

Woodland Hills



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Hayley Lenamon as "Periwinkle"

Local STAR Is Born!

Pam Lenamon and her son Travis of Pembroke Pkwy N. would like to share the following news on daughter Hayley Lenamon.

Hayley was recently cast in the Supporting Role of Periwinkle in Casa Manana's Production of Dear EDWINA Jr. which played July 24 and 25. This was her first theater production and she had a singing solo in the play. She has also trained in acting for camera under Catherine Sullivan, and this summer attended a cold reading workshop with the VP of Talent and Casting for Nickelodeon Networks. Hayley loves singing, acting, drawing and painting and writing short stories. She is a straight A student and is going to be a 3rd grader at Heritage Elementary.

We are so proud her!!

October 6th Neighbor Night Out Event

The Neighbor Night Out will be held in the park and will be a "pre-Halloween theme" to give kids and adults alike an opportunity to show your creativity with costumes. Remember that National Night Out was originally inspired to have neighbors come out of their homes and get to know one another as a means to prevent crime. The Chief of Police and Community Services Officer will attend in order to meet you and share ideas for safety. National Night Out is an August event so Texas has optioned to have Neighbor Night Out in October when the weather is more conducive to being outside and socializing.

Here are the details for our event for your planning purposes:

Children activities: wear your costumes. Adults are encouraged to wear their costumes too! For the kids, we will have games to play and trick-or-treating. The police will bring a robot and other fun things.

Block Captains – we would like to ask each block to "sponsor" a table for trick or treating. Be creative and involve your block to provide some candy and associated atmosphere at your table. Perhaps some sort of "theme" for each table?

Food and Drink – the HOA will provide the basics of meat, bread, condiments and beverages. We are asking that each family bring a side dish and make this a potluck type of dinner. Adult beverages are BYOB.

Music – we are checking in to having the band that played for us last year. They were great and added a really nice backdrop to the event. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs and blankets.

Again, the gathering is on Tuesday October 6th 6-8pm in Melrose Park. If you can help with party preparations, your help would be appreciated. Contact Christie Kimbell at 214-435-2295 or christiekimbell@proplanit.com. Please plan on bringing the entire family down for a cool evening of fun and friendships.

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Garage Sale Don't Forget!

Saturday September 19th is the date for our semi-annual total neighborhood garage sale. It will run from 8am to noon. We will posting advertisements in Craig's List, in local papers and use our entry signs to ensure great shopper turnout. This is a great time for shoppers who will be looking for great bargains. So bring out all your treasures that need a new home!

September 19TH

Deadline for Newsletter Submissions

Homeowners deadline for the October 2009 issue is 5pm on September 17th.

If you have time sensitive information for the beginning of the month, we suggest you submit your article 2 months in advance.

Please submit information and photos via e-mail to helenharvey@att.net.

If you would like to be on my email reminder list, please send your e-mail address to the above address.

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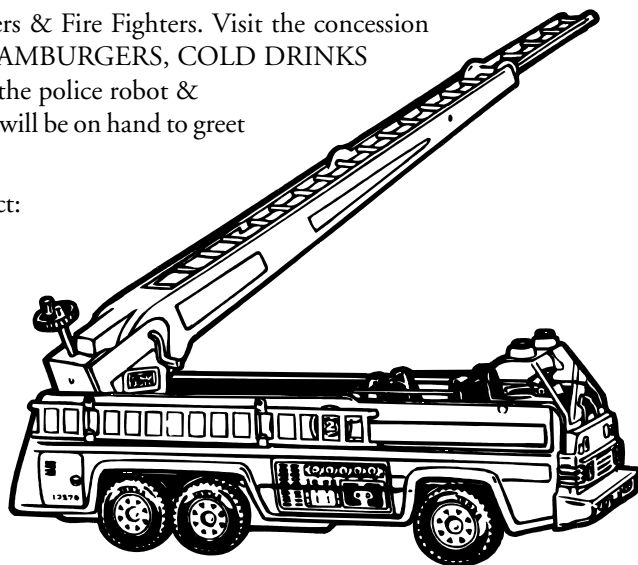
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This is a call for volunteers to serve on the Woodland Hills Board of Directors. We anticipate two positions coming open next February and seek those who would be willing to put in some time to help with the management and support of the neighborhood operation. As always, this is a volunteer board and is dependent on the participation and representation of our neighborhood. If you are interested, please contact Lance Andrews as listed in the front of this newsletter.

1st Annual Colleyville Police & Fire Department Softball Game *Benefiting Colleyville Citizen's Police & Fire Academy Alumni Associations*

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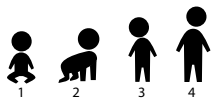
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Increasing water safety awareness and standards

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

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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.



Most children die who are submerged for as little as 6-10 minutes.

