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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

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2013 POOL SCHEDULE

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.
Fridays	10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Saturday	10:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Sunday	12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

AUGUST 26TH THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2RD

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Saturdays	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Sundays	12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Exceptions:	
Monday, September 2rd (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.

Wortham Villages

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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.

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 for classes, and 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, 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 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!



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Viruses Still Present During Summer

Many viruses are still frequent in the summer so good hygiene remains important

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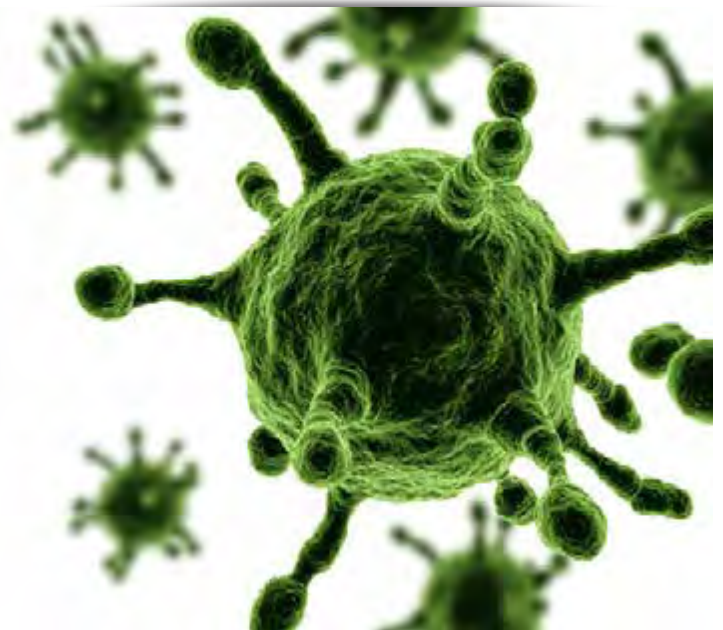
-Enteroviruses can cause symptoms such as sore throat and diarrhea, and can even lead to viral meningitis and inflammation of the heart and liver.

-Hand, foot and mouth disease, is characterized by ulcers in the back of the throat and a rash on hands and feet. This is common in babies and young children.

-Adenovirus, which can cause respiratory problems.

-Parainfluenza can cause croup, a loud cough; bronchiolitis, swelling and mucus in the small air passages in the lungs; and bronchitis, inflammation of the main air passages to the lungs.

These viruses cannot be treated with antibiotics, but it's important to get enough fluid and rest. Seek treatment immediately for high fever for more than three days, vomiting for over 24 hours, diarrhea, severe headaches or chest pain. Those with weak immune systems should consult their physician if they have any symptoms associated with these viruses.



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Sgt Polk Accident Article

by KHOU.com staff

Posted on May 19, 2013 at 12:55 PM

Updated Monday, May 20 at 7:25 AM

Recreational Facilities Corner

By Rick Anderson

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 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 or call 281-890-4878

HOUSTON – According to the Houston Police Department, at about 3:10 a.m. Sunday Sgt. Dwayne Polk, who was wearing his deputy's uniform, was driving his personal vehicle west on Little York when he was struck and killed by a drunken driver.

As Polk crossed the intersection with North Shepherd, his Chevy pickup was struck on the driver's side by a white GMC truck, police said.

The driver of the GMC, was traveling at a high rate of speed and ran a red light when he hit the deputy's Silverado, police said. There were no skid marks to indicate he even attempted to stop.

Polk was pronounced dead at the scene inside his truck, police said.

The driver, later identified as 23-year-old Anders Munos-Munos, was suspected of being drunk and taken to Ben Taub Hospital where a mandatory blood draw was done, police said.

This is not the first time Munos-Munos has been charged with driving under the influence, police said. He was arrested on June 10, 2012 for driving while intoxicated. He also was charged with unlawful carrying of a weapon. Officials said that Polk was a 16-year veteran with the sheriff's office.



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Honoring Sgt. Dwayne E. Polk

By Brenda Walker, Wortham Resident

The residents of Wortham Villages and Wortham Grove came together for a candlelight vigil held to honor the memory of a wonderful man, Sgt. Dwayne E. Polk. On the evening of Sunday, June 2nd, gathered in front of the Wortham Clubhouse were 175-200 residents sharing their memories, stories and compassion for Sgt. Polk. It was an amazing site to see our fellow neighbors walking to the clubhouse in a steady stream.

