until the buds show

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Winchester Trails – Deadline

The deadline for the Oct. newsletter is Sept. 10th. All items should be sent to Brenda Heaton at grateful7000@sbcglobal.net

Howdy Partner

Susan and Steven Wheelock and their two children, William and Allison, moved from Florida to our neighborhood in June. They now call 10602 Great Plains Lane their home. Welcome to the Trails, Wheelock family!

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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Yard of The Month

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**10302 Wagon Trail
Mark & Irene Gaddis**



**10523 Dude Rd.
Drew & Barbara Dean**

Green Thumb Corner - *(Continued from Cover Page)*

color. Water as necessary. For best garden display, pinch out the center bud of each cluster (but if you want to produce "show quality" blooms with the large-flowered type, leave the center bud and pinch off all laterals).

Keep the roses well mulched, well fed and well watered, and they can reward you with fall blooms that may be even better than spring and summer. Cut out dead wood. Water in the morning to discourage black spot and mildew and maintain a regular spray schedule to prevent black spot from entering leaf tissue. Check azaleas for soil acidity and keep well mulched.

Dig up and divide perennials like day lilies, iris, violets and cannas. And if you want to start a bed of perennials, this is the time of year to think about planting from seed or nursery transplants. Just make sure the bed is well prepared with lots of organic material mixed in, because it's not going to get the benefit of the same regular cultivation as the beds of annuals. Also consider taking cuttings of tender plants such as coleus and geranium; root them in pots to carry over to next spring.

After the first cool spell, clean up the beds and dispose of old stalks and dead leaves which may harbor insects and diseases. You can add them to the compost heap, where the heat generated by decomposition is enough to kill most pathogens.

THIS MONTH'S TIP: If you've been thinking about establishing a strawberry bed, get started now by preparing raised beds with lots of pine bark mulch so that you'll be ready to plant in October.

Phil Richards

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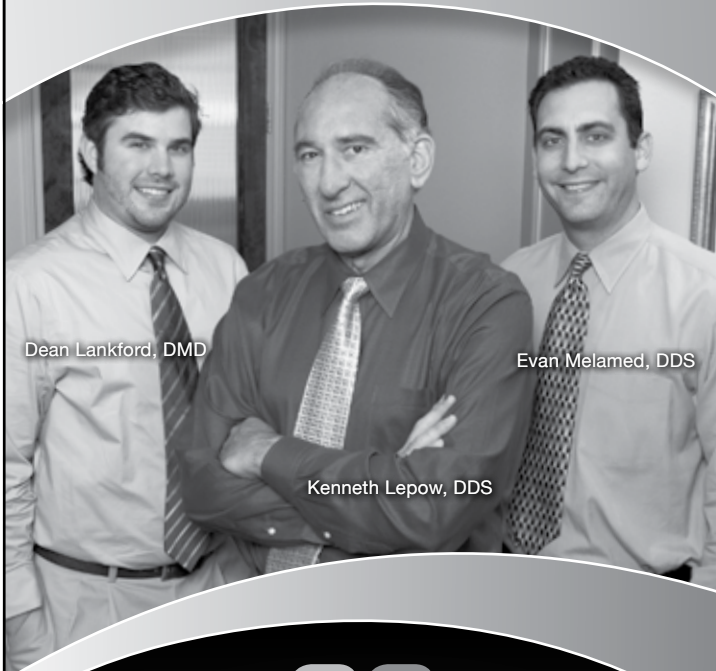


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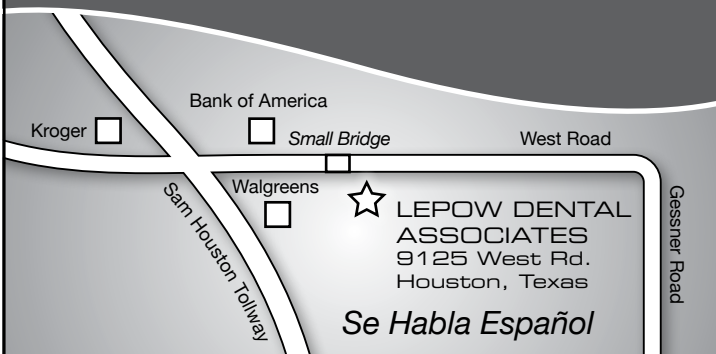
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MILESTONES

New Teenagers -
Happy 13th!

09/15 - Malorie Costello
09/15 - Nicholas Vinson

New Drivers - Happy 16th!

09/03 - Julie Jackson
09/04 - Riki Clement
09/23 - Hannah Fouts
09/28 - Kelli Hudgins

New Voters - Happy 18th!
09/10 - Natalie Horton

New Adults - Happy 21st!
09/18 - Ryan Bench

Happy 15th Anniversary!
09/25 - Alfred & Delena Logan

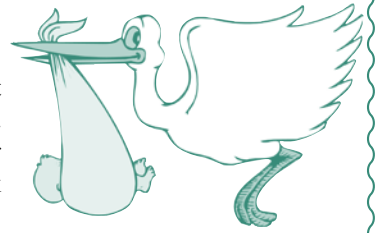
Happy 20th Anniversary!
09/24 - Steve & LeeAnne Chumley

Happy 25th Anniversary!
09/10 - Paul & Paula McCord
09/17 - James & Grace Tang

Melissa Zmerzlikar
kmzmerz-wt@yahoo.com

Stork Report

If you have a new little one, please contact Allison Poor at 281-807-0244 or alisonpoor@earthlink.net to share your news and have the WT Stork appear in your yard if desired.



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6 P.M. – 9 P.M.

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Gold Dusters

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Location of Event:

Contact Person:

Telephone Number:

How many people participated in this Year's Event?

What type of activities occurred at this event?

Please rate the enthusiasm for NNO 2008

_____ Excellent _____ Good _____ Fair _____ Poor

Was there any media coverage of the event this Year?

_____ Yes _____ No

Did your organization participate in National Night Out last year (2007) ?

_____ Yes _____ No

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