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The 1st “ADULT SOCIAL” OF THE SEASON WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

The breezes blew gently through the leafy canopy of the old oak above us as we sat by the shimmering pool sipping our wine and watching the sun disappear slowly over the horizon surrounded by pink and blue cotton candy clouds. It was a perfect evening for kicking back and enjoying the comradery of old friends and the excitement of meeting new ones. Everyone contributed to the delightful smorgasbord of snacks we munched on while sharing our stories and getting to know one another (the chocolate dipped pretzels were especially yummy!) The frequent smiles and cheerful laughter were a testament to the success of the first “Adult Social” of the season! We all left at the end of the evening, looking forward to the next one on Sat. August 10th... come and join us, you'll be glad you did!

*For more info contact Angel Donato
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SAVE THE DATES

ADULT SOCIALS AT THE POOL

Sat. August 13th and Sat. September 10th

8pm at the Forest Creek Pool

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BACK TO SCHOOL SUMMER SPLASH PARTY & NEIGHBORHOOD BBQ

August 21st 4-7pm @ the Park and Pool.

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MOVIES IN THE PARK

Sat. Sept. 17th @ dusk – “Despicable Me”

Popcorn, lemonade, and glow bracelets will be provided- bring your own chairs, blankets, coolers etc, and don't forget, no glass bottles or containers! The door prizes were so popular at the last event, we will be making them a permanent feature! These door prizes are donated by members of Events Planning Committee, local and resident business owners, and community members. If you or someone you know has any kid friendly items they would like to donate, please call Michelle @ 565-9655

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You can find the guidelines and request form at the Forest Creek Website www.forestcreekhoa.org, or email us at kh@centexmanagement.com so we may provide you with the proper forms. We realize the inconvenience this has caused all of you, and would like to assist in helping you stay within the Forest Creek Deed Restrictions. Please consider your neighbors as leaving trash cans and bags at the street brings unwanted guests into the neighborhood such as larger birds, pests and even rodents.

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I HEARD IT THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE!

Eighteen bottles of dry, white wines from Spain, France, and Portugal were tasted and judged at the Forest Creek wine tasting held June 11, 2011, at the home of Jack and Liz Smith on Carnousty Cove. We tasted mainly sauvignon blanc, chardonnay, and Bordeaux from the years 2009 and 2010, with some Alborino and Chablis thrown in. We enjoyed appetizers, including several variations of bruschetta, pizza, quiche, fruits, and veggies. No one left complaining they were either thirsty or hungry! Take a look at the picture below so you can see the happy "winos"!

The winner of the blind tasting was Cindy Stearns with her Alsace Crustaces from France! It was the first wine we tasted! The second place wine was Fat Bastard 2009 Chardonnay.

To let everyone know exactly what we do, the hosts determine what wines to bring – and the cost must be under \$20. Wines are brought in brown paper bags, so no one

knows what wine it is they are drinking. Wines are judged individually (not against each other), on a scale from 1 to 10 – wines you don't like get the lower numbers; wines you would consider buying and really like will get higher numbers. The scores for each bottle are added together, and the bottle with the highest number of points wins. At the end, all the wines are revealed and we learn what it is we liked or did not like. There have been several times, Saturday night included, when we had more than one bottle of the same wine – which is fine – we didn't know that when drinking it.

Some people learned something that Saturday night – and something was refreshed in the memories of others. Number one: MOST PEOPLE (okay, Gary S., this doesn't necessarily include you!) may find it difficult to recognize repeats (more than one bottle of the same wine) --- for example, we had three

bottles of Martin Codax Alborino 2009 – the first bottle tasted was ranked 8, the second was ranked 15, and the third was ranked 12. There was even a larger spread in the ranking of the two bottles of Fat Bastard 2009 Chardonnay – the first bottle (which was the 8th one we tasted) was ranked 2 of 18, and the second bottle (which was the 12th one tasted) was ranked 16 of 18 – so, when it was first tasted, LOTS of people liked it; by the time it was tasted again, it ranked near the end.

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The two top wines.

