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Crime Stoppers Comes to Village Creek

Village Creek is serious about the protection of homeowners and property. Recently Crime Stoppers signs were added to the walking trails and entrances to the subdivision. These signs are a reminder for neighbors to report any illegal or suspicious activity to prevent more crime in our neighborhood. Crime Stoppers is a very successful program when implemented in communities. Read an excerpt from their organization:

MISSION STATEMENT

Crime Stoppers of Houston's mission is to solve and prevent serious crime in the Greater Houston area in partnership with citizens, media and the criminal justice system.

HISTORY OF CRIME STOPPERS

The original Crime Stoppers program was created in 1976 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Citizens were encouraged to call in crime tips and promised anonymity and cash rewards. Crime Stoppers of Houston was established in 1981 by a group of local business owners responding to the growing crime rate. Our program quickly became a world leader in helping law enforcement solve and prevent felony crime.

OUR PURPOSE

Crime Stoppers of Houston operates 713-222-TIPS, a telephone tip line. Information about criminal activity is received and transferred to law enforcement for immediate action. Callers are promised anonymity and cash rewards of up to \$5,000 in exchange for their accurate crime tips. Our organization provides a safe forum for citizens to report crime in their neighborhoods without the fear of retaliation. We are the eyes and ears of law enforcement in the community."

Source: <http://www.crime-stoppers.org/>

VC Web Site Gets an Upgrade

Village Creek now has a full service community web site! Our new web-site is found by visiting www.preferredmgt.com and selecting the Communities tab. First time registration is really easy, just go to the site and select communities. Once the search comes up enter in the first 5 letters of our community and Village Creek will show up. From here all you have to do is request a log on and you will be sent a log on to the resident portal of the site. Once your log on is emailed to you, go to the log on page and make that a favorite in your web browser.

The web-site is loaded with many awesome features and it is a secure site for our residents only! Once you are registered you will have the ability to post a classified ad, create a playgroup, find the social calendar, pay your dues, file an ACC request or join one of our new committees, and so much more! Here are just a few features to get you started:

Pay dues – Register under Pay Now to pay online before January 31 or go under the Announcements tab on left side and locate the 2012 Payment Plan document to request a payment plan. In addition from now on you will be able to view your yearly statements.

Lost pets – Please help free up emails on our Neighborhood Watch Yahoo group by using the Message Board to report Lost/Found pets. Block Captains this means you! Please familiarize yourself with posting information about lost and found pets to the Message Board and keep our Neighborhood Watch group for emergency and safety purposes only.

Documents – Need to do some home improvements or wonder what went on at the last Board meeting? On the Documents section you will find all of this info as well as forms you may need.

We hope that everyone finds the site easy to use and be visiting it frequently as more residents will be using it to stay connected for social events, photo galleries, announcements, and helpful neighborhood information.

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Constables Office 281-376-3472, www.cd4.hctx.net
Klein Fire Dept.281-376-4449
Poison Control Center800-764-7661
Willowbrook Methodist281-477-1000
EMERGENCY 24 HOUR LINE281-537-0957
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SCHOOLS

Tomball ISD281-357-3100, www.tomballisd.net
Willow Creek Elem (K-4).....281-357-3080
Northpointe Int (5-6).....281-357-3020
Willow Wood Jr (7-8)281-357-3030
Tomball High (9-12).....281-357-3220
Tomball Memorial High School.....281-357-3230
Transportation.....281-357-3193

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SERVICES

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CenterPoint-Gas.....713-659-2111
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Domestic Violence281-401-6250
FBI.....713-693-5000
Harris County Animal Control281-999-3191
Houston Chronicle713-220-7211
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Municipal District Services (24 hrs)281-290-6500
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Sex Offenders www.familywatchdog.us
Comcast - Cable/High Speed Internet.....713-341-1000
Waste Management713-686-6666
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Recycling Fri (only newspapers/#1 & 2 plastics/aluminum cans)
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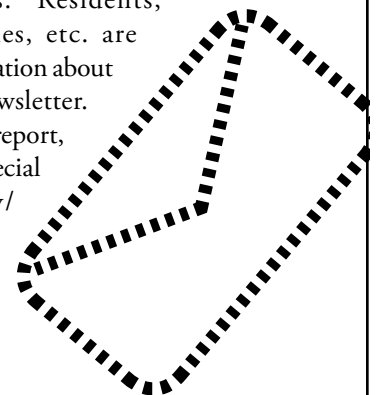
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Attention Village Creek:

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Solicitor Alert

Recently our neighborhood has had an increase in door to door solicitors. First Amendment rights give solicitors the right to walk on county roads and knock on doors. However, in March of 2011, Tomball Councilman Mark Stoll began looking at how we could toughen the rules surrounding door to door soliciting, more specifically door to door sales solicitation. Stoll proposed tougher fines for solicitors selling without a permit as well as limiting the number of solicitors the companies can bring into each neighborhood. If you want to get involved please reach out to this Councilman to let him know how you feel about this issue. His email address is mstoll@ci.tomball.tx.us.

