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POOL AND SPLASH PAD TO OPEN FOR SUMMER

After an unusually cold winter, the sun is once again shining and green grass and colorful flowers are once again covering Village Creek. Which leads parents to be hounded with one question: when can we go swimming? Well, the pool and splash pad will open again on Memorial Day until Labor Day from 10 am until 8 pm except on Mondays.

To gain access to the neighborhood pool and splash pad you must have a pool card. If you do not have a card you may get a new one for a fee of \$30. Please email poolcards@ myvillagecreek.net for more information. Residents must be in "good standing" to have their cards activated. That is, they must not have an outstanding balance with the Community Association. To inquire about your standing you may contact Chaparral Mgmt. at 281-537-0957.

Residents may book the pool for parties. A \$250 refundable deposit will be charged as well as other fees associated with the party. There is a 20 persons (swimmers and non-swimmers) limit and parties will not exceed 2 hours or be booked on holidays. Also, no music will be allowed at the party as a courtesy to those who live near the pool area. Pool parties will be provided by GHPMI's lifeguards for Members only and GHPMI shall have the exclusive right to host and provide Pool parties at the Pool during the Tem1 of this Agreement. All GHPMI insurance shall apply to Pool parties. The current rate for Pool parties is \$22.50 per hour per lifeguard. GHPMI requires a minimum of two lifeguards for all parties. There will be an additional lifeguard needed for every 20 persons thereafter. Please note, extra lifeguards may be required due to size and/or configuration of the swimming facility. There is a two (2) hours minimum for all parties. There is a \$30.00 non-refundable pool party administration fee. All parties must be scheduled two weeks prior to party date. For more information check out www.myvillagecreek.net or to book a party go to www.haveapoolparty.com.

Remember while enjoying the facilities this summer always observe the rules. All pool rules apply to the splash pad and the lifeguard has the final say. Each household may bring up to 4 guests with them, and families are welcome to bring lawn chairs with them to the splash pad as seating there is limited. Also, no pets are allowed in the gated pool and splash pad area.

Gather the kids up and let them know it won't be long now. Sumer is fast approaching and the pool and splash pad will soon be open.

POOL SCHEDULE

Hours of Operation

MAY 29- JUNE 2 Monday- Friday: Closed Saturday & Sunday: 10 am- 8 pm Exception: Monday, May 31: 10am- 8 pm

JUNE 3- AUGUST 22 Monday: Closed Tuesday- Sunday: 10 am- 8 pm

AUGUST 23- SEPTEMBER 6 Monday-Friday: Closed Saturday & Sunday: 10 am- 8pm Exception: Monday, September 6: 10 am- 8 pm

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY NUMBERS or 911

CenterPoint-Gas Leak	
Constables Office	281-376-3472, www.cd4.hctx.net
Klein Fire Dept	
Poison Control Center	
Willowbrook Methodist	

SCHOOLS

Tomball ISD	281-357-3100, www.tomballisd.net
Willow Creek Elem (K-4).	
Northpointe Int (5-6)	
Willow Wood Jr (7-8)	
Tomball High (9-12)	
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HOA MGMT

SERVICES

CPS	713-626-5701
CenterPoint-Gas	713-659-2111
Dead Animal Pick up	713-699-1113
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.centerpointer	nergy.com/outage
Sex Offenderswww.fa	amilywatchdog.us
Time Warner Cable	281-774-7222
Waste Management	713-686-6666
Trash pickup Tues/Fri	
Recycling Fri (only newspapers/#1 & 2 plasti	cs/aluminum cans)
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MEET THE HOA BOARD

Diana Christopher, President

Duties: The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Board. The President shall have all the general powers and duties which are incident to the office of the president of a corporation organized under the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act. Diana is also

Co-chair alongside Teresa Dutt of The Neighborhood Watch Committee, manages the common area landscaping and yard of the month. Diana@myvillagecreek.net

(Term Expires July/2012)

Don Rumsey, Vice President

Duties: The Vice President shall act in the President's absence and shall have all powers, duties, and responsibilities provided for the President when so acting. Don also oversees the management of all pool/splash pad operations and a great source of knowledge & talent when it comes to repairs throughout the community. Don@ myvillagecreek.net. (Term Expires July/2011)

Jayland Kenney, Secretary

Duties: The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of *(Continued on Page 3)*





Board - (Continued from page 2)

the Association and of the Board of Directors and shall have charge of such books and papers as the Board of Directors may direct and shall, in general, perform all duties incident to the office of the secretary of a corporation organized in accordance with Texas law. Jayland also serves on the Architectural Review Committee. Jayland@ myvillagecreek.net

(Term Expires July/2010)

Allison Pettiet, Treasurer

Duties: The Treasurer shall have the responsibility for the Association's funds and securities and shall be responsible for keeping full and accurate financial records and books of accounts showing all receipts and disbursements, for preparing all required financial statements and tax returns, and for the deposit of all monies and other valuable effects in the name of the Association or the managing agent in such depositories as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors. Allison chairs the Architectural Review Committee. Allison@myvillagecreek.net

