

THE *Leaves* OF

SUMMER 2023

FALL CREEK

EXCITING NEWS: ENCLAVE BUTTERFLY GARDEN COMING FALL 2023!

by Elizabeth White Olsen, Landscape Committee

Thanks to the persistent efforts of Carol Deeb and the Landscape Committee, and to the HOA Board of Directors' commitment to beautifying Fall Creek, our neighborhood is getting a pretty butterfly garden along Mesa Drive. The garden will be located on the sunny hill right behind Enclave Pool, which is the smaller pool on Mesa located between the Maple Creek and Laurel Oaks villages.

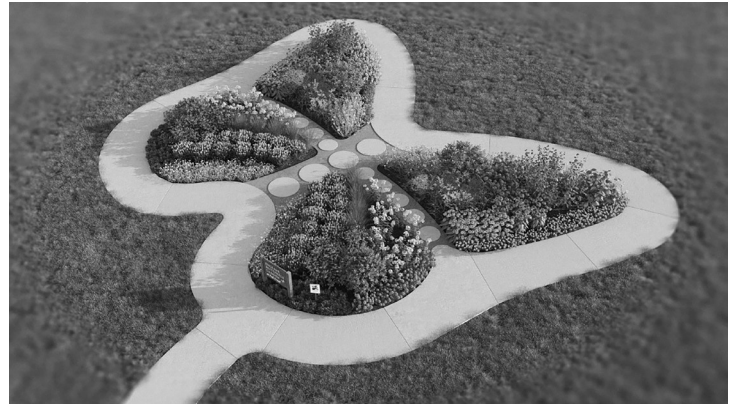
The butterfly garden will be shaped like a butterfly and will be surrounded by a wide sidewalk to ensure everyone has access, including those using wheelchairs and strollers.

Along with flowers that provide nectar, the garden will contain several butterfly host plants (the plants caterpillars must eat in order to become butterflies). The host plants that will be provided include milkweed, to support monarchs, and fennel, to support giant swallowtail and black swallowtail butterflies.

Butterflies also need native bunch grasses for escaping predators and bad weather. Thus, little bluestem will be provided. Along with

grasses, butterflies need shrubs and trees, both as places to hide from danger and as protected places to form their chrysalises. The existing trees surrounding the site will help with this, and additional shrubs will be planted within the garden as well.

Planting is set to begin in mid-fall, so stay tuned for an announcement of the Enclave Butterfly Garden's Grand Opening. The date will be announced soon!



FARMERS MARKET

Hey neighbors,

Summer is here and our market is growing! We practice Yoga every Sunday starting at 10a and the first Sunday is FREE! It's watermelon season and Randolph Farms will be back. Sweet organic watermelons picked fresh from their local farm in Hardin, TX. Did you know that Egg-o-Rolls is a Fall Creek resident?! We love giving our neighbors a platform to grow their business. Check out these weekly grocery staples: seasonal produce, grass fed meats, pastured chicken and eggs, Indian cuisine, wild caught seafood, gourmet mushrooms and the best local honey around.

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

Fall Creek Farmers' Market

Sundays 9a-1p weekly, rain or shine

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For vendor spotlights and updates follow, like and share on Instagram, Facebook and Nextdoor

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Vendor Inquiries apply online - buylocalmarket.org

FARMERS MARKET



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COMMUNITY POOL UPDATES

We would like to thank each resident who has made the start of each season so successful. We would like to provide some reminders to the residents that wish to enjoy our two fantastic pools!

Access to the Pools:

- Every resident over the age of 14 who desires to use either pool must have an ID Badge. (Residents under 18 are not allowed to bring their own guest)
- Residents must always be present with their guests.

Pool Parties

- Pool parties are now open for request, private pool parties will only be held outside of pool hours and available only to residents. If you are interested in having a pool party, please visit Aquatic Advisors - Guard Houston Hosted Parties

Water Aerobics Class! Now Available to all Residents

Your community expressed interest in Water Aerobic Classes. We have opened sign-ups to see if this will be possible. **NO SWIMMING SKILLS NEEDED**

- An exciting water aerobics class where no swimming skills are needed. This class is designed to improve flexibility, range of motion, strength, muscle tone and cardiovascular endurance while using the resistance of the water to cushion the feet, knees and back. Exercises are performed to lively, motivating music and are effective and easy to follow.
- Equipment will be available to borrow for those who do not have their own.
- Each location will offer two one-hour classes per week through August.
- If interested, please email Ajones@aquaticadvisors.net and Sign up at Aquatic Advisors - Water Aerobics Courses for All Ages

Swimming Lessons! Available to all Residents

Your community expressed interest in swimming lessons. We have opened sign-ups to see if this will be possible. Lessons will tentatively be held on Monday- Thursday Mornings and afternoons from 8am-12pm or 4-8pm

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HARRIS COUNTY VACATION WATCH

Utilize HCSO's Vacation Watch Program when away for an extended time. Visit https://www.harriscountysoc.org/Programs/programs_vacationwatch.aspx for more information.