Although solicitors have the right to walk up to a home, they must leave immediately at the homeowner's request or face trespassing charges. The Tomball Chief of Police, Robert Hauck, says that if a homeowner sees any suspicious activity or the solicitor becomes combative in any way residents should call the constable at 281-376-3472 to report a suspicious person. When residents report suspicious or harassing persons more frequently it will discourage the repeat offenders. Finally, never open your door to a solicitor if you don't see a form of identification such as a uniform or name tag. Safety is better than a sale!

Village Creek Birthdays

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2011 Village Creek Christmas Light Contest

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Most Festive

17406 Sunset Arbor

Most Traditional

17623 Empress Cove

Best Overall

17107 Ligustrum Trail

Best Block

Mossy Ledge Dr. West

Honorable Mentions

17610 Empress Cove Lane

17603 Empress Cove Lane

12827 Mossy Ledge Dr.

17307 Eagle Ledge Dr.

12726 Holsberry Court

12730 Holsberry Court

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What Causes Sensitive Teeth & What To Do About It

Do you experience discomfort in your teeth? Do you find it difficult to drink icy or hot beverages? You may have a case of sensitive teeth. Luckily, it's very treatable. Find out what causes sensitive teeth and how to change your habits to avoid sensitivity.

What does it mean to have sensitive teeth?

If you experience pain or discomfort when consuming foods or beverages that are hot, cold, sweet, or sour; when brushing or flossing; or even when breathing sharp, cold air, you may have sensitive teeth.

What is the reason for sensitive teeth?

Common causes of tooth sensitivity:

- **Over-brushing** – brushing your teeth too hard may wear down enamel or irritate the gum line, causing it to recede and expose the tooth's sensitive roots.
- **Cracked teeth** – a crack or chip in your tooth may expose the underlying dentin or may fill with bacteria from plaque, causing the nerve to inflame.
- **Teeth grinding** – over time, grinding or clenching your teeth can erode enamel and expose dentin.
- **Gum disease** – gum disease leads to tooth decay which breaks down enamel; gum disease can also lead to infection which may attack the tooth's roots or cause the gum line to recede.
- **Tooth whitening** – using products with peroxide or baking soda can seriously aggravate exposed roots or dentin.
- **Age** – studies have shown that tooth sensitivity occurs most often in people between the ages of 25 and 30.

It is possible to experience tooth sensitivity after routine dental procedures such as the placement of a filling or crown, tooth restoration, or even tooth cleaning. Such sensitivity is temporary; if it does not cease after four to six weeks please consult your dentist.

How should I take care of my teeth if they are sensitive? Tooth sensitivity is very treatable, no matter what the cause. Here are a few remedies you can take advantage of at home:

Try a **desensitizing toothpaste** which contains chemicals that block sensations like hot and cold from reaching the nerves in your teeth. Use a **soft-bristled toothbrush** that will be gentler on both your teeth and gums. Switch to a **fluoride mouthwash**. **Avoid acidic foods** such as tea, tomatoes, and citrus fruits. Maintain **good oral hygiene** by brushing twice every day and flossing once daily.

Depending on the cause and severity of your sensitivity, you may benefit from professional treatment. If you suffer from sensitive teeth, please be sure to contact your dentist. We can set up an appointment to discuss what is bothering you and determine the best way to address the problem.

Submitted by Dr. Flury



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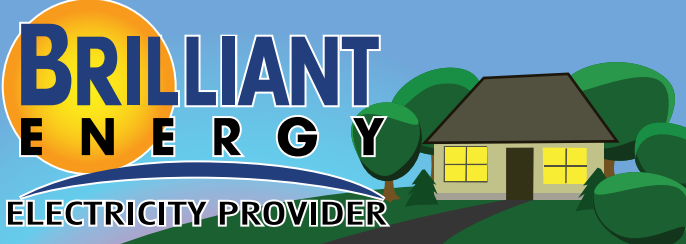
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Paris Potatoes

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1 C sour cream
2 C creamed cottage cheese
1 C green onions & tops, finely chopped
½ tsp. garlic salt, optional
salt & pepper to taste
1 C shredded cheddar cheese

Parcook diced potatoes in boiling water until crispy tender. Drain, and combine potatoes with all ingredients except cheese. Baked in buttered 13 x 9" baking dish at 350° for 30 minutes or until sauce is bubbly. Sprinkle with cheese during last 10 minutes of baking time.

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