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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

Meet the Village Creek Board

Brian Martin, Board President

Born in Fort Worth, Brian Martin grew up in Abernathy, a small town of 1,500 people outside of Lubbock, Texas. He attended Texas Tech University where he earned a Bachelor of Business Degree. His wife, Amy and he have two children, Cole, thirteen, and Kate, eight. The family has attended Houston Northwest Baptist church for a number of years. They have lived in the Houston area for around 13 years and in Village Creek for 8-9 years.

Elected three years ago, Brian currently serves on the Village Creek Home Owner Association Board as President. He enjoys most sports, most outdoor activities, mentoring kids, coaching kids, volunteering, and other community-related services. For the past sixteen years, he has worked for a national, Fortune 100 insurance company on the commercial insurance side. He underwrites and does sales for management and professional liability.

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A New Feature for Village Creek

By Peggy Barriga



The Board is pleased to announce the arrival of our own Little Free Library in Village Creek, thus joining the movement to share books, bring people together, and create a community of readers.

When installed, it will be located in the pool house area, near the playground. Many free books will be offered to readers, with the idea that they can “take a book; leave a book” and enjoy this modern version of the Book Mobiles of yesterday which some of us enjoyed as children.

The Board purchased and installed this new addition to our neighborhood with the knowledge that our Little Free Library belongs to our whole community. It is their hope that it will bring more joy, more connection and a whole lot more books to Village Creek.

For questions, comments, or to offer books or support, please contact Peggy Barriga at pbarriga@earthlink.net.

Landscape Committee Report

(Sherry Watson, Chair; Kristin Jones and Laura Domangue)

By the time you read this:

1. All sidewalk areas through the forest from Midland Creek to Lake Vista Drive West will have had plant material removed to open up the area next to the sidewalk to make walking more enjoyable.
2. All unimproved islands will have been improved with the addition of beautiful crape myrtle trees like Tuscarora and Basham Party Pink.
3. Invasive Chinese Tallow Trees in Morning Rain Park will have been removed to allow for the growth of young oak trees and to give the area more open space for children's activities.
4. Along the lakeside a large dead oak tree, a large pine tree struck by lightning, and a dead pine tree will have been removed.
5. Sod will be growing nicely in areas near the Pool House where dead or invasive trees had been removed.
6. The Committee will be moving forward to schedule improvements included in the Village Creek Landscape Master Plan.
7. Steadily and surely the beautification of Village Creek will continue.

Architectural Review Committee Report

Steven Winter, Chair. Joe Wright, John Mudd, and One other Good Samaritan, Members.

You know something charming about our neighborhood is being able to go outside in your backyard, looking up in the sky, and seeing stars, well most of the time, and that is always comforting. But you know with the advent of the new super high wavelength LED lights, a lot of that open sky is starting to disappear. Light pollution is all around us whether it is the orange glow of the street lights or your neighbor next door and their new lights that make the back yard look as bright as a television studio. Something to consider when you put lights on your house is keeping the light footprint down to your property. It is easy. Keep the lights below eight feet when installing them and aim them so that they cover your property but not spill into your neighbor's yard or out into the street. Consider placing them on a proximity switch or motion sensor that turns them off when there either is no presence in the yard or dims them. If you are installing them on the street side of your house to cover a driveway or front yard, please aim them, so they do not shine in driver or pedestrian's eyes and disrupt their vision. Nothing is worse than driving down a street and being blasted in the eyes by a floodlight improperly aimed.

All new outdoor lights require an ARC permit (www.crest-management.com) before installation however the replacement of existing lights may be done without a permit so long as it is replacing the old lights with the same type of light and Wattage (or lower). By the way, if you are replacing an exterior bulb, consider going to a lower Wattage. You will be doing your part to save the Earth (and may avoid annoying your neighbor). The ARC has the responsibility of handling any lighting complaints, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any of the Village Creek Board members.

Social Committee

Lisa Rawles, Chair



The Easter Parade and Egg Hunt was a big success again this year with drinks, Easter Bunny, egg hunt, parade, rides, games, and rock wall climbing. Thank you to Jimmy Rawles, Bret and Mary Eckel, Allie and Julia, Joe and Mellisa Cruz, Amy and Cole Martin, and Kellie Crenshaw.

Upcoming Social Committee Events for 2019

Fourth of July Parade and Pool Party

Thursday, July 4, Parade 9:30 a.m. Judging 10:00 a.m.

Back to School Luau & Kinder Meet & Greet

Saturday, August 17, Kinder M&G 10:00 a.m.

