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## PLANNING AHEAD

## Community Garage Sale

Our Community Garage Sale will be Friday October 12th and Saturday October  $13^{\rm th}$  from 8AM-4 PM. Winchester Country will put signs up at the entrances to the subdivision. You will need to make your own sign to put at the end of your street.

#### \*\*\*THESE SIGNS MAY NOT BE ATTATCHED TO ANY STOP SIGNS, POLES OR LIGHT FIXTURES\*\*\*\*

Please remember on Saturday to remove your signs as we want to always keep our community looking its very best. Please do not put signs up in the entrances of the subdivision. Thank you to all who will be participating. In case of inclement weather the signs will remain up and the next weekend will be the rain date.



## **Upcoming Events**

#### October

6
St. Maximilian Kolbe Fall Festival

8
Columbus Day
11
Maintenance Board Meeting
12-13
Community Garage Sale
19-20
Garage Sale Rain Dates
22
Senior's Meeting @ 6:00pm
31
Happy Halloween

#### November

2012 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION (please check your voting site as not all W.C. residents vote at the W.C. clubhouse)

8
Maintenance Board Meeting
22
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
26
Senior's Meeting @ 6pm

#### December

Cookies with Santa – To be announced 13

Maintenance Board Meeting 24-31

CFISD Christmas Break 25

Christmas Day 31

New Year's Eve

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#### **Winchester Country** Seniors' Club

If you are 55 years old and older we are looking for you. We meet the 4th Monday of every moth at the Winchester Country Clubhouse. We meet for snacks and fellowship. We play Dominions: Train and Chicken foot. We also play bingo, cards and other games all while enjoying each others company. We go out to eat and attend plays at the 1960 Playhouse, Houston Family Arts Center on Grant Road. All seniors in Winchester Country are invited to attend. For more information call Joe Sliepka @ 281 469-8351.

> Our next meeting dates will be as follows: MONDAY OCTOBER 22, 2012 @ 6:00PM Monday November 26, 2012 @ 6:00pm Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.



#### **Other Senior Happenings** around Town:

Cy-Fair AARP Chapter #4543 meets the third Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am at Village on the Park located at 12102 Steeple way Blvd., Houston, Texas 77065.

We gather for coffee, rolls, and fellowship about 9:30 am. We take the precinct 4 bus for trips every month. . For more information on the AARP group please call Helen Sliepka @ 281 469-8351





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## OCTOBER IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Girl Scouts 6:00-9:00pm	2 Girl Scouts 6:00-9:00pm	3 Clubhouse - Evening Booked	4	5 Clubhouse - Evening Booked	6 Clubhouse - Rented / Day & Evening Booked
7 Clubhouse - Day Booked	8	9	10 Clubhouse - Evening Booked	11 Maintenance Board Meeting	12 Community Garage Sale	13 Community Garage Sale
14 Clubhouse - Day Booked	15 Girl Scouts 6:00-9:00pm	16 Girl Scouts 6:00-9:00pm	17	18	19 Rain Date for Garage Sale	20 Clubhouse Booked Rain Date for Garage Sale
21	Senior's Meeting @ 6pm Everyone over 50 Welcome!	23	24 Clubhouse Booked -Day/Evening	25 Clubhouse - Evening Booked	26	27 Clubhouse - Rented /Day
28 Clubhouse Booked	29	30	31 Happy Halloween	to change. If you booking an event office @ 281 890-8	deed dates are subject are interested in please contact the 1856 and we will be a Please allow 24 to back.	2 Clubhouse - Rented /Day Booked



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# Bullying: What To Watch Understand the Signs

Has your child suddenly had declining grades or unexplained injuries? Have they purposely been trying to avoid school? They could be the victims of bullying.

