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ARCHITECTURAL REVIEWS

ACC APPROVAL MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE YOU:

- Paint exterior of your house (even if the same color)
- Repair or replace your roof.
- Repair or install a new fence.
- Add a storage or tool shed.
- Add a satellite dish.
- Add an antenna.
- Install siding.
- Install a patio or patio cover.
- Replace garage doors.
- Add a room addition.
- Add a pool.
- Add a deck.
- Add a basketball goal.
- Add solar/screen windows of doors.
- Replace your mailbox.
- Add burglar bars.
- Add landscaping.
- Add sidewalks.
- Add exterior lighting.

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JULY

JULY 4TH

Celebrate the 4th @ the W.C. Pool with music, games, cake, & fireworks! (Weather permitting)

JULY 12TH

Maintenance Board Meeting

JULY 23RD

Senior's Meeting @ 6:00 pm
(everyone over 50 is welcome!)

AUGUST

AUGUST 9TH

Maintenance Board Meeting

AUGUST 27TH

First day of 2012-2013 School Year

AUGUST 27TH

Senior's Meeting @ 6:00pm
(everyone over 50 is welcome!)

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 3RD

Labor Day (Pool open 12:00pm-6:00pm)

SEPTEMBER 4TH

Pool closes for the Season

SEPTEMBER 13TH

Maintenance Board Meeting

SEPTEMBER 24TH

Senior's Meeting @ 6:00pm @
(everyone over 50 welcome!)

SEPTEMBER 25TH

Homeowner's Meeting
7:00pm @ the Clubhouse

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Household Members	Birth date	Medical Conditions
<u>Include your self</u>	Falsifying birth dates will result in loss of pool privileges. Use Back side if more room is needed.	

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Signature _____ **Date** _____

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Pool Coordinator
9607 Rio Grande
Houston, Texas 77064

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Come join us at the pool for, games, cake, cold lemonade, music, and an Amazing Fireworks Show (weather permitting). The pool will open @11:00am until 9:00pm. Please bring your family and relax with your neighbors as we celebrate Independence Day in Winchester Country!

A Happy July Birthday & Anniversary To...

According to our records we have no residents in Winchester Country with a July Birthday or Anniversary.

If you do have a birthday or Anniversary in July (or any other month) and would like to be included in our newsletter please let us know so we may recognize you and wish you a Happy Birthday or Anniversary!

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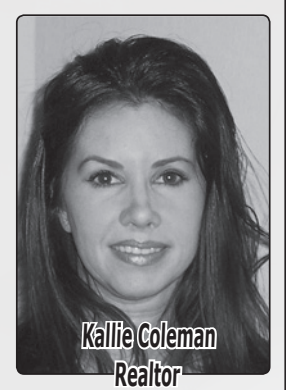


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OUR NEXT MEETING DATES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS

MONDAY JULY 23, 2012 @6:00PM

MONDAY AUGUST 27, 2012 @ 6:00PM

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.

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

July 2012 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Clubhouse booked/ evening	3	4 4 TH OF JULY CELEBRATION FOR ALL OF WINCHESTER COUNTRY RESIDENTS!!!!	5	6	7 Clubhouse Rented/ Day
8	9	10	11 Clubhouse - Evening - Booked	12 Maintenance Board Mtg.	13	14 Clubhouse Rented/ Day-Evening
15 Clubhouse Booked	16	17	18	19	20 C	21 Clubhouse - Rented
22	23 Senior's Meeting @6:00pm Everyone over 50 is WELCOME!	24	25	26	27 Clubhouse Rented/ Evening	28 Clubhouse Rented/ Day
29	30	31	Notes: The Booked dates are subject to change. If you are interested in booking an event please contact the office @ 281 890-8856 and we will be happy to assist you. Please allow 24 to 48 hours for a call back. Thank you.			