A MESSAGE FROM CRIME WATCH COMMITTEE

Summer is a time for fun and relaxation, but it's also a time when criminals are more likely to strike. Here are some tips to help you keep your neighborhood safe this summer:

- Get to know your neighbors. The more you know about the people who live around you, the more likely you are to notice something suspicious. Get to know your neighbors' names, faces, and routines. If you see something out of the ordinary, don't be afraid to say something.
- Keep your doors and windows locked. This is the most basic crime prevention tip, but it's also one of the most important. Even if you're just running out for a few minutes, lock your doors and windows. Don't leave keys under doormats or planters.
- Install a security system. A security system can be a great way to deter criminals and give you peace of mind. There are many different types of security systems available, so you can find one that fits your budget and needs.
- Light up your property. Dark areas are inviting to criminals. Install motion-sensor lights around your home and yard to deter crime and make your property more visible.
- Don't leave valuables in plain sight. If you have to leave valuables in your car, lock them in the trunk. Don't leave them in plain sight in your home, either.
- Be aware of your surroundings. When you're out and about, practice situational awareness and pay attention to anyone who seems suspicious. If you feel uncomfortable, trust your instincts and leave the area.
- If you see something suspicious, don't ignore it. Report it to the police using the Non-emergency number, 1 (713) 221-6000.

By following these tips, you can help make your neighborhood a safer place.



WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIVE LONGER?

For those not familiar, the R&A is a group of companies that governs the rules of golf, along with several other important golf centric tasks.

A recent article published in Golf Monthly Magazine stated, *"Most of us who play golf know and appreciate some of the health benefits of the game we love, if not all of them. Those outside the sport have perhaps been less aware that golf is one of the very best activities for increasing overall physical and mental health and can increase your life expectancy. The R&A's 2020 Golf and Health report featured a scientific study conducted in Sweden that showed golfers live an average of five years longer than non-golfers."*

In case you missed it...**GOLFERS LIVE 5-YEARS LONGER!**

So, I am thinking if you add some additional exercise at a club like ArrowFit @ Golf Club of Houston, you just might live forever.

Have a great summer!

Nate Gumm, Membership Director, Golf Club of Houston



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AN IMPORTANT REMINDER ON BEHALF OF THE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE:

As a homeowner, it's natural to want to improve the appearance of your home and contribute to making your neighborhood a more appealing place to live, and we commend homeowners for taking an interest in the appearance of their community. However, keep in mind that any exterior improvements or modifications **MUST** receive approval from your Architectural Review Committee (ARC) before any work can be performed.

Obtaining ARC approval is a necessary step in ensuring that any changes you make to your home are appropriate for Fall Creek and comply with the Community's Design Guidelines. Even if your project has already been completed, a documented approval is still required.

It's important to note that if you begin construction on an exterior modification before obtaining ARC approval, you may be required to undo any work that has been completed should your design not be approved. Following the ARC process may feel like an unnecessary delay to completing your dream project, but obtaining approval beforehand will ensure that homeowners can avoid the time-consuming and costly project of undoing their hard work.

So, before starting any exterior projects (including, but not limited to landscaping addition or removal, roof replacement, fence replacement, painting, etc.), remember the importance of obtaining ARC approval first.

The ARC Request Form can be found by visiting SpectrumAM.com >

Homeowners > Property Improvement.

- Fall Creek Team

LANDSCAPE TIPS

JULY

CHINCH BUG ACTIVITY – Be aware of irregular brown patches in your turf - particularly along concrete areas such as the driveway and curb - as Chinch Bugs thrive on the heat. Stressed or dry areas are a preferred target for this turf destroying pest. If not controlled with insecticide, Chinch Bugs will persist to multiply and spread, even migrating to your neighbors' yards. The Chinch Bug is approximately 1/8-inch-long with a white X on it back from its wings being folded.

TRIM SHRUBS – July is an excellent point in time to shape shrubs, but do not cut into last years growth. This will further promote growth and allow plants to fill in. Leaving as much foliage as feasible while shaping will aid in photosynthesis and plant health.

FERTILIZE – Frequent cutting of the turf depletes nutrients. Replenish the turf's vigor by applying fertilizer. Nitrogen promotes leaf blade development, potassium helps with the stem growth, and phosphorus generates root growth. These are the three main ingredients in turf fertilizer, and the fuel your lawn requires to acquire that pleasing green color we all desire.

AUGUST

BROWN PATCH AWARENESS - Yes, it is already time to start watching for this turf disease! Excessive soil moisture, high nitrogen content and cooler temperatures at night all contribute to brown patches. Two of these conditions are present now and can lead to the fungus developing. Watch for small smoke ring-like patterns in the turf; they appear yellow or orange on the edges and will grow in size if left untreated.

NUTSEDGE WEED CONTROL – This is a common weed that grows from tubers beneath the soil. Manually pulling these weeds is akin to pruning, in a way. The weed breaks off below the soil line and creates additional nutlets which produce additional weeds! Treatment: pull all visible weeds, apply pre-emergent, mulch, and then spray post-emergent as any weeds emerge. This will provide the most effective control.

POTTED HERBS – Most herbs can be grown in small pots to add texture and functionality to your patio. Sweet Basil, Cilantro, Mint and others can add aroma as well as flavor your culinary endeavors. Bring the outdoors in and spice up your life!

SEPTEMBER

TURF WINTERIZATION – If planning to winterize, use a low-Nitrogen type fertilizer, as Nitrogen promotes leaf growth and increases the likelihood of brown patches. A higher Potassium & Phosphorous count is preferred to promote stem and root growth. This adds to the turf's density and aids in weed control, leading to a quicker bounce back in the Spring.



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