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## **SOCIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE 2017 WRAP-UP**

#### **CONCERT & COOK-OFF**

A big thank you to everyone who came out to the Fall Creek Concert & Cook-off on Friday, November 10th at the Sports Complex! Residents and guests enjoyed the combination of offerings prepared by Swamp Water BBQ, dancing to live country music by the Buck Yeager Band, and sampling a variety of recipes in the chili cook-off. Big Texas congratulations goes to our cook-off winners in the following categories:

- Traditional: Crush City Championship Chili by Rachel Stone
- Non-Traditional: Damn Good Chili by Jennifer Grillo
- Deputy's Delight: Good Groceries by Clint & Andrea Martin



Andrea Martin with our Deputy Judges



Andrea Martin, Rachel Stone, & Jennifer Grillo

#### **HOLIDAY MARKET**

Our first Holiday Market was hosted at the Fall Creek Clubhouse on Saturday, December 9th. Seventy-five resident and local vendors showcased their home creations, crafts, baked goods, and more. Vendors and participants exceeded our expectations for a magnificent and merry holiday event! Shoppers loaded up on presents for loved ones (and themselves) while sampling their way through the tents and displays of holiday goodies. Pictures with Santa, horse-drawn carriage rides, moon bounces, holiday music, and breakfast was enjoyed by both children and adults that braved a beautiful but chilly morning following a snowy day and freezing night. We send very special thanks to our resident vendors who created beautiful items to fill their booths, the Fall Creek Elementary School Choir for their incredible voices which brought us the sounds of the holiday season, the unbelievably hard-working resident volunteers that spent hours setting up tables and posting signs, and the helpers from Primrose School that drove the shuttles and assisted our vendors. We could not have done this without each and every one of you!

# THE Leaves of FALL WINTER 2018 CREEK



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I am Deputy Joseph your new patrolman on dayshift in Fall Creek. A little history about myself. I have been a Deputy for 9 years. Four of those years I was working at Harris County Constable Pct. 7. While working at Pct. 7, I got the opportunity to work in a contract position like Fall Creek. As a Harris County Sheriff Deputy, I learned so much more in providing a great service to our community. I know what it takes in servicing the community and the efforts in keeping the community safe.

There is a small issue I observed while patrolling Fall Creek, which is our lovely pets. I know we have a community full of dog lovers which I am myself. However, I have seen dogs not on the leash roaming free in front of their owners. Now, I know everyone believes there dog will not bite, until it happens. I have been told this numerous of times "my dog doesn't bite". We, as individuals do not know what your dogs are thinking at the point of contact with others. There are large dogs in the community just as well as small dogs that may not like being around each other. So, to keep everyone safe along with your dogs, please keep them on a leash.

I want to commend the entire community on a job well done on looking out for one another. Out of my nine years in Law Enforcement, this is the best community I've seen. Here's what I seen just to name a few; we receive calls for suspicious vehicle, suspicious person, and solicitors. These calls are what keeps communities safe and by neighbors helping neighbors in looking out for one another. Remember everyone in this community is our (Harris County Sheriff's Office) second pair of eyes. Please continue to call and report any suspicious activity to the Harris County Non-Emergency number bearing (713)-221-6000 option 6, if an emergency dial 911.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Last words: Help each other, beware of your surrounding and be safe! Sincerely,

Deputy K. Joseph

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#### LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

The Landscape Committee is made up of Fall Creek residents who meet the first Friday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse. Items of discussion are landscaping issues, seasonal change out of flowers, seasonal Yard of the Season contests, and our Garden Party event in February. Fall Creek residents are welcome to attend our meetings.

Congratulations to the homeowners from our 27 villages who were selected as winners of our Winter Wonderland contest! All winners received a certificate, a Chickfil-A coupon packet, and a beautiful Winter Wonderland yard sign for display on their front lawn.

A huge thank you to our hard working judges who volunteered their time and energy with the selection of the winners in each Fall Creek village!

The Landscape Committee would also like to recognize and thank the owners of the Fall Creek Chick-fil-A for their kind support in donating coupon packets to each of the Winter Wonderland winners! Their generous contribution was very much appreciated!

Please go to Nextdoor to learn more about the Landscape Committee monthly meetings and event information.

# P-133 CHANNEL REPORT

The area around Maple Creek continues to show vegetation growth to keep erosion to a minimum. Willows have been planted along the creek bed to help with stabilizing the soil.



Wynnwood section can be seen in the photograph below where Rally Construction has completed the work started earlier this summer.



There has been progress made over the past two years in dealing with erosion along P-133. The bridge over Mesa was repaired by Harris County along with areas above. There are still other areas that need attention going forward.

