

# The Village Gazette



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## August Yard Of The Month



The Village Creek Landscape Committee selected the home of Robert & Holly Derr as the winner for the month of August "Yard of the Month". Take a moment to drive by 17426 Sweet Song and enjoy the view. The Derr's received a gift certificate partially donated by Plants for All Seasons and the HOA.

Oops.....Our apologies for last month's name mix up. The winners of the July "Yard of the Month" were George and Cynthia Moody, not Moore.

## How you can help the community....

There have been several inquiries regarding a traffic signal at the front entrance of our subdivision and having the streets of Village Creek swept. Each individual home owner can help our subdivision request these services, by going to [www.cp4.hctx.net/cad/index.htm](http://www.cp4.hctx.net/cad/index.htm). Once you get to the website, click "request form" on the left hand side of the page and fill out the form. You will be able to request such items as: a traffic light (at the intersection of Spring Cypress & Village Creek Trail), curb repair, storm drain maintenance, paint roads, road improvements, etc. The more requests Harris County receives the more likely something will be done to improve our community.

## Upcoming Village Creek Community Events

September 29th & 30th – Annual Community Fall Garage Sale

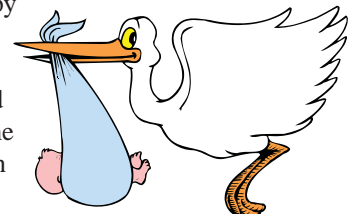
The Village Creek Fall Festival will be on October 21st. Volunteers will be needed. Please contact Celeste at [clubenow@houston.rr.com](mailto:clubenow@houston.rr.com) if you are able to volunteer your time.

## Vandalism in Village Creek

It has been reported for the months of July and August that Village Creek has encountered vandalism during the evening hours. Cars have been egged, the common park areas have had extensive sprinkler head damage, and all the pool furniture, life guard stand and trash were thrown into the pool. Reports were filed with the Constables office. The common areas are maintained with your yearly homeowner dues and when damage occurs it is costly to replace. If you happen to see suspicious activity, please call the Constables office at 281-376-3472, they are open 24 hours a day.

## Birth Announcement

Calvin and Janie Kenney are happy to announce the birth of their son, Zachary Ethan Kenney, who was born on July 12, 2006. He weighed 7 lbs 11 oz and was welcomed home by his big brother Aidan Sean Kenney.



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## Pets on a Leash

A friendly reminder to our neighbors, please keep your dogs on a leash when outside of your private fenced area.....this is the law.

It has been brought to the attention of the HOA that residents are not happy with pet owners who walk their animals and then leave Fido's business on the sidewalk or their neighbors' lawn. An easy way to clean up after your pet is to tie a plastic grocery bag to your leash when heading out for a walk. It is very easy to then pick up your pet's business and then place it in one of the trash containers located throughout the walking paths around the lake or other common areas. Thank you for helping keep our neighborhood clean.

*For several weeks now, a female cat has been spending time on Carriage Glen Drive. She is short-haired, medium sized, black with a white chest and abdomen, and beautiful white whiskers. She had on a red collar which is now gone. The homeowner who shares her company says the ID on the collar showed an address several streets over from ours. If this sweet lady is yours, please call 281-257-1896, Mary Ellen Donahue.*

*All cat owners should be advised that the birds of prey that hunt over The detention ponds also can kill wandering cats. We know because we lost our precious boy. Please keep your pets inside if they are small. The vultures, eagles and hawks don't care if they are beloved members of the family.*

*Thank you, Mary Ellen Donahue*

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## FACT SHEET - Sanitary and Storm Sewers

It's not just the rain that causes street flooding in Village Creek. Every time someone blows their yard waste into a storm sewer that contributes to flooding. One drain is about like another, right? The sewer is the sewer, right? Anything poured down a drain goes to a wastewater treatment plant, right? WRONG! It's important to understand the difference between sanitary sewers and storm sewers so we can prevent unnecessary environmental damage and help Village Creek not flood.

The sanitary sewer is a system of underground pipes that carries sewage from bathrooms, sinks, kitchens, and other plumbing components to the wastewater treatment plant. Wastewater from Village Creek leaves the subdivision through a system of underground pipes that connect to the MUD District wastewater treatment plants where it is treated.

The storm sewer is a system designed to carry rainfall runoff and other drainage but not sewage. The runoff is carried in underground pipes or open ditches and discharges (untreated) into the subdivision detention ponds and then into Faulky Gully which discharges into Cypress Creek. Every bit of grass clippings, trash and pollutants either clogs the drain or finds its way into our detention ponds. The inlets to this system may be found in curbs and low-lying outdoor areas.

Disposal of grass clippings, chemicals or hazardous substances via the storm sewer system is not only illegal but damages the

environment. Pollutants that get into storm drains can poison fish, birds, and other wildlife, and can find their way into drinking water supplies. In addition, silt, litter, and organic matter (branches, clippings, etc.) can clog storm drains and cause flooding.

You can help! Try these simple measures:

- Don't pour ANYTHING in storm sewer drains.
- Do not blow grass clippings into storm drains.
- Don't pour paint down any sink or drain.
- Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides.
- Keep drains clear of leaf and lawn litter.
- Collect and recycle oil from vehicle maintenance.
- Clean up spills -- DON'T wash them into drains.
- Be Water Smart

And remember, "If it ain't rain — keep it out of the drain!"

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## Lakewood Forest Garden Club

We are not your grandmother's garden club! The Lakewood Forest Garden club is starting off our new year on September 1, 2006 at 9:30 am in the Lakewood Forest Resident's Club.

The Lakewood Forest Garden Club is a vital energized organization interested in the environment, working with youth, beautifying the area and improving our homes and gardens. In the past we have donated money to organizations dedicated to protecting our natural resources and scholarship funds for education. The garden club has put in muscle for Habitat for Humanity and gardening at area schools. We also take field trips to interesting places and nurseries around the area. We've been to Brookwood Community Center, Mercer Arboretum, Cockrell Butterfly Center, Bayou Bend and even the Antique Rose Emporium in Brenham. We do our best to improve the economy by including lunch and shopping on these little day trips. For the last several years we have taken a "Spring Fling" to interesting towns outside of Houston for a weekend. We went to Austin, Fredericksburg, Nacogdoches, New Braunfels, Galveston, and even Louisiana. One year our ladies cruised to Mexico! We present fun and informative workshops and have come away with beautiful wreaths, decorated

pots, stained glass ornaments and lovely floral arrangements. Floral arrangements are donated to the V.A. Hospital and we have worked with an area nursing home helping the residents with a flower arranging activity. The Lakewood Forest Garden Club presents many informative speakers and presentations throughout the year, on subjects such as butterfly gardening, oriental flower arranging, landscaping for our area, organic gardening, holiday decorating ideas and water resources.

Please join us Friday September 1st. at the Lakewood Forest Residents Club for the first meeting of the year. Hear all about the fun activities and programs scheduled for this year. Join us for a Salad luncheon presented by the club's board members. These ladies are not only terrific gardeners, but also great cooks.

The Lakewood Forest Garden Club meets the 1st Friday of the month, September through May at 9:30 am at the Lakewood Forest Resident's Club. Annual membership dues are \$20.00. It is not necessary to be a member of the Resident's Club or reside in Lakewood Forest subdivision to be a member of the Garden Club. For more information please contact membership chairman Susan Busler at 281-370-5258.

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