



# Winchester Country

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## WINCHESTER COUNTRY

### *Seniors' Club*

If you are 55 years old and older we are looking for you. We meet the 4th Monday of every month at the Winchester Country Clubhouse. We meet for snacks and fellowship. We play bingo, cards and other games all while enjoying each others company. We go out to eat and attend plays at the 1960 Playhouse, Houston Family Arts Center, and Lone Star College. All seniors in Winchester Country are invited to attend. For more information call Joe Sliepka @ 281 469-8351.

### OUR NEXT MEETING DATES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

**Monday, January 25, 2010 at 6:00 pm**  
**Monday, February 22, 2010 at 6:00 pm**  
**Monday, March 22, 2010 at 6:00 pm**

*Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.*

### *Other Senior Happenings Around Town:*

Cy-Fair AARP Chapter #4543 meets the third Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am at Village on the Park located at 12102 Steepleway Blvd., Houston, Texas 77065. We are celebrating our 20th Anniversary this December.

We gather for coffee, rolls, and fellowship about 9:30 am. We take the precinct 4 bus for trips every month. On December 12, 2009 we helped with "Wreath Across America Houston" project and helped lay about 50,000 wreaths at the National Cemetery. Our next trip will be on February 25, 2010 to Shriner, Texas.

### JANUARY

- 1 New Years Day
- 1-5 CFISD Holiday
- 14 Maintenance Board Mtg.
- 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
(CFISD Holiday)
- 28 Senior's Meeting @ Clubhouse - 6pm

### FEBRUARY

- 11 Maintenance Board Mtg.
- 14 Valentine's Day
- 15 President's Day
- 22 Senior's Meeting @ Clubhouse 6pm
- 23 Single's Meeting @ Clubhouse 6:30pm

### MARCH

- 11 Maintenance Board Mtg.
- 15 - 21 CFISD Spring Break
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 22 Senior's Meeting @ Clubhouse 6pm
- 23 Homeowner's Meeting @ Clubhouse 7pm



# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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## JOIN THE WINCHESTER COUNTRY

### Crime Watch Program



What is a Neighborhood Crime Watch Program? It is a grass roots effort of neighbors coming together to reduce crime in the community. It involves getting to know your neighbors, working together with them to be alert to the potential for crime, and looking out for one another's interests. Neighbors working together through Neighborhood Crime Watch combat crime the most effective way, *before it starts!*

### **MORE BLOCK CAPTAINS ARE NEEDED.**

If you are interested in participating as a Block Captain, please email [wcmavh@gmail.com](mailto:wcmavh@gmail.com) for more information.

## ATTENTION WINCHESTER COUNTRY RESIDENTS

### *We Still Need Block Captains!*

Are you interested in helping keep our community safe? If you are, you're in luck! The Winchester Country Neighborhood working in partnership with the Harris County Sheriff's Department is looking for individuals interested in volunteering as block captains. Block captains volunteer just a bit of their time providing information to residents who live on their street. This critical information updates residents on any criminal activity in the neighborhood. Block captains also coordinate with other block captains thereby creating a network of information flowing both from and to law enforcement officers assigned to our neighborhood.

If you're interested in becoming a block captain please email [wcmavh@gmail.com](mailto:wcmavh@gmail.com)

## Maintenance Association Meeting

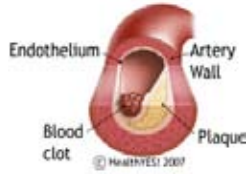
Fourth Tuesday of every quarter - 7 p.m.  
Swim & Tennis Club; 9607 Rio Grande Drive  
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Winchester Country Maintenance Association,  
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[www.scsmgmt.com](http://www.scsmgmt.com)

## SIMPLE TESTS

*That May Save Your Life*

Winchester Country Clubhouse at 9607 Rio Grande will be hosting a HealthYes!™ Preventive Screening on Friday, January 29th. HealthYes!™ provides painless ultrasound tests that can detect those at risk of stroke, heart disease, peripheral artery disease, abdominal aortic aneurysms and osteoporosis --- prior to outward symptoms or medical emergency.



