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Green Thumb Corner

February is prime time for getting the yard back into good shape and ready for a new growing season. The relatively warm weather makes it difficult to take care of the pruning because early pruning encourages new growth in mild conditions and the tender new shoots can then be damaged by a possible freeze in the first part of this month. But we should be safe by mid-February, so now is the time to complete the winter pruning of trees, evergreens and summer-flowering shrubs. Don't prune the spring-flowering shrubs - you'll be cutting off potential blooms. Try to plant (or move) trees and shrubs before they start their springtime growth spurt. This is also a favorable month to set cuttings of hardwood shrubs and also to divide, separate and transplant perennials. Feed trees by using a stake or a length of pipe to drive a series of holes a foot deep and a foot or so apart around the drip line, and apply a small handful of general-purpose fertilizer (such as 12-24-12) in each hole. A good rule of thumb is to apply a total of about one and a half pounds for each inch of trunk diameter. If your pine trees have very pale green or yellowish needles, that's a sign that the soil is too alkaline, and the cure is to include a soil acidifier with the fertilizer (an iron supplement such as "Ironite" serves the purpose very well). Magnolias also need acid soil conditions, so use special azalea/camellia fertilizer or add a soil acidifier.

Don't forget that Valentine's day is the traditional deadline for rose pruning; cut back to about three or four good canes, knee-high (except climbing varieties). Climbing roses will bloom on last year's growth and you need to maintain lateral canes on a trellis, fence or wall to promote flowering. Select and plant new bare-root roses now (container-grown

plants can go in later, if you wish), but don't feed newly planted bushes until after first bloom. It's not too late to apply dormant oil spray on fruit trees, and it's a perfect time to clean up, cultivate and mulch all the beds. Do it now, while the weather is pleasantly cool and the task is manageable - leave it too late and you'll find yourself struggling to take care of overgrown weeds in the summer.

Hold off feeding the grass until it starts to green-up, and don't feed azaleas until after they bloom, but do go ahead and fertilize evergreen shrubs. In general, wait until March to feed the ornamental shrubs - feeding too early will encourage tender new growth that may be nipped if we get a very late frost. Pansies have a hearty appetite and need a balanced fertilizer (13-13-13) every few weeks; remove faded blossoms to encourage new blooms. The pansies should have another couple of months of useful life but the recent mild winter season has really been too warm for a good display.

Before we get into the heavy grass-cutting season, it's a good idea to sharpen the mower blade and take care of other maintenance activities on the machine. And it's not too late to fill in those low spots in the lawn where someone drove over the grass; use a good weed-free topsoil or sand and don't bury the grass too deep at each application - leave the leaf tips sticking out to encourage it to grow through. In the vegetable garden, set out plants of the cool-weather varieties (broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower) and plant seeds for beets, rutabaga, carrots and potatoes. If you are also thinking of raising a second potato crop in the fall, plan ahead by getting extra seed potatoes now and storing them in the

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Dear Winchester Trails Neighbors,

We certainly hope you can make it to our next Board meeting on Thursday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m. in our clubhouse as we have several items on the agenda in preparation for Spring. Hopefully, we anticipate continuing the Easter party tradition as we have volunteers ready to help. This event has been around for many years and is enjoyed by the children. Also, we will be preparing for the pool season as the swim team will start practices in April and the pool will open for residents in May. This year we have to comply with an update of federal mandates concerning pool safety.

Officer Andy, who has been our contract deputy, was promoted at the Harris County Sheriff's office. It is a good opportunity for Andy but that means we lose him. Over the Christmas Holidays, the Board and some residents presented Andy with a plaque (see photo on page 3) and a gift card in appreciation for the help he provided in our neighborhood. A new officer has been chosen to take his place and you should have seen him around the Trails.

Around New Year's Day, we had some teens get into the pool area. While no damage occurred, it is quite dangerous as there is no one supervising the area and there are no lights. The Sheriff's office will keep a watch on the pool in the evenings for us.

Finally, we look forward to the MUD continuing with the development of the Park. We will provide details as we are made aware of them.

Until next month...

Walter

Winchester Trails

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Upcoming Events February



- 2 - Groundhog Day
- 5 - Maintenance Board Meeting 7PM at WT Clubhouse
- 14 - Happy Valentine's Day!
- 16 - Presidents Day
- 25 - Ash Wednesday



HOWDY PARTNER

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. Please email Pat Hernandez at welcome@winchestertrails.com with your information or telephone number for contact.

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!

MILESTONES

New Teenagers - Happy 13th!

02/08 - Grant Moss

New Drivers - Happy 16th!

02/07 - Gustavo Verraires
02/10 - Taylor Wilson
02/13 - Derek Rodriguez
02/14 - Andrew Sheeran

New Voters - Happy 18th!

02/23 - Anthony "Trevor" Baham
02/27 - Robert Ottmann

New Adults - Happy 21st!

02/01 - Austin Strong

Melissa Zmerzlikar
directory@winchestertrails.com

March Newsletter Deadline

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

Green Thumb Corner - (Continued from Cover Page)

refrigerator. It's usually impossible to buy them in late summer, and regular potatoes from the grocery store may not sprout because they are usually treated with a growth inhibitor.

