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Homeowner Briefing for September Board Meeting

The September HOA Board Meeting was held on September 21, 2020. This was an internal Board workshop to set the preliminary budget for next year. The Board members present were Ty Thomas, Cynthia Moody, Chimeria Gonzalez, and Eddy Kharrazi.

Between the August and September Board meetings, the Board has addressed the following list of items that required care and attention. 1) New rust-proof recycled material picnic table at the pool to replace a rusting table. 2) New trash bin at lake to replace damaged bin. 3) LED sign cable repaired under warranty. 4) Due to late school reopening, pool was kept open three extra weeks. 5) Various landscape related work on parks, trees, and irrigation. 6) Various unscheduled service to pool equipment and facilities. 7) Unscheduled repair work done to fountain.

The November's HOA Board meeting will be held on November 16, 2020 at The Venue, 11729 Spring Cypress, Tomball, TX 77377. If Coronavirus precautions discourage an in-person meeting, then an alternate method for residents to participate will be communicated via email blast and on VillageCreek.us.

Holiday Decorating Contest

Start pulling those decorating boxes out of the attic and from storage! The annual holiday decorating contest will soon be here. The decorating categories are: Best Overall House, Most Festive, Most Traditional, Kid's Choice, and five Honorable Mentions. The winners will receive lots of oohs and ahhs, a temporary yard sign stating their category win, and a modest gift certificate.

The judges will consider the following criteria to help the decision process. In all categories, a house that won the previous year can win again.

Best Overall - This home generally should have trim on the roof line, sidewalks, and yard edge and have lights around the trees. Yard decorations are a plus but not necessary. This home will give you a WOW factor as you drive by it. Single color themes or tasteful multi-colors are also a plus where you can tell that the resident made considerable effort to design a pattern and really make it look nice.

Most Festive - This home should really load up on the lights, blow up figures, yard ornaments, etc. When you look at it you should think that this house is "over the top."

Most Traditional - This home should have an elegant theme that is clean and neat, not cluttered. It should have a consistent color theme such as white, red, or green or combination of the three. Homes that trim the top roof line, outline sidewalks and yard edge will be given more consideration.

Kid's Choice - The Committee will locate a few houses which are decorated with a theme or decorations that would appeal to children. Children from Village Creek will help the Committee make the final decision.

Honorable Mention - So many residents in Village Creek spend their time and money decorating their houses. Many of them deserve recognition for the effort they make beautifying their neighborhood during this season.

Lifetime Achievement Award - If a resident has won a specific category two years in a row, and a third win is likely a permanent recognition award, the Lifetime Achievement Award, may be given.

Thank you in advance to all that participate to give Village Creek a special holiday ambiance.

Board Member Highlight – Chimeria Gonzalez



Chimeria Gonzalez serves as Secretary on our HOA Board of Directors. She owns and oversees Latrine Queen, which provides residential and commercial cleaning solutions and supplies to the greater Houston area.

After serving in the Air Force, Chimeria earned a degree in Business Management and Psychology along with certifications in Computer Information Systems, Small Business Accounting, and Six Sigma Green Belt. Chimeria holds a Real Estate license and is a graduate of the Texas Leadership Program.

Chimeria was an active Realtor in Abilene primarily assisting Dyess Air Force veterans and active duty personnel. A proponent of high ethics and standards in the real estate industry, Chimeria contributed an active voice on the Professional Standards Committee for Texas Realtors, National Association of Realtors Young Professionals Network, and the Texas Real Estate Political Action Committee. Chimeria served as Secretary for the Abilene chapter of Women's Council of Realtors.

Chimeria is a mother of three amazing boys and wife to a Retired Air Force veteran. In her spare time, she enjoys baking, cooking, fishing, camping, shooting and horseback riding. Her favorite aspect of Village Creek is the warmth of the neighborhood. If you see her, don't be afraid to wave and say "hi," she will be the one with the smile.