Dwayne and I were friends prior to him becoming a Harris County Sheriff's Deputy. We were co-workers at Dr. Pepper Bottling Company. So on the evening when Stan Schoen introduced him to the block captains as our hired sheriff's deputy it was a welcoming small world surprise. I was so excited that I practically attacked him as he was walking into a room full of strangers. We made eye contact and for a split second I panicked that perhaps he didn't remember me. How could he not remember me, we had spent a few years working together, time each month in the middle of the night completing inventory and he was a big brother to me when it came to a situation with a fellow co-worker. But the recognition was there and then came his comment to me under his breath and through his gritting teeth, "I'm trying to be professional!" Needless to say I walked away so he could do his job then after everyone had left we spent time catching up and laughing about the good ole days.

Sgt. Polk very quickly became an honorary Worthamite! His love for his job and our community was quite evident with the stories told that evening. I thought I would share a few of those with you.

Kylie Held shared her story about a time shortly after receiving her driver's license. She says Sgt. Polk pulled her over after she 'rolled' through a stop sign off Carriage Lake Drive. She immediately began to cry (heavily) and Dwayne told her that if she continued to cry he would HAVE to give her a ticket. He talked to her, gave her a warning and she has never forgotten the compassion he showed toward a frightened teenage girl. She has not 'rolled' through a stop sign since.

Quinn Held told of a night when she and a few of her fourth grade friends were caught red handed by Sgt. Polk while wrapping a neighbor's house. They were scared and didn't know what to expect from him. In typical Dwayne fashion, he asked for a TP roll and helped them finish the job.

Debbie Chovanec told us that she was having a garage sale when Sgt. Polk comes in and asked her for her \$25 'garage sale permit'. He tells her it's a new rule in Wortham and since she didn't have her permit he was going to have to shut down her garage sale unless she paid the \$250 fine. It didn't take long for Debbie to figure out he was being a jokester and called him out on it. Dwayne decided to do a little shopping and found an item he was interested in (no doubt for his mom). When he asked Debbie 'how much', she told him the price was \$250 so she could pay her fine.

Michelle Gallagher told me about one evening when she and her husband Chris were walking their oldest daughter who was a baby at the time on the streets in Wortham Grove. Sgt. Polk pulls up on the side of the road ahead of them and gets out of his car. Now she and Chris

are wondering what could he be stopping us for. Dwayne goes to the trunk of his patrol car, approaches them and stoops down to hand Casey a teddy bear.

We all have our own Sgt. Polk stories for sure and not all of them will be funny ones because he was also here to protect us. He followed our buses in the afternoons to make sure our precious children were safe. Dwayne would often distract a senile old man so that the kids could get off the bus and get to their homes because they were terrified of the old man. He wanted our kids to trust him and know that the men and women who wore police uniforms were on their side and not to be fearful of them.

We began the vigil with a very heartfelt song by Darbi Shaun, who sang one of her original songs entitled, "Dance in the Rain". Afterwards, we shared our stories as I mentioned a few of them above then while we attempted to light the candles; Miles Walker performed a beautiful saxophone solo of "Amazing Grace". The wind was blowing nicely that evening and as it was nice to be cool, we were unable to keep the candles lit. A resident in the crowd said the wind was Dwayne's practical joke on us! So true... After a moment of silence, Darbi Shaun performed another of her original songs entitled, "Live Out Loud". We were blessed to have Michael Patrick close the vigil with a most genuine prayer. It was right on point and tearfully moving.

As I mentioned before, Dwayne had a soft spot for Wortham and its residents. He often spoke of his dream to become a Wortham homeowner one day. As I had known Dwayne for 20 years, I know he would have been smiling his big sheepish grin with a 'cat who swallowed the canary' sparkle in his eyes. He would have been so touched by everyone coming out to honor him. But what he would have loved, loved, loved the most was seeing everyone hanging around afterwards talking and laughing wishing he could be among us.

Sgt. Dwayne E. Polk you will be missed my friend but you will NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

I would like to thank the following people for their part in making the vigil exactly what it was meant to be.

To Joni, Jacy, Sam & Randy Phariss for their emotional support to my family as well as helping set up and handing out of the candles. • To Stan Schoen for his support of the vigil but mostly for his endearing friendship with Dwayne. • To Miles Walker and Darbi Shaun for their amazing performances. • To Michael Patrick for the words that God gave him to present to all of us and for setting up the PA system. • To Emily Hieneman for bringing 4 dozen cupcakes that were donated to her by Small Cakes Bakery. • To the Wortham Villages HOA board who supported the vigil as well as financed it. • To my son, Miles Walker, who has showed me such compassion and love. • To my husband, Blake Walker, who stood by me when I couldn't stand.

And finally, to everyone who so loved Dwayne!

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Chestnut Woods.....	Claiborne, Ed & Pam	281-469-7646
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Wortham Blvd.	Culp, Susan	281-300-2411

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.

