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FALL CREEK

UPCOMING EVENTS

MUSIC IN MAY



First 3 Fridays in May
6:00pm – 9:00pm
The Park @ Fall Creek Clubhouse

It's that time again – The Merry Month of MAY! Come out to The Park behind your Fall Creek Clubhouse the first 3 Friday evenings in May and enjoy an outdoor concert by a great band. Bring your dancing shoes and party with your family and neighbors under the stars. There will also be fabulous offerings from a local food truck each week. Don't forget cash or card to purchase food items and support local businesses! And remember to pack your lawn chairs, blankets, and cooler with your favorite springtime beverages!



Saturday, June 11th
10:00am – 12:00pm & 12:30pm – 2:30pm
Pool 1 (Main Pool)

Celebrate the end of school and welcome summer the best way possible – a Pool Party! Join your friends and neighbors at the Main Pool on Saturday, June 11th for a splashing good time with music, games, ice cream, and more. For safety reasons, all attendees will be required to sign up for this event online for either the 10:00am-12:00pm or the 12:30pm-2:30pm timeslot. This is in effort to stay below the maximum capacity of the pool, keep families safe around the water, and allow for more residents to enjoy the event. Be on the lookout for the RSVP link. It will be shared via FallCreekHouston.com, email, and social media. You must be a Fall Creek resident to RSVP and Fall Creek ID badges are required for entry. No more than 4 guests per household. Regular pool usage will begin at 3:00pm that day.

Grand Reopening of the Sports Complex

Friday, May 27th • 5:30pm - 9:00pm • Fall Creek Sports Complex

The wait is over! Since breaking ground in December of 2020, Harris County WCID 96 has worked tirelessly to bring you more amenities and activities. We are thrilled to announce that construction is now complete, and the expanded and improved Fall Creek Sports Complex is ready for you to enjoy. So, let's party!

In conjunction with the last evening of Music in May, the WCID 96 Board of Directors is excited to invite you to the complex for a night of music, food, games, and fun. As we celebrate the reopening of this unique and beautiful park, the end of school, and Memorial Day all together. Join us and try out the new sand volleyball courts, playgrounds, ping pong tables, chess tables, and dog parks. Take a walk on the extended walking trails and visit the butterfly garden and bird watching stations at sunset to see the magnificent wildlife in their natural habitat. Parking spaces have been added to accommodate more guests.

In traditional Music in May style, please bring lawn chairs and blankets to relax and listen to the music. As more details become available, visit www.FallCreekHouston.com. See you there!

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FARMERS MARKET

Hey neighbors,

Spring is here and our market is growing! The seasonal produce is looking great and new additions have been added to our quality weekly market. Did you know that Egg-o-Rolls and Mouthclouds are Fall Creek residents?! We love giving our neighbors a platform to grow their business. Check out these weekly grocery staples: grass fed beef, pork, lamb, turkey, pastured chicken and eggs, wild caught seafood, gourmet mushrooms and the best local honey around.

We're excited to announce that we passed the goal of 100 POUNDS OF PLASTIC RECYCLED!

Thank you Fall Creek for your continued support. See you at the market!

Fall Creek Farmers' Market

Sundays 9a-1p weekly, rain or shine

Fall Creek Clubhouse
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Spring Yard of the Month



The judging for the Fall Creek Spring Yard of the Season contest will take place on May 4th- 7th and all Fall Creek residents are welcome to participate in the contest! We will be looking for yards with fresh and beautiful landscape designs. Winners will be chosen from each of our 27 Fall Creek villages and will be presented with a "Yard of the Season" sign to place in their front yard for all to enjoy! Judging will be done by Fall Creek's Property Management Company.

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GREAT PLANTS FOR WET AREAS

Have standing water in your yard? This is normal for the Texas Gulf Coast. Instead of planting non-native plants that struggle in standing water, save time and money by planting natives that are designed to thrive in our region's moist soil conditions.

Here are ten attractive plants that will do well in wet areas of your yard:

- Trees: Swamp chestnut oak, Water oak, Black gum, Willow
- Shrubs: Buttonbush, Arrowwood viburnum, Indigo bush (*Amorpha fruticosa*)
- Flowers: Louisiana iris, Texas hibiscus, Fall and spring obedient plant, Aquatic milkweed
- Groundcover: Frogfruit

As a bonus, these plants have evolved with the birds and butterflies of our region. Their flowers, leaves, and seeds will attract them. With native plants, your yard will be much more livelier than if you stick with popular but non-beneficial non-native plants, which evolved on other continents and don't support Texas wildlife.

