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September Garage Sale

Just a reminder to start sorting through your closets and attics for the upcoming Fall Garage Sale. It will be on the third Saturday of the month, September 19th. As always, we will advertise in local papers, Craig's list and have our WHHOA signs out at entryways.

Congratulations Graduate!

Our son, Andrew Park Schiller, just graduated from the University of Oklahoma on May 15 with a BA in Psychology. While at OU he was a member and president of Sigma Nu fraternity. He is a 2005 graduate of Colleyville Heritage High School. He is also an Eagle Scout and black belt in Tae Kwan Do. He will attend the University of Tulsa in the fall for graduate school.

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Welcome and Thanks!

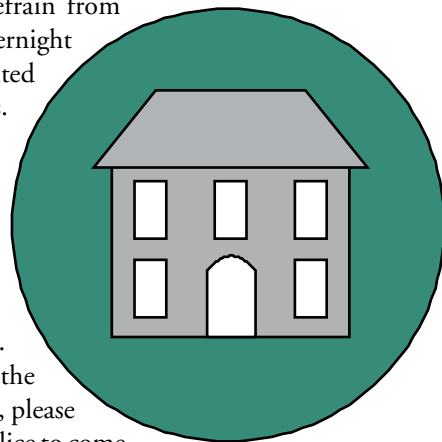
We are delighted to welcome our newest additions to Woodland Hills Homeowners Association! Dean and Carol Eldridge of 4102 Lexington Pkwy have joined our HOA. Thank you for your support of our neighborhood and common areas!

Hello Woodland Hills Homeowners:

I want to say thank you to all the homeowners who work hard to keep their home and yard beautiful. Keeping your home and yard pretty helps retain property values in the community. The Board of Directors and other homeowners have noticed that parking on the street is becoming more of a problem. Please refrain from parking on the street overnight as this is expressly prohibited by the Deed Restrictions. Please utilize your driveway for overnight parking. If you see someone has parked on the street and there is suspicious activity around the vehicle (i.e. people hanging around the car or truck late at night), please play it safe and call the police to come and check it out. Last, it has come to my attention that Select's address on the ACC form (sent in a previous newsletter) was incorrect. A corrected copy of the ACC form is on the website: woodlandhills-hoa.com. Log-in, then click on Resources and then Documents to download the form.

Have a wonderful day!

Amy Edwards
Senior Property Manager



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Social Activities

Information from Christie Kimbell

July 4th – Parade and picnic extravaganza

September 19th – next garage sale (we goofed in April, but from now on it is the third Saturday of April and September)

October – Neighbor Night Out

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Average square foot price sold: \$116.18

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Stork Report in Woodland Hills



Craig and April Beling would like to share their joy in the arrival of their twins - Daniel and Thomas Beling. This is our 9th child and last. The two oldest are on their own and our 18yr old daughter is attending college in Iowa, the next one will be in CHHS next year, and then two more in CMS and Max which is 20mnths.

If you cant keep, up the ages range from 24 to newborn!! God has truly blessed us. Thanks so much for sharing this in the woodland hills paper.



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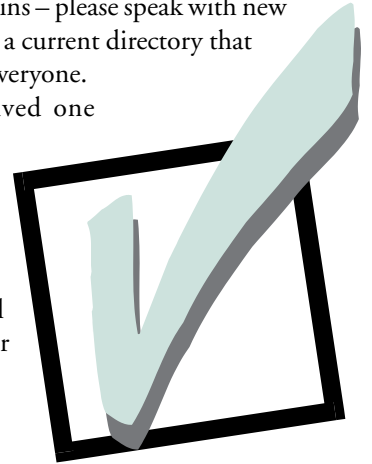
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Directory Updates *Deadline August 1st*

We are in the process of updating the directories for another printing and distribution to every resident. If you have changed your phone number in the last TWO YEARS, please submit that change to Amy Edwards for updating. If you are new to the neighborhood and have not been included in prior directories, please submit your names, address and phone number to Amy for inclusion. Block Captains – please speak with new neighbors to make sure we keep a current directory that remains a meaningful tool for everyone.

