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WINCHESTER HURRICANES

Swim Team Registration



Make a splash this summer! Register for the Winchester Hurricanes Swim Team on Saturday, March 27th, or Saturday, April 17th, at the Winchester Country Clubhouse at 9607 Rio Grande Road, from 10am to noon. Late registration will take place at our first practice on Monday, April 19th, at the Winchester Country Pool. You can fill out

the registration forms ahead and bring them with you by visiting our website: www.winchesterhurricanes.com. We will have team swim suits available for purchase, so please bring your swimmers. The cost is \$85 each for the first 2 swimmers, \$50 for the 3rd swimmer, and \$40 for the 4th swimmer (credit card payments add \$5). A refundable volunteer deposit check is required at registration. A \$20 non-resident fee applies if outside of Winchester Country/ Winchester Meadows. Fees include a trophy, a team t-shirts, and the team party. Winchester Swim Team, Inc. serves over 200 neighborhood kids each year and is affiliated with the Northwest Aquatic League "NWAL". A big thank you goes to Winchester Country, Willow Pointe, and Winchester Trails for supporting our team with use of their facilities. This activity is not related to or sponsored by Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District.



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- Maintenance Board Mtg. 11
- 15 21 CFISD Spring Break
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 21 ANNIVERSARY - Nelson & Villatoro
- Senior's Meeting @ Clubhouse 6pm 22
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- 29 BIRTHDAY - Joanna Abbondandolo

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- Good Friday CFISD Holiday
- Easter Event @ Clubhouse 1 3 pm
- 4 Easter Sunday

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- Maintenance Board Mtg.
- 17 18 Community Garage Sale 8 4
- 26 Senior's Meeting @ Clubhouse 6:00 pm

..... History of St. Patricks Day

St. Patrick's Day honors St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. We celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17. Americans march in parades dance the Irish jig and gather to sing Irish songs. People wear green in memory of Ireland, the Emerald Isle and wear shamrocks, clover with three leaves.March 17 was not the day St. Patrick was born but the day he died. Even though we don't know the date of his birth, most scholars believe the year was 385 AD and the year of his death was 461 AD.

St. Patrick was born in Wales, studied religion to become a priest and then went to Ireland to teach the people about God. There are many wonderful stories about St. Patrick, some true and some not true. The most famous legend is that he drove the snakes out of Ireland. This did not happen but the Irish will tell you that you cannot find a snake throughout the whole country of Ireland.

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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 for more information.

Winchester Country Identification Decals

You can obtain identification decals of your vehicle one of two ways: you can email me at 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.

Forced Mowing

In an effort to continue to make Winchester Country a great Neighborhood in which to live the WCMA board has adopted a more aggressive mowing policy. In the event a property is sent a



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Community Garage Sale

In April, Winchester Country will be having our Spring Garage Sale. We encourage everyone to clean out their houses and participate in the event. It's a great time of the year to do your spring cleaning and get rid of the clutter. The event will be on April 16th and 17th from 8am to 4pm. If by chance it rain, since April showers bring May flowers, the event will be held April 23rd and 24 at the same time.

Easter Event

Come one, Come all. Bring your children to the community Easter Event. Held April 3rd from 1-3pm, Children can have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny, hunt for eggs in the egg hunt, wander around the petting zoo, take a ride with a pony, and spend time creating a work of art with your child at the arts and crafts table. Pictures with the Easter Bunny will be charged at \$1.00 per picture. Come join in the festivities and enjoy some popcorn and Kool-Aid.



MARCH OFFICE HOURS Tuesdays 5:00 – 7:00 PM Wednesdays 10:00 – 2:00 PM

APRIL 2009

Newsletter Deadline is Friday, March 5, 2010 Submit your articles and Photos to: Newsletter Editor Email *wchcoordinator@winchestercountry.org* Mail 9607 Rio Grande Houston, TX 77064

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Spring Begins

March 20, 2010 marks the day of spring beginning. Day and night are almost exactly the same length; the word "equinox" comes from the Latin for "equal night." (A look in your almanac will reveal that day and night are not exactly 12 hours long at the equinox, for two reasons:



First, sunrise and sunset are defined as when the Sun's top edge not its center - crosses the horizon. Second, Earth's atmosphere distorts the Sun's apparent position slightly when the Sun is very low.

Mark your calendars for the change of the season. In addition Daylight Savings time happens. March 14th at 2:00am, be prepared to turn your clocks and spring ahead an hour.