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Sundays	12:00 PM- 6:00PM

May 31st through July 31st

Mondays	CLOSED
Tuesdays through Fridays	12:00 PM- 9:00 PM
Saturdays	10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Sundays	12:00 PM - 9:00PM

August 1st through August 25th

Mondays	CLOSED
Tuesday through Fridays	12:00 PM-9:00 PM
Saturdays	10:00 PM- 9:00 PM
Sundays	12:00 PM- 9:00PM

August 26th to September 3rd

Monday through Thursdays	CLOSED
Fridays	4:00 PM- 9:00 PM
Saturdays	10:00 AM- 9:00 PM
Sundays	12:00 PM-6:00 PM

Exceptions and Notes:

Sat., May 12th - Swim Team Time Trial; Pool Opens at 1:00 PM
Saturday May 19 - Swim Team Meet pool opens @3:00pm
Sunday May 27- 12:00-9:00pm
Monday May 28th - (Memorial Day) 12:00pm-6:00pm
Tuesday May 29th - Pool Closed for Cleaning
Wednesday May 30th - 5th grade Bang Graduation Pool Closed
Saturday June 9th - Swim Team Meet Pool opens @3:00pm
Wednesday July 4th - 11:00am-9:00pm
Sunday August 26th - 12:00pm-6:00pm
Sunday September 2nd - 12:00pm -9:00pm
Monday September 3rd (Labor Day) - 12:00pm-6:00pm
Tuesday September 4th - Pool Closed for the 2012 Season



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Tech-Etiquette: Is there an App for Civility?

Submitted by Darcy Folsom

In today's age of apps and gadgets, it's likely that you or someone you know has benefitted handily from the ubiquitous smartphone in today's digitally-dependent society. If the question were posed to our current generation, "What item would you never want to be without?" it is fair to say that most individuals living in 21st century America would answer: "My phone!" Without our phones, it is certain that many of us would be lost. We would be unable to text, tweet, phone, email, face time, and even friend or like another individual. Would we really? Is American society becoming so dependent upon these technological devices that we are challenged to even recognize our our humanity within? How many young men and women know the value of the age-old adage "Never leave home without a smile?" Is who we were created to be, in such competition with what we hold in our hand, that we have forgotten the simple value of kindness - shared in a smile, of gratification - by greeting another with a genuine handshake? Is it technology that propels our lives, or are we doing our best to prepare our lives to propel the technology that supports them?

Regardless of how many apps and buttons and gadgets, and even insurance, we carry on our smartphones, could it be that we have something even better when it comes to insuring our ability to connect with the people we like? Or to be-Friend those to whom we're attracted, or bring restitution to those un-Friended? Today's digitally-dependent generation has a challenge before them that

none before have known. That is, being able to successfully pair technology with common courtesy. Remembering what our grandmothers taught us about the civilities of life (carried in our hip pockets) may apply more today, than any app could ever provide. But pairing the art of civility with the current age of technology requires practice. The 21st century can only get better as those old-fashioned manners make their way from our pockets to the person next to us. After all, the words we speak are far more significant than the technology that transmits them. Why not polish a few points of etiquette this summer and complement your savvy skills on your smartphone? By doing so, you and your smartphone may just move from merely getting the message delivered, to doing so with principles that shape our character and improve our attitudes about both our electronic devices, and the lives of those who use them.

TIP #1 - When you take a call in the presence of another person, you are communicating, "You are secondary; the caller is more important than you are." If you are expecting a call, let your companion know in advance, and excuse yourself before taking the call, limiting the call to under one minute. Never use a cell phone on a date, unless there is an emergency.

TIP #2 - If you find it necessary to use your smartphone while driving, make it a habit to get into your car, buckle up, and prepare your hand's free device to activate the call BEFORE starting your engine.

TIP #3 - Allow your personality, not your PDA to impress others. Avoid using novelty

ringtones, and choose the vibrate option as much as possible.

TIP #4 - Remove your earpiece when not on the phone. Always keep your phone in a pocket or a purse, rather than laying it on the table next to you.

TIP #5 - When in a public place, refrain from using your ear buds to listen to your favorite playlist. Instead, be prepared to greet those who are near you, looking oncoming passersby in the eye, with a smile and "Hello!" This is not only courteous, but it is also a way to remain sure about your surroundings.

