



Winchester Country

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Upcoming Elections and Annual Homeowner's Meeting

The Winchester Country Board of Directors would like to invite you to the annual homeowner's meeting which will be held on Tuesday, June 22nd. Board Elections will take place at that time and they will be talking about the budget and what will be happening in the future for Winchester Country. Please mark your calendars and plan on attending.

This year there will be two Director's positions open. Anyone interested in running please contact Ola Guess at SCS Management 281-463-1777. Anyone who would like more information about becoming a director please feel free to contact any of the current WCMA directors.

4th of July Event

Attention all Residents!!!! On July 4, 2010 Winchester Country will be having a party. Bring your kids to the celebration. We will have a huge water slide, cake and punch, and games throughout the day. And then don't forget to be at the Winchester Country Pool for the fireworks show that starts at dusk. We would really enjoy having all of our residents out there to enjoy and celebrate the day we became independent from Kingdom Great Britain. As a reminder the pool will be open from Noon to 11pm on that day. The pool will also be open on Monday after the Fourth of July and closed the following day, Tuesday, July 6, 2010 for cleaning.

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
- 12 Home Swim Meet- Pool Opens @ 3:00 pm
- 20 Father's Day
- 22 Homeowner's Meeting; 7:00pm @ the clubhouse
- 26 Neighborhood Youth Pool Party 9pm-11pm
- 28 Senior's Meeting

JULY

- 4 Big Extravaganza Celebration @ the clubhouse
- 7 Maintenance Board Meeting @7:00
- 24 Community Youth Pool Party, 9-11 pm
- 26 Senior's Meeting

AUGUST

- 12 Maintenance Board Meeting
- 23 First Day of School
- 23 Senior's Meeting
- End Of Summer Youth Party TBA

JUNE OFFICE HOURS

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

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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.

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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.



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Upcoming Election

Peter Dayton

My name is Peter Dayton and I am running for reelection to the board of the Winchester Country Maintenance Association. I have lived in Winchester Country at my current residence for 16 yrs. During my two years on the board, I have learned a lot about the role of the association and its responsibilities. I believe that the current board has been responsive to the needs of the residents and is acting in a manner consistent with the well being of the community as a whole. I look forward to serving as a member of the board for a full three year term and request your support and vote.

Nicole Chovanetz

As a homeowner in Winchester Country for 14 years and a resident of northwest Houston for most of my life, I would like to continue my position on the Winchester Country Maintenance Association Board. As the self-appointed leader of a coalition of concerned residents, we worked diligently in an attempt to return recycling to our neighborhood. I contacted residents, prepared a petition and directed a canvas of much of the neighborhood to determine if residents wanted a return of curbside recycling. Although we were not successful, I would still like to include the return of recycling to the agenda if feasible in the future. I have worked with the current Board members on many issues such as , increasing our security, improving our landscaping, attending and participating in community events to name a few.

Prior to having children I successfully owned and operated a computer-consulting firm. I am currently working in the Home Health Care industry. I have a young son in the Cypress Fairbanks Independent School District. I have a strong desire to insure the voices of our residents be reflected in the actions of the Board of Directors and will continue to strive to pursue issues important to Winchester Country residents. Please consider re-electing me, Nicole Chovanetz, when choosing your 2010 Winchester Country Maintenance Board of Directors. Thank-you!

If you are planning a Pool Party please call 281 443-7665 ext 213 to book your event.

JULY 2010

Newsletter Deadline is Thursday, June 10, 2010

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Seniors' Club

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- Monday, June 28, 2010 at 6:00 pm
- Monday, July 26, 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.

You Spoke, I Listened!!!!

To all the residents in the neighborhood, You have spoken about your wish for the pool to be open at 10 am on Saturdays, and I listened. For this summer season, the pool will now be open at 10 am on Saturdays. Thank you for your comments and concerns, with your help we can make the community a better place.

