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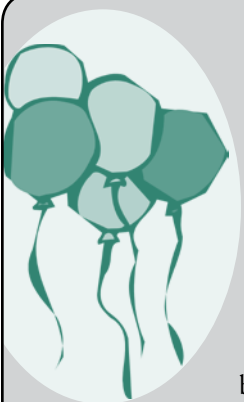
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Attention Winchester Country Residents

Are you interested in helping keep our community safe? If you are, you're in luck! The Winchester Country Neighborhood working in partnership with the Harris County Sheriff's Department is looking for individuals interested in volunteering as block captains. Block captains volunteer just a bit of their time providing information to residents who live on their street. This critical information updates residents on any criminal activity in the neighborhood. Block captains also coordinate with other block captains thereby creating a network of information flowing both from and to law enforcement officers assigned to our neighborhood.

If you're interested in becoming a block captain please email wcmavh@gmail.com



WCMA Board of Directors

Congratulations to the two newly elected board members. They are:

MIKE RIVERA
DOMENICK CAPO

A big thank you goes out to our two outgoing board members: Jeff Mueller, and Bob Olivarras. Winchester Country is a better place because of all your hard work and dedication.

And a big thank you also goes to our three remaining board members:

PETER DAYTON: SECRETARY ~ TREASURER
VICKI HAMM: VICE PRESIDENT
NICOLE CHOVANETZ: PRESIDENT

AUGUST

- | | |
|----|---------------------------|
| 13 | Maintenance Board Meeting |
| 22 | Kids Pool Party |
| 24 | First Day of School |
| 24 | Senior's Meeting |
| 25 | Single's Meeting |

SEPTEMBER

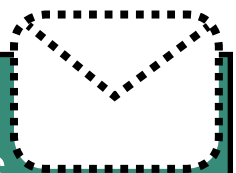
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| 7 | Labor Day |
| 8 | Pool Closed for season |
| 10 | Maintenance Board Meeting |
| 28 | Seniors Meeting |
| 29 | Singles Meeting |

OCTOBER

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|-------|---------------------------|
| 6 | National Night Out |
| 8 | Maintenance Board Meeting |
| 16-17 | Garage Sale |
| 23-24 | Rain date for Garage Sale |
| 26 | Seniors Meeting |
| 27 | Singles Meeting |
| 31 | Halloween |

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Seniors Group Trips & Plays for August and September 2009

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1. FRIDAY, JULY 31, 2009

Texas Repertory Theater presents a romantic favorite, "The King and I". Dinner will be at the "Olive Garden" Restaurant.

2. FRIDAY, AUGUST 14, 2009

The Humble Civic Center will present the annual "Opry in Humble" Tx. Limited BBQ will be available. To R.S.V.P. and secure tickets, call 281-893-3726. If you are interested in going, Pct 4 is planning on having a bus to the "Opry" leave at 5:15 pm from the Jersey Village Baptist Church. Tickets: \$10.00

3. THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2009

A.M. – Hindu Temple and P.M. – Houston Baptist University's Generals Lee and Grant Exhibit. The bus will leave at 9:00 AM and return about 5:00 PM Cost \$11.00 plus your lunch at Kim Son on SW Freeway.

4. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2009

We have a bus reserved for a trip. More details to follow later.

The only requirement we have... you must be 55 or older and have fun when you join us!

YOUTH NEWS POOL PARTY ALERT

On July 25th from 9 pm to 11 pm we will be hosting our second pool party for our youth.

Requirements swim suit and towel.

And a fun and happy attitude.

Rules: you must be signed in and out by a parent.

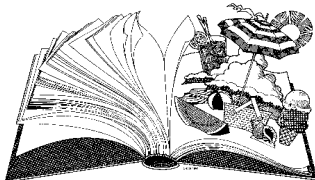
No child will be allowed to leave the pool area without a parent.

We will be serving Pizza and lemonade. Please remember to sign up at the lifeguard station so we will know how much pizza to order.

SEE YOU THERE!!!!