THIS MONTH'S TIP:

Pruning those trees and shrubs: remember the rule-of-thumb about not cutting off more than one third of the foliage at any one time (crape myrtles can tolerate being cut back to almost nothing).

Phil Richards

Calling All Volunteers

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.

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

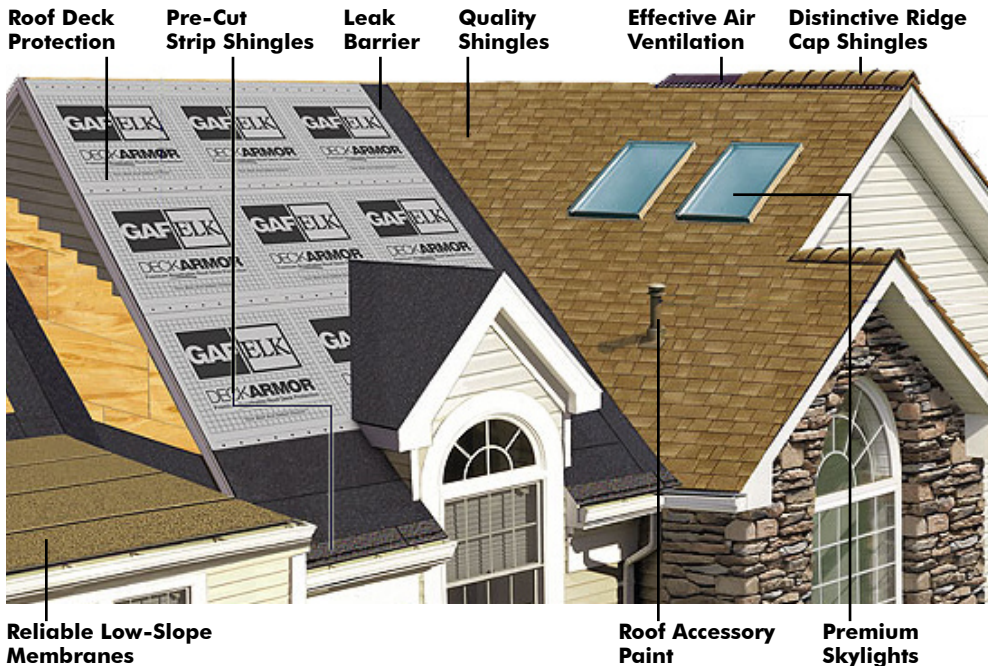
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Pat Harper



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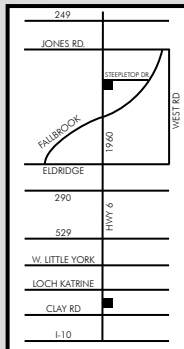
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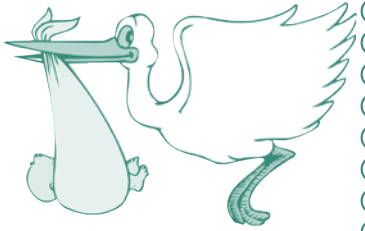
New Volunteer for the Welcome Committee

We have a new volunteer in the Trails. Pat Fernandez has kindly accepted the position for Chairmen of the Welcome committee. If you are aware of new residents please contact Pat so she can get them a new welcome package. Her email is welcome@winchestertrails.com. Thanks to Pat for donating her time, we appreciate the help.

The Board

Stork Report

If you have a new little one, please contact Ron Matthews at 281-955-1005 or stork@winchestertrails.com to share your news and have the WT Stork appear in your yard if desired.



Clubhouse Availability

Winchester Trails newly renovated neighborhood clubhouse is available for neighborhood residents to rent for parties, meetings, Bunco, dinners, etc. The clubhouse rate is **\$10** per hour with a **\$30 minimum**. The clubhouse holds up to 50 people and has a kitchen with a stove, microwave and fridge, as well as 6 tables and plenty of folding chairs.

A **security deposit of \$250** and a signed contract (contract may be viewed on our neighborhood website www.winchestertrails.com.) are required to secure your booking.

For more information, please call 281-615-0335 or email me at clubhouse@winchestertrails.com

Linda van Zuilekom

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Shirlin Christenson for graduating Magna Cum Laude from Texas A&M last December. She plans to be a special education teacher in our Cy-Fair school district. Way to go Shirlin!

Melissa Z.



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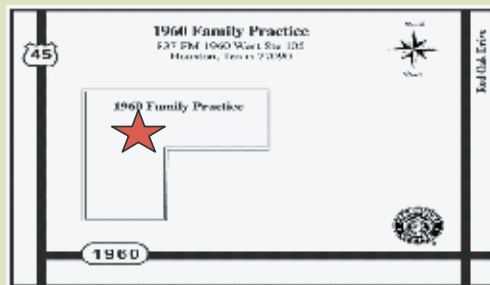
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In response to the growing demand for HHW collection events and the HazMobile (Harris County's mobile HHW collection unit), Harris County is setting up a permanent collection facility at Highway 290 and Gessner in Precinct 4. The facility is being funded through a grant by the Houston-Galveston Area Council (HGAC) and is expected to open to the public in the fall of 2009. The facility will take the same waste currently collected at HHW collection events, including all chemicals and tires. Stay tuned for a grand opening date and hours of operation.

