

# The Village Gazette



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Village Creek Community Association

September 2009

## Community Happenings

School is back in session and cool, crisp days are headed our way. Village Creek residents can look forward to many upcoming activities.

- Fall Garage Sale~ September 18 & 19
- Pet Clinic~ September 23
- Neighborhood Night Out~ October 6
- Fall Festival and Chili Cook Off ~ October 17

Visit the community website, [www.myvillagecreek.net](http://www.myvillagecreek.net), for more information.

## Constables Report

The constable reported one home burglary and two burglaries of motor vehicles. It is important to remember to always lock your vehicles.

## BB Gun Mischief

It has been reported that residents home and car windows have been shot at by kids with BB guns in the neighborhood. Vandalism has been a problem over the summer with youth being out of school and violators are often met with the victims willing to exercise the full extent of the law.

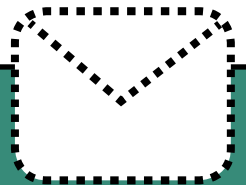
## August Yard of the Month

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Constables Office ..... 281-376-3472, [www.cd4.hctx.net](http://www.cd4.hctx.net)  
Klein Fire Dept. ....281-376-4449  
Poison Control Center .....800-764-7661  
Willowbrook Methodist .....281-477-1000

### SCHOOLS

Tomball ISD ..... 281-357-3100, [www.tomballisd.net](http://www.tomballisd.net)  
Willow Creek Elem (K-4).....281-357-3080  
Northpointe Int (5-6).....281-357-3020  
Willow Wood Jr (7-8) .....281-357-3030  
Tomball High (9-12).....281-357-3220  
Transportation.....281-357-3193

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6630 Cypresswood Drive, Suite 100, Spring, Texas  
Mailing: P.O. Box 681007: Houston, Texas 77268-1007

### SERVICES

CPS.....713-626-5701  
CenterPoint-Gas.....713-659-2111  
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Domestic Violence .....281-401-6250  
FBI.....713-693-5000  
Harris County Animal Control .....281-999-3191  
Houston Chronicle .....713-220-7211  
Greater Houston Pool .....713-771-7665  
Municipal District Services (24 hrs) .....281-290-6500  
Reliant-Street lights .....713-923-3213  
..... [www.centerpointenergy.com/outage](http://www.centerpointenergy.com/outage)  
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Time Warner Cable .....281-774-7222  
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Yard Stork .....[kpunte@garygreene.com](mailto:kpunte@garygreene.com)

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## Business Classifieds

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DATE: September 23rd (Wednesday)  
TIME: 4:00 until 7:00  
LOCATION: Park @ 12530 Lake Vista Dr.

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## Residents Prepare for the Fall Festival and Chili Cook-Off

Mark your calendar for the Village Creek Fall Festival and Chili Cook-Off, Saturday, October 17, 4:00-7:00. It promises to be great family fun with activities for all ages! We will be having a vendor market again this year. This would be a good opportunity for Village Creek residents to display and sale their handmade or home business wares as well as a chance to do some early Christmas shopping! To reserve your spot e-mail social@myvillagecreek.net. Look for more information in October's newsletter or on the Village Creek website, myvillagecreek.net.



## Carousel of Crafts Show

Cypress Creek Christian Church at 6823 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, Texas

77379 presents the Carousel of Crafts Show on October 2 and 3 this year from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

This Show has been an annual event since 1990. The proceeds go to support the Women's Ministry of the Church which include N.A.M Children's Clinic, The Bridges Community, Boy's and Girl's Country and the youth of the Church.

A Light lunch will be available from "Tea for Two Tearoom, Cafe and Catering".

## Doggy Doo Don't

Please remember to clean up after your pet while walking them. An easy way to do this is to bring along a plastic bag attached to your pet's leash. Thank you for helping us keep our neighborhood clean and the outdoor areas enjoyable for all residents.



