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BRIEF

Splinters from the Board, By Stan Schoen, @sschoen@worthamweb.org

If you haven't gone by the playground at the retention pond you may want to see it. Gone is the old one which was deteriorating after 20+ years of being in the elements and being used by so many over those years having been replaced by a newer, more modern addition with subtle changes such as shade structure for the kids and parents to enjoy. We have swings for the smaller ones whereas Moms or Dads can enjoy a swing in tandem with them. We partnered up once again with our friends in the M.U.D. to make this happen. We truly owe so much to the M.U.D. for being such wonderful folks and great partners with almost anything needed to make our neighborhood safer, more enjoyable and beautiful.

And now for a little housekeeping:

Address painting (in front of houses) - It has been almost 3 years since the painting of the home numbers in front of our houses and we are budgeting a re-paint in 2020. We agreed long ago that in order to stay consistent, for safety and beautification purposes, the HOA will paint your house numbers in front of your home and keep it looking good.

Street Lights – We have had a few burn out on us and it only takes about 3 days, once reported, to make them work. If you notice one not working please take a picture or make note of the pole number (they all have one) and an address and we can report it to the right people and get them burning again.

Parking – I can only encourage you to park in your driveway when possible, usually, when there is an issue, it is due to cars parked in the streets and unlocked. The other problem is passage. It is difficult to pass, as you know, especially when there is a car parked on either side of the street and when there is one on each side, well, this is a problem waiting to happen. I hope it's not your car torn apart by a garbage truck.

Trash – Trash should be put to the curb after 3pm on Sunday or after 3pm on Wednesday. If your lawn cutters put bags on the street on Friday or Saturday you should put it in your garage until one of those days. We all can't always abide all of the time but this would help keep our neighborhood nice and pretty as it always is.

If anyone has any suggestions please forward them to me as we will consider anything anyone's opinions are to make Wortham an even better place to live. Thank you all for being such wonderful people, neighbors and friends. We are Wortham! **Make it a great day! See you at my table.**

Lawn Care Spring Lawn Tips

There isn't much more satisfying to a homeowner than a well manicured, green lawn. For the past few months, your lawn may have turned brown from the cold, gray winter weather. Early spring is an excellent time to get a head start on your lawn care.

Spring is the time of year when the sun is warm, the breeze is cool, and the steady hum of lawnmowers once again fills the air. A healthy summer lawn starts with spring maintenance. Winter can alter soil pH, compact the soil, and create conditions friendly to weeds and disease, so it's crucial that you properly clean, fertilize and mow your yard early in the season. So what can you do if old man winter's cold left bare spots, invasive plants and other problems with your patch of green? Don't panic -- break out the broadcast spreader and read below for a list of spring lawn care tips:

Stop summer weeds: Don't let annual weeds ruin the look of your lawn. Spread a pre-emergence herbicide to stop them before they sprout.

Begin mowing: Start mowing your lawn as it begins to grow in mid-to-late spring. Don't let thatch build up--Thatch is a layer of old, dead grass stems that builds up on lawns. It prevents air, water, and nutrients from getting to your lawn's root system. Remove thatch before the grass starts growing in summer.

Fertilizing: Fertilizer can help your lawn grow thick and lush, but if it's not used properly, it can actually damage the grass. A slow-release nitrogen fertilizer is best, and no more than 1 pound (0.45 kilograms) of nitrogen should be spread per 1,000 square feet (93 square meters). It should be applied early in the season when the turf begins actively growing, so the timing varies among regions. Fertilizer should not be applied too early or late, however, as lingering cold or early heat can stress the grass. Check the packaging to see when and how much you should water after applying the fertilizer.

Between the Lane Lines: Whitesharks Silver Anniversary

By Jonathan Armstrong

As Wortham progresses through its third decade, we have much to be proud of. We have always been in a great location with access to all that we need and want, we have excellent schools for our children, our property values have risen, and our neighbors are as friendly and, well, neighborly, as something out of a 60s sitcom. Other neighborhoods could boast of such things, though not many I believe, but we have something else others can't claim, the Wortham Whitesharks Swim Team. The Whitesharks have become part of the fabric of our incredible neighborhood. Who would have dreamed 24 years ago that the Whitesharks would become such an institution, building young people and providing fun times and lifelong memories and friends for swimmers and families alike? We even have second generation Whitesharks on the team now!



