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Maintenance Assoc. Social Committee*

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Hello Winchester Trails,

The Board meeting was conducted on March 1 and was well attended. We went through our normal business which included discussions surrounding the Park Plan put forth by the West Houston Municipal Utility District No. 9. The Park Plan will be a benefit to all of us served by MUD 9 and the Board wholeheartedly endorses this plan. The plan will allow improvements including the construction of masonry walls, landscaping along West Road, walking and jogging trails along White Oak Bayou and other areas. More details will be forthcoming so look for more information in the newsletter and postings on the website. The Board is truly excited by this proposal by the MUD and we look forward to working with the MUD in its implementation.

The Board also discussed amending the pool contract and hours. The hours and days required changes as the Cy-Fair Independent School District will be starting the school year later due to a new ruling enacted by the Texas legislature. So the new school year will begin on August 27, which is about 10 days later than previous years. This necessitated a new pool schedule that will keep the pool open until school starts. So we are happy to announce that the pool will open on May 5 with hours on weekends only until Memorial Day weekend when weekdays are added to the schedule. This is the earliest pool opening we have had and it is in response to many requests by the residents. We hope you will have a choice to enjoy the pool on the weekends in May. Please look for more information on the pool in this edition of the Trail Writer and on the website.

A few weeks ago, a solicitor called on my door in the early evening. As he identified me by name, I talked with him a bit more than I usually would. I informed him that it is against our restrictions to solicit in the neighborhood and I encouraged him to leave. Well it turns out that when he called on others in the Trails, he used my name to indicate that I endorsed his activities when I assuredly did not. So if someone comes knocking on your door, please remind them that we have a no solicitation policy and we prefer that he leaves our neighborhood.

Finally, we are looking for someone to talk over managing the clubhouse. Lesa Smith has been doing this for quite a long time and she would like to take a break from this responsibility. Lesa is willing to train a new volunteer. Her management of the clubhouse has been handled enthusiastically and professionally. I believe we owe her our thanks and I hope that someone will step up and take over this much needed responsibility.

Until next month...

Walter

Upcoming Events

April 5	Maintenance Board Meeting 7pm
April 6	Good Friday-CFISD Holiday
April 8	Easter
April 20-21	WT Garage Sale 8am-4pm
April 28	Pool Registration 10am-2pm
May 3	Maintenance Board Meeting 7pm
May 5	Pool Registration 10am-2pm
	Pool Opens for Weekends

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Winchester Trails

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Deadline

The deadline for the May newsletter is April 10. All items
should be sent to heggs23@sbcglobal.net.

**The Maintenance Board meets on the first
Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in the clubhouse.
All residents are encouraged to attend.**

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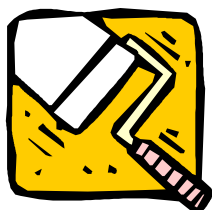
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Garage Sale Reminder!

The next Trails Garage Sale will be Friday and Saturday, April 20 & 21, from 8am until 4pm. Please remember to pick up your signs after you are done, and Happy Selling to Everyone!



EDITOR'S NOTE

Due to the higher than usual number of articles submitted the past couple of months, some have not been included due to space limitations.

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Spring is here again and the onset of warmer weather is promoting vigorous growth, so it's time to get busy in the yard and garden to keep pace with nature. There are lots of colorful bedding plants in all the nurseries and April is a good time for planting if you didn't take care of it last month. For best results, make sure the beds are raised and take the time to cultivate the soil and add lots of organic material. Keep the transplants well watered and give them a boost with a weak "starter solution" made by mixing a tablespoon of 12-24-12 in a gallon of water. Avoid heavy feeding until plants are well established.

Summer bulbs can be planted now - cannas, gladiolus, dahlia and caladium provide choices of color and height. Caladiums do well in shady areas, although the red varieties like some sunshine; for best results, wait until the soil temperature gets to 70 degrees. If you want instant color you can buy caladium plants rather than waiting a few weeks for the bulbs to produce results.

Regular readers probably get tired of the continual references to mulching, but it is important for all flowers, shrubs and trees. It helps retain moisture, stabilizes soil temperature, prevents caking or erosion of the soil, deters weeds and makes it easier to pull out those that do poke through, as well as enhancing appearance. Smells good, too! A 2" to 4" layer of coarse shredded pine bark mulch is ideal.

Azaleas may be pruned, and the feeding period begins now that blooming is over. The recommended regimen is two or three light feedings every four to six weeks between now and the end of June, using one of the special high-acid formulas. Or you can use general purpose 12-24-12 and supplement with a soil acidifier such as copperas. The high-phosphorous 12-24-12 is also good for roses and hibiscus, both of which like a monthly feeding schedule. Other spring-flowering shrubs such as spirea (bridal wreath) may be pruned after blooming, and you can prune and repot the poinsettias.

