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Recreational Facilities Corner

by Rick Anderson

The pool season is well under way by now and the kids should be out of school by the time you read read thie Newsletter. We hope everyone is enjoying the season and the pool facilities so far and staying cool.

Pool tags have already been distributed and if you are looking to get your tags now, you will need to contact Crest Manangement who will prvide them to homeowner's for a fee of \$20/family. Pool tags will only be given to homeowner's who are in good standing with the Association (annual fees paid in full and no outstanding deed restriction violations). So please address these issues before requesting the pool tags.

Our Annual Pool Opening Party was held on Saturday (May 7). The Homeowner's Association sponsors this event every year. We had great weather, great food and a lot of fun with around 150 people joining us. I want to thanks our committee for planning and putting on this event, they are Bea Dryden, Darrell Heafner, Daniel Kurth and Cindy Byrne. We also had help during the event from Cissy Heafner (decorations, food) and Martin Mayne (announcer, music). Thanks to everyone who helped and attended this event.

On a side note, we would ask again for those of you who use the tennis courts to please turn off the lights when you leave an no one else is playing on the courts. Lights left on and no one playing at night costs us money, needlessly, for electricity. So please help us out and watch for this the next time you use them. Also, be courteous and pick up your trash from the tennis courts and place it in the trash cans outside of the fenced area. One more thing, if you are looking to to get a tennis court key, that request needs to be made to Crest Management and once again the homoeowner needs to be in good standing with the Homeowner's Association.

The Recreational Facilities Committee, began meeting in early April and will be meeting later this summer to plan the end of this year's and next year's efforts, which include the pool tag hand out process and Pool Opening Party as well as to look at our next projects for continuing to update and improve the facilities we have. So we really could use more help in this process and would welcome more volunteers. So if you are interested, please contact Rick Anderson at rick_anderson@efiglobal. com or call me at 281-890-4878. Thanks to you all for making this a great place to live and let's continue to have a great summer season.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

After a couple of months of relative quiet in the subdivision, there have been reports of a burglary in the Grove and just two days ago a resident on Harvest Dale had the tailgate stolen from a Ford F150 (parked in the driveway with tail end against garage). Remember to call the sheriff (713 221 6000 or 911 in an emergency), which is what the residents did in this case. Unfortunately many of us drive vehicles that are particularly popular with car thieves, so keep such vehicles in the garage if at all possible and make sure they are locked at all times.

VACATION:

If you go on vacation and would like to have the sheriff check on your house, call 281 290 2100. Be prepared to give the sheriff your name and address, contact phone numbers and dates when you are gone.

Herman and Shawn

NEED TO USE the baseball or soccer field in the detention pond?

Need the pavilion for a party? Make a reservation so you can be sure it's available! The calendar is online at http://my.calendars.net/worthamvillages

Once you check to see if the date is available, send me an email at park@mayne.us and I'll get you on the calendar too!

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Fire	
Sheriff's Department	
Poison Control	
NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS	
Ambulance	713-466-4073
Cy-Fair Med. Clinic (24 hr)	
Sheriff's Department	
Harris County Health Dept	713-440-4800 or 3036
Animal Control	
FBI	713-693-5000
UTILITIES: Electricity - HL&P	713-207-7777
Gas - Entex	713-659-2111
WATER & SEWER - MUD 222 (Mur	nicipal Operations)
Service & Billing	
Telephone - Southwestern Bell	713-237-6202
Cable TV - Comcast	713-341-1000
Street Lights	713-207-2222
Garbage & Recycling (Republic Waste)	
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May 7th through June 1st

Closed
10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
2:00 PM - 8:00 PM
2:00 PM - 8:00 PM
10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

June 2nd through August 21st

Mondays Tuesdays Wednesdays Thursdays Fridays Saturdays Sundays 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM 10:00 AM - 10:00 PM 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM 12:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Exceptions:

Saturday, June 11th (Swim Meet)* Saturday, June 18th (Swim Meet)* Monday, July 4th Tuesday, July 5th

August 22nd through September 5th Mondays through Fridays Saturdays Sundays Exceptions:

Monday, September 5th (Labor Day) 2 :00 PM - 9:00 PM

2:00 PM - 9;00 PM

10:00 AM - 9:00 PM 4:00PM - 9:00 PM

Closed 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM

10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

6 Worth-the-Price Fix-Ups

Simple and affordable do-it-yourself projects can greatly increase a home's resale value, according to HomeGain's annual home improvement and staging survey. The marketing company surveyed nearly 600 real estate professionals to discover which DIY home improvement projects give sellers the biggest return for their buck. **Here are six projects under \$1,000 (amounts are estimated) that made the list.**

I. Cleaning & decluttering. Remove any personal items, unclutter countertops, organize closets and shelves, and make home sparkling clean.

