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## SPLINTERS FROM THE BOARD - AUGUST, 2012

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Renovation is once again the theme of this article in that this seems like it has taken forever but there is a lot of skilled craft work being done and this will look great when completed.

We had a few kinks and it's all getting worked out, everyone came out and flagged the utilities with the exception of AT&T so when they were pulling electrical wires they cut phone lines to 700 homes in the neighborhood which were promptly repaired.

Next we had the sign on N. Eldridge side put in incorrectly by our vendor and we decided on taking advantage of the error to relocate the sign to where the original sign was and it will face into the neighborhood and not N. Eldridge which is where it was mistakenly placed.

The weather has been hot in June and I wouldn't want to work labor in that heat but the guys did their job well but I'm sure that had to slow them down a bit. Now in July it has rained (no complaints from me as I recall last year's draught) and that has served to slow us down as well. The signs were covered in plastic since the July 4th holiday to help keep the plaster dry and ready for sandblasting our name on it. Hopefully, by the time you read this it will have been done. Then we will place the 'W' on the top square, lights are in and done!

As stated in last month's article we will be adding and upgrading all of our 'greenery' with new bushes, flowers and all that entails to include trees in front of the bridges so they will be concealed. The spot on Wortham Blvd at Azalea Creek that so many have complained about due to the sight obstruction of oncoming traffic will be trimmed down to solve this problem with the sign having been removed as well. Plus all of the trees will be professionally trimmed in the fall as that is what is recommended to us by the folks who do this work.

We have teamed with our friends in the M.U.D. to plant shrubs around the hike/bike trail and along the fence lines as you enter our portion of the neighborhood (when you cross the bridge) to hide the fences. We also put in a fence alongside the new structure to cover the utilities on the right side to keep this consistent look. We are having to do work in front of our clubhouse with standing water and raised sidewalks to drain and repair as necessary and spruce that up a bit as well.

You can see the double sided sign on Wortham finished with the plant bed being put in front of it and the sign is now 'hot' but we want to finish both signs and have the manufacturer of the signs agree that we're ready to go and then we will have the necessary program installed on two computers we purchased and train our folks and then get the signs going.

Another thing we're doing is to have M.U.D. along with us to look at our sidewalks as many are raised or dropped and this can happen in several situations being water leaks, more commonly tree roots, etc. The rule is that the homeowner is responsible for their sidewalks on their property so our first step is to try to determine what is going on. Once we get a

handle on what is causing so many sidewalks to 'move' I will advise in a future newsletter.

Folks have asked me from time to time about deed restrictions and past due fees on the homeowner's dues. We treat everyone the same and we have planned notices and letters to inform the homeowner of a past due fee or deed restriction. We send a series of letters with the 3rd notice the most serious where we have to send to an attorney for collection or correction depending on the situation.

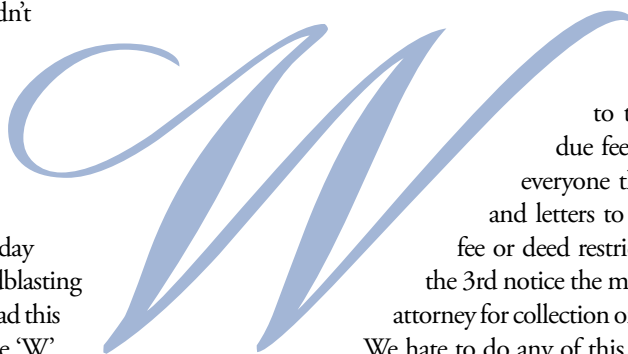
We hate to do any of this but this is an agreement we have with our management company, Crest Management and the purpose is consistency and to treat each and every homeowner the same way. I do know that once we use an attorney the fees mount up quickly and the dollar amounts change drastically so I urge everyone to correct whatever it is to avoid that situation. We have a great community and are very fortunate to keep this to a minimum as compared to other communities but you are all our neighbors and friends! A function of a management company is to be the liaison between homeowners and board members. All of this is designed to protect all homeowners and just as a reminder, all of the board members are also your neighbors, we all live in Wortham!

Again, we value your opinions, questions and comments so let us have it by e-mail to any and all of us in the contact section of this newsletter.

Thank you all for being such wonderful people, neighbors and friends. We are Wortham!

Wortham, we're looking good!

Make it a great day! See you at my table.



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Animal Control .....281-999-3191  
FBI .....713-693-5000  
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## Neighborhood Watch Corner

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*Herman and Shawn*

- Sheriff non-emergency number - 713 221 6000. Use 911 if you see suspicious activity or cannot get through on the general number.
- Vacation Watch (Sheriff) - 281 290 2100
- Emergency – 911
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## 2012 POOL SCHEDULE MAY 31ST - AUGUST 26TH

Mondays	4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Tuesdays-Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Fridays	10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Saturdays	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Sundays	12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

### **Exceptions:**

Saturday, June 2 & 16 (Swim Meet) - 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

## **AUGUST 27TH - SEPTEMBER 3RD**

Mondays - Fridays	Closed
Saturdays	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sundays	12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### **Exceptions:**

Monday, September 3rd (Labor Day) - 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

You will be required to wear your pool tags in the pool area. Guests will be allowed only as described in the Wortham Villages Pool Rules.