The youth pool party on June 27th was a huge success! We had Pizza and dessert and Lemonade. I would like to thank all the volunteers who help. Joanna Abbondandolo, Maddi Abbondandolo, Amanda Hamm, Vicki Hamm. And Nicole Chovanetz

HOT SWEET PICKLES



1 gal. dill pickle slices
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8 c. sugar (4 lb.)
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Winchester Social Singles Group

The Winchester Social Singles group will be meeting the last Tuesday of each month at the Winchester Clubhouse to discuss activities for the following month as well as provide networking opportunities to anyone interested in the Social Singles Group. WE NEED YOU AND YOUR INPUT SO PLEASE JOIN US.

AUGUST

- August 8 – Benefit for St. Judes Hospital @ the Dance Connection. Limited space available email: warren.brenda@sbcglobal.net for more information
- August 21 – 23 - Trip to San Marcus to outlet mall leave at 6 am to 5 pm email Winchestersingles@yahoo.com if interested.
- August 25 – Singles meeting at the clubhouse 6:30 pm Kids welcome
- August 28 & 29 – Trip to San Antonio email: capodcapo@sbcglobal.net for more information

SEPTEMBER

- September 19 – Bowling at Copperfield. All ages welcome!
- September 29 – Singles meeting at the clubhouse 6:30 pm

EVENTS TO COME

- Tailgate parties – all ages
- Dinner and Wine with the Wine Man!!!
- Day at Harwin

Please email me Winchestersingles@yahoo.com if you are interested in participating in any of these events:

What is a Neighborhood Watch?

A Neighborhood Watch is a group of neighbors who are willing to communicate with each other and pass along crime and non-crime related neighborhood information. The groups are educated in crime prevention and trained to observe suspicious activity and report the activity to each other and the police.

It is a fact that relationships in many of today's communities have become less personal than they were years ago. Families are transient, children have more activities that take them and their parents away from home, and there are more families with both parents working. The once-familiar sight of families visiting with each other on front porches while keeping a watchful eye on children and activities in the neighborhood is a rarity in most communities today. This trend away from personal contact in the neighborhood and the decrease in time families spend at home are two of the essential ingredients that make communities ripe for crimes of opportunity, such as burglary.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IS:

- A community – police crime prevention partnership.
- Neighbors coming together to help each other not become victims of crime.
- Neighbors coming together to address community issues.
- Learning and practicing Crime Prevention through Environmental Design - Surveying and upgrading, if necessary, your home security and lighting.
- Learning to identify suspicious activity and reporting the activity to other neighbors and the police.
- Members all live on the same street or within line of sight, generally 5 – 25 homes per group.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IS NOT:

- Citizens armed patrol.
- Vigilante groups.
- Encouraging residents to take risks to prevent crimes.
- A program that guarantees that a crime will not occur in a neighborhood.
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July 4th

The 4th of July Event was a great time had by all.. The firework display and DJ were fantastic as always. We would like to thank The real BBQ pit for serving his BBQ this year it was delicious. We would like to thank all of our volunteers who helped make this event such a success we couldn't do it without you all!!! Joanna Abbondandolo, Mikey Abbondandolo and his crew, Maddi Abbondandolo, Amanda Hamm, Peter Dayton, Debbie Dayton, Kevin Dayton, and Vicki Hamm.

West Road Security Updates

JULY 7: WILLOWBRIDGE SOCCER FIELDS

This evening Deputy Thomas was patrolling our neighborhood, and noticed that several of the cars in the parking lot of our club house looked out of place. There was a group of young Hispanic males between the ages of 18-30 playing soccer on our field at Willowbridge Park. He began to question the group of young men, and found out that none of the players lived in our neighborhood. After investigating,

he found out several of these young men had prior convictions, two of the men were taken to jail for outstanding warrants. If this group of men is seen playing soccer again on our field, they will be arrested for trespassing. Thanks to Deputy Thomas for keeping us safe!

