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#### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

National Night Out, sponsored by the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TOWN WATCH, is a neighborhood crime and drug prevention event that occurs annually on the first Tuesday in August (IN TEXAS NNO 2010 IS IN OCTOBER) and is celebrated in every city, town and village in the US. In addition to increasing awarness of crime and drug prevention programs, NNO also strengthens neighborhood spirit and community-police partnerships, while sending a message to criminals that "neighborhoods are organized and fighting back against crime!"

So come to the clubhouse and join us for hot dogs, chips and lemonade.

Check the website for more information.



POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

#### **OCTOBER**

- National Night Out@ WC Clubhouse
- Maintenance Board Meeting
- 15-16 Community Garage Sale
- 22-23 Garage Sale Rain Date
- 25 Seniors Meeting@ Clubhouse 6pm
- 31 Halloween



#### **NOVEMBER**

- 11 Veteran's Day
- 12 Maintenance Board Meeting
- 22 Senior's Meeting
  @ Clubhouse 6pm
- 24-28 CFISD Holiday
- 25 Thanksgiving Day

#### **DECEMBER**

- 18 Cookies with Santa @ Clubhouse 1-3
- 25 Christmas Day
- 27 Senior's Meeting@ Clubhouse 6pm

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

#### **OCTOBER OFFICE HOURS**

Monday 5:00 – 7:00 PM Wednesdays 10:00 – 2:00 PM

## **Community Garage Sale**

We will be having our Community Garage Sale on Friday, October 15th & Saturday, October 16th from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Rain dates Oct 22 and 23rd

This garage sale will be advertised in the Houston Chronicle. Winchester Country will also put signs up at the entrances to the subdivision. You will need to make your own sign to put at the end of your street so people can find you. Please do not put signs up in the entrances of the subdivision.

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wcmawchcoordinator@	winchestercountry.org
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Joe Sliepka	

#### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

#### HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF NUMBERS

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WCA Waste (Wed. & Sat.)	281-368-8397
Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department Busin	ness Office
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CenterPoint Energy (Electric Outages)	713-207-2222
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#### **Columbus Day**

Many countries in the New World and elsewhere celebrate the anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Americas,

which occurred on October 12, 1492 in the Julian calendar and October 21, 1492 in the modern Gregorian calendar, as an official holiday. The day is celebrated as Columbus Day in the United States, as Día de la Raza in many countries in the Americas, as



First Landing of Columbus on the Shores of the New World, after the painting by Discoro Téofilo de la Puebla

Día de las Culturas (Day of the Cultures) in Costa Rica, as Discovery Day in the Bahamas, as Día de la Hispanidad and Fiesta Nacional in Spain and as Día de las Américas (Day of the Americas) in Uruguay. These holidays have been celebrated unofficially since the late 18th century, and officially in various countries since the early 20th century.

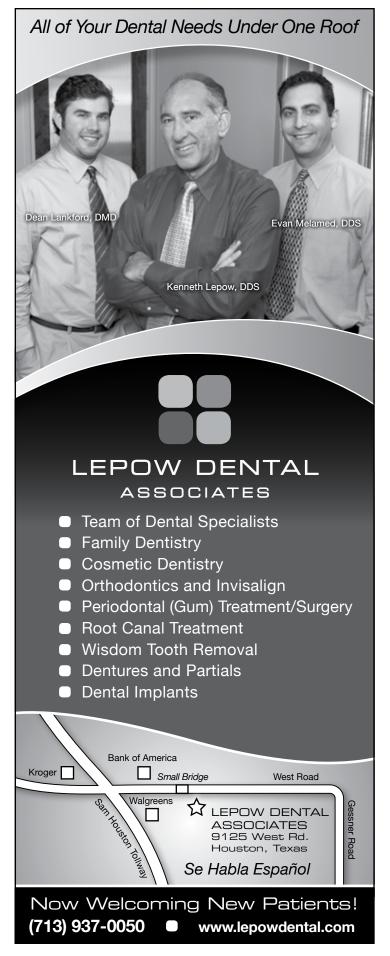
#### **United States Observance**

Columbus Day first became an official state holiday in Colorado in 1906, and became a federal holiday in 1934. However, people have celebrated Columbus' voyage since the colonial period. In 1792, New York City and other U.S. cities celebrated the 300th anniversary of his landing in the New World. In 1892, President Benjamin Harrison called upon the people of the United States to celebrate Columbus Day on the 400th anniversary of the event. During the four hundredth anniversary, in 1892, teachers, preachers, poets and politicians used Columbus Day rituals to teach ideals of patriotism. These patriotic rituals were framed around themes such as support for war, citizenship boundaries, the importance of loyalty to the nation, and celebrating social progress.[1]

Catholic immigration in the mid-19th century induced discrimination from anti-immigrant activists such as the Ku Klux Klan. Like many other struggling immigrant communities, Catholics developed organizations to fight discrimination and provide insurance for the struggling immigrants. One such organization, the Knights of Columbus, chose that name in part because it saw Christopher Columbus as a fitting symbol of Catholic immigrants' right to citizenship: one of their own, a fellow Catholic, had discovered America.[1]

Some Italian-Americans observe Columbus Day as a celebration of their heritage, the first occasion being in New York City on October 12, 1866.[2] Columbus Day was first popularized as a holiday in the United States through the lobbying of Angelo Noce, a first generation Italian, in Denver. The first official, regular Columbus Day holiday was proclaimed by Colorado governor Jesse F. McDonald in 1905

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and made a statutory holiday in 1907.[3] In April 1934, as a result of lobbying by the Knights of Columbus, Congress and President Franklin Delano Roosevelt October 12 was made a federal holiday under the name Columbus Day.[3][4]

Since 1971, the holiday has been fixed to the second Monday in October, coincidentally the same day as Thanksgiving in neighboring Canada (which was fixed to that date in 1959). It is generally observed today by banks, the bond market, the U.S. Postal Service and other federal agencies, most state government offices, and some school districts. Most businesses and some stock exchanges remain open, however, and there is a trend among some states and municipalities away from observing the holiday.

