

Trail Writer

The Official Publication of the
Winchester Trails
Maintenance Assoc. Social Committee

Volume 6, Issue 8
www.winchestertrails.com

August 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

August/September 2010

AUGUST 2010

- 4 - Board meeting 7 PM at the clubhouse
- 23 - First day of School
- 28 - Pool hours return to weekend schedule
10:00 AM to 9:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 2010

- 1 - Monthly Board meeting (Location PCMI
Office - Closed to Public) Budget Discussion
- 6 - Labor Day / CFISD Holiday
- 7 - Pool closes
- 8 - Rosh Hashanah
- 17 - Yom Kippur
- 18 - Community Garage Sale (8:00 AM -
4:00 PM)
- 23 - Autumn begins

Community Garage Sale around the corner!

The community garage sale is scheduled for Friday, September 17th and Saturday, September 18th. Start collecting your gently-used garage sale treasures now and plan to join your neighbors in this neighborhood-wide sale.

GREETINGS WINCHESTER TRAILS RESIDENTS,

The Board will be starting the budget process for 2011 soon. We have worked with Severn Trent (PCMI) to find ways to hold down costs while maintaining the quality of our neighborhood. The Board understands that we are to be fiscally responsible as we are accountable for the fees that home owners pay. We conduct our business openly and seek input from all home owners. We realize that many of you are quite busy and may not have time to keep track of our activities. The Board has been successful in keeping the maintenance fees to one of the lowest in the area which is quite an achievement as we are an aging subdivision and we see several projects that need our attention.

Recently, I have seen examples of Home Owner Association Boards that take a different approach than we do. In Sugar Land, it appears one Board decided to spend a significant sum of money for a park. According to the news report, the Board made the decision without getting much input from the home owners which many of the residents there had declared "Taxation without Representation!" I do not know how this particular situation will turn out, but that is not how the Board of Winchester Trails operates. We continuously seek your input and many of you have provided helpful suggestions which we have acted upon. You may recall that we approached MUD 9 several years ago and they developed a Park Plan that was put to the voters in the entire district. My point is that we will continue to watch our budgets, keep you informed and should major issues arise, ask for your opinions.

The next Board meeting will be on Wednesday, August 4 at 7:00 PM and we hope you can attend.

Until next month...

Walter

FOUND

Quaker Parrot

Found along the walking path on the bayou - obviously someone's pet.
We are taking good care of him - but if he is your lost pet,
please call 281-732-4349.

Winchester Trails

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Clubhouse Rentals	
Kristina Soliz.....	832-592-3297
Directory Editor	
Melissa Zmerzlikar	directory@winchestertrails.com
Tennis Committee	
Johnny Hooker	281-890-9123
Yard of the Month	
Angie Drouin.....	281-955-0644
Stork Committee	
Ron Matthew.....	stork@winchestertrails.com
Welcome Committee	
Tracy Wormuth	welcome@winchestertrails.com
Newsletter Editor	
Melanie Scales.....	newsletter@winchestertrails.com
Mary Gwynne	
Social Committee.....	OPEN
Marquee	
Julie Fletcher	Marquee@winchestertrails.com
Tykes Children's Committee	
Kerry Thomas.....	tykes@winchestertrails.com

MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION DIRECTORS

Greg Johnson	832-237-8178
Jim Malone	281-890-3803
Ian McCrory	713-818-0138
Walter Sonne.....	281-894-7117
Paulette Walker	281-894-5708

Jim Malone is the security representative for WT.
His email can be found on the Security page of the Trails website.

MUD #9 OFFICERS

David Gurghigian, President	281-894-4140
Jeff Ottmann, Vice President.....	281-469-1465
Wayne Wilcox, Secretary	281-894-6233
Jim Giese, Assistant Secretary	281-890-5207
Sandor Karpathy	281-955-1138

To ask questions or report problems concerning the
Winchester Trails Subdivision, call
PLANNED COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT
281-870-0585

Sheriff, Non-911 Calls

713-221-6000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Publisher	
Peel, Inc.	www.PEELinc.com, 888-687-6444
Advertising.....	advertising@PEELinc.com, 888-687-6444

GREEN THUMB CORNER

If you've been out of town on vacation, it's disheartening to get back and find a heavy load of "catch-up" yard work awaiting your return, and the oppressive heat and humidity of August don't exactly encourage you to get back to work again. But sooner or later, it has to be done. As usual, try to work in the relative cool of the early morning or evening, and remember to cover up during the day to avoid sunburn.