Luau 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Fall Garage Sale

Friday & Saturday, October 11 & 12

Cookies with Santa

Sunday, December 8, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Volunteer Pool Committee

Gordon Watson, Chair; Stacy Cheeseman, Member



Because of safety concerns about solo swimming and safety in general, no swimming is allowed in the mornings from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 10 minutes before the hour.

Aquatic Management is our new pool management company. They recommended that we have a qualified electrician evaluate our pool for electrical safety. This contractor found over twenty National Electric Code violations. In a separate contract, these have all been solved at a cost of slightly less than \$5000.

If you have problems at the pool or splash pad, please call Gordon Watson. His numbers are shown on either gate. Quite often we can solve issues within a few minutes.

The Voice

Village Creek Community Association, Inc. Pool and Splash Pad

2019 Splash Pad Schedule		
The Splash Pad will be open Tuesdays through Sundays beginning May 1st through September 29th. Hours: 9:00 AM through 8:00 PM.		
2019 Pool Schedule		
May 25th through May 27th		
Saturday, May 25th		
Pool Grand Opening Party	11:00 AM-1:00 PM	4 Guards
Free Swim Pool Hours	1:00 PM - 8:00 PM	2 Guards
Sunday, May 26th	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM	2 Guards
Monday, May 27th (Memorial Day)	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM	2 Guards
Normal Swim Season: June 1st through August 16th		
Monday	Closed for Maintenance	
Tuesdays through Sundays	10:00 AM to 8:00 PM	2 Guards
August 17th		
Kinder Meet & Greet	10:00 AM	2 Guards
Back to School Luau	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	4 Guards
Free Swim Pool Hours	1:00 - 8:00 PM	2 Guards
Fall Swim Season: August 18th through September 29th		
Mondays through Fridays	Closed	
Monday, Labor Day, September 2nd	10:00 AM to 8:00 PM	2 Guards
Saturdays	10:00 AM to 8:00 PM	2 Guards
Sundays	10:00 AM - 8:00 PM	2 Guards
Because of safety concerns, there will no longer be adult morning swim or adult swim ten minutes before the hour.		
The Days of operation are based on the local school district calendar and are subject to change.		

The Minimalist Gardener

By Flint Sage

Search online for Texas A & M's "Maintaining St. Augustine Grass," by Taylor & Gray. It is a must-read document. The following is a summary, but there is so much in the article that you must read it completely. Some highlights are the following:

- a. 3" mowing height for both sunny and shady areas.
- b. Leave clippings on the lawn (Note that "Texas Gardener Magazine" says that NO fertilizer should be required in the summer if you leave clippings on the lawn).
- c. Water to a depth of six inches. Watering several times during the watering day is best. (Example: 5 minutes three times rather than 15 minutes once).
- d. Water only when the grass begins showing signs of distress (usually 5 to 10 days, depending on weather). Strive to water deeply one time per week.

Water young trees weekly to assure the roots stay damp (not wet). Water older trees if there isn't any rain. Keep mulch around plants to retain moisture. Keep mulch away from trunks. You should see the "flare" at the bottom of the tree. Add some fertilizer to trees to encourage growth.

The summer here is not a great time to plant because of the heat. Keeping sufficient moisture for new plantings is tough. If you do plant anything, be sure you keep it watered.

Tree of the month: According to the "Houston Chronicle," the loquat tree does well in our area. Its fruits are, we are told, like plums. Birds love them if you don't harvest them before they do.

Village Creek Watches Money: Irrigation

Village Creek's annual water bill (mostly for irrigation) has rapidly risen from \$45,048 in 2015 to \$72,687 in 2018 which is about 13% of our dues. Obviously, saving water will be a high priority for the Board. Among the things that the Board plans to do are the following:

- Minimize watering by scheduling as few irrigation events as is feasible consistent with Texas A&M guidelines.
- Assure working rain sensors at each controller
- Watch for leaks
- Watch the water usage monthly
- Shut off the water entirely in the off-season when possible.

Residents can help by letting the Board know of extremely wet areas, obvious leaks, and watering during a rainfall. Contact the Board at villagecreek.us. When you write a note on that web site, every Board member sees your concerns.

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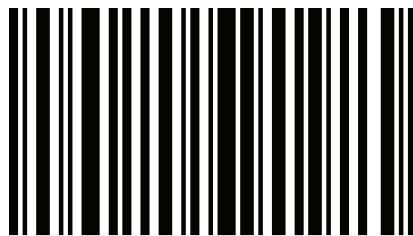
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