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- ★ 13 Properties Currently Listed For Sale
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 - Average Price Per Sq.Ft. - \$120.65
 - Average Days on Market - 69
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 - Average List Price - \$320,000
 - Average Price Per Sq.Ft. - \$110.78
 - Average Days on Market - 49
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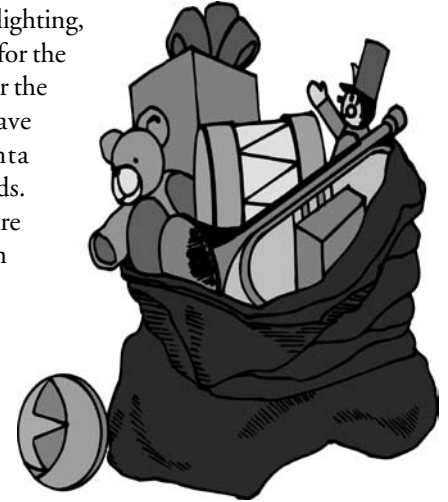
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Holiday Party

By Christie Kimbell

Based on the success of our 4th of July parade, we are taking a new approach for the Holiday Party. This year instead of having a Dine around, we will be hosting a family event in the park. "Holiday in the Park" will be held Saturday, December 12th at 6:00 pm. Some ideas we have for the evening include horse drawn carriage rides, a tree lighting, holiday carols, hot toddies for the adults and hot chocolate for the children. We will also have a special visit from Santa Claus and a craft for the kids. Please let us know if you are available to participate on the Holiday committee or have other ideas to make this an extra special evening.



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

Submitted by Kelly Butcher

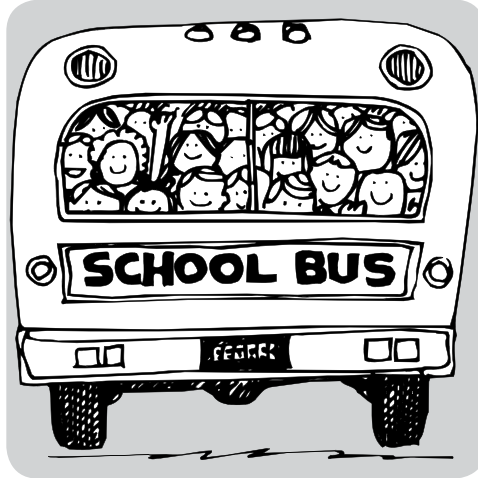
School has just begun and you probably feel like you are drowning in the sea of papers, activities, and homework. As a professional organizer, I work with a lot of busy families who need help setting up routines for handling the abundance of paper from school, the mail, and for getting homework done. 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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Please contact Zack if you can help. zbryant@lwbpc.com or 817-355-0650. We appreciate your consideration and willingness to help with a key component of maintaining the desirability and value of Woodland Hills!

NEIGHBOR NEWS

We would like to publish YOUR news too! If you would like to announce births, graduations, weddings, military deployment, military return and such type of news, please send a note to helenharvey@att.net. We'd love to share the stories of the people who make up our community.

How to Handle Solicitors

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Colleyville Services Officer*

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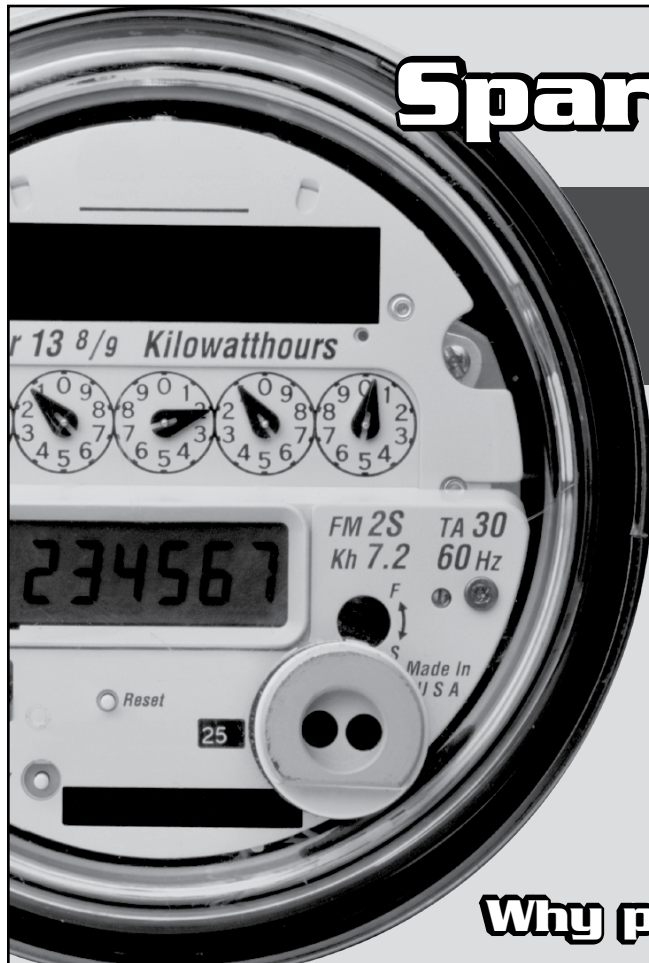
Ask to see their solicitors permit. All solicitors in the City of Colleyville must have a permit.