(reprint article from "Precinct 4 Update" newsletter. To subscribe visit www.hcp4.net

Ron Matthews

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Will Clayton Parkway to one block past South Houston Avenue in Humble)

Mangum-Howell Center: departs at 6:30 a.m.

2500 Frick Road, Houston
(Along Frick Road, just west of Veterans Memorial Drive, south of Beltway 8
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Tomball College & Community Library: departs at 7 a.m.

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Lunch is available at the State Capitol cafeteria. **Please note: Extensive walking is required.** To participate, please call Precinct 4's Senior Adult Program, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at (281) 893-3726, ext. 26.

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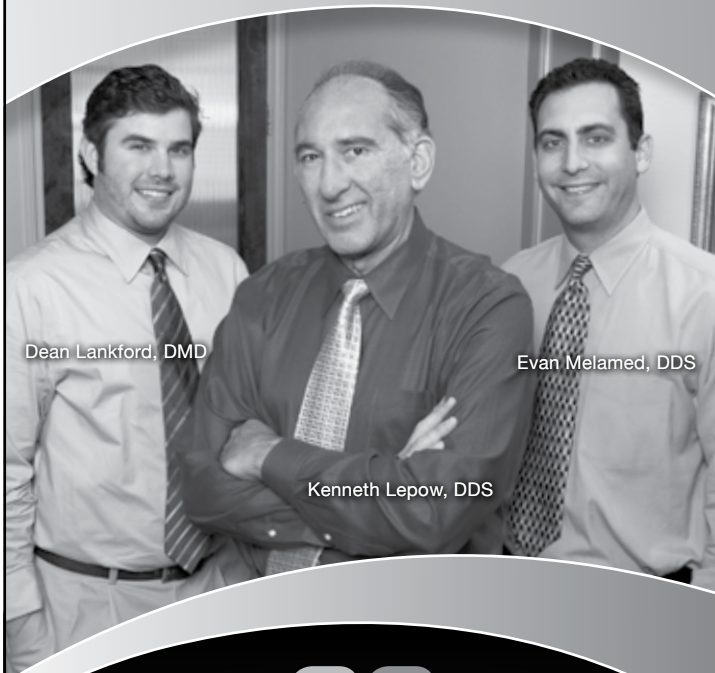
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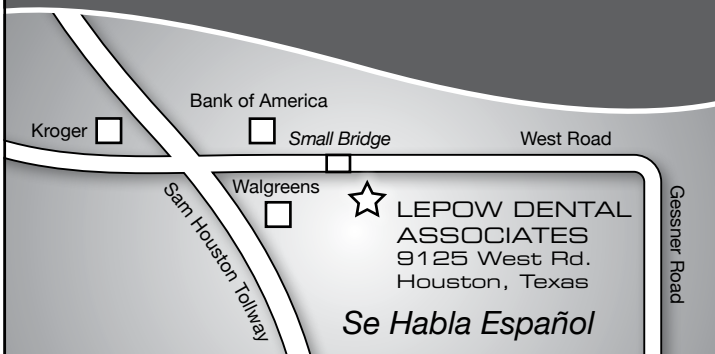
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Meet Rebecka

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Meet Rebecka. She has been in foster care a few years and has hopes. Her biggest hope is that someone will love her enough to claim her. Her other hopes include the person, or family, being patient enough for her to learn and grow, and catch up for all of the time missed. For some children, they need that one on one time, the time to be special, the time to feel the object of others attention.

Rebecka, 11, is an active, intelligent and engaging child, who needs direction, and assistance in staying focused. Rebecka likes to read, listen



to country music, sing, attend church and play with friends. Rebecka is talented, intelligent and a gifted vocalist. She likes to play with kids her age. Rebecka however, at this time, requires supervision while with peers. She vies for attention. She is a young girl with a beautiful smile and a lot of potential. Although she may exhibit challenging behaviors, she will thrive with a committed family.

Rebecka would benefit from being adopted by parents who have strong parenting skills. Rebecka will need time to bond. She would benefit from a permanent placement with a loving, supportive and understanding family where she continue to grow and learn. Rebecka needs consistent care from parents who will promote her future success. If you would like to learn more about adoption from foster care, please contact the Adoption Coalition of Texas at info@adopttexas.org or 512-301-2825. If you are interested in learning more about Rebecka, contact Grace Lindren, LMSW, Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiter/Adoption Coalition of Texas at 512-687-3209/fax 512-692-2540, gracelindgren@adopttexas.org.

If you are interested, you can view a story with Rebecka on News 8 Austin Forever Families ~ just click the link: http://www.news8austin.com/content/living/forever_families/?ArID=226023&SecID=428

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