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Village Creek Board Website.....myvillagecreek.com

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Social Committee Update



In May, we arranged for our first food truck to visit Village Creek. Going forward, we are working on a schedule to bring a food truck and possibly a dessert truck every other Friday evening. Additionally, a survey was launched to our residents to gain ideas for better social engagement within the community. We will be compiling and assessing the results this month. Also, thanks to all who participated in the parade around the lake celebrating the graduates of Village Creek. The next big event we anticipate is the July 4th party and parade. More details to follow.

We are happy to welcome Glynis Fletcher to our committee to help us fulfill our mission, which is to keep our community friendly by offering multi-generational activities. Others are welcome to join the Social Committee. Go to the Village Creek website, www.villagecreek.us, and select “contacts.”

-The Social Committee (Samantha Miller, Glynis Fletcher, Rhonda Salveski, and Peggy Barriga)



The Minimalist Gardener *by Flint Sage*



Trees and Bushes: Trees and bushes, particularly young ones, will need some water. Do not over-water, but allow the roots to be moist (neither wet nor dry). If it does not rain during the week, give them a deep watering. Dig down a few inches in the root area to check the moisture. For trees, it is desirable to have the soil damp (not wet) 12" below the surface. Fertilize new plants with a lawn fertilizer (about 1 to 2 cups per inch of trunk diameter). Water it in well! A berm around young trees will help you provide sufficient water to their young roots. Don't over-water. If your leaves are yellowing at the tips, you may be over-watering.

Lawns: We get a lot of rain in Tomball, but often not regularly. You will need to make up the deficiency using your irrigation system. Strive to irrigate weekly with deep watering. Deep watering encourages deep roots. Most people water too little too often. Note that irrigation timers can be set to water several times during one day to allow time for the water to absorb into the soil. For those areas having sparse grass, it is possible they are not getting enough water. Add or adjust sprinkler heads accordingly.

Reminder: Keep lawn clippings on the lawn. They are the same as adding fertilizer plus they enhance the soil, over time. Cut lawns about 3" high.

Personal Health: Garden in the early morning if possible. Drink lots of water. Wear a hat and sunscreen. Use repellent. Consider kneeling on foam pads or kneepads. They protect the knees and also give you a bit of protection from fire ants. Wear gloves for the same reasons.

When bitten by fire ants, I recently discovered that the pain went away in about the same time by not doing anything rather than doing something. It is important to brush them away as quickly as possible, though.

Photo: Few plant's color combinations are as nice as Texas Sage's leaf and flower contrast.

Until next time, Happy Gardening!

Happy Fourth of July

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Average Days on Market	75 Days
Pending Sales	6
Lowest Sales Price	\$249,500
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Average Price Per Sq. Ft.	\$110.67
Average Days on Market	64 Days
Homes Closed in 2020	13
Lowest Sales Price	\$249,900
Highest Sales Price	\$409,000
Average Price Per Sq. Ft.	\$105.25
Average Days on Market	29 Days

*Data is from HAR for 6-1-20 through 6-30-20.

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The Voice

Safety and Security Committee



At the last Board meeting, with a majority vote, the Board created a Safety and Security Committee. The members are Rick Curry, Julie Gall, Jennifer Kharrazi, and Brad Snyder. As a goal, they will be figuring out ways to keep Village Creek safe and secure. The Board advised that there is no budget for this Committee. So far, the Committee is working to contact other neighborhoods to see what sort of work they have done in this realm. Of course, the existing Infrastructure Committee (formed in January) handles playground, sidewalk, electrical, lighting, signage, and other safety issues relating to our Community.

Village Creek Board Election

Be sure to check all available resources regarding the upcoming July Village Creek Board Election. While we are far removed from the County, State, and Federal elections, one could make the case that our HOA election is more important to us than the others. The Board is responsible for the area surrounding our home. Of course, our surroundings affect our wellbeing and home value. Plus, each home pays \$759 to the Board to distribute as they wish. Here are some resources for finding out about the election:

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Landscape Committee for July 2020

Members: Kristin Jones, Laura Domague, George Moody, Peggy Barriga Chair: Sherry Watson



The two-year landscape contract with Monteverde Gardens ended in June. Our new landscape contractor, Land Crafters, came on board in July. Land Crafters is very familiar with Village Creek as they previously had the contract. The Committee is pleased to work with them again. The past year they have also been working with the Landscape Committee making landscape improvements and taking care of our irrigation last summer.

In May, the Board was presented with the Landscape Committee Master Plan for 2020. It includes sixty-three areas for improvement and changes in all Reserve Areas. The list includes ideas such as finishing the needed trimming of Reserve Area trees, cleaning up the gully area on the left side of Village Creek Trail as you enter from Spring Cypress, reducing bed sizes with sod where plants have died, planting more Mexican White Oak trees around the lake sidewalk, clearing out underbrush and removing invasive Tallow Trees in our forest, planting more trees on Lake Vista Drive West north of Mossy Ledge, reducing the number of expensive annuals around reserve areas, and planting more trees on Village Creek Trail.

All of these improvements depend on sufficient money being available in the HOA budget. The remaining money in last year's Landscape Budget was needed in other areas so planned improvements for the Fall were not completed. As always, the goal of the Landscape Committee is to continue keeping Village Creek beautiful.

The Voice

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Tree Trimming Reminder

By the Editor



As we drive around the neighborhood, we can see that some of the trees are slowly growing below the 14' required above the streets and 8' above sidewalks. The trees in front of your home (and sometimes at the sides) belong to residents. Although we love Precinct 4, we do not want another tree trimming done by them. Their job is to keep trees out of the way of school buses, motor homes, and emergency vehicles. Our interest is both that and beauty. When they trimmed a few years ago, we lost many years of beauty on one of our major streets.

Our goal is to achieve a beautiful oak canopy above the streets with 14' of clearance for buses, fire trucks, etc. If you are able, you can do this trimming yourself. A friend recommended the Black and Decker LPP120 20-Volt Lithium-Ion Cordless Pole Saw. I now recommend it too. If you hire it done, there are many good tree trimming companies. Frankly, doing it yourself is remarkably fun and good exercise. Maybe above all, if you can do it safely, you will save a lot of money. Hint: Check out YouTube for advice. Another Hint: If a branch is growing downward, remove it.

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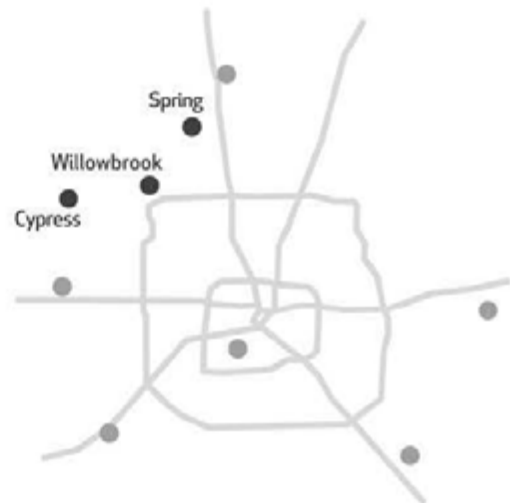
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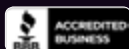
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