Believe it or not, the Whitesharks have been doing just that for over two decades and we will celebrate our 25th Anniversary this season! Time flies when you're having fun. And fun we have had -- it has been and will always be our #1 goal. We will continue the fun this summer and hope that everyone can join us. The Whitesharks would love to have every school age child and young adult 18 and under in Wortham join the tradition with us. In 1995 a dedicated group of hopeful swimmers and parents drove around the neighborhood shouting out of their windows, "Join the Swim Team!" We may have evolved in technology since then, but if that would work I'll do it! We have a great time every summer, and plan to again for the twenty-fifth time. If you are a former Whiteshark family, you are still a Whiteshark family (Once a Whiteshark, ALWAYS a Whiteshark!), and this season we have something for you too!

On May 4 we will celebrate our 25 seasons with alumni and parent heats at our Practice Meet. Let's see if our "old" swimmers still remember what we taught them! And parents, impress your kids by showing them you can do it too! I look forward to saying cheers that morning with hundreds of Whitesharks. After the meet we hope to have as many Whitesharks and their families return to celebrate with current Whitesharks for a 25th Anniversary reunion party. Anyone who has ever been involved with the Whitesharks is welcome. We look forward to connecting with old friends and meeting new family members (maybe even more second generation Whitesharks!).

Registration for the Whitesharks is now open at worthamwhitesharks.com. The season starts April 15. If you have any questions, please visit our website, or email me at coachjon@worthamwhitesharks.com. Email me as well if you are interested in swimming at the Practice meet. We hope you join us for all of the fun!

North!
South!
East!
West!

Wortham Whitesharks ARE the Best!

Have you checked-out our new website?

WWW.WORTHAMVILLAGES.COM

WORTHAM VILLAGES RECREATION FACILITIES CORNER

BY RICK ANDERSON

Well, it's hard to believe that another swim season is almost upon us, but here it is April. Hope you all have had a great start to the year. The pool season starts on 5/4/19 this year.

As in past years the Wortham Board and Recreational Facilities Committee members will be handing out pool tags for the residents at the clubhouse. The pool tag handout will be done on Saturday (4/27) and Sunday (4/28) from 1- 3 pm each day and also on Tuesday (4/30) from 6:30-8:30 pm. Only homeowners who are in good standing (annual assessment fees are paid) with the Homeowner's Association (HOA) at the time the tags are picked up can receive their tags. Crest Management will be sending in the mail information and forms related to the pool tag handout, pool hours and pool rules. If you cannot pick up the tags during these times you will need to contact Crest Management and a \$20 fee per household will be required to be paid to Crest Management for these tags. See more details on the next page.

Also, as we do every year, the Wortham Villages HOA will be sponsoring a Pool Opening Party to be held on Sunday (5/5) from 12-3 pm. Food, music, door prizes and games for the kids will be provided. Please plan on attending this event to meet your neighbors and enjoy our facilities. We have had great turnouts in the past and hope to have it again this year. The Recreational Facilities Committee plans and staffs this event and we could use some volunteers (kids as well as adults) to assist. If interested please contact Rick Anderson at the contact info. below.

The Committee was put in place to not only perform the functions/events noted above, but to also look at ways to improve our facilities for the use of our homeowners / residents. The facilities we are responsible for include the pool/clubhouse; tennis courts; pool area grounds; as well as the detention area playground, park, baseball field and soccer/volleyball areas. We are looking for ways to better maintain/upgrade our facilities and need additional volunteers to join the Committee. If interested please contact Rick Anderson at rick_anderson@efiglobal.com or 281-890-4878.

Clubhouse Rental

Our clubhouse is available to rent for parties and events. For clubhouse rentals please call Lisa Teague at: 281-894-5460 or email her at lcteague@sbcglobal.net.

SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS



Know everything you can about your children's activities and their friends. Monitor children's activities and participate with them. Don't allow children to play alone in isolated areas.

Teach your children about strangers AND to be aware of unusual behavior in people they know. Teach them to listen to their feelings and that it is okay to say no if any adults (including family members) ask them to do something that makes them feel uncomfortable.

Teach your children to refuse anything from strangers, including money, gifts or rides. Know where new items come from.

Teach your children how to safely answer the phone if they are at home alone such as stating the adult in the house is "unavailable" to come to the phone.

Teach your children to keep a safe distance from strangers and not to give strangers directions for help, finding lost pets, etc. Adults need to get help from other adults.

Teach children to use the buddy system when walking home from school, sports activities, etc. The age-old rule of there's safety in numbers is a primary safety precaution.

Use secret codes with your children (for use to positively identify each other or to ask for help).

Teach your children (including teens) to check first with you before going anywhere. Children need to let parents know where they are going, how they will get there, who will be going along with them, and when they will return home.

Develop a family plan stressing where to meet if lost, when you are away from home. Do not have children meet you in the parking lot. Inside the store, shopping mall or amusement park are much safer places to meet. Teach them their phone number AND area code.

Do not place your children's names on their clothing or on the outside of their possessions.

PROTECTION FROM THE SUN

A little knowledge will go a long way to protect you from sunburn, skin cancer and wrinkles. Simply take precautions to protect your skin from the sun's damaging rays and get ready to play.

Part of the sun's energy that reaches us on earth is composed of rays of ultraviolet light. When ultraviolet light rays enter the skin, they can cause visible and invisible skin cell damage. There are two types of ultraviolet light, UVA, often called the "aging ray" which weakens the immune system of the skin cell, and UVB, called the "burn ray" which causes changes to DNA that can cause abnormal growths in skin cells.

Sunscreens actually absorb the ultraviolet radiation and reduce the amount of radiation that penetrates the skin. Sunscreen is classified as chemical, while sunblock physically blocks both the UVA and UVB radiation from the skin.

SPF refers to the "Sun Protection Factor" for UVB rays only. A sunscreen with a SPF of 15 will delay sunburn from occurring for 15 times longer than normal if using no protection at all. It is a measure of the amount of time it takes for sun-exposed skin to redden when exposed to the sun. For example, when using a sunscreen lotion with an SPF of 15, a person who normally sunburns in 20 minutes of midday sun exposure may tolerate 15 x 20 minutes (300 minutes) without burning. SPF's are rated typically from 1 to 60, although there are some products with an even higher rating.

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2019 Pool Tag Registration

Now that summer is right around the corner, it is time to make sure you are aware of the procedures to follow in order to obtain pool tags and the pool hours for 2019. To avoid problems of non-residents using the pool, your Board will enforce the use of pool tags. The pool tags will be issued only to those residents in good standing.

Pool tags will be issued at the recreation center located in the community at 19011 Wortham Boulevard on the following dates and times:

Saturday, April 27, 2019	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Sunday, April 28, 2019	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Tuesday, April 30, 2019	6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Please complete the registration form, found on our website (www.worthamvillages.com) in the Forms section, and submit it when picking up your tags.

If you are unable to attend the listed distribution days, tags will be issued by Crest Management Company and sent to you via regular mail. To request pool tags from Crest Management go to: www.crest-management.com and complete the pool registration form. There is a fee of \$20.00 per home if tags are not picked up on the dates listed above. You will not be admitted to the pool area without a tag. The cost to replace a tag is \$20.00.

The pool schedule on the next page is directly related to the Cy-Fair ISD school schedule.

Our pool is professionally managed by A-Beautiful Pools. A-Beautiful Pools is responsible for the scheduling of many exciting programs for homeowners of Wortham Villages! Visit their website or call their office to book pool parties, swim lessons, or if you know someone that is interested in becoming a lifeguard!

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WHAT TO DO ABOUT MOSQUITOES

What You Can Do?