- \$290 COST | \$1,990 RETURN

2. Brightening. Clean all windows inside & out, replace old curtains, update lighting fixtures, and remove anything that blocks light from the window.

- \$375 COST | \$1,550 RETURN

3. Smart Staging. Rearrange furniture, bring in new accessories and furnishings to enhance rooms, incorporate artwork, and play soft music in the background.

- \$550 COST | \$2,194 RETURN

4. Landscaping enhancements. Add bark mulch, bushes, and flowers in front & back yards and make sure current plants are well cared for and manicured.

— \$540 COST | \$1,932 RETURN

5. Repairing electrical or plumbing. Fix leaks under sinks, remove any mildew stains, and ensure all plumbing is in good working order. Update the home's electrical with new wiring for modern appliances, fix any lights or outlets that don't work, and replace old plug points with new safety fixtures. — \$535 COST | \$1,505 RETURN

6. Replacing or shampooing dirty carpets. Steam-clean carpets, replace any worn carpets and repair any floor creaks. — \$647 COST | \$1,739 RETURN

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Wortham Villages GARBAGE COLLECTION INFORMATION HARRIS COUNTY MUD #222

Please note that your service days are MONDA Y AND THURSDAY.

As a friendly reminder, your household garbage should be placed at the curbside within five (5) feet of the paved roadway, by 7:00 a.m., in a waste container (trash must be bagged in container) not exceeding 35 gallons or in a plastic trash bag. All branches and tree limbs must be cut to four (4') lengths and tied in small bundles that can be lifted and handled by a single person. Bundles should be no larger than eighteen inches (18') in diameter and weight no more than fifty (40') pounds, and are collected on the second collection day of each week (Thursday).

In the event that one of the collection days falls on a holiday, we will collect your waste on the next regularly scheduled collection day (excluding Sunday). Scheduled holidays will include: New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, and Independence Day. In the event of an "Act of God", we will collect your waste on the following scheduled collection day.

Republic Waste (281 446 2030) will collect and dispose of all your residential garbage unless restricted by law or if the item would cause damage to the collection equipment. listed are some items that are restricted: cross ties, tires, solvents, paint, petroleum products, pool chemicals, fertilizer, herbicides, pesticides, hazardous materials/chemicals, logs or stumps, car batteries, soil, rocks, concrete, carpet, padding, construction material, medical waste, medical sharps and closed containers.

Refrigeration Units: Refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers or items that contain CFC's (Freon), by law, must have the gas removed by a licensed technician and be red tagged prior to collection.

Heavy Trash: Appliances, hot water heaters, mattresses, heavy or large volumes of yard waste and other white goods, appropriate for disposal shall be placed within five feet of the curbside by 7:00 a.m., and will be collected on the second collection day of each week (Thursday).

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Harris County MUD #222

Your weekly Recycle day is MONDAY. Please set bin out by 7AM.

Recyclable Material-Each of the following materials (*Note: GLASS containers are NOW accepted*):

- (a) Aluminum cans, trays and foil (clean)
- (b) Aseptic Packaging and Gable Top Containers (milk and juice cartons)
- (c) Steel cans and tin, Glass Bottles
- (d) PET soda, water and flavored beverage bottles
- (e) HDPE mi Ik, and juice jugs (#2 colored plastic resin)
- (f) PYC narrow neck containers only (#3 plastic resin) such as health and beauty aid products and household cleaners
- (g) LDPE grocery containers (#4 plastic resin) such as margarine tubs, frozen dessert cups, six and twelve pack rings
- (h) PP Grocery Containers (#5 plastic resin) such as yogurt cups and narrow neck syrup and ketchup bottles #7 plastic resin narrow neck containers only
- (i) Plastic buckets such as kitty litter containers (5-gallon maximum size)



- (j) Newspaper, including inserts (remove plastic sleeves)
- (k) Cardboard (no waxed cardboard)
- (I) Kraft (brown paper) bags
- (m) Magazines, catalogs and telephone books
- (n) Office, computer, notebook and gift-wrap paper, no metal clips, spirals or binders
- (0) Chipboard (cereal, cake and food mix boxes, gift boxes, etc)
- (p) Carrier stock (soda and beer can carrying cases)
- (q) Junk Mail and envelopes (no plastic cards. stick on labels or unused stamps)
- (r) Paper back books (no hard cover books)

Notes (for each of the above Residential Recyclable Material(s) (a) through (j):

- (i) All containers must be emptied and rinsed clean.
- (ii) No motor oil, insecticide. herbicide or hazardous chemical containers.
- (iii) Plastic bags should be returned to the grocery or department store.
- (iv) No plastic film (plastic sheets, tarps or wrap).
- (v) No expanded foam or clear polystyrene.





Wortham Villages FINANCIAL FOCUS Know Your Investment Risks — and How to Respond

When you invest, you take some risks. While you can't totally avoid these risks, you can take steps to help reduce their impact and increase your comfort level. And the more comfortable you are with your investments, the easier it will be to follow a long-term strategy that can help you meet your goals.

