



Winchester Country

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Attention Winchester Country Residents - We Still Need Block Captains!

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

Security Issues

For several months, we have been experiencing various acts of vandalism and burglaries to our vehicles. This problem is NOT restricted to cars parked only on the street. Vehicles that were parked close to the garage were also broken into. Please make every effort to park your vehicle in your driveway. Then, remember to lock and take all valuables out of your vehicles. If your car is burglarized, please make sure to file a report. If you see teenagers walking about the subdivision between 1:00 AM and 4:00 AM in the morning, contact the Sheriff's office immediately at (713) 221-6000.

Join the Winchester Country Crime Watch Program

What is a Neighborhood Crime Watch Program? It is a grass roots effort of neighbors coming together to reduce crime in the community. It involves getting to know your neighbors, working together with them to be alert to the potential for crime, and looking out for one another's interests. Neighbors working together through Neighborhood Crime Watch combat crime the most effective way, before it starts!

More Block Captains are Needed.

If interested, please email wcmavh@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER

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



OCTOBER

- 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



QUARTERLY HOMEOWNER'S MEETING

There will be a homeowner's meeting.

WHERE: The clubhouse

WHEN: Sept. 24, 2009

TIME: 7:00 pm

Everybody is welcome

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF NUMBERS

Emergency or Crime in progress911

WC Deputies..... 713-221-6000

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Mondays 5:00 – 7:00 PM

Wednesdays 10:00 – 2:00 PM

**** The office will be closed Monday,
September 7th in observance of Labor Day.*

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Newsletter Deadline is Thursday, Sept. 7, 2009

Submit your articles and Photos to:

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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.

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.



Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

		9		8		6		
7				6				
			9					5
				3		9		1
1			4				6	
						8	7	4
						2		9
	6		7	9		1		
		8	1		4			

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Happy Birthday!

September Birthdays

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Constance Benham
Ariana Stellas
Christian Cook
Bryan Ivey
Elizabeth Nangmenyi
LaTonga Bunkley
Eduardo Rocha
Melba B. Garza
Russell Dorr
Zachary Benham
Shelby Klentz
Linda Ray
Cheryl Austin

no date available
September 3
September 5
September 5
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September 6
September 7
September 9
September 10
September 11
September 13
September 15
September 16

Nicholas Threlkeld
Douglas McGee
Reynard Lavigne Jr.
Gregg Gutierrez
Kuni Philpot
Rhianna Garcia
David Fouts
Hannah Fouts
Sean Zewe
Magnus Ronning
Alexander Villatoro
Kellyann Donat
Rudy Navarro

September 16
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September 17
September 20
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September 30

September Anniversaries

John & Lezleigh Seerey
Javier & Lourdes Lopez

September 8
September 17

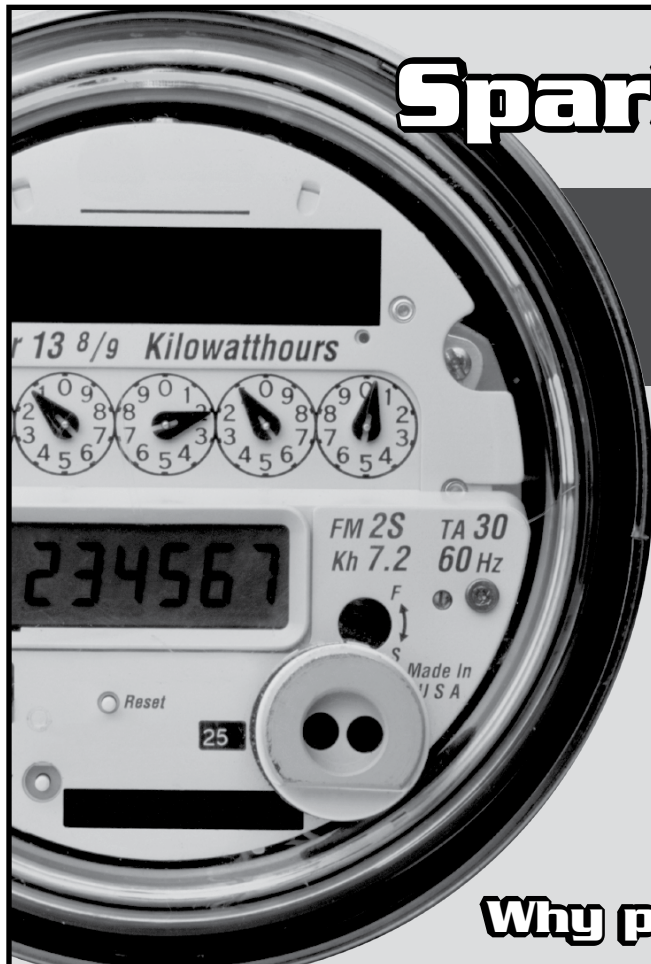
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Bart & Ruby Barrow
Jason & Kristi Marcum

