



Winchester Country

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COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

We will be having our Community Garage Sale on Friday, April 15th and Saturday, April 16TH from 8 – 4 PM. 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. Thank you to all who will be participating. In case of inclement weather the signs will remain up and the next weekend will be the dates.

UPCOMING ELECTIONS

At the homeowner's meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 the annual elections will be held. This year there will be one Director's position open. Anyone interested in running please contact Ola Guess at SCS Management 281-463-1777. Additionally please forward a short article about yourself to Joanna at wchcoordinator@winchestercountry.org. These articles will be posted in the newsletter. Anyone who would like more information about becoming a director please feel free to contact any of the current WCMA directors.

COMMUNITY EASTER EVENT

The Community Easter Event will be held on Saturday, April 9th from 1-3 PM. We will have an Easter Egg Hunt for 3 different age groups, pictures with the Easter Bunny, treats, animals and a lot more!

So grab your friends and bring your children up to the clubhouse on Saturday, April 4th from 2-4 PM for an afternoon of fun! The cost is \$1 per child and \$1 for a picture with the Easter Bunny. Adults are free.



APRIL

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| 1 |April Fools Day |
| 2 |Ground Hog Day |
| 9 |Easter Event @ the Clubhouse 1-3pm |
| 14 |Maintenance Board Mtg. |
| 15 & 16 |Community Garage Sale |
| 22 |Good Friday |
| 24 |Easter Sunday |
| 25 |Senior's Meeting @ Clubhouse 6:00pm |
| 30 |Pool Opens |

MAY

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| 1 |Pool Opens |
| 8 |Mother's Day |
| 14 |Swim Trials Pool Opens at Noon |
| 23 |Senior's Meeting |

JUNE

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| 1 |Last Day of School |
| 2 |Pool opens the Summer of 2011 |
| 4 |W.C. Hurricanes Home Swim Meet |
| |Pool opens @ 3:00 |
| 9 |Maintenance Board Meeting @ 7:00 |
| 18 |W.C. Hurricanes Home Swim Meet |
| |Pool opens @ 3:00 |
| 19 |Father's Day |
| 21 |Homeowner's meeting |
| |@ 7pm in the clubhouse |
| 25 |W.C. Community Youth Pool Party, |
| |9-11pm. |

OFFICE HOURS - APRIL

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

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Joe Sliepka

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Winchester Country Seniors' Club

If you are 55 years old and older we are looking for you. We meet the 4th Monday of every month at the Winchester Country Clubhouse. We meet for snacks and fellowship. We play Dominions: Train and Chicken foot. We also play bingo, cards and other games all while enjoying each others company. We go out to eat and attend plays at the 1960 Playhouse, Houston Family Arts Center on Grant Road. All seniors in Winchester Country are invited to attend. For more information call Joe Sliepka @ 281 469-8351.

Our next meeting date will be as:

Monday April, 25, 2011

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.

Other Senior Happenings around Town:

Cy-Fair AARP Chapter #4543 meets the third Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am at Village on the Park located at 12102 Steepleway Blvd.,Houston, Texas 77065.

We gather for coffee, rolls, and fellowship about 9:30 am. We take the precinct 4 bus for trips every month. We have a bus trip scheduled for January 20, 2011 and February 12, 2011. For more information on the AARP group please call Helen Sliepka @ 281 469-8351

Happy April Birthdays:

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Pool Registration Form & Directory 2011

It's that time of year again to think about filling out your Pool Registration Form 2011. This form must be filled out every year regardless if you have your pool cards or not. I need you to fill out the Pool Form and put down your pool card numbers in the space provided on the form. If you have lost your Pool Cards, please enclose a check for \$10 made payable to WCMA and we will void out your old cards and re-issue new ones. Please make sure you read the Pool Rules that are also in this newsletter before signing the Pool Form. Please have your Pool Form filled out by May 31st or there will be a \$10 late fee to activate your cards. *If you have any questions please contact Joanna at 281-890-8856 and she will help you out with any questions you might have.*

Thank You!

POOL HOURS FOR THE 2011 SEASON

April 29th to May 31st

Monday - Thursday s..... Closed
Fridays 4:00 PM - 9 PM
Saturdays..... 10 AM - 9 PM
Sundays..... 12:00 PM - 6 PM

June 2nd to July 31st

Mondays Closed
Tuesdays - Fridays ... 12:00 PM - 9 PM
Saturdays..... 10 AM - 9 PM
Sundays..... 12 PM - 9 PM

August 1st to August 21st

Mondays Closed
Tuesdays - Fridays ... 12:00 PM - 9 PM
Saturdays..... 10 AM - 9 PM
Sundays..... 12 PM - 9 PM

August 22nd to September 5th

Monday - Thursday s..... Closed
Fridays 4:00 PM - 9 PM
Saturdays..... 10 AM - 9 PM
Sundays..... 12:00 PM - 6 PM

Exceptions and Notes:

