



# Winchester Country

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## Farewell Summer

It is once again the time of year when we must bid the summer farewell.

We have had a very busy summer at our pool and the families of Winchester Country have gotten relief from the very hot summer temperatures. The Youth parties were quite a success and we have tripled our attendance at them by three times the number of youth in the past. We have even had little ones with their moms come out for a late night swim and pizza. It is now time to put the swim suits away and hit the books. We look forward to next year when we will see you all at opening weekend at the Winchester Country Community Pool.

P.S. In the mean time do not forget to join us for our yearly events at the clubhouse: National Night Out, Halloween, Cookies with Santa, Easter Event.

Have a safe Labor Day and happy back to school transition.

## NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Come One, Come all!!!!  
Everyone come out and meet your fellow neighbors.

This year Winchester Country will be hosting a National Night Out event at the clubhouse on

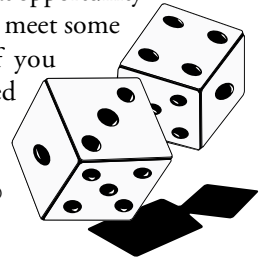
October 5th at 6:30pm. We will be serving hot dogs and chips. So come out and meet your HOA along with other neighbors.



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## Bunco Anyone?

We are forming a new Bunco group in Winchester Country. We would play one night a month at the clubhouse. Bunco is lots of fun and a great opportunity to get together and meet some of our neighbors! If you would be interested in playing, please contact [codysmom19@yahoo.com](mailto:codysmom19@yahoo.com).



### SEPTEMBER

- 6 Labor Day
- 7 Pool Closed for the Season
- 9 Board Maintenance Meeting
- 21 Home Owners Meeting @ WC Clubhouse
- 27 Seniors Meeting

### OCTOBER

- 5 Celebrate National Night Out @ WC Clubhouse 6:00pm
- 13 Maintenance Board Meeting
- 15-16 Community Garage Sale
- 22-23 Rain Date for Garage Sale
- 25 Seniors Meeting
- 31 Halloween

### OFFICE HOURS

#### SEPTEMBER OFFICE HOURS

- Monday 5:00 – 7:00 PM
- Wednesdays 10:00 – 2:00 PM

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*Happy Birthday!*

Mark Myers	September 5th
Shelby Klentz	September 13th
Cheryl Austin	September 16th
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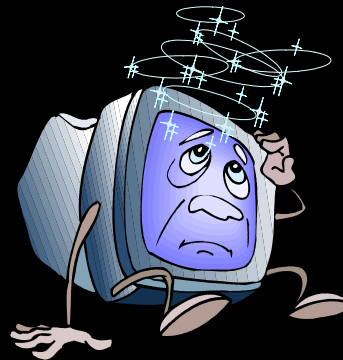
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### Our next meeting dates will be as follows:

Monday, September 27, 2010 at 6:00pm

Monday, October 25, 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.

We gather for coffee, rolls, and fellowship about 9:30 am. We take the precinct 4 bus for trips every month.



Dear Ladies of Winchester Country!

Perhaps you have noticed groups of women wearing red hats and purple outfits dining out, having tea, attending movies or sporting events, or picnicing in the park, and wondered of which organization they may be members.

The Red Hat Society is a worldwide 'sisterhood' of women who celebrate FUN, FRIENDSHIP, FREEDOM, and FULFILLMENT in more than 30,000 chapters in all 50 states in the USA and in more than 25 foreign countries around the globe. Women age 50 are known as 'Red Hatters' while women who are under age 50 are called 'Pink Hatters'.

A new chapter of the Red Hat Society will soon be forming in our community! If you would be interested in joining, please contact Judy at codysmom19@yahoo.com for more information.

To learn more about Red Hatting opportunities, visit the website at [www.redhatsociety.com](http://www.redhatsociety.com).



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## DAYS TO REMEMBER IN SEPTEMBER

### LABOR DAY

Labor Day is a United States federal holiday observed on the first Monday in September (September 6 in 2010).

The first Labor Day in the United States was celebrated on September 5, 1882 in New York City.[1] In the aftermath of the deaths of a number of workers at the hands of the US military and US Marshals during the 1894 Pullman Strike, President Grover Cleveland put reconciliation with Labor as a top political priority. Fearing further conflict, legislation making Labor Day a national holiday was rushed through Congress unanimously and signed into law a mere six days after the end of the strike.[2] Cleveland was also concerned that aligning a US labor holiday with existing international May Day celebrations would stir up negative emotions linked to the Haymarket Affair.[3] All 50 U.S. states have made Labor Day a state holiday.

The form for the celebration of Labor Day was outlined in the first proposal of the holiday: A street parade to exhibit to the public “the strength and esprit corps of the trade and labor organizations,” followed by a festival for the workers and their families. This became the pattern for Labor Day celebrations. Speeches by prominent men and women were introduced later, as more emphasis was placed upon the economic and civil significance of the holiday. Still later, by a resolution of the American Federation of Labor convention of 1909, the Sunday preceding Labor Day was adopted as Labor Sunday and dedicated to the spiritual and

educational aspects of the labor movement.

