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Letter from the President

Greetings,

In the last edition of the newsletter, I indicated that the pool will be closing on Sundays at 8:00 PM. A further update is that the pool will be closing at 8:00 PM all days.

This year, the way the school calendar worked out, we had an extra week in which the pool was to be open. So in order to control costs, the Board decided to remove the extra hour from all evenings. We certainly value your input, and if you have a concern over the hours, please let us know.

Pool tags will be available in late April, and applications for the tags can be found on the website, in a mailing, or during the registration hours by the pool.

Also, if you have not done so already, please consider providing your email address on the pool tag application form. This is a way for us to be in touch with the Trails. Many volunteers work to make sure our means of communication are effective and timely. These volunteers send out e-blasts for security issues, lost pets, and other pertinent information.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4 in the clubhouse. Should the date of the meeting change, the new time will be posted in various locations including the website. We hope to see you there.

Until next month...

GREEN THUMB CORNER

Spring is here again and the onset of warmer weather is promoting vigorous growth, so it's time to get busy in the yard and garden to keep pace with nature. There are lots of colorful bedding plants in all the nurseries and April is a good time for planting if you didn't take care of it last month. For best results, make sure the beds are raised and take the time to cultivate the soil and add lots of organic material. Keep the transplants well watered and give them a boost with a weak "starter solution" made by mixing a tablespoon of 12-24-12 in a gallon of water. Avoid heavy feeding until plants are well established.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 2011

1	April Fool's Day
4	Maintenance Board Meeting 7p.m.
TBD	Children's Easter Party at the clubhouse
6	Good Friday - CFISD Student Holiday
8	Easter
14	Community Garage Sale 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
21	Community pool tag registration at the pool 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
22	Earth Day
22	Good Friday; CFISD Student Holiday
23 pool	Community pool tag registration at the (10AM - 2PM)

TIME FOR THE WINCHESTER TRAILS GARAGE SALE!

*Get out and meet your neighbors at the
neighborhood-wide garage sale on April
14th!*

Winchester Trails

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Crime report

December 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 February 2012 are as follows.

No crimes reported

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



NOT AVAILABLE
ONLINE

YARD OF THE MONTH



9003 Bent Spur Lane
Roy and Donna Wilson

Congratulations!

Independence Day Celebration Coordinator Needed

We need one or two people to serve as coordinators of the neighborhood Independence Day celebration in July. This is a fun neighborhood parade and pool event that everyone looks forward to. Won't you spend a few hours of your time to help make it a great event this year? Contact Paulette Walker at 281-894-5708 or at paulette_walker@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Northwest Houston Moms of Multiples Buy/Sell Event

The Northwest Houston Moms of Multiples group is having their bi-annual Buy/Sell on Saturday, April 21, 2012! We will be selling every kind of baby gear, baby clothes, kids clothes, maternity clothes, toys, furniture, games, household items, and more!! Come see us!

*The KidsRKids parking lot
10740 Barker Cypress
Cypress, Texas. 77433*

Come early and bring cash!

Saturday, April 21, 2012 from 7am-12pm

This is a Multiple Family sale with lots of great stuff! See you there!

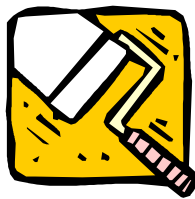
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2012 Swim Season at Winchester Trails Pool

Your community pool opens Saturday, May 5, 2012. Final swim day will be Monday, September 3rd. Registration Forms will be mailed to each home. There must be a pool tag purchased for each child and adult. Each registration form must have **TWO Emergency Telephone Numbers**. Children three years or older require a pool tag. Finally, **homeowners MUST BE CURRENT on maintenance fees** to purchase pool tags. Maintenance fees cannot be paid on Pool Tag Day. 2012 Pool Tag Registration days will be the Saturdays of **April 21 & April 28**, at the pool, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tags will be available BY MAIL ONLY after tag days; 5-10 days delivery.

The following qualifications must be met in order to use the facilities:

- Must wear swim tags while at the pool.
- Must be a Trails resident member and/or with the guest of a resident or member.
- Must be current on annual maintenance fees and in compliance with Deed Restrictions.
- All swimmers will abide by lifeguard's instructions. Lifeguards have approval to remove any person/child.
- Anyone banned from the pool must have a parent contact a Board member to reinstate.

- Two Emergency Phone Numbers will be required for the safety of each swimmer.

- New closing hours. The pool will close at 8 p.m. vs. 9 p.m. We do not have attendance numbers to support the last hour.

Pool tags will be available for residents whose maintenance fees are current, for the cost of \$1.00 per tag. Please note that maintenance fees must be **paid two weeks (14) days prior to purchasing tags**. Any question regarding maintenance fees refer to PCMI. Tags will be issued based on the number of full-time household members listed. Guest tags are available during regular pool hours and cost \$1.00 per day (no change available). Guest must be accompanied by a resident. **REPLACEMENT TAGS FOR LOST OR STOLEN TAGS WILL BE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE HOMEOWNER and can only be replaced through PCMI's mail-in directions listed below.**

After April 28, homeowners must purchase tags **through the postal** from PCMI. Residents cannot drive to PCMI and pick-up tags. Mail Registration forms to PCMI @ PO Box 219223 Houston, TX 77218, along with a \$5.00 administration fee and \$1.00 per tag. **Mail-in purchases take 5-10 business days so MAIL EARLY! MAIL CHECKS ONLY!**

Registration Form and Pool Schedule can be downloaded from www.winchestertrails.com

Let's have a wonderful 2012 pool season! See you at the Pool...