WINCHESTER COUNTRY

Seniors' Club

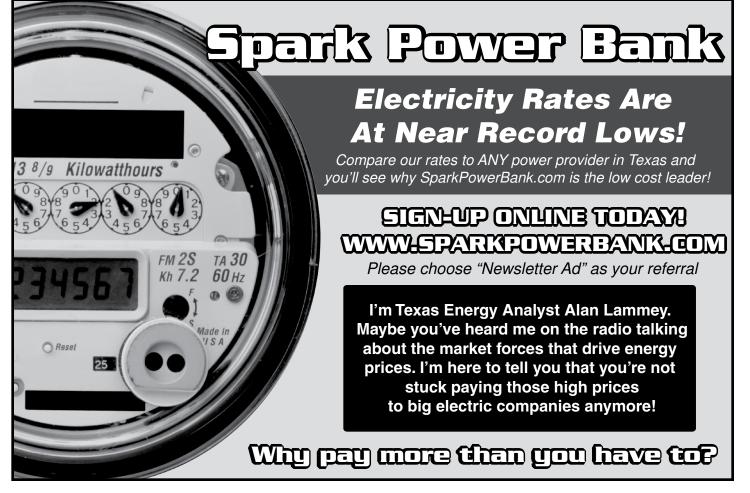
If you are 55 years old and older we are looking for you. We meet the 4th Monday of every moth at the Winchester Country Clubhouse. We meet for snacks and fellowship. We play bingo, cards and other games all while enjoying each others company. We go out to eat and attend plays at the 1960 Playhouse, 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, March 22, 2010 at 6:00 pm Monday, April 26, 2010 at 6:00 pm Monday, May 24, 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.



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Personal classifieds (one time sell items, such as a used bike...) run at no charge to Winchester Country residents, limit 30 words, please e-mail to <u>wchcoordinator@ev1.net.</u>

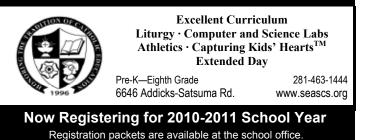
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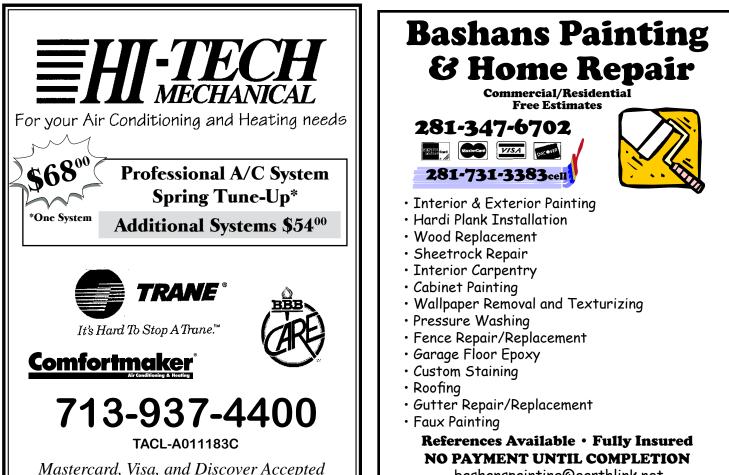
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The Blarney Stone

The Blarney Stone is a stone set in the wall of the Blarney Castle tower in the Irish village of Blarney. Kissing the stone is supposed to bring the kisser the gift of persuasive eloquence (blarney). The castle was built in 1446 by Cormac Laidhiv McCarthy (Lord of Muskerry) -- its walls are 18 feet thick (necessary to thwart attacks by Cromwellians and



William III's troops). Thousands of tourists a year still visit the castle. The origins of the Blarney Stone's magical properties aren't clear, but one legend says that an old woman cast a spell on the stone to reward a king who had saved her from drowning. Kissing the stone while under the spell gave the king the ability to speak sweetly and convincingly. It's tough to reach the stone -- it's between the main castle wall and the parapet. Kissers have to stretch to their back and bend backward (and downward), holding iron bars for support.



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The Magic Shamrock

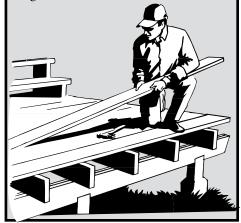
Three is Ireland's magic number. Hence the Shamrock. Crone, Mother and Virgin. Love, Valour and Wit.. Faith, Hope and Charity. Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Numbers played an important role in Celtic symbolism. Three was the most sacred and magical number. It multiplies to nine, which is sacred to Brigit. Three may have signified totality: past, present and future OR behind, before and here OR sky, earth and underworld. Everything good in Ireland comes in threes. The rhythm of storytelling in the Irish tradition is based on threefold repetition. This achieves both intensification and exaggeration. Even today in quality pub talk, a raconteur can rarely resist a third adjective, especially if it means stretching a point. "Three accomplishments well regarded in Ireland: a clever verse, music on the harp, the art of shaving faces."

The Leprechaun

The Leprechaun is an Irish fairy. He looks like a small, old man (about 2 feet tall), often dressed like a shoemaker, with a cocked hat and a leather apron. According to legend, leprechauns are aloof and unfriendly, live alone, and pass the time making shoes. They also possess a hidden pot of gold. Treasure hunters can often track down a leprechaun by the sound of his shoemaker's hammer. If caught, he can be forced (with the threat of bodily violence) to reveal the whereabouts of his treasure, but the captor must keep their eyes on him every second. If the captor's eyes leave the leprechaun (and he often tricks them into looking away), he vanishes and all hopes of finding the treasure are lost.

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 <u>www.winchestercountry.</u> <u>org</u> and download the form.





