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Seasons Greetings,

The Homeowners Association Meeting was held on Thursday, November 1 at the clubhouse. The meeting was focused on security matters and the pending construction of the fence by MUD 9.

Officer Andy attended the meeting and discussed some of the activities in the Trails. While there has been some increased concern about doings in the neighborhood, we remain a low crime area.

As you have noticed, the fence construction has started and is well underway. Initial construction began around November 2. The entire fence for the MUD 9 area should take about 8 to 10 weeks. It is exciting to see all these improvements taking place in our area. Once the fence is complete, the MUD plans to continue with the Park Plan. This is certainly a good time for our neighborhood.

At the meeting, the Board presented Sherry Wright with a plaque commemorating all her support over

more than 20 years. Sherry edited the TrailWriter for many of those years and she always volunteered to help on many other community related functions. She will be missed, but we are happy as she and her husband have moved to Conroe for a well deserved retirement. We all wish her well. Lisa Wooldridge has stepped in to edit the newsletter and we are most appreciative of her help. Without volunteers like Lisa, the Trails would lose some of its unique character.

Also I would like to extend a big thank you to Ron Matthews and Sherry for assembling the directories. Of course Ron had others helping him. Please look for an article on directories in this issue.

Finally, the holiday season is here. Please drive carefully and look out for children both in the Trails and outside. It truly is an exciting and special time of year.

Happy Holidays,
Walter



Winchester Trails - Upcoming Events

December

4th	Hanukkah Begins
6th	Maintenance Board Meeting 7pm
15th	Holidays in the Trails
21-31st	CFISD Holiday
22nd	Winter Begins
25th	Christmas Day
31st	New Year's Eve

January

1st	New Year's Day
3rd	Maintenance Board Meeting 7pm



Holidays in the Trails

Saturday, December 15, 2007
Winchester Trails Clubhouse

Festivities

At dusk	Residents set out luminaries
5- 6pm	Pictures & Cookies with Santa
6 - 8pm.	Fun Outdoor Activities

Please contact
Mitzie Costello at 281-250-8384
to order your luminaries kits, to donate
cookies or to volunteer to assist
with this event.



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Jim Malone is the security representative for WT.
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Stork Report

Congratulations to James and Hollie Sailors of Pearl on the new arrival of their second daughter on October 18th. Big sister Emma, who recently turned 3 years old is also very excited to welcome her new little sister.

Lillie Ann

5 lbs. 15 oz.

18½ inches long

If you have a new addition to your family, please contact Jeff Kelly at 281-970-5441 or jw.kelly@sbcglobal.net to share your wonderful news! You can have the WT Stork appear in your yard if desired, or just have a blurb inserted in our newsletter for your keepsake book.

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Back Section
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HOWDY PARTNER

Please join me in welcoming Laura and Ruy Soto and Rick and Nicole Welch to the neighborhood.

The Soto's moved into 10530 Pearl Drive in August of this year. They have a one year-old daughter and are expecting a baby boy in December. Laura is an interior designer, certified kitchen and bath designer and owner of Kitchen & Bath Design Studio. Ruy is an insurance agent for Soto Insurance.

Rick and Nicole Welch now call 9218 South Pass Lane home. They are both employed in the computer industry and are enjoying their new home, along with their boxer, Mia. The Welch's just celebrated their first wedding anniversary in their new home. Please welcome these two families to the Trails.

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!

Missy Fouts
832-237-5717

Final Farewell

A final farewell to Sherry Wright as she moves from the Trails, she has served our community for 20 years as the directory editor and did double duty the last year as editor of the newsletter also. A "Thank you" plaque was given to Sherry Wright for her many years of community work in the Trails at our last board meeting. We will miss her.



Listed from left to right are: Board Directors: Jim Malone, Walter Sonne, Sherry Wright - Volunteer; Board Directors Paulette Walker and Greg Johnson.

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MILESTONES

New Teenagers - Happy 13th!
12/26 - Samantha Shillings
12/27 - Derek Chapman

New Drivers - Happy 16th!
12/06 - Courtney Creed
12/20 - Kevin Movagher
12/29 - Melanie Roberts
12/30 - Rebecca Claybourn

New Voters - Happy 18th!
12/03 - Alexis Cole
12/12 - John Penaflorida, II
12/12 - Brittany Racey
12/27 - Taylor Channing
12/30 - Brandon Korenek

New Adults - Happy 21st!
12/03 - Krystal Oriadha
12/09 - Holly Wisnoski
12/17 - Dan Wamhoff

Happy 15th Anniversary!
12/19 - Steve & Lynnae Schatz

Happy 20th Anniversary!
12/11 - Grady & Laquita Douglas
12/12 - Jeff & Lilli Ann Miller

Happy 30th Anniversary!
12/30 - Jeff & Margaret Ottmann

Melissa Zmerzlikar
kmzmerz-wt@yahoo.com

Treasures

The Treasures of the Trails Luncheon held at Gugliani's Italian Restaurant was most enjoyable. We look forward to next year's event. Thanks to our Board for honoring the "mature residents" in the Trails.