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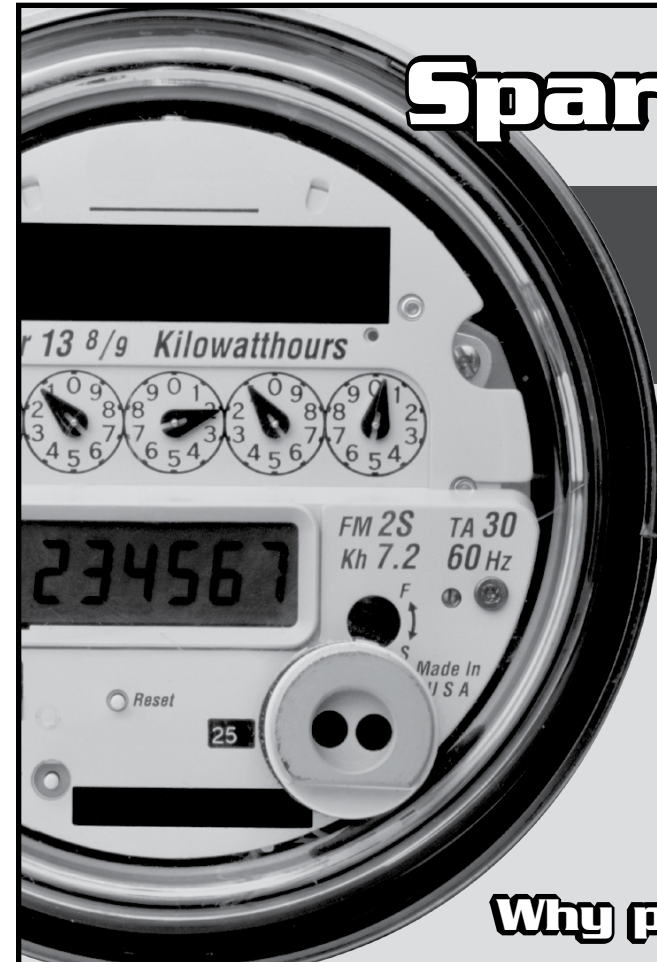
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## Healthier Homes

### *Improve Neighborhood Air Quality ... Fragrance Free Dryer Exhaust*

By: Charlie & Michelle Bubnis

Have you ever been walking in the neighborhood enjoying the fresh air and then suddenly you are hit by the sweet fragranced smell of a heated artificial, petrochemical based scent from someone's clothes dryer exhaust? Often times a headache will occur, similar to people's reaction to perfumes worn in the office or at church. This is a normal protective reaction by the body as these fragrances are harmful neurotoxins and should be avoided whenever possible. National surveys found that at least 10% of the population reacts adversely to laundry products vented to the outdoors. Young children are particularly affected by fragranced chemicals because their body's detoxification mechanism is not fully developed.

Some of the most common chemicals used in fragranced laundry products are benzyl acetate, camphor, ethyl acetate, limonene and pentane. Many of these substances are capable of causing cancer, birth defects, central nervous system disorders, allergic reactions and chemical sensitivities. Some are on the EPA's hazardous waste list. According to a joint study by NIOSH and the U.S. House Subcommittee on Business Opportunities, 778 of the chemicals used in the chemical fragrance industry cause acute toxicity.

So the next time you are considering picking up a box of fragranced laundry detergent or fragranced dryer sheets...think about the impact on the neighborhood air quality and the proliferation of second hand scents. Healthier options could be: Add baking soda to the rinse cycle, or add ½ cup vinegar to the wash cycle to soften fabrics and reduce static cling. Vinegar is a natural fabric softener.

Do the neighborhood a favor and make sure your dryer exhaust doesn't pollute the environment. Be kind to yourself and to your neighbors, use unscented laundry products.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- <http://ehnc.org> – Fabric Softener = Health Risks from Dryer Exhaust and Treated Fabrics by Julia Kendall
- [www.mcs-global.org](http://www.mcs-global.org) – Could it be your Fabric Softener?
- [www.physorg.com](http://www.physorg.com) – Toxic Chemicals Found in Common Scented Laundry Products, Air Fresheners
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## Cy-Fair CERT Golf Tournament

Cy-Fair CERT, Community Emergency Response Team, will hold a golf tournament on Friday, Oct 2 at the Bear Creek Golf Club, Masters Course. The tournament format will be a four man scramble with a shotgun start at 9 am.

The fee is \$100 per golfer and includes 1/2 cart, lunch, gift bag and four free future rounds of golf per golfer at an Arnold Palmer course in Houston. There will be contests and prizes will be awarded. Sponsorships are available from \$50 to \$1000 with banner recognition. A sponsor advertising table will also be available.

Tournament proceeds will benefit Cy-Fair CERT for their project to place storage containers filled with emergency supplies in neighborhoods. CERT has over 250 trained Cy-Fair members who volunteered in local neighborhoods after Hurricane Ike.

