



# Beautiful Village Creek Lake awaits the return of Spring.

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## **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

#### IN CASE OF ANY EMERGENCY DIAL 911

#### SCHOOLS

Tomball ISD	, www.tomballisd.net
Willow Creek Elem (K-4)	
Northpointe Int (5-6)	
Willow Wood Jr (7-8)	
Tomball High (9-12)	
Tomball Memorial High School	
Transportation	

#### SERVICES

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Digging? Two days prior to ANY digging in your yard, call 811 or use http://www.lonestar811.com/

#### NEWSLETTER

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### Do you want to contact the Board?

The Board's new website at **villagecreek.us** is quite amazing. Did you know that you can go there, click on CONTACT, and send all of the Board members a message within a minute? Another option is to send both the Board members and the Management Company a message. Either way, it is fast and effective.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted."-Aesop

### Architectural Review Committee

(Steve Winter, Chair, Joe Wright and a Samaritan Volunteer).



The Committee could use another member. There are no meetings. All work is by phone or online. Contact Steve for more information. By Steve Winter

This month there were six applications processed: Two for tree removal, two for fence replacement, one for repainting, and one for the installation of solar panels.

The latest solar installation will be the third installation of solar panels in our neighborhood, and this may be a good time to look at the Village Creek rules for installation. The Guidelines are fromTexas Property Code 200.010, and, very briefly, they state that the solar installation:

1. Be located in a fenced-in yard or patio, OR on the roof of the house or other approved structure, not visible from the front of the structure.

2. Be located entirely on the property of the owner erecting the Solar Panels

3. May not be higher or wider than the roofline of the structure it is mounted on.

4. Shall be parallel with the roofline and shall conform to the slope of the roofline

5. All frames, brackets, wires, and pipes shall be of silver, bronze, or black.

An Owner wishing to obtain approval of the installation of a solar panel or device that does not comply with any single criteria above must demonstrate that an alternative location will enable the panel or device to generate more than 10% greater production in the alternative location.

The applications we have seen to date have all complied with these guidelines, and most contractors who install solar in this area are well aware of them because most HOA's use Texas 202.010 as the guideline.

As always if you have any questions, please contact me.

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# The Voice

### **Teenage Job Seekers**

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\* CPR Training + First Aid Training ~ Baby-sitting Course <sup>R</sup> Has References MH Mother's Helper

#### **ATTENTION TEENAGERS**

The Teenage Job Seekers listing service is offered free of charge to all Village Creek teenagers seeking work. Teens who live in Village Creek should submit their information to villagecreek@peelinc.com by the 5th of each month for publication in the following month's issue. You must be age 13 to 19 to be on the list. Please include any certifications, training, and what type of job you would like to do. Note that there is a yard work category now. Please update your information yearly.



### Village Creek Social Event Schedule 2019 for April



Spring Community Garage Sale Friday & Saturday, April 5 & 6 Easter Parade & Egg Hunt Saturday, April 13, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.



# The Voice

### Landscape Committee Report

### (Sherry Watson, Chair; Kristin Jonec and Laura Domangue, Members)

Some Reserve (public) landscaped beds in Village Creek had 16-year-old, end-of-life, over-grown plants close to residents' homes and fences. Recently, old and improperly pruned wax myrtles fell and damaged residents' fences. The Board removed these plants in February to prevent future liability.

Many of the trees in Reserve areas were older forest trees left in places very close to homes. Many of the older pine trees died because of diseases. We removed six dead pine trees in February. The roots of invasive Chinese Tallow trees have also caused damage to residents' fences. The proactive Landscape Committee has removed almost all of the trees near residents' houses in Reserve areas. As funds allow, we plan to remove Chinese Tallow trees in our two forested areas so that desirable trees can grow to their natural beauty.

One dead oak tree fell onto a residents' fence, fortunately, causing no injury or damage. In February, in the same area, we removed seven dead oak trees. The Committee encourages all residents to examine large oak trees in their front and side yards. There are two ways to see if a seemingly healthy tree is dying:

1. Tap on the tree. If there is a hollow sound, that is not good news.

2. If you can see where the tree flares out at the bottom, look for a hole. If you can stick a small tool in this hole, the tree may be dying. If you cannot see the tree trunk flare at the bottom, you should remove the excess soil or mulch.

As funds become available, new trees and plants will be planted in some Reserve areas, but not next to resident's homes.



### Pool Committee

Gordon R. Watson, Chair; Stacy Cheeseman, Member)

During the winter, several projects we completed several projects:

- Repaired several rusted picnic tables.
- Bolted down some furniture to prevent use as a "ladder" to scale the fence from outside.
- Added concrete pad for safer access to splash pad equipment.
- Repaired deck cracks.
- Changed door closers.
- Replaced drinking fountain filter and fixed leak.
- Replaced problematic flush valve in men's room.
- Started painting splash pad poles. Adding concrete mound to prevent future corrosion.
- Any many more.



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As a successful real estate agent, I specialize in real estate marketing and will create a comprehensive customized plan with you to showcase your home.

Please feel free to call or email me anytime with questions.



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