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## GREENTHUMB CORNER

The first cool spells are encouraging us to get out into the yard, even though it may look like a disaster area after a summer of punishing drought and heat. Let's hope for a better outlook next year and what better way to start off the year than with a bright display of bulbs. It's already time to be thinking about the spring bulbs, even though we're nowhere near winter yet. They've been in some stores for a while already, and newspaper articles and radio talk shows have been covering the annual topic. Even if you're not ready to plant yet, now is the time to buy while the selection is still good. Bulbs may be safely stored in the refrigerator, just like a regular vegetable, and can be planted this month or next (except for tulips), or you can even procrastinate until Christmas.

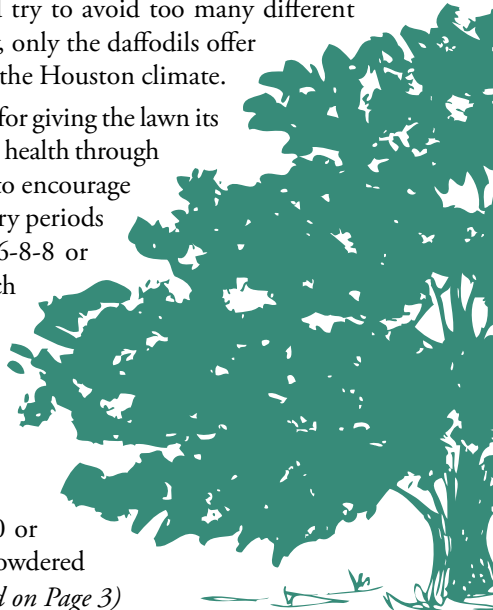
In addition to the usual daffodils and tulips, try Amaryllis, Anemone, Calla, Iris, Lilies, Narcissus, Oxalis and Ranunculus, and select a variety of early, mid and late bloomers to stretch out the flowering period. Plant in rich, loamy soil with lots of humus, and it helps to add bone meal at the bottom of the hole; planting depth is usually indicated on the packet, but a good rule of thumb is to use a depth of two or three times the width of the bulb.

Tulips require special treatment they need to be chilled (not frozen) for 45 to 60 days before planting, and the recommended planting time is between Christmas and New Year's Day. The best bulb display is usually obtained by mass plantings rather than single rows or small groups, and try to avoid too many different colors in the same area. Unfortunately, only the daffodils offer any hope of perennial performance in the Houston climate.

October is the recommended month for giving the lawn its final feeding of the year to promote root health through the winter, and it may also be needed to encourage some re-growth in areas damaged by dry periods earlier in the year. Use 15-5-10 or 16-8-8 or even a general-purpose 12-24-12. Watch out for Brown Patch (circular brown or yellow areas of grass); this is a fungus activated by cooler moist weather and is easily spread by people and pets walking across affected areas. Control with Terraclor granules.

Acid-loving azaleas like a pH of 5.0 or less, so check your soil and treat with powdered

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 2011

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National Neighbors Night Out  
6:00 - 9:00 PM

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4th Annual 65+ Trails Treasures' Luncheon  
11 AM - 2 PM  
Winchester Trails Clubhouse.

5

Board Elections  
7 PM at the Clubhouse.

7

Yom Kippur

10

Columbus Day observance  
CFISD Holiday

31

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



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The Northwest Houston Mothers of Multiples ([www.nwhmom.org](http://www.nwhmom.org)) is having a huge sale! Over 25 families with twins, triplets and more will be selling maternity, baby, toddler and children's clothing, toys, furniture, feeding supplies, carriers, you name it!

**DATE: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST**  
**TIME: 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM**  
**WHERE: KIDS R KIDS PARKING LOT**  
**ADDRESS: 10740 BARKER CYPRESS RD**  
**CYPRESS, TX 77433**

*Mark your calendars, tell your friends  
and come by and see for yourself!*

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sulfur or copperas. Sprinkle around the base of the shrub without disturbing the roots, and water in thoroughly. Groom as necessary and budding out should occur where cut.

Dig up and store caladium bulbs this month or next it's easier to locate them before the foliage dies back completely, and if left in the ground they may rot or freeze. Dry them in the shade, brush off any loose soil, dust with fungicide, and hang up in old pantyhose in the garage.

In the vegetable garden, plant strawberries between mid-October and mid-November in raised beds with good drainage, using slightly acid, rich, loose soil with lots of humus (bark mulch is good). Cabbage and collard plants can go in, and you can sow seeds for beets, turnips, carrots, lettuce, spinach, radishes and onions. Also try planting English garden peas this month or next for an early spring crop, but you may have to nurse them through any freezing spells.

*Phil Richards*

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10/01 - John Anton  
10/05 - Abigail Atchison  
10/08 - Ziran Vasquez  
10/14 - Connor Mitcham  
10/17 - Tate Janik  
10/30 - Luis Flores  
10/31 - Jacob Robinson

### NEW DRIVERS - HAPPY 16TH!

10/01 - Tatum McNeil  
10/07 - Elizabeth Dutcher  
10/12 - Mari Clement  
10/14 - Sarah Rentcome  
10/21 - Bruno Flores

### NEW VOTERS - HAPPY 18TH!

10/04 - Connor Neagli

10/14 - Caitlyn Cooney  
10/14 - Everett Neucere  
10/19 - Jarvis Howard  
10/30 - Weston Grove

### NEW ADULTS - HAPPY 21ST!

10/22 - Ankit Rajgariah

### HAPPY 5TH ANNIVERSARY!

10/14 - Mark & Dora Scott  
10/14 - Rick & Nicole Welch, Jr.