These native plants can be purchased at Nature's Way in Conroe, Buchanan's in Houston Heights, or at native plant sales hosted by local chapters of the Native Plant Society of Texas. If you're tired of looking at non-native plants struggling on the wet side of your yard, we hope you'll try out some native plants that will add beauty and joy to your life.

CRAWFISH CHEESECAKE

Spring time is crawfish season.

Moses Cruz, Executive Chef at Golf Club of Houston, is excited to share his Crawfish Cheesecake recipe with you.

The Club is also thrilled to announce a new amenity will be opening soon ~ ARROW FIT. A brand new 6,000 square foot full service fitness center.

Chef Moses C. Cruz
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RECIPE:

- 6 tbsps Melted Butter
- 1 ea Egg White
- 2 Cups Crushed Butter Crackers (ritz)

Preheat oven to 350°. In a small Bowl, Combine melted Butter, egg white and crackers. Press mixture into the bottom of a 10-inch spring form pan. Bake for 8 minutes to crisp. Remove from oven and cool. Reduce the oven temperature to 250°

- 1lb. Crawfish tails (chopped)
- 24oz Cream Cheese (softened)
- ½ cup Sour Cream
- 3 tbsps Cornstarch
- 1 tsp Salt
- 1tsp Creole Seasoning
- 2tbsps Minced Onions
- 2 tbsps Minced Celery
- 2 tbsps Minced Red Bell Pepper
- 1/3 cup Sliced Chives
- 2 lg Eggs

In a mixing bowl, blend cream cheese, sour cream, cornstarch, salt, Creole seasoning, onions, celery, bell pepper and chives. Blend well, scraping down sides of the bowl. Add eggs and mix well, scraping down the sides of the bowl again.

Fold in the chopped crawfish tails. Pour the batter over the cooled crust.

Bake for 1 hour. Turn the oven off and leave in the oven for another hour without opening the door.

Cool on a rack for at least 4 hours.

Carefully unmold. Keep refrigerated until ready to serve.



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2ND QUARTER LANDSCAPE TIPS

APRIL

TURF FERTILIZATION – This is typically the time of year the turf will begin to grow and start to show new foliage. That means it is an excellent time to apply the first fertilization of the season to your lawn. Select a fertilizer with a balanced NPK for good root, stolon and leaf blade development.

MULCH – With the warmer temperatures of the season and all it brings also come the appearance of weeds! A two to three-inch layer of shredded hardwood mulch not only adds curb appeal, it will also aid in weed control.

HERB GARDENING – Bring some of the outdoors into your kitchen! Many herbs such as parsley, basil, oregano and sage can be grown in patio pots to add to your gardening enjoyment and healthy life style. They are easy to grow and handy at dinner time!

MAY

WORDS OF WATERING - They say the earth is comprised of 70% water with only 2.5% of that being fit for human consumption. The water we use to irrigate our lawns is part of the 2.5% potable water available to us. With the heat increasing it may be a great idea to inspect your irrigation system if you have one. Keeping up with needed repairs, adjustments and scheduling is vital to water conservation!

MULCH MATTERS – Does it really matter what type of mulch I use? You bet ya and here's why. "Pine Bark Mulch" is a less expensive type however the drawback is that it contains turpentine that kills helpful microbe's essential to plant health. It also "floats out of the beds", attracts fire ants and depletes nitrogen from the soil. "Hardwood Mulch" is mostly made of tree bark from several types of hardwood trees. This contains an acid that again kills microbes. "Aged Native Hardwood Mulch" is the premium choice, the keyword being aged. This is made from ground trees and brush, not bark. The composting process kills the harmful pathogens and weed seeds, also allowing the helpful microbe's to multiply. This is the best choice for your gardens and flower beds.

BE AN ARTISAN – With all the new growth spring brings this is the chance to redefine shrub structure. Allow weak areas to fill in and consider how high and wide you want your plantings to be based on the location or need within your landscape. Shrubs that are in a more natural state give a softer appeal, not all hedges have to have right angles all over them! When trimming also consider a pruning style to leave the base of the plant wider than the top. This allows for more foliage to make contact with sunlight, increasing photosynthesis, resulting in more mature & healthy plants. An incorrect angle of trimming is what causes the plants to become bare on the bottoms.

