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Dear Winchester Trails Neighbors,

Due to business and vacation commitments, the Board meeting was postponed from August 6 to August 19 in order to establish a quorum. Your Board takes it responsibilities seriously but there are times that we must reschedule the meetings. We invite you to attend the meetings if possible but you can reach the Board through email or by telephone if there is a concern.

A few weeks ago, I had a conversation with an acquaintance that remarked how well our neighborhood is maintained. The credit for this is primarily the homeowners who take pride in their property and its appearance. We still have our issues to deal with, particularly after Hurricane Ike and other weather related incidents that damage our properties. The deed restrictions provide the requirements with respect to maintaining our homes. PCMI performs inspections on a regular basis and provides reminders to homeowners with respect to areas that might be in violation with respect to the deed restrictions. Nothing the Board or PCMI does can get the Board's phone ringing like those letters!

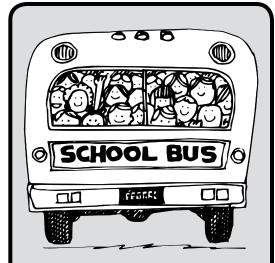
Not including the budget, the next most important subject and one that potentially causes the most discussion are the forms necessary for review by the Architectural Review Committee. The vast majority of these forms are fairly routine, as you fill them out completely and provide the committee the necessary information to review. On occasion, we receive the form with a "rush" request and we can say we have been able to turn these around quite quickly. Recently, we had a couple of forms that were submitted that took an extended period of time to resolve. We take this duty seriously, as some of the changes not only affect the homeowner submitting the form, but neighbors and the entire subdivision. In addition, if we allow one homeowner to make a particular modification to the house that may violate the intent of the deed restrictions, then we may have to allow other variances. This would be a slippery slope we are not willing to approach. So the ARC works with the homeowner when there are differences of opinion. We also encourage homeowners to attend the Board meetings to help resolve conflicts.

The Board will also begin preparations for the 2010 budget in September and the annual meeting in October. Please plan to attend the annual meeting as we need to establish a quorum of homeowners either by proxy or by attendance.

Also, please drive safely as school is in session and the Trails is again quite active in the morning with students heading to Bang and Cook either by foot or on bicycles.

Until next month,

Walter



Please Drive Carefully

More neighborhood kids may be walking to and from Bang Elementary this school year.

The CFISD bus policy has changed, so be sure and give yourself more time if you are driving through the neighborhood during the beginning and ending of the school day.

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Upcoming Events September and October

Labor Day / CFISD Holiday Sept. 7 Pool Closes for the season

Sept. 19 Rosh Hashanah Sept. 22 Autumn Begins Sept. 28 Yom Kippur

Oct. 1 Board Elections 7 PM at the MUD 9 Bldg.

Watch the website and the message board for information and times for the Community Garage Sale and for National Night Out!





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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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GREEN THUMB CORNER

It's time to get ready for the fall growing season, when the cooler weather makes yard work more of a pleasure and less of a chore. It doesn't matter if your preference is for shrubbery, flowers, fruit, vegetable or herb growing - 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.

This year the combination of a very warm summer and rainfall running about eight inches behind normal has caused a lot of stress for our lawns, so it's a good idea to apply a light feeding to the grass. Water generously to avoid fertilizer burn.

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 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. As cool weather approaches, 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.

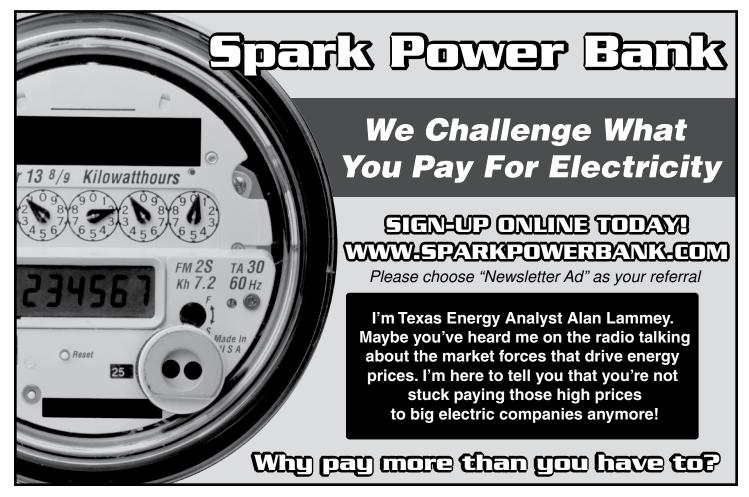
Now is a good time to get started on digging up and dividing perennials like day lilies, iris, violets and cannas. And if you want to start a bed of perennials, this is the time of year to think about planting from seed or nursery transplants. Just make sure the bed is well prepared with lots of organic 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.

September is also 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.

This is a busy month in the vegetable garden if you want to take advantage of the fall growing season. If you hurry, you may not be too late for broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts and tomatoes,

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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. 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.

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.

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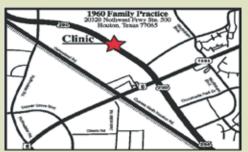
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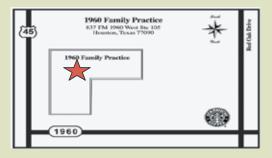


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NEW VOTERS - HAPPY 18TH!

09/14 - Andrew Nation 09/23 - Kelsey Johnson

NEW ADULTS - HAPPY 21ST!