### HAPPY 10TH ANNIVERSARY!

10/20 - Chris & Angela Paschall

### HAPPY 15TH ANNIVERSARY!

10/24 - Todd & Zoe Stonebraker

*Melissa Zmerzlikar*

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#### CY-FAIR ISD & COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS - A WINNING TEAM!

The Cy-Fair ISD volunteer theme for this year is "Teamwork is Key" in recognition of the combined effort that it takes to ensure student success. Our school district fully understands and appreciates that it takes district administration, teachers, school staff, parents, community partners and volunteers each doing their part to give our children every possible opportunity to reach their full potential.

We are looking for community members who want to become Global Volunteers in order to be a part of our "team" and make a difference in the lives of children. If you are not the parent, grandparent or legal guardian of a student enrolled in the school at which you volunteer, you would be considered a Global Volunteer.

We have many volunteer opportunities available at a school near you. Individuals are needed to perform a full range of activities and we have training available for specific tasks such as vision and hearing screening, tutoring, mentoring, Junior Achievement, and other instructional presentations.

*If you have some free time and would like to learn more about becoming a Global Volunteer, please contact Kim Nash at [krnash1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:krnash1@sbcglobal.net) or call the CFISD Partners in Education Office at 281-894-3950. And remember: "TEAMWORK IS KEY"*



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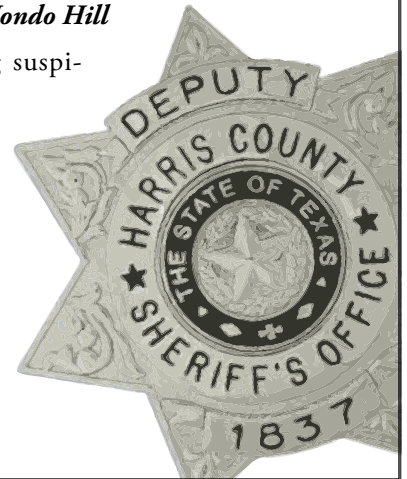
## Crime report

*August 2011*

According to the reports by the Harris County Sheriff's Office, published on <http://www.CrimeReports.com>, the crimes reported in the Winchester Trails neighborhood during the month of August 2011 are as follows:

### *Theft from Vehicle - Hondo Hill*

Please report anything suspicious to the Harris County Sheriff's Department at 713.221.6000.



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*Hey! Grab your keys, unlock your hidden talents and join our Volunteer Team this fall in the Cy-Fair Public Schools!*

The name of the team is “VIPS”(Volunteers in Public Schools). VIPS in Cy-Fair ISD center the attention of their service on supporting students and staff and making a significant contribution to the education of children. These dedicated individuals are just like you, they give freely of their time and resources; and they have an impact on the academic and personal development of our students. Cypress-Fairbanks ISD is fortunate to be able to draw from a terrific diversity of skills and knowledge in its community.

If you are interested in being a part of an exciting group of volunteers and making a difference in your Cy-Fair Schools, or would like more information, please feel free to contact Pam Scott, Partners in Education Director at 281-894-3950.

### CY-FAIR ISD VOLUNTEER OCTOBER 2011 EVENTS “Teamwork is Key”

#### OCTOBER 11.....PIE Mentor Training 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. - Berry Center

Training for individuals committed to serve as a role model and friend to CFISD students.

#### OCTOBER 14.....VIPS Fall Conference 8:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Berry Center

A day of informative workshops is offered to volunteers, staff, parents and community members designed to support the work of volunteers in all district schools. Registration forms are available in schools and in the PIE dept.

#### OCTOBER 19.....Hearing Certification Training 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Berry Center.

Become a State certified trained volunteer to assist your CFISD School in hearing testing for the students. Please RSVP to your school nurse by October 14.

#### OCTOBER 20.....Vision Certification Training 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Berry Center

Become a State certified trained volunteer to assist your CFISD School in vision testing for the students. Please RSVP to your school nurse by October 14.

#### OCTOBER 25.... Junior Achievement Volunteer Training 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Berry Center.

The purpose of Junior Achievement is to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, understand business and economics and be workforce ready.

#### OCTOBER 26.....Multicultural Meeting 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Berry Center

Open to all CFISD school staff, volunteers, parents and community members. The purpose of the CFISD Multicultural Committee is to raise the level of cultural understanding and respect by sharing information with the CFISD community to encourage cultural sensitivity and parental involvement to strengthen student success.

#### October 27 ..... Virtual Volunteer Training 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., ISC West

Training for Volunteer Coordinators to learn how to effectively and efficiently manage their campus Virtual Volunteer account.

#### *How to register for training:*

With the exception of Hearing and Vision Certification, register for training by emailing the PIE office at [vipsrsvp@cfisd.net](mailto:vipsrsvp@cfisd.net). Provide your name and the name and date of the training you wish to attend. Registration is required to guarantee a seat and training materials. *Adults only please.*

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