JUNE

TREE CARE – June is traditionally the start of hurricane season in the Gulf Coast area...and what does that have to do with landscaping you may be asking. Well the potential of strong sustained winds is the cause of most economic damage in our area resulting from hurricanes. Our trees are susceptible to damage in those conditions. It is prudent to inspect your trees for deadwood or weak branching and have that pruned from the tree. This will help make the tree more structurally sound minimizing the potential for damage to your home.

LANDSCAPE UPGRADES – Curb appeal is easily improved by renovating or adding to your existing landscape while giving a sense of satisfaction and pride in your investment. When planning a landscape upgrade it is wise to take in consideration the growth habits, light and water requirements of your selections to ensure they are compatible with the area you intend to spruce up. Always give top consideration to bed preparation, irrigation and mulching as part of your plan to ensure a thriving installation!

MANICURED MOWING – Height equals health, just a phrase to remind me of proper mowing practices. This relates to an elevated mowing height for turfgrass in the hotter months. It seems best to cut the turf at least on a three-inch level. This helps the turf retain water and nutrients more efficiently. It also helps protect itself in time of drought and has fewer clippings to breakdown to avoid a thick thatch layer.



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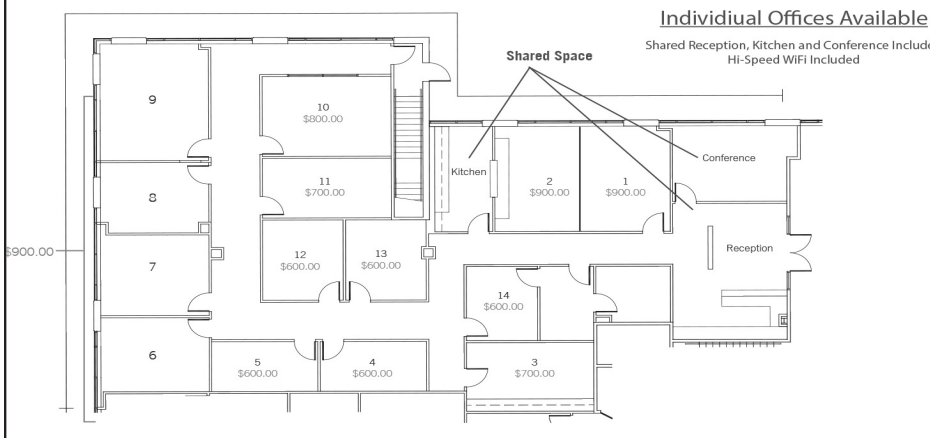
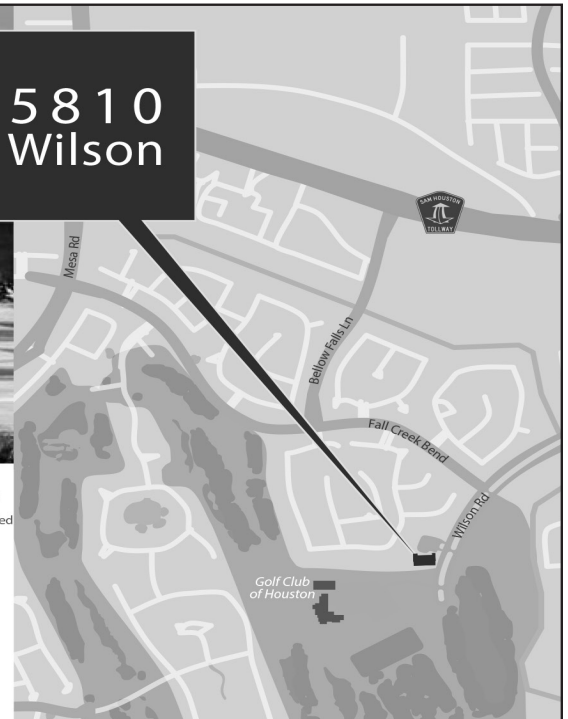


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Selling In 2022: What You Can Expect

2021 was a great year for home sellers. Record low inventory combined with low interest rates sparked the hottest seller's market in several decades. It wasn't uncommon to see homes fly off the market in less than a day, while bidding wars often drove sales 10-15% over asking price.

