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### **Greetings Winchester Trails,**

The May Board meeting was held on May 1 and was attended by several residents. Officer Andy, our contract deputy from the Sherriff's department was also present. We had several issues to address including security, the opening of the pool, repairs to the clubhouse and the website.

Security was at the forefront of the discussions as there had been several incidents in the general area including the Trails. Officer Andy stressed that we have a safe neighborhood, but we must be diligent is keeping the Trails secure and safe. Please report any suspicious activities to the Sherriff's Department. Also, please lock the doors to your house and vehicle and close your garage door. Check the Harris County Sherriff's website at http://www.hcso.hctx.net as there quite a bit of information concerning security and crime.

The pool opened on May 3 with weekend hours through the month and then we increase the hours once school is out for the summer. Over 600 pool tags were issued during the open registration process on April 26 and May 3. Anyone needing pool tags will need to contact PCMI. Thanks to Carole, Jerry, Ian, Paulette, Ron and others that gave up part of their Saturday to make the distribution of pool tags an easy process.

We will be updating our website as the previous manager of the site has moved from the Trails. We realize the site has lost its usefulness over the past few months as information became dated. We shall be reconciling this in the coming months. Thanks to Ron and Melissa for helping.

Finally, Lisa Wooldridge, who has been editor of our newsletter, will be stepping aside as she has a very busy household with a young family. I appreciate her efforts and enthusiasm, many thanks to Lisa.

Until next month...

Walter

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### Yard of The Month

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10418 Hondo Hill

**Kerry & Debbie Roper** 

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His email can be found on the Security page of the Trails website.

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#### **Deadline**

The deadline for the May newsletter is June 10.
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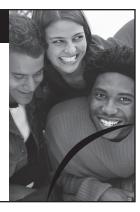
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**Howdy Partner** 

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. Please contact Missy Fouts at 832-237-5717



### **Upcoming Events**

June

14 Flag Day

15 Father's Day



#### **Green Thumb Corner**

The spring season has been pretty mild again this year, and the yard and garden chores have continued to be pleasant tasks through April and into the first part of May. But June brings the real summer heat and it takes a bit more willpower to spend a lot of time out there in the hot sun, so try to make it easier by working in the relative cool of early morning or late evening.

Set your mower for two inches height for St. Augustine, to protect roots from the sun (a bit lower for Bermuda), and try to cut a half to one inch of grass blade each time you mow. Try to catch the clippings for the compost heap, because if left on the lawn they can cause a thatch build-up.

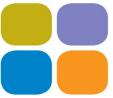
Summer heat also provides good conditions for ticks and fleas to proliferate, so don't forget to spread pesticide granules on the lawn and shrubbery beds every six weeks, or use one of the newer products that claim to remain active for a full season. This will also control chinch bugs, which are likely to be chewing on the roots and producing nasty brown patches of dead grass.

Other things to do in June ..... Keep up the weeding and cultivation, and replenish mulch. Water thoroughly, especially azaleas and camellias, but remember that geraniums and bougainvillea prefer fairly dry soil. Keep pinching back chrysanthemum shoots to encourage branching for more blooms in the fall. For climbing roses, cut out the oldest canes and dead wood after the main blossom period, when it is easiest to distinguish between old and new wood. For bush roses, continue normal grooming as flowers are cut; cut back stems to just above an outside bud, and keep the center of the bush open.

Strawberries should be fed with a balanced fertilizer (such as 12-24-12) after harvest. Mulch well. At this time of year you may be harvesting a range of vegetables including carrots, squash, tomatoes and peppers, but there's not much new planting to be done except maybe some succession plantings of beans.

Phil Richards





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## **Congratulations to Our 2008 Graduating Seniors**

#### Colleges - Texas A&M

Maggie (Margaret) Stockwell Melissa Taylor B.S. Accounting

B.A. Interdisciplinary Studies

#### **High Schools**

#### Jersey Village HS

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### MILESTONES

New Teenagers - Happy 13th!

06/02 - Aaron Diener

06/08 - Jess Dixon

New Drivers - Happy 16th!

06/02 - Kenneth Yeung

06/14 - Kristina Zufall

06/15 - Rebecca Fitzgerald

06/24 - William Allen

New Voters - Happy 18th!

06/17 - James Moss

06/28 - Aaron Vaughn

06/30 - Mercedes Inocencio

New Adults - Happy 21st!

06/27 - Matthew Moss

Happy 20th Anniversary!