Let's look at the most common types of risk related to investing, along with some suggestions on helping to reduce these risks:

Losing principal — This type of risk is most closely associated with investing. For example, when you purchase a stock, you know that its value could go up or down. If it drops below your purchase price, and you then sell your shares, you will lose some of your principal.

Your response — You can't eliminate the risk of losing principal, but by owning a mix of stocks, bonds, government securities and other types of investments, you can help reduce the impact of volatility on your portfolio. Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss.

Losing value when interest rates change — This type of risk primarily affects fixed-income investments, such as bonds. If you purchase a bond that pays, say, a 4% interest rate, and the market rate goes up to 5%, then the value of your bond will drop because no one will be willing to pay you the full price for it when newer, higher-yielding bonds are available.

Your response — You can combat, or even ignore, interest rate risk by holding your bonds until they mature. By doing so, you'll get your full principal back, provided the issuer doesn't default, and you'll continue to receive regular interest payments unless the bonds are "called," or repurchased by the issuer. (You can help protect against this by purchasing bonds that have some degree of "call protection" and by owning bonds with different maturities.)

Losing purchasing power — This risk largely applies to fixed-rate investments such as certificates of deposit (CDs). To illustrate: If you purchase a CD that pays 2%, and the inflation rate is 3%, you are actually losing purchasing power.

Your response — Despite their vulnerability to inflation, CDs can offer you some valuable benefits, such as preservation of principal. Yet if you are concerned about fighting inflation, you may want to look for investments than have the potential to offer rising income, such as dividend-paying stocks. In fact, you can find stocks that have increased their dividends for many consecutive years. (Be

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aware, though, that companies can reduce or eliminate dividends at any time. Also, an investment in stocks fluctuates, and you could lose your principal.)

Apart from these individual techniques to reduce investment-related risk, you should also save early and save often — because the more money you accumulate, the greater your ability to follow a long-term strategy that reflects your personal risk tolerance. That's why it's a good idea to contribute as much as possible over the years to your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

By understanding the different types of investment risk, and by acting to help lessen them, you can reduce much of the stress sometimes associated with investing while you increase your prospects for achieving your objectives.

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Incident	Offense Total	Incident	Offense Total
911 Hang Up	2	Fraudulent Use ID	1
Accident/Minor	1	Information Call	1
Alarm Local	6	Meet the Citizen	6
Alarm/Rep.Site	1	Missing Person	1
Alarm/Sil/Pan/HU	1	MUD Building Check	29
Burglary/Hab	5	Open Door/Window	1
Burglary/Motveh	3	Parking Lot Check	1
Check Business	27	Runaway	1
Check Park	137	Solicitors	1
Child Cstdy Disp	1	Stranded MV	1
Contract Check	29	Suspicious Person	13
Disturbance/Fireworks	1	Traffic Hazard	1
Disturbance Loud Nois	e 2	Traffic Stop	46
Disturbance/Other	1	Vehicle Abandoned	4
Domestic/Prevent	1	Vehicle Suspicious	9
Forgery	1	1	

Incident Report



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MEET NATHAN

What is life like today for a typical ten year old boy? Skateboards, bicycles, computer games, school with kids he has known since he started kinder garden, neighborhood friends to hang out with, parents that make him clean his room and take a bath on a regular basis, but are always there for him; grandparents that spoil him? For a child in the foster care system, many of these things are missing. And those are the most important, namely the relationships with family and long term friends that tend to build trust and security that help the child develop a strong sense of self and build on self-esteem.

Meet Nathan, an active 10 year old child in foster care. He loves the Texas Longhorns and is a talented football and basketball player. He enjoys school, has lots of friends and is always respectful to his teacher. Nathan has so much potential for the future and in finding his forever home, he is destined to reach all of it!! Stability of loving relationships and predictability in a safe environment are essential elements to help each child reach their potential. Finding a "Forever Family" for a child like Nathan is critical to his continued growth and development. As long as kids like Nathan remain in the foster care system, they always have the mindset that tomorrow may mean another foster home, another school, another set of parents to adjust to. Could you help Nathan or other children like him to gain the trust and security that comes with having a permanent family?

Adopting a child from the foster care system requires little or no cost to the adoptive family and funding may be available to help the adoptive family support the child or sibling group.

For more information, please contact Stephanie Berka, Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiter, Adoption Coalition of Texas at



512-450-8750 or email at stephanieberka@ adopttexas.org

To learn more about the adoption process and the Adoption Coalition of Texas, please call Bruce Thompson at 512-301-2825 or visit our website at http://www. adoptioncoalitiontx.org





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	281-894-5821
	281-890-0598
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Lacagnina, Shawn & Kim	281-970-7604
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