Winchester Country **TEST YOUR ST. PATRICK'S DAY KNOWLEDGE!**

1)"ERIN GO BRAGH," A PHRASE HEARD OFTEN ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY, MEANS: a. I love Ireland	b. Ian Dunkirk c. Brian Cowen d. Gerry Adams
b. Ireland Forever c. Brave and Free d. Ireland, My Home	7) WITH 27,136 SQUARE MILES OF LAND, THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND IS APPROXIMATELY HALF THE SIZE OF THIS U.S. STATE:
2)IRISH TRADITION SAYS THAT ANYONE WHO KISSES THE BLARNEY STONE, WHICH IS LOCATED NEAR THIS TOWN, WILL BE BLESSED WITH THE IRISH "GIFT OF GAB":	a. Montana b. California c. Louisiana d. Arkansas
a. Dublin b. Wexford c. Cork d. Waterford	8)TODAY, THIS NUMBER OF AMERICANS TRACE THEIR ANCESTRY BACK TO IRELAND: a. Ten million
3)THIS NOBEL PRIZE-WINNING IRISH POET AND PLAYWRIGHT WAS ALSO A SENATOR OF THE IRISH FREE STATE FROM 1922 TO 1928: a. George Bernard Shaw	b. Twenty-five million c. Forty million d. Sixty-five million. (Answers on Page 9)
b. James Joyce c. Jonathan Swift	Kid's Test
d. William Butler Yeats	1)ST. PATRICK WAS THE PATRON SAINT OF
<u>4) THIS FILM, SHOT IN IRELAND IN 1952, WAS DIRECTED</u> <u>BY JOHN FORD:</u> a. Ryan's Daughter	a. England b. United States c. Ireland 2)ST. PATRICK'S DAY MARKS THE DATE OF ST. PATRICK'S
b. The Quiet Man c. The Dead d. The Informer	a. Birthb. Deathc. Anniversary3)THE SHAMROCK HASLEAVES.
5)TRADITIONAL IRISH MUSIC HAS FOUND AN INTERNATIONAL AUDIENCE WITH THE POPULARITY OF SUCH CELTIC BANDS AS:	a. Four b. Three c. Five 4)LEPRECHAUNS ARE LITTLE MAKE-BELIEVE
a. The Chieftains b. The Lads c. Shannon Rovers d. Sweet Honey in the Rocks	5)IF YOU CATCH A LEPRECHAUN, YOU CAN MAKE HIM TELL YOU WHERE HE HIDES HIS a. Money b. Silver c. Gold
6)TODAY, THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND IS: a. Frank McCourt	<u>6)LEPRECHAUNS WEAR SUITS OF</u> a. Blue b. Green c. Yellow
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St. Patrick's Day Test Answers

Ireland Forever 2) Cork 3) William Butler Yeats
The Quiet Man 5) The Chieftains 6) Brian Cowen
Arkansas 8) Forty million

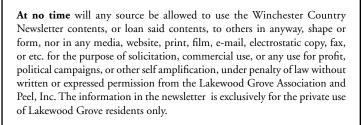
St. Patrick's Day Kid's Test Answers

1) Ireland 2) Death 3) Three 4) Fairies 5) Gold 6) Green



Near a misty stream in Ireland in the hollow of a tree Live mystical, magical leprechauns who are clever as can be With their pointed ears, and turned up toes and little coats of green The leprechauns busily make their shoes and try hard not to be seen. Only those who really believe have seen these little elves

And if we are all believers We can surely see for ourselves



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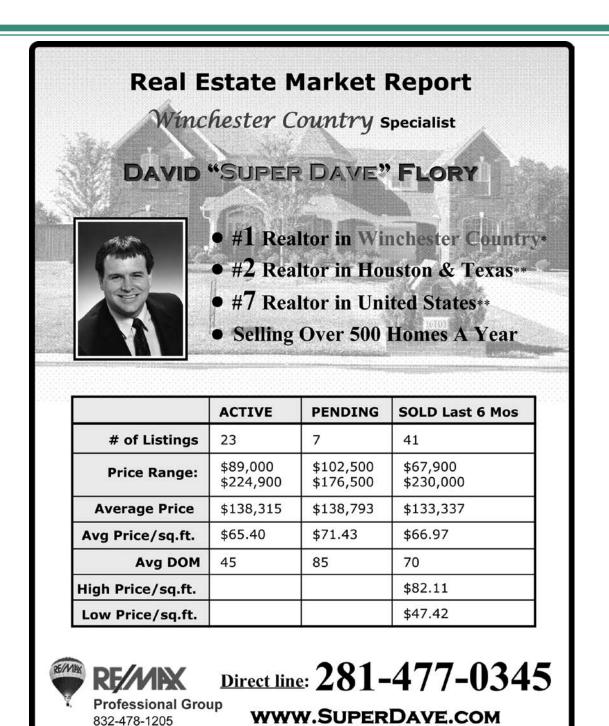
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Card #	•	you two cards for use of the pool.
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