



## Wortham Block Captains Meeting

Meeting Minutes  
May 24, 2016

- National Night Out
- Date: October 4, 2016
- Each block will have their own meet & greet function for event.
- 2. Vacation Watch
- Sheriff will get out of car and check to see if your doors are locked.
- Notify the Harris County Sheriff's Station at 281-290-2100 to provide information.
- 3. How to obtain a new Recycling Bin
- Call Republic Service at 281-446-2030, use prompt 3.
- Provide information if your bin is damaged or lost.
- 4. Curb Repair
- Any breaks in the curb must be adjacent to the street but not at the beginning of the driveway.
- For repair work, call 281-463-8703 or 281-463-6300 and ask for Joe or Mike.
- 5. Garbage
- Grass clipping bags should not be placed on the curb until the night before or the day of garbage pickup (i.e., Monday or Thursday).
- Garbage bags containing kitchen waste should be placed in a garbage container. This prevents animals from tearing into the garbage bags and spreading the garbage into the street.
- 6. Security
- Do not answer your door if you do not know the person.
- Keep your garages, homes, and cars locked. Report any suspicious cars or people to the non-emergency phone number 713-221-6000.
- 7. Next Meeting
- August – will send out email with specific date.

## Wortham Village 2016 Pool Hours

### JUNE 2016: FULL TIME BEGINNING JUNE 3RD

Monday - 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
Tuesday-Thursday - 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.  
Friday - 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.  
Saturday - 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.  
Saturday (4th Swim Meet) - 2:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
Sunday - 12:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

### JULY 2016: FULL TIME

Monday - 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
Tuesday-Thursday - 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.  
Friday - 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 2016: 1ST-21ST; 27TH AND 28TH

Monday - 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
Tuesday-Thursday - 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.  
Friday - 10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.  
Saturday - 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.  
Saturday (27th) - 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Sunday - 12:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.  
Sunday (28th) - 12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

### SEPTEMBER 2016: 3RD, 4TH, AND 5TH

Saturday and Labor Day - 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Sunday - 12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

# Wortham Villages

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

### MANAGEMENT

Crest Management .....281-579-0761  
Heather Esteban (Manager) ... heather.esteban@crest-management.com  
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Rebecca McShane ..... 281-890-730  
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Dorota Jankovsky .....281-955-9626

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Life Threatening Emergency..... 911  
Fire ..... 911  
Sheriff's Department..... 911  
Poison Control.....800-222-1222

### NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Ambulance .....713-466-4073  
Sheriff's Department.....713-221-6000  
Harris County Health Dept.....713-439-6000  
Animal Control .....281-999-3191  
Gas - Centerpoint.....713-659-2111

### WATER & SEWER - MUD 222 (Municipal Operations)

Service & Billing.....281-367-5511  
Street Lights .....713-207-2222  
Garbage & Recycling (Republic Waste) .....281-446-2030

*NOTE: If you have complaints about garbage service, after you call Republic Waste please notify Municipal Operations of your complaint.*

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## Flooding in Wortham

From Paul Chisari:

I noticed that water was rushing down Walnut lake past Tulip Garden court (1-1.5 feet deep) at about 15 mph. I also noticed that people's garbage and garbage cans were jammed into the drain openings plugging them up. This being the case, garbage could have made it's way into the storm sewers and could pose a blockage risk in them if not cleaned up.

The Precint 3 Commissioners office told me:

1. The rain triggered the 500 year flood event. Our two retention ponds on Fallbrook overtopped their banks and flowed down Walnut lake. As far as I know, no homes in our area were affected.

2. I asked the commissioners office to inspect the local storm drains on our block for blockages and they said they would.

Recommendation:

I think we should encourage residents to contact the commissioners office to ask them to render this service in their areas to ensure water flow out of the subdivision is done without impediment when another rain event occurs.

Commissioner Radick's office number is (281) 463-6300.

I'll leave it to your judgement on how to communicate this information to the other block captains and residents.

I did send the email to block captains but some block captains are stating that some residents do not have internet or block captains.



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## INCIDENT REPORT MAY 2016

INCIDENT	OFFENSE TOTAL	INCIDENT	OFFENSE TOTAL
Accident/FGSI .....	4	Home Invasion.....	1
Accident/Minor.....	11	Information Call .....	1
Alarm Local.....	15	Meet the Citizen .....	8
Alarm/And/Silent .....	1	Meet the Officer.....	1
Alarm/Sil/Pan/HU .....	1	MUD Building Check .....	31
Assault/Family.....	1	Neighborhood Check.....	15
Burglary/Habitat .....	1	Parking Lot Check .....	26
Burglary/Motor Vehicle.....	5	Runaway .....	1
Check Business.....	21	Solicitors .....	2
Check Park.....	21	Stranded MV .....	1
Contract Check.....	134	Susp Person .....	4
Criminal Mischief.....	1	Theft/Other.....	3
Disturbance/Family.....	4	Traffic Initiative.....	4
Disturbance/Loud Noise .....	11	Traffic Hazard .....	3
Disturbance/Other .....	7	Traffic Stop.....	33
Disturbance/Weapon.....	1	Unk Med Emerg .....	2
Domestic/Prevent.....	1	Vehicle Abandoned.....	2
Drug/OD/Poss.....	1	Vehicle Suspicious .....	8
DWI .....	3	Vehicle Stolen.....	2
Follow Up .....	3	Welfare Check.....	2

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## Vacation Watch Form

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<b>Name:</b>		<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Email Address:</b>		<b>Phone Number:</b>	
<b>Date Leaving:</b>		<b>Date Returning:</b>	
_____ <input type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input type="checkbox"/> P.M.		_____ <input type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input type="checkbox"/> P.M.	
<b>Lights on Timers:</b>		<b>Alarm System:</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

**Vehicle Information: List any vehicles to be left in the driveway**

<b>Color:</b>	<b>Year:</b>	<b>Make/Model:</b>	<b>License Plate:</b>
<b>Comments/Instructions:</b>			

**DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE, THIS SPACE IS FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY**

<b>Date and Time Received:</b>		<b>Date Removed:</b>	
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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](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.