With summer around the corner, we typically see an increase in street vandalism, mostly of cars. Please remember to keep your cars locked, if you must park in the street, and keep your valuables out of sight. Papering houses may be fun for those doing it, but many people really do not appreciate it. Please impress on your teenagers that this does hurt people when they find their house papered. In other words, do it only with permission of the owner.

Herman and Shawn

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PROTECT EYES THIS SUMMER

Take precautionary measures to protect your eyes during the summer to prevent long-term damage to eyesight, said a Baylor College of Medicine ophthalmologist.

"Ultraviolet light, or UV exposure, has been linked to the development of macular degeneration, cataracts and other vision-loss problems," said Dr. Elizabeth Baze, assistant professor of ophthalmology at BCM.

Baze offered tips you can practice to help protect your eyes from sun damage this summer.

- The more the sunglasses wrap around and shield your eyes and the skin around the eyes, the more protection you have.
- Sunglasses need to provide 99 to 100 percent UV protection.
- Sunblock is a must, including the skin around the eyes.
- A broad-brimmed hat can add extra protection.

If you have an existing eye condition like macular degeneration or cataracts, protecting your eyes from the sun should be a top priority during the summer, she said.



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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, 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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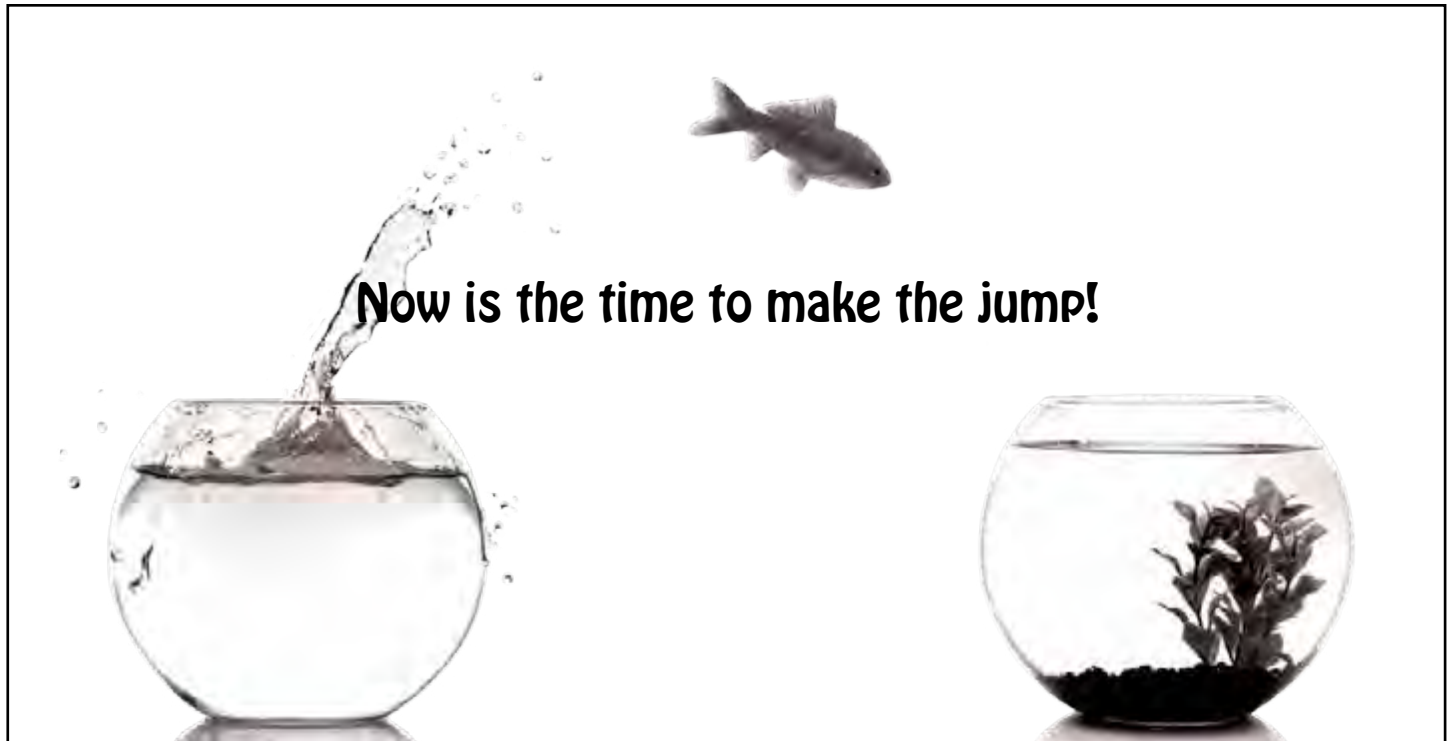


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