

# Wortham Villages

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Greater Houston Pool Management, Inc.

## COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER SPRING 2013

The Greater Houston Pool Management, Inc. Team would like to welcome you to the 2013 swim season. We sincerely look forward to serving you and your guests throughout this summer!

GHPMI was founded on three guiding principles: safety, customer service and cleanliness. With safety as our # 1 priority, we spend a great deal of our time and resources making sure that every GHPMI employee that enters your swimming facility has the appropriate tools and training to be proactive in their efforts to avoid problems and effective during an emergency situation. We also feel that it is important that when any community member visits the swimming pool for an outing they are greeted by a smiling, friendly and professional lifeguard staff. The overall cleanliness of your facility is just as important to our team. Clear and properly-maintained pool water, pleasant-smelling bathrooms that are cleaned and stocked daily, and a debris-free pool deck are what you should expect when visiting your facility. Please take the time to introduce yourself to your lifeguard team this summer! We truly enjoy getting to know the members we so proudly serve.

Our whole team is working hard to hire and train Lifeguards and Pool Managers, ordering pool chemicals and supplies and hiring the support staff that will enable your facilities to run well during the summer. This is an excellent opportunity for all the young adults who live in the Wortham Villages community! We are always looking for hard working individuals within the community to fulfill our summer staff needs. We are also actively hiring swim instructors that are looking to have a positive, exciting and skill-building job this summer. They learn important skills such as job responsibility, risk management, customer service and key leadership skills. Opportunities are also available to any adult (especially teachers!) that may also be looking for a rewarding summer job. Applications for employment can be found on our employment website, [www.BeALifeguard.com](http://www.BeALifeguard.com).

The GHPMI Programs Department is excited to offer your community programs that will help enhance your family's summer experience. GHPMI provides a variety of programs,

such as: group and private learn to swim classes, Guard Start, water aerobics, pool parties and more. For a detailed list of what is available at your facility please visit us at [www.takeaswimlesson.com](http://www.takeaswimlesson.com) for classes, and [www.haveapoolparty.com](http://www.haveapoolparty.com) for pool parties. If something is not currently offered at your facility, please let us know of your interest. We make every effort to accommodate all requests. We want your visit to the pool to be a safe and positive experience.

We pride ourselves in maintaining excellent communication between our team and the community members. Year-in and year-out, we receive many compliments on our proactive approach. We believe you will agree that GHPMI goes to great lengths to see to it that we stay ahead of all potential situations. We are pleased to provide an on-call person, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year, that can take care of any emergency that may arise.

Residents may also contact us through our website, [www.greaterhoustonpool.com](http://www.greaterhoustonpool.com), to take advantage of a variety of services including anonymous contact forms, details about their child's summer job, on-line registration for community CPR or First Aid classes, Babysitting courses, as well as company news and highlights.

Finally, please allow us to start the swim season off on a positive note by offering some valuable safety reminders. With your support we are confident that the 2013 swim season will be a safe and fun experience for all.

- Parents must closely supervise their children at all times. Remember, it only takes seconds for a child to drown.
- Remember that there are several different types of people who like to use the pool throughout the summer. Whether young or old, recreational or competitive, everyone wants to have a good time.
- The safety of the children in the baby pool is the parents/guardians responsibility. The lifeguards will always enforce the pool rules throughout the facility, but children who cannot swim must have an adult within arms reach at all times. The

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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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### Greater Houston Pool Management- (Continued from Cover Page)

same rule applies even if the child is wearing a floatation device.

- Define a safe zone for your children where they can always touch the bottom. One of the most common saves a lifeguard must make is when a swimmer strays to an area that is too deep for them to stand.
- Do not dive in areas marked "NO DIVING". Nearly 90 percent of all spinal injuries occur in the shallow end of the pool.
- Keep children from playing with or around the main drain. The main drain suction can be very powerful.
- Breath-holding games can be very dangerous and may cause cardiac arrhythmia or seizures. Games like who can hold their breath the longest, and swimming the longest distance underwater should be avoided at all times.
- Access rules to the facility will be strictly enforced and is the responsibility of each member to understand and follow the rules as set forth by your Association. It is a very awkward and uncomfortable situation for everyone when a lifeguard must ask a member to go back home to get the appropriate access tag.

