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### To all our Wortham Friends:

I want to thank all my friends and neighbors from the bottom of my heart for the wonderful reception given to my son, Jonathan, when he returned from the Olympics in Beijing. We were so overwhelmed by all the creative decorations, posters, flags, etc. that covered our front yard beautifully. It was so much fun watching the cars go by honking the horns, waving to us and giving us the thumbs up sign. And the food, there were so many yummy items in my kitchen. I know there were many loving hands that helped with the decorating, e-mails to neighbors with information, food, etc. and I want to thank everyone for the support, encouragement and love that was extended to my family. I especially want to thank Debbie Condon. Brenda Walker, Susan Dool and all the WOW ladies for organizing all the festivities. I apologize if I left any names out because I truly do not know who all participated in the organizing and planning. I know many worked faithfully to make the reception a success and it truly was. I hope you all were able to watch the broadcast that night on Channel 2. I will always have great memories of our first Olympic experience. I have always known that Wortham has the best neighbors in the city of Houston and this outpouring of love confirms my feelings. Thank you again and hope to do this again in 4 years!

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#### Come dressed in your favorite costume for the Costume Contest!!

There will be games, prizes, refreshments, moonwalk, crafts, door prizes, cake walk, and photo ops (bring your camera)! Come and enjoy the Festival with your Friends and Neighbors.

This year's Fall Festival is organized by Girl Scout Troop 15008. Donations will be accepted for Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary, a no-kill animal shelter. Donations requested are dog food, cat food, cat litter, hay or food for horses and pigs, or monetary donations. Your support for this Community Service Project is greatly appreciated.

To volunteer or for additional info, please contact our Troop Leader, Susan Kelley (281-469-1371 or susankel@sbcglobal.net)

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Our annual homeowners meeting will take place on October 22, 2008 at Adam's Elementary. We have 2 spots up for election on our board currently seated by Stan Schoen and Jonathan Armstrong. We are looking for people interested to run for a board seat. If you or someone you know are interested please let a board member or Crest Management know.

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#### **Splinters from the Board**

By Stan Schoen, E-mail: sschoen@worthamweb.org
October 2008, Website: www.worthamweb.org

I'm writing this as quickly as I can because we just got our power back and had to wait for internet service and now I have to get this to press before this ship leaves without me!

I have been writing about our Neighborhood Watch, our finances and security, our fences, our lawns and even our location. Now I must write about US.

At this writing we have just been through a horrific hurricane in Ike. Some fled, most I find were staying here and as they say on the news 'hunkering down'. We went without power for some 36 hours, twice as long as I can remember in the past 14 years that I've lived in Wortham. We had water but no power and it was HOT, very hot and very humid. As soon as the hurricane passed I saw our fellow neighbors reaching out to help each other. It was amazing to me how many of you got busy right away clearing debris, mowing your yard, hauling off leaves and fence parts, I witnessed water bottles brought to others', generators loaned out and even power off a neighbors' generator to help their neighbors. We can always talk about our tennis courts, our pools, our location but what really makes us Wortham is

US! All of us, what a great place to live, what wonderful people to live near - YOU are what makes Wortham – Wortham!

We had a sheriff's patrol on 2 shifts covering 24 hours to watch our homes during this trying time. Now, I hope, it's time to get back to normal.

Wortham, we're looking good! Make it a great day! See you at my table.

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### Cypress Christian School Welcomes New Principal

Cypress Christian School is pleased to announce the appointment of Donna Stumbaugh to the position of elementary principal.

"Mrs. Stumbaugh has committed her time, talents, and energy during the last 12 years to minister to students, parents, and teachers at Cypress Christian School," said Dr. Glenn Holzman, Head of School. "Her proven experience in curriculum development and improvement, as well as her extraordinary organizational and leadership skills, allow her to join the administrative team this year. Mrs. Stumbaugh is unquestionably dedicated to Christian education. She understands that Christian education is an opportunity to instill Christian values through scripture. She is committed to the ideal that teachers are living examples of who Christ is, as they teach about God's world through God's word."