Children 12 and under are not permitted in the pool area without an adult.

## BETWEEN THE LANE LINES: The End, Until Next Year

*by Jonathan Armstrong*

Every year the Whiteshark season goes by too quickly. For 10 weeks each year the Whiteshark family works together, cheers together, and has fun together, and then it's over. But the memories live on. This year, once again, the Whitesharks had a fantastic season, leaving our marks on the record books, NWAL history, and on the hearts of our swimmers and families. All season we showed our teamwork, heart, and Whiteshark spirit, and incredibly, at the end-of-season Invitational meets the Whitesharks won BOTH the league championship (Ponderosa), and the next tier All Stars meet. This shows the exceptional talent, dedication, and enthusiasm the Whitesharks have for their sport and their team. Congratulations to all the Whitesharks, we are so proud of you.

For the last 18 years, the Whitesharks has been a great community activity, and the Wortham community has been very supportive in return. We know at times our activities inconvenience some of our neighbors, especially parking on the four meet days a year, and we do our best to minimize this, but we definitely appreciate everyone's patience as we instill positive values and great memories in our greatest asset, our children. Thank you Wortham for your support.

Thank you also to the tireless Whiteshark Board and committee heads, who make everything fall into place, especially our outgoing Board members, Michelle Gallagher and Dale Kelley, and our outgoing committee heads, Rick Anderson and Blake White. Your dedication to our team is simply extraordinary and you will be missed. Thank you to all the volunteers who dedicate your time to not only making it all work, but making it a great experience for everyone, and thank you to all our Whiteshark families for your loyalty and enthusiasm. Your Whiteshark spirit is the heart of this team. And I could not say goodbye to the season without also saying goodbye to our graduating 18 year olds, whose dedication over many years with the Whitesharks touches my heart and inspires us all: Damian Del Signore, Kailey Harris, Jacob Leffer, Trevor Mendes, Conner Patrick, Robert Rodriguez, Allie Ryan, and Connor White.

So that's all for now, until next year, when we storm the pool again and make more memories. Enjoy your summer, and enjoy the Olympics! Perhaps it will inspire your family to eagerly anticipate the 2013 Whiteshark season.





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## Two-Time Olympian *Jonathan Horton*



I just wanted to brag a little on my son, Jonathan. He is now a two-time Olympian. He was selected to represent the USA in Men's Gymnastics at the 2012 London Olympics at the end of the month. Proud parents are Al and Margo Horton, Wortham residents. He is a Cy-Fair H.S. 2004 graduate, trains at Cypress Academy and the only married team member. Wife is Haley Horton.

*Margo*

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911 Hang Up .....	2
Accident/FSGI .....	1
Accident/Minor.....	1
Alarm Local.....	22
Alarm/Rep Site.....	1
Animal Aggressive.....	1
Burglary/Hab .....	1
Burglary/Motveh .....	2
Check Business.....	6
Check Park.....	31
Contract Check.....	110
Criminal Mischief .....	3
Dist/Family .....	2
Dist/Loud Noise.....	1
Domestic/Prevent.....	2

Incident	OffenseTotal
Follow Up .....	1
Information Call .....	2
Meet the Citizen.....	12
MUD Building Check.....	25
Neighborhood Check.....	5
Parking Lot Check.....	7
Solicitors .....	3
Suspicious Person .....	4
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# Gratitude is the key

## Unlocking The Doors To Treasures In Our Children

By Sugandha Jain

Gratitude is an instant mood converter. Gratefulness is the knife that melds impatience to patience, fear to love and anxiety to peace. Enveloped by the clouds of thankfulness, we can soar high in the air of optimism. Our aura is immediately cleansed when we fill our thoughts with praise. Relationships glow under the varnish of a positive expression in mutual affection.

We only have to look around us to realize how blessed we are. Being mindful of the generosity of people, beauty in our surroundings and the uniqueness of our own spirits can help us appreciate our fortunate existence.

Opening ourselves to receiving divine grace that is already a part of our lives makes us acknowledge our own sacredness. We appreciate our oneness with the universe and what we feel as a result, is gratitude on being a part of the whole. We feel love, we feel complete.

Modeling gratefulness with our families can help children open their hearts to the love and light in everything they do. Daily writing in their Gratitude Journal can gradually shift children's consciousness to a higher dimension.

