

THE
Leaves OF

WINTER 2022

FALL
CREEK

Autumn Creek Elementary

We have had such a great launch of Humble ISD's 30th elementary school right here in the Fall Creek subdivision! We opened the school August 10th with a ribbon cutting with the school board and began with over 500 students. Now four months later we have grown to 600 students and our numbers continue to grow! We do have a great thing going on at Autumn Creek.

One of the things that has made our school start so strongly is a strong partnership with the community. Our PTO, formed last March, really hit the ground running and helped us with opening day, ongoing cafeteria supervision, volunteering to do anything and everything, and providing snacks and coffee for our teachers on a regular basis. In addition to that, we launched a Watch D.O.G.S. program, an initiative to get more male role models into our schools. We now have 100 men signed up to serve at our school, and it is being led by two of our wonderful community members who really care about kids and making a positive impact on them. We also have had, weekly, a group of students from Sconzo Early College High School serving in classrooms, Summer Creek High School student leaders helping with our car rider line, and Woodcreek Middle School students playing in their band and orchestra for our students here at Autumn Creek. Something special is happening here, and it is because of the combined efforts of staff, families, and our community that we are doing as well as we are doing. And we are not finished yet!

At Autumn Creek, our vision is to do whatever it takes to make school the best part of a student's day. We told our families when we opened that we didn't mean any offense against them, but we wanted kids to go home excited about what happened here and a little sad that they have to wait until tomorrow to come back! However, this vision is a massive undertaking. It affects how we teach kids, how we plan our instruction, how we intervene when they are struggling, and the other experiences kids get through their specials class.

All kids at Autumn Creek get weekly time in a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) class. We are starting students as early as kindergarten with coding experiences, and this articulates upward through our grade levels where the challenges get more and more complex. By the time students graduate out of this building, they will have had experiences with coding robots and solving problems with them. In addition to STEM, our students get weekly instruction in Art from one of the best art teachers in the district, are making and writing music in Music class, and utilizing our amazing indoor gym for PE. Our library has a collection of 7,500 books that we are actively expanding.

We want the Fall Creek community to know that at Autumn Creek, we understand the responsibility that comes with being a focal point in the community. We want you here. Our kids need you here. And we can find ways to plug you in at our school. If you are interested in serving here, please contact the Autumn Creek PTO at their website (www.autumncreekpto.org), or you can call the school at 281-641-5700. This school can be even better with your involvement here.

Paul Edwards
Principal
Autumn Creek Elementary

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Hey neighbors,

A new year is here and we are excited to share our monthly wellness concept in Fall Creek! Yoga in the Park, Sound Bath Meditation, and a Recycling Drop Zone (plastic bottles). The first Sunday of each month, starting January 2nd from 9-1p, we will provide access to total wellness in our community, including local fitness and intuitive medicine. We have a new website, a weekly wellness guide, and new products at our market - organic granola and proteins - Grass-fed beef, lamb, heritage pork (BACON!), and goat. Of course, you'll be able to pick up your weekly produce, pastured chicken and eggs, jellies (Oprah's Favorite Things 2020), wild-caught seafood, and pickled veggies. Don't forget the hot breakfast and delicious lunch items. Our market is dog-friendly with the tastiest pet treats for your fur baby.

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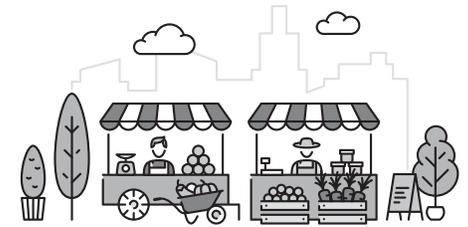
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SPORTS COMPLEX EXPANSION PROJECT UPDATE

Since breaking ground in December 2020, The Harris County Water Control & Improvement District #96 Board of Directors has worked diligently to make your Fall Creek Sports Complex even more inviting. Located at 9810 Wyatt Shores Drive, this unique amenity is currently under construction with various projects for you and your family to continue to enjoy for many years to come. Significant progress has been made and completed projects include new exercise equipment, large and small dog parks, bird watching stations, extended nature trails, and additional playground equipment. Additional plans include new sand volleyball courts, covered picnic areas, batting cages, butterfly garden, chess tables, and ping pong tables.

With work still in progress, we sincerely appreciate your patience and understanding as we grow to better accommodate the community. Once fully completed, we look forward to hosting a Grand Re-Opening Celebration to share these incredible new amenities with everyone.