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Average Days on Market 38

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Highest Sales Price \$369,900
Average Price Per Sq. Ft. \$116.46
Average Days on Market 12

Homes Closed in 2020 29
Lowest Sales Price \$249,500
Highest Sales Price \$430,000
Average Price Per Sq. Ft. \$105.18
Average Days on Market 44 Days

*Data is from HAR for 9-1-20 through 9-30-20

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Safety Committee Monthly Update

Village Creek's Safety and Security Committee members Julie Gall, Jennifer Kharrazi, Rick Curry, and Brad Snyder spoke with Lt. Daniel Garza of the Harris County Constable Precinct 4 Office to discuss the neighborhood's safety concerns and get suggestions on how to prevent crime.

"The main points are, if you see something, say something, and don't leave valuables in your car," Lt. Garza said. He encouraged all residents to program the 24-hour dispatch phone number into their cell phones so they can call when they need to.

The number is 281-376-3472 and is always answered by a live person. In an emergency, residents should call 911, but for all other cases this number is best.

"I would rather have a deputy show up and it be nothing rather than someone not call about a concern," he said.

And while Village Creek itself is a very safe neighborhood, Lt. Garza said that over the past few months he has seen an increase in family disturbances and guns being stolen from unlocked cars in the greater area around VC.

"The majority of calls are for items stolen from unlocked cars, so lock your vehicles, and don't leave valuables in plain sight," Lt. Garza said. He said most bad guys will not break into a car unless they see something valuable. Most will go street to street trying car doors to

see what is unlocked.

While it is best to not leave valuables, including guns, in your car, safety committee member Brad Snyder suggested, in cases where that is unavoidable, to get a vehicle safe. These safes are not rugged enough to withstand the efforts of a determined thief, but it will prevent most thefts which are crimes of opportunity. These safes are available at many sports and outdoors stores and are less than \$10.

Lt. Garza also encouraged residents to 'like' the Mark Herman, Harris County Constable Precinct 4 Facebook page and to go to constablepct4.com for up-to-date information. This web site also offers a number of services for residents, including a form to report common traffic complaints such as a stop sign that is often ignored, and a form to request a Vacation Watch, which is a free service that provides a deputy to drive by a residence daily when the occupants are on vacation.

Before meeting with the lieutenant, the safety committee emailed specific questions to Lt. Garza. Below are those questions and his responses.

Q: What are the biggest crime threats/concerns for VC?

A: The main crimes we are seeing at this time are car break ins. The best way to reduce these is to keep your vehicle locked and valuables not left in them.

Q: What actions do you recommend to reduce crime?

A: As described above, the best way to reduce crime is make yourself and your property a poor target. In saying this, I would recommend when feasible to park your vehicle in a garage. Have great lighting around your home to prevent bad guys being able to hide in the darkness, and quality cameras are always a good resource.

Q: What are your thoughts on the use of cameras at entry/exit of VC?

A: Some nearby neighborhoods have cameras at their entrances that are capable of reading plates. While it does not reduce all crime, it has been a great aid and assisted in making arrests.

Q: Can we adjust the patrol times in VC?

A: VC already has 24/7 coverage. Please let me know if you need more specifics.

Q: How has the amount and type of crime changed in the area over the last couple years?

A: Unfortunately, with the growth in the area, crime has also increased, but I would say it is not at an alarming rate.

Q: Is there an increase in crime as people use the neighborhood as a cut through?

A: I have not seen any crime or an increase in crime attributed to being able to use the neighborhood as a cut through.

Q: How do you feel about citizen patrols?

A: I would say the best practice on this is to call when you see something.

Q: Can you recommend anyone that can teach women/kids escape and awareness training?

A: We can attend meetings with ideas with awareness training.

The Safety and Security Committee is looking for a few technical people to help with researching entry/exit security cameras for the subdivision. If you are available to assist with this, please email the Safety and Security Committee at safety@villagecreek.us.

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The Architecture Review Committee Monthly Update

The Architecture Review Committee (ARC) has diligently worked with the Board and attorneys to update the community guidelines. The proposed changes have incorporated updates from the Texas Property Code, clarified ambiguous verbiage, and removed unpopular guidelines that failed to reflect the interests of the Village Creek community.

