# THE WIMBLEDON WATCH

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Welcome to this month's issue of <u>The Wimbledon Watch</u> newsletter! All issues of this flyer will be published and available on the WOTCHOA.com website, and also on the WOTC Facebook page. To the extent and discretion of the HOA Board, issues may be physically printed out as well. Like a ship's watchman/ lookout, this newsletter keeps the 64 households in our community connected and informed about a variety of subjects, including serving as a reporting tool for keeping you up-to-date on the status of HOA projects and budgeting outlays by the HOA Board. But this newsletter also features RESIDENT content!

We <u>WELCOME</u> content submissions from you, the residents! Want to announce a birthday party? Graduation? Wedding? Birth? Death? Let us know! Throwing a BBQ? A block party? Let us help spread the word! Lose something? Find something? Tell us! Having a Garage/Yard Sale? Free publicity here! Have a favorite recipe? Share it with us! Want to feature your pet? Send us a photo! Took a great picture of something in our neighborhood (a sunrise, snowman, bee, bird, grasshopper, rabbit, squirrel, holiday decorations, etc.)? Submit it! Send newsletter questions and content offerings to the editor, at: <u>newsletter@wotchoa.com</u> Back issues of the newsletter can be viewed at: <u>www.wotchoa.com/newsletter.html</u>

## Calendar

The next two WOTC HOA Board meetings will be on June 8 and July 13, at 7:00 pm, at 1905 Tudor Ct. HOA Board meetings are held every second Thursday of the month at 7pm. If you want to be at the Board meeting, please contact any current Board member at least a week before the meeting to notify them of your desire to attend, so accommodations can be made for your attendance. You can also contact a current Board member after the Board meeting for a copy of the meeting minutes.

## Did You Know? (HOA Rules)

Article X, Section 18 of the WOTCHOA Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&R) regulates whether residents can remove dirt or trees from their yards?

"Removal of Dirt and Trees. The digging or removal of dirt from any land is expressly prohibited except as necessary in conjunction with the initial construction and subsequent landscaping or improvements. No Owner, tenant, lessee, guest of any home or Lot located within the Property shall destroy, injure, remove, trim, prune, or damage any tree which has a diameter exceeding 10" (measured 12" above ground level) located anywhere on a Lot, without the prior written authorization to perform such tasks from the Declarant or New Construction Committee.\* No trees shall be removed without the prior written approval of Declarant or New Construction Committee, as applicable, except to remove the dead or diseased trees, to provide room for permanent improvements, or to permit construction of drainage swales. notwithstanding the foregoing, however, this restriction shall not apply to the removal or pruning of trees for the initial construction of homes, pools, driveways, sidewalks or fences by Declarant, its successors or assigns." \*This committee is now called the Modifications Committee.

As with all provisions of the CC&R, if you wish to apply for an exception to this restriction, contact the Modifications Committee to submit a request for an exception. The process for this was explained on <u>page 3</u> of the <u>February 2023</u> edition of The Wimbledon Watch WOTC newsletter, in <u>Letters to the Editor</u>.



#### Homeowner Tips (Foundation, Maintenance, Lawn & Garden, Utilities, Recycling, etc.)

- 1. Check Outdoor Lighting. Make sure all lights are in working order, including porch lights, landscape lighting, and motion-security lights. Replace bulbs or repair fixtures as needed.
- 2. Inspect kitchen and bath fixtures. This can prevent costly water damage and repairs later. Make a plan to re-grout or re-caulk around counters and tile. Watch for any slow leaks, and have those repaired as well.
- 3. Plan to paint your home's exterior. Longer days and generally milder weather make May is a good month to think about house painting. Contact painting professionals, and reserve a spot on their schedule. Remember, if you plan on changing colors on the house exterior, you must first submit plans to the HOA Modifications Committee.
- 4. Lawn care Don't wait for weeds to grow before treating them. For preventative care, use a pre-emergent treatment before you even see weeds. Use a "weed & feed" for post-emergent treatment when weeds are already present. This will also strengthen your grass, making it less susceptible to damage. Avoid the temptation to cut your lawn too short. You might think this will buy you time between mowings, but grass that is cut too short runs the risk of getting damaged by the hot, dry, Texas summer weather.

(Texas Lawn Care Tips & Landscaping Advice Grassperson)

**Letters to the Editor** {For public letters only. Private letters should be submitted to the WOTCHOA.com website. Editor's answers may come from the Editor or from a member of the HOA Board}

Dear Editor: What should I do if my neighbors' yards are trashy? Or if my neighbor's fence is broken and needs painting, or if his trees and bushes need trimming? Sometimes I think my neighbors just don't care. I'm pretty fed up with it. How do I report my neighbors?