For more information about the tournament, obtain an entry form or get information about CERT training please contact [tpopemobley@yahoo.com](mailto:tpopemobley@yahoo.com).



## Featured Deed Restriction Antennae Article IX, Section 14

Satellite dish antennas which are 40 inches or smaller in diameter and antennas designed to receive television broadcast signals may be installed, provided that they are installed in conformance with the Architectural Guidelines adopted by the Board. Satellite antennas which are greater than 40 inches in diameter and other antennas are prohibited.

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## Cy-Fair CERT, Community Emergency Response Training

Are you prepared? This free emergency response training will again be offered at Lone Star College at Cy-Fair, 9191 Barker Cypress, Cypress TX 77433, Sept 2-Oct 21. It is an 8 week course, every Wed from 6 to 9 pm. A training manual and starter backpack of supplies is also provided free of charge. The course is taught by professionals in their field. Classes cover:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Small Fire Suppression
- Medical Operations and Triage
- Light Search and Rescue
- Disaster Psychology
- Terrorism Awareness
- Disaster Simulation Drill

CERT training is designed to prepare you to help yourself, your family and your neighbors in the event of a catastrophic disaster. If emergency personnel are not available, you can use this training to save lives and protect property. For more information, see [www.harriscountycitizen.org](http://www.harriscountycitizen.org).

To sign up for training for this or future classes, contact Terri Pope-Mobley at [tpopemobley@yahoo.com](mailto:tpopemobley@yahoo.com).

Be aware and be prepared!

## Trash

If at all possible, please wait until the morning of trash day to put out your trash. Putting it out the night before attracts animals and pests who are not welcome guests! Also, take care to secure loose trash items, as they can easily blow away. Thanks for making every effort to ensure the cleanliness and beautiful appearance of Village Creek!



### ***Don't want to wait for the mail?***

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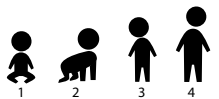


## COLIN'S HOPE

*Increasing water safety awareness and standards*

### FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DROWNING

Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death in children ages 1-4



Drowning is the 2nd leading cause of unintentional injury-related death ages 1-14.

### DROWNING WILL AFFECT YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW

### DROWNING CAN STILL OCCUR EVEN IF YOU KNOW HOW TO SWIM

NO ONE is "drown proof" – no matter their level of swimming ability.

Falls, entrapments, and injuries lead to drowning regardless of swimming level.

A majority of people overestimate their own and their child's ability to swim, especially in a panic event.

### DROWNING IS QUICK AND SILENT



Drowning occurs in as little as 2 minutes.



Irreversible brain damage occurs in as little as 4 minutes.



Most children are out of sight or missing for less than 5 minutes and usually in the presence of 1 or both parents.



Most children die who are submerged for as little as 6-10 minutes.

Children who drown do not **scream, splash, or struggle**. They silently slip beneath the water, even with adults & lifeguards present.

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## MOPS at The MET Registration

If you need a listening ear, friendship with other moms, your kids involved in a fun program, delicious breakfast buffets, advice from seasoned moms...then you need MOPS at The MET. Two dynamic groups meet two Friday mornings per month (September – May) from 9:15 – 11:45a.m. Childcare is provided upon registration and the cost is \$55 per semester. Register online today to secure your spot at [metmops.org](http://metmops.org) or [TheMETonline.org](http://TheMETonline.org).

## Go Green

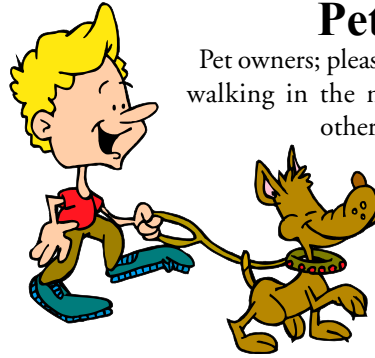
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- [www.catalogchoice.org](http://www.catalogchoice.org) allows you to decline any unwanted catalogs you are currently receiving for free.
- [www.greendimes.com](http://www.greendimes.com) allows you to stop junk mail, for a fee.



## Pet Owners

Pet owners; please keep your pets on leashes when walking in the neighborhood, as a courtesy to others. Also, take care to pick up after your pooch if they leave a gift in someone else's yard or in any common area. No one likes to see, smell or step in those gifts!



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## Neighborhood Watch NEWS

We are down to only 3 streets that have no one sending out the ALERTS or information.