### Mrs. Stumbaugh's education and experience include the following:

- Bachelor of Science in Education from University of Arkansas
- Master's Degree in Learning Disabilities from University of Tulsa
- Gifted and Talented and Midmanagement certificates from the University of St. Thomas
- Texas Certification: Elementary Education, Learning Disabilities, Gifted and Talented and Mid-Management
- More than 28 years of experience in curriculum development and classroom instruction

#### Cypress Christian Students Travel to Spain

Several CCS secondary students had the opportunity to travel to Spain for a ten-day, educational tour this past June.

The students had an incredible time learning about architecture and visiting historical and cultural sights studied in class. The students spoke with native Spaniards on a daily basis, which reinforced grammar and vocabulary as well as boosted their self confidence in speaking. The majority of the students had not traveled outside of the country and this trip provided many opportunities for personal growth, as well as academic benefits.

CCS students who went on the trip included Jessica LeDay, Elisabeth Dunn, Hallie Salmon, Brian Fredrich, Casey Salzar, and Jordyn McCain.



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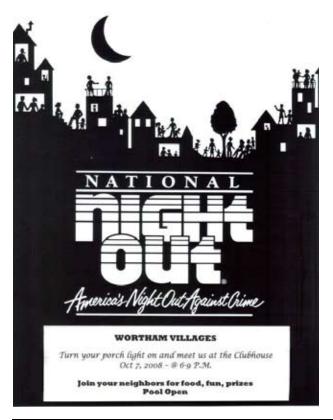
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#### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS

Marie Trascher

Our community will celebrate National Night Out, October 7 from 6:00 to 9:00P.M. at the clubhouse. I urge all residents to join in the fun and activities we have planned. The pool will be open for this special event and we will have food and drinks. We will have Face Painting by Don and a sidewalk chalk contest. As of this writing I do not have confirmation yet but hope to have the Mounted Patrol, Fire Dept. and fingerprinting ID by the Sheriff's Office. You do not need to bring anything but your family. Meet neighbors that you may not know and enjoy yourselves. Your Block Captains have been hard at work for you to have a special evening.

This year I am hoping that we will have somewhat cooler weather than in the past since it was usually held in August. Texas is the only state that was given the choice of having an October event.

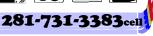
The Neighborhood Watch News has been almost nonexistent for the summer which is due to our Deputies, our Block Captains and all residents. We have been on the watch for any incident out of the ordinary and this has led to a more peaceful community. This is what National Night Out strives for communities - the coming together of citizens and law enforcement to deter crime.

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Incident	Offense Total	Incident Off	ense Total	
Alarm Local	11	MUD Building Check	53	
Alarm/Rep Site	1	Open Door/Window	1	
Assault	2	Solicitors	1	
Check Park	116	Standard Motor Vehicle	1	
Contract Check	417	Telephone Harras	1	
Criminal Mischief	2	Theft/Other	1	
Discharge Fireworks	1	Theft/Residence	1	
Disturbance/Loud Nois	se 3	Traffic Stop	10	
DWI	1	Unknown Medical Emergency 1		
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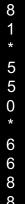
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- 1. Always look both ways when crossing the street!
- 2. Carry a flashlight and walk with a group of friends/family.
- 3. Have an adult check all candy/goodies before eating anything.
- 4. Only go up to homes with their front porch light on.
- 5. Report any suspicious activity to an adult.

Follow these simple tips, along with your parents/gaurdians rules, and you'll be sure to have a great time on this frightful night!

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Elm Bridge Ct	Henkhaus, Kim	281-469-7105
Fern Vale	Lawrence, Reschele & Phillip	281-469-6321
Grove Hollow	Kruppa, Beth & Chris	281-477-7381
Harvest Dale	Welch, Terri	281-890-4061
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Sycamore Heights	Sommer, Donna	832-237-4684
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\$160,000 - 179,999	1	1	1	1	1	0
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