September 23

September 20
September 22

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Mobile Vet

Will be here on Sept 19th from 10 to 3. Please have all dogs on a leash even if your dog will be staying in the car. If your dog gets out of the car it must be on a leash accompanied by you.

Business Classifieds

THERE IS CASH IN YOUR CLOSETS! Upscale family consignment event in NW Houston community this FALL! Let us help you stretch your budget! Consign, Shop, Volunteer! Come join the FUN! Great resource for MOMS-TO-BE!! <http://nwhouston.rhealana.com> or tammy@rhealana.com

Classified Ads

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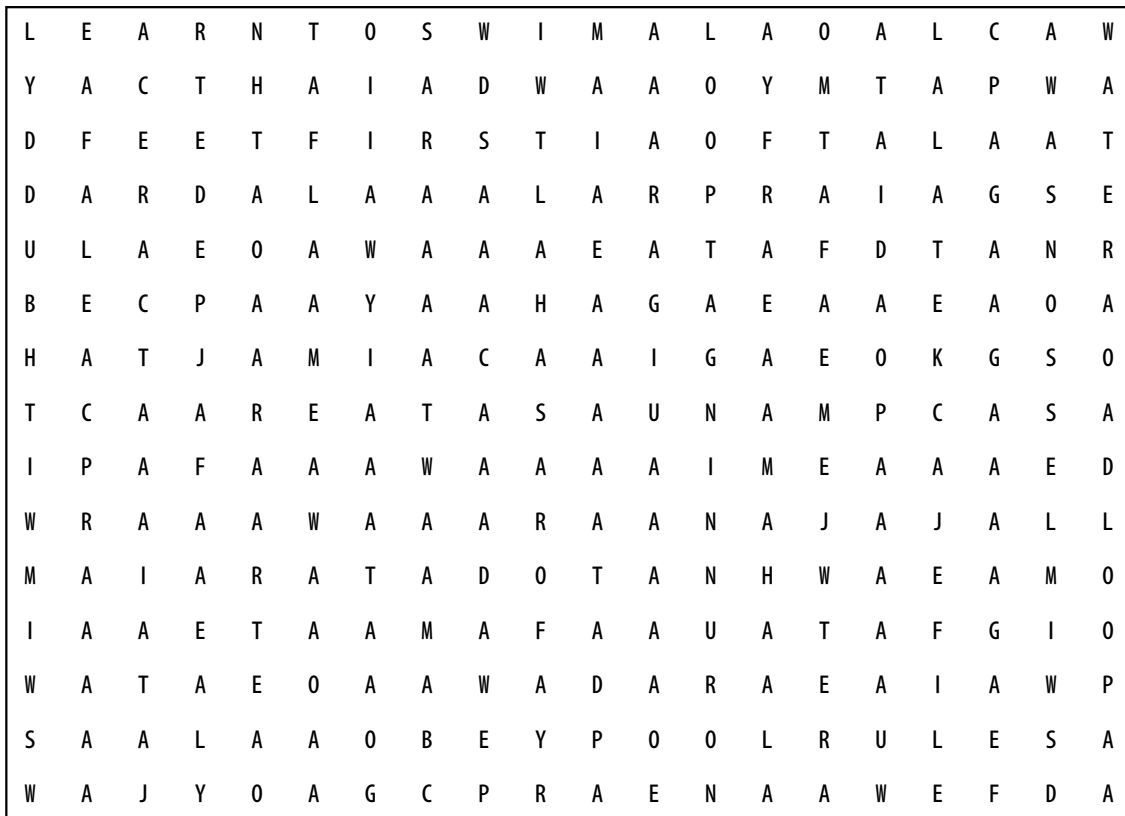