2022 FALL CREEK ELEMENTARY UPCOMING SPIRIT NIGHTS!

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1ST QUARTER LANDSCAPE TIPS

JANUARY

WATER WATCH – This month has the potential for freezing temperatures. Winterize your irrigation system if those conditions are forecasted. It is as simple as turning off both valves on the vacuum breaker and opening the petcocks to drain it. This may save you money from freeze damage. It also helps to wrap any exposed piping with insulation.

POINSETTIAS – If you still have that Poinsettia around the house try this for fun. Plant it on the south side of your house, if you have room in the bed, this will help protect it from a direct freezing wind from the north. It may survive and produce blooms for you in March!

HEAD START – Getting ready for spring color can be done now. Pot up some bulbs and keep them protected in the garage or storage area. When they begin to emerge in spring transplant into beds for some fresh spring color!

FEBRUARY

WATER WATCH - Although the landscape may not require much in the way of supplemental watering right now it may be time to inspect your system if you have an automated system. Turning on each zone and making any coverage adjustments or repairs now will save time later when all of a sudden it's warm and the landscape will

SHRUBBERY, GROUND COVERS & ROSES – Now is a good time to take stock and see how the landscape has fared through the winter. Prune off any deadwood or foliage. Perhaps you would like to shape the appearance as this will give a manicured appearance and lend itself to new growth to fill in weak spots.

TURF OVERVIEW – The turf should be waking up around now so be prepared with a quick equipment check, good operational equipment makes for less time spent on doing that “yard work”. The appearance of the turf improves with a sharp mower blade! You may want to consider applying a post-emergent herbicide at this time if your lawn has acquired any weeds over the winter typical to Houston. This will also help the turf to fill in as it is becoming active again. Mowing one deck setting lower than normal on your mower also helps this process.

MARCH

WATER WATCH – Many homes have an automatic irrigation system. This is a big component to the overall health of your landscape. It is helpful to turn on each zone and check for proper operation now that we are approaching warmer weather. Adjusting the run times, how many days a week it is set to run and making any needed repairs is not only important to plant health but water savings as well.

SHRUBBERY, GROUND COVERS & ROSES – Last month we talked about pruning and shaping these items. You are now likely starting to see the new foliage growth and buds being set on blooming plant materials. Now is not a good time to do any heavy pruning or shearing! Avoid this so the blooming plants can go thru this process. Once the blooming cycle is complete then it is a good time to get things manicured again.

SPRING SEASONAL COLOR – March is a great time to plant seasonal color for those who want to enjoy some fresh new color! There will be a variety of choices at your local nursery to pick from. Here are a couple of things to consider prior to the fun planting part! One, check the bed space where the color will be installed. It's always a good idea to have four to six inches of mixed soil as a good medium for the new bedding plants to grow in. This makes it easier for the tender new root systems to absorb water and nutrients, giving them a better chance to make you happy!

WINTER IS IN THE AIR, LET'S BE PREPARED!

By Angela Martin

Here are a few helpful tips to prepare for our winter season.

It is important to prepare early this year, as the supply chain for many products may be compromised or delayed. You might also have some items from previous years, so it's time to take inventory!

Check your downspouts and gutters to ensure they are clean and free from leaves and debris.

Frost free outside water faucet covers, are a minimum investment to help prevent freezing water pipes.

Protect your plants! Timing is the key, as frost can happen, even when air temperatures are still just above freezing. The best way to prevent frost damage is to gather and implement strategies before a cold front.

Ensure your shrubs and trees are trimmed and cut back to prevent falling branches from wind, rain and snow.

Native plant recommendations for Fall Creek can be found on the website from the Landscape Committee on www.FallCreekHouston.com

"They who sing through the summer must dance in the winter."

Italian Proverb

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2021 WINTER WONDERLAND WINNERS

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Serrano Creek	8118 Beckett Creek Ln.	Pinecrest	14206 Grand Manor Ln.
		Rose Creek	8002 Caitlyn Fall Ln.

A HUGE THANKS TO THE LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

As the chairwoman of the Landscape Committee I would like to recognize the members of this committee who have contributed so much to the committee and the Fall Creek Community. They are Reggie Cox, Pamela Fitch, Chris Guillote, Angela Martin, Elvis Ngwa, Elizabeth White-Olsen, Glenn Olsen, Paul Phillips, and, Joe Simpson. Although your efforts may go unrecognized by most residents as you quietly contribute your time and energy into the improvement and beautification of Fall Creek, I commend you and am very appreciative of all you do.

