

WINCHESTER COUNTRY

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Save The Date: First Responder Potluck Appreciation Dinner Tuesday, September 20th

Winchester Country is holding a potluck dinner in appreciation of Police Officers and Firemen on Tuesday, September 20th from 6 to 8pm at the clubhouse on 9607 Rio Grande. Please bring a dish to share and to show how much our community appreciates those who serve and protect. Contact Vicki Hamm at wcmavh@gmail.com to RSVP dishes or for questions.

Mobile Vet Visits in September Tuesday, September 13th from 4 to 7pm

Mobile Vet will be at the parking lot by the tennis courts and park on Rio Grande. For more information on their services and pricing, visit themobilevetclinic.com.

National night out is October 4th. 6-9pm

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live. Start planning now for your block parties!!!! Get out meet your neighbors. Neighbors helping neighbors.

CLEAN YOUR CLOSETS FOR THE WINCHESTER COUNTRY COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Our Community Garage Sale will be Friday, October 14th and Saturday, October 15, 8am to 5pm.

Winchester Country will 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. ***THESE SIGNS MAY NOT BE ATTACHED TO ANY STOP SIGNS, POLES OR LIGHT FIXTURES****. Please remember on Saturday to remove your signs as we want to always keep our community looking its very best. 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 (October 23-24th) will be the rain date.

SEPTEMBER

5	Labor Day
6	Pool Closed For Season
8	Homeowners Association Board Meeting
13	Mobile Vet Clinic 4-7pm
13	Quilt Group Meeting @ 6pm
20	First Responder Potluck @ 6pm-8pm
26	Senior's Group Meeting @ 6pm
27	Quilt Group Meeting @ 6pm

OCTOBER

4	National Night Out
11	Quilt Group Meeting @ 6pm
13	Homeowners Association Board Meeting
14/15	Community Garage Sale
25	Quilt Group Meeting @ 6pm
31	Halloween
31	Senior's Group Meeting @ 6pm

NOVEMBER

8	Election Day
10	Homeowners Association Board Meeting
11	Veteran's Day
24	Happy Thanksgiving!
28	Senior's Group Meeting @ 6pm

Winchester Country

MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION BOARD

MAINTENANCE BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION

Board Members with areas of Responsibility

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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WC Deputies 713-221-6000
Vacation Watch 281-290-2100
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Post Office800-275-8777
Harris County Flood Control District713-684-4000
Harris County Animal Control 281-999-3191
Advantage Water Mgt. (Water & Sewer)281-807-9500
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Center Point Energy Electrical Outages 713-207-2222
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WEBSITE

Please check out our website for all the latest in community news, events and resources. You can download pool and tennis card applications, check the rental availability of the clubhouse, view trash guidelines and see current neighborhood events.

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Winchester Country Quilting Get Together

We are excited to announce a new neighborhood quilt group to start July 12th. We will meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday every month from 6pm-8pm in Clubhouse 1 at Winchester Country Clubhouse. Come join the fun!! All are welcome from Beginners to Advanced. Bring your machines or your hand projects. This is not a formal group. We are in it for the camaraderie. Contact Christine at skywally@ael.com for more information.



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Date: 7/27/16

Winchester Country
C/O: Amanda Moody
Community Manager
First Service Residential

Re: Residential Solid Waste Collection

Dear Residents:

WCA would like to apologize for the recent report of missed service in some areas of Winchester Country. We are working closely with our Operations team to address and resolve the service issues immediately. Our site manager is also working with the drivers and crew to assure the containers are returned to the place of origin after they are serviced. The service hours for your community are 7am to 6pm on Monday and Thursday. If by chance you are missed and your container was out by 7am please contact our office between the hours of 8am to 5pm at 281-368-8397.

WCA appreciates the partnership with Winchester Country, and sincerely apologizes for this inconvenience to the community, the HOA board and the MUD board.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sasha Aguilar".

Sasha Aguilar

Municipal Account Representative | WCA
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t: 281-368- 8397
saquilar@wcamerica.com | www.wcawaste.com

WC SENIORS GROUP

If you are 55 years old or older we are looking for you. We meet the LAST Monday of the month at 6:00pm at the Winchester Country Clubhouse.

