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Congrats High School & College Graduates!

We would like to recognize all the seniors in Village Creek for 2011! Proud parents and students can share a photo and bio to be published in the Village Gazette by submitting them to tomandlanacb@sbcglobal.net by the 8th. Tell us about your accomplishments and future plans so your neighbors can celebrate this important milestone!



Class of 2011

Two HOA Positions Open

Two of our HOA positions, president-Don Rumsey and Sharon Gabbert, will expire in July, 2011. The community needs residents that are willing to serve to keep Village Creek running smoothly and effectively. If you are interested in volunteering for the 2 year term please submit a written letter to Kay Serventi at Chaparral Management by June 10. The letter needs to contain your name, address, our subdivision name, and why you would like to run for HOA. Mail the letter to:

Chaparral Management
Kay Serventi
P. O. Box 681007
Houston, TX 77268-1007

Once the letters are received, Kay will then add you to the ballot. The voting will take place at our Annual HOA meeting July 18. We encourage everyone to come out and support all of the nominees.

Community Safety

Everyone wants their community to be a safe place to live. That is why it is so important that we all stay aware of activity around our homes and common areas. The first line of defense is to get to know your neighbors, especially those of us who are home all day as they can become the "window watchers" while others are at work. When we are all concerned and aware of who should and shouldn't be on our street, it makes it hard for criminals to find opportunity. Remember that people who are committing crimes think that no one is looking and they are counting on the fact that we are a community of strangers.

Please do not hesitate to call the Constable to report suspicious activity (281-376-3472). It won't take long for people to get the idea that our neighborhood won't hesitate to call the police when things are out of place or odd. As Crime Stoppers puts it, "We are the eyes and ears of law enforcement". Although it is not our job to police our community, we must be willing to get involved when we see wrongdoing. If you have any information about any past or present unlawful activity in our subdivision please do the right thing for everyone by reporting it to the Constable to prevent further harm.

On a final note, please remember that damages to our subdivision, even when accidental, cost us all money. Our HOA board also stands firmly on their position to prosecute any and all damages to our community. Our role as residents of Village Creek is not to be vigilantes, but to care and be alert in order to prevent crime, around and near our homes. Together along with our local Constable unit, we can keep Village Creek a safe place to live.

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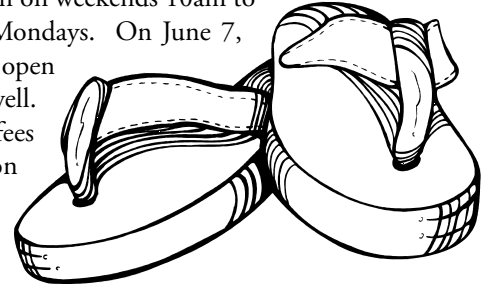
Also, we would like to thank Sharon Gabbert, Tracy McCoy, Natalie Stepanski, Amy Hyden, LeAnn Karsten, Jennifer Fox, Caren Seal, Paris Gabbert and Sydney Stepanski for helping stuff 1130 Easter eggs for the Easter Party. A big thank you to Chick-Fil-A @ 249/Jones for donating free ice cream coupons to the Village Creek Easter Egg Hunt.

Friendly Reminder

The Harris County Animal Control considers all animals off leash as a stray. This includes animals with rabies tags and in their own front yards. Please help prevent pet loss by securing your pet in an enclosed area or kept on a leash at all times. Also, please remember to not to walk your dog on a neighbor's yard and always pick up after them.

Pool Season 2011

The pool season will open Memorial Day, May 30, 2011. Pool cards will be the same as the cards from 2009-2010 seasons. If you did not get one of the updated pool cards or you need a new one you can pick one up at Chaparral Management offices at 6630 Cypresswood Drive, Suite 100, Spring, TX 77379 (281-537-0957). The pool and splash pad will be open on weekends 10am to 8pm and closed on Mondays. On June 7, the pool area will be open during weekdays as well. As long as your HOA fees are paid or current on your payment plan you can pick up a pool card.