- Carol Deeb

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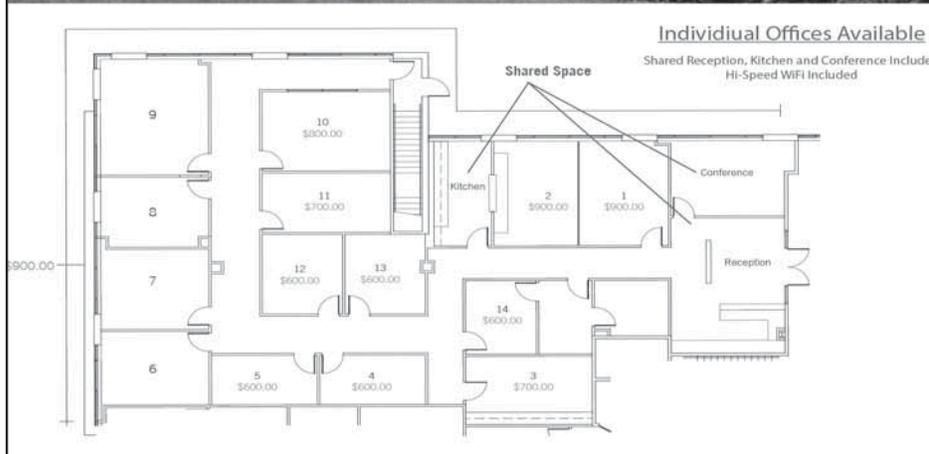
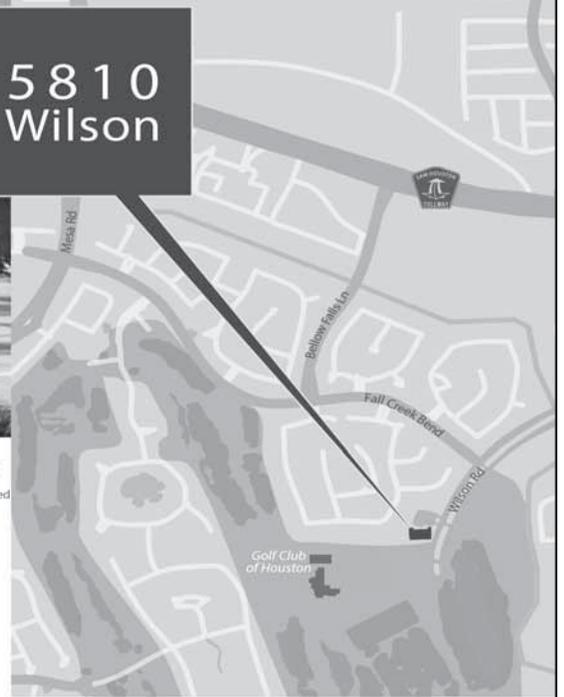
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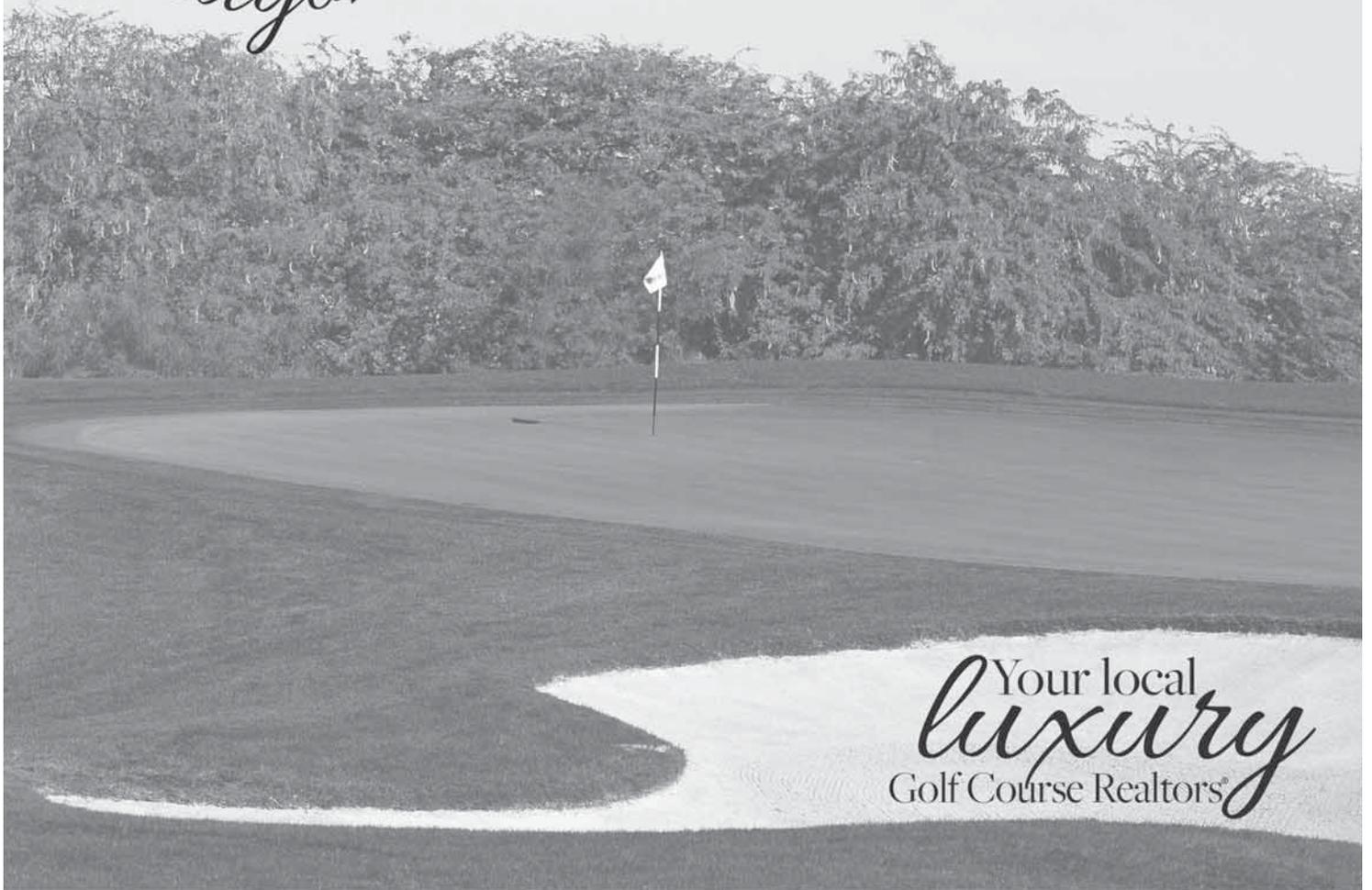
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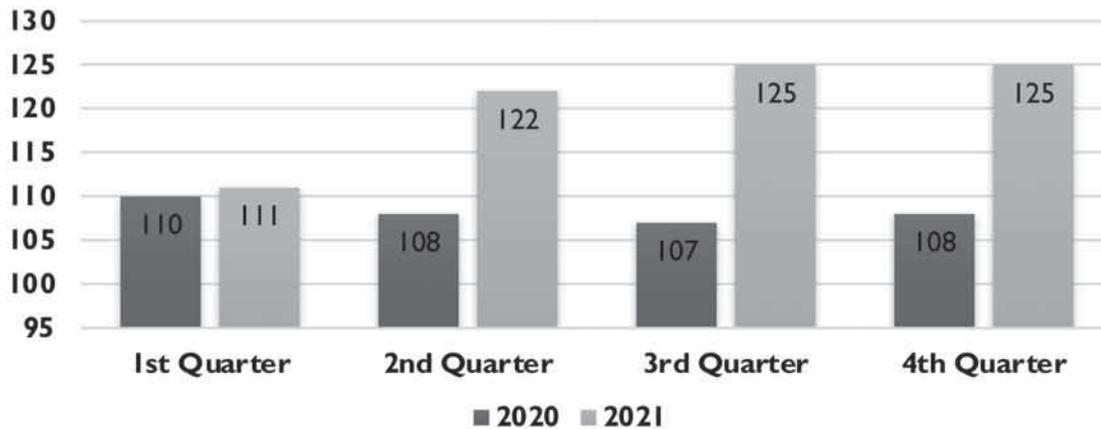
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Be mindful stopping at the bank and returning immediately home. Opportunity seeking criminals may follow and rob you while you are least suspecting.

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While online shopping, please make sure websites are secure prior to providing personal or banking information.

As always, IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!!!

What is going on in the world of GOLF?

According to David Maher, CEO of golf conglomerate Acushnet Holdings, "New participants are increasingly younger; they're hooked on the game and they want to get better. A lot of the energy is coming from avid dedicated players who are simply playing more and consistently; more juniors, more women, more younger [players], and more families."

According to the National Golf Foundation, "The number of female golfers grew 8% in 2020, the largest uptick in five years. Forty-four percent of people who played a round of golf on a course in 2020 were under the age of 40, and nearly the same amount of people in their 30s played golf as those in their 60s."

While the numbers for 2021 are not in yet, the trends look exactly the same. Ask any golfer and you will hear things like:

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