We play cards, dominoes or other games. We go out to eat and attend plays at the Family Arts Center on Grant Road or the 1960 Playhouse on Gant Road. For more information please call Helen Delaney at 281-794-8796.

OTHER SENIOR HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN. Cy Fair AARP Chapter #4543 meet the 3rd Tuesday at Jersey Village Baptist Church in Building D. Room 101 located @ 16518 Jersey Drive. Houston, Texas 77040. We gather for coffee, snacks and fellowship about 9:30am. We have speakers and we take day trips on a bus provided by Precinct 4 to various locations. We take in a movie at a local theatre once a month and we go out to eat after the meeting. We are not involved in the AARP insurance. We look forward to seeing you at one of our meetings. Call Helen Delaney at 281-794-8796

Hurricane Preparedness

Each year NOAA and the American Red Cross publishes a preparedness guide of tropical cyclones to help us prepare for such an emergency. You can download a copy of that guide at <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/hurricane/resources/TropicalCyclones11.pdf>. This guide gives great information on the metrological terms associated with tropical storms and what to expect from those storms. Most importantly, it lists critical information about how to prepare for an incoming storm.

Guidelines each year prior to hurricane season:

- Determine safe evacuation routes inland
- Learn locations of official shelters
- Check emergency equipment such as flashlights, generators and battery powered equipment such as cell phones and your NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards receiver.
- Buy food that will not spoil and store drinking water.
- Buy plywood or other material to protect your home if you don't have it.
- Trim trees and shrubbery so branches don't fly into your home.
- Clear clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Decide where to move your boat if applicable.
- Review your insurance policy.
- Find pet friendly hotels on your evacuation route.
- During the storm and when Pearland is in the warning area, you should:
 - Closely monitor radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards for official bulletins.
 - Close storm shutters.
 - Follow instructions issued by local officials. Leave immediately if ordered.
 - Stay with friends or relatives at a low-rise inland hotel or at designated public shelter outside of the flood zone.
 - DO NOT stay in a mobile home or manufactured home.
 - Notify neighbors and a family member outside of the warned area of your evacuation plans.
 - Take pets with you, but remember that most public shelters do not allow pets other than service pets for people with disabilities.
 - Identify pet friendly hotels along your evacuation route.
 - If you are staying home to "hunker" out the storm:
 - Turn refrigerator to maximum cold and keep it closed.
 - Turn off utilities if told to do so by authorities.
 - Turn off propane gas tanks.
 - Unplug small appliances.
 - Fill bathtub and large containers with water in case clean tap water is unavailable. Use water in bathtubs for cleaning and flushing only. Do NOT drink it.
 - Stay away from windows and doors, even if they are covered. Take refuge in a small interior room, closet or hallway.
 - Close all interior doors. Secure and brace exterior doors.
 - If you are in a two-story house, go to an interior first floor room.
 - If you are in a multi-story building and away from water, go to the first or second floor and stay in the hallways or other interior rooms away from windows.
- Lie on the floor under a table or other sturdy object.

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Crickets

Field crickets are a common sight around homes in late summer into autumn. These insects are about 1" long when fully grown. Crickets are dark brown to black with large hind legs used for jumping. They also have two cerci, or appendages that come off the tip of the abdomen. Female crickets have a large sword-like structure, the ovipositor, protruding from the tip of the abdomen. The ovipositor is used to deposit eggs into soil.

Crickets feed on plant material as well as other insects. They are able to cause damage to seedlings and sometimes large populations can be destructive. Large masses of dead crickets around doorways or other areas can be distasteful to view and cause a foul odor.

Field crickets are primarily outdoor insects, but may occasionally venture indoors. When crickets do come indoors, they may bother residents with their chirping. Males chirp to attract a mate creating the sound by rubbing their forewings together.

Cricket management is more easily accomplished in the summer when nymphs, who cannot fly, are present. Unfortunately, this usually isn't when large populations of crickets are discovered.

Before turning to pesticides to manage your cricket problems, try these ideas:

- Turn off outside lights at night or use bulbs that are less attractive to insects
- Seal cracks & crevices where insects can enter with sealant
- Remove debris stacked near the structure
- Keep lawn & surrounding areas mowed
- Stuff weep holes with copper mesh

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at <http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com>

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