06/05 - Conway & Nancy Lim

06/11 - Kevin & Lisa Ancell

06/11 - Keith & Rosalie Chapman

Happy 25th Anniversary!

06/18 - Wiley & Mary Jo Brown

06/25 - Steve & Juli Van Hooser

Happy 30th Anniversary!

06/03 - Ed & Ann Davis

Happy 35th Anniversary!

06/02 - Michael & Debbie Wolf

Happy 50th Anniversary!

06/08 - Wayne & Judy Bristow

06/14 - Raul & Alicia de Guzman

#### Classified Ads

**Personal classifieds** (one time sell items, such as a used bike...) run at no charge to Winchester Trails residents, limit 30 words, please e-mail <a href="mailto:lwool2@sbcglobal.net">lwool2@sbcglobal.net</a>. **Business classifieds** (offering a service or product line for profit) are \$50, limit 40 words, please contact Peel, Inc. Sales @ 512-989-8905 or <a href="mailto:advertising@PEELinc.com">advertising@PEELinc.com</a>.

#### Winchester Trails Trash A Friendly Reminder:

Trash is to be placed for pickup after 6pm on Monday and Thursday evenings. Also, tree and shrub trimmings must be bundled & tied prior to placing them on the curb for pickup. Unbundled trimmings will not be picked up. This results in unsightly street trash.

Thank you,

WT Maintenance Board

# Are You A Trails Treasures?

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If you have items that you are tired of or want out of your home why not donate them to charity? Here are several options for you to consider these are our local chapters for convenience:

#### You Drop off:

The Mission of Yaweh – http://www.missionofyahweh.org/donations.htm 713-466-4785

Helping women and children as well as running a thrift store to help with costs to feed and house occupants. Accepts all donations, I use them often they are very grateful for any donation at all.

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#### Pickup:

Big Brother Big Sister of Greater Houston 6437 High Star http://www.bbbshouston.org (713) 271-5683

Houston Charity http://www.houstoncharitycenter.org/index.html has some requirements to meet to pick up. No phone number given on site.

If you are more internet savvy then go here... it is a cyfair residents website devoted to recycle and reuse among individuals who live near you http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cyfairfreecycle/

Lisa Wooldridge

#### **WT-Word Power**

Collective Efficacy – When neighbors create a functioning, informal network of people who show concern for each other and their block.

#### Ice Cream Social - A Big Hit!

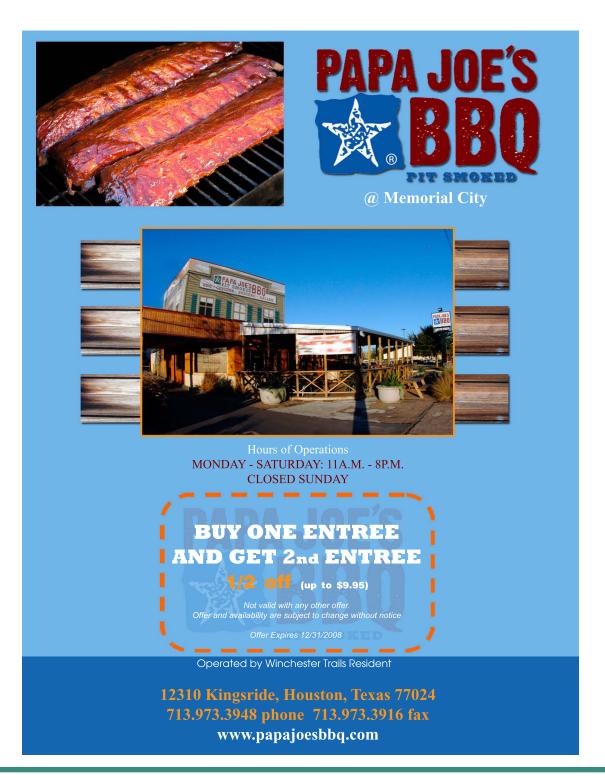
An ice cream social was enjoyed at this year's pool tag distribution, Thanks to Stacey Jones, Allison Debus, Lauren Ancell, Brenda Heaton, Deborah McCrory, and Suzanne Vinson for their assistance with this effort.



#### WT Tidbits around the house

Have dirty stained toilets? Try 2 denture tablets simply drop them in the toilet before you go to bed wake up run the toilet brush around then flush. Onion or litter box odors in your home? Simply put a small bowl of vinegar on the counter this soaks up the smell when done pour down drain







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