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Thoughts on Village Creek Board Priorities

The Editor

As I write this, I don't know who won last month's Board Election, but no matter who won, I do have hope for a few changes. While the Board has a project list, there has been no indication that the list was prioritized. Money is always a concern. The Board cannot do everything right away, so work should be prioritized in the following (or very similar) fashion:

1. First, take care of ordinary business and safety issues.
2. Second, take care of what we have. Using landscaping as an example, there is little to be gained by planting anything new if what exists is dying. Make sure the landscape company understands they are responsible for everything when they take on a contract, not just what they plant.
3. Third, replace those landscaping areas which have had no improvements at all. Commonly this will mean adding irrigation to assure that anything new will not die again. Lack of irrigation is the most common reason plants die.
4. Fourth, replace missing plants and trees. Always add ten (or so) trees a year as a matter of policy. We easily have lost five to ten a year with no replacements. It may mean planting a new tree in a different and better spot. Note that new trees usually need bubblers for the first few years.
5. Fifth, Start new projects in a prioritized fashion. At the top of any list would be to redo the old splash pad. Keep what is there to the degree feasible, but add to it and fix it to maintain it as a shady and pleasant place for families to relax. If the cost is too high, do it in phases. Above all, for any significant improvements, get public suggestions and ideas.

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The Minimalist Gardener

By Flint Sage

Trees: Mature trees and bushes will need an inch of water every one to two weeks to just stay alive. If your trees are in lawns, you will need to add a bit more water, as they are competing with the lawn for moisture. Younger trees will need even more water to keep their roots in moist soil. Do a slow soaking a few feet from the trunk to a foot or two beyond the canopy (outermost leaves). Summer is not a good month to plant trees or bushes because they need nearly daily watering.

Lawns: Arrange to keep the mower clippings on the lawn. There are few arguments for bagging clippings.

Vegetables: August is the time to plant southern peas, okra, and peppers. In general, though, it is the worst month to plant most things as it is too hot!

Fall Color: If you want fall color, this is the time to plant marigolds and petunias. If using seeds, start them in a shady part of the yard. They will need daily water.

Mulch: Mulch keeps water in, keeps the heat out, and significantly reduces the need for weeding. Keep mulch six inches or so away from the tree and bush trunks. Lay down a minimum of three thicknesses of newspapers under the mulch. Wet the papers to keep them from blowing away before mulching.

Roses: Expect roses to look quite bad by late summer. In August, cut

back between 1/4 and 1/3 of the bush. Fertilize each rose with 1/2 pound of ammonium sulfate in mid-August. Distribute the fertilizer around the drip line. If no blooms appear in the first week of September, add a second application. Water thoroughly after pruning and fertilizing.

We tried Chinese Okra this year (photo). We had some huge ones that got lost in the abundant large leaves. These plants remind me of Kudzu. They are vines that try to cover everything. We removed them before they covered the entire State. We probably won't plant them next year.



Fruit Trees: According to Texas Gardener Magazine, this is the month to stop fertilizing all fruit trees.

DON'T STOP ME IF YOU HAVE HEARD THIS ONE

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Ladders get more dangerous as one ages. These days when I have a choice between a ladder and a beer, I take the latter.

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MARKET REPORT FOR JUNE 2017*

Homes SOLD in June	3
Avg Days on Market	11
Avg Sales Price	\$323,050
Average List Price vs Sales Price Ratio	100%

*Data is from HAR for 6-1-17 through 6-30-17

As of July 1, 2017:

Homes Active on the Market	11
Price Range	\$250,000 - \$389,900

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The Voice

THE HOUSE DETECTIVE:

Gordon R. Watson



Five Minute Boring Science and Technology Experiments

If you watch detective shows on television, you get the impression we eat, sleep, and work as sleuths all of the time. Actually, we all have private lives as well. Our grandson spends an hour or so nearly every weekday with us. I

recently got to thinking that it might be a good idea for me to give him a daily class on science and technology to learn about things that everyone should know. I added technology because it allows learning almost anything else as well. Between the two of us, we decided to call it the "Five Minute Boring Science and Technology Experiment." We have done about twenty of them or so. Of course, they usually last five minutes.

The latest experiment was communicating over a string from one tin can to another. It is a relatively safe bet that anyone who was born before 1960 has done that, but I think the concept has been swept away with progress. In the 1950's, and earlier, there were no

walkie-talkies or electronics to speak of which would allow kids to easily communicate from one place to another, so they worked it out by trying tin cans and strings. Kids used to pass this stuff along from one kid to another. This one: not so much.

I had built the contrivance before he arrived. It consisted of two tin cans with ice pick sized holes in the ends. Not having any kite string, I used strong nylon fishing line. My older brother, who taught me almost everything I know, told me that the string had to be tight. To keep the string from pulling through the holes, I wrapped a small washer on the end of the string. Given that the nylon could probably support a ten-pound fish, it wasn't likely that the string would break.

I explained that the general idea is that sound travels by vibrating the can and string. Then we stretched it out. My grandson was happy to give it a try, but it didn't work that well. The string was way too long, and, as he pointed out, you could hear the other guy shouting through the air better than through the can. I recalled that was the case back in the 1950's when we tried it too. This wasn't one of life's better experiments when I was young and not better now. At least he can say he did it when someone asks him if he ever talked to another guy through a tin can walkie talkie. Above all, I enjoy reliving my childhood. Roger-Wilko and Over and Out.

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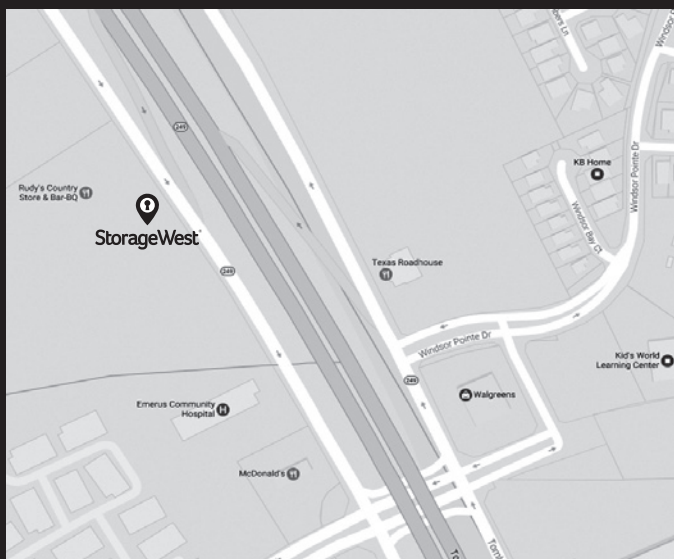
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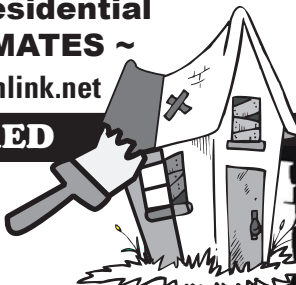
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