



Winchester Country

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BOARD ELECTIONS

One board position will expire this year and an election to fill that position will be held at the Homeowners Meeting on Tuesday June 24th. Board Members are elected to serve a 3 year term. The board meets on the Second Tuesday of each month. Anyone interested in running for this position should contact Cecelia Panzinetti with SCS Mgmt to get their name on the ballot. The deadline to get your name printed

on the ballot is May 9th. You may announce your intention to run any time prior to the actual election. You may also submit an article for publication in the community newsletter introducing yourself to the community and stating your intention to run for the Board position. That article should be submitted by email to Stacy Vickers, our Community Coordinator. May 9th

My name is Vicki Hamm,

I am seeking re-election for a seat on the Winchester Country Board. I have lived in Winchester Country for about 28 years. I have a daughter who was born and raised within this community and graduated from Texas A&M University last May.

While, I have been on the board, I have spent my terms, co-ordinating the Kid pool parties, movie night at the pool, the Easter Event, the 4th of July events and Cookies

with Santa. My daughter and I have been very involved with giving back to our community and sharing in these events with our residents.

When I have not been helping with events I have contributed a large amount in getting more security in the neighborhood and getting MUD 10 to help in the cost of security. I am in charge of the off duty deputies that we have in the subdivision for extra security. I currently head up

the block captains program. I am very active in the security of Winchester Country and want to make your home and my home a safe place to raise our kids. To get more involved and better understand the duties needed to provide a safe community, I took a class through the sheriff's department called CPA (Citizens Patrol Academy).

My other duties include being in charge of the Pool, landscaping and providing supplies to the vending machines. Since, being in charge of the pool, I have been

able to add and get new tables and chairs for the residents to have an enjoyable time at the pool. During my term, I have been able to get new landscaping in the entry ways and clubhouse area, to help make our subdivision beautiful and a place we can be proud of.

If I am re-elected, I will try and do what is best for the community and listen to what you, as a majority, want, as I have always done. I look forward to hearing residents' concerns and providing the best solution possible.

**MAY & JUNE
OFFICE HOURS**

Monday 5pm-7pm / Thursday 10am-2pm

The clubhouse will not be open Monday, June 2.
It will be open Tuesday, June 3 from 5 to 7pm instead.

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POOL HOURS for the 2014 Season

May 2nd - May 31st

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

May 25th

12:00 PM - 9 PM

May 26th Memorial Day

12:00 PM - 6 PM

May 10th & May 31st

Pool Opens after Swim Team time trial & Meet

June 7th to August 24th

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

June 5th

Pool closed for 5th grade pool party

July 4th

12 PM - 10 PM

August 24th

12 PM - 6 PM

August 25th to August 28th

Pool Closed

August 29th

4:00 PM - 9 PM

August 30th

10 AM - 9 PM

August 31st

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September 1st Labor Day

12 PM - 6 PM

September 2nd

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2014 Winchester Country Pool & Tennis Registration Form

The following form must be completed and turned in before May 1, 2014 for POOL CARD activation. TENNIS CARDS may be activated year round. **ALL MAINTENANCE FEES MUST BE CURRENT FOR CARDS TO BE ACTIVATED.**

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Address: _____

☐ Own ☐ Rent If Renting, Give Owner's Name: _____

Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone: _____

SELECT CARD(S) TO ACTIVATE: ☐ Pool ☐ Tennis

HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS

Include yourself. Falsifying information will result in loss or pool privileges. Use back side if more room is needed.

Name	Birth Date	Medical Conditions
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

You must select a box below for your registration to be processed!

☐ I am a homeowner with card(s) OR ☐ I am a renter with card(s).

Card #1: _____ Card #2: _____

☐ I am a homeowner needing replacement cards. A \$10 fee MUST be included for processing.

☐ I am a new homeowner requesting cards for the first time. There is no charge for your first card and it will be mailed to you. Additional cards are \$10 each.

☐ I am a renter requesting cards. Homeowner's name. A \$10 fee must be included for processing.

☐ I have read and hereby agree to abide by WMCA's pool and tennis rules posted in the newsletter, tennis court and at the pool.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

After May 1, there will be a \$10 fee charged to activate or receive your pool cards.