# A MESSAGE FROM YOUR SITE MANAGER

Spring is just around the corner. Please make sure you have a date in mind to give your home some needed attention in the following areas to avoid getting a notice from the HOA. These are the most often found violations:

Trees- trim dead palm fronds, low lying limbs, limbs stick out into street or sidewalk. This includes back yard, front and side yard. Trimming them can help open up the sunlight to reach the grass if you have bare patched under those live oak trees.

- Shrubs- remove dead foliage, limbs, or dead shrubs altogether
- Weeds- apply a pre-emergent on your lawn/ flower bed to keep the pesky weeds at bay.
- Grass-do you have bare spots that need sprig, sod or seed. Don't forget to edge.
- Flowerbeds- remove weeds refresh your beds with new mulch if you did not in the winter
- Discoloration on home check your siding for mold, mildew, algae. Pressure wash all the green, black or brown off bricks, concrete, sidewalks etc.
- Fences- check all around your fence make sure you have no partial picket and that none or loose or coming undone. Pets should not be able to come and go through partial pickets that have cut outs at the bottom.
- Paint-do you need to retouch your paint. Check you trim, siding and garage doors where the sprinkler and rain hits it. Even stucco needs a paint touch up.
- Improvements- if you plan to make any change to the exterior of your home that is different to the original home please submit an ACC request. This includes new roofs and fences.

Please make a plan to look at your home from a 360 view. Ask a neighbor to look and have another set of eyes to give it a once over. Sometimes we see the same thing day in and day out that a new set of eyes may catch. As with all things at Fall Creek we want our homes to remain spectacular and keep the property values up. Follow this little check list to avoid receiving notices and forced maintenance on your home and yard.

Sincerely,

Stacey Allen, Fall Creek Site Manager

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# TENNIS COMMITTEE

Warmer weather will be back soon and activities at the tennis courts will be heating up just as fast. We are excited about the 2018 clinic offerings that will continue for both juniors and adults on our courts. Additional improvements will be coming to the courts this year as well, keep an eye out for them.

#### 1. FALL CREEK JUNIOR TENNIS ACADEMY

The Fall Creek Junior Tennis Academy Winter Series will conclude at the end of January, and the 10-week Spring Program will start in February. Junior Beginner and Junior Intermediate clinics take place on Saturday morning from 10a-11a. Information on the Spring Series is now available on the tennis page of FallCreekLife.com. http://www.fallcreeklife.com/junioracademytennis/

The Spring Program will conclude prior to the start of Flying Fish. Teddy Tennis Spring 2018 will be as follows:

To register for Teddy Tennis visit: http://www.fallcreeklife.com/ junioracademytennis/



#### 2. UPCOMING **PROGRAMS:**

Spring Break Tennis Camp • Summer Tennis Boot Camp

\* \* More info will be found online at http:// www.fallcreeklife.com/ junioracademytennis/

The Jr. Academy Tennis Clinic Series is for beginner and intermediate level boys and girls between the ages of 5-12 years old,

with the skill set that may have graduated out of Teddy Tennis but may not ready for private individual lessons. These programs have been created to introduce your

junior to the game or for the player that is looking to furthering the development of the individual who is still learning. If your son or daughter is interested in the next series, registration will fill up fast, so be sure to sign up and pay on FallCreekLife.com.

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#### 3. ADULT RISE & SHINE CLINICS ON SATURDAY **MORNINGS**

The Saturday morning Adult Rise & Shine Advanced Clinic continue to be well supported. If you are seeking to improve your game check out the weekly program at http://www.fallcreeklife.com/ adultennisclinics/

The cost is \$10/person for the Advanced Clinic (max 8-10 players).

The Tennis 101 Series info is back online. Please pre-register for the program. Details will be available at: http://www.fallcreeklife. com/adulttennisclinics/

#### 4. REMEMBER TO RESERVE YOUR COURTS

Spring weather brings an increased interest, the tennis courts are constantly being used by more and more residents. The evening Prime-Time hours are especially busy so be sure to reserve your court ahead of time. The process is simple and very quick.

Visit http://www.fallcreeklife.com/tennis and click "RESERVE NOW". From there you will enter the Reservation System.

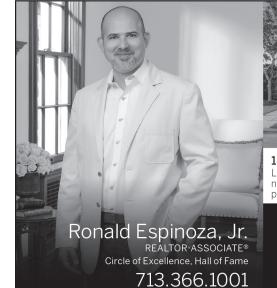
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#### FALL CREEK MEN'S LEAGUE TAKE HOME 1ST PLACE TROPHIES IN THE HOUSTON NORTH SUBURBAN TENNIS LEAGUE

Competing in the leagues "C" division last year the Fall Creek Mens team took home 1st place. Competing in the Spring 2017 this year, the Fall Creek Men's team took home another 1st place in the "B" division for HNSTL. This fall the men are playing in the "A" division with the hopes of competing well.