Clean up the beds, removing fallen foliage, yellowed leaves and dead wood, and cut off any faded blossoms. Removal of seed pods from crape myrtles will prolong the flowering period. Cut back those "leggy" annuals to encourage fresh growth and new blooms; this works particularly well on begonias and impatiens. Dahlias should be cut back after the first crop, leaving about half the growth.

Be prepared to supply artificial watering to maintain healthy grass if we have a prolonged dry spell in the August heat. If you have any dead spots, or areas where Bermuda grass and opportunistic weeds have taken over from the St. Augustine, the best remedy is water and food. Healthy St. Augustine will choke out the weeds. Any stressed areas of grass are also more susceptible to chinch bug damage, so keep up the six-weekly application of granular pesticide. But make sure that you water it in well, and that's doubly important if you decide to apply a light feeding of 15-5-10; the grass can "burn" very easily in this heat. Make sure to give the lawn a good soaking every now and then; watch for the tell-tale signs of drought - often shown by patches of grass taking on a shiny, metallic, "brassy" appearance.

Water azaleas regularly and well. They are setting buds now and if they have not bloomed well in the past, check overhead to see that they are receiving some sunlight during the months of July and August. Azaleas don't like too much direct sun, preferring it to be filtered through a high canopy of trees, but they need enough to promote bud formation. Don't be tempted to feed - May was the last month to fertilize azaleas. Light green leaves (particularly if the veins stand out) may signify chlorosis (lack of iron).

On the other hand, this month is the appropriate time for feeding chrysanthemums to promote fall blooms. Continue pinching back tip growth to encourage compact growth and more flower buds.

Summer rose care consists of pruning, light applications of a high-nitrogen fertilizer to encourage fall growth, a regular pest/fungus spray program every ten to fifteen days, plenty of water and a good layer of mulch.

If you like to grow your own bedding plants from seed, this is the traditional month to sow seeds in flats for fall and spring bloomers, and many perennials can be sown now for flowering next year. And don't forget that you can sow bluebonnet seeds directly on the ground anytime from July to the end of the year.

THIS MONTH'S TIP: It's easy to forget to sweep up the grass clippings from the curbside after the mowing and edging is finished, but that last little clean-up task can make a big difference to the final appearance.

Phil Richards, Prich8935@aol.com

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

We celebrated the nation's birthday in style with a parade and pool party. We were escorted by a guest representative from the Sheriff's department and by the Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department to the clubhouse where the Fire Department got out their hoses and made some children very wet and very happy!

We had lots of games, prizes, food, snow cones, and party favors at the pool, and a great time was had by all! Thanks so much to the Greater Houston Pool Management for sponsoring the games and to the many volunteers who cooked, coordinated games, served food and snow cones, cleaned up afterwards, and who helped to make this a memorable and successful event. Thanks especially to Susan Wheelock and Mary Gwynne for coordinating this event.

(Photos on page 4)

Yard of the Month



Ken and Anita Magidson
10315 Coperdale

*Do You Have Reason
to Celebrate?*

We want to hear from you! Email newsletter@winchester-trails.com to let the community know!

Discover the **AMAZING STORAGE DIFFERENCE!**

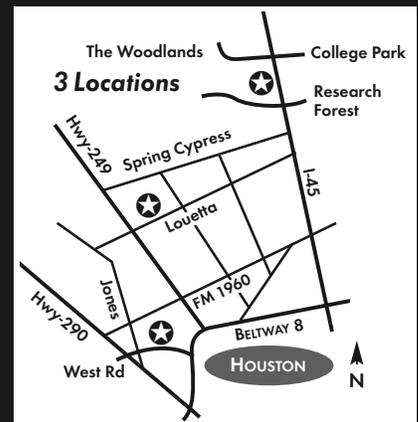


10830 West Rd.
2 Blocks East of Jones Rd.
281-378-7592

20% Off First 3 Months

- ★ Individually Monitored Alarms on Every Space
- ★ Climate Controlled & Non-Climate Spaces
- ★ Boxes & Moving Supplies Sold
- ★ Penske Truck Rentals
- ★ Color Camera Recording System
- ★ Property Completely 18-Wheeler Accessible
- ★ Deliveries Accepted