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I Heard it Through the Grapevine- (Continued from Page 4)

Another thing we learned (the hard way!) was: Whites generally do not have the long shelf-life most reds enjoy. White wines, in general, should be consumed within 3 or so years after bottling. They definitely need to be stored laying down. Don't hold them in your wine racks or coolers thinking they will mature with age. It's been said un-oaked white wines have a shorter shelf-life than oaked whites, but even un-oaked should be good for 3 years. Further, non-vintage wines (those without a year on the label) are designed to be consumed within one to two years of production. Plastic corks are only designed for one to two years of storage. UV light also damages wine, so bottles should be kept in incandescent light or in shade.

Please contact Kathy Harkins at kathyharkins@wgmj.com or 299-9601 (work) or 238-9996 (home) if you would be interested in hosting an event or if you would like to be put on the "e-mail blast" so you receive notification of upcoming tastings. Events for September and October are already on the calendar – September 17 at Lora and Jay Weber (Rieslings) and October 8 or 15th at Tom and Vanessa Legere (Meritage).



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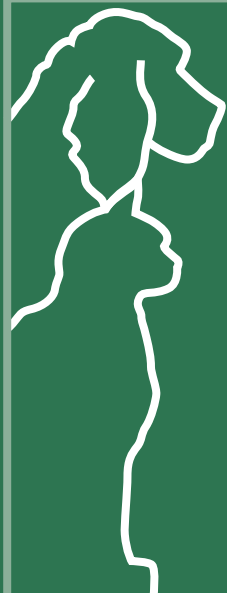
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Articles based on The Forest Creek Community experience are being sought for future editions of the Caddie. This is the perfect opportunity for residents to recognize an accomplishment of a friend or family member, express their opinions of our community, share information about clubs they may have formed that are open to other residents or reveal some little known history about our community! Notify all the scouting groups that their input is very welcome also! All articles, photos and inquiries should be sent to MyEnergyAngel@aol.com.

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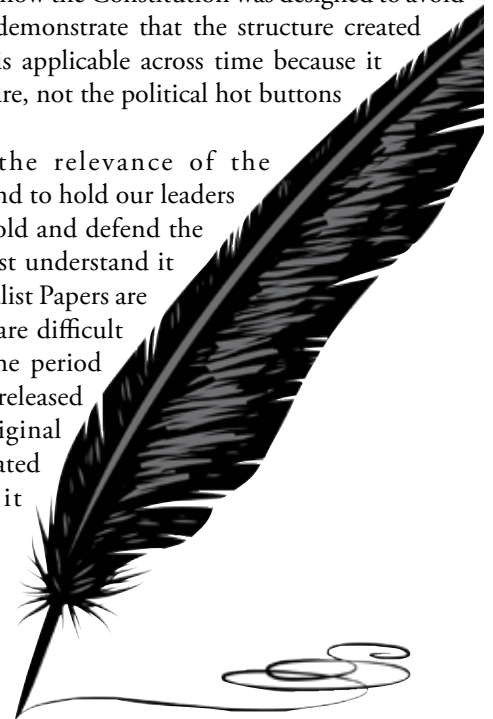
the Constitution as we know it today wasn't written until 1787, a decade after the Declaration of Independence? The 13 States (colonies) had banded together to fight for independence from the growing tyranny of the King of England, but only had The Articles of Confederation binding the 13 independent States together to fight for their common cause. This document and agreement between the States was fraught with problems that resulted in interstate problems both during the Revolutionary War as well as afterwards. A constitutional convention held in 1787 intended to "fix" some of the problems with the Articles of Confederation, but ultimately started over and created the Constitution that we see today.

Because the States were considered sovereign territories, they had to be convinced to relinquish some of their sovereignty to a federal government. There was much discussion among the population about the pros and cons of a federal government. During 1787 and 1788 many of the New York newspapers published a series of articles containing an explanation of the proposed Constitution, its elements and rational for States to agree to cede some power to the federal government by adopting the proposed Constitution. Today, this series of arguments is known as The Federalist Papers and is widely

used to gain insight into what the founding fathers intended when they wrote the Constitution, and why.