Answer: Whoa! First, have you talked to your neighbors about these issues yet? Maybe there's a valid explanation for why their property looks so bad. A death in the family, a financial hardship, emotional trauma...does your neighbor even know he/she is violating the CC&R's? Instead of heaping yet another burden on your neighbor and becoming their enemy, why not ask if you can HELP? Do they need the number of a good contractor, or maybe you could offer to personally help your neighbor out. First, be a good neighbor. Your goal should be to resolve the problem, not to get your neighbor in trouble. Take them some cookies, and get to know them. The Board would rather you amicably resolve issues without their involvement. They do not want to play the enforcement card any more than necessary. But if your neighbor truly doesn't care, the HOA does have standards, and you can write a letter to the Board (not to the newsletter editor) on the WOTC HOA website, under the "Contact Us" tab.

### Facebook

For even more personal and frequent community information sharing, visit the Wimbledon on the Creek Facebook page. You must request to join the group, and it will be monitored for content. The administrator will take down any inappropriate posts. The page is *Wimbledon on the Creek Community HOA*.

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## Featured Families of the Month

-Mark and Ruth Dreier: Mark and Ruth are WOTC "originals!" They met in 1983 while working in the same department, at Bell Helicopter. Ruth asked Mark to work on the Christmas program, and they've been entertaining each other ever since! They love to travel, especially cruising the Caribbean, the Mediterranean, the Gulf, and Alaska. Both are now retired, but Mark continues to be an aircraft consultant, and has also taught as an adjunct for a university. They recently adopted a new fur baby – a nine-week-old chihuahua, named Shimmy. Dogs hold a special place in their hearts – when they decided to build their house in WOTC, they had just said goodbye to their beloved dog, Bandit. They kept some of his hair in an envelope, and before the slab foundation was poured, they placed the envelope under the liner, so that Bandit would always be at the foot of their bed.

-Kelvin and Emilee Bailey: Kelvin and Emilee met in college at the University of Utah. They have 2 children and a dog named Ender. Kelvin works as a VP of Corporate Operations. Emilee is a homemaker and on the board of a homeschool co-op. If Kelvin could change anything in this world, it would be to make a 4-day work week standard.





"Ender" (Breed: Whippet) (Owners: Kelvin & Emilee Bailey)

# **Bet of the Month Rescued Merlin (Bird of Prey)**







2/21/22

Kelvin Bailey with the Merlin



#### **THE BULLETIN BOARD** {Your space for announcing stuff !}

- FREE USED PICKETS, at WOTC address! You haul 'em, I got 'em! Hundreds available. Unpainted. Crossbeams, posts available too. First come, first serve. Call 530-750-4452.

To my wife and sweetheart Lori :

I love you. Everyone loves you. Even my kids from another mother wish <u>you</u> were their mother! Thanks for everything you do, it doesn't go unnoticed! —All my love, Larry (your "ICE FLEC")

To my wife Ruth:

9 don't say it enough how much 9 love you. Your heart is as big as all outdoors. -Happy Mothers Day, Mark

Happy Mothers Day, to the mother that got me into this family. -Cameron

Mom,

I want to wish you your first Mothers Day in heaven. I love you, and miss you. Your son, Greq

Send content submissions to: <u>newsletter@wotchoa.com</u>



{Pix from our beautiful neighborhood! Photo Rules: Must have been taken within the WOTC boundaries, must have been taken within the last 3 years, must not be of personal items (such as a vehicle), and a person or pet must not be the main subject}



4/22/2023

# Recipe of the Month



Springtime Penne (by Command Cooking.com) Prep Time: 15 mins, Yield: 5 servings

Ingredients -parmesan cheese, optional, to taste, shredded -3 cups penne pasta, cooked -1 large onion, chopped -1/4 cup butter -1 pound fresh asparagus, cut into 1-inch pieces -1/8 teaspoon salt -1/2 pound ham, fully cooked and cubed -1/4 teaspoon pepper -1/2 cup heavy whipping cream

(May substitute broccoli or Brussel sprouts or peas, for asparagus)

#### Directions

- Step 1 In a large skillet, saute the asparagus and onions in the butter until the asparagus is crisp and tender. about 5-8 minutes.
- Step 2 -Add the ham, heavy whipping cream, pepper, and salt to the asparagus mixture. Bring to a boil
- Step 3 -Reduce to low heat and cook the asparagus mixture for 1 minute.
- Step 4 -Add the asparagus mixture to the cooked pasta, tossing to coat.

Step 5 -Top the pasta with parmesan cheese. Step 6 -Serve !!! •



- 1. Why are balloons so expensive? Inflation.
- 2. Where do stars go to college? Universe-ity.
- 3. What do lions eat on their cheat day? Zebra cakes.
- 4. How does Darth Vader like his toast? On the dark side.
- 5. I bet Jellyfish are sad, that there aren't Peanut Butterfish.
- 6. What did the ocean say to the beach? Nothing, it just waved.
- 7. Why do you never see elephants hiding in trees? Because they're so good at it.
- 8. What's the easiest way to burn 1,000 calories? Leave the pizza in the oven too long.
- 9. I was wondering why the baseball kept getting bigger and bigger. And then it hit me.
- 10. Want your neighbors to build a free privacy fence for you? Start gardening in your backyard, nude! (just joking!)