Constantly reminding children to see the lessons presented by events instead of sulking on challenges can be an exercise in life-long learning. When we encourage children to make choices, evaluate them and re-choose options that help them feel grateful, we show them how to be free.

Together, we find that our interactions with each other have always been complete; the missing link in the puzzle in seeking out and seeding in the Om of smile- the symbol of thankfulness.

*Sugandha Jain is a Master Registered Texas Trainer and Director of Accreditation at a local preschool.*



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## Immunizations: Not Just for Kids

By: Concentra Urgent Care

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Evidence shows that currently approved vaccines are safe and effective. However, coverage rates for persons of all ages vary nationwide. Reasons cited include lack of health insurance, unfamiliarity with vaccine recommendations, limited access at physicians' offices, or the perceived cost of vaccines.

What you need to know is that obtaining recommended vaccines in a timely manner can prevent disease. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends the immunization schedule to the right for generally healthy adults and adolescents.

For more information about immunizations and where to get them, contact your health care provider, your Concentra health specialist, or visit the CDC's Web Site at: [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines).

*\*Specific recommendations for individuals may vary depending on age, prior immunization history and the presence of other existing conditions; please see the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Web site at: <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/default.htm>*

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#### MENINGOCOCCAL:

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## Houston Northwest Chamber Announces 2nd Annual CreekFest *A Local Celebration of Art and Outdoors, Expects Big Crowds*

The Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce CreekFest Houston 2012 on Saturday, October 13, 2012 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. This celebration of the Arts and Outdoors in Northwest Houston will be held along the parkway between Collins Park and Meyer Park along Cypresswood Drive, rain or shine. CreekFest events include an Adventure Race, Duathlon, 5k/10k run, Marketplace (merchants and visual artists), children's art activities at Pearl Fincher Museum, children's events at the Barbara Bush Library and Cypress Creek Christian Community Center, FACE Free Children's Series Concert, Chalk Artists and local entertainment performing throughout the day.

CreekFest Houston 2012 is a collaborative project of the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce, Harris County Barbara Bush Library, The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts, Cypress Creek Christian Community Center, Cypress Creek Foundation for the Arts (FACE), Harris County Precinct 4 County Parks Department, Greater Houston Off Road Biking Association (GHORBA), Northwest Houston Arts Alliance; Cypress Creek Greenway Project, Cypresswood Landing and Crossing Shopping Centers and many area merchants.

This FREE family event is designed to: Celebrate the wonderful outdoor amenities that make Northwest Houston a great place to live, work and play; Promote area visual and performing arts and artists; Create awareness and encourage usage of Precinct 4 Collins Park and the Greenways along Cypress Creek; Raise money for the economic development initiatives of the Chamber and local charities; and help build a new perspective and community pride for the Cypress Creek Cultural District and Northwest Houston's Town Center. Proceeds from the CreekFest art auction will directly benefit the Houston Northwest Chamber Foundation that provides scholarships and



funding for community improvement programs.

CreekFest 2012 will feature opportunities for Boy Scouts to earn Merit Badges and local schools to bring programs such as choirs and bands as well as organizations such as cheerleaders, dance teams and club teams out to be recognized and perform for the community. For information about this event call the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce at 281-440-4160, or visit the website at [www.CreekFestHouston.com](http://www.CreekFestHouston.com).

The Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce has enjoyed over 38 years of service in Spring, Klein, Champions, FM 1960, FM 2920, SH 249 and Sam Houston Tollway Corridors. The Chamber has over 700 members and is committed to its mission of developing successful businesses and a thriving community.

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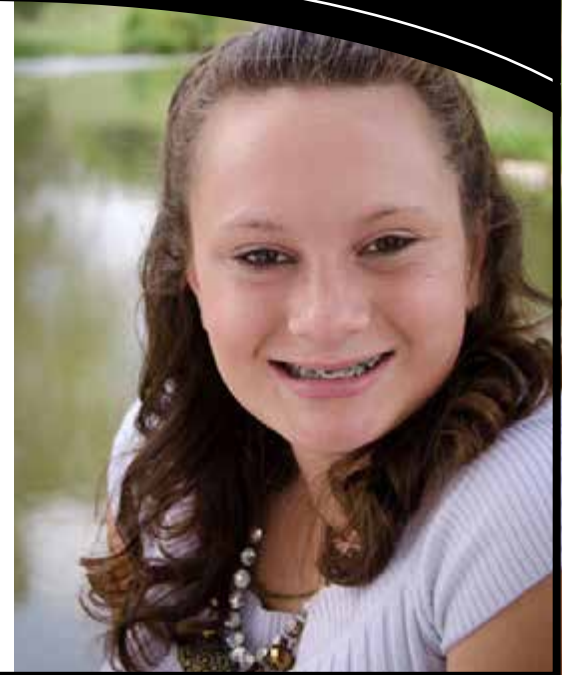


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