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3 Cheers For Summer

Hip Hip Hooray, Hip Hip Hooray, Hip Hip Hooray! Finally after ten long months, summer has finally come. School is ending and now the children are free to enjoy two months of relaxation. What better way to spend it than at the pool or hanging with friends at the park and playing games. The pool officially opens on June 3rd, the day after school finally ends. Enjoy the break while it lasts, and remember to get out and have fun this summer. Spend time with your family and friends and make the most of summer.

PARTY! PARTY! PARTY!

Well, close.... Actually , it's the neighborhood youth pool party! On June 26, the first youth party will be held from 9pm to 11pm. Remember that if you are under the age of 10 you are allowed to come, but a parent must be present the entire time. POOL RULES WILL STILL BE FOLLOWED AT ALL TIMES. The party will be a lot of fun. We would like to invite all the youth in the neighborhood for a great time after the pool closes. Come get to know other youth in the neighborhood and enjoy pizza and lemonade. We look forward to seeing you there. Oh and just as a reminder, a parent or guardian must come and sign their child out from the party. NO CHILD WILL LEAVE WITHOUT A PARENT!

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Fourth Tuesday of every quarter - 7 p.m.
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Flag Day

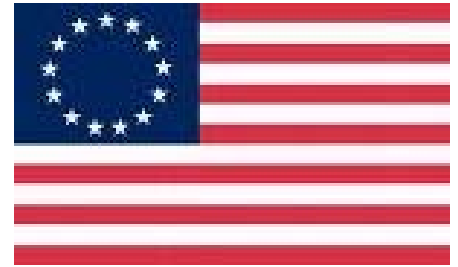
What exactly is Flag Day? Flag Day is celebrated on June 14th. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened that day by resolution of the Second Continental Congress in 1777. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; in August 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. One of the longest-running Flag Day parades is held annually in Quincy, Massachusetts, which begin in 1952 and celebrated its 57th year in 2009. The largest Flag Day parade is held annually in Troy, New York, which bases its parade on the Quincy parade and typically draws 50,000 spectators. The week of June 14 is designated as "National Flag Week." During National Flag week, the president will issue a proclamation urging U.S. citizens to fly the American flag for the duration of that week. The flag should also be displayed on all Government buildings.



The Betsy Ross House has long been the site of Philadelphia's observance of Flag Day.

The Famous Flag

As many people already know Betsy Ross created the Flag of the United States. But how much more that history do you know? The Betsy Ross flag is an early design of the flag of the United States



popularly attributed to Betsy Ross using the common motifs of alternating red-and-white striped field with white stars in a blue canton. The flag was designed during the American Revolution and features 13 stars to represent the original 13 colonies. The distinctive feature of the Ross flag is the arrangement of the five-pointed stars in a circle. The original flag was made on July 4, 1776, when a small committee—including George Washington and George Ross, a relative of hers—visited Betsy and discussed the need for a new American flag. June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress passed the Flag Resolution, establishing the first congressional standard for official United States flags. The flag of the United States has hence been changed from the thirteen stars to fifty stars to represent the fifty American states.

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FATHER'S Day

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A Random Holiday

Many of you probably didn't know but parents and grandparents aren't the only ones who have a holiday celebrated for them. Children's day was first observed in the United States predate both Mother's and Father's Day. However, Children's day is not celebrated in the United States anymore. Many parents claim that "every day is Children's day", though this is not strictly true. The celebration of a special Children's Day in America dates from the 1860s and earlier. Children and Youth day in Hawaii started in 1994, when Hawaii became the first Legislature to pass a law to recognize the first Sunday in October as "Children's Day." In 1997, the Legislature passed another landmark law designating the entire month of October as "Children and Youth Month." Children's Day was proclaimed by President Bill Clinton to be held on October 8, 2000. "National Child's Day" was proclaimed by President George W. Bush as June 3, 2001 and in subsequent years on the first Sunday in June. In 2007, Illinois Governor Rod R. Blagojevich issued a proclamation proclaiming the second Sunday in June as Children's Day. The mayors of Aurora and Batavia, Illinois, also issued proclamations. In May 2009, International Children's Day was celebrated at the Washington DC National Harbor place. Even Children get a day to be celebrated, just as mom, dad, and grandparents. So remember to celebrate your kids on the second Sunday in June and read them this to remind them that they used to have a holiday, until parents felt that every day was their day.