If you have "NO SOLICITORS" signage on your residence, point out that they are in violation of city ordinance and you will call the police.

Ask to see company identification. Magazine salespeople in particular will tell you that they are trying to raise money for college or raising funds to help needy children. Normally these sad stories are merely to get you to buy the product.

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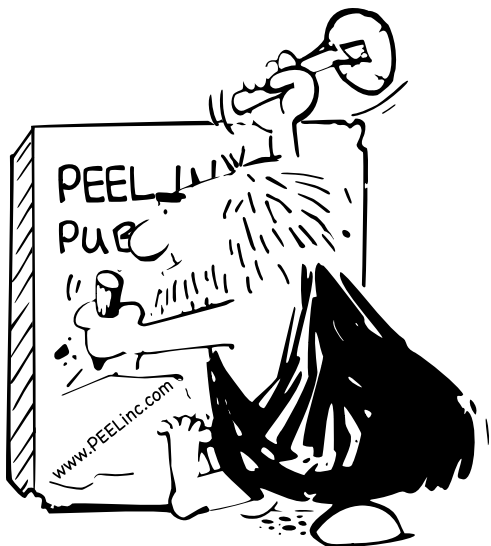
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By: Charlie & Michelle Bubnis

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:

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- www.mcs-global.org – Could it be your Fabric Softener?
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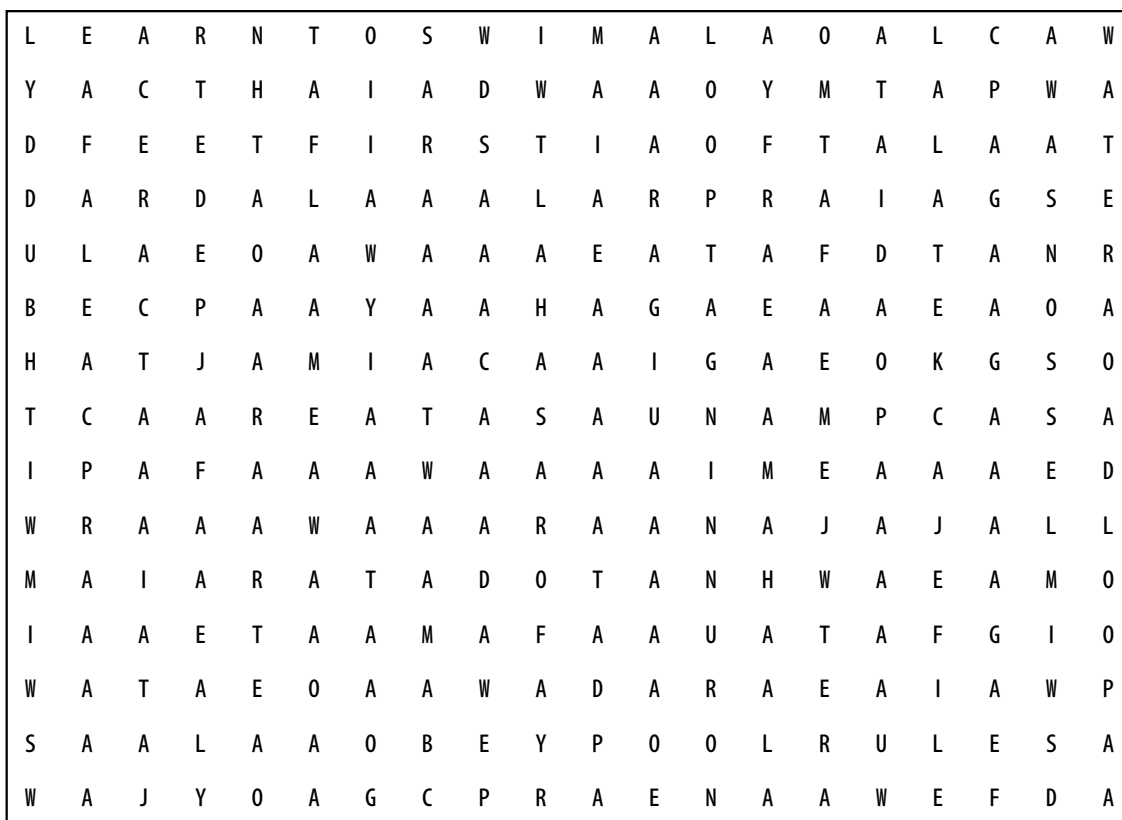
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Nancy Dennis & Associates

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September 2009

Woodland Hills Real Estate Stats

7 Homes Sold in Recent 6 months in Woodland Hills

Priced from \$229,800 to \$525,000

Average Days on Market = 166

Average Price per Sq.Ft. = \$ 116.18

Sales Ratio to List Price = 97% Average

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