Also, if you have not received one of our new directories that were printed last year, please contact Amy Edwards at Select Management and Amy will send a directory to you.

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LONE STAR TEXAS LICENSE PLATE SET TO HIT TEXAS ROADWAYS

Eight-year-old John Thomsett of Gilmer, Tx. joined Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) officials on Tuesday to announce that the colorful new general-issue license plate, Lone Star Texas, is about to hit Texas' roadways.

"My fellow Texans, I am pleased to announce that the new license plates have left the factory," John said during a TxDOT press conference at the Travis County tax office in Austin. "You will be seeing it on a car or truck near you real soon."

TxDOT began shipping the new general-issue plates to the 254 county tax offices statewide on Monday. County tax offices should have the Lone Star Texas plate in stock by no later than June 12.

"Because our state is real big, it will take about two weeks for the plates to arrive in all the county tax offices," John explained. County tax offices will need to exhaust their current plate inventory before issuing the Lone Star Texas plates.

In February 2008, John and his classmates at Gilmer Elementary School helped to choose the Lone Star Texas design as part of TxDOT's first online vote for a new general-issue license plate.

John's teacher, Kerry Hradecky, cast the vote for the class.

"I was very excited that my students could be involved and have a voice in voting for such a prevalent symbol - our state license plate," said Hradecky, who teaches first grade at the Gilmer Elementary School. "We discussed that different states have different license plates based upon state characteristics and our privilege as Americans to vote."

Cindy Jones, who can trace her Texas roots back to an ancestor in the Republic of Texas Navy, said she cast her vote for the Lone Star Texas plate because it shows off the state's majesty and pride.

"The license plate was an inspiration - and I never thought I'd say that!," said Jones, who lives in Mason. "Allowing everyone to vote was a great idea."

Ed Serna, TxDOT assistant executive director for operations, said at the press conference the new general-issue plate goes by a special name at the agency. "At TxDOT we affectionately call it 'The People's Plate,'" Serna said.

Texans chose the Lone Star Texas plate from five different designs. The plate design received 455,878 of the more than 1.1 million Texans votes. The Texas Transportation Commission, which by law must approve the state's general-issue plate, unanimously agreed with online voters and approved the plate on Feb. 28, 2008.

The opportunity for a new general-issue license presented itself when the agency realized it was going to run out of the six-character plate patterns. The new general-issue plate features seven-character license plate numbers.

It also is the state's first digitally-produced and full color general-issue license plate. The Lone Star Texas design features clouds in a

blue Texas sky and brushes of red and blue with the familiar Lone Star in white. The plate also features the Davis mountain range.

The digital process creates a more environmentally-friendly plate, eliminating the need for 484 gallons of paint thinners and 396 gallons of ink annually, and the energy needed to power huge ovens that dried the plate ink. The factory at the state prison in Huntsville, where the license plates are manufactured, was retooled and outfitted with new equipment for digital production.

"We are asking Texans to join us in our concern for the environment by not rushing down to their local county tax office to purchase this plate," said Rebecca Davio, director of TxDOT's Vehicle Titles and Registration Division, which oversees the manufacturing of the state's plates. "Our plates are made of recyclable aluminum but if everyone decides to run out for the new plate then good plates will be wasted."

Texans eligible for the new license plate will be those that purchase a new vehicle, and those whose license plates are seven years old, the mandatory time when plates are replaced because they lose their safety reflectivity.

Nelda Wells Spears, the Travis County tax assessor-collector, reminded Texans that the reflective sheeting on license plates helps rescuers and citizens spot vehicles at night that have run off the road or are pulled off on the shoulder. License plates also help to save lives and catch criminals, Spears said.

"One of the primary tools for police when they are looking for a suspect, whether it be someone who abducted a child or robbed a bank, is to ask citizens to be on the look out for a certain vehicle model with a specific license plate number," Spears said. "While there may be thousands of the same type of vehicles on our roadways there will be only one with that unique license plate number."