All results are reviewed by Texas, board-certified radiologists and are available within 4 business days. Results include detailed reports and all ultrasound images --- giving you and your doctor get the complete story from your screening.

Winchester Country members will receive the Total Health Screening Package (All 5 Tests) for \$169.95 ( a \$30 discount) by simply mentioning BD1TX012710 when you make your appointment. Other screening packages start at only \$139.95. Appointments are limited, so schedule yours today by calling toll-free 1-866-933-9415 or by going to [www.HealthYes.com](http://www.HealthYes.com). Please safeguard your health by participating in this event!

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## JANUARY OFFICE HOURS

*Tuesdays 5:00 – 7:00 PM*

*Wednesdays 10:00 – 2:00 PM*

## FEBRUARY 2009

Newsletter Deadline is Friday, February 8, 2010

Submit your articles and Photos to:

Newsletter Editor

Email [wchcoordinator@winchestercountry.org](mailto:wchcoordinator@winchestercountry.org)

Mail 9607 Rio Grande Houston, TX 77064

## DON'T WANT TO WAIT FOR THE MAIL?

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# IRS TAX CREDIT

**for Homebuyers Has Been Expanded and Extended ...  
Current Homeowners Can Now Benefit!**

The House and Senate have approved an extension of the homebuyer tax credit through April 2010, with certain current homeowners now eligible for a credit of up to \$6,500 and first-time homebuyers a credit of up to \$8,000.\*

Please contact me today for all the details and to see how you can capitalize on this time sensitive TAX CREDIT.

\* Subject to government regulations.



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## SILENT KILLER CAN BE PREVENTED WITH TEST

Updated: Wednesday, 20 May 2009, 9:41 AM CDT, Published : Wednesday, 20 May 2009, 9:41 AM CDT

A stroke is called “the silent killer” because patients don’t feel the symptoms leading up to it. This is national stroke awareness month and some in the medical field are trying to get the word out that stroke can be prevented with a simple screening.

63-year-old Glenda Newton says she’s always been in good health.

“I’ve not had high cholesterol, my blood pressure has always been below normal, i’m not overweight, i don’t have diabetes,” she said.

So last year, when she convinced her husband they should get screened for stroke, she was shocked by what she was told.

“You’re in imminent danger of having a stroke any minute’ and I went, ‘really?’ took me back because I expected George to have a problem, but I’ve never had any health problems.

An ultrasound machine found that about 90 percent of Glenda’s carotid artery was blocked. Her doctor told her she had a 25 percent chance of having a stroke any minute.

So she had surgery to clear out the blockage from her artery. Now



the only sign that she was once at risk of stroke: a faint scar on her neck.

“I’ve Never had a symptom so it was a great shock to me to go through this at all,” she said.

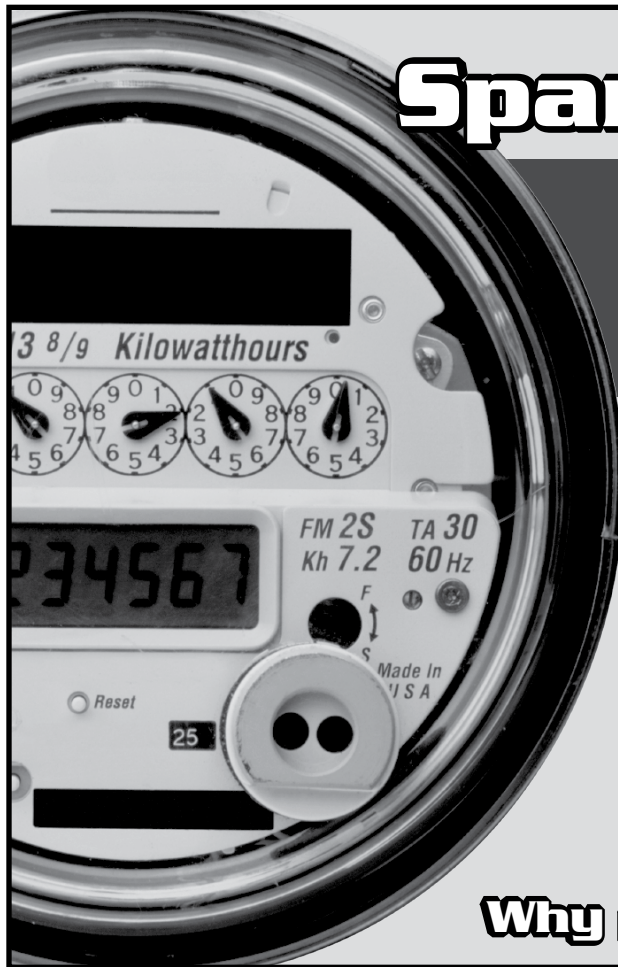
Glenda says she may owe her life to the screening she got from “Health Yes,” a mobile medical screening

