

Trail Writer

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Maintenance Assoc. Social Committee

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Friends and Neighbors,

I hope all is well with your summer as your Board is actively working to make the Trails a great place to live. First, I would like to thank Paulette Walker and all of the volunteers who worked many hours to make the 4th of July celebration the overwhelming success it was. While it was a bit soggy with a continuous rain, it did not seem to bother the children as they enjoyed the activities. Besides recognizing the birth of our republic, the children are why many of those volunteers helped to restart this event after its absence last year. For those that missed the event, pictures can be found on the website. It was very well attended from the start with the parade down Rio Grande to the fire truck's water cannon to hot dogs and games by the pool. Later that evening, many attended the fireworks demonstration at Sam Houston Race Park where an area was set aside for Winchester Trails' residents.

The West Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 9 continues to make considerable progress on the Park Plan. This summer they are in a planning mode in addition to filing the necessary paperwork with the state. Your Board will continue to work with the MUD as much as possible on the Park Plan as they have been a very good group to work with on this issue.

The Board meeting for July was cancelled as it would have followed the July 4th activities rather closely. In addition, the Board has been putting in

some long hours recently in preparing for the activities in the neighborhood. The August Board meeting is a working session to establish the 2008 budget; hence there will be public meeting.

The swimming season has been going well and we have a good group of lifeguards. There have been instances when some of the teens going to the pool have misbehaved or blatantly disregarded the rules. The lifeguards have the authority to ask anyone who is unruly to leave and to impose a restriction on when they can return. The lifeguards are trained to manage the pool as well as make sure it is a safe environment for all of those coming to the pool to have an enjoyable time.

Finally, we recently asked for a volunteer to take over the duties of the clubhouse and we were very fortunate that Linda Van Zuilekom stepped up to the plate. If you missed this opportunity, here is another chance to help. Sherry Wright, who has been editor of the TrailWriter for sometime now will be stepping aside in the fall. She has done a fantastic job but has other commitments. She is willing to train as she hands over the reins. She can be reached by email at heggs23@sbcglobal.net Thank you.

Until next month...

Walter

Upcoming Events

August 7	National Night Out
August 27	CFISD 1 st Day of School
	Pool Hours Change – see inside
September 3	Labor Day Holiday
September 6	Maintenance Board Meeting 7pm

Pool Hours

Please note that Pool Hours will change after August 26, and the pool will be open on weekends only. The pool closes for the season Monday, September 10.

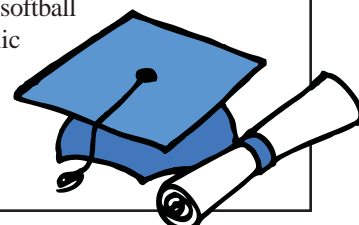
Saturday, 9/1	10am-9pm
Sunday, 9/2	11am-9pm
Monday, 9/3(Labor Day)	11am-9pm
Saturday, 9/8	10am-9pm
Sunday, 9/9	11am-9pm

2007 Grads

Congratulations to the following graduates and their proud parents:

Scott Alan Terry, son of Kathy Terry of Gold Point, graduated May 2007 from St. Thomas High School in Houston and will be attending Texas A & M in the fall. Scott will also be participating in the Corps of Cadets.

Stephanie Artz, daughter of Tom and Delia Artz of Wagon Trail, graduated from Jersey Village High School and will be attending Western Texas College on a softball and academic scholarship this fall.



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Jim Malone is the security representative for WT.
His email can be found on the Security page of the Trails website.

Deadline

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

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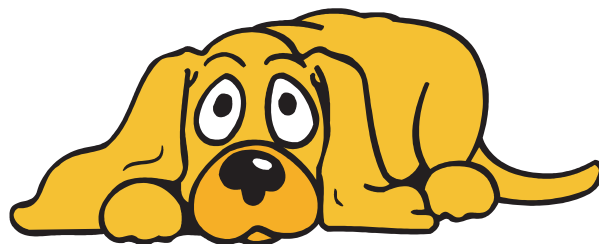
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The Maintenance Board meets on the first
Thursday of the month at 7:00pm in the clubhouse.
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HOWDY PARTNER

Please welcome the Harter family at 10402 Wagon Trail into the Trails. Alex works with computers, and wife Leigh Ann stays at home with their two daughters, Devyn, 5, and Avery, 2. They moved from the 290 and Antoine area in May, for the neighborhood and for the schools, especially Bang. Their family is completed by a German Shepherd named Xena and a black cat named Rowdy.