Pictured right are Resident Players: Top Row: Matt Wong, Smajo Ekmekcic, Miguel Morales, Cary Loughman, Captain- Steve Lundeen, Emeka Mckamal. Bottom Row: Dennis Brucki, Jose Garcia, Richard Zhang. Not Pictured are Fall Creek residents Leo Bermudez, Dan Chambers.









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# QUICK TIPS Home Tip

Are you looking to make improvements to your home but want to make sure that it will pay off in the long run? Look to your bathroom. Investing in a bathroom remodel yields a 62 percent return, on average. Even small improvements add value to your home, but be sure to do the work right. Since a bathroom is a smaller room, taking shortcuts will be noticeable. Another good bet—choose neutral colors and finishings for the most added value.

# **POOL UPDATE**

Based on resident requests, Pool 2 is now open year round on a swimat–your-own-risk (SAYOR) basis. Pool 2 is located at 3600 Mesa Road, the "Enclave at Fall Creek". The schedule is Wednesday – Monday, 5 am – 10 pm. The pool is not heated, but the hot tub is.

To help keep the pools safe and enjoyable for everyone, please be familiar with the policies, rules and FAQs, available at: www. fallcreeklife.com/portfolio/pools/.

Contacts for pool-related information or issue resolution are posted on fallcreeklife.com and are listed below:

- Pool issues should be reported to Aquatic Advisors (www. aquaticadvisors.net/contact or 713-609-9489).
- For additional assistance, issues should be reported to Spectrum (contact@spectrumam.com, 281-343-9178 or 281-458-8000) with a copy to the Pool Committee (pool@fallcreeklife.com).
- For issues related to amenity badges, please contact Spectrum.

The Pool Committee would love your input and assistance. If you would like to contribute to the committee, please contact pool@fallcreeklife.com or look for upcoming meetings posted on www.fallcreeklife.com/events/

# FALL CREEK CRIME WATCH COMMITTEE

Hi Fall Creek Friends & Neighbors!

It's a new year for your Fall Creek Crime Watch Committee & with that comes a new year of commitment to our neighborhood's general safety.

To refresh, the purpose of the Fall Creek Crime Watch Committee (CWC) is to protect our neighborhood by:

- Educating neighbors on available crime prevention strategies
- Encouraging neighbors to identify and report suspicious activity
- Promoting social interaction to foster strength and awareness within our community
- Collaborating with the Harris County Sheriff's Department to accomplish objectives

The Crime Watch Committee consists of Block Captain volunteers – preferably one from each Fall Creek village. The primary responsibility of the Block Captain is to represent their village at the monthly CWC meeting and disseminate any relevant crime and safety information back to their village. Secondary responsibilities include coordinating efforts for the annual Spring Block Party event in their village. Overall, volunteering as a Block Captain requires minimal time and effort, but it is an important role in contributing to the safety of Fall Creek.

Unfortunately, there are a number of villages without active representation – if you would like to participate in the CWC or simply learn more about the Crime Watch Committee, please email fallcreekcrimewatch@gmail.com.

As briefly mentioned, the CWC sponsors an annual Spring Block Party event. Each village hosts their own Block Party as an opportunity for neighbors to meet 'n greet each other & the deputies who patrol our neighborhood. Village Block Parties range anywhere from surprise potlucks, to coordinated cook-outs, to ordered pizzas and include any form of entertainment (yard games, bounce houses or simply enjoyable conversation).

Please Save the Date - our Spring 2018 event date has been set for Saturday, April 21st!



Save the Date

Saturday, April 21st 2018



Each Village hosts their own potluck party!

Don't have a Block Captain? Host a party anyway!

Don't know your Village Block Captain?

Visit fallcreeklife.com to find out who's in charge of your village

Or, email us at: fallcreekcrimewatch@gmail.com to

Presented by the Fall Creek Crime Watch Committee

Additional event details will be shared via fallcreeklife.com and/or Nextdoor as they become available so stay tuned! We

hope you can make it! If you are interested in assisting with your village Block Party, please reach out to your Block Captain or the CWC.

And, as always, if you have any questions or concerns to be addressed by the Crime Watch Committee, please contact us at fallcreekcrimewatch@gmail.com. (Or, attend one of our meetings – meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7pm at the Fall Creek Clubhouse.)

Here's to staying safe in 2018!

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