Chrysanthemums tend to spread like crazy, and it's a good idea to divide and transplant at the end of this month or early May. The new shoots will produce more vigorous growth than the old central roots. Chrysanthemums are biologically programmed to bloom in October when we have equal hours of daylight and darkness, but in our southern climate we may also get a bonus flowering session in spring after a mild winter. Throughout the summer, keep pinching

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WINCHESTER COUNTRY TRAILS MAINTENANCE ASSOC., INC.

**P.O. BOX 219223
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TO: Residents of Winchester Country Trails
FROM: Board of Directors
RE: **2007 Swim Season**

Your community **pool opens Saturday, May 5, 2007**. Final swim day will be Sunday September 9th. The pool will only be open when there is a lifeguard on duty. The Registration Form is enclosed. Some Registration Forms will be available at the Club Facilities. **Please note and understand the importance of having an Emergency Telephone Number on the Registration Form.**

**2007 POOL TAG REGISTRATION WILL BE THE SATURDAYS OF
APRIL 28th & MAY 5th AT THE POOL 10:00am till 2:00pm.
TAGS WILL BE AVAILABLE *BY MAIL ONLY* AFTER TAG DAYS; 5 to 10 days delivery.**

POOL HOURS OF OPERATION

MAY 5 through MAY 20 Weekends Only

Saturday	-	10:00 am to 9:00 pm
Sunday	-	10:00 am to 9:00 pm

MAY 26 through AUGUST 26

Monday	-	10:00 am to 9:00 pm
Tuesday	-	CLOSED
Wednesday through Sunday	-	10:00 am to 9:00 pm

SEPTEMBER 1 through 3

Saturday	-	10:00 am to 9:00 pm
Sunday	-	11:00 am to 9:00 pm
LABOR DAY - SEPT 3	-	11:00 am to 9:00 pm

Sept 8 & 9

Saturday	-	10:00 am to 9:00 pm
Sunday	-	11:00 am to 9:00 pm

POOL CLOSURES MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2007.

POOL PARTIES & SWIM LESSONS: Call Greater Houston Pools at 713-771-7665

The following qualifications must be met in order to use the facilities:

1. Must wear swim tags at all times while at the pool.
2. Must be resident member and/or guest of a resident member.
3. Must be current on annual maintenance fees.
4. Must be in compliance with deed restrictions.

Pool tags will be available for residents whose maintenance fees are current, for the cost of \$1.00, per tag. Please note that maintenance fees must be paid ten (10) days prior to registration day. **Official Pool Registration will be handled on site by the Winchester Country Trails Maintenance Association, by the Board of Directors.** Tags will be issued based on the number of full-time household members listed. Guest tags will be available at the pool for other than full-time household members for \$1.00 per day. **REPLACEMENT TAGS FOR LOST OR STOLEN TAGS WILL BE AT THE EXPENSE OF THE HOMEOWNER.**

After May 5th, you will need mail in the enclosed form to PCMI at PO Box 219223 Houston, TX 77218. The tags will be available ***BY MAIL ONLY***. There will also be an additional 1 time \$5.00 administration fee due per order, in addition to the cost of the tags. Expect 5 to 10 business days to receive them. So mail early!

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2007 POOL REGISTRATION
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Please complete the appropriate information listed below and **bring this form with you to Pool Registration on April 28th & May 5th from 10am to 2pm. Tags will only be available by MAIL thereafter & you should expect it to take 5 to 10 days to receive.**

Pool tags will be issued to all property owners who have returned this form and have:

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LIST FULL TIME RESIDENTS ONLY (Guest Tags Available at Pool)

Your Name _____

Spouse _____

Street Address _____

Home Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone# _____

NOTE: CHILDREN 10 YEARS OF AGE & UNDER MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.
CHILDREN 3 YEARS AND OLDER MUST HAVE TAGS.

**AGE IF UNDER 18 yrs

Children's Names _____

OTHER FULL TIME RESIDENTS (AGE IF UNDER 18 yrs)**

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE RENTING PLEASE INDICATE PROPERTY OWNERS NAME AND ADDRESS BELOW AND PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION FROM OWNER THAT YOU ARE THE TENANT AND YOU HAVE PERMISSION TO USE THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

Owners Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

Winchester Trails

MILESTONES

New Teenagers - Happy 13th!

4/11 - Brandon Slaven

4/13 - Christian Racey

New Voters - Happy 18th!

4/6 - Gloria Gunn

4/11 - Shaun Rinker, Tyson Rinker

4/12 - Cory Robinson

4/17 - Jamie Malone

4/18 - Brian Smith

New Adults - Happy 21st!

4/8 - Derek Slater

4/16 - Michael Randolph

Happy 15th Anniversary!