Sunday May 29 12 pm -9 pm
Monday May 30 (Memorial Day)
..... 12:00 PM to 6 PM
Tuesday May 31st..Pool closed cleaning
Tuesday June 1stPool closed
Swim Meets..... June 4th & June 18th
..... Pool opens 3pm
Monday July 4thNoon to 10pm
Tuesday July 5th.....
..... Pool closed for cleaning
Sunday September 4th .. 12 pm to 9 pm
Monday September 5 (Labor Day)
..... 12:00 PM to 6 PM
Tuesday September 6th
..... **Pool Closed for the season**
Saturday September 10th
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FINANCIAL FOCUS

Sandwich Generation Needs “Stress Busters”

You may be too busy to realize it, but April is Stress Awareness Month. Sponsored by the Health Resource Network, a non-profit health education group, Stress Awareness Month is designed to promote awareness about ways to reduce stress in our lives. And if you're a member of the so-called “Sandwich Generation,” you may well have plenty of stress to deal with — especially financial stress. And that's why you may want to look at this month as an opportunity to explore ways of “de-stressing” yourself.

To understand the scope of the problem facing people in your situation, consider this: One out of every eight Americans aged 40 to 60 is both raising a child and caring for an aging parent, according to the Pew Research Center. The definition of “caring” for an elderly parent can range from actually having the parent living in one's home to helping



pay for the parent's stay in an assisted living or nursing home facility. When you consider the costs involved in this type of care, added to the expenses of raising your children, and possibly even providing some financial support to them as young adults, it's easy to see that you could potentially face enormous strains, both emotionally and financially.

To help ease this burden, consider these suggestions:

- **Save.** As a Sandwich Generation member, you're probably within shouting distance of your own retirement — so you need to be saving for it. This may not be easy. You don't know how much financial support you may someday have to provide your elderly parents — and even after your children are grown, they may need some help from you. Unfortunately, in helping these “boomerang” children, many people have to disrupt their day-to-day cash flow and raid their savings. That's why it's important to try to “pay yourself first” by deferring part of each paycheck into your 401(k) and by automatically moving money, each month, from your checking or savings account into your IRA.

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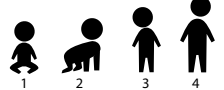


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DROWNING CAN STILL OCCUR EVEN IF YOU KNOW HOW TO SWIM

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.

Children who drown do not **scream, splash, or struggle**. They silently slip beneath the water, even with adults & lifeguards present.

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- **Talk.** Many people in the "Greatest Generation" (over age 80) have not even prepared a will, so, if your parents are in that group, you may want to talk to them about taking action. Also, find out whom, if anyone, is handling their investments. And ask if your parents understand how Medicare works and if they need to add supplemental health insurance, such as Medigap. Plus, you need to find out if your parents have created a power of attorney or health care directive. It's best to have these conversations sooner, rather than later.
- **Delegate.** You eventually may have to take some responsibility for your parents' care — but you don't have to do it alone. You could, for example, work with a financial services provider that offers trust services, which can be invaluable if your parents are incapacitated, but which are useful even if they aren't. A professional trust officer can, among other duties, help manage your parents' investments, pay their bills, keep their records and supervise distribution of their assets to beneficiaries. In short, a qualified trust officer can make life a lot easier for you.

Stress Awareness Month only lasts 30 days, but by taking the right steps, you can de-stress yourself for many years to come. After all, just because you're in the Sandwich Generation, it doesn't mean you have to be "squished."

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Recipe of the Month

Bread Pudding

- 5 baked biscuits, crumbled
- 1 C. sugar
- 2 C. milk
- ¼ C. margarine, melted
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Combine all ingredients, stir well. Pour in 1½ quart casserole. Pour ½-inch water in baking pan and place casserole in pan. Bake at 350° for 1 hour, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.

TOPPING

- ¼ C. sugar
- 1½ T. cornstarch
- 1¼ C. milk

Cook on low heat until thick, stirring constantly. After removing from heat, add ½ tsp. vanilla. Pour over pudding. May sprinkle nutmeg on top.



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Address _____ Own _____
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Home Phone # () _____ Work Ph# () _____ Cell Ph# () _____
Work Ph# () _____ Cell Ph# () _____

Emergency contact: Name _____ Ph# () _____

E-MAIL Address (#1) _____
(#2) _____

Include your self below *Falsifying birth dates will result in loss of pool privileges.*
Use Back side if more room is needed.

| <u>Household Members</u> | <u>Birth Date</u> | <u>Medical Conditions</u> |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ | _____ |
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Note: Any lost cards will be assessed a fee of \$10 per card.

Please make your check payable to WCMA if you have lost your pool cards.

Please print your card numbers below from the previous year, so they can be reactivated for this year.

Card # _____ Card # _____

Card # _____ If you are a New Homeowner, leave the card number
blank, we will send you two cards for use of the pool.

I have read and hereby agree to abide by the WCMA's Pool Rules posted at the Pool and Newsletter.

Homeowner's signature _____ Date _____

After May 31st there will be a \$10 fee charged to receive your pool cards or to activate them.

Please fill out, sign, stamp and mail to:

**Pool Coordinator
9607 Rio Grande
Houston, Texas 77064**

-OR-

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