provider. During the screenings, technicians check blood pressure, cholesterol and the carotid arteries.

The stroke is more or less like a heart attack in the brain. There are two types of stroke and one is when an artery is clogged by plaque and that can happen when people have high cholesterol over many years. The other is when an artery in the brain ruptures.

The symptoms that predispose patients to stroke are things which they don’t feel. They’re things that go on in bodies for years and then suddenly show up and when they do it can be devastating.

Screenings can cost up to two-thousand dollars at a hospital but “Health Yes” is offering the screenings through the end of may for less than 200 dollars.



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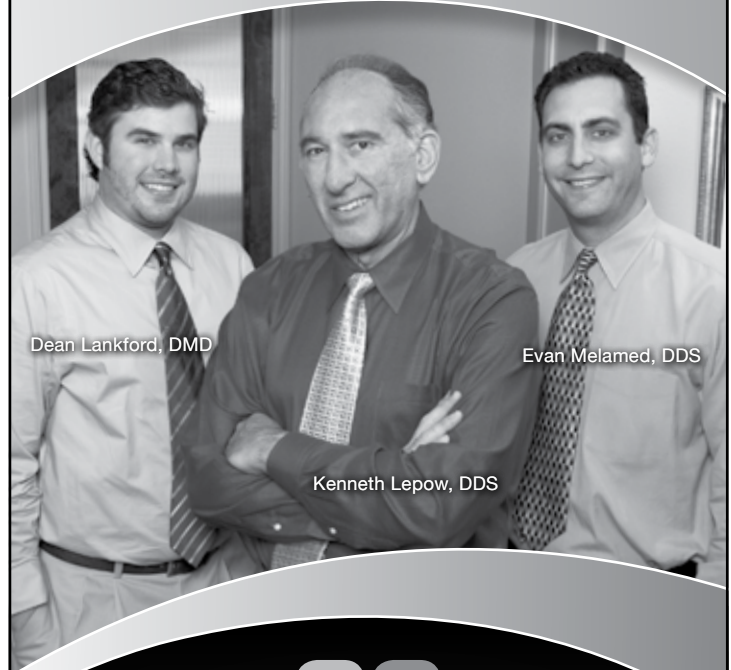
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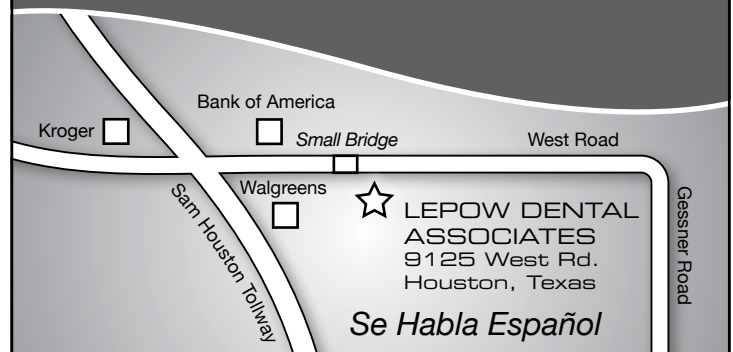
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### Senior Parents F.Y.I.