www.AmazingSpaces.net



Winchester Trails

INDEPENDENCE DAY



*View
Photos
in
Color
Online
at
[www.
peelinc.
com](http://www.peelinc.com)*

Electricity is **ON SALE** at StarTex Power!



Alan "Petrodamus" Lamme, host of 'Energy Week', can be heard every Sunday on 1070 KNTH in Houston.

I'm Texas Energy Analyst, Alan Lamme. In case you didn't know, electricity rates are currently at lows not seen in years, which means that NOW is the time to lock in a very low electricity rate with the provider that I highly recommend to all my radio show listeners: StarTex Power. StarTex Power is local and reputable, with some of the most competitive rates available in all of Texas. You can switch right online at www.StarTexPower.com

Sign Up Today Online: www.StarTexPower.com or call 866-917-8271

PLEASE USE "NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER" as your referral!



*"Highest in Residential Customer Satisfaction
with Retail Electric Service"
... J.D. Power and Associates*



StarTex Power received the highest numerical score among residential electric service providers in Texas in the proprietary J.D. Power and Associates 2009 Texas Residential Retail Electric Service Satisfaction Study™. Study based on responses from 6,890 consumers measuring 15 providers and measures opinions of consumers with their electric service provider. Proprietary study results are based on experiences and perceptions of consumers surveyed between October 2008 and June 2009. Your experiences may vary. Visit jdpower.com.

Milestones

New Teenagers - Happy 13th!

08/04 - Sofia Espinoza
08/05 - Noah Fouts
08/07 - Jordan Robinson
08/07 - Johnny Shillings
08/18 - Emily Mace
08/27 - Jenny Cary
08/28 - Kylie Clark
08/29 - Justin McCormick

New Drivers - Happy 16th!

08/20 - Hailee Zera

New Voters - Happy 18th!

08/03 - Anthony Sanchez
08/07 - Cameron Neagli
08/19 - Daniel Chapman
08/21 - Erin Mace
08/29 - Catherine Talley

New Adults - Happy 21st!

08/01 - Veronica Dildine
08/06 - Kelli Lum
08/17 - Joshua Vinson
08/18 - Hugo Mondragon

Happy 5th Anniversary!

08/06 - Paul & Jennifer Mayer

Happy 15th Anniversary!

08/19 - David & Anne Olson

Happy 20th Anniversary!

08/25 - Michael & Amy Mulholland

Happy 25th Anniversary!

08/16 - David & Tandy Othold

Happy 30th Anniversary!

08/29 - Kenneth & Sheri Shefler

Happy 40th Anniversary!

08/29 - Sandor & Sue Karpathy

Melissa Zmerzlikar

directory@winchestertrails.com

**NOT AVAILABLE
ONLINE**

Articles in this newsletter express the opinions of their authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Peel, Inc. or any of its employees. Peel, Inc. is not responsible for the accuracy of any facts stated in articles submitted by others. Federal Copyright Laws prohibit the reproduction of previously published materials which include newspaper articles, magazine articles and web page articles without the original author's expressed written consent. Please do not submit articles which are in violation of this law.

DISCLAIMER: Articles and ads in this newsletter express the opinions of their authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Peel, Inc. or its employees. Peel, Inc. is not responsible for the accuracy of any facts stated in articles submitted by others. The publisher also assumes no responsibility for the advertising content with this publication. All warranties and representations made in the advertising content are solely that of the advertiser and any such claims regarding its content should be taken up with the advertiser.

* The publisher assumes no liability with regard to its advertisers for misprints or failure to place advertising in this publication except for the actual cost of such advertising.