Many sellers are wondering what to expect in 2022. While there are most certainly changes ahead in 2022, it's still likely to be a great time to list your home. Here is what to expect:

• Mortgage Rates Will Rise

In order to combat record inflation, the Fed is expected to raise interest rates multiple times throughout 2022. So it's realistic to expect interest rate changes to slow the market down just a bit, especially in the back half of the year.

• Price Increases Will Slow Down A Bit

It's safe to assume price gains will cool off a bit. The national median home price jumped 16% in 2021, and it's unrealistic to expect we'll see the same type of increase this year.

• Strong Demand From First-Time Buyers

Many first-time homebuyers were priced out of the market in 2021, so it's no surprise that many are looking to try again in 2022. This means competition will be fierce for starter homes at entry-level price points.

• Inventory Will Start To Increase

Sellers may face more competition in 2022, as a lot of last year's inventory challenges are likely to abate. The pandemic made some owners more reluctant to sell in 2020-2021. Additionally, worker shortages and supply chain issues caused major disruptions to the home building market in 2021. As these issues begin to normalize, we'll see an increase in inventory in the coming years.

• Buyers Will Still Prefer The Suburbs

As more and more companies adopt a remote work model, employees are no longer tied to a physical location. Consequently, more and more young consumers are migrating to suburbs. Since remote work is here to stay, we should expect to see this migration continue.

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FIRE SAFETY

"It's the Little Things that can Save your Property, or a Life"

~The Humble Fire Department

Since we've all been mostly at home for the last two years, as we start to venture out more and more – now is the time to check in on the safety of your home. The Crimewatch Committee welcomed the Humble Fire Department for a presentation during March, where they shared easy tips and tricks to ensure your loved ones and your home are safe from the hazards of fire. And it's as easy as one-two-three!

- Have Fire Extinguishers In Your Home. These are easy to purchase, and there are not only traditional options available – but modernized versions as well. They're inexpensive, and easily accessible at Home Depot, Lowes, or through Amazon.

The Fire Department Recommends! Consider purchasing a traditional fire extinguisher such as a Kiddie Pro Series 210. This dry chemical fire extinguisher is A,B,C rated and capable of handling a variety of different fires(ex: Trash, wood, paper, liquid, gases, and electric fires). This product can be purchased online and at most big box stores for ~\$50.

A secondary option is the First Alert EZ Fire Spray. This small fire spray is a great secondary option that could easily give you the seconds you need to extinguish a small fire before it gets out of hand. This EZ Fire spray project can be purchased online or Home Depot for ~\$11.

- P.A.S.S. In the event of a fire, a simple acronym can save your property. If you see a fire, it's tough not to panic – but remember, it is important to extinguish it correctly. If a fire occurs, grab your nearest fire extinguisher, stand a few feet away, and:
 - Pull the pin
 - Aim the hose or nozzle
 - Squeeze the trigger with force

- Sweep your aim side to side across the fire

Prioritize your safety and that of your family. If the fire is too much to handle, or you are uncertain whether a fire is properly extinguished, call 911 and have the fire department handle the situation.

- Check Your Fire Alarms. When they start beeping around the house, that's usually a sign that you should go ahead and change all of your alarms throughout your house. Remember, alarms are typically good for 10 years from the day they were manufactured (Not the date they were purchased).



A Tip from the Fire Department! Test your fire alarm twice a year. An good reminder on when to check your fire alarms is to coincide the routine schedule with daylight savings time(Standard time to Daylight savings time).

Practicing these three simple tips is an easy way to ensure your home is safe. If you ever have a doubt or question, the Humble Fire Department is eager to help. If you suspect a fire may be affecting your home, immediately dial 9-1-1. If you have general safety questions, reach out to them directly! They are passionate about our community and keeping all who live in it safe.

"It's all the little things that can save a life or your property. Most fires they see start are from the little things. Even if you're not sure, call the fire department."

~The Humble Firefighter Team

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

The Crimewatch Committee is a group of neighbors who work with law enforcement to ensure our community is safe, and help to spread the word to neighbors about how to keep their homes and loved ones out of harm's way. The CWC also hosts events to foster community engagement, from Block Parties to National Night Out! We are seeking additional volunteers, as not all villages are currently represented. If you'd like to serve the community (minimal time commitment!), meet great people, and help keep our community safe and connected, please reach out to FallCreekCrimeWatch@gmail.com. The following villages currently do not have representatives:

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