Please complete form, sign, stamp and mail to: Community Coordinator, 9607 Rio Grande, Houston, TX 77064 OR drop it in the mail slot at the clubhouse to the left of the gate under the bulletin board.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

2.....Pool Opens!
4.....Music Fest: 4pm until the fun ends!
6.....Mobile Vet: 4-7pm
8.....Maintenance Board Meeting
11.....Happy Mother's Day
26.....Memorial Day

JUNE

5.....Last Day of School
15.....Father's Day
24.....Homeowners Association Meeting
.....Open to all residents, 7pm

JULY

4.....Community 4th of July Event

Winchester Country Seniors' Club

If You are 55 years old or older we are looking for you. We meet the 4th Monday of every month at the Winchester Country Clubhouse. We meet at 6:00pm for snacks and fellowship. We play cards, dominions or other games. We go out to eat and attend plays at the Houston Family Arts Center on Grant Road and the 1960 Playhouse on Gant Road. For more information please call Helen Delaney art 281-469-8351.

Our next meetings are on:

May 26, June 23 & July 28

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 Jersey Village Baptist Church in Bldg. D, Room 101 located at 16518 Jersey Drive, Houston, Texas 77040. We gather for coffee, rolls, and fellowship about 9:30 am. We take day trips on a bus provided by Precinct 4 to various locations. Call Helen Delaney at 281-469-8351 for more information.

Also Precinct 4 in providing buses to seniors in the area. They usually have 2 bus trips a month leaving from the Fairbanks Library. Precinct 4 is offering catered luncheon monthly in the area. Call 281-893-3726

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Child Safety Policy

One aquatics management firm executes a simple system to save lives

By Tommy Berretz

Whether you're managing a waterpark, natatorium or any aquatics facility, as an operator, the one unremitting definitive purpose is that every swimmer who walks in, walks out. With drowning as a leading cause of accidental death for children instigates the implementation of preventive policies and, eventually, laws. Unfortunately, having an elite lifeguard staff isn't always enough. Consequently, our team created a Child Safety Policy.

In Houston, during the summer of 2009, a 3-year-old drowned at a nine-guard facility with parents in attendance. In 2013, a 5-year-old drowned at a five-guard facility, and again, the mother was present.

As operators, we are the experts. We should never allow non-swimmers in and around pools without the use of personal floatation devices.

Our Child Safety Policy is as follows:

Children 48 inches and under are issued a red wristband along with his or her guardian. Red wristbands are indicators to the lifeguards that the child is a non-swimmer and that the guardian is responsible for a non-swimmer. The non-swimming child also is issued a Coast Guard-approved life jacket that must be worn at all times.

Should the guardian elect to remove or not utilize the life jacket, the child must remain within arm's reach at all times. The guardian will be asked to sign a release and liability waiver explaining the child safety policy and the risks associated with the removal of the personal floatation device.

Children who pass a swim test are issued a green wristband. The child's name is documented in the facility Child Safety Log

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signifying that the child is not required to wear a life jacket or be within arm's reach. Any child listed on the Child Safety Log can be asked to perform a swim test during any visit should a lifeguard deem it necessary.

The CSP was developed to protect the highest risk demographic — young children who cannot swim. We implement the policy at all of our commercial locations, and we have configured it as a contract requirement.

In 1978, an individual could drive down the freeway with no seat belt, an open container of alcohol, and their 4-year-old child riding shotgun. Lawmakers have since studied statistics to recognize these actions as dangerous behavior. Therefore, laws were developed prohibiting drinking and driving, requiring the use of a seat belt for all passengers, and obligating a 4-year-old to be placed in a child safety seat located in the back seat of a vehicle. The experts established regulations to protect society and provide comprehension of the do's and don'ts when driving a car.

The state of Texas requires children under the age of 13 to wear a life jacket when on a boat. Seems logical — if the child falls into the water, he or she will be saved by a life jacket. Why would we not want to create the same safety benefits at a

swimming pool? There seems to be a false sense of security that is generated because the water is clear and objects can be seen at the bottom. It must be safe, isn't it? Don't be foolish, a pool is just as dangerous as the largest ocean and has the ability to steal a life in seconds.

It is our duty as aquatics professionals to provide procedures that prevent drowning. We are not here to parent but to protect. Children can be elusive and slip away while having a 15-second conversation with a friend at the pool. This doesn't constitute poor parenting; it only means that we are all susceptible to a kid being a kid. The greater the number of facilities utilizing CSP, the lower the drowning statistic becomes, and ultimately the more lives we save together.

As industry leaders, we cannot wait for federal, state or city laws to make serious changes to the way we operate our facilities. We challenge all aquatics professionals to answer the call to action. Join us in creating a new standard for aquatics management.

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