- Lyric Way
- Mossy Woods
- Wandering Streams – West

And 5 streets have temporary Captains but could use a Block Captain from that street:

- Cloverview
- Gables Bend
- Pedder Way
- Scarlet Forest
- Village Crest Court

Please consult: [Myvillagecreek.net](http://Myvillagecreek.net) and click on Block Captains for more information or email [tdutt@comcast.net](mailto:tdutt@comcast.net)

**Our next Neighborhood Watch Block Captain Meeting:  
Sunday, September 20, at 4:30pm (AFTER the Texan game)**

Are FIDO and FLUFFY on “the list”?

We’d love to have them...

You can also report LOST or FOUND pets in Village Creek.

Contact: [VillageCreekpetline@yahoo.com](mailto:VillageCreekpetline@yahoo.com) or [Myvillagecreek.net](http://Myvillagecreek.net) and click on the pet tab.

## Personal Classifieds

**WANTED:** Looking for teenager 16 yrs or older, preferably with a drivers license, living in the Village Creek neighborhood for after school child care services from 4pm to 6:30pm 4-5 days a week. Please contact Mandy @ 281-217-1160 to set up an interview.

## School News

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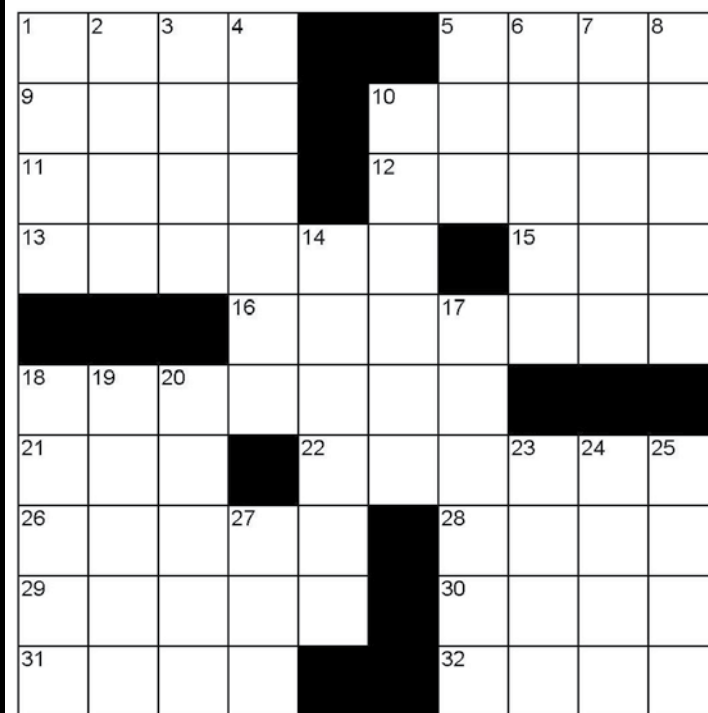


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## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

1. Chunk
5. Tramp
9. Run
10. Confuse
11. Cain killed him
12. To that time
13. Fraud
15. Compass point
16. Taught
18. Hides
21. Brew
22. Large meals
26. Sheer, triangular scarf
28. Midwestern state
29. Electronic mail
30. First letter of the Arabic alphabet
31. September (abbr.)
32. Polish

### DOWN

1. Attired
2. Earring need
3. Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
4. Efface
5. Egg layer
6. Many times
7. Capital of Idaho
8. Eyed
10. Combustible material
14. Angry
17. Old Testament prophet
18. Fireproof storage areas
19. Climate
20. Summary
23. Fly alone
24. Matching
25. Secure
27. Whack

