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Between the Lane Lines: Olympic Opportunities

Take your mark! These three words send a wave of excitement and anticipation to athletes and spectators of many sports. In an Olympic year, we all eagerly anticipate the start of the Games and hearing these three words as we cheer on our favorite athletes and anyone wearing the Red, White, and Blue. The Olympics captures our imagination and grips our attention, reintroducing us to sports that don't seem to get their just due in other years. Swimming is one of the highlight sports of the Games, and every Olympic year there is an increase in the number of swimmers signed up for local programs. Those of us already well ingrained in the sport smile at the quadrennial increase in interest and wonder why it can't be this way every year, but we are happy that there are more swimmers in the world, because as everyone knows, swimmers are the smartest, most well rounded, fittest athletes on the planet.

Remember the last Olympics? Remember how exciting it was to watch Missy Franklin, Michael Phelps, Ryan Lochte, and Katie Ledecky race for the USA? Since her breakout swims in 2012, young Katie has turned in to one of the best swimmers in the world. It will be fun to watch her and other familiar faces and newcomers race for gold on swimming's biggest stage. Wouldn't it be an even better experience if you knew more about the sport? If you could appreciate what the athletes and their families are feeling? If the whole family could watch together knowing what it takes to be the best you can be? Even better, wouldn't it be great to experience the same excitement as Olympic swimmers and their families? Guess what? Whiteshark swim season is almost here! The Whitesharks eagerly await the arrival of a crowd of new Olympic-year swimmers this summer in addition to all our faithful returning swimmers. We will teach our swimmers and their families how to fully appreciate the sport, not just for Olympic viewing enrichment, but for life enrichment!

Wortham Whitesharks Swim Team provides an opportunity to young athletes and their families to join the excitement of the great sport of swimming. Our mission is to help all our Whitesharks, including families, reach their goals and to have FUN. Ride the wave

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Incident Report January 2015

INCIDENT	OFFENSE TOTAL
911 Hang Up.....	1
Accident/FGSI	2
Accident/Major	3
Accident/Minor.....	12
Alarm Local.....	14
Animal/Humane	1
Assault.....	1
Burglary/Other.....	1
Burglar/Habitat	1
Burglary/Motveh.....	7
Check Business.....	21
Check Park.....	29
Contract Check.....	147
Crim Mischief.....	2
Dist/Family	2
Dist/Fireworks.....	1
Dist/Loud Noise.....	7
Dist/Other	4
Domestic Prevent	1
DWI	5
Follow Up	2
In Progress.....	1
Meet the Citizen	6
Meet the Officer	2
MUD Bldg Ck.....	44
Neighborhood Check.....	26
Open Door/Window.....	2
Parking Lot Check	15
Road Rage Inc.....	2
Sex Offend Verification	1
Suspicious Person	3
Telephone Harras	2
Theft/Other.....	5
Traffic Initiative.....	6
Traffic Hazard	1
Traffic Stop.....	25
Vehicle Abandoned.....	1
Vehicle Suspicious	6
Vehicle Stolen.....	1
Welfare Check.....	5

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of excitement an Olympic year brings and join us for the Fun!

Whitesharks registration starts March 20 at www.worthamwhitesharks.com. Have questions? Meet the Coaches will be at the clubhouse on April 3, 1-3 pm. The swim season starts April 20. If you want to get a jump on the competition, look out for Head Start clinics.

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WORTHAM VILLAGES BOARD MEETINGS

Wortham Villages Board meetings are open to all homeowner's. 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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Nature is Waking Up

We should start seeing annual flowers like Snap Dragons and Larkspur begin peeking out. If temperatures do drop, cover them with protection- but no plastic covers. Plant roots will grow once soil temperatures reach 40° or higher. There's still time to divide those dormant perennials like Daylilies Daisies and Irises.

Visit our local, independent nurseries. They carry great plant selections to add to our landscapes. Plan first - does this tree or shrub do best in sun or shade, how large will it grow in 5 years? Providing space prevents overcrowding down the road. Mercer Arboretum holds their annual spring plant sale March 18th - 19th. They sell many plant varieties and even some plants not found in other local retail establishments. www.hcp4.net/community/parks/mercer

Get a new plant in the ground quickly after purchase. Handle the plant by the root ball, not trunk. Water enough to soak the root ball and surrounding soil. Then, a thorough watering every 7-10 days should increase success of survival. Too much water may encourage root rot. More trees and shrubs fail from too much water than from under watering. 2"- 4" of mulch around tree base helps keep down weeds and conserves soil moisture.

Lawns are starting to green up. Begin mowing to help keep weeds from seeding. Leave the grass clippings when mowing. Clippings are mostly water, and this breaks down quickly providing additional nitrogen for our lawns. By not bagging the clippings we put less plastic bags in our landfills. Mowing our lawn regularly keeps the grass clippings short, and this is important to keep from thatch buildup. Aerate the soil to allow sunlight to reach the roots and improve air circulation, as well as help prevent a buildup of thatch. An added benefit, this nitrogen provides nutrients to the lawn, helping cut down on the need to use commercial fertilizers.

Need more planting ideas? A March favorite is to visit the annual Azalea Trail, sponsored by River Oaks Garden Club. Tour 6 beautiful gardens in Houston area March 11th - 13th. www.riveroaksgardenclub.org provides details. Randall's is closest location to purchase tickets, as well as many independent nurseries in Houston. Keep your garden gloves handy!

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Zika Virus

Zika virus is transmitted by Aedes mosquitoes and there is no specific treatment or vaccine currently available. The best way to avoid getting the virus is to avoid being bitten by infected mosquitoes. About 20% of people with Zika virus actually get ill. Severe disease, requiring hospitalization, is uncommon and death due to the virus is rare.

The incubation period of Zika virus is thought to be a few days to a week, but is still unknown. Symptoms include fever, skin rash, conjunctivitis, muscle and joint pain, and headache. Symptoms tend to be mild and last from 2-7 days. Zika virus can be contracted through the bite of an infected mosquito, through blood transfusions, through sexual contact, and from mother to child during pregnancy.

The mosquitoes that are able to transmit Zika virus are also able to transmit dengue and Chikungunya viruses. These mosquitoes are daytime biters, but can also bite at night. Aedes mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water- buckets, tires, tree

holes, animal water dishes, etc.

To protect yourself from mosquito bites, wear light-colored clothing that covers as much skin as possible, use insect repellent (read and follow label instructions), use screening on doors and windows, use mosquito netting (if needed) while sleeping, and reduce standing water areas.

For more information on Zika virus, please see the CDC website here <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html>

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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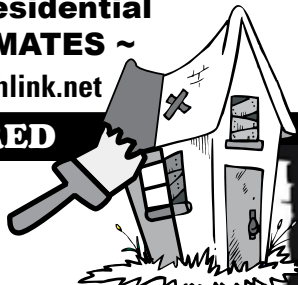
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