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Colin's Hope Night at Eastside Movies in the Park
Tuesday, May 3rd, Doors open at 6PM, Movie at sundown
Join us at The Expedition School Lagoon (On Lady Bird Lake in East Austin next to Fiesta Gardens) for a screening of Whale Rider. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the movie under the stars.

Colin's Hope Day at Schlitterbahn-New Braunfels
Saturday, May 21st
Join us for a day to promote Water Safety and Drowning Prevention at Schlitterbahn-New Braunfels! Special tickets are available from Colin's Hope. Email alissa.magnum@colinshope.org for more information.

For more info visit our website at www.colinshope.org

Village Creek Community Activities 2011 *Calendar of tentative events*

4th of July; To be determined

Back to School/Luau; Aug 13

Fall Garage Sale; Sept 23 and 24

Fall Festival; Oct 15

Christmas; Dec 10

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Recipe of the Month

CHOCOLATE CRINKLES

- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 squares unsweetened chocolate (melted)
- 4 eggs 2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 cups plus 2 level Tbsp. flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. salt

Mix oil, chocolate, & sugar. Blend in one egg at a time until well mixed. Add vanilla. Stir flour, baking powder, and salt into oil mixture. Chill several hours. Drop teaspoon of dough rolled into small balls into powdered sugar. Place 2" apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake 10-12 minutes at 350°. Do not overbake!

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Johnny Depp voices the scaly, heroic title character in "Rango."

RANGO



Starring:
*Johnny Depp,
Isla Fisher,
Abigail Breslin*

Director: Gore Verbinski ("Pirates of the Caribbean")

Written by: John Logan ("Gladiator")

Industrial Light and Magic sure knows how to make a great first impression. "Rango," the first-ever animated feature created by the George Lucas company, is an impressive adventure film set in the Old West featuring a scrawny pet chameleon as it's courageous hero.

When Rango (Johnny Depp), an aspiring thespian, strolls into the small town of Dirt after landing in the desert, he is given the chance to start on a clean slate and become whoever he wants in his new surroundings. No one in Dirt knows who he is, so he conjures up a few lies and jumps into character as a mysterious gunslinger who isn't afraid of anything the big, bad desert has to offer, including the villainous Rattlesnake Jake (Bill Nighy).

Reminiscent of the storyline in the 1986 comedy "The Three Amigos," the towns people, made up of some bizarre looking creatures, accept Rango into their dried-up community and make him sheriff when he accidentally kills a terrorizing hawk. As sheriff, it's now up to Rango to somehow bring water to the thirsty people of Dirt before more of them pack up and take off in search of the one thing they need to survive the desert heat.

As an animated spaghetti Western, "Rango" takes its original narrative and sets it on a dark and dangerous path most cartoons would never tread. Leave it to director Gore Verbinski, who teamed up with Depp in the first two "Pirates" movies, to find inspiration from Western classics like those from director Sergio Leone. Along with exquisite imagery and witty dialogue from the title character, "Rango" is an imaginative and sort of hallucinatory tribute (see if you can spot the "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" reference) to a genre most kids aren't exposed to nearly enough. With a lizard as the lead, this is as kid-friendly as it's going to get.



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OVERCOMING BARRIERS TO EXERCISE

Enjoyment, Time, & Know How

By Sarah S. Jordan, MS

We live in a busy world where creating and sticking with a regular exercise routine can be challenging. Many obstacles can stand in the way of our routine, including the enjoyment factor, time, and exercise know-how. But with a little creativity, planning, and dedication, the rewards can be oh so sweet! (Not to mention life changing.)

1st Barrier - I don't enjoy exercise.

For some people, exercise is simply not enjoyable. Think about what you did as a child as "play." Most likely, you enjoyed doing it. See if you can weave that into your workouts to make them more fun. Or make it social by exercising with a workout buddy or in a group setting.

Whenever I have people tell me that they just don't find exercise enjoyable, I work hard to find a mode of exercise that they do enjoy in order to get them started. Once they are moving more, eating smarter, and feel their hard work and activity paying off, it is much easier to find other modes of exercise to challenge them and help them see results. And I love watching exercise become fun for them and the thing that they look forward to in their day!