JULY 6: STEEPLECHASE: BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

"There was a vehicle on Springland Ct. broken into sometime after midnight Monday July 6. They ransacked the inside of the vehicle, took cash, left the checkbook and loose change, and left the car door ajar. Just as an FYI, the front porch light was on, and we have a motion sensor light on our garage -There was another car in the driveway, and it was not touched. The consensus is probably kids, as they seemed to be after dollar bills and not interested in change or a checkbook."

CALL 911 FOR ALL EMERGENCIES. For non-emergencies, call the Sheriff's Office at 713-221-6000. If you have witnessed a crime or were a victim of one, call the sheriff's office immediately! If you had a crime occur in your home, please call me, and I will send out a security alert to our neighborhood!

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August Birthdays

Tiffany Valdez
Noah Fouts
Theresa Guyton
Corby Stepanski
Lars Ronning
Erick Loya
Alyson Smith
Katie Foote
Conzuelo Ventura
Brandon Cook

August 4
August 5
August 7
August 9
August 10
August 12
August 13
August 13
August 13
August 14

John Seerey
Lou Faraldo
Phillip Gutierrez
Deneen Herzog
Joe Armel
Patrick Faraldo
Nikki Thomas Cowart
Chase Filaroska
Elizabeth Loya
Marvin Ray

August 15
August 19
August 19
August 23
August 26
August 26
August 27
August 28
August 29
August 29

August Anniversaries

Dan & Diana Heffern
Lars & Madeleine Ronning
Dan & Maureen DellaSala
Randy & Sabrina Pang

August 2
August 12
August 13
August 21

Abel & Paula Rodriguez
Tim & Robin Lyons
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August 24
August 29
August 30

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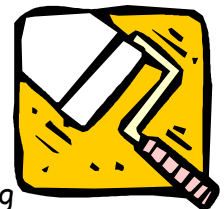
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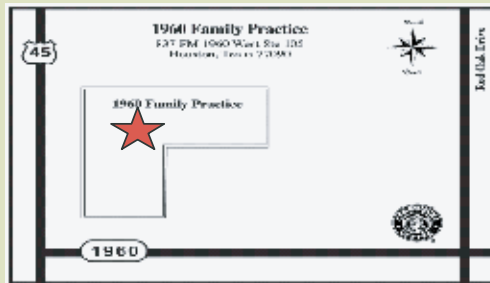
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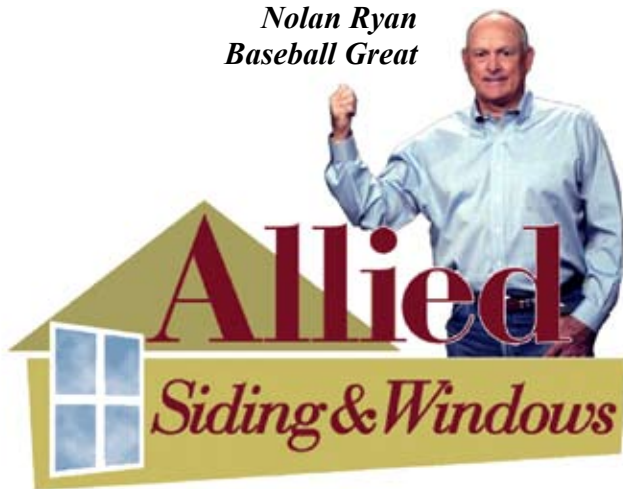
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Birthday - Anniversary - Youth Job Directory Update

Winchester Country Residents please note that we will be updating the Birthdays, Anniversaries and Youth Job directory.

