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## Bring the World to your Child By Hosting a Foreign Exchange Student

By Vicki Odom

If you've read the newspaper lately, you know that the world can be a scary place: wars, economic crisis, revolutions, climate change, border disputes, refugees, and protests. So, how do we teach our children about the world, and the variety of people in it, when most of the examples we read about in the press are so negative?

One life changing way to broaden your child's world view is to volunteer to host a high school foreign exchange student. Foreign exchange programs have been around for almost 100 years, and their mission has always been the same – to educate people about different cultures through person-to-person exchange. What better message to pass on to your children?

There are quite a few misconceptions about foreign exchange programs – especially around who can host. The biggest misconception is that you must have high school aged children when you host a high school exchange student. Nothing could be further from the truth.

"We welcome host families of all shapes and sizes – families with young children, families with no children, empty nesters whose children have left home, single parents and nontraditional families," says Heather Wells, Senior Regional Director for Ayusa, a non-profit promoting global learning and leadership through foreign exchange and study abroad opportunities for high school students. "The key requirements for a host family are to provide a safe and nurturing home environment, genuinely love children, and have a desire to learn more about a different culture."

Families with young children find that hosting an exchange student provides their children with an especially unique educational experience in the form of an international big brother or sister. Without even realizing it, children learn about different types of people and different cultural traditions. Volunteer host families provide foreign exchange students a nurturing environment, three meals a day and a bedroom (either private or shared with a host sibling of the same gender). Each host family and student is supported by a professionally trained community representative who works with the family and student for the entire program. All interested host families must pass a criminal background check and a home visit by an exchange organization.

Foreign exchange students come from all over the world. Ayusa matches host families with students from more than 60 different countries including Argentina, China, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Germany, Japan, Lebanon, Norway, Pakistan, Sweden, Thailand, Tunisia and Turkey. All high school foreign exchange students are fully insured, bring their own spending money, and are proficient in English – and all high school exchange programs are regulated by the U.S. Department of State.

Interested host families are required to fill out an application, pass a background check and interview with a local exchange program representative in their homes. Once accepted to a program, host families can view profiles of students to find the right match for their family.

Ayusa is currently accepting applications for families to host an exchange student for the 2014-2015 school year. For more information about hosting a high school foreign exchange student, please contact Ayusa at 1.888.552.9872 or by visiting the website at:

www.ayusa.org

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## Wortham Villages

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Check Business	25
Check Park	4
Contract Check	173

Incident	Offense Total
Criminal Mischief.	1
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Dist/Other	2
Fraudulent Use ID	1
Meet the Citizen	8
Meet the Officer	1
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Neighborhood Check21
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\*Price includes Sherwin-Williams super paint, caulking and pressure washing. Wood repair replacement is an additional charge.

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### Greater Houston Pool Management, Inc. COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER SPRING 2014

The Greater Houston Pool Management, Inc. Team would like to welcome you to the 2014 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. 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

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, pleasantsmelling bathrooms that are cleaned and stocked daily, and a debris-free



We pride ourselves in maintaining excellent communication between our team and the community members. Year-in and yearout, 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

positive experience.

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.

The GHPMI Programs Department is excited to offer your

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 2014 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

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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 2014. 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 and I'll get you on the calendar too!



# Neighborhood Watch Corner

On May12, there was a break-in at a house on Magnolia Leaf. A couple walking no-ticed something odd and called 911 and took down the license number of the car. The two men fled, but not without damage to the house and at least one missing TV. The burglar alarm on the house was set. Please, if you see something that does not look right, do what the passersby did and call 911.

We are fortunate in having sidewalks throughout the neighborhood. Occasionally sidewalks are blocked by cars parked there. Please be mindful of pedestrians and kids and park cars off the sidewalks.

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 infor-mation 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