Even for those who have read the Constitution lately, The Federalist Papers are a critical part of understanding the Constitution. They help us understand the various parts of the structure of our Federal government, checks and balances, separation of powers, pluralism, representation, limited federal power, and much more. These articles reveal that the crafters of the Constitution had an expansive knowledge of history, the successes and failures of past governments, and a keen insight into the strengths and weaknesses of man and how they relate to the use and abuse of power. These arguments make it clear why and how the Constitution was designed to avoid these pitfalls. They demonstrate that the structure created by the Constitution is applicable across time because it addresses human nature, not the political hot buttons of the time.

To understand the relevance of the Constitution today and to hold our leaders to their word to uphold and defend the Constitution, we must understand it ourselves. The Federalist Papers are readily available but are difficult reading because of the period writing. A recently released book called The Original Argument is an updated printing bringing it into modern English and connecting it to today's environment.





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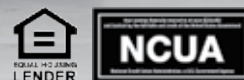
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ATTENTION!

TEENAGE JOB SEEKERS LIST UPDATE

It has been brought to my attention that over 70% of the teenage job seekers list needs to be updated, many are now older, some have moved out of the neighborhood and others have changed their phone numbers or have gotten new certifications. The most efficient way to revamp this list will be to scrap it and start over! Beginning with the October Issue Only those listings that were submitted since Jan. 1st 2011 will be included in the list. Anyone on the list prior to that will have to resubmit their name and information by the 9th of Sept. to be included in the Oct. Issue! All subsequent issues will include only info submitted after 1/1/2011 and before the 9th of the month prior to publication. Going forward, I ask that everyone on the list inform of us of any changes in your information as soon as they occur, so we can avoid this problem in the future!

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Submitted by: Brandi Muse

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Research shows that from birth to age five, development in all areas is rapid. Children form strong neural connections during this time as a result of experiences they have with everyone and everything they encounter. The quality of those early interactions determines how children continue to learn and form relationships, strongly influencing their future success and happiness.

“Parents should look for preschool, pre-K, kindergarten and first grade programs that take a balanced approach to developing motor,

social-emotional, creative and academic skills,” said Brandi Muse, of Primrose School at Summerwood. “It takes quality instruction, a well-rounded curriculum and a positive teacher relationship to prepare a child to succeed.”

- **Academics:** Let's go beyond concentrating only on basic math and reading skills. Academic success is not just about memorization – it requires learning how to think critically, use mathematical concepts, express curiosity and develop competence in language skills like listening, speaking and writing.
- **Technology:** In today's technology-rich world, children need to have a grasp of technology as a tool for creative expression and problem solving. Computers equipped with developmentally-appropriate educational software and online resources should be integrated into the classroom.

- **Physical Development:** Children who participate in daily physical activity develop basic motor skills like throwing, jumping and balance that help them become healthy adults. Physical activity also creates neural connections that support academic achievement.

- **Music and Art:** Young children naturally engage in “art,” or spontaneous, creative play, but when educators involve children in music and art activities regularly from an early age, they encourage cognitive and emotional development.

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When the beloved garden center, Pots & Plants closed its doors- several flamingos were injured in the move. You can help them return for the best care in town at The Hospital at Westlake by donating \$15. ALL profit in July, August and September benefits Colin's Hope. You can add to The Hospital at Westlake's flock, or start your own flock at home. Visit www.westlakemedical.com for more details or stop in The Hospital's Waterfall Café, 5656 Bee Caves Road, Building L, level 3 to sponsor your flamingo. Spread the word on Facebook and raise even more funds for Colin's Hope!



Friday, September 2nd- The 2nd Annual Got2Swim 4 (and 8) Miles for Colin's Hope

In celebration of Colin's Birthday on September 2nd, 50 swimmers will be heading down Lake Austin to the Walsh Boat Landing (near the Tom Miller Dam). Some of the swimmers will be going 4 miles while others will be swimming 8 miles. Their journey will be safeguarded by kayak Water Guardians, a team of volunteers and The Expedition School. The goal of this swim is to raise \$50,000 for Colin's Hope while raising awareness for water safety and drowning prevention. Please go to www.tinych.org/got2swim to meet our swimmers and make a pledge towards our \$50,000 goal. All funds raised from this event will go directly to Colin's Hope. Visit www.colinshope.org to find out where you can go on September 2nd to cheer on the swimmers.

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Children who drown often do not **scream, splash, or struggle**. They can silently slip beneath the water, even with adults & lifeguards present.