If you should ever have a question about the pool rules, just ask a lifeguard or manager. It is better to be safe than sorry! We look forward to a safe, fun-filled summer in 2013. Until then we will be maintaining your facilities though the winter months and working hard preparing to serve your beautiful community for many years to come.

*Have a safe and enjoyable summer!*

### NEED TO USE THE BASEBALL OR SOCCER FIELD IN THE DETENTION POND? NEED THE PAVILION FOR A PARTY?

Make a reservation so you can be sure it's available! The calendar is online at <http://my.calendars.net/worthamvillages>. Once you check to see if the date is available, send me an email at [park@mayne.us](mailto:park@mayne.us) and I'll get you on the calendar too!

## NEWSLETTER INFO

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## BETWEEN THE LANE LINES:

*Straight From the Whiteshark's Mouth*



For years you have seen newsletter articles here written by my enthusiastic husband and coach of the Wortham Whitesharks, Jon Armstrong. We've decided to shake things up a bit and let you see things from a different perspective.

I've coached alongside my husband for the past 14 summers – he's been here since the team's inception in 1995. What started as a summer job for a college student has turned in to a passion for both of us and a community activity that now our children (ages 9, 7 and 5) can enjoy alongside us. To me, that is what makes it the most special, to see my children involved in an activity that we enjoy so much. It's not easy, believe me. It takes time, dedication and hard work to pull it off every summer. In the end it's worth every minute. We love this community and every single swimmer, parent and family that has ever been a part of the Whitesharks family.

But don't just take our word for it, we've been telling you for years how great the Wortham Whitesharks are. Here are some thoughts from others in the Whiteshark family past and present:

Being a Whiteshark has been an amazing experience for our family in so many ways. First of all, we have the BEST coaches in town, and they have a true passion for the sport and our children. My daughter fell in love with the sport right away because of the team, the coaches, the volunteers and the families that make it the best team around. Being a Whiteshark has given my daughter confidence and has taught her what commitment, dedication, and teamwork is while having the time of her life. Before joining the team, we did not feel a sense of community, and we have made so many close friends that we would not otherwise meet. We can't imagine a summer without the Whitesharks.

Whitesharks Forever!

*-The Hansons*

It's fun, the team is really good, I like a lot of the kids on the team. Swim practice – I like all the coaches, we do fun things at the end of practice. It's fun to do races during practice. At the meets – Get to hang out with my friends, swim the races. I love the races, the relays are my favorite.

*-Riley Foreman, age 11*

The first thing that pops in my head is family. Everyone is encouraging. The coaches pay attention to everyone during practice. I like all the cheers before meets. The team is very

organized. It is easy to make friends. Coaches always lift me up with encouragement.

*-Whitney Foreman, age 13*

As parents of swimmers that swam on another team for 6 summers we thought it would be hard to find a team that was as special as our first. But not only was it as special, it was so much more. The Whitesharks are a welcoming family of people from the Wortham neighborhood as well as many other neighborhoods around NW Houston. The first day we walked in, they called us by name. The kids have made many new friends while become great swimmers! They invited us to get involved in volunteering right away and that is the best way to get to know the other families. Everyone chips in to help at every meet.

The coaches are so fair in everything they do. They love every swimmer the same and spend equal time on every swimmer. They are motivating, inspirational and kind." The swim team experience is a fabulous way to spend part of your summer!

*-Tracy and Grant Foreman, Whiteshark parents*

We enjoy summer league because of the people we meet within our community. It is also a great way for us to spend quality time together as a family.

*-Kevin & Tina Van Wagenan, Whiteshark parents*

The reason I enjoy summer league is because I love everyone on the team. I've met so many great people. Everyone there is like a giant family, and we all support one another, through everything!!

