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## Greetings Winchester Trails Neighbors,

On Wednesday, August 4, your Board held a regularly scheduled meeting in the clubhouse. Several topics of discussion were brought up including several related to our quality of life in the Trails. That quality is the work of a group of dedicated individuals from the Board members to those that not only Chair committees like the social, pool, and tennis court, but some folks that just help in any way they can. We rely on these volunteers to help publish the newsletter you are reading right now and make sure the clubhouse is available for our Scout troops and neighbors that want to have a social engagement at the clubhouse. The subdivision could not function properly without our volunteers. Please keep in mind that we can always use others willing to help that would like to dedicate some time to make others' assignments a little easier.

During the Board meeting, we discussed the abundance of garage sales in the Trails recently. Traditionally, we have had community garage sales twice a year – once in April and again in September. The purpose was to enhance the experience as that would concentrate these events into particular dates so we could not only keep our quality of the Trails at a level we desire but also allow those who were having a garage sale to have a greater turnout. Lately, there have been numerous garage sales, and there seems to be a sale almost every weekend. Many Trails residents have expressed concern over these sales with respect to neighborhood security and the number of nonresidents that can go through our neighborhood looking for vulnerabilities while using the garage sales as an excuse for being in the Trails. The Board is supportive of supporting the bi-annual garage sale and has requested STES (PCMI) to contact residents who conduct garage sales outside of those sanctioned events. It is against the deed restrictions to conduct business out of our homes. Should you wish to report a garage sale, please contact STES. Look for more information on this in correspondence from STES and on our website.

The next Board meeting is a closed session as we work on the budget for 2012. This is very important as the budget establishes a basis for our association dues next year. We have worked diligently to keep those dues the lowest in the area while maintain a quality subdivision. In October, the annual meeting will be held. Look for a letter from STES regarding the election of the two open board positions as well as the proxy forms. We also look forward to your attendance at this meeting. The date will be established soon.

*Until next month,  
Walter*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER 2011

5

Labor Day / CFISD Holiday

6

Pool closes

7

Monthly Board Meeting  
(Location PCMI Office - Closed to Public)  
Budget Discussion

15

Trails 50+ Precinct 4 Bus trip, TBA  
Please contact Alice Brunson 281-955-9045.

17

Community Garage Sale 8:00AM - 4:00PM

23

Autumn begins

28

Rosh Hashanah



## Don't forget!

*The neighborhood garage  
sale is coming up on  
September 17th!*

*Get out & meet your neighbors!*

# Winchester Trails

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## GREEN THUMB CORNER

It's time to get ready for the fall growing season, when the cooler weather makes yard work more of a pleasure and less of a chore. It doesn't matter if your preference is for shrubbery, flowers, fruit, vegetable or herb growing the calendar for this month includes "action items" for all of us, and the first hint of lower temperatures makes it a lot easier to get them accomplished.

Our lawns have been suffering this year, as a result of high heat and low rainfall, so it would be a good idea to give the grass a boost with a light application of fertilizer, but only if you are able to provide adequate watering to avoid fertilizer burn.

It's hard to beat chrysanthemums for early fall color. In pots on the patio or as permanent perennials in the beds, they are an excellent addition to any yard. They should be fertilized every two or three weeks until flower buds appear, then weekly until the buds show color. Water as necessary. For best garden display, pinch out the center bud of each cluster (but if you want to produce "show quality" blooms with the largeflowered type, leave the center bud and pinch off all laterals).

Keep the roses well mulched, well fed and well watered, and they can reward you with fall blooms that may be even better than spring and summer. Cut out dead

wood. As cool weather approaches, water in the morning to discourage black spot and mildew, and maintain a regular spray schedule to prevent black spot from entering leaf tissue. Check azaleas for soil acidity and keep well mulched.

Now is a good time to get started on digging up and dividing perennials like day lilies, iris, violets and cannas. And if you want to start a bed of perennials, this is the time of year to think about planting from seed or nursery transplants. Just make sure the bed is well prepared with lots of organic material mixed in, because it's not going to get the benefit of the same regular cultivation as the beds of annuals. Also consider taking cuttings of tender plants such as coleus and geranium; root them in pots to carry over to next spring.

After the first cool spell, clean up the beds and dispose of old stalks and dead leaves which may harbor insects and diseases you can add them to the compost heap, where the heat generated by decomposition is enough to kill most pathogens.

