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Get Out - Vote

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Upcoming Events November

- 1- All Saints Day
- 2- Daylight Savings times ends change clocks
- 4- Election Day
- 11- Veteran's Day
- 27- Thanksgiving Day

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Green Thumb Corner

The last six weeks have seen a lot of extra clean-up and landscape repair in the wake of Hurricane Ike, and at the time of writing there is still more to be accomplished. It will take some time to get our neighborhood back to its normal neat appearance and unfortunately some streets will never be the same again after losing a number of mature trees. On the bright side, it was good to see the help and cooperation between neighbors.

We discussed spring bulbs last month, but here's a brief reminder that the planting "window" continues through November and December. Remember that tulips are an exception and should not be planted before late December, but get them in the refrigerator as soon as possible for at least three weeks of chilling.

November is the usual time for setting out pansy plants in beds or containers after the weather has cooled, and they really can't be beaten for providing a show of color through the winter months. They will benefit from a little blood meal under each plant, but otherwise pansies require very little care and attention.

This is a good month for general yard maintenance, now that the grass isn't growing so fast and we don't have to spend all our time mowing and edging. Clean up the beds and remove dead foliage to help eliminate insects and disease organisms that can overwinter in the debris. Start to build up a good thick layer of top mulch in preparation for winter, to protect from freezing and winter drying (the cool winter winds can dry out the ground almost as quickly as the summer heat). It's also a good time of year to modify your landscaping - take a good look around

and plan any changes that you want to make. Correct any drainage problems, raising beds if necessary.

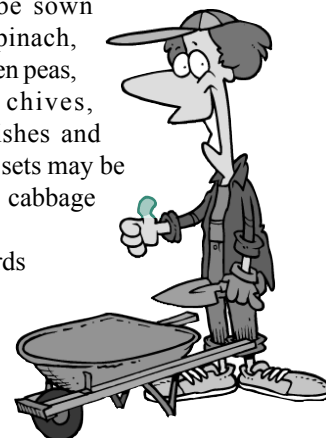
As chrysanthemums and other perennials finish blooming, cut flowering stems close to the ground to allow all the energy to be used for root growth. They can be divided and transplanted any time from now until March, but the sooner the early-blooming varieties are moved, the earlier and better will be their blooms.

Roses should be kept well watered and may be fed lightly; groom out any dead wood, but do not prune heavily until January or February. Azaleas and camellias may be moved; mulch well and keep moist.

Fruit trees may be planted now, although the most popular time is in January and that's when they are more readily available at the nurseries. An advantage of planting trees now is that the still-warm soil allows some root growth to be established before going into dormancy. Flowering shrubs, both deciduous and evergreen, may also be planted.

In the vegetable garden, we still have a week or two for setting out strawberry plants, and seeds may be sown for beets, spinach, English garden peas, asparagus, chives, parsley, radishes and cress. Onion sets may be planted, also cabbage plants.

Phil Richards



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Howdy Partner

We've had a flurry of activity here in Winchester Trails, specifically on Hondo Hill Road. The Trails extends a warm welcome to the Punch and Hernandez families.

Tammy and Robby Punch now call 10410 Hondo Hill home. The Punches, and their two sons, Hayden and Ethan moved from Houma, Louisiana, into their new home in August along with their two dogs, Ruby and Savannah. Robby works as welding engineer, and Tammy is a stay-at-home mom and teacher.

Christina and Raul Hernandez and their son, Isaac moved to 10310 Hondo Hill in July. Raul is self-employed in the Communications industry and Christina is a paralegal in the Oil and Gas industry. The Hernandez family moved to the Trails from the Oak Forest neighborhood.

The Welcome Committee is looking for a new person to take over this activity. The responsibilities are to welcome new residents when they arrive, provide them with an information packet and write a monthly article welcoming these families to the neighborhood. These efforts take approximately 2-3 hours a month and will involve some computer work in Microsoft Word and e-mail. Please contact Missy Fouts at 832-237-5717 if you are interested.

If you are new to the neighborhood and have received a Welcome visit, please remember to return your forms to Missy Fouts at 10411 Hondo Hill, or call 832-237-5717. Also, 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
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Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to set your clock back 1 hour on Nov. 2nd

Standard Time



Family Outing

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Lisa Wooldridge

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New Teenagers - Happy 13th!

11/13 - Taylor Henson
11/15 - Michael Queen
11/20 - Mitchell Almonte

11/11 - Patrick Lavine
11/26 - Renee Chu

New Drivers - Happy 16th!