Traditionally, Labor Day is celebrated by most Americans as the symbolic end of the summer. The holiday is often regarded as a day of rest and parades. Speeches or political demonstrations are more low-key than May 1 Labor Day celebrations in most countries, although events held by labor organizations often feature political themes and appearances by candidates for office, especially in election years. Forms of celebration include picnics, barbecues, fireworks displays, water sports, and public art events. Families with school-age children take it as the last chance to travel before the end of summer recess. Similarly, some teenagers and young adults view it as the last weekend for parties before returning to school. However, start dates for schools vary widely, beginning as early as July 24 in urban districts such as Atlanta, Miami, and Los Angeles.

In U.S. sports, Labor Day marks the beginning of the NFL and college football seasons. NCAA teams usually plays their first games the week before Labor Day, with the NFL traditionally playing their first game the Thursday following Labor Day. The Southern 500 NASCAR auto race was held that day from 1950 to 2004.

### NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY

National Grandparents Day is a secular holiday celebrated in the United States on the first Sunday after Labor Day. It is celebrated in the United Kingdom on the first Sunday

in October.

Marian McQuade of Oak Hill, West Virginia, has been recognized nationally by The United States Senate—in particular by Senator Jennings Randolph [1]; Senator Robert Byrd and President Carter—as the founder of National Grandparents Day. { McQuade made it her goal to educate the youth in the community about the important contributions seniors have made throughout history. She also urged the youth to “adopt” a grandparent, not only for one day a year, but rather for a lifetime.

In 1973, Senator Jennings Randolph (D-WV) introduced a resolution to the Senate to make Grandparents Day a national holiday. West Virginia’s Governor Arch Moore had proclaimed an annual Grandparents Day for the state, at the urging of of Marian McQuade. When Senator Randolph’s resolution in the U.S. Senate died in committee, Marian McQuade organized supporters and began contacting governors, senators, and congressmen in all fifty states. She urged each state to proclaim their own Grandparents Day. Within three years, she had received Grandparents Day proclamations from forty-three states. She sent copies of the proclamations to Senator Randolph. In February, 1977, Senator Randolph, with the concurrence of many other senators, introduced a Joint Resolution to the Senate requesting the President to “issue annually a proclamation designating the first Sunday of September after Labor Day

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of each year as 'National Grandparents Day.' Congress passed the legislation proclaiming the first Sunday after Labor Day as National Grandparents Day and, on August 3, 1978, then-President Jimmy Carter signed the proclamation.[2] The statute cites the day's purpose as: "... to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children, and to help children become aware of strength, information, and guidance older people can offer".

Some people claim the origin of the holiday resides with the efforts of Hermine Beckett Hanna of North Syracuse, New York, recognizing seniors and their importance as early as 1961. On February 21, 1990, New York Congressman James T. Walsh recognized the efforts of Hermine Beckett Hanna in front of the U.S. House of Representatives, thanking her "for her important role in the establishment of Grandparents Day." [3]

## Official Song of Grandparents Day

In 2004, the National Grandparents Day Council of Chula Vista, CA announced that A Song for Grandma And Grandpa by Johnny Prill would be the official song of the National Grandparents Day holiday. United States Senator Debbie Stabenow told Prill: "It is wonderful that A Song For Grandma And Grandpa was chosen as the official song of National Grandparents Day. You have put into words the unique relationship between grandparents and their

grandchildren."

## Official Flower of Grandparents Day

Forget-me-not - The official flower of National Grandparents Day is the Forget-me-not.

## PATRIOT DAY

In the United States, Patriot Day occurs on September 11 of each year, designated in memory of the 2,993 killed in the September 11, 2001 attacks. Most Americans refer to the day as "Nine-Eleven (9/11)," "September Eleventh," or some variation thereof.

U.S. House of Representatives Joint Resolution 71 was approved by a vote of 407-0 on October 25, 2001. It requested that the President designate September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day." President George W. Bush signed the resolution into law on December 18, 2001 (as Public Law 107-89). It is a discretionary day of remembrance.

Initially, the day was called the Prayer and Remembrance for the Victims of the Terrorist Attacks on September 11, 2001.

On September 4, 2002, President Bush used his authority created by the resolution and proclaimed September 11, 2002 as Patriot Day.

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*A veteran is someone who, at one point in his life, wrote a blank check made payable to 'The United States of America' for an amount of 'up to and including my life.' That is Honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it.*

From a Recon Marine in Afghanistan.  
Submitted by Judy Tilbury

### September Dates- (Continued from Page 5)

abroad. The President also asks Americans to observe a moment of silence beginning at 8:46 A.M. (Eastern Daylight Time), the time of the first plane crash on September 11, 2001.

#### History

The bill to make September 11 a holiday was introduced in the U.S. House on October 25, 2001 by Republican Vito Fossella (R-NY) with 22 co-sponsors, among them eleven Democrats and eleven Republicans.[1] It passed the House by a vote of 407-0, with 25 members not voting,[2] and passed the Senate unanimously on November 30. It was signed by President Bush, without ceremony, on December 18 as Public Law No. 107-89.