(Term Expires July/2010)

Jeff Lev, Director at Large

Duties: The Director at Large helps all of us on different levels, but is known best for overseeing the community website and serves on the Architectural Review Committee. Jeff@ myvillagecreek.net (Term expires July/2012)

ARTICLE IX RESTRICTIONS OF USE

Section 17. Lot and Parcel Maintenance. All Lots shall be kept at all times in a sanitary, healthful and attractive condition, and the Owner or occupant of all Lots shall keep all weeds and grass thereon cut and neatly maintained and shall in no event use any Lot for storage of material and equipment except for normal residential purposes or incident to construction of improvements thereon as herein permitted, or permit the accumulation of garbage, trash or rubbish of any kind thereon, and shall not burn any garbage, trash or rubbish.

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LAKEWOOD GROVE MARKET REPORT						
# Price Price/SF Days on Market						
Active Listings:	16	\$243,256	\$76.44	118		
Pending Listings:	3	\$238,233	\$70.16	153		
Sold Since 12/1/09:	4	\$189,916	\$66.86	314		
*Average Data Used, Source: Houston Assoc. of Realtor MLS (March 6, 2010)						

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CONSTABLE'S CORNER

By Sergeant James Rouse

The winter months are coming to an end and soon the weather will be more admirable for burglars. We usually have an increase in motor vehicle and home burglaries during this time.

Most vehicle burglaries occur during the night and can be avoided by simply locking your car door. Typical items stolen from vehicles: GPS, IPOD, Laptop computers, electronic games, tools and guns. If you do not want items stolen from your vehicle, make sure nothing is left inside to be stolen. Additionally, do not leave pressure washers, welders or any other tools in the bed of a truck.

Home burglaries are common but occur mostly during the daytime when no one is home and your neighbors are at work. Remember to set your home alarm, lock your door, windows and close your blinds when your home is left unattended. Most people store their valuables in their master bedroom; burglars know this and usually head straight for the master bedroom and leave the rest of the home untouched. I suggest you keep your valuables in a place that is not so common for the criminal mind.

Also, have someone check on your home while you are away for any extended period of time. It is a good idea to have that designated person pick up any newspaper or flyers left on your lawn or front door otherwise your home is an easy target to get burglarized.

If you become a victim of a burglary, providing serial numbers to your property is very important, they can be added to our NCIC/TCIC system as "stolen" and MAY be recovered.

Neighborhood Email If your street does not have a block captain

If your street does not have a block captain or you wish to receive communication quickly regarding "Neighborhood Watch Alerts", a new email notification has been created by Ty Thomas.

We are using this site to communicate information as needed concerning neighborhood watch and issues that affect our neighborhood. This system is not intended for casual chit-chat. There is no reply that you can comment back to; you will only be able to receive the messages. Thank you Ty for managing this for our community! Below is the link for those who want to sign up.http://lists.topica.com/lists/vcalerts

Block Captains are still needed for Eagle Ledge South, Lyric Way and Wandering Streams West. If you'd like to volunteer please contract sign up via the website, www. myvillagecreek.net.



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Average Price \$257,703		\$241,542	\$239,305
Avg Price/sq.ft.	\$83.64	\$78.78	\$75.75
Avg DOM	59	70	93
High Price/sq.ft.			\$94.21
Low Price/sq.ft.			\$50.48





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"Postage" is defined as: Payment for a delivery service that is affixed or imprinted to a mail piece, usually in the form of a postage stamp, permit imprint, or meter impression.

For further questions (or to report occurrences) regarding flyers being placed into your mailbox without first going through the postal system please refer to the local Post Office.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Seeks Help Do you like to entertain? Plan Parties? Volunteering for the Village

Creek Social Committee might just be for you! Come see what we're all about and be a part of the fun! There's no commitment to come every month. You can give as much or as little time as you want. Needs include things such as making signs, helping schedule events, volunteering during events, creative thinking for new ideas, etc...... We meet the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30. email social@ myvillagecreek.net for location information.



TALK TO TIFFANY For a Free Market Evaluation of Your Home

Year Over Year Comparison from Your Village Creek Realtor!						
Year	# of Homes Sold	Avg. Price	Avg. Price/Sq. Ft.	Avg. Days on Mkt.	High Price	High Price/Sq. Ft.
2004	16	\$231,237	71.86	65	\$231,237	85.05
2005	17	\$214,147	72.35	74	\$319,000	84.26
2006	42	\$216,259	74.75	62	\$352,750	91.85
2007	60	\$229,622	76.86	56	\$333,000	99.29
2008	32	\$236,039	74.51	78	\$349,950	101.30
2009	42	\$235,756	76.10	74	\$352,000	101.72



While other areas have seen a significant decrease in home values Village Creek has held steady!