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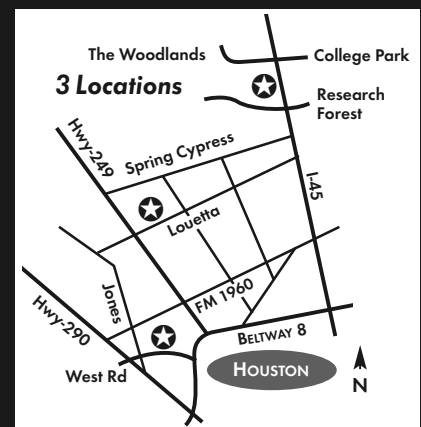


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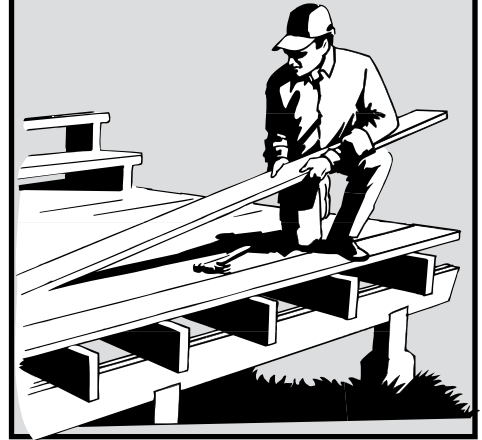
HORRAY FOR SUMMER!!!!

The first day of summer will begin on June 21, 2010 at 7:23am. Have you ever wonder what effects the summer solstice has? Well, if you have been watching the sun each day leading up to the summer solstice, you will see that it climbs higher in the sky each day. On the day of the solstice, which marks the first official day of summer, the sun appears to stand still. It has reached as far north as it will get. The word "solstice" means the sun stands still. This is also true for the winter solstice, when the sun gets as far south in the sky before coming to a stop. Many people believe that the first day of summer is the longest day of the year. This is because people believe that there is more sunlight on this day than any other. It is true that the days have been getting longer and the nights shorter. The sun is higher in the sky and takes a longer path across our sky, giving us more daylight. Therefore, with that, combined with more direct rays of sunshine, give us the warm summer season.



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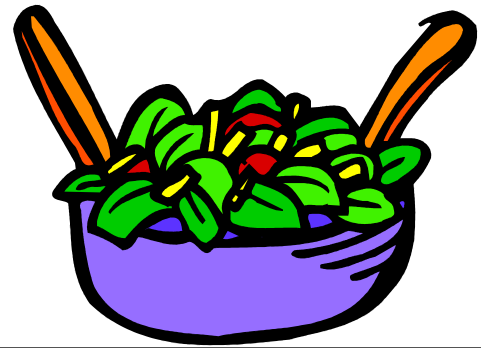
Black Bean Shrimp Salad

1 pound cooked medium shrimp, peeled and deveined
1 can (15 ounces) black beans, rinsed and drained
1 small green pepper, julienned
1 small onion, thinly sliced
1/2 cup chopped celery
2/3 cup picante sauce
2 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro

2 tablespoons lime juice
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons honey
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon grated lime peel, optional
6 lettuce leaves
1 cup halved cherry tomatoes

In a large bowl, combine the first five ingredients. In a small bowl, whisk the picante sauce, cilantro, lime juice, oil, honey, salt and lime peel if desired. Pour over shrimp mixture and toss to coat. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Using a slotted spoon, spoon onto a lettuce-lined serving platter or salad plates. Garnish with tomatoes. Yield: 6 servings.

Nutrition Facts: 3/4 cup equals 224 calories, 6 g fat (1 g saturated fat), 115 mg cholesterol, 571 mg sodium, 22 g carbohydrate, 4 g fiber, 19 g protein. Diabetic Exchanges: 2 very lean meat, 1 starch, 1 vegetable, 1 fat.