Birthdays

(list each family member)

Name

Month/Date

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Anniversaries

(list celebrants)

Name

Month/Date

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Youth Job Directory

Name

Age

Job

Phone

_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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Examples:

(B) Babysitting

(Y) Yardwork

(PS) Pet Sitting

(C) Carwashing

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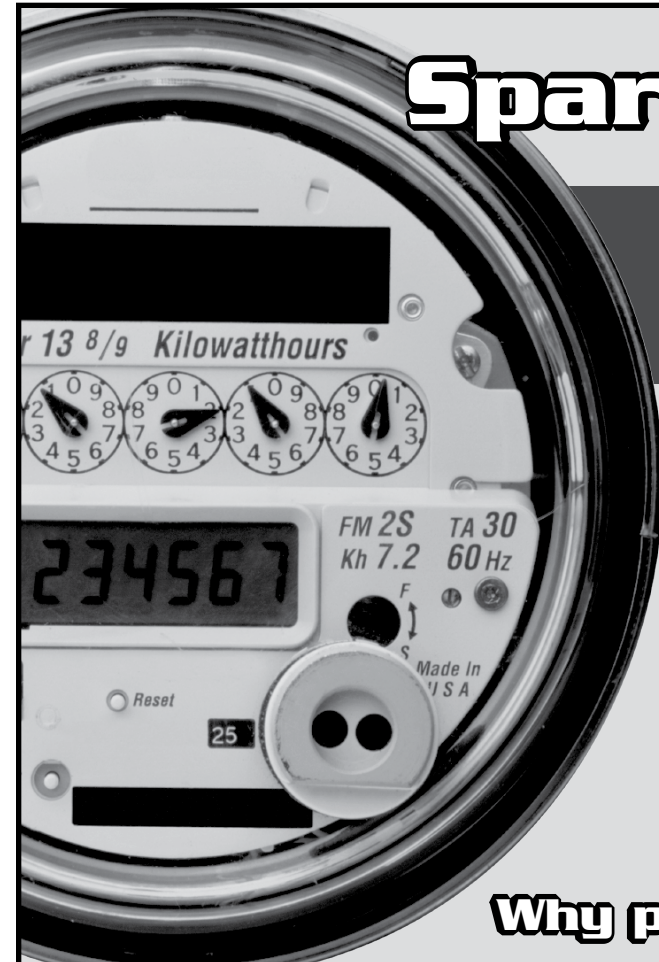
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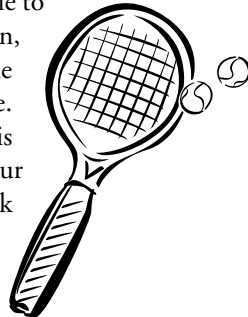
Forced Mowing

In an effort to continue to make Winchester Country a great Neighborhood in which to live the WCMA board has adopted a more aggressive mowing policy. In the event a property is sent a deed restriction violation letter to mow the property and the violation is not corrected a lawn service will be sent to the property and mowed at a cost to the homeowner. If a violation letter is received and a resident needs additional time or assistance please contact Debra at SCS Management at 281-500-7119.



Tennis Court Cards

Our tennis court gate has been fixed. If your tennis card does not work please contact Joanna Abbondandolo at 281-890-8856. If you wish to obtain a tennis court card there is a \$10 deposit. You can either mail a check (made payable to WCMA) to WCMA, 9607 Rio Grande, Houston, Texas 77064 or you can drop off your check in the mail box slot located outside the clubhouse office. Please write in the memo line of your check "tennis card." Please include your mailing address. Your card will be mailed to you. If you would rather pick up your card you can stop by the Community Coordinator's office during office hours.




Winchester Country Identification Decals

You can obtain identification decals of your vehicle one of two ways: you can email me at whcordinator@winchestercountry.org or mail to WCMA, 9607 Rio Grande, Houston, Texas 77064. You will need to include the following: your name, address, make, model, year and color of your vehicle and I will mail it out to you ASAP.

ACC Application

Before making any improvements/repairs or additions to your home, please request a copy of the ACC Application from SCS Mgmt Services, or come to the office at the Clubhouse (see hours someone will be there) or go to website at www.winchestercountry.org and download the form.

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Mondays	12:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Tuesdays	Closed
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August 24th – September 7th

Mondays – Thursdays	Closed
Fridays	4:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Saturdays & Sundays	12:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Exceptions and Notes:

Monday, September 7th (Labor Day)	12:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Tuesday, September 8th	Pool closed for the season.