There are more than 21 million registered vehicles in Texas and the majority of them have general-issue license plates. License plates are a part of "Put Texas in your corner," the vehicle registration process that includes annual renewal of the registration sticker.

Since 1917, the Texas Department of Transportation has been responsible for the state's license plates. This new general-issue license plate may be the agency's last. In the Texas legislative session that ended on Monday, June 1, lawmakers passed a bill to create the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles, which would take over responsibility for the state's license plates. The bill is awaiting Gov. Rick Perry's signature.

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Average Days on Market - 77

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Average Price per Sq.Ft. - \$128.84

Average Days on Market - 22

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Average List Price - \$419,043

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Bike Safety

Bike riding is a great way to get exercise and fresh air and share time as a family. But before you and the kids rush out and start pedaling, there's an important factor that you need to consider — safety.

Helmet Basics

Bicycle helmet use should not be optional for anyone in your family, no matter where you are or how short the ride. In many states it's the law.

Here's why: Most bike accidents involve a head injury, so a crash could mean permanent brain damage or death for someone who doesn't wear one while riding. In fact, each year in the United States, about half a million kids are seriously injured in bicycle-related accidents, and most of those injuries could have been avoided if a helmet was worn.

Here are some things to keep in mind when buying a helmet:

- Pick bright colors that are visible to drivers and other cyclists.
- Look for a helmet that's well ventilated.
- Make sure that the helmet has a CPSC or Snell sticker inside. These indicate that the helmet meets standards set by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) or the Snell Memorial Foundation, a nonprofit group that tests helmet safety.
- Make sure your child's helmet fits correctly and can be adjusted.

You should be able to get help finding a well-fitting helmet and adjusting it properly at any bicycle store.

When kids wear a helmet, make sure that the straps are fastened. Also make sure they don't wear any other hat underneath it.

Be sure to replace any helmet made before 1999. If your child hits any surface hard while wearing a helmet, replace it — helmets lose their capacity to absorb shock after taking serious hits.



A few bike helmets can be used as protection for other activities, but in general, they're best suited to biking. Most helmets are made for one specific type of activity — for example, special helmets also are made for inline skating, baseball, and snowmobiling.

Kids should not wear any helmet when they're on a playground or climbing a tree — there is a risk of strangulation from the chin strap during these types of activities.

Safe Clothing

What kids wear when riding a bike is also very important for safety:

- Fluorescent or bright-colored clothes will help kids be visible on the road. (Avoid dark clothes, especially during early dusk and twilight hours.)
- Lightweight clothes will help them avoid becoming overheated.
- Pant legs shouldn't be too loose-fitting or flared. These can get caught up in the chain while riding.

If your child wears a backpack while riding, make sure the straps are tied up and can't get tangled in the spokes of the wheels.

Choose shoes that grip the bike's pedals. Cleats, shoes with heels, or flip-flops can all create problems while riding. Kids should never ride barefoot!

Rules of the Road for Bike Riding

Here are some must-know safety tips to teach kids:

- Stop at all stop signs and obey traffic lights just as cars do. Yield to pedestrians, stop at red lights, and be especially careful at intersections.
- Always ride in the same direction as cars do. Never ride against traffic.
- Try to use bike lanes or designated bike routes whenever you can — not the sidewalk!
- Never ride at dusk or in the dark.
- Always stop and check for traffic in both directions when leaving a driveway, an alley, or a curb.
- Watch traffic closely for turning cars or cars leaving driveways.
- Don't ride too close to parked cars — doors can open suddenly.
- Always walk a bike across busy intersections using the crosswalk

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and following traffic signals.

- When riding in a group, always ride single file on the street.
- When passing other bikers or people on the street, always pass to their left and call out "On your left!" so they'll watch for you.
- Never share the seat with a friend or ride on the handlebars — only one person should be on a bike at a time. It's easy to lose balance or suddenly swerve into traffic when riding with a passenger.
- Never wear headphones while biking — it's essential to hear everyone else on the road at all times.
- Never stand up while riding a bike.
- Never hitch a ride on a moving vehicle.
- Never change directions or lanes without first looking behind you, and always use the correct hand signals. Use your left arm for all hand signals:

Left turn: After checking behind you, hold your arm straight out to the left and ride forward slowly.