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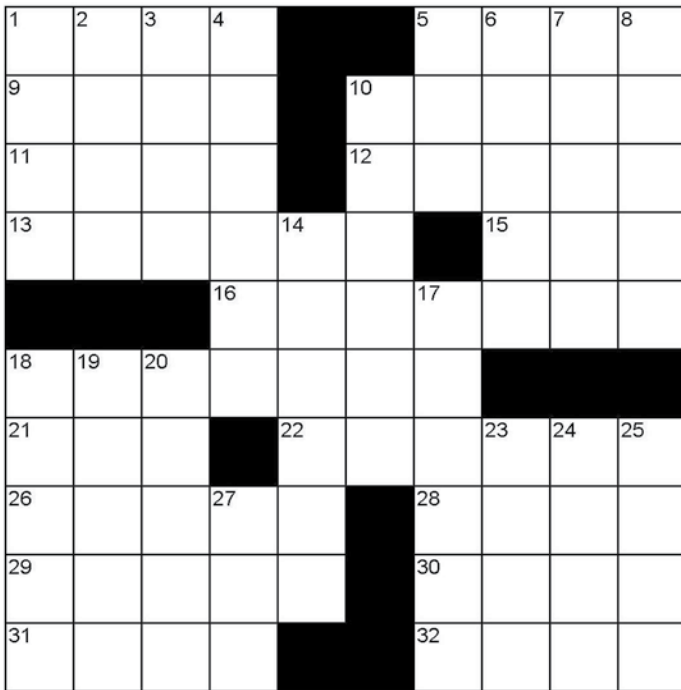
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9. Santa call (2 wds.)
10. British princess
11. Absent
12. Praise
13. Her former last name
15. Ball holder
16. Surpasses
18. Bar enforcer
21. Trail
22. Humorous
26. Bets
28. Information
29. Vista
30. Paradise
31. Animal group
32. Lady

DOWN

1. Hit
2. State
3. Tai
4. Saucy Girl
5. Tyrannosaurus
6. Speak
7. Eyed
8. Tiny insects
10. Wears mesh mask to fight
14. Tax
17. Worn
18. Cheeky
19. Small measurement 1/16 of a pound
20. Whoop
23. Cipher
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Winchester Country Pool Rules 2010

1. All rules apply to Adults and Children.
2. Only registered Winchester Country and Winchester Meadows residents and their guests will be allowed to use the pool. Maintenance fees must be current and pool registration must be on file in Guard office at the pool.
3. All guests will be charged \$1 daily and may be issued a guest pass that must be returned upon leaving.
4. The telephone located in Guard's Office and Guard Check-in Station is for emergency use only.
5. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult (18 years or older.)
6. The baby pool is restricted to non-swimming children who are under the age of 5.
7. Non-swimming children must stay in the baby pool and within arm's reach of an adult. This also goes for the large pool. Only 2 non-swimmers per adult will be allowed.
8. All non-potty trained children must wear swim diapers at all times provided by the Resident.
9. Parents or Guardian are responsible for children and/or guests in both the baby pool and large pool at all times.
10. Running is not allowed in the pool area. No horseplay will be tolerated either in or out of the water.
11. Glassware/glass containers are not allowed in the pool area. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the pool area. Users of the pool are responsible to clean their area and use facility trashcans to discard their trash.
12. Abusive/offensive language or gestures and music with inappropriate lyrics will not be tolerated.
13. Smoking is not allowed in the fenced area of the pool facility. There are designated smoking areas in front of the Coordinator office and Clubhouse II.
14. All persons younger than 18 years of age will leave the water during the scheduled hourly Lifeguard break/Adult swim period and sit away from the pool edge. Adults at least 18 years of age can swim at their own risk at this break time.
15. All swimmers must wear swim suits. No cutoffs are allowed.
16. Only Coast Guard approved floatation devices will be allowed and must be approved by the lifeguard staff. All non-swimmers must wear Coast guard approved floatation devices.
17. Persons with bandages and/or open sores will not be allowed in the pool.
18. Cocoa butter, baby oil or other simalr products will not be allowed in the pool. Commercial suntan preparations only.
19. No pets are allowed in the pool area.
20. The Association is not responsible for lost or stolen items or unclaimed items on the "Lost & Found" shelf. Unclaimed items will be disposed of throughtout the pool season.
21. No climbing on shade awning support poles or perimeter fencing.
22. The lifeguards on duty will have the final authority for the enforcement of pool rules and the overall safe operation of the facility both explicit and implied by the Pool Rules and must be obeyed at all times.