2nd Barrier - I just can't find the time.

If there is one thing that I have learned about my workouts since becoming a mother, it is that they will not happen if I wait for the time to open up in my day. I have to create, devote, and stick to the time I make for them. Here are some tips for making more time for exercise:

- ANY exercise is better than none. Even if you just have 15 minutes, take it. Your body and mind will be glad you did, and 15 minutes a day can add up to great things over time!
- Put exercise on your calendar and treat it like you would a mandatory meeting.
- Find a reliable workout partner. This not only makes workouts more fun, but it holds you accountable to show up.
- Invest in a personal trainer. They can create an individualized workout plan that fits your lifestyle and goals, and equip you with an incredible amount of education on healthy living.
- Make use of the early hours. Getting workouts in before the busy

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day kicks off ensures that they happen, and the entire day will be so much better because of it!

- Make it a family tradition. What a cool thing to expose our kids to - families moving together!
- Find what works for YOU. For some people, joining a gym is the most convenient option. If that is not realistic for you, find other activities, classes, and opportunities in your area.
- Don't give up. If you are not reaching your goals, determine what is not working and create a roadmap to resolve it. Remember that fitness is a lifestyle and it goes through ups and downs, but always benefits us if we persevere.

The other important thing is to make the time we do have count in the biggest ways possible. If we have just thirty minutes three days a week to exercise, it is essential that we step up the intensity of those workouts to get the most we can for our time. If duration is short, we need to increase intensity. Add intervals and hills to your routine, or find a fitness class or DVD that offers a combination of cardio and strength training.

3rd Barrier - I don't know how to exercise.

In today's world, exercise videos and how-to's are literally at our fingertips online. We also have options for FitTV, DVDs, and opportunities at gyms, studios, and parks around town. Finding

what works for your schedule and lifestyle is essential, so test a few things out before you commit.

Here are some options for gaining exercise know-how:

- Talk to your doctor to get recommendations and approval when starting an exercise program.
- Use credible online resources. One that I use often is the "ACE Get Fit™" section at www.acefitness.org.
- Put it in the hands of a professional and take out the guesswork by hiring an experienced personal trainer, or get involved in some group fitness classes.
- If you have a friend that is very fit and knows a lot about exercise, ask him/her if you can join them for their next exercise session.

We all know that it is not easy to make time to exercise. But we have the power to make choices that can shape our future based on how much we move now. Sometimes all it takes is one step in the right direction.



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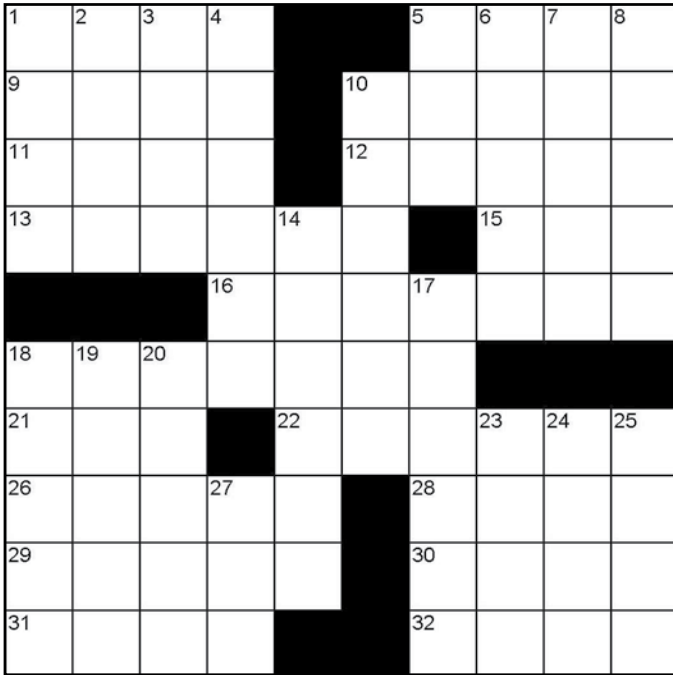
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