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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

We had a wonderful turn out for our 2nd Annual National Night Out.

Our residents received first hand valuable information from our Deputies and area Deputies who came out to visit with our residents. They shared crime awareness tips as well as how to avoid being a victim. We also had a Crime Stopper table with lots of goodies as well as information from the Sheriffs office regarding Fugitives. The valuable lesson we all took away is that this is our neighborhood and together we must be responsible for and to each other to help keep it safe. It is unreasonable to believe that crime does not exist. It is reasonable to believe that together we can keep crime at a minimum. Please if you have any suspicions about people who do not belong or are acting in a suspicious manner CALL THE Sheriff's @ 713 221-6000. We want Winchester Country Residents to feel confident that the Board is doing everything to make Security in Winchester Country of the utmost importance for our Residents. We are still looking for Block Captains. This entails forwarding information that we receive directly from the Sheriffs department to our Residents. Most times this is just a quick blurb with little detail but a "be aware of" that the Sheriff distributes to Subdivision Security Coordinators. If you are interested in being a Block Captain please e-mail Vicki Hamm Vice President of Winchester Country Home Owners Association @ wcmavh@gmail.com. Thank you to all who attended. A special thank you to Debbie Dayton who distributed the Center Point Energy flash lights as well as other free gifts To all our residents who were unable to attend this year we certainly hope to see you all next year.

NOVEMBER

2	Special Election @ WC Clubhouse
7	Daylight Savings Time change (turn back your clocks)
11	Veteran's Day
12	Maintenance Board Meeting
22	Senior's Meeting @ Clubhouse – 6pm
24-28	CFISD Holiday
25	Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER

18	Cookies with Santa @ Clubhouse 1-3
18-31	CFISD Christmas Break
25	Christmas Day
27	Senior's Meeting @ Clubhouse – 6pm

JANUARY

1	New Years Day
1-4	CFISD Holiday
13	Maintenance Board Meeting
17	Martin Luther King (CFISD Holiday)
24	Seniors Meeting @ Clubhouse 6:30 pm

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Monday 5:00 – 7:00 PM

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Daylight Savings Time

On Sunday, November 7, 2010 at 2 a.m., Daylight Saving Time ends in the United States.

Every Spring we move our clocks one hour ahead and "lose" an hour during the night and each Fall we move our clocks back one hour and "gain" an extra hour. But Daylight Saving Time (and not Daylight Savings Time with an "s") wasn't just created to confuse our schedules.

The phrase "Spring forward, Fall back" helps people remember how Daylight Saving Time affects their clocks. At 2 a.m. on the second Sunday in March, we set our clocks forward one hour ahead of Standard Time ("Spring forward"). We "Fall back" at 2 a.m. on the first Sunday in November by setting our clock back one hour and thus returning to Standard Time.

The change to Daylight Saving Time allows us to use less energy in lighting our homes by taking advantage of the longer and later daylight hours. During the eight-month period of Daylight Saving Time, the names of time in each of the time zones in the U.S. (map) change as well. Eastern Standard Time (EST) becomes Eastern Daylight Time, Central Standard Time (CST) becomes Central Daylight Time (CDT), Mountain Standard Time (MST) becomes Mountain Daylight Time (MDT), Pacific Standard Time becomes Pacific Daylight Time (PDT), and so forth.

Daylight Saving Time was instituted in the United States during World War I in order to save energy for war production by taking advantage of the later hours of daylight between April and October. During World War II the federal government again required the states to observe the time change. Between the wars and after World War II, states and communities chose whether or not to observe Daylight Saving Time. In 1966, Congress passed the Uniform Time Act, which standardized the length of Daylight Saving Time.

Daylight Saving Time is four weeks longer since 2007 due to the passage of the Energy Policy Act in 2005. The Act extended Daylight Saving Time by four weeks from the second Sunday of March to the first Sunday of November, with the hope that it would save 10,000 barrels of oil each day through reduced use of power by businesses during daylight hours. Unfortunately, it is exceedingly difficult to determine energy savings from Daylight Saving Time and based on a variety of factors, it is possible that little or no energy is saved by Daylight Saving Time.