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Water Safety Word Find



Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.

The words may be hidden in any direction.



POOL
LIFE JACKET
LIFEGUARD
LEARN TO SWIM
NO RUNNING AT POOL

SWIM LESSONS
FEET FIRST
SWIM WITH BUDDY
OBEY POOL RULES
WATER WATCHER



For more information check out our website at:

www.colinshope.org

Colin's Hope is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that creates and supports programs that aid in preventing children from drowning. Despite numerous sources for water safety, the number of children who drown per year is staggering. Colin's Hope of saving children from drowning is being achieved through increased water safety awareness and improved standards throughout the community.

Healthier Homes

Improve Neighborhood Air Quality ... Fragrance Free Dryer Exhaust

By: Charlie & Michelle Bubnis

Have you ever been walking in the neighborhood enjoying the fresh air and then suddenly you are hit by the sweet fragranced smell of a heated artificial, petrochemical based scent from someone's clothes dryer exhaust? Often times a headache will occur, similar to people's reaction to perfumes worn in the office or at church. This is a normal protective reaction by the body as these fragrances are harmful neurotoxins and should be avoided whenever possible. National surveys found that at least 10% of the population reacts adversely to laundry products vented to the outdoors. Young children are particularly affected by fragranced chemicals because their body's detoxification mechanism is not fully developed.

Some of the most common chemicals used in fragranced laundry products are benzyl acetate, camphor, ethyl acetate, limonene and pentane. Many of these substances are capable of causing cancer, birth defects, central nervous system disorders, allergic reactions and chemical sensitivities. Some are on the EPA's hazardous waste list. According to a joint study by NIOSH and the U.S. House Subcommittee on Business Opportunities, 778 of the chemicals used in the chemical fragrance industry cause acute toxicity.

So the next time you are considering picking up a box of fragranced laundry detergent or fragranced dryer sheets...think about the impact on the neighborhood air quality and the proliferation of second hand scents. Healthier options could be: Add baking soda to the rinse cycle, or add ½ cup vinegar to the wash cycle to soften fabrics and reduce static cling. Vinegar is a natural fabric softener.

Do the neighborhood a favor and make sure your dryer exhaust doesn't pollute the environment. Be kind to yourself and to your neighbors, use unscented laundry products.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- <http://ehnc.org> – Fabric Softener = Health Risks from Dryer Exhaust and Treated Fabrics by Julia Kendall
- www.mcs-global.org – Could it be your Fabric Softener?
- www.physorg.com – Toxic Chemicals Found in Common Scented Laundry Products, Air Fresheners
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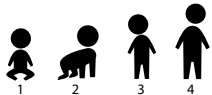


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FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DROWNING

Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death in children ages 1-4



DROWNING WILL AFFECT YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW

Drowning is the 2nd leading cause of unintentional injury-related death ages 1-14.

For more information, check out our website at

www.colinshope.org

DROWNING CAN STILL OCCUR EVEN IF YOU KNOW HOW TO SWIM

NO ONE is "drown proof" – no matter their level of swimming ability.

Falls, entrapments, and injuries lead to drowning regardless of swimming level.

A majority of people overestimate their own and their child's ability to swim, especially in a panic event.

