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 Northpointe Int (5-6)..... 281-357-3020
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Village Creek Board Website.....myvillagecreek.com

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Gordon Watson



I don't think that I have ever seen such a grand sunrise display as one recently in Tomball. I looked up the reason for the sunbeams online and found an article in Discover Magazine by Phil Plait. He explained that

the beams are caused by clouds obstructing the light. They are called crepuscular rays. The most interesting thing is that the rays do not really increase in width as they fan away. They are actually parallel and three dimensional. He proves the parallel idea by showing a photo of them from space by an astronaut (attached). The width seems to change in the same way that a railroad track appears wider at your feet than a mile away. It is an optical illusion.

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Social Committee

Peggy Barriga, Samantha Miller, and Chimeria Gonzales



The Social Committee, with new members, spent March planning the Easter/Spring Celebration, which was unfortunately cancelled because of Covid-19. However, they were able to create a virtual egg hunt instead.

Despite the challenges of the virus, the Easter Bunny Tour went well on April 5th with a few hitches which were ironed out on the following Sunday. We want to thank those who volunteered to take on this difficult task (while trying to practice Social Distancing). Those on the truck were Joe Cruz, Chimeria Gonzales, Glynis Fletcher, her neighbor Mary Silvo, Jenny Silvo, and the dog, Red.

The Committee's next endeavor will be hosting the Pool Party. Watch for details as much depends on the Covid-19 situation.

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Bicyclists and Pedestrians

Many of us are taking advantage of our sidewalks to enjoy a bit of outdoors. As a consequence, we have noticed many more people walking and biking than usual. Along with the increased traffic comes the inevitable interaction between bicycles and pedestrians. Please advise your young bicyclists to warn walkers that your child is about to pass (either from the front or rear). Verbal warnings are OK.

Remember that our narrow, shared sidewalks are not intended for speeding bikes. Please be careful and slooow down when passing. A pedestrian could be badly hurt.

While you don't see them much anymore, handlebar bells might be better, particularly for child cyclists. A child likely will enjoy ringing the bell for safety. In any case, make sure your child understands that the warning needs to provide sufficient time for the pedestrian to react to the situation.

While hardly anyone likes laws, the applicable law in Texas is the following:

"In a shared-use area, the bicyclists shall pass cautiously, after giving audible notice of passing to the pedestrian or bicyclists they are passing."



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Landscape Committee Report

Sherry Watson, Chair, Laura Domangue, Kristin Jones, and Peggy Barriga



Hopefully walkers near the lake bridge are noticing the six beautifully growing Bald Cypress trees that were planted last year by Land Crafters, a company hired to provide Village Creek with new landscape improvements. These new cypress trees will provide shade for the fishermen and families walking near the canal area near the bridge.

Walkers on the northeast lake sidewalk are commenting positively about the ten new Mexican White Oak trees planted there in March. These trees can grow up to four feet in one year!

A number of new plants have been installed on Lake Vista West between Sienna Trails and Friars Village. Three Basham Party Pink Crape Myrtles, which are fast growing to a height of 30 feet, have been planted in this area. Two Vitex, which can grow 10-15 feet tall and wide have also been planted. One Live Oak was planted to add to the other oaks in that area. Low spots in this area were filled in with sand.

The Committee recently presented other proposals to the Board for improvements along Village Creek Trail. With a two-year contract ending in July, the Board made the decision not to plant anything new until the new landscape contractor comes on board. The Committee will be ready with proposals so that landscape improvements can begin to be made quickly.

The Minimalist Gardener

Crape Myrtles will start blooming late in May. Prune the dead Crape myrtle flowers to force more flower growth.

Fruit trees need lots of water now.

Vegetables: Heat tolerant vegetables can be planted now. Among these are sweet potatoes, pumpkins, squashes, and southern peas. Plant sunflowers. They are so fast growing. Kids love the big ones. Plant them at least 12" apart. They likely will need a stake as they grow.

You will notice that the Vitex blooms in May. This large bush can actually become a multi-trunked tree if left alone. Pruned yearly, it can be kept to a diameter of 15' or so. It is often called the Lilac of the South because of its similar blooms.

Perennials & Annuals: Fertilize trees this month and keep 4" of mulch around the tree (but keep mulch away from the trunk). Upper horizontal root-tops should almost show.

If you haven't applied your spring lawn fertilizer, apply one pound of nitrogen per 1000 square feet soon. For an eye-opening article on fertilization in East Texas, search for a Texas A&M article titled, "Lawn Fertilization in Texas."

We can expect the average temperature in May to be about 85, so we are definitely into the watering season. Got a continuously wet spot in your yard? It is possibly an irrigation valve which is leaking internally such that it is never quite off. Buy a repair kit.

Photo: The Landscape Committee's Bald Cypress trees planted last year look great so far and will eventually look like those in the background.

Until next time, Happy Gardening!



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Village Creek Community and The Voice

By The Editor



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- Usually this Facebook page will provide one with a link to the electronic copy of "The Voice" (usually very near the 1st of each month). One advantage of the electronic copy is that the entire issue (including photographs) are in color. One will likely get it earlier as well.

- You might find Board information not usually available elsewhere.

- You will not find sickness, crime and mayhem which is left up to other social media sources.

- The page always strives to provide high-quality photographs of the Village Creek Community.

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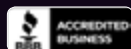
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