Arizona (except some Indian Reservations), Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and American Samoa have chosen not to observe Daylight Saving Time. This choice does make sense for the areas closer to the equator because the days are more consistent in length throughout the year.

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History of Veterans Day

World War I – known at the time as "The Great War" - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of "the war to end all wars."

Soldiers of the 353rd Infantry near a church at Stenay, Meuse in France, wait for the end of hostilities. This photo was taken at 10:58 a.m., on November 11, 1918, two minutes before the armistice ending World War I went into effect

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: "To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations…"

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

Whereas the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and Whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and

Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.

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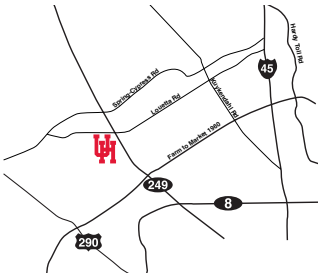

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An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as "Armistice Day." Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor veterans of World War I, but in 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word "Armistice" and inserting in its place the word "Veterans." With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American veterans of all wars.

Later that same year, on October 8th, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first "Veterans Day Proclamation" which stated: "In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all veterans, all veterans' organizations, and the entire citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible."

President Eisenhower signing HR7786, changing Armistice Day to Veterans Day. From left: Alvin J. King, Wayne Richards, Arthur J. Connell, John T. Nation, Edward Rees, Richard L. Trombla, Howard W. Watts

On that same day, President Eisenhower sent a letter to the Honorable Harvey V. Higley, Administrator of Veterans' Affairs (VA), designating him as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee.

In 1958, the White House advised VA's General Counsel that the 1954 designation of the VA Administrator as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee applied to all subsequent VA Administrators. Since March 1989 when VA was elevated to a cabinet level department, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has served as the committee's chairman.

The Uniform Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates.

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The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans service organizations and the American people.

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

To All of Our Veterans Here in Winchester Country,
THANK YOU!

- PFC Garrett H. Carlson – US Army
- Ken Floyd veteran of the U.S. Army; Serviced from 1968 thru 1971; Vietnam Service.
- Sgt. Mathew L. McMurtry
- Sgt. Cody L. Oldham

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving or Thanksgiving Day, currently celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November, has been an annual tradition in the United States since 1863. Thanksgiving was historically a religious observation to give thanks to God.

It is thought that the first Thanksgiving was celebrated to give thanks to God for helping the Pilgrims of Plymouth Colony survive their first brutal winter in New England. The first Thanksgiving feast lasted three days providing enough food for 53 pilgrims and 90 Native Americans. The feast consisted of fowl, venison, fish, lobster, clams, berries, fruit, pumpkin, and squash. William Bradford's note that, "besides waterfowl, there was great store of wild turkeys, of which they took many," probably gave rise to the American tradition of eating turkey at Thanksgiving.

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6. Add an antenna
7. Install siding
8. Install a patio or patio cover
9. Replace garage doors
10. Add a room addition
11. Add a pool
12. Add a deck
13. Add a basketball goal
14. Add solar/screen windows or doors
15. Replace your mailbox
16. Add burglar bars
17. Add landscaping
18. Add sidewalks
19. Add exterior lighting

An ACC application must be completely filled out by the resident and mailed to SCS. SCS will approve the application and notify the resident. If they have any questions SCS might contact the board member responsible for Architectural review for further explanation of the improvement.