09/06 - Jim Nelson

09/15 - Tyler Norton

09/21 - Christen Bachman

09/21 - Jennifer Giese

09/24 - Kevin O'Shea

09/28 - Katrina Akins

HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY! 09/09 - Rick & Pam Cary, Jr.

HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY! 09/02 - P.J. & Ravi Gambhir

HAPPY 55TH ANNIVERSARY!

09/16 - Joseph & Jeanette Coury

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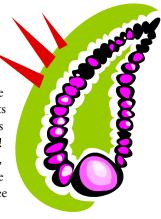


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The Foundry Church's Holiday Market and Tea Room

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where every cent you spend benefits local and foreign missions. And, when you're hungry, be sure to stop by our Texas Tea Room, open 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and enjoy salads, desserts, and coffees. Admission to the market is FREE; purchase tea room tickets at the event for \$10 each (all proceeds benefit missions). Come rain or shine! Foundry is located at 8350 Jones Road, 1½ blocks north of Hwy 290. For more information, call 713.937.9388 or see www.foundrychurch.org.



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Noon - 2:00 p.m. at the *Winchester Trails Clubhouse*Sponsored by the Winchester Trails

Home Owners Association Social Events *R.S.V.P. BY:*

Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2009, Paulette Walker, Board Secretary 281-894-5708 or paulette_walker@sbcglobal.net

Donations Needed:

St. Maximilian Catholic Church will be holding their annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 3rd, and will be collecting items for the Flea Market. So start cleaning out your garages, attics, closets, cabinets, etc. for any unneeded items. They are asking for any household items, dishes, toys, furniture, electronics, books, CD's/DVD's, etc. Clothing and shoes not accepted. Due to limited storage space, please hold on to your donations until a week before the event. The church will accept donations at that time. Thank you for your support.

Howdy Partner

A warm Winchester Trail's welcome to Marvin and Shelley Cook. The Cook's now reside at 10402 Gold Point with their three children; Kylie (12), Colby (7), Delaney (2) and their Australian Shepherd, Harley. Marvin is a manager at Lupe Tortilla and Shelley is a human resource consultant for LabCorp.

New to 10511 Wagon Trail are Derrick and Julie Fletcher, along with 1 ½ yr. old McKenna and their cat, Simone. Derrick is a maitre d' at Houston Country Club and Julie is an employee relations consultant with Mercer.

Thank You Greg Stenberg!

The subdivision would like to thank Greg Stenberg @ 10318 Dude for volunteering to be the summer guest writer. We appreciate his efforts. If you know Greg or are his neighbor, give him a big "Thank You". Without volunteers the Trail Writer newsletter isn't nearly as interesting. Please submit all ideas for articles to newsletter@ winchestertrails.com. We look for articles regarding security, all home matters, vehicles, school or other areas of interest. Thanks Greg, we enjoyed your articles.

WCT Board

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\$175K - \$200K	1	1	2	1	2	0		
\$200K - \$225K	1	0	1	0	0	0		
\$225K - ABOVE	1	0	0	0	0	1		
TOTAL	5	1	3	0	5	1		
Average PSF	67.37	70.75	68.67	72.62	74.13	85.65		

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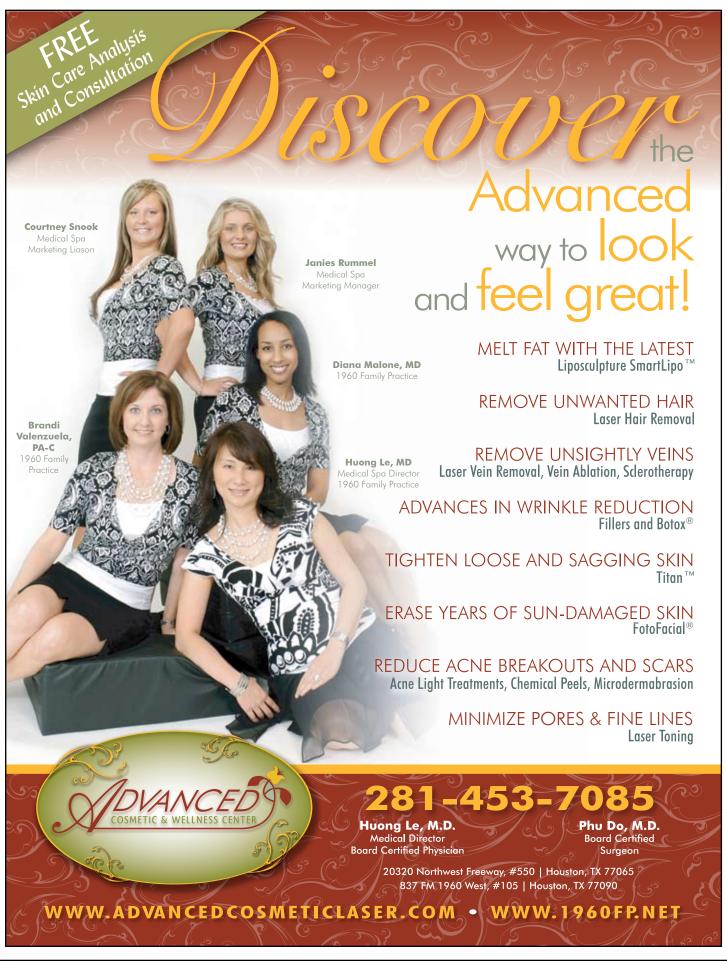
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