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#### 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

### ARC Committee

By Steven Winter, Chair, Members: Joe Wright, Anonymous Samaritan, and John Mudd

This month's topic is 'Parking', not because I chose it or anything, but there seems to be a lot of interest in the subject based on the past few HOA Public meetings. Therefore, looking at the Village Creek Deed Restrictions, you remember, the ones you got when you bought your house, the following paragraph caught my eye:

"No passenger vehicle or pick-up truck owned or used by the residents of a Lot shall be permitted to be parked overnight on any street in the Subdivision. No guest of an Owner, lessee or other occupant of a Lot shall be entitled to park on any street in the Subdivision overnight or on the driveway of a Lot for a period longer than forty eight (48) consecutive hours."

WHOA! Did that really say you could not park on the street overnight? YEP. It's in the Deed Restrictions. If that's not enough, parking over 48 Hours on a public street IS in the Texas Transportation Code - TRANSP § 545.302 along with a bunch of other things I either forgot or have ignored for years. These codes the Constables WILL enforce if you contact them.

OK, bottom line here is our streets are for everyone to use. Park in the correct direction of traffic flow. IT'S A LAW. Don't park blocking a public or private driveway. ANOTHER LAW. Park within 18 inches of the curb. ALSO A LAW. Park so as to not impede large vehicles like Ambulances and Fire Trucks. NOT A LAW, BUT GOOD SENSE. Be a good neighbor and don't make your vehicle a problem to others.

No matter when you park, remember how much you enjoy dodging cars and trucks parked on the street. Park in your garage or driveway. Oh, and one more thing, cul de sac's are NOT a parking lot. They are for drivers to turn around in. 'Nuff said.

# Meet the Village Creek Board: Cynthia Moody, Board Treasurer



Cynthia is a Cajun from New Orleans, Louisiana, and received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of New Orleans. Her career consisted of teaching in the classroom and then becoming a Reading Specialist helping struggling children learn to read. She says it was a wonderful experience! She taught in Louisiana and then in Klein from where she retired. She has been a volunteer at

Mercer Botanic Gardens. Also, she does volunteer work in the library at Canyon Point Elementary where her two wonderful grandsons

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# The Voice

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attend. She and her husband enjoy traveling and gardening together.

She met her husband, George, in New Orleans. You probably have seen George walking their dog, Pepper, a big friendly black Lab who loves being petted. Unfortunately, Pepper is taking very short walks now because she had a front leg removed recently but is doing well. George worked in insurance, so they moved often from New Orleans to Oklahoma City, then to Boston, and ended up in Houston, where they have been for over 40 years. They consider themselves adopted Houstonians and have loved living here. They have two daughters, Tonya who is a graduate of the University of Houston and Tara who graduated from Texas A & M. They cheer for both schools and are so proud of them.

Cynthia and George moved to Village Creek almost 18 years ago and would not live anywhere else. She says that it has been amazing seeing our subdivision grow and become such a family friendly place. She said that it is her honor to serve you on the Village Creek Board of Directors.

# Landscape Committee Progress since July, 2018

Here are a few things the Landscape Committee has accomplished since July of 2018:

• Is using a different landscape contractor to design beds and plant landscape materials.

• Has created a Master Plan listing improvements to be made in landscape.

• Members are selecting Yard of the Month winners.

• Members are in communication with residents regarding their concerns.

- Removed some invasive tallow trees.
- Removed hazardous trees and bushes.
- Added Tuscarora crape myrtle trees to four islands.
- Added Basham Party Pink crape myrtle tree to one island.

• Chair has assisted in the purchase, placement, installation and upkeep of The Little Library.

• Trimmed the sidewalk areas inside the native forest to provide an unimpeded area for walkers.

• Trimmed the outside edges of the forest to remove tallow trees, vines, overgrown plants, etc. to open up the area so that native trees can be seen.

- Removed dead trees which were mostly pine trees.
- Members selected Holiday Decorating Contest winners.

• Planted sod near the Pool House to fill in empty beds where dead trees had been removed.

• Has approval to plant five Bald Cypress trees around the lake bridge area.

• Has approval to landscape the Reserve area on Scarlet Forest Drive.

• Has approval to remove a large dead oak tree and a pine tree hit by lightning on the north west side of the lake.

• Chair has attends all monthly Board meetings and gives a report to the Board and residents.

# Board Progress over Last Year

Here are a few things the Board has accomplished this year:

1. Reviewing business issues with the previous management company (ongoing).

2. Reviewing business issues with the current landscape company (ongoing).

3. Hired a new pool contract with low bid, but is more safety conscious. Lifeguards have greater work ethic.

4. Installed a Little Library.

5. Improved sidewalk safety in over sixty locations (ongoing).

6. Hired a new management company.

7. Studied using LED street lights and determined the time is not yet right.

8. Supported Landscape Committee's efforts to restore Village Creek.

9.Replaced splash pad computer with improved random version.

10. Replaced pool shade.

11. Replaced (under warranty) Mossy Ledge Park shade damaged by wind.

You can help the Board keep Village Creek safe by reporting any trip hazards (or any other hazards) to the Board. Did you know you can contact all of the Board Members right away by using VillageCreek.us? Most of the Board's communications will be through Crest Management, so give Crest your email address at the same time.





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# The Voice

# Volunteer Pool Committee

Gordon Watson, Chair; Stacy Cheeseman, Member

After significant discussion, the Board decided to eliminate morning adult swim and allowing adults to swim ten minutes before the hour. This was a difficult decision, which was not taken lightly. The decision was based on safety and adherence to the law. We eliminated these for the following three reasons:

1. It is against U.S. Government Fair Housing Act to have an adult-only swim event in a community such as ours.

2. Several different adults brought children to adult morning swim when there was no lifeguard available.

3. The Board members would be required to personally sign a document accepting safety responsibility for the ten-minute swim (100 minutes/day).

As of June 4, 2019, four young children have drowned in Harris and Fort Bend Counties since the pool season started on Memorial Day. If anyone were be badly injured in Village Creek's pool, it would be devastating to both the family and the community.

Our lifeguards this year are very safety oriented, but they are life-savers of last-resort. Please be watchful of your children (and others) at the pool. The slightest mistake will be life-changing for all of us.



### Social Committee: Lisa Rawles, Chair

The Pool Grand Opening was a great success. Pizzas, cookies, drinks, music, games, water, and fun were served up in ample quantities. Lisa Rawles, Social Committee Chair, and her helpful husband, Jimmy, facilitated bringing this excitement to our community. At one time, there were over 70 people in the pool with many more enjoying the sun or shade.

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.



### The Little Library is open for Business

The Little Library is located west of the pool house, near the playground. There is a nice shady sitting area nearby for reading and lunch. Many free books will be offered to readers, with the idea that they can "take a book; leave a book." If you wish to just take a book, that will be fine too.

We want to keep our Little Library useful and updated, so if you have any suggestions or contributions you would like to make, please contact Peggy Barriga pbarriga@earthlink.net. We welcome all contributions, but are currently in need of books for 4-6 grade readers and adult fiction.



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