



# Winchester Country

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## Community Celebration

Residents of Winchester Country, remember that our 4th of July party will be happening from 12pm-11pm. We will be having a waterslide, punch, cake, and a fireworks show at dusk. Join us for a celebration on July 4, 2010.

## Happy 4th Of July

July 4 is commonly referred to as Independence Day. This holiday is commemorated because it is the day we adopted the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, where we declared independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain. During Independence Day people nationwide celebrate with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, political speeches and ceremonies.

The history of Independence Day started during the American Revolution, the legal separation of the American colonies from Great Britain occurred on July 2, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the Declaration, finally approving it on July 4.



### JULY

- 2 Big Extravaganza Celebration @ the clubhouse
- 6 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

### SEPTEMBER

- 6 Labor Day
- 7 Pool Closes for the Season
- 8 Maintenance Board Meeting
- 27 Seniors Meeting

### A Quote From Time:

"The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more."

-John Adams to his wife, Abigail

Even though he was off by two days, John Adams knew the future of America that would forever be celebrated.

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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.



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## Interesting Fact:

In a remarkable series of coincidences, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, two founding fathers of the United States and the only two men who signed the Declaration of Independence to become president, died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the United States' 50th anniversary.

## 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.

*Sincerely, Winchester Country Board.*

## RETRACTION

SCS received unclear communication and that Judy Tilbury's name will be withdrawn as a candidate from the Ballot at the Annual Meeting. SINCERELY, SCS MANAGEMENT

## Customs of July 4

During Independence Day decorations (streamers, balloons, and clothing) are generally colored red, white, and blue for the colors of the American flag. In the morning parades are usually held and in the afternoon a display of fireworks usually occurs. Independence Day fireworks are often accompanied

by patriotic songs such as the national anthem "The Star-Spangled Banner", "God Bless America", "America the Beautiful", "My Country, 'Tis of Thee", "This Land Is Your Land", and "Stars and Stripes Forever". As

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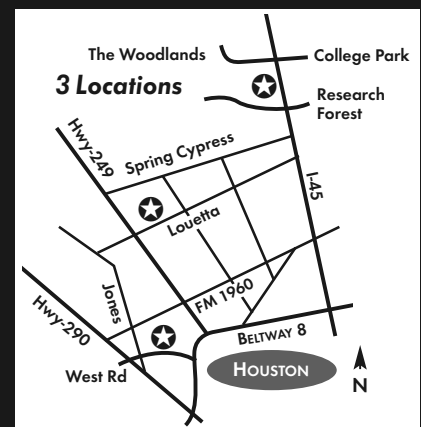


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### Our next meeting dates will be as follows:

- Monday, July 26, 2010 at 6:00 pm
- Monday, August 23, 2010 at 6:00pm
- Monday, September 27, 2010 at 6:00pm

*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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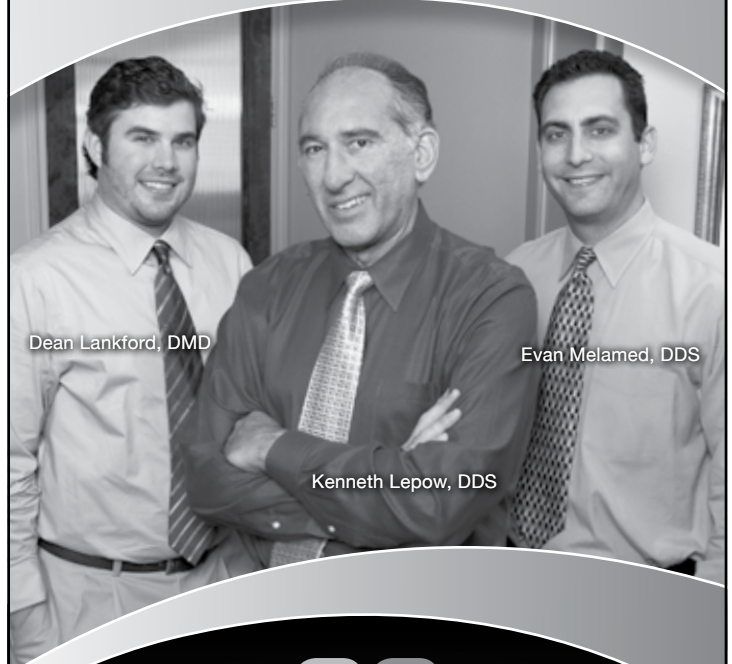
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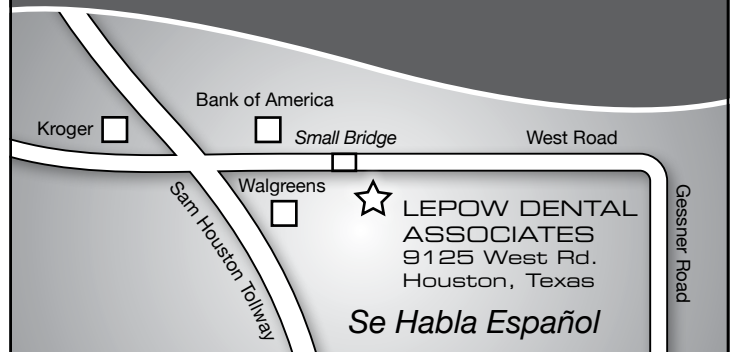
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1. All rules apply to Adults and Children.
2. Only registered Winchester Country and Winchester Meadows residents and their guests will be allowed to use the pool. Maintenance fees must be current and pool registration must be on file in Guard office 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

## Pool Announcements

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## STRATEGIES FOR A POSSIBLE LAYOFF



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First, stay with your retirement savings plan. Keep on contributing because it reduces your taxes and your company may make matching contributions. Combined, these will do you more good than paying off consumer debt. And avoid borrowing against a retirement plan or worse, withdrawing funds early. The taxes and penalties for this are severe.

Next reduce your spending, say, by 10%. This is a good idea

regardless of your situation and the upside is you might reconnect with what is important. Distinguish between wants versus needs. Include the kids on the family decisions. Now that you have more money, it's time to boost your emergency fund. Everyone needs 3 to 6 months of expenses in a readily accessible account. This helps you avoid going into debt when emergencies arise.

Secure your life insurance. This protects your income stream. If you have a group life plan, it will disappear with a job loss. And group plans often have steep increases when you hit those magic milestones every 5 years after 40. Buying a policy outside the company is called portable insurance, and it's smart.

Next knock down your consumer debt. By that I mean anything with a "minimum payment" box – that's bad debt. Use debt-stacking techniques to get out of debt quicker while paying no more on a monthly basis. It's smart to open a home equity line of credit now but don't borrow against it. Think of it as a safety net.

Lastly, secure your home by refinancing while interest rates are low. While you could get a 15-year note, it's smart to get a 30-year loan and pay it off as though it were a 15-year note using higher payments. In this way if you get laid off you can always revert to the lower payments required by the 30-year note.

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			7				2	
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8		5		6				
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Rent \_\_\_\_\_ Owners Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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. \_\_\_\_\_

## Real Estate Market Report

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	ACTIVE	PENDING	SOLD Last 6 Mos
<b># of Listings</b>	28	10	42
<b>Price Range:</b>	\$89,900 \$248,900	\$78,000 \$151,900	\$60,101 \$205,000
<b>Average Price</b>	\$152,555	\$112,785	\$125,111
<b>Avg Price/sq.ft.</b>	\$67.68	\$50.32	\$64.29
<b>Avg DOM</b>	53	67	55
<b>High Price/sq.ft.</b>			\$85.59
<b>Low Price/sq.ft.</b>			\$33.77



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