As you travel to the lake or the seaside with friends, consider the value that a few manners may add to the dynamics of your summer relationships. Ask the question - is there something more fundamental than a fancy app, or gadget insurance to satisfy our lack? What have we already been given as a way to connect with the people we like, and those we want to be-Friend? Rather than search your smartphone for the latest apps, ask your companion's permission to practice with them, as you begin to apply these principles of Tech-Etiquette. These courtesies will both benefit the words we speak and the actions we offer, as we engage those around us with the very acts of courtesy we desire for others to share with us. Practicing the art of civility alongside the technology that propels our lives, I believe we will see our digitally-dependent generation become the one to re-engage our culture with civility and the accomplished principles of common courtesy.

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What to Look for in a Pet Food

Pet nutrition and pet food selection has improved significantly over the last few years, however, there is still a lot of confusion regarding what to feed our four-legged friends.

Following the horrific melamine pet food recalls of 2007, much research has been dedicated to learning more about pet nutrition and how pet food is manufactured and distributed to consumers. This has spawned a greater selection of high-quality, pet super-foods. However, it has also prompted some companies who still make cheap, low-quality pet food to simply change their packaging to dupe consumers into believing that they're buying food filled with wholesome fresh meat, fruits, and vegetables.

Don't be fooled! A pretty bag with pictures of cascading corn and carrots does not a quality pet food make. Read the ingredient label to see what's really in the bag and in your pet's food bowl.

Here are some things to look for in the ingredient label and to consider when choosing a food for your furry family members.

PROTEIN

A named protein and/or protein meal should be first on the ingredient list. For example, if you're buying a chicken formula pet food, look for, "chicken," or, "chicken meal," as the first ingredient, not chicken by-product. Remember: meal is a good thing, by-product is a bad thing. Also, if a protein source is not named - beware. For example, if the ingredient label reads, "meat meal," you have no way of knowing what the protein source is and should be wary. It could be anything from aardvark to zebra. The best pet foods have two or three protein sources in the first five ingredients listed.



Confused about the difference between chicken and chicken meal? Chicken, or any other protein source listed in the ingredient

label, means that fresh meat was added to the mix before cooking. This is great! But just like our bodies, animals are about 70% water. So, when the mixture is cooked, the fresh meat in it loses volume, thereby decreasing the amount of protein in the final product. Chicken meal, on the other hand, is chicken meat, bone and some connective tissue that has been cooked, dried and added to the mix before cooking, which ultimately increases the protein level of the food.

VEGGIES, FRUITS & WHOLE GRAINS

Like humans, pets benefit from the vitamins and enzymes in fresh vegetables and fruits. Look for quality produce and complex carbohydrates like carrots, spinach, pumpkin, etc. as well as whole grain rice, oats, and/or barley. These healthy foods have lower glycemic index ranges, which will

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Do a little extra digging to find where the ingredients of a food you're considering are sourced. Often, you can find this information on the manufacturer's website. If not, call them and ask. Look for foods made with ingredients from the US. This will help you take advantage of the strict, governmental regulations that watch pet food manufacturers and that are there to protect you and your pets from contamination. Furthermore, buying products made in the US is just plain good sense for the local economy and environment.

WHAT TO AVOID

By-products and by-product meals should be avoided for a number of reasons. First, you have no way of knowing exactly what the ingredient is, but you can be sure that it is a low-value portion



of the animal. In addition to the ingredient itself being dubious, low-value products are not handled with the same care as higher-value products, so they could become rancid or exposed to harmful

bacteria. Also avoid sweeteners, which are added to poor quality foods to enhance palatability. Other ingredients to avoid are artificial preservatives such as BHA, BHT, and ethoxyquin, and artificial colors.

Once you've narrowed your choices down to a few based on quality ingredients, then consider your pet's specific health needs. Is your pet overweight, underweight, young, adult, or senior? Does he/she have allergies or itchy skin? There are high-quality foods that are formulated to address all of these issues and more.

After you've finally chosen a healthy pet food and are ready to purchase, be sure to check the "Best By," date. In quality, natural foods, this will be about 12 months from the manufacture date. When dishing out the new grub to your pet, start by mixing it with a bit of his last diet to help his tummy transition.

Do this for about a week, adding a little more of the new food everyday. By day seven, your pet should be ready for full servings and a fuller life.

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