The Howdy Partner feature of the TrailWriter is made possible through the efforts of the Welcome Committee. If you are new to the neighborhood and have not been welcomed, please let us know. We want to stop by and say hello, get some information to introduce your family to the neighbors through this article, and give you a handy packet of information to help familiarize you with your new neighborhood. We also have Trails information available on our website at www.winchestertrails.com. Welcome to the Trails!

Patricia Rae
281-955-1662

Security Report

Summer is upon us and in full swing which means we have a lot more activity in the subdivision in regards to our kids. Let's all do our part in making this summer one to remember and not one to regret. Let's keep them safe and out of trouble best we can. As always should you witness any out of line activity please notify the proper persons be it the parents or authorities needed to correct the issue. Our best position is one of prevention. Being good neighbors is the biggest ally to security. That means everyone watching out for all. Law enforcement's "National Night Out" is coming up on Tuesday August 7th. This is a great night to get out and meet your neighbors and discuss ways to prevent issues that can or are causing problems. Take the time and meet your neighbors, you never know when they will be able to help you out. Let's keep the neighborhood safe with prevention.

Jim Malone
Winchester Trails Security Coordinator

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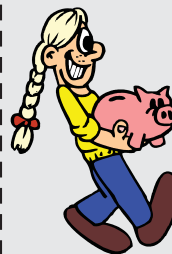
YARDS OF THE MONTH



10514 Cutting Horse – James & Dorothy Kirkman



10303 Copperdale – Bryan & Donna Slaven



Garage Sale Early Reminder!

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A Note of Gratitude

Our 2007 4th of July festivities were a huge success! Drizzling rain did not deter us. Our parade started at 9:30 am with the Cy-Fair VFD leading the way. Our Co-Grand Marshall's were Trey Formas and Brandon Korenek, two of our Eagle Scouts. Kaitlin Zera was our Miss Liberty.

Enthusiasm was high as many neighbors gathered on their corners with umbrellas in hand waiting to join in the parade.

My sincere thanks to everyone who helped with this year's event... Kevin & Lisa Ancell, Ron & Mitzi Costello, Kasey and Pat Fernandez, Sandor Karpathy, Deborah McCrory, Stuart & Patricia Rae, Ianthe Sarrazin, Suzanne Vinson, Arthur Walker, Haley Zera, and Melissa Zmerzlikar, as well as the other members of our Board of Directors.

Also, special thanks to the Cy-Fair VFD, the Harris County Sheriff's office, Realtor Mary Sangalang (flags), and SW Airgas (helium). My apologies if I missed anyone. Visit our website in a few days to see photos. If anyone has photos from parades in years gone by, Sandor Karpathy would like to receive them to add to a historic photo album that he has.

Paulette Walker



Eagle Scouts

Troop 1177, chartered by Foundry United Methodist Church, honored several scouts from Winchester Trails at their Court of Honor May 15, 2007: Trey Formas, Brandon Korenek, Sam Martin, Jim Nelson, Robert Ottmann, Brian Smith and Justin Williford. Together these scouts earned over 200 merit badges, logged hundreds of hours of service and went camping at National Parks, State Parks, and private camp areas. They have attended summer camps in Texas, Arkansas, and Tennessee together, and several members of the group have done the three high adventure camps at the Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, the Northern Tier High Adventure Base at Bissett, Manitoba, and the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base.

