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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.



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APRIL

- 2 Good Friday CFISD Holiday
- 3 Easter Event @ Clubhouse 1 3 pm
- 4 Easter Sunday
- 8 Maintenance Board Mtg.
- 17 18 Community Garage Sale 8 4
- 23 24 Rain date for Community Garage sale
- 24 Mobile Vet Clinic
- 26 Senior's Meeting @ Clubhouse 6:00 pm

MAY

- 1 Pool opens
- 8 Swim team time trials
- 9 Mother's Day
- 13 Maintenance Board mtg.
- Home Swim meet Pool opens at 3 pm
- Seniors meeting @ 6 pm
- 31 Memorial Day Pool Open CFISD Holiday

JUNE

- 2 Last Day of School
- 3 Pool Opens For Summer of 2010
- 6 Jersey Village Senior Graduation
 - At The Berry Center
- 10 Maintenance Board Meeting
- Home Swim Meet- Pool Opens @ 3:00 pm
- 20 Father's Day
- 21 Senior's Meeting
- Neighborhood Youth Pool Party 9pm-11pm

APRIL OFFICE HOURS

Tuesdays 5:00 – 7:00 PM Wednesdays 10:00 – 2:00 PM

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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 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 deed restriction violation letter to mow the property and the violation is not corrected a lawn service will be sent to the property and mowed at a cost to the

homeowner. If a violation letter is received and a resident needs additional time or assistance please contact Debra at SCS Management at 281-500-7119.

Advertising Information

Please support the businesses that advertise in the Winchester Country Newsletter. Their advertising dollars make it possible for all residents to receive a newsletter each month at no charge. No homeowners association funds are used to produce or mail the newsletters. If you would like to support the newsletter by advertising, please contact Peel, Inc. Sales Office at 888-687-6444; advertising@PEELinc.com for ad information and pricing The deadline for ads is the 10th of each month for the upcoming month's newsletter.

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, April 26,, 2010 at 6:00 pm
- Monday, May 24, 2010 at 6:00 pm
- Monday, June28, 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 gather for coffee, rolls, and fellowship about 9:30 am. We take the precinct 4 bus for trips every month. Our next trip will be on February 25,2010 to Shriner, Texas.

Maintenance Association Meeting

Fourth Tuesday of every quarter - 7 p.m. Swim & Tennis Club; 9607 Rio Grande Drive Questions or information regarding Deed Restriction violation letters, your annual maintenance dues or Architectural Approval of any type must be requested and obtained in writing from:

Winchester Country Maintenance Association, c/o SCS Management Services 7170 Cherry Park Drive; Houston, TX 77095 Phone:281-463-1777 • Fax:281-463-0050 www.scsmgmt.com

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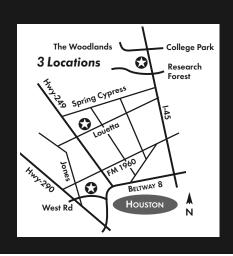


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FINANCIAL FOCUS

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-to-day 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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TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

If you are looking to sell your home, NOW is the time to do it. Buyers are eagerly awaiting their tax returns for down payments on a new home. Additionally, they have an opportunity to receive up to \$8000 as a tax credit. These credits are not just for 1st time home buyers, these are owners like

you. You also qualify for up to \$6,500 if you have owned your home for the last 5 years. Tax Credit ends April 30,

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Financial Focus- (Continued from Page 4)

(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.)

You may be tempted to spend your tax refund on things you want today — but, with a little planning, you can use it for things you need tomorrow.

AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD...

Saint Maximilian Kolbe Catholic Church is now accepting registration for Mothers Day Out for fall 2010.