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#### **Boss's Day**

Boss's Day (also known as Bosses Day or National Boss Day) is a secular holiday celebrated on October 16 in the United States. It has traditionally been a day for employees to thank their boss for being kind and fair throughout the year. The holiday has been the source of some controversy and criticism in the United States, where it is often mocked as a Hallmark Holiday.

#### History

Patricia Bays Haroski registered "National Boss' Day" with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in 1958. She was working as a secretary for State Farm Insurance Company in Deerfield, Illinois at the time and chose October 16 because she forgot that the birthday of her boss, who was her father, was actually on the 16th. Four years later in 1962, Illinois Governor Otto Kerner backed Haroski's registration and officially proclaimed the day.

National Boss' Day has become an international celebration in recent years and now is observed in countries such as Australia, India and South Africa and very recently Ireland and the UK.

Hallmark did not offer a Boss' Day card for sale until 1979. It increased the size of its National Boss Day line by 90 percent in 2007.

According to Emily Post, you should not give a gift to your boss unless it is from a group of employees. This will avoid the appearance of currying favor from your boss.

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#### VETERAN'S DAY NOV. I I

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A veteran is someone who, at one point in his life,
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'The United States of America'
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and including my life.'
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too many people in this country
who no longer understand it.

From a Recon Marine in Afghanistan. Submitted by Judy Tilbury

# Harris County Juvenile Curfew Laws

Teens that are seen wandering the streets after midnight "can receive a citation, which is a Class C Misdemeanor up to \$500.00. In addition, the parent, guardian or custodian may also be issued a citation if they knowingly allowed the juvenile to violate the curfew. Owner operator and other person in control of a public may be issued a citation if they juvenile to remain on premises during curfew hours."

Parents, if you drive your children and their friends home to wrap it with toilet paper, and you are caught, you will receive a citation for criminal mischief and could also receive up to a \$500.00 fine. Parent don't be a fool and try to be cool, you will pay the price.

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#### **Architectural Reviews**

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- 1. Paint exterior of your house (even if the same color)
- 2. Repair or replace your roof
- 3. Repair or install a new fence
- 4. Add a storage or tool shed
- 5. Add a satellite dish
- 6. Add an antenna
- 7. Install siding
- 8. Install a patio or patio cover
- 9. Replace garage doors
- 10Add a room addition
- 11Add a pool
- 12Add a deck
- 13Add a basketball goal
- 14Add solar/screen windows or doors
- 15Replace your mailbox
- 16Add burglar bars
- 17Add landscaping
- 18Add sidewalks

An ACC application must be completely filled out by the resident and mailed to SCS. SCS will approve the application and notify the resident. If they have any questions SCS might contact the board member responsible for Architectural review for further explanation of the improvement.

#### 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 www.peelinc-newsletters. com/www.peelinc.com/newsletters/WC\_ ACC\_FORMS.pdf download the form.

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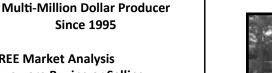
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#### **Sheriff Garcia Unveils Anti-Crime Resource**

Harris County Sheriff Adrian Garcia announced today a new online tool for the public to use to find out about crime in county neighborhoods.

The consolidated crime reports system can be accessed by clicking on the "Crime Map" link on the home page of the Harris County Sheriff's Office's (HCSO) Web site, www. hcso.hctx.net. It allows users to search for crime statistics based on an address, zip code, or city and state. Even more, Crime Reports allows users to sign up for e-mail crime alerts, empowering them with information they need to be on the look-out for trouble and work with law enforcement to head it off and help improve the safety of their neighborhood.

"This up-to-date online tool not only helps us understand crime trends but it provides transparency by putting our crime records in your hands, and accountability by showing law-abiding residents our targets," said Sheriff Garcia. "Implementing this modern technology is just another step I'm taking to help make the sheriffs office a modern, 21st century crime-fighting agency."

Users will be able to search for statistics based on crime types such as the following: Homicide

Breaking and Entering

Robbery

Assaults

Sexual Offenses

Registered Sex Offenders

Property Crimes Theft

Theft of a vehicle

Theft from a vehicle

The online crime map will be updated several times a day with officer-written reports from not only the HCSO but partner law enforcement agencies such as all eight constable precincts.

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Yard of the Month

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	Repair Exterior Wood		Replace Siding		Paint- Circle Residence/Trim	
	Repair Roof		Replace Garage Door		Install Patio	
	Repair and/or install Fence		Replace Front Door		Room Addition	
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	Spa		Replace mailbox		Install Basketball Goal	
	Landscaping- circle what applies- pl	anter box, trees	s plant or remove, permanent flower	bed structure		
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6 Backya	rd landscaping for Lake Lots must sub	mit survey ma	p and plants to be used.			
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