Trey Formas, son of Cindy and Art, graduated cum laude from Jersey Village High School in May where he was a member of the acappella choir, football team and National Honor Society. He earned his Eagle April 2007 by completing a project that benefited the Star of Hope Women and Children's Shelter. Trey plans to attend The University of Houston in the fall majoring in Communications to become a sports broadcaster. Brandon Korenek, son of Cindy and Mike, is a senior at Jersey Village High School where he is a member of the Falcon Band. He earned his Eagle in February 2007 by completing a service project collecting new shoes for children of CPS. Sam Martin, son of Marynm and Herb, graduated cum laude from Jersey Village High School in May where he was a member of the soccer

team and National Honor Society. He earned his Eagle in August 2005 building boxes for chinchillas for the Cy-Fair Science Resource Center. Sam plans to attend Auburn University majoring in Geology in the fall. Jim Nelson, son of Valerie and Tom, graduated cum laude from Jersey Village High School where he was a member of the football team, soccer team and National Honor Society. He earned his Eagle in October 2006 by completing his project which was a fence around a pond at the Cy-Fair Science Resource Center. Jim plans to attend Texas A & M in the fall majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Robert Ottmann, son of Margaret and Jeff, is a junior at Jersey Village High School where he is a member of the football and baseball teams. He earned his Eagle in February 2007 by repainting the map of the United States at Sheridan Elementary School for his project. Brian Smith, son of Nancy and Bruce, graduated summa cum laude from Jersey Village High School where he was a member of the soccer team. He earned his Eagle in April 2007 completing a landscape project for Cy-Fair Nature Trails. Brian plans to attend The University of Nebraska in the fall majoring in Chemical Engineering. Justin Williford, son of Debra and Bruce, graduated from Jersey Village High School where he was a member of the Falcon Band and National Honor Society. His Eagle was earned April 2006 completing a landscape project at Jersey Village Baptist Church. Justin plans to attend Texas Tech University in the fall majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

MILESTONES

New Teenagers – Happy 13th!
8/20 – Hailee Zera

New Drivers – Happy 16th!
8/12 - Steven Ellis
8/18 - Robby Wilcox
8/20 - Jonathan Miller
8/25 - Eric Sonne
8/30 – Gabriela Barrios

New Voters – Happy 18th!
8/1 – Veronica Dildine
8/17 – Joshua Vinson

New Adults – Happy 21st!
8/7 - Taylor Neagli
8/12 - Jacque Williams
8/14 - Adam Strong

Happy 10th Anniversary!
8/9 – Cris & Christie Beck

Happy 20th Anniversary!
8/1 - Craig & Jeri Calvert
8/21 - Jeff Grass & Patti Henry
8/22 - Bernie & Ronda Dutcher

Happy 25th Anniversary!
8/7 - David & Susan Spence
8/16 - Bruce & Nancy Smith

Sherry Wright (281)955-9737

Coming in September— Where Are They Now?

Parents—Where are your grown children now? All our former babysitters and pet sitters? Let us know what's going on with the kids that grew up in the Trails. Where are they living, what are they doing, are they married and do they have kids of their own now? Email your brief item to heggs23@sbcglobal.net. THANKS!

Yard of the Month Thanks

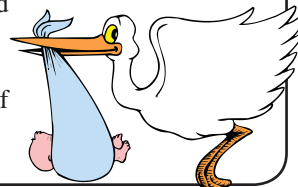
We would like to thank Sandra Keyser and Houston Plant & Garden World for their sponsorship of our Yard of the Month program.

Note: Due to camera limitations we are able to show only a portion of these beautiful yards. We encourage you to take the time to drive by these homes and enjoy the entire yard.

Stork Report

The Stork made a summer delivery to Blake and Ronique Wilson of Hoot Owl as they welcomed their first child, daughter Reagan Faith Abrielle Wilson, on June 29. Reagan tipped the scales at 6 lbs. 7 oz. Congratulations!

If you have a new little one due, please contact Jeff Kelly at 281-970-5441 or jw.kelly@sbcglobal.net to share your news and have the WT Stork appear in your yard if desired.



Winchester Trails

Desperately Seeking Volunteers!!

Three vital positions will be opening up this fall in the Trails. Please take this chance to get involved in your neighborhood.

Newsletter Editor: It typically requires 2-4 hours a month to do, depending on the number of submissions, and you get faster with practice. It involves sending out a reminder to regular contributors, listing the articles in an order of importance for the publisher, and doing a little editing and spell checking. The articles and photos are emailed to the publisher. You will also get to write some things for upcoming events, like the garage sales, or looking for graduates, or whatever else you might think sounds interesting. No experience is needed and I'll help you get started. Contact Sherry at heggs23@sbcglobal.net or 281-955-9737.