iWatch app for smartphone

### **NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE BLOCK CAPTAINS**

Apple Forest	Monica Schreiber
Aspen Bough	Bruckner, Eric &Marie 281-890-8667
Azalea Creek	David & Evelyn White713-253-9281
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Carriage Lake	Meinecke, Betty-J 281-890-4329
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Harvest Dale	Franklin, Vernetta
Hickory Tree	NEED BLOCK CAPTAIN
Hillside Glen	Smet, Guido & Shelia 281-970-4766
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Lark Brook	Thomas, Barbara	281-897-1191
Lark Brook	Lara, Peggy	. 281-970-4052
Magnolia Leaf	MacDonald, Lori	. 281-469-0874
Magnolia Leaf	Canterbury,Eloise	. 281-894-8424
Orchard Hollow & Town Elm	Dineen, Mike	. 281-894-6256
Orchard Hollow	Tolbert, Toney & Shirley.	. 281-894-0085
Plum Vale	Kelley, Dale	281-469-1371
Reedwood Ridge	Crawford, Tracy	. 281-650-3266
Reedwood Ridge	McGlamory,Kay	281-955-2107
Shady Fern	Thornton, Carolyn	281-807-1816
Spruce Knoll	Meyer, Bob	. 281-469-3740
Sycamore Heights	Sommer, Donna	.832-237-4684
Timberland Trace	Peterson, Sandra	. 281-897-9875
Tulip Garden	NEED BLOCK CAPTAIN	
Tulip Garden	Jones, David & Jill	. 281-955-8972
Tulip Garden	Chisari, Paul	. 281-894-7053
Walnut Lake	Heafner, Cissy	. 281-477-9553
Wortham Blvd	NEED BLOCK CAPTAIN	
Wortham Blvd	Culp, Susan	281-300-2411

### Wortham Villages Recreational Facilities Corner

By Rick Anderson

As you know, we held our annual Pool Opening Party on Saturday (5/3). We had a good turnout on a beautiful day and handed out some great door prizes. We want to thanks all of those businesses who participated and contributed. This event is sponsored by the Wortham Villages Board of Directors and planned/staffed by the members of our Recreational Facilities Committee and some great volunteers. I want to say a special thanks to our committee members and volunteers who helped make this a great event; Bea and Joe Dryden, Michele and Bob Pazitney, Cissy and Darrell Heafner, Cindy Byrne, Jason Kody and Sheldon Barr. We would also like to thank Greater Houston Pool Management for their assistance and door prizes as well.

The Wortham Villages Board/recreational Facilities Committee Members handed out pool tags at the clubhouse in late April. If you were not able to pick up tags at these times, you will need to contact Crest Management and they will provide the tags for a small fee. Only those homeowners in good standing (annual fees paid) will be able to receive tags.

The Recreational Facilities Committee role in the community is to identify any repairs/upgrades needed for our facilities. Some of the work done by this committee in the past has been the renovations to the pool area and the clubhouse, new playground equipment at the pool area, gazebo install and tennis courts and retention pond playground and fields equipment repairs/replacement. We also are always looking for new ways to improve our facilities. If anyone is interested in joining our committee, please contact me at rick\_anderson@ efiglobal.com or 281-890-4878.

Have a great summer swim season!





Please update your address information on your water bills. The P.O. Box 500 in Katy is not checked except every couple of weeks. Please do use it. It appears people just have not updated their information.

> The correct address is Wortham Village HOA P.O. Box 678193 Dallas, tx 75267-8193

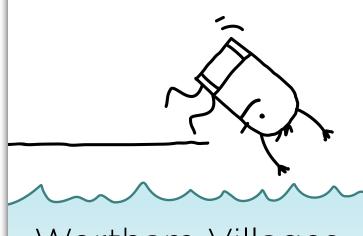
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### Wortham Villages 2014 Pool Schedule Hours of Operation

### May 3rd through June 5th

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Saturdays	
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#### Exceptions:

Sat., May 3rd (Opening Day)	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Sat., May 10th (Swim Meet)*	2:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Sat., May 24th (Swim Meet)*	2:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Mon., May 26th (Memorial Day)*	10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

### June 6th through August 24th

Mondays	
Tuesdays	
Wednesdays	
Thursdays	
Fridays	
Saturdays	
Sundays	12:00 PM - 9:00 PM

#### Exceptions:

Sat., June 7th (Swim Meet)*	2:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Sat., June 14th (Swim Meet)*	2:00 PM - 9:00 PM

#### August 25th through September 1st

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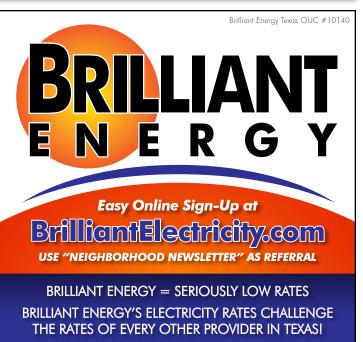
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Mon., Sept 1st (Labor Day)	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM
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### HOME IMPROVEMENT REMINDER

Remember, ALL exterior changes and improvements made to your home or yard [including your fence and roof] require ARC approval first. Please do not base your home improvement decision on the fact that someone else in the neighborhood has the same improvement. The safest way to ensure compliance is to obtain ARC approval prior to all exterior modifications. Please contact Crest Management to obtain an ARC application or a copy of the community guidelines.



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