2008 Winchester Trails Directory

By the time this newsletter hits your mailbox the new 2008 Trails directory will already have been delivered to your door. I hope you enjoy the new directory as a lot of effort went into final production.

Thanks to the following: Sherry Wright, Debbie Griesbach, and Jerry Stenberg respectively. I appreciate everyone's assistance. Ron Matthews

Personal Classified

For Sale - Panasonic Microwave: "The Genius" series, Dimensions: 23.75"x18"x13" Excellent condition; perfect working order. \$50.00 (281)955-1005

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Winchester Trails - Technology Update

The ASUS Eee PC is series of ultra-portable laptops designed by Intel and ASUSTeK. The name Eee derives from "the three Es": Easy to learn, work, and play. At half the size of regular notebooks and weighing less than 1kg, you can take the Eee PC anywhere. Bumps and shocks are no longer issues. The complete line-up comprises of four computers. This mini machine can provide VPN and run remote desktop connections. While the Eee PCs are designed to run Linux, they will operate with Windows XP to. Asus has already posted a stack of drivers necessary for folks who want to use the Microsoft OS. People are saying that this mini seven inch laptop that comes in a few different colors is about to be on everyone's Christmas list.

Article by Sergio Campa, Zentrtech

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Ten Commandments of Bicycling

1. Wear a helmet for every ride
2. Conduct an ABC Quick Check before every ride, tire pressure, breaks, etc.
3. Obey traffic laws and signs, ride on the right, signal turns and stop at red lights
4. Ride predictably, wear bright clothing and be visible at all times
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6. Scan for traffic and signal lane changes and turns
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8. Control your bike by practicing bike handling skills
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10. Have fun

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GREEN THUMB CORNER

Cooler weather means that things are not growing very quickly, and that's probably a good thing because we have lots of other demands on our time during the holiday season. There is still plenty of work that can be done in the yard and garden. This is the season for soil cultivation, planting of new trees and shrubs, fertilization of established ones, pruning, mulching, clean-up and bed preparation. A little effort expended now, while it's pleasantly cool, will get things in good shape when spring warmth returns.

This month and the next two are generally considered the best for planting trees and shrubs. Before planting, check drainage by digging a hole and filling with water - if it takes more than 24 hours to drain, you will need to improve the situation by digging an 'X'-shaped trench pattern filled with good soil to provide drainage away from the center. Another plan is to create an elevated mound for planting, and this also adds a nice accent to the landscape. Established trees can be conveniently fed now while the ground is quite soft from recent rain. Feed trees by using a stake or a length of pipe to drive a series of holes a foot deep and a foot or so apart around the drip line, and apply a small handful of general-purpose fertilizer (such as 12-24-12) in each hole. A good rule of thumb is to apply a total of about one and a half pounds for each inch of trunk diameter. If your pine trees have very pale green or yellowish needles, that's a sign that the soil is too alkaline, and the cure is to include a soil acidifier with the fertilizer. Magnolias also need acid soil conditions, so use special azalea/camellia fertilizer or add a soil acidifier.

Pansies may still be transplanted this month. They can really brighten up an otherwise dull yard, whether in beds or containers. Pansies will benefit from a monthly feeding of manure, super-phosphate or a liquid high-phosphate product. More blooms will be promoted by removing spent or faded flowers.

One more reminder about spring-flowering bulbs - December is the last chance for planting. Remember that tulips should be kept in the refrigerator until the end of the month and then planted between Christmas and New Year's Day (a convenient chance to get a little exercise between the two holidays!).

Azaleas and camellias may be moved at this time and should be kept moist to reduce the risk of cold weather damage. Acidify the soil if necessary. It's a good idea to check the pH value with one of

the chemical kits available, or with a meter.

Clean up the beds where fall flowers have finished, and prepare next year's beds now to allow time for settling and weathering, adding lots of humus and also gypsum to break up the clay. In established shrubbery beds a good layer of mulch is just as important in winter as in the heat of summer. Water well and watch out for winter drought. Be prepared to protect tender plants; cloth makes a better cover than plastic, but you can use the latter by rigging a "tent" arrangement to prevent the plastic from touching any foliage. Potted plants can be moved into the garage (put nails in the overhead beams for hanging baskets) and if it's really cold you can leave the lights on to provide some warmth.

There are just a few things that can be planted this month - asparagus, chives, parsley and onion plants - but the main priority right now is preparation of beds for next spring.

HOLIDAY TIPS: Winter pruning of evergreens such as holly, yew and juniper provides useful trimmings for Christmas decorations, and you can also use the clusters of red berries from nandina shrubs.

And if you're short of Xmas gift ideas for your family or friends, how about a good gardening book?

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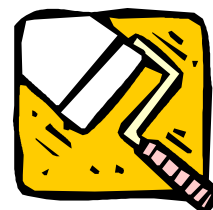
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