Directory Editor: This is an on-going process to add and delete residents as they come and go. Publishing a new one is just something that happens once and awhile. The person doing it is like the

central clearing house for all the information we have on our residents. There are many lists to keep up with, plus the editor also provides the birthdays and anniversaries for the 'Milestones' article in the TrailWriter each month, as well as the 'Teen Services'.

If you like to keep up with your neighbors, and are good with details, this is the job for you! Contact Sherry at heggs23@sbcglobal.net or 281-955-9737.

Welcoming Committee: Even though I haven't held this job very long I will need to vacate my position by October 2007. After getting started, it has taken me no longer than 2 hours per month and can be done in any amount of free time, whether you work or not! The job involves welcoming new residents with a packet of useful information and writing a brief item about them for the 'Howdy Partner' article in the newsletter. Please volunteer for the neighborhood and I'll be glad to train you. Patricia Rae, 281-955-1662.

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Green Thumb Corner

At the time of writing the accumulated amount of rainfall is still running about thirty percent ahead of normal and things have been growing rapidly. It's disheartening to get back from an out-of-town vacation to find a heavy load of "catch-up" yard work awaiting your return, and the oppressive heat and humidity of August don't exactly encourage you to get back to work again. But sooner or later, it has to be done. As usual, try to work in the relative cool of the early morning or evening, and remember to cover up during the day to avoid sunburn.

Clean up the beds, removing fallen foliage, yellowed leaves and dead wood, and cut off any faded blossoms. Removal of seed pods from crape myrtles will prolong the flowering period. Cut back those "leggy" annuals to encourage fresh growth and new blooms; this works particularly well on begonias and impatiens. Dahlias should be cut back after the first crop, leaving about half the growth.

Although we've had more than our fair share of rain so far this year we should still be prepared to supply artificial watering to maintain healthy grass if we have a prolonged dry spell in the August heat. If you have any dead spots, or areas where Bermuda grass and opportunistic weeds have taken over from the St. Augustine, the best remedy is water and food. Healthy St. Augustine will choke out the weeds. Any stressed areas of grass are also more susceptible to chinch bug damage, so keep up the six-weekly application of Diazinon granules. But make sure that you water it in well, and that's doubly important if you decide to apply a light feeding of 15-5-10; the grass can "burn" very easily in this heat. Make sure to give the lawn a good soaking every now and then; watch for the tell-tale signs of drought - often shown by patches of grass taking on a shiny, metallic, "brassy" appearance.

Fungal diseases can be a major problem in our hot and humid climate. For the last few years I've been fighting a losing battle against anthracnose blight and black spot on photinia shrubs. It shows up in the form of round or oval brown or black spots, often with definite margins. Remove and destroy

affected leaves, and spray plants with Benomyl, Captan, Zineb or other copper-based fungicide; the general purpose Daconyl is also labeled for anthracnose. And watch out for white powdery mildew on crape myrtles and euonymus; control with Consan Triple-Action 20 (this is a good general-purpose fungicide/algicide/bactericide and is also a great household helper - use it to kill mildew on brick or siding, around the shower stall or window frames, or to eliminate the mildew odor from wet carpet).

Water azaleas regularly and well. They are setting buds now and if they have not bloomed well in the past, check overhead to see that they are receiving some sunlight during the months of July and August. Azaleas don't like too much direct sun, preferring it to be filtered through a high canopy of trees, but they need enough to promote bud formation. Don't be tempted to feed - May was the last month to fertilize azaleas. Light green leaves (particularly if the veins stand out) may signify chlorosis (lack of iron).

On the other hand, this month is the appropriate time for feeding chrysanthemums to promote fall blooms. Continue pinching back tip growth to encourage compact growth and more flower buds.

Summer rose care consists of pruning, light applications of a high-nitrogen fertilizer to encourage fall growth, a regular pest/fungus spray program every ten to fifteen days, plenty of water and a good layer of mulch.

If you like to grow your own bedding plants from seed, this is the traditional month to sow seeds in flats for fall and spring bloomers, and many perennials can be sown now for flowering next year. And don't forget that you can sow bluebonnet seeds directly on the ground anytime from July to the end of the year.

THIS MONTH'S TIP: It's easy to forget to sweep up the grass clippings from the curbside after the mowing and edging is finished, but that last little clean-up task can make a big difference to the final appearance.

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