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HTTP://WWW.JVPROJECTPROM.ORG/

This website will serve as an important link between and among the volunteers, parents and officers of the organization. Check back often for updates and new announcements! Click on the Calendar button at the left for upcoming events. And always click on the News button to read the latest announcements and find links to meeting minutes and other opportunities.

#### SIGN UP FOR OUR E-MAILING LIST

Please provide us your e-mail address so we can keep you fully informed about the events and plans surrounding the Project Prom. The school is not permitted to share their e-mail addresses with us, so to receive our important announcements, you must sign up with us. Rest assured, we will not share your address with any other group, and you can opt-out at any time.

#### WHAT IS PROJECT PROM?

Project Prom is an all-night, after-prom party, held immediately following the Senior Prom. The event lasts from 11:00pm until 6:00am, providing a safe, alcohol- and drug-free environment, and

a fun-filled night of games, food and prizes. All seniors and their dates are invited to attend. Project Prom has enjoyed great success for 20+ years because of student, parent, and corporate participation. There are no school nor public funds used in this project. Project Prom is totally dependent on donations to raise the considerable sum of money needed to provide activities, food, gifts and prizes for the all-night lock-in.

**How can you help?** Project Prom is a gift to our Senior students from their parents. It is a complete network of volunteer parents. You can help by volunteering for any of the various committees, soliciting donations, and/or working the night of Project Prom.

**When is your help needed?** Anytime! General meetings are once a month until it gets close to Prom, then we'll meet every week until Prom/Project Prom. If you cannot attend the meetings you can still help by contacting a chairperson to see what you can do to help.

**What does it cost?** Every year the senior class parents meet and decide what their budget will be and from that the process begins. The budget covers food, decorations, security, game rentals, casino, bingo, karaoke, senior gift and prizes. Fundraising is the key to making this event a success.

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### Cheese Ball

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- 1 small can crushed pineapple, drained well
- ¼ C green onion, chopped
- ¼ C green pepper, chopped
- 1½ tsp. seasoned salt
- 1 C nuts, finely chopped

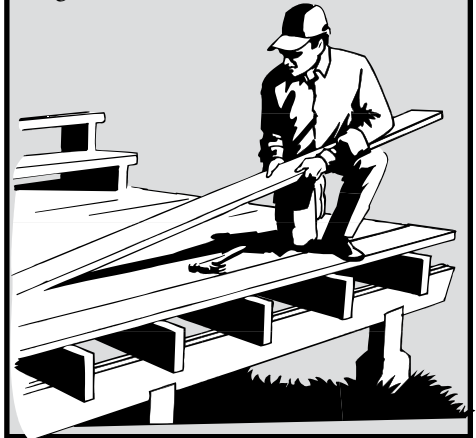
#### Directions

Mix well. Form a ball and roll in chopped nuts.

*If you would like to submit YOUR recipe email it to [articles@peelinc.com](mailto:articles@peelinc.com).*

### ACC Application

Before making any improvements/repairs or additions to your home, please request a copy of the ACC Application from SCS Mgmt Services, or come to the office at the Clubhouse (see hours someone will be there) or go to website at [www.winchestercountry.org](http://www.winchestercountry.org) and download the form.



## Christmas to Last till April 2010 for Potential Home Buyers, New and Old!!

That's right! If you are a current homeowner, and have owned your home in the last five years consecutively of the previous eight, then you too will be able to take advantage of the U.S.'s stimulus plan. Everyone is asking where my stimulus plan, it looks as if your local representatives are listening.



Mary Sangalang

That means you can get a gift of up to **\$6500** which you don't have to pay-back. **\$8000** if you are home buyer that has not owned a home in the past three years. This will give those who had just given up looking for a home another opportunity to get it done.

This move will definitely provide more real estate activity in Winchester Country, and stimulate a seller's market for sure. Not only will buyer's be using their income tax returns to buy more homes, but they also will be getting a the gift in return! So this is good news to not only buyers but also sellers!!!