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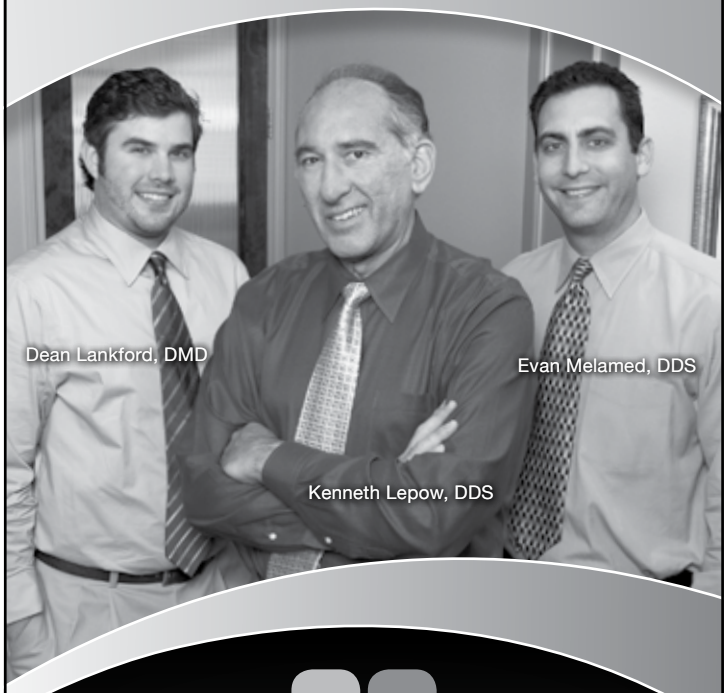

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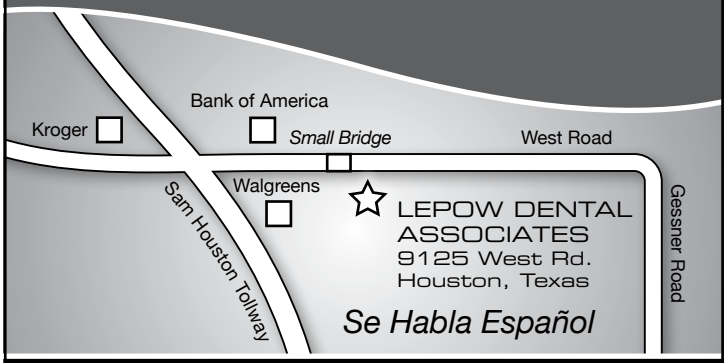

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Subdivision: _____ Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

Owner Name: _____ Home Phone: _____

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Please check the improvements applicable to your request and see the reverse for additional information that may be required:

Who will perform work? _____

☐ Repair Exterior Wood	☐ Replace Siding	☐ Paint- Circle Residence/Trim
☐ Repair Roof	☐ Replace Garage Door	☐ Install Patio
☐ Repair and/or install Fence	☐ Replace Front Door	☐ Room Addition
☐ Repair Exterior Brick	☐ Replace Roof	☐ Install Patio Cover
☐ Spa	☐ Replace mailbox	☐ Install Basketball Goal

☐ Landscaping- circle what applies- planter box, trees plant or remove, permanent flower bed structure

☐ Add Separate Structure or Building (Storage, Fort/Jungle Gym, Satellite Dish, Dog House, Flag Pole, etc.)

☐ Other _____

INSTRUCTIONS

Submit your survey map and then insert any proposed addition (room, outbuilding, fence, etc.). Feel free to enclose photographs, sales literature, catalog pages, etc. Your application will be returned if samples of paint and other materials and the survey map are not attached.

INFORMATION REQUIRED:

1 Exterior Painting- attach 2 copies of your color choice to the bottom of the page. **If you are applying for a base paint color with a different color trim, please include two samples of each color.**

2 Roofing Materials- Attach a small sample of the shingle to box on reverse side. State type, weight and color of shingles

3 Addition of fence, other structure (greenhouse, fort/jungle gym, satellite dish, etc) – draw location of improvement on survey map and give dimensions including height, length, width and distance from each fence; list construction materials to be used

4 New Construction, Room additions and outbuildings – survey map with location of addition drawn plus elevation and side view: show windows, doors, slope of roof etc. Indicate all construction materials for exterior walls and roof, and submit samples of each.

5 Pool requirements – location and size of pool and approval letters from MUD District and County permit. Submit plat map.

6 Backyard landscaping for Lake Lots must submit survey map and plants to be used.

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____a. color selection is not approved shade

____b. height or size limitations are exceeded

____c. placement on lot appears to violate front set-back lines or side/rear easements

____d. construction materials are not in accordance with guidelines

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