Its original co-sponsors in the

House were:

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			9				4	

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8. Install a patio or patio cover
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10. Add a room addition
11. Add a pool
12. Add a deck
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14. Add solar/screen windows or doors
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16. Add burglar bars
17. Add landscaping
18. Add sidewalks

19. Add exterior lighting

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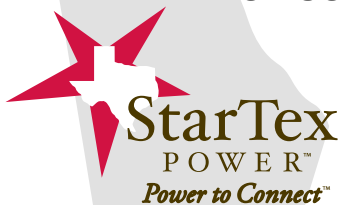


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**SERVICE MANAGER**- Sunni West  
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The Service Manager is the primary liaison for residents. Please contact her for all general information and questions about the Association and services funded by your assessment payment. Special needs concerning your property can be discussed with her. If you see any problems around the common areas, contact Sunni @ 281-500-7119 to alert the Board.

**DEED RESTRICTION COORDINATOR**- Keri Lugo  
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**ACCOUNTING REPRESENTATIVE**- Mayra Nielsen  
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**ACC COORDINATOR**- Sharon Griffith  
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Architectural Control Committee (ACC). This form needs to be completed, processed and approved by ACC prior to any exterior work being done on your property. If you should need an ACC form or would like to check the status on your application, please call her and she will be happy to assist you with any questions you may have pertaining to your ACC.

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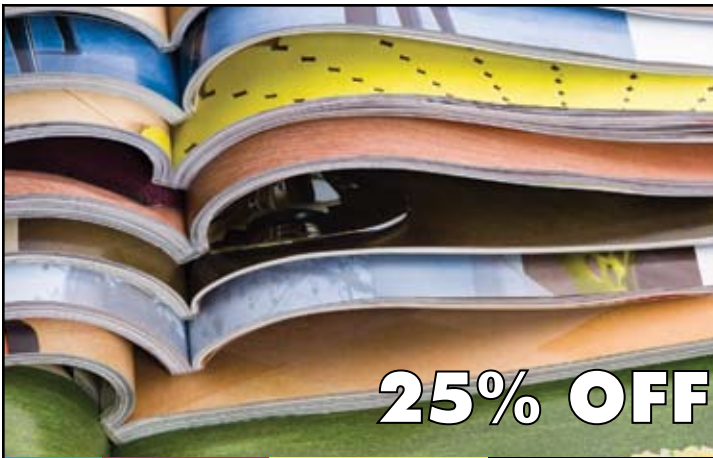


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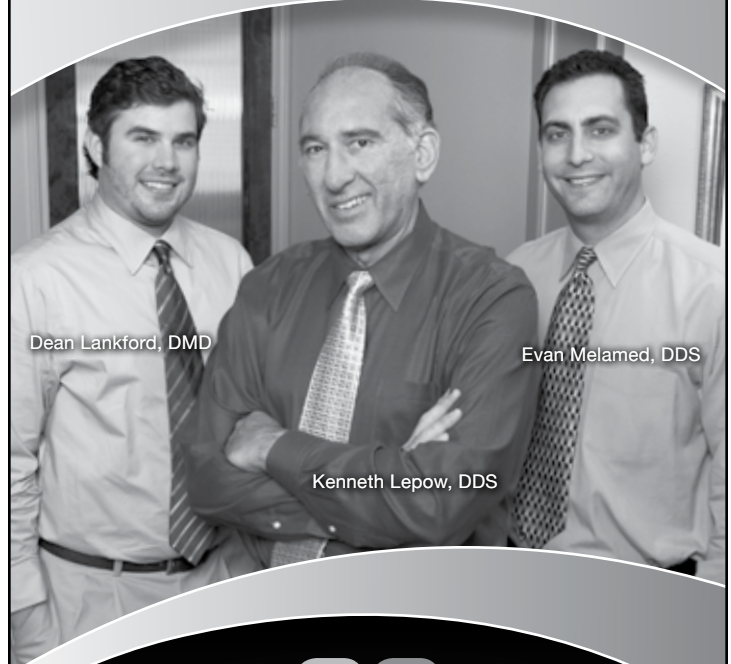


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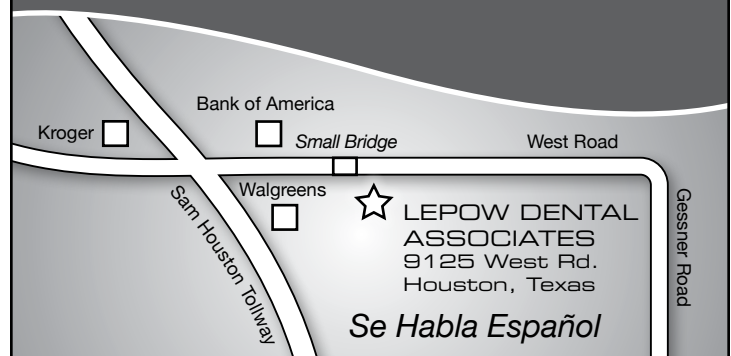
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<b>Average Price</b>	\$152,393	\$135,265	\$121,896
<b>Avg Price/sq.ft.</b>	\$68.25	\$61.69	\$62.16
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