September is also an ideal time to start a small herb garden you can plant chives, parsley, coriander (cilantro), rosemary, dill and garlic. It needn't take much space, and the results can be very decorative and aromatic as well as useful in the kitchen.

This is a busy month in the vegetable garden if you want to take advantage of the fall growing season. If you hurry, you may not be too late for broccoli, cauliflower, brussels sprouts and tomatoes, and you can plant cabbage and collards for winter greens. And it's time to seed the root crops like carrots, beets, onions, leeks, turnips and radishes. Prepare the beds with the addition of lots of organic material (compost, mulch or peat moss), and make sure that the soil is well cultivated to a depth of twelve inches or more, especially for the carrots. Try lettuce as the weather cools down. One advantage of the fall garden is that the pests are usually far less active than in the spring, so give it a try you'll find it's well worth the effort when you savor the freshness and flavor of homegrown produce.

### THIS MONTH'S TIP

If you've been thinking about establishing a strawberry bed, get started now by preparing raised beds with lots of pine bark mulch so that you'll be ready to plant in October.

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## TRAILS 50+ NEWS

Tropical storm Don tried to crash the Trails 50+ Hawaiian Luau on July 29th but was not successful. A great time of feasting, fellowship and games was had by all. There were prizes for the domino and bingo winners and Janelle Rinker won the door prize of a potted silk orchid plant. Festive decorations of sea shells, crabs, lobsters, pelicans, orchid plants and sea blue table coverings added to the luau fantasy. Thanks go to Ernest and Johnny Hooker for donating some fine BBQ from Texas Smokehouse, Bingo caller, Arthur Walker and decorations provided by Yvonne Fortner, Paulette Walker and Alice Brunson. Future potluck luncheons will resume in Spring, 2012. To be added to the emails for this group, contact Alice Brunson, 281-955-9045 or watch your future e-blast mailings.

Plans for the September 16th Precinct #4 bus trip to the Houston Ship Channel are in the works. Contact Paulette Walker or Alice Brunson if you are interested in attending.

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# MILESTONES

### NEW TEENAGERS - HAPPY 13TH!

09/17 - Ahmed Akinniyi  
09/17 - Zaki Akinniyi  
09/20 - Patrick McGraw

### NEW DRIVERS - HAPPY 16TH!

09/08 - Theodora Herndon  
09/15 - Malorie Costello  
09/15 - Nicholas Vinson  
09/22 - Courtney Calbat

### NEW VOTERS - HAPPY 18TH!

09/15 - Julie Wisnoski

### NEW ADULTS - HAPPY 21ST!

09/06 - Trey Smith  
09/10 - Steffen Grove  
09/10 - Natalie Horton

### HAPPY 20TH ANNIVERSARY!

09/21 - Nick & Mary Boyd

### HAPPY 25TH ANNIVERSARY!

09/06 - Bob & Leana Almonte  
09/06 - John & Rhoda Penaflores

### HAPPY 30TH ANNIVERSARY!

09/05 - Lonnie & Janis McLead

### HAPPY 40TH ANNIVERSARY!

09/12 - Ken & Peggy Fortner

*Melissa Zmerzlikar*  
*directory@winchestertrails.com*

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# Winchester Trails

## WELCOME TO THE TRAILS!

A big welcome to Richard and Megan Stephenson and their new son Jacoby to 10327 Dude Road. Richard is a service manager at Champion Mosquito who loves to golf, and Megan is a Mary Kay Consultant who likes cake decorating. Completing their household is Texas, a bulldog and Callie, a Yorkie.

Moving from Tomball to 9107 Teepee Trail is Charles and Jodi Ferguson. Jodi is a teacher. Rounding out their household is their dog Pepper who is a Sheltie.

## CRIME REPORT - JULY 2011

According to the reports by the Harris County Sheriff's Office, published on <http://www.CrimeReports.com>, the crimes reported in the Winchester Trails neighborhood during the month of July 2011 are as follows:

**Assault - Cutting Horse Lane**  
**Theft from Vehicle - Gold Point Drive**

*Please report anything suspicious to the  
Harris County Sheriff's Department at 713.221.6000.*

## ATTENTION

### NW HARRIS COUNTY TRI DELTA ALUMNAE

Mark your calendars to join your Tri Delta sisters for our annual "Salad Social" to kick off the year on Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00 pm. Our group meets on the second Tuesday of every month September - April. We have a diverse group of women of all ages from a variety of colleges. For more information, please contact Patsy at 281-370-8516 or Karen at [trideltanews@yahoo.com](mailto:trideltanews@yahoo.com)

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