* Although every effort is taken to avoid mistakes and/or misprints, the publisher assumes no responsibility for any errors of information or typographical mistakes, except as limited to the cost of advertising as stated above or in the case of misinformation, a printed retraction/correction.

* Under no circumstances shall the publisher be held liable for incidental or consequential damages, inconvenience, loss of business or services, or any other liabilities from failure to publish, or from failure to publish in a timely manner, except as limited to liabilities stated above.

Winchester Trails

Attention All Pet Owners

Many of us have experienced the pain of losing a pet because a gate or a door was accidentally left open, or for some other reason. Winchester Trails has some tools that can assist in reuniting you with your pet.

We have an eblast e-mail notification that notifies all residents who have opted in. This allows for very quick notification of a missing pet. If your pet is missing, notify the eblast administrator by sending an email (and a photo of your pet, if available) to ebblast@winchestertrails.com. The eblast administrator can then send an email out to all the residents that have opted in so that they can be on the lookout for your lost pet.

In addition to the eblast, we have a Lost and Found page on the www.WinchesterTrails.com website. A photo of your lost pet can also be posted on the website if you request it of the eblast administrator.

If you find a lost pet (and that pet does not have a tag), please take a picture of it and notify the eblast administrator as well so that a picture of the pet can be distributed to the neighborhood and posted on the website.

If you wish to be included in the eblast notifications for Winchester Trails, please submit your e-mail address to ebblast@winchestertrails.com and advise that you want to be added to the list. eblasts are important as they contain urgent neighborhood alerts and updates. And, we don't share your e-mail information with anyone.

If you own a pet, please make sure that your pet wears a collar and a rabies tag, so that you can be contacted in the event that your pet is found by a resident. You can even get customized tags at pet supply stores such as Petco and Petsmart, so that a resident can use the contact information on the tag to contact you directly. Micro-chipping your pet is another way to ensure that you are quickly and easily reunited with your lost pet.

In closing, if you have lost your pet, please notify the neighborhood using the eblast and the website, and be advised that placing signs in the neighborhood can be a nuisance.

Thank you.



Bashans Painting & Home Repair

Commercial/Residential
Free Estimates

281-347-6702



281-731-3383 cell



- Interior & Exterior Painting
- Hardi Plank Installation
- Wood Replacement
- Sheetrock Repair
- Interior Carpentry
- Cabinet Painting
- Wallpaper Removal and Texturizing
- Pressure Washing
- Fence Repair/Replacement
- Garage Floor Epoxy
- Custom Staining
- Roofing
- Gutter Repair/Replacement
- Faux Painting

References Available • Fully Insured
NO PAYMENT UNTIL COMPLETION
bashanspainting@earthlink.net

Pet Styling by Sherry, Inc.

Owned & Operated by Certified Groomers

Professional Pet Styling
& Boarding for Dogs & Cats

 **Pet Boutique**
Pastries • Clothing • Gifts
Organic Treats & Accessories

Pet Suites Available!
Doggie Day Care

We now carry raw food for your dog!
Crate Boarding also available for your dog!
Deluxe Cat Boarding Available too!



13707 West Road **832-237-2060**
(West Road at Eldridge)

www.petstylingbyserry.com

We Carry Nature's Variety Pet Food

Winchester Trails' Treasures Hit the Trail

Thanks to the efforts of our special 'Treasure', Paulette Walker, the Trails' Treasures enjoyed a wonderful day 'out of the neighborhood' on Friday, June 18th, lunching at Brookwood Community* in Brookshire. Our bus driver, Cindy Clark, was most cordial as she drove us there in our Precinct 4 Seniors' bus.

Those enjoying the trip included: Alice & Bill Brunson, Betty Cadena, Janet Craft, Brenda & Dan Heaton, Letty Kendrick, Babu & Laxmi Patel, Camille Pratt, Mary Stacy and Paulette & AJ Walker.

Learning about the efforts of one Mother's heart to create a sanctuary for her handicapped child, which blossomed into benefits and a better quality of life for many, was certainly humbling and encouraging in our world of today. Take time to visit there soon. You'll be glad you did.