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(DOB:8/1996)

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For you readers, here are a few of my favorite free software choices that won't get you into trouble:

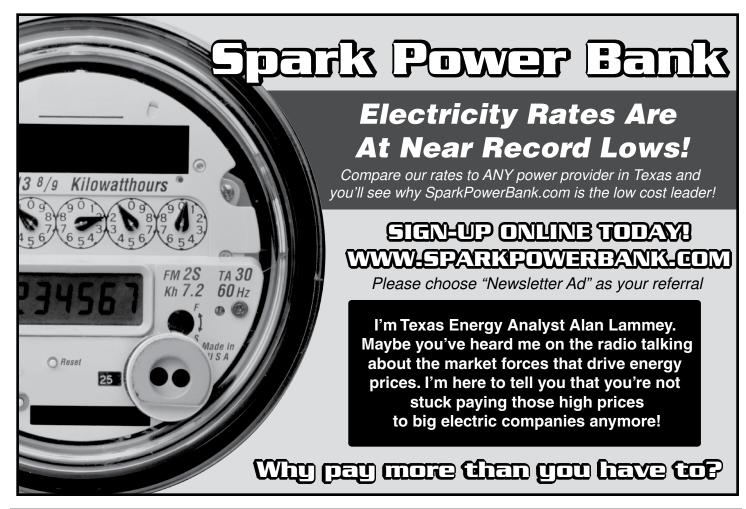
For Windows machines, I like Picasa for doing simple editing and cleanup of photos. It's from the folks at Google and you can find it just by going to www.Picasa.com (note that it's Picasa ending with an "a" and not Picasso like the painter with the additional "s"". Do you shop online and like to keep the receipts? Rather than printing them out and storing them in a filing cabinet, use CutePDF to "print" your receipts (or anything else that can be sent to a printer) into a PDF file that you can save on your hard drive. I buy a lot online and CutePDF lets me store all the receipts into a folder on my hard drive that makes life much easier at tax time for my accountant (which is this month if my calendar is correct.) You can download CutePDF at www.CutePDF.com, just download the CutePDF Writer. It installs as if it were a printer and you're ready to go.

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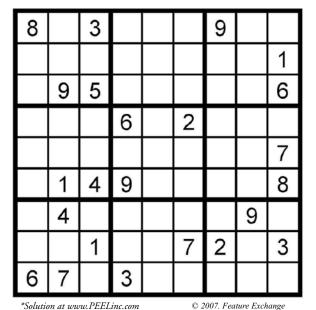
Stay away from sites offering free music or movies (like LimeWire), this is an excellent way to contract a virus. If you think you're getting something that costs money in a store for free online, it's probably going to cost you more than you know by the time you get your computer cleaned up.

Be skeptical and be safe. One of the best places to go for free software is http://sourceforge.net/. You're not going to find Microsoft Office for free, but you might find a program that does something close. Want Photoshop but don't have \$400 to spend, then check out Gimp. There are a lot of genuinely nice people developing programs because they enjoy doing it. Some will ask for but not require a donation, that's only fair. If you like a program, throw a few dollars their way to encourage them to keep improving their program. If you can say "I wish I had a program that", then you'll probably find something at SourceForge.net that meets your needs. - Submitted by Laurie Scott



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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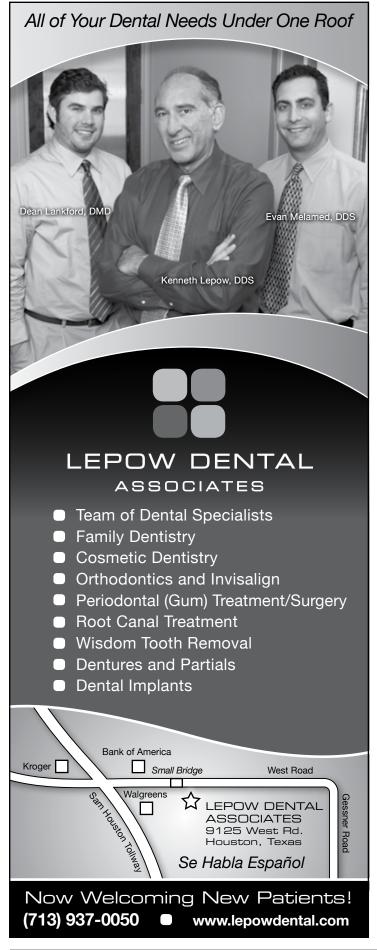


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