- Remove standing water - This is one of the most important things you can do. Standing water is a major contributor to mosquito problems. Because it is where adult mosquitoes typically lay their eggs. Make sure you remove standing water from bird baths, ponds, outdoor storage areas and small swimming pools.
- Check EVERYTHING! - Mosquitoes like to get tricky. So spots that you wouldn't even expect mosquitoes to reside are still major potential breeding grounds. This includes children's sandboxes, dog bowls, grill covers, tarps, old firewood, and even plant/flower pots. What do all these secret hiding spots have in common? They can hold leftover excess water. This also means that your gutters are one of the most troublesome hot spots for mosquitoes. Make sure to clean them regularly and often; especially after it rains.

2019 POOL SCHEDULE

May 4th through May 31st

Monday through Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Closed

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Exceptions:

Saturday, May 4th (Swim Meet)

2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 11th (Swim Meet)

2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Monday, May 27th (Memorial Day)

10:00am. - 8:00 p.m.

June 1st through August 25th

Monday

4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday through Thursday

10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Friday

10:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Saturday

10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Sunday

12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Exceptions:

Saturday, June 1st (Swim Meet)

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2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

September 1st through September 3rd

Monday through Friday

Closed

Saturday

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Sunday

12:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Exceptions:

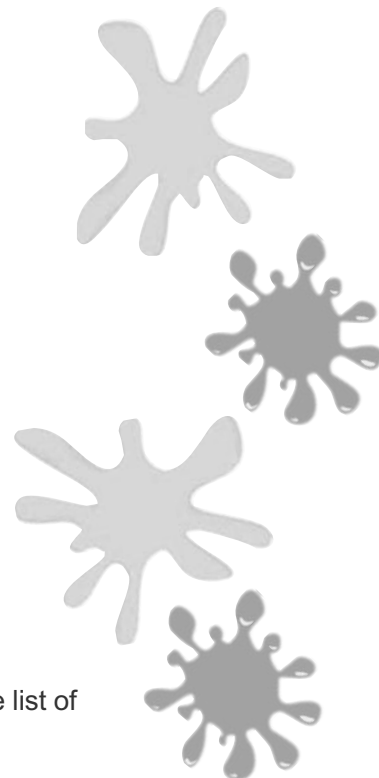
Monday, September 2nd (Labor Day)

10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

You will be required to wear your pool tags in the pool area. Guests will be allowed only as described in the Wortham Villages Pool Rules. See next page for a complete list of the pool rules.

***Mark Your
Calendars*
Pool party!**

**May 5th
Noon till 3:00pm
Join The Fun!**



PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR PETS

It doesn't take much to remember that we have pets in our community. In fact, if you don't watch your step, you're liable to step in one such reminder!

Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children who play in the community and other pets. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter. It is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly.

By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in a neighborhood. Thank you for your cooperation!



Yes, We're Now On Facebook!

The community is now on Facebook. When you get a moment, visit our Facebook page and while you're there, give us a like! Online at:

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Teen Job Seekers

Parent name: Brittany and Cameron Overstreet

Daughter's name: Vanessa Walker-Overstreet (12)

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She is available to: Pet sit, House sit, Baby sit.

If you would like to place a Teen Job Seekers ad, please email your information to Prepared Publications at: info@preparedpublications.com.

Please Help Keep The Community Clean

Every minute a sack of fast-food trash gets thrown from a vehicle's window. Did you know that 33 percent of all littered garbage is fast food waste? Styrofoam containers take many years to decompose. It also takes many years for aluminum cans to biodegrade, of which these make up 28 percent of incorrectly disposed trash. Littering certainly doesn't help the environment but most importantly it hurts humans as well as resulting in the deterioration of our planet. Reversing neighborhood litter and pollutants back to green environments is our challenge.

Littering is letting trash or garbage lie in an open place or area. Litter is not only an eyesore it also has very bad effects. Plastic shopping bags are an example. They have become a big issue as their light weight makes it easy for them to travel in the wind. This kind of litter gets stuck in trees, fences and storm drains. This plastic bag litter also impacts the health of smaller wild animals.