Tiffany Sebastian

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Parents of Jolf Carts The HOA has received numerous emails and complaints of kids driving golf carts

The HOA has received numerous emails and complaints of kids driving golf carts throughout the community bumping common area landscape trees and shrubs, and driving down the streets of Village Creek, especially at dusk with no lights. Although it is not against the law to drive a golf cart, the carts need to stay on the sidewalk paths for their safety, unless your golf cart is licensed & plates displayed to operate on the street as per the Constables office.

Village Creek Thanks Volunteers

Thank you to the volunteers who assisted with the Easter Party. There were 500 eggs that wouldn't have been stuffed had it not been for the volunteers on the social committee. Thanks also to Chick Fil A, Jones/249 for donating the Free Food Coupons!

Improvement to Village Creek

A new sidewalk should be taking shape by the time you are reading this article along Lake Vista, between Imperial Crossing and Hobbs Terrace. Friendswood Development left several key items undone in our community and this was one of them. The residents along this section will now be able to safely access their mailboxes and connect to the remainder of Village Creek. Three bids were obtained and the HOA board accepted a bid with D&C Contracting for \$10,165.00.

KIRK ELEMENTARY

to Host Book Fair

Kirk Elementary, located at 12421 Tanner Road, Houston, TX 77041, will host a Scholastic Book Fair on April 12, 2010 - April 16, 2010 from 8:30 am- 4 pm. The Book Fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including new releases, award-winning titles, children's classics, interactive software, adult books, and current bestsellers from more than 100 publishers. Families, teachers, and the community are invited to attend the Book Fair, featuring the fun theme: Book Fair Diner: All You Can Read!

On April 12, 2010 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, the Book Fair will be having Family night. Please help support our school and join us for a sweet treat. Book Fair customers may help the school build classroom libraries and improve children's reading skills by purchasing books through the Classroom Wish List and One for Books® programs.

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CONGRATULATIONS!

During the January meeting of the VC social committee, Jennifer Fox was surprised with a cookie cake that read "We are proud of you, 26.2!" Jennifer completed her second Houston Marathon, way to go Jen!

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.



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"Yard of the Month" sign placed in their front lawn as recipients of the month and will receive a gift certificate from a local plant nursery. So get digging and planting!



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Neighborhood Garage Sale is Saturday, April 17th. Please remember to be safe. A banner will be placed at the front entrance of community for advertisement.

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FINANCIAL FOCUS Put Your Tax Refund to Work

It's Tax Refund Season again. This year, if you're going to get a check from your Uncle Sam, why not put it to work to help you meet your financial goals?

Last year, the average tax refund was more than \$2,700, according to the IRS. The size of your refund, or whether you will get one at all, depends on your individual circumstances. But if you are going to get a refund, plan ahead for what you'll do with it. Here are a few possibilities:

- PAY DOWN SOME DEBTS. In these difficult economic times, you may be carrying a higher debt load than usual. If so, you may want to use some of your refund to pay down some of these debts. The lower your debt payments, the better your cash flow and the more money you'll have to invest for the future.
- **BUILD AN EMERGENCY FUND**. If you don't already have an emergency fund containing six to 12 months' worth of living expenses, you could use your tax refund to start one. Without such a fund, you may find yourself constantly dipping into your long-term investments to pay for unexpected costs, such as a new furnace or an expensive car repair. Keep your emergency fund in

a liquid account — one that you don't draw on for your day-today expenses.

• **HELP FUNDYOUR IRA.** In 2010, you can put in up to \$5,000 to your IRA. Consequently, if you received a \$2,700 refund, you'd have more than half of what you need to fully fund your IRA for the year. (If you're 50 or older, however, you can contribute up to \$6,000 per year.)

You might not think that your \$2,700 would make much of a difference in the long run. But by investing your refund and giving it many years of growth potential, you could end up with a sizable amount. Consider the following:

- If you put \$2,700 in your IRA, and you earned, on average, seven percent a year for 30 years, you'd end up with about \$20,000, even if you never invested another dime.
- If you put \$2,700 every year in that same IRA, again earning an average seven percent annual return, you'd end up with more than \$270,000 after thirty years.

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(These examples are hypothetical illustrations and do not represent any currently available investments.)

You'd eventually have to pay taxes on your earnings, typically when you make withdrawals at retirement. And if you qualified for a Roth IRA, you'd never have to pay taxes on your earnings, as long as you had your account for at least five years and didn't start taking withdrawals until you were at least 59-1/2.

• **CONTRIBUTE TO A SECTION 529 PLAN.** If you have children or grandchildren, you may want to establish Section 529 plans to help them pay for college. You can contribute virtually any amount, and the earnings grow tax-free, provided the money is used for higher education expenses. (Withdrawals used for expenses other than qualified education expenses may be subject to federal, state and penalty taxes. Contributions are tax-deductible in certain states for residents who participate in their own state's plan. Please note that a 529 college savings plan could impact a beneficiary's ability to qualify for financial aid.)

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