Discipline

Infractions to pool rules will result in disciplinary action taken by the contracted pool Management Company and/or Winchester Country Board of Directors. Disciplinary actions may include time out and/or the suspension of cards from one day up to and including the remainder of the pool season.

Tennis Court Cards

Our tennis court gate has been fixed. If your tennis card does not work please contact Joanna Abbondandolo at 281-890-8856. If you wish to obtain a tennis court card there is a \$10 deposit. You can either mail a check (made payable to WCMA) to WCMA, 9607 Rio Grande, Houston, Texas 77064 or you can drop off your check in the mail box slot located outside the clubhouse office. Please write in the memo line of your check "tennis card." Please include your mailing address. Your card will be mailed to you. If you would rather pick up your card you can stop by the Community Coordinator's office during office hours.

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Pool Hours for the 2010 Season

May 1st to May 31st

Monday - Thursday s	Closed
Fridays	4:00 PM – 9 PM
Saturdays	10 AM – 9 PM
Sundays	12:00 PM - 6 PM

June 1st to July 31st

Mondays	Closed
Tuesdays - Fridays	12:00 PM – 9 PM
Saturdays	10 AM – 9 PM
Sundays	12 PM – 9 PM

August 1st to August 22nd

Mondays	Closed
Tuesdays - Fridays	12:00 PM – 9 PM
Saturdays	10 AM – 9 PM
Sundays	12 PM – 9 PM

August 23rd to September 6th

Monday - Thursday s	Closed
Fridays	4:00 PM – 9 PM
Saturdays	10 AM – 9 PM
Sundays	12:00 PM - 6 PM

Exceptions and Notes:

Monday May 31 (Memorial Day)	12:00 PM to 9 PM
Saturday May 22nd	Swim meet pool opens at 3 pm
Tuesday June 1	Pool closed cleaning
Saturday, June 12	swim meet pool opens at 3 pm
Monday September 6 (Labor Day)	10:00 PM to 6 PM
Tuesday September 7th	Pool Closed for the season.
Saturday September 11th	Pool shutdown DS Recreational workday



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

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2010 Winchester Country Registration Form Pool and Directory Information

This form needs to be filled out each year to activate pool cards

Resident Name _____
(Last, First name)

Address _____ Own _____
Rent _____ Owners Name _____

Home Phone # () _____ Work Ph# () _____ Cell Ph# () _____
Work Ph# () _____ Cell Ph# () _____

Emergency contact: Name _____ Ph# () _____

E-MAIL Address (#1) _____
(#2) _____

Include your self below *Falsifying birth dates will result in loss of pool privileges.
Use Back side if more room is needed.*

<u>Household Members</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Medical Conditions</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Note: Any lost cards will be assessed a fee of \$10 per card.

Please make your check payable to WCMA if you have lost your pool cards.

Please print your card numbers below from the previous year, so they can be reactivated for this year.

Card # _____ Card # _____

Card # _____
If you are a New Homeowner, leave the card number blank, we will send you two cards for use of the pool.

I have read and hereby agree to abide by the WCMA's Pool Rules posted at the Pool and Newsletter.

Homeowner's signature _____ Date _____

After May 31st there will be a \$10 fee charged to receive your pool cards or to activate them.

Please fill out, sign, stamp and mail to:

**Pool Coordinator
9607 Rio Grande
Houston, Texas 77064**

-OR-

Put it in the mail slot at the clubhouse/pool to the left of the gate under bulletin board

If you do not wish to be included in the Winchester Country eMail list, please check here. _____

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