DROWNING IS QUICK AND SILENT



Drowning occurs in as little as 2 minutes.



Irreversible brain damage occurs in as little as 4 minutes.



Most children are out of sight or missing for less than 5 minutes and usually in the presence of 1 or both parents.



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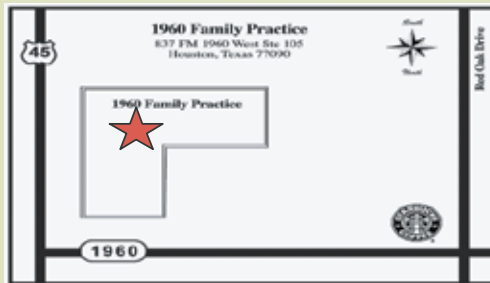
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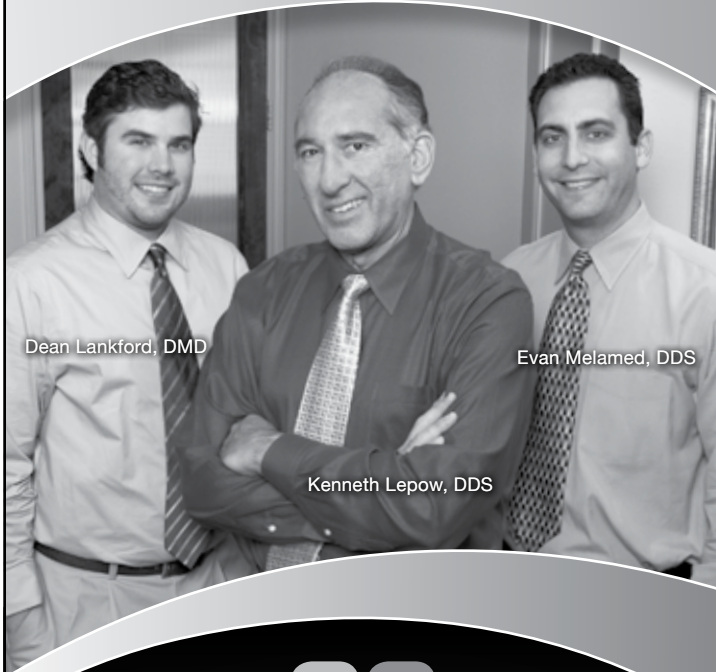
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Birthday - Anniversary - Youth Job Directory Update

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

Youth Job Directory

Name	Age	Job	Phone
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Examples:

- (B) Babysitting
- (Y) Yardwork
- (PS) Pet Sitting
- (C) Carwashing

Please email your information to the following wchcoordinator@winchestercountry.org, drop off this information in mail slot located at the clubhouse, or mail to the community coordinator at 9607 Rio Grande Houston, TX 77064.

Birthdays

(list each family member)

Name	Month/Date
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Anniversaries

(list celebrants)

Name	Month/Date
_____	_____



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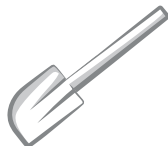
Sandy Dinges



- 6 egg whites
- 1 cup pecans
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 tsp. vanilla
- 3/4 tsp. cream of tartar
- 2 cups crackers (Club or Waverly)



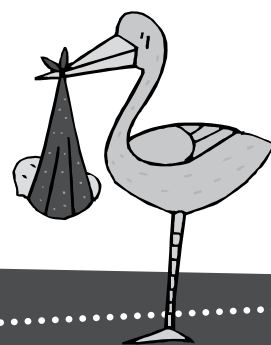
Beat egg whites until stiff. Gradually add sugar and cream of tartar. Add vanilla. Fold in crackers and pecans. Spread in a 9 x 13" pan cake pan. Bake at 350° until light brown about 20-25 minutes. Cool completely. Top with your favorite fruit and Cool Whip.