"Bullying is a widespread problem among children, especially teenagers," says Beth Nauert, M.D., a Texas pediatrician. "Bullying should always be taken very seriously by parents, educators, and the authorities.' **BULLYING SIGNS** 

Children who are bullied are repeatedly exposed to aggressive, negative actions on the part of one or more other persons, and have difficulty defending themselves, says Dr. Nauert.

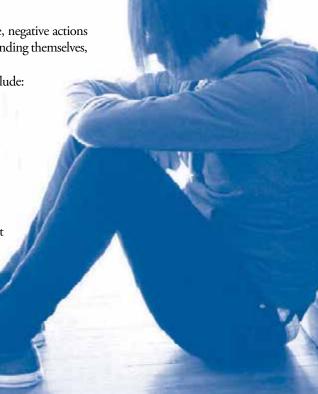
Some clear signs of bullying that parents should watch for include:

- unexplainable injuries,
- lost or destroyed clothing, books, electronics, or jewelry,
- feeling sick or faking illness,
- changes in eating habit,
- difficulty sleeping or frequent nightmares,
- not wanting to go to school,
- running away from home.

#### **ACTION PLAN FOR PARENTS**

Because children who are bullied may be reluctant to talk about it, parents who suspect bullying should take immediate action to help their children, says Dr. Nauert.

"Parents need to find out from their child who is doing the bullying, whether the bullying was verbal, physical, or cyberbullying, and where and when the bullying is happening," she says. "They should then speak with their teacher, principal, school administrators, or local law enforcement."



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## Halloween Tips

PORCH LIGHTS - a porch light on means fair game for Trick-Or-Treating. If you are not distributing candy or are done for the evening, please turn your lights off. And Trick-Or-Treaters...if you see a porch light off, be respectful and move on to the next illuminated house.

**HELLO?** - Knock or ring the bell no more than twice. If the door isn't answered within a minute despite the porch light being on, assume you've gotten one of those folks who didn't read Tip 1.

FRIGHTENING LIMITS – If you are the person who wants to jump out of the coffin tucked in the corner of your front porch, please make sure that the age of the 'victim' is appropriate. While pee will wash off concrete, you might ruin the night for a dressed up 2 year-old princess.

**WALKING** - Stay on sidewalks or pathways. Don't take short cuts through lawns or flowerbeds.

Manners matter - Saying "Trick-or-Treat" before and "Thank You" afterward is a small price for collecting free candy on Halloween.

**GAME OVER** - Don't Trick-or-Treat after 9pm. Families with children or older people may well be in bed after that.

TRAFFICKING - Vehicles: drive extra slow and look for kids. Chaperones/Kids: Stay off roads as much as possible.

**BLINDED BYTHE LIGHT** - Glow sticks, reflectors, flashlights – all are good to make your kids visible to anyone who fails at Tip 6.

FLAME OFF!! - Jack-o-lanterns/candles set a spooky mood, but open flames near dangling costume sleeves and flammable accessories is dangerous. Consider battery-powered tea lights.

**THANKS...** - If you're going to give out goodies to Trick-or-Treaters, buy individually wrapped treats. Save special homemade goodies and fresh fruit as presents for the folks you know rather than strangers who are coming to your door Trick-or-Treating.

R-E-S-P-E-C-T - Not everyone celebrates the holiday, or celebrates it in the same way you do. We live in a community with diverse beliefs and views. Please show respect as you yourself would want to be respected.

DON'T SCARE THE LITTLE ONES TOO BADLY! - If you've got a really creepy costume to answer the door, or you decorate your house from sidewalk to front porch in graveyard chic - remember that what can be delightfully frightening to older kids and adults can terrify toddlers and young kids. Before jumping out of bushes, screaming when you open doors or leaping out of fake coffins at Trick-or-Treaters, take a quick glance to make sure they're of an appropriate age-group to enjoy such a scare. Save the best frights for those who can really appreciate them. You'll have more fun, and the parents of the little kids will be grateful. Having to take home a hysterical Trick-or-Treater who has been scared witless on their first time out is no fun for anyone.





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