POOL HOURS OF OPERATION

May 5 - May 27

Weekends Only

Saturday 10:00am to 8:00 p.m.

Sunday 12:00pm to 8:00 p.m.

May 28

Monday (open Memorial Day)

10:00am to 8:00pm

May 31 through Aug. 26

Monday 10:00am to 8:00pm

Tuesday CLOSED

Wednesday-Saturday

10:00am to 8:00pm

Sunday 12:00pm to 8:00pm

Aug. 27 - Sept. 3 (Weekends Only)

Saturday 10:00am to 8:00pm

Sunday 12:00pm to 8:00pm

Sept 3

Monday (open Labor Day)

10:00am to 8:00pm

**POOL SEASON CLOSES TUESDAY,
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WINCHESTER COUNTRY TRAILS MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION, INC. 2012 POOL REGISTRATION

8925 Rio Grande – Houston, Tx 77064

Date: _____

Please complete the information listed below and bring this form with you to Pool Tag Day Registration on April 21 & April 28 from 10am to 2pm. Tags will be available by MAIL thereafter & will take 5 to 10 days to receive. PCMI does not offer tag pickup from their office.

Pool tags will be issued to all property owners who have returned this form and have PAID ALL MAINTENANCE FEES AND ANY ACCRUED INTEREST IN FULL (in advance of tag day)

Last Name _____ Spouse Names _____

Street address _____ Email _____

*Emergency Contact _____ Phone #1 _____

*Alternate Emergency Contact _____ Phone #2 _____

☐ Check this box if you want your email address in the Trails directory.

☐ Check this box if you want to participate in the neighborhood E-Blast notices.
(i.e. security, Amber Alerts or other critical Trails information.)

NOTE: CHILDREN TEN YEARS OF AGE AND UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

CHILDREN THREE YEARS AND OLDER MUST HAVE TAGS.

Children's Names

Children's Birth Date

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Other Full-Time Residents _____

Renters Only -- Required authorization if you are renting. Please complete the owners name, address and phone below. You must provide written notification from owner that you are the tenant and have permission to use recreational facilities. Attach letter from owner to this registration form.

Owners Name _____ Phone # _____

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Spring Events At Hockley Soap Box Derby Park

Greater Houston Soap Box Derby (GHSBD) kicks off its 2012 season at the Harris County Pct. 3 Hockley Derby Park with the following events:

Saturday, April 14th - Super Kids Race (morning) and open track testing (afternoon)

Saturday, April 28th - NDR Rally Races (morning and afternoon)

Saturday, May 12th - Public Fun Day (free family event)

Soap Box Derby racing is a 75-year-old American youth tradition. Soap box racers are gravity powered with driver controlled steering and brakes. Stock, Super Stock and Masters car divisions exist for varying age, size, weight and skill levels. The cars for all three divisions are assembled from kits. A limited number of loaner cars are available for new drivers but must be reserved ahead of time to assure availability. Open track test days are provided for drivers and their race teams for practice runs and clinics to make sure their cars safe and competitive for the NDR Rally Races.

A Novice Division has been created to give younger, inexperienced racers age 7 and up an opportunity to develop the skills needed to drive a fully weighted car.

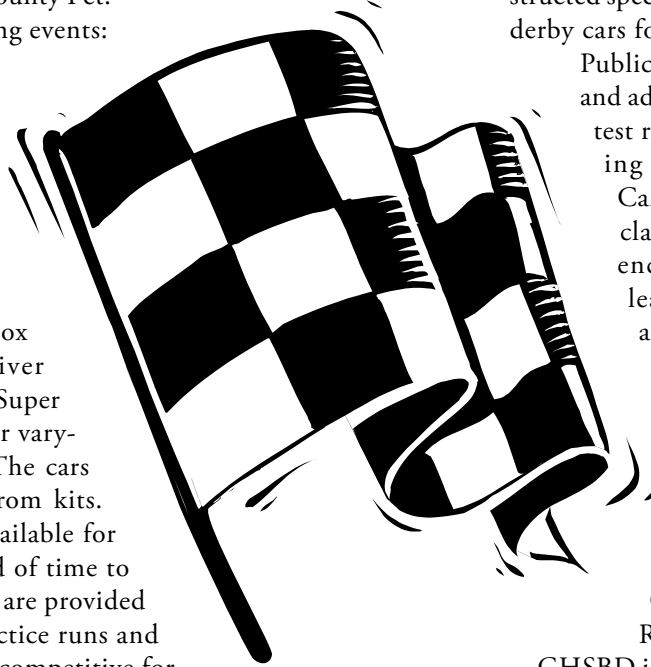
The Super Kids program promotes racing for children with

disabilities. Harris County Pct. 3 has constructed specially built two-seat, dual-control derby cars for use by Super Kids.