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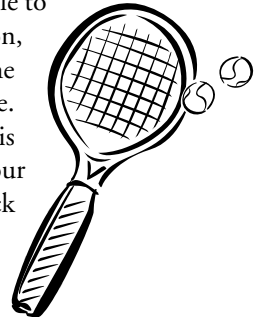
Forced Mowing

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.



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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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It's Not Too Late to Get Organized for the New School Year

Submitted by Kelly Butcher

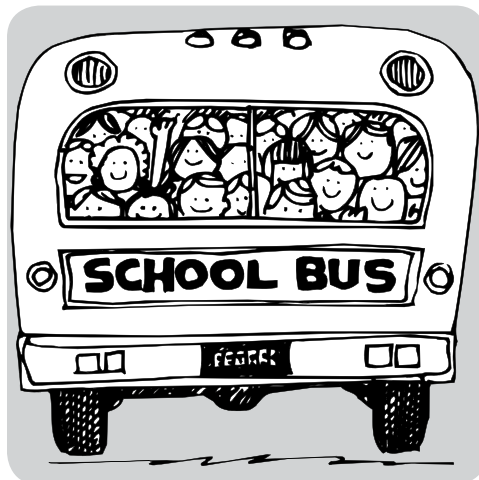
School has just begun and you probably feel like you are drowning in the sea of papers, activities, and homework. As a professional organizer, I work with a lot of busy families who need help setting up routines for handling the abundance of paper from school, the mail, and for getting homework done. I hope to offer a few suggestions about routines to set-up and implement to help you have smooth sailing through this school year.

SOME GENERAL SYSTEMS TO HAVE IN PLACE INCLUDE:

- Calendar
- Incoming papers
- Homework

A large wall calendar with room enough to write each family member's activities is a must. Display the calendar in a location easily accessed by all family members. If you track your calendar electronically, have a centrally located computer with easy access for all family members. Assign a color to each family member and color-code activities.

Papers consisting of incoming mail, school papers, both school work and items that require a response, and activity-related items (schedules, release forms, etc) are always an issue. Set up an action file system for handling the incoming paperwork such as a desktop hanging file organizer with files for each child or school. Teach your children to get into the habit of putting important papers or papers requiring a signature in a folder marked with "Mom" or "Dad". After you have signed the paper, either place the paper in a folder



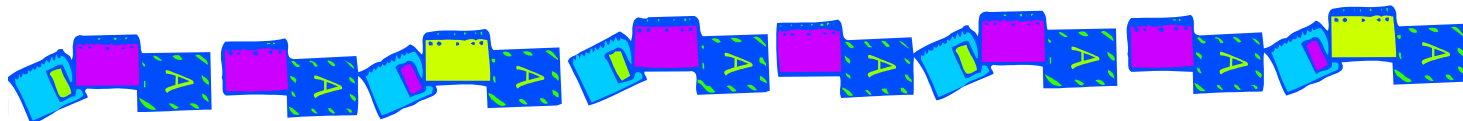
to return to school or have your child put directly into their backpack. Also set up an archival system for the treasured school work that you want to save.

Fitting homework into our busy schedules is often difficult. Designate an area for your children to complete their work. For younger students, the kitchen table is probably where most of the homework is completed, so make sure all of the necessary supplies are available, so there is no excuse not to get started. I recommend using lidded plastic shoe-box size containers to hold markers, crayons, scissors, glue sticks, etc. Label the containers for ease in cleaning up. For older students who may complete their homework at a desk in their bedroom, ensure they have the necessary

supplies available as well. A well-lit, clutter-free area away from distractions will help them stay focused on their work.

Establish a set time for homework to be completed. It may not be the same time every afternoon or evening based on after school activities. Look at the week ahead on Sunday evening and map out with your child the time they should complete their homework for each day based on that day's activities and mark it on the calendar. Most importantly, help your child get into the habit of packing their backpack before they go to bed. That way during the morning rush, important papers and items needed for school will not be forgotten at home.

Remember that developing new habits requires consistency and time. Begin setting up and implementing new systems as soon as possible and this school year will be off to a great start!





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