4/11 - Jerry & Sandy Heard

4/25 - Kenneth & Monique Pacetti

Happy 25th Anniversary!

4/3 - Tury & Pat Fernandez

4/17 - Chau & Rosalie Tran

4/23 - Robert & Kelly Henderson

4/24 - James & Julie Dodge

Happy 30th Anniversary!

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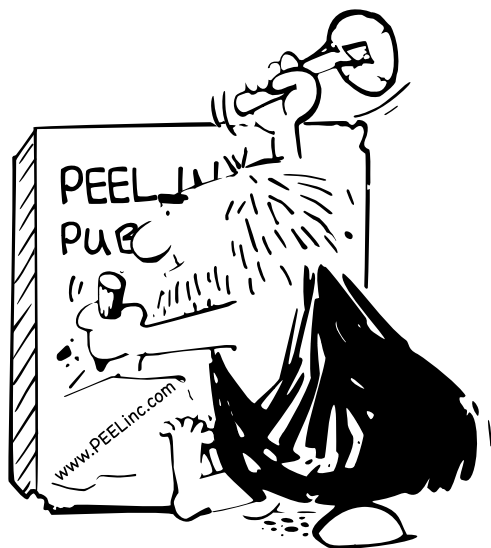
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Jersey Village Gold Dusters

After some long hard practices and a great deal of determination the 2006/2007 Officer Line of the Jersey Village Gold Dusters were ready for their first competition on Saturday, February 3, 2007, at Bowie High School in Austin. They competed in four categories of dance: Jazz, Military, Modern and Kick, which were all phenomenal. They earned 2nd PLACE overall and many other division awards for Choreography, Technique and Best In Class! This year's officers are: Col. Tandy Courville, Sr. Lt. Candace Flores, Sr. Lt. Lacey Stolte, Jr. Lt. Jenna Kearney, Jr. Lt. Rebekkah Senn and Jr. Lt. Ashley Smith. The following weekend, February 9–10, 2007 the Officer Line and Team attended the Miss Dance Drill Team Texas Competition at Oak Ridge High School. The team came in 4th PLACE overall and received Choreography awards for all their dances performed. Their Hip Hop Team won 1ST PLACE for small ensemble.

The three junior officers competed and qualified for the solo competition. They all made it through the preliminary round and were named in the top ten finalists.

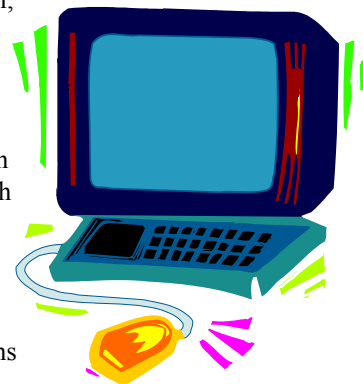
Jr. Lt. Ashley Smith went on to win 4TH runner-up. This qualifies all three junior officers to enter the Miss Dance Drill Team USA in Irvine, California at the end of March.

Prayer Group

The neighborhood Women's Prayer Group is still looking for interested ladies. Please contact Betty Cadena at 281-897-0646 for information.

WT Website

Our Trails website, www.winchestertrails.com, is packed with all kinds of useful information. Just added is all the information for the upcoming season at the pool, including how and when to get pool tags and the hours it will be open. Links are also there for deed restrictions, a directory form, school info, updates on committees, and much, much more. Even back newsletters are available in case you misplaced yours. So please be sure to use this valuable resource soon and often. Comments and suggestions are always welcome.



Green Thumb- (Continued from page 5)

back the tips for bushier growth and more blooms.

As the temperature starts climbing back into the 80's the chinch bugs are likely to be feeding on our carefully-tended grass again, and there isn't really any alternative to chemical treatment. Apply Diazinon granules to the lawn and beds every six to eight weeks. This also controls fire ants and takes care of fleas and ticks, and a good application around the house foundation helps to keep cockroaches out.

An herb patch is an attractive and aromatic feature in the garden, as well as being very useful - it's great to be able to cook or garnish with freshly picked parsley, basil or cilantro. Plants are available at the nurseries, and basil and cilantro both grow very quickly from seed. Rosemary and oregano plants will survive for years in our climate, and mint is also perennial.

In the vegetable garden, beds prepared at least two weeks earlier are ready for planting seeds now that the soil is warming up. Beans, squash, cantaloupe, cucumber and corn are all rewarding crops which can provide a good harvest from a relatively small area. Okra and eggplant may be transplanted this month or next, and it's not too late for tomato and pepper plants.

THIS MONTH'S TIP: After completing the main weekend chores of mowing and edging, it's easy to overlook the final cleanup along the curb. A few minutes spent in sweeping up the clippings from the

street will really enhance the appearance of your home and improve the quality of the neighborhood.

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