11/13 - Katie Debus
11/17 - Joshua Boyd
11/20 - Brendan McCormick
11/24 - Katie Cary

Happy 15th Anniversary!

11/06 - Raul & Christina Hernandez
11/12 - Charles & Tammy Williford

New Voters - Happy 18th!

11/02 - Meredith Van Hooser
11/05 - Tyler Bench
11/29 - Jessica Gambhir

Happy 20th Anniversary!

11/09 - Bob Jarmin & Debbie Myers

Happy 25th Anniversary!

11/05 - Tom & Delia Artz

New Adults - Happy 21st!

11/10 - Maddie Croft
11/11 - Emily Gurghigian

Melissa Zmerzlikar
kmzmerz-wt@yahoo.com

Calling all Volunteers

Stork Volunteer Needed

We are looking for a new Stork Volunteer – you will welcome the new arrival with a stork (we have downsized so not very big) and gather information to print in the newsletter welcoming the families new addition to the Trails.

Social Committee Chairperson Needed

If you like parties and enjoy hosting gatherings then this is the spot for you! We are looking for a volunteer to facilitate social gatherings for the Trails you will be working with Paulette Walker.

Welcome Committee Person Needed

You will welcome new residents into the Trails give them packet of information, take down their information then write small articles introducing the new family into the Trails for our newsletter once a month.

If you are interested in any of the above positions please contact Ron Matthews @ 832.878.1005 for any questions. Thank you!

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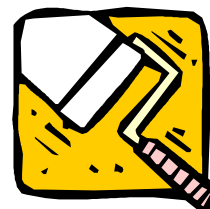
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Playground Gathering

Attention Trails Stay at home Moms/Dads of Toddlers & Preschoolers

Looking for a playgroup close to home?
Looking to meet other parents in the neighborhood?

Let's have a playdate! Thursday, November 13th at 9:30am playground by the pool. Come and join us for info - e-mail: trailstykes@hotmail.com.



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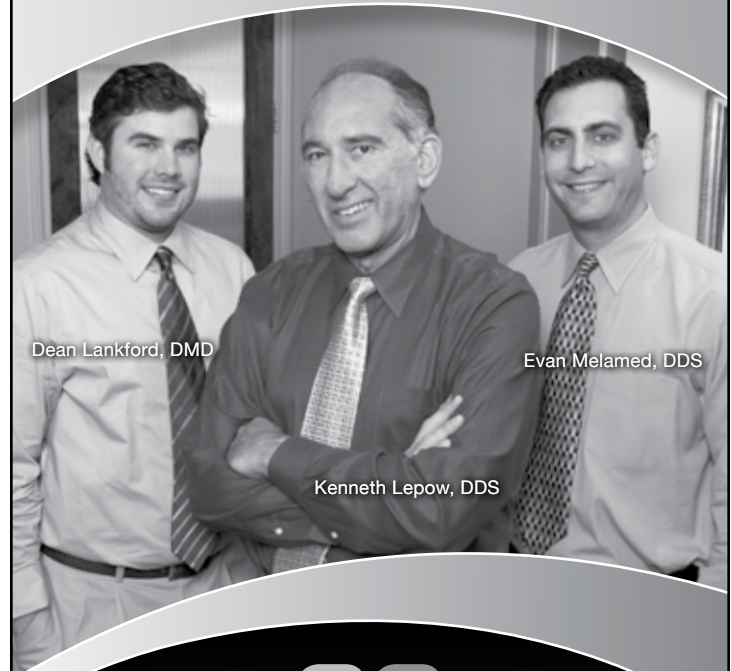
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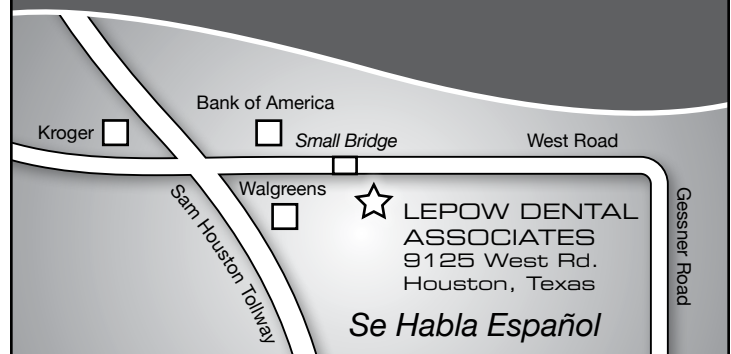
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