



WESTCHESTER RAP



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Monthly WOC Meeting 3rd
 Tuesday of every month
 7 pm
 @ Westchester Pool Pavilion

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End of the Summer Swim Party at the Westchester Pool

Please join your fellow pool members by celebrating the end of summer at the Westchester Pool on Saturday, August 22nd from 3 p.m. until close. There will be fun and games for the kids to enjoy from 3 – 5 p.m. with dinner being served at 5:30 p.m.

Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share. The Barber Family is generously providing BBQ (yum), and the Westchester Owner’s Committee is providing drinks and watermelon.

Mark your calendars now so you don’t miss out on the fun at the pool on August 22nd.

NOTE: This party is **ONLY** opened to those families who have paid their Pool and Tennis User fees.

National Night Out Need Neighborhood Hosts!

National Night out in Westchester will be on Tuesday, October 6, 2015. The event is an annual meet-and-greet block party sponsored by your neighborhood HOA. Each block party is held on the front yard or drive way of 15-29 neighborhood hosts for a three-hour period so that all families can socialize and get to know other families living in the homes of their block.

All neighbors are asked to turn on their front porch lights from 5 – 10 p.m. In attendance will be various units of the HPD, neighborhood constables, and candidates for the District G November election. Goodies are available for the younger residents.

Your help is needed by volunteering to be a host. We thank those homes that hosted a block party last year, and hope they enjoyed the experience so much that they will agree to volunteer as a block party host this year.



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Please call or email Bill Hopkins at 281-597-7937 or bhop1@comcast.net if you would like to be a block party host, or if you have any questions concerning the event.



Saturday, August 22nd
3 p.m. until closing
- Westchester Pool -
Bring a dish to share

BBQ provided by the Barber family

All Westchester/NFVIII Women’s Club membership forms are due by August 15th if you want your information to be included in the annual Women’s Club Directory!

Please email Michelle Pendleton for further information at michelle.pendleton@gmail.com.



Cornelius Gardening Tip of the Month for August

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August is here and needless to say, it is HOT! However Fall is right around the corner and here are a few tips to get you through the scorching days of August and into the “Second Spring” of the South – Fall. This is usually one of the driest months for our region, and rainfall may be sparse. With new watering restrictions in place, when and how you water becomes even more important.

Make the best use of the water you have by watering early in the morning before the wind speeds pick up. Otherwise, much of the water will evaporate before the plants get to use it.

To further avoid excess evaporation, use a sprinkler that produces large drops of water instead of a fine mist. Plants need about one inch of water each week during this long summer period. If you have heavy clay soil adjust the timing of the irrigation zones to make sure water is not running off the landscape. Your irrigation schedule should be adjusted to allow for slow infiltration of the water. Be a WISE – keep water on the landscape.

Soil that is exposed can heat up to more than 100 degrees Fahrenheit. This is hot enough to kill those tender root hairs near the surface. Three to four inches of mulch can make the soil 10 to 20 degrees cooler. Besides reducing soil temperature, mulches also conserve water by reducing evaporation, often up to 65 percent.

August is the last month to plant a new lawn before winter temperatures arrive. Newly installed lawns need at least six to eight weeks to establish a healthy root system.

Prune roses back, but do not remove more than one-third of the plant. Prune and remove spent blooms on annuals and perennials to encourage continuous blooming well into fall.

Tomato and Peppers planted earlier this year will not set fruit during the heat of the summer, even though they may still be flowering. If the plants remain healthy, they will set fruit again once the temperatures stay below 90 degrees. Side dress established healthy plants with fertilizer and keep watered to encourage new growth. Set out tomato transplants; look for early maturing variety (65 to 75 days). Our average first freeze is mid-November and tomato maturity slows down as the days get cool and cloudy.

There are no Clinics scheduled for August – Stop by your nearest Calloway’s or Cornelius Nursery for friendly expert advice from one of our Texas Certified Nursery Professionals.

Corrections from the July RAP Newsletter

We would like to call attention to the following corrections/clarifications concerning the July issue of the RAP:

- The last time the Westchester Dolphins won the swim league championship was in 2009, NOT 2010!
- Please note that the Houston Leash Law applies to both dogs and cats, so please be mindful if you happen to also own a dog that may wander onto someone else’s property.



Thank you!



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Mom’s Club: August Play Dates / Events

- August Mom’s Night Out: August 13th, 7:30pm, Sweet Paris (City Center), 797 Sorella Ct.**
 Join us for mom’s night out at Sweet Paris. Come enjoy dinner, wine, dessert and good conversation! We hope you will join us. Please RSVP on Big Tent so we can make sure we get a table big enough for our group.
<http://www.sweetparis.com/>
- Toddler Skate Playdate: August 21st, 10am-12pm, Dairy Ashford Roller Rink, 1820 S. Dairy Ashford**
 Join us for a toddler skate playdate! It’s \$5 to play or skate. This is for ages 7 and under only. Bring a ride on toy or rent skates. For an additional \$5 you can rent a skate mate for those that are still learning to skate. We hope to see you there.
<http://skatedairyashford.com/>
- SAVE THE DATE: Welcome Dinner, September. 10th, 7:30pm-????**
 We will have our annual **Welcome Dinner** on September 10th! The **Welcome Dinner** is our September Mom’s Night Out tradition. We gather at someone’s home for a potluck style night to kick off the new school year. We will welcome all the moms that moved in over the summer. It’s also a great time to catch up with other neighbors and friends. Details coming soon! Stay tuned to Big Tent and Facebook for more information.

Birth Announcement:

Westchester residents
 Chrissy and Justin
 Morse, along with big
 sister Ashlyn,
 welcomed baby boy
 Kyle on June 9th.



He weighed 6lbs 13ozs, and was 19 inches long.

Congratulations to the Morse family!

Westchester Neighborhood Recycling Reminders

In case you are wondering what household items are recyclable or not, please refer to the list below of items which can be recycled in your green recycling bins:

PLEASE RECYCLE:

- Newspapers and any kind of paper
- Aluminum cans
- Electronics (mice, keyboard, printers, copiers, microwaves, CD’s, cables, etc).
- Cardboard
- Steel cans
- Plastic (EXCEPT PLASTIC BAGS)
- Glass bottles (rinsed)
- Toner cartridges

DO NOT RECYCLE:

- Boxes covered in tape
- Boxes soaked in food waste
- Styrofoam
- Packing material
- Wax coated cups
- Candy wrappers

If you have any questions regarding recyclable materials, please go to the following website:

http://www.ecocycle.org/files/pdfs/guidelines/ecocycle_recycling-guidelines_web.pdf

Please also don’t forget that Westchester Deed Restrictions allows heavy trash pick-up to be placed on curbside either Monday or Thursday p.m.

Outdoor Lighting Reminders

Outdoor lighting helps enhance your yard, patio, and deck, and also improves the safety and security of your home. Please refer to the Westchester Deed restrictions when selecting your lighting: Be mindful when selecting outdoor lighting of the following Westchester Deed Restrictions requirements:

- Outdoor light shall not provide glare unduly toward streets, neighboring properties, walkways or housing units.
- It shall not illuminate BEYOND the boundaries of the lot on which the lighting is located.
- It shall not be directed to shine in a manner that disturbs the occupants of an adjacent lot.

Please refer to Section 2.2 of the Westchester Deed Restrictions if you have any other questions about outdoor lighting.



Join the Mom's Club!

To be added to email list and Big Tent, contact:

- Meg Maguire megmaguire05@yahoo.com or
- Stacey DallePezze slskeels@hotmail.com.



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