*-Allie Van Wagenen, age 15*

Being a Whiteshark has been a great experience for me. I'm thankful for my good friend. She's the reason I joined 5 years ago. She, the coaches, and the TEAM, are the reason I'll return for another season. I've learned so much, and still remember the 15-18 year olds cheering me on!!

*-Chloe Camara, age 15*

We moved into Wortham nearly 10 years ago. We had two small children and knew no one. All the neighbors insisted that we join the swim team to meet new people. My husband and I didn't know a thing about swimming, but we jumped in! We met tons of people and have made lasting friendships. Each Spring the kids can't wait for Whiteshark season to start. Mark now

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## 2013 POOL SCHEDULE

### May 4th through June 5th

Monday through Friday

Saturdays

Sundays

Closed

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### August 26th through September 2nd

Mondays through Fridays

Closed

Saturdays

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sundays

12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### Exceptions:

Saturday, May 4 (Opening Day)

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 11th & 18th (Swim Meet)

2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Monday, May 27th (Memorial Day)

10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 1st (Swim Meet)

2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

### Exceptions:

Monday, September 2nd 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
(Labor Day)

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.

### June 6th through August 25th

Mondays

4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesdays through Thursday

10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

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serves as an official during swim meets, I serve on the Whiteshark board and one of our children now swims year round and plans to swim through high school and college. Joining the swim team has provided wonderful exercise for the kids, social time for kids and parents, the opportunity to get to know our children's friends, and enforces a true sense of community.

*-Kathy and Mark Crosby, Whiteshark parents*

We just finished our first year with Wortham in 2012 and couldn't be more excited about the upcoming Summer Season as Whitesharks again. My wife Deborah and I were looking for the best swim team experience for our two kids last year and happened upon the "Meet the Coaches" day at the Wortham clubhouse; we ended up coming away from that day certain that we had found our swimming home. From the first day of practice our kids Emma and Ryder had a great time benefiting from the welcoming and valuable coaching of Coach Jon and Mindy and their crew. As the season began, both our kids quickly made many friends with the other kids and families on the team. Deborah and I found ourselves wanting to get more involved in the team and in our second year you will both see my wife at each meet as an NWAL official and me helping out but we also both volunteered to coordinate the

team parties for the season. What started as our families search for a swimming program has lead to finding so much more with the Wortham Whitesharks.

*-Ian, Deborah, Emma and Ryder McCrory*

The Wortham Whitesharks have been a great asset to our community. Our children enjoyed their time on the team. It was a wonderful learning experience for them and fun for the whole family. Go Whitesharks!

*-Huchinson family*

I like Whitesharks because Wortham Whitesharks is fun!  
Leah Armstrong, age 5

I like the Wortham Whitesharks team because I like to swim and because it's fun.

*-Caroline Armstrong, age 7*

We hope you'll join us for another fantastic Whiteshark season, whether it is your first year or you're a veteran. Registration can be found online at [WorthamWhitesharks.com](http://WorthamWhitesharks.com). We look forward to seeing you in the pool.

*- Coach Mindy Armstrong*



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## When Remodeling Adds Value

Are you ready to renovate -- but wondering whether your project will pay off when it's time to sell? Check out our tips for recouping your investment.

Not all remodeling projects promise a profitable return on your investment. You already know what a huge undertaking remodeling your home can be -- the expense, the disarray, the difficult choices required. Well, here's one more issue to keep in mind: Whether or not you eventually recoup your remodeling costs varies greatly depending both only the project, and where you live.

Some projects unequivocally add significant value to your home. A new kitchen, for instance, is universally regarded as giving homeowners the most bang for their remodeling buck.

So go ahead and spend a little extra, particularly if you expect to sell your home within a few years. As a guideline, Hanby-Robie suggests spending 20 percent to 25 percent of your home's value on the kitchen. That may sound like a lot (and indeed it is), but according to Remodeling magazine's annual "Cost vs. Value" study, homeowners will recoup an average of 80 percent to 87 percent of what they spend on a kitchen remodeling project when they sell their home.



*For more tips please contact me today.*

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## Wortham Articles

Please submit your articles, neighborhood news items, birthday announcements by the 10th of the month to get in the next month's newsletter.