*Your Wortham Board of Directors*

## 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. Email: [dehoophr@icloud.com](mailto:dehoophr@icloud.com)



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## TEXAS FRITO BRITTLE

Modified and submitted by Donna Lowe and from <http://www.bunsinmyoven.com/2010/07/30/texas-brittle/>

- Cover a 9 x 13 cookie sheet w/ a lip w/ foil
- Layer a single layer of pretzel sticks on the foil (a few handfuls)
- Put a few handfuls of Fritos (not the big scoops) on the pretzels
- Melt (microwave or double-boiler) about 4 oz. milk chocolate (I used chips) and drizzle over the pretzels/ Fritos
- Top w/ chopped pecan pieces (I toasted mine first)
- Put in freezer about an hour til it sets
- Break apart - keep in sealed container in cool spot



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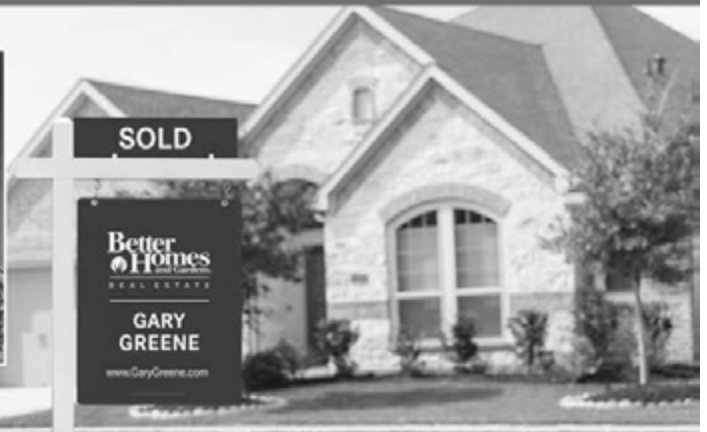
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# Texting and Cell Phone Use during Driving

*By the National Highway Safety Administration (edited for space)*

In 2014, 3,179 people were killed in crashes involving a distracted driver. One of the most alarming and widespread forms of distracted driving is cell phone usage. According to a study by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute (VTTI), sending or receiving a text takes a driver's eyes off the road for an average of 5 seconds, the equivalent of driving blind at 55-mph for the length of an entire football field. And a 2014 special article in the New England Journal of Medicine found that the risk of a crash or near-crash among novice drivers increased with the performance of many secondary tasks, including texting and dialing cell phones.

Text messaging is of heightened concern because it combines three types of distraction – visual, manual and cognitive. In other words, texting involves taking your eyes off the road, your hands off the wheel, and your mind off the task of driving.

NHTSA's message is simple – “One Text or Call Could Wreck it All.” Legislation is being passed across the nation to

discourage distracted driving. We hope drivers get the message loud and clear.

So the next time you are pressed for time, and it seems like multitasking in the car is the best decision, remember those 3,179 lives that were taken because someone decided they could do two things at once. A text or call is not worth your life, or anyone else's.



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The Houston and Austin based students had a great time this past year – visiting a number of our local attractions in both cities as well as San Antonio. We are hoping to be able to do the same for our incoming students for the 2016/2017 school year.

Ayusa is currently looking for volunteer host families to open their hearts and their homes to these wonderful students. All that is needed to host is to be able to provide a room for the student to sleep and three meals a day. The students come with their own spending money and medical insurance. Help us to welcome these great kids into Texas – you'll be happy you did!

### How to Host an International Student

Interested families can learn more about the program and available exchange students and request additional information by visiting <http://www.ayusa.org> or calling 1-888-552-9872.

The process to apply is simple. Families complete the online application, which includes questions about themselves and local high school, references, and a background check. The local Ayusa Community Representative conducts an in-home interview. They can also help each family with any questions they may have about the application or process.

After families are fully approved, they can select the Ayusa student they would like to host.

### About Ayusa

Ayusa International (<http://www.ayusa.org>) is a 501(c)3 non-profit student exchange organization founded in 1981 and an official U.S. Department of State designated Exchange Visitor Program Sponsor. In addition, Ayusa administers high profile grant programs funded by the U.S. Department of State and other organizations. Ayusa is

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## Plant of the Month: Sunflower

*Info from Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center,  
University of Texas at Austin*

The Sunflower is one of the most common flowers in Texas. Varieties grow wild throughout the States. Some varieties grow up to 8'. They grow quickly, so are a good plant for children to try as one of their first gardening adventures. Point out to them that the flower heads follow the sun in a remarkable way, facing East in the morning and West at sunset. In fact the Spanish name for the Sunflower is Gyrosol, which means "follow the sun." The English scientific word for such turning is heliotropism. Remind them that the Sunflower is the State Flower of Kansas. The flower was used to obtain yellow, black, and blue dyes which were used by the American Indians for basket-making.

The Sunflower is drought-tolerant (once established), and the seeds may be planted as deep as 3 inches, though generally about an inch. Do plant them in the sun. Water sparingly, but water. In our soil, it is likely that they will become top heavy, so you may need to stake them. Birds and bees love them, and there is a certain strange spindly species of insect that you will probably find on the plants when they are mature.

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