Saturday, September 12th

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Winchester Country

Winchester Country Pool Rules 2009

1. All rules apply to Adults and Children.
2. Only registered Winchester Country and Winchester Meadows residents and their guests will be allowed to use the pool. Maintenance fees must be current and pool registration must be on file in Guard office at the pool.
3. All residents must hold current pool cards in order to use the pool.
4. The telephone located in Guard's Office and Guard Check-in Station is for emergency use only.
5. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult (18 years or older).
6. The baby pool is restricted to non-swimming children who are under the age of 5.
7. Non-swimming children must stay in the baby pool and within arm's reach of an adult. This also goes for the large pool.
8. All non-potty trained children must wear swim diapers at all times provided by the Resident.
9. Parents or Guardian are responsible for children and/or guests in both the baby pool and large pool at all times.
10. Running is not allowed in the pool area. No horseplay will be tolerated either in or out of the water.
11. Glassware/glass containers are not allowed in the pool area. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in the pool area. Users of the pool are responsible to clean their area and use facility trashcans to discard their trash.
12. Abusive/offensive language or gestures, screaming, yelling or the playing of loud music or music with inappropriate lyrics will not be tolerated.
13. Smoking is not allowed in the fenced area of the pool facility. There are designated smoking areas in front of the Coordinator office and Clubhouse II.
14. Diving is allowed from the diving board only. No diving in the shallow end. Divers must jump straight out and not toward the sides.
15. All persons younger than 18 years of age will leave the water during the scheduled hourly Lifeguard break / Adult swim period and sit away from the pool edge. Adults at least 18 years of age can swim at their own risk at this break time.
16. All swimmers must wear swim suits. No cutoffs are allowed.
17. Only Coast Guard approved floatation devices will be allowed and must be approved by the lifeguard staff.

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Winchester Country

Winchester Country Pool Rules - (Continued from Page 14)

18. Persons with bandages and/or open sores will not be allowed in the pool.
19. Cocoa butter, baby oil or other similar products will not be allowed in the pool. Commercial suntan preparations only.
20. No pets are allowed in the pool area.
21. Gum chewing is not allowed in the water or pool area. All food is confined to the deck area only.
22. The Association is not responsible for lost or stolen items or unclaimed items on the "Lost & Found" shelf. Unclaimed items will be disposed of throughout the pool season.
23. All non-swimmers must wear Coast guard approved floatation devices.
24. Adult supervision is required at all times as relates to non-swimmers.
25. Only 2 non-swimmers per adult will be allowed.
26. All guests will be charged \$1 daily and may be issued a guest pass that must be returned upon leaving.
27. A resident must accompany all guests and is responsible for the guest's conduct.
28. No climbing on shade awning support poles or perimeter fencing.

29. Do not hold or hang on lane or diving-well ropes.

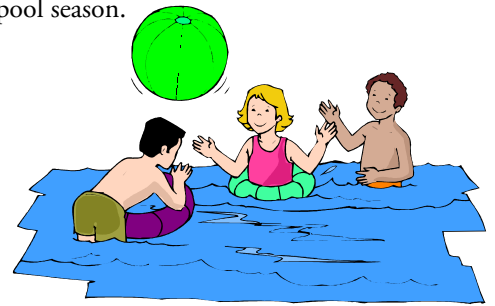
30. Do not talk to or distract lifeguards on duty.

31. All issues need to be reported to Senior Guard on duty.

32. The lifeguards on duty will have the final authority for the enforcement of pool rules and the overall safe operation of the facility both explicit and implied by the Pool Rules and must be obeyed at all times.

Discipline

Infractions to pool rules will result in disciplinary action taken by the contracted pool Management Company and/or Winchester Country Board of Directors. Disciplinary actions may include time out and/or the suspension of cards from one day up to and including the remainder of the pool season.

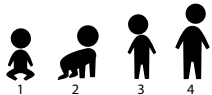


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