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## WORTHAM VILLAGES BOARD MEETINGS

Wortham Villages Board meetings are open to all homeowners. Monthly board meetings are generally held the third Wednesday of each month from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the offices of Crest Management (17171 Park Row, Suite 310, Houston, Texas 77084), but may be changed for various reasons, including due to scheduling conflicts. For an accurate notification of board meetings, dates and times please visit Crest Management's website [www.crest-management.com](http://www.crest-management.com), then click on communities, then scroll down to Wortham Villages and click on it. There is box for you to put your email address that will notify you when the board is going to meet. The board does meet on a regular basis, although do cancel occasionally if the board cannot obtain a quorum. If you are interested in attending a board meeting, we do ask that you contact Crest Management beforehand so time can be scheduled and set aside during the meeting to address your comments or request.

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Burglary/Habitat	..... 1	Home Invasion	..... 1
Burglary/Motveh	..... 2	Information Call	..... 2
Check Business	..... 31	Meet the Citizen	..... 9
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Check School	..... 1	MUD Building Check	..... 32
Child Cstdy Disp	..... 1	Neighborhood Check	..... 1
Contract Check	..... 59	Open Door Window	..... 1
Credit Card Abuse	..... 1	Parking Lot Check	..... 8
Criminal Mischief	..... 2	Subject Stop	..... 1
Dist/Family	..... 1	Suspicious Person	..... 5
Dist/Juvenile	..... 1	Traffic Initiative	..... 31
Dist/Loud Noise	..... 2	Traffic Stop	..... 26
DOA	..... 1	Vacation Watch	..... 1
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## Neighborhood Watch Corner

We need more block captains; some streets have none, and all streets can use more. Please encourage your neighbors to join the watch program. It is a good way to find out what is going on your area, and a good way to meet your neighbors. Duties are minimal, attend a few meetings, help out with National Night Out, and pass on information to your neighbors, either in person or via email.

*Herman and Shawn*

Harris County Sheriff's 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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## Recreational Facilities Corner

*By Rick Anderson*

Well, by the time you read this article, the swim season will be started. The Wortham Board and Recreational Facilities Committee handed out pool tags on Saturday (4/27/13) and Sunday (4/28/13) and Tuesday (4/30). You should have received a mail out with the forms from Crest Management soon, if you have not received already. If you do not pick up your tags during those times, you will need to contact Crest Management and a fee of \$20 per home for them to be mailed to you. You must be a resident in good standing (annual maintenance fees have been paid and no outstanding deed restriction violations) in order to receive your tags.

The Committee also hosted our Annual Pool Opening Party to be held on May 4, 2013 from 12 pm to 3 pm sponsored by the Wortham Villages Homeowner's Association and Board. The party included food, door prizes and games for the children. I will summarize the event with recognition to those who helped and door prizes donors..

For those of you who use the tennis courts, we request that you maintain/pick up the trash as needed to keep the area clean. If the trash cans inside are full, please help out by emptying them in the larger barrel trash cans outside the court fence or place any additional trash in these barrels. Also, please make sure that you turn off the lights when you leave if you are the last ones using the court, so we can save energy/costs.

We do not have any major renovations/repairs scheduled for this year, but are planning some upgrades/replacements in the future at the pool area and detention areas. We have a Recreational Facilities Committee that meets a few times during the year to plan the events noted above and to look at upcoming needed repairs, renovations or upgrades. We really could use some help and would encourage you to volunteer for this committee. Please contact Rick Anderson at [rick\\_anderson@efiglobal.com](mailto:rick_anderson@efiglobal.com) or call 281-890-4878..

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## Ladies Tennis

The ladies tennis team is looking to add new players to our roster for the upcoming spring season. We are members of the Texas Jackrabbit League, a recreational ladies league which plays on Friday mornings. The new season will begin in mid-February and go through mid-May. If you are a B-1 level player or higher (USTA 3.5), and looking for a team, please join us! You may contact Cathy Otto for more information at 281-807-1796.

Also, this year is the 10th anniversary of the team's formation, so Happy Birthday to us!

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