Now that's quite a Christmas gift from your favorite uncle, Uncle Sam!!!

Let my company and me personally help you sell and find a home in 2010. ***Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!***

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## *Birthday - Anniversary - Youth Job Directory Update*

Winchester Country Residents please note that we will be updating the Birthdays, Anniversaries and Youth Job directory.

### **Birthdays**

(list each family member)

Name	Month/Date
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

### **Anniversaries**

(list celebrants)

Name	Month/Date
_____	_____

### **Youth Job Directory**

Name	Age	Job	Phone
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Examples:

- (B) Babysitting
- (Y) Yardwork
- (PS) Pet Sitting
- (C) Carwashing

Please email your information to the following [wchcoordinator@winchestercountry.org](mailto:wchcoordinator@winchestercountry.org), drop off this information in mail slot located at the clubhouse, or mail to the community coordinator at 9607 Rio Grande Houston, TX 77064.

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## Have You Googled Lately?

Submitted by Laurie Scott

Google is best known of course for its search engine (with 65% of the market no one is even close), and perhaps you're also a user of gmail, Google's free email service, but did you know that Google also offers everything from photo editing to telephone services for free? *The list is too long to cover everything here, but here are a few highlights you might be interested in:*



- **PICASA** - This is a very easy to use photo editing program that can do everything from correcting color, contrast and saturation with a single click to automatically finding the "red" in the red-eye in your photos.
- **GMAIL** - With gigabytes of free storage that grows everyday, gmail is a great email alternative. With an excellent junk mail filter and superfast searches of all your messages, it is worth taking a look at.
- **GOOGLE DOCS** - Looking for a free alternative to a locally installed office productivity suite, Google Docs offers what most people need through your web browser, including a word processor, spreadsheet and presentation manager.
- **GOOG-411** - Hate paying a dollar or more just to dial 411 from your cell phone? Next time dial 1-800-GOOG-411 (800-466-4411) and forget those high cell-phone fees.
- **CALENDAR** - Google Calendar makes it easy to sync all your calendars together and share events with your friends. It can work alone or with most mail clients on your computer and cell phones.
- **GOOGLE VOICE** - How about one phone number for the rest of your life? With Google Voice you can get a free phone number that when called, will ring one or several phones of your choice at the same time, take messages and then forward a transcript via SMS to your cell phone. You can listen to your messages on the web, and even place calls from your browser. You can also have customized voice mail greetings depending on who is calling you.
- **Blogging** - Have something to say and want your own place to say it, then you want Blogger. If it's interesting to you, then publish yourself for nothing more than the time it takes you to write.

- **GOOGLE HEALTH** - Store your family's medical records securely online, making it easy to share with your doctor or other physician when necessary
- **GOOGLE EARTH** - Take a look at the neighborhood where you grew up, or maybe the home where friends overseas live. With Google Earth you can tour the world from your computer.

Google encourages its employees to take a certain amount of time to work on projects they find interesting, which is where a lot of Google's products come from. You can bet there will be more to come in the next year.

## Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

				1				3
	1			2				6
	7	6						
	9							8
				4		5		
			3		5		1	
				9			3	1
			1			7		
		1	8	2	3		6	