Don't miss the next outing with the Treasures. We can travel as far as 150 miles for free, so send your suggestions for a special day trip to: paulette_walker@sbcglobal.net. Hope to see you with us on our next adventure,

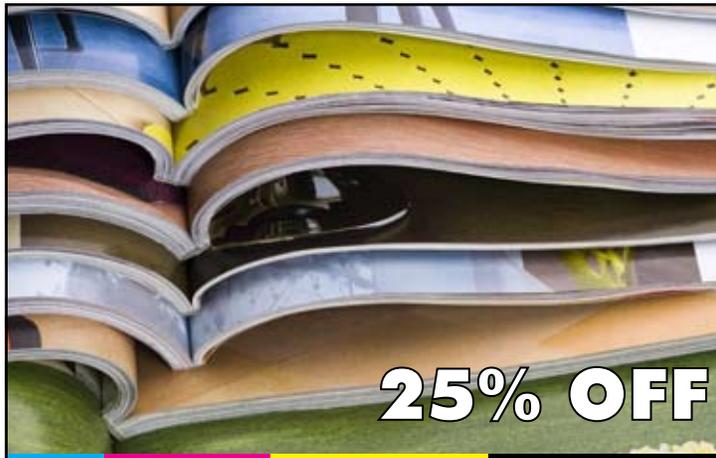
Brenda Heaton

Winchester Trails Disclaimer

DISCLAIMER: Articles and ads in this newsletter express the opinions of their authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Winchester Trails Board, Committee or volunteers (known as WTC). WTC is not responsible for the accuracy of any facts stated in articles whether drafted by Board members, committees or volunteers. All warranties and representations made in the advertising content are solely between the advertiser and purchaser. Any such claims regarding its content should be taken up with the specific advertiser.

- Every effort will be made to provide correct and updated information.
- There isn't any liability between advertiser and Peel Inc. with regards to ad costs.
- Every effort has been made to avoid mistakes. WTC takes no responsibility but will help with efforts to correct misprints.
- Under no circumstances shall WTC be held for incidental or consequential damages, inconvenience, loss of business or services, or any other liabilities from failure to publish in a timely manner.

Every resident is responsible for their own due diligence when selecting a vendor for services. Just because a vendor is listed in the Trail Writer, we assume no responsibility for checks from the Better Business Bureau, Craig's List, Angie's List or any other listing that might give a favorable or non-favorable rating. Please check each vendor you are considering, ask for references in our area (don't rely on yard signs). Examine each vendor you may consider for business as a new vendor. Changes of five or ten years between uses may indicate ownership changes. Advertising in the newsletter is a marketing decision and assumes no service, price or guaranteed checklist. You may contact Ron Matthews or any Board member with questions on this disclaimer.



25% OFF

GET YOUR CUSTOMER'S ATTENTION

Need new printed material? Now is the perfect time to replenish your print supplies! Want to increase business? Promote your business with a mailer, flyer or postcard!

Call today! Any new order of \$100 or more receives 25% OFF

offer ends August 31st, 2010



512.263.9181 ext 24
printing@peelinc.com

Plumbing Problems?



\$25 Off

Isn't it nice to be able to pick up the phone and make your troubles go away? That's how it is when you call Pickett Plumbing. No mess, no fuss, no worries. Just the cleanest plumbers in town doing what they do best.



You'll Know The Price Before They Start And They Have The Longest Warranties In The Area

Why Re-Pipe When There's

ePIPE

713-896-9700



P10B

Coupon Valid on Plumbing Repair or Drain Cleaning Jobs, No Other Discounts Apply M4975 www.HoustonPlumber.com

All of Your Dental Needs Under One Roof



Dean Lankford, DMD

Kenneth Lepow, DDS

Evan Melamed, DDS



LEPOW DENTAL
ASSOCIATES

(713) 937-0050

www.lepowdental.com

- Team of Dental Specialists
- Family Dentistry
- Cosmetic Dentistry
- Orthodontics and Invisalign
- Periodontal (Gum) Treatment/Surgery
- Root Canal Treatment
- Wisdom Tooth Removal
- Dentures and Partials
- Dental Implants

Now Welcoming New Patients!
Se Habla Español

9125 West Road
Houston, Texas