If you see litter in the community, please pick it up and dispose of it properly. Thank you for helping to keep our neighborhood beautiful.

COMMUNITY POOL RULES

1. Proper swim attire must be worn to be admitted to the pool.
2. Only Wortham Village residents and their guests will be allowed to use the pool. Residents must accompany guests.
 - a. Adult residents are allowed four (4) guests with each adult pool tag. Under this guest policy, there must be one adult for every three kids under 10 years of age.
 - b. Wortham residents, 16-17 years old with a valid adult pool tag, may bring one guest to the pool.
 - c. Wortham residents, 10-15 years old and by themselves may NOT bring guests with a lifeguard issued pool tag, (see Item #9 below). An adult with a valid pool tag must also accompany them and the number of guests allowed is as noted above.
3. Pool tags will be strictly enforced. It is the resident's responsibility to bring to the pool. It is very awkward and uncomfortable situation for everyone when the lifeguard must ask a member to go back home and get his or her tag.
4. Lifeguards are employed to insure the safety of swimmers, and they have the authority to remove from the pool area anyone disobeying the rules and/or endangering the safety of themselves or another person.
5. There will be a 10 minute break each hour. During this time the pool will be cleared with the exception of persons who are eighteen (18) years of age and older.
6. The following activities and items are not allowed:
 - Running or rough-housing
 - Skates, bicycles or skateboards
 - Glass containers and/or alcoholic beverages
 - No smoking or tobacco products within the pool gates
 - Loud, abusive or foul language
 - Cocoa butter, baby oil or other heavy suntan oil
 - Littering
 - Cooking
 - Loud music
 - Pets
 - Cutoffs
7. Flotation items for swimming pool are allowed, but are restricted to small size tubes and floats. No floatation devices are allowed in the deep end / diving well, which includes during use of diving boards.
8. Diving Rules:
 - No diving in the shallow end
 - No swimming in the deep end while the boards are open for diving
 - Only one person on the diving board at all times
 - Divers must jump straight out and not towards the sides
 - Divers must wait for person in front of them to get to the side before diving
9. Any child nine (9) years or under must be accompanied by said child's parents or person eighteen (18) years old or older. Children 10 - 15 years of age may swim without adult supervision after passing a swim test and received pool tags (from lifeguards). Parents are responsible for their children and guests at the pool. Parents must closely supervise their children at all times. The lifeguards will always enforce pool rules throughout the facility, but children who cannot swim must have an adult (18 or older) within arms' reach at all times. The same rule applies even if the child is wearing a flotation device.
10. Baby Pool Rules:
 - Only non-swimming toddlers 5 years and under may use the baby pool.
 - Parents, not lifeguards, are responsible for children in baby pool.
 - Any child not potty-trained must wear rubber pants with elasticized waist and legs over disposable diapers when in the water.
11. Trespassers and vandals will be prosecuted.



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HURRICANE SAFETY TIPS

Everyone needs to be prepared for the unexpected. Your friends and family may not be together when disaster strikes. How will you find each other? Will you know if your children or parents are safe? You may have to evacuate or be confined to your home. What will you do if water, gas, electricity or phone services are shut off?

Hurricanes are massive storm systems that form over warm ocean waters and move toward land. Potential threats from hurricanes include powerful winds, heavy rainfall, storm surges, coastal and inland flooding, rip currents, tornadoes, and landslides. The Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 to November 30. The Pacific hurricane season runs May 15 to November 30. Hurricanes:

- Can happen along any U.S. coast or in any territory in the Atlantic or Pacific oceans.
- Can affect areas more than 100 miles inland.
- Are most active in September.

IF YOU ARE UNDER A HURRICANE WARNING, FIND SAFE SHELTER RIGHT AWAY

- Determine how best to protect yourself from high winds and flooding.
- Evacuate if told to do so.
- Take refuge in a designated storm shelter, or an interior room for high winds.
- Listen for emergency information and alerts.
- Only use generators outdoors and away from windows.
- Turn Around, Don't Drown! Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters.





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