The guiding principle for the revision was to provide a more resident-friendly, easier-to-understand document that encompasses the essence of the Deed Restrictions and Covenants (DR&Cs). Once approved, the updated guidelines should be reviewed first before the DR&Cs when planning your project and submitting an Exterior Modification Request (EMR).

A couple of specific examples in the proposed guidelines. For instance, to make it less of a hassle to maintain your property, a fresh coat of exterior paint does not need an EMR if neither the exterior color nor trim color is changing. Another change to the proposed guidelines is allowing rocks to be used in landscaping, a popular request that had previously been prohibited in older versions of the guidelines. All residents are encouraged to read through the proposed guidelines and comment during the public review window.

At this time, the proposed updates have been reviewed by the Board and attorneys and are ready for public comment. To read and offer feedback on the proposed updates visit www.VillageCreek.us.

If you have any questions about EMRs or an upcoming project, all the ARC committee members Steven Winter, Ben Yerby, Joe Wright, and John Mudd are available to help you. The ARC committee can be reached via the contact page on our neighborhood website VillageCreek.us.

Social Committee Monthly Update

The Social Committee has been busy lately. We completed and submitted our budget for 2021. We have a wonderful, exciting calendar of events planned for 2021 which, Covid-19 willing, we will be offering. A big thank you to all our committee members Hailey Piowaty, Leslie King, Helen Smallwood, Rhonda Salveski, Paulette Morison, and Peggy Barriga for their work on this project.

In September, the Social Committee hosted the first bi-annual Garden Swap which was a rewarding sharing event.

In October, the Social Committee helped our neighbors organize the community Garage Sale and started planning for an "Over 55" social group. You may have seen us and our volunteers out canvassing the neighborhood and inviting all in that age group to let us know if they would like to join us. We hope you will if you are in that group!

Our "Food Truck Fridays" continue until mid-November with Waffle O'Licious in Village Creek on November 6 and El Guajillo in Village Creek on November 20.

As always, the Social Committee welcomes you—to join our team or to help at an event. Send us a message at socialcommittee@villagecreek.us.



Even the dogs came out for the Garden Swap to the delight of the neighborhood kids.

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Media Committee Monthly Update

The Media Committee has been communicating with the Board and all the Village Creek committees to bring you up to date information on what is happening in Village Creek. We post news updates to our neighborhood website VillageCreek.us, which are accessible by a link on the home page. We also maintain several social media accounts: Facebook @VillageCreekTomball, Twitter @VC_Tomball, and Instagram @VillageCreekHOA. Be sure to follow us on your favorite social media platform.

We post updates on Nextdoor, but due to software design limitations we must use a committee member's personal account to post there. Our current Media Committee members are Maddie Pipitone, Lindsey Mathews, and Samantha Miller. The Media Committee posts will be clearly designated as from the committee at the bottom of the content.

For residents that appreciate a tangible print digest, we have included the highlights in the monthly edition of The Voice.

The Media Committee welcomes new members, suggestions, and comments as to how the committee can best serve the needs of the community. We hold meetings every other Friday at 2:30 via Zoom. If you would like to join us for a meeting, submit photos, or send us suggestions, the Media Committee can be reached at vcmedia@villagecreek.us.



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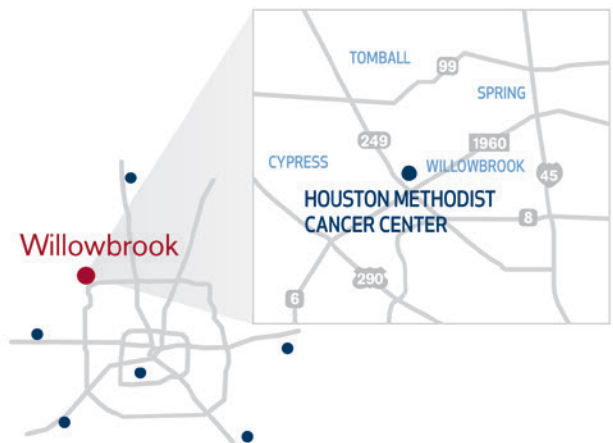
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