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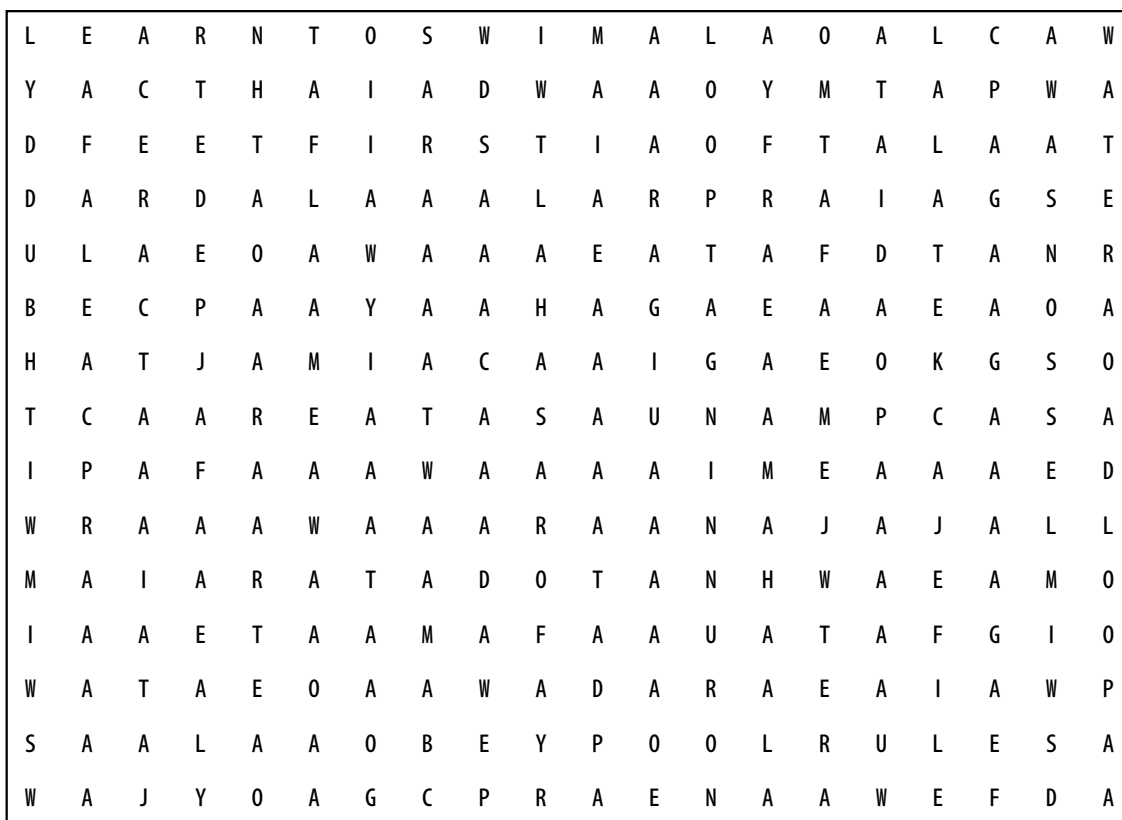
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**Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.**

**The words may be hidden in any direction.**



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LIFEGUARD  
LEARN TO SWIM  
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# 2009 Fall Festivals, Shows, and more!

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Oct 1-4 • 43 <sup>rd</sup> Original Greek Festival - greekfestival.org .....	713-526-5377
Oct 3 • Annual Race For The Cure - komen-houston.org .....	713-783-9188
Oct 24 • Moody Gardens 'Ghostly Gardens' - www.moodygardens.com .....	800-582-4673
Oct 31 & Nov 1 • Wings Over Houston Airshow - wingsoverhouston.com .....	713-266-4492
Oct 10 - Nov 29 • Texas Renaissance Festival - texrenfest.com .....	800-458-3435
Oct 9 - 11 • Conroe Cajun Catfish Festival- conroecajuncatfishfestival.com .....	936-539-6009
Oct 16 - 18 • 31 <sup>st</sup> Annual Festa Italiana - houstonitalianfestival.com .....	713-524-4222
Oct 16 & 17 • Texas Mushroom Festival, Madisonville .....	texasmushroomfestival.com
Oct 24 • Texian Market Days - georgeranch.org .....	281-343-0218
Oct 17 & 18 • 12 <sup>th</sup> Galveston ARToberFEST, Galveston .....	artoberfest.com
Oct 10 - 12 • International Quilt Festival - quilts.com .....	713-781-6864
Nov 12 - 15 • Nutcracker Market - nutcrackermarket.com .....	713-535-3231
Nov 13-15 • Annual Bead & Jewelry Show - houstonbeadsociety.org .....	281-540-1727
Nov 14 & 15 • 14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Festival - woodlandscenter.org .....	281-363-3300
Nov 14 - Jan 2 • 8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Festival of Lights - moodygardens.com .....	800-582-4673
Nov 21 & 22 • 2009 ViaColori - houstonviacolori.com .....	713-523-3633
Nov 27 • Uptown Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony .....	713-621-2504
Nov 26 • 60 <sup>th</sup> Washington Mutual Thanksgiving Day Parade .....	wamuparade.com



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