Stop: After checking behind you, bend your elbow, pointing your arm downward in an upside down "L" shape and come to a stop.

Right turn: After checking behind you, bend your elbow, holding your arm up in an "L" shape, and ride forward slowly. Or, hold your right arm straight out from your side.

Bike Maintenance

Check your child's bike at least once each season to keep it safe and well-maintained.

Be sure to check:

- tires — inflate to the pressure that's recommended on the sidewall of the tire
- chain — oil it regularly and remove dirt
- handlebars — adjust for height as your child grows and tighten all bolts
- brakes — check for frayed cables and replace worn-out brake pads
- seat — keep the seat level and adjust for height as needed

Making Safety a Family Affair

One of the best ways to help kids learn safe bike riding is to set a good example by following the rules of the road yourself. Go for bike rides with your kids so you can show them what safe riding looks like. It's also a great way to stay active as a family and get valuable together time that you'll all enjoy!

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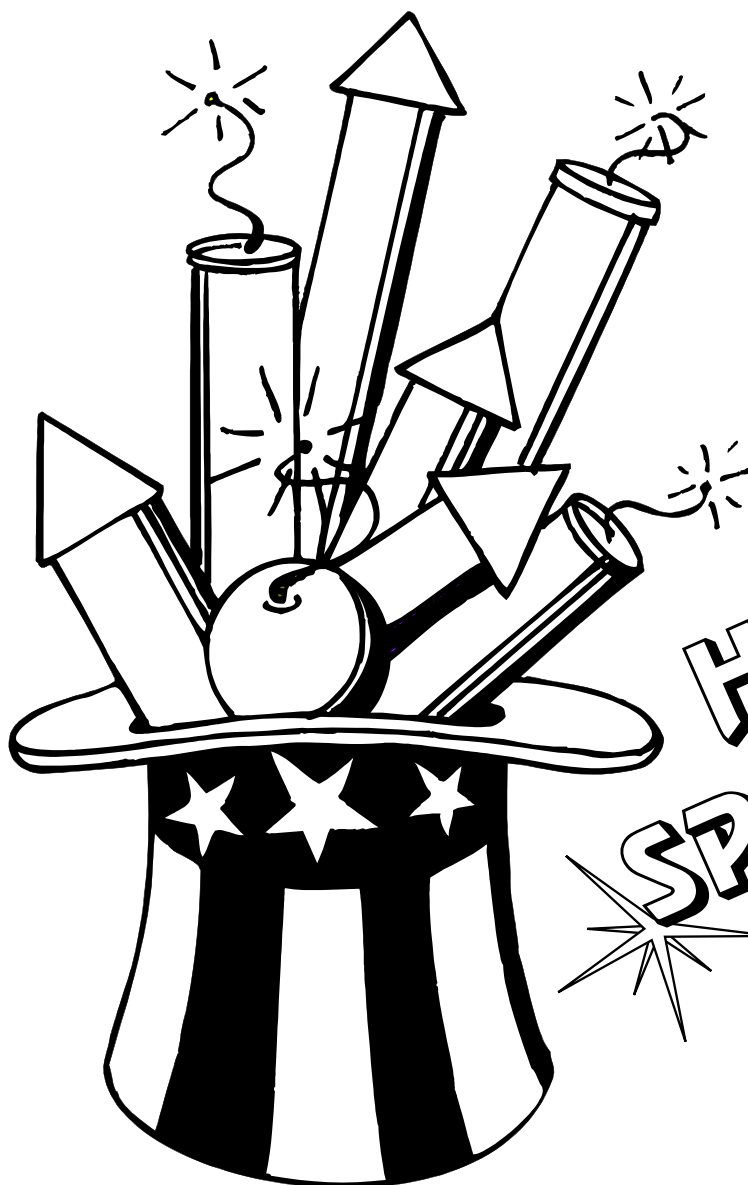
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