Public Fun Days are provided for kids and adults of all ages. Non-competitive test rides for kids and adults, including children with special needs. Cars provided, including adult-size classic style racers. Come experience the Thrill of the Hill and learn more about participating and volunteering in this family oriented sport

Harris County Pct. 3 Hockley Derby Park is the home of all GHSBD events. The park is located in the northwest corner of the county next to the Hockley Community Center. 28515 Old Washington Road, Hockley, TX 77447.

GHSBD is seeking participants and volunteers for the 2012 season and beyond. GHSBD was formed in 1994 as a charitable, non-profit, tax-exempt 501(C) 3 corporation and is run by volunteers for the benefit of today's youth. For more information about the derby and events and/or to join our mailing list, please visit our website at www.ghsbd.org.



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Green Thumb Corner - (Continued from Page 1)

Summer bulbs can be planted now - cannas, gladiolus, dahlia and caladium provide choices of color and height. Caladiums do well in shady areas, although the red varieties like some sunshine; for best results, wait until the soil temperature gets to 70 degrees. If you want instant color you can buy caladium plants rather than waiting a few weeks for the bulbs to produce results.

Regular readers probably get tired of the continual references to mulching, but it is important for all flowers, shrubs and trees. It helps retain moisture, stabilizes soil temperature, prevents caking or erosion of the soil, deters weeds and makes it easier to pull out those that do poke through, as well as enhancing appearance. Smells good, too! A 2" to 4" layer of coarse shredded pine bark mulch is ideal.

Azaleas may be pruned, and the feeding period begins now that blooming is over. The recommended regimen is two or three light feedings every four to six weeks between now and the end of June, using one of the special high-acid formulas. Or you can use general purpose 12-24-12 and supplement with a soil acidifier such as copperas. The high-phosphorous 12-24-12 is also good for roses and hibiscus, both of which like a monthly feeding schedule. Other spring-flowering shrubs such as spirea (bridal wreath) may be pruned after blooming, and you can prune and repot the poinsettias.

Chrysanthemums tend to spread like crazy, and it's a good idea to divide and transplant at the end of this month or early May. The new shoots will produce more vigorous growth than the old central roots. Chrysanthemums are biologically programmed to bloom in October when we have equal hours of daylight and darkness, but in our southern climate we may also get a bonus flowering session in spring after a mild winter. Throughout the summer, keep pinching back the tips for bushier growth and more blooms.

As the temperature starts climbing back into the 80's the chinch bugs are likely to be feeding on our carefully-tended grass again, and there isn't really any alternative to chemical treatment. Apply pesticide granules to the lawn and beds every six to eight weeks. This also controls fire ants and takes care of fleas and ticks, and a good application around the house foundation helps to keep cockroaches out.

An herb patch is an attractive and aromatic feature in the garden, as well as being very useful - it's great to be able to cook or garnish with freshly picked parsley, basil or cilantro. Plants are available at the nurseries, and basil and cilantro both grow very quickly from seed. Rosemary and oregano plants will survive for years in our climate, and mint is also perennial.

In the vegetable garden, beds prepared at least two weeks earlier are ready for planting seeds now that the soil is warming up. Beans, squash, cantaloupe, cucumber and corn are all rewarding crops which can provide a good harvest from a relatively small area. Okra and eggplant may be transplanted this month or next, and it's not too late for tomato and pepper plants.

THIS MONTH'S TIP: After completing the main weekend chores of mowing and edging, it's easy to overlook the final cleanup along the curb. A few minutes spent in sweeping up the clippings from the street will really enhance the appearance of your home and improve the quality of the neighborhood.

Phil Richards

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MILESTONES

NEW TEENAGERS - HAPPY 13TH!

04/14 - Joel Stephens

04/22 - Faith Henson

04/26 - Alyssa Copeland

NEW DRIVERS - HAPPY 16TH!

04/01 - Nancy Mondragon

04/03 - Ashton Korenek

04/15 - Matthew Bowen

04/28 - Jacob Calvert

NEW VOTERS - HAPPY 18TH!

04/11 - Brandon Slaven

04/12 - Allison Popovich

04/12 - Paige Popovich

04/13 - Christian Racey

04/21 - Julie You

NEW ADULTS - HAPPY 21ST!

04/26 - Ana Alza

HAPPY 5TH ANNIVERSARY!

04/21 - Cameron & Angie Boone

HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY!

04/11 - Jerry & Sandy Heard

04/25 - Ken & Monique Pacetti

HAPPY 30TH ANNIVERSARY!

04/03 - Tury & Pat Fernandez

04/17 - Chau & Rosalie Tran

04/23 - Robert & Kelly Henderson

04/24 - James & Julie Dodge

HAPPY 35TH ANNIVERSARY!

04/02 - Bob & Pam Badeaux

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY!

04/07 - John & Jeanie Sarantos

04/28 - John & Janet Neel

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