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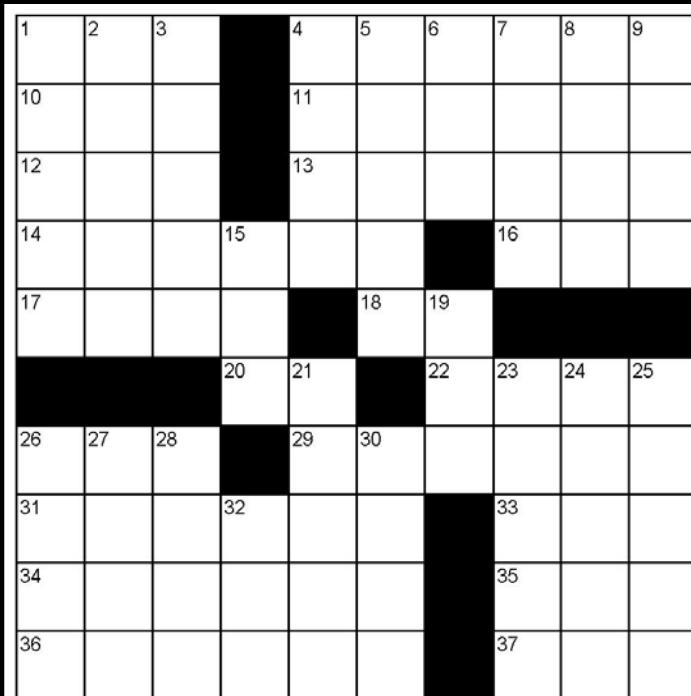
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## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

1. Middle
4. Preoccupy
10. Is
11. Properly
12. Pat
13. Aviator
14. "Eagle" constellation
16. Most basic
17. Baseball glove
18. Road (abbr.)
20. Scale note
22. Object
26. Danish krone (abbr.)
29. Canyon
31. Wild beast
33. Digital audio tape
34. Movie "Total \_\_" withdraw
35. Genius
36. Handy
37. Type of partnership

### DOWN

1. Dame
2. Iranian's neighbor
3. First public appearance
4. Opaque gem
5. Thistle
6. Title of respect
7. Austin novel
8. Block
9. In \_\_ (together)
15. \_\_ A Small World...
19. Division (abbr.)
21. Toothbrush brand
23. Large wave
24. Found
25. Doled
26. Drat!
27. Joint
28. Costa \_\_
30. Unite
32. Mutilate

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## Houston Dog Park Association

*Submitted by Tiffany Moore*

The Houston Dog Park Association is seeking candidates for the Treasurer position on our 5 seat Board of Directors. We are a small 501c3 NFP consisting of volunteers who are passionate about dog parks and responsible dog ownership. HDPA has been incorporated for over 10 years and was the main catalyst that got dog parks started in Houston, beginning with Millie Bush Park in 2002. We have been inactive the last few years and are currently reviving the organization to advocate for dog parks more actively. We each spend a few hours a week working to educate about dog parks, responsible dog ownership, advocating for dog parks that need improvement, and promoting the need for more dog parks.

We have a book keeper volunteer that is a CPA. The ideal candidate would be able to attend one monthly meeting of the Board at 7 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. You will also attend the quarterly Membership meetings held at 3 pm on the third Sunday of the month that begins each quarter. The next one is in January. We also hold about one event per month on average to raise funds and awareness and we ask our Board to try to attend these events as their time permits.

Please submit your resume and experience for consideration. Please include a paragraph telling us why you would be a good candidate. We are seeking an experienced NFP Treasurer to plan and manage the small yearly budget for HDPA and oversee the book keeper as well as maintaining and advising on HDPA's tax and nonprofit status and filings. Someone with training or knowledge of NFP budget and issues or direct NFP experience is preferred.



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## Winchester Country Identification Decals

You can obtain identification decals of your vehicle one of two ways: you can email me at [wchcoordinator@winchestercountry.org](mailto:wchcoordinator@winchestercountry.org) or mail to WCMA, 9607 Rio Grande, Houston, Texas 77064. You will need to include the following: your name, address, make, model, year and color of your vehicle and I will mail it out to you ASAP.

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	ACTIVE	PENDING	SOLD Last 6 Mos
<b># of Listings</b>	19	7	45
<b>Price Range:</b>	\$77,500 \$230,000	\$89,500 \$215,000	\$60,000 \$230,000
<b>Average Price</b>	\$151,176	\$133,714	\$133,942
<b>Avg Price/sq.ft.</b>	\$70.91	\$71.64	\$65.85
<b>Avg DOM</b>	63	99	61
<b>High Price/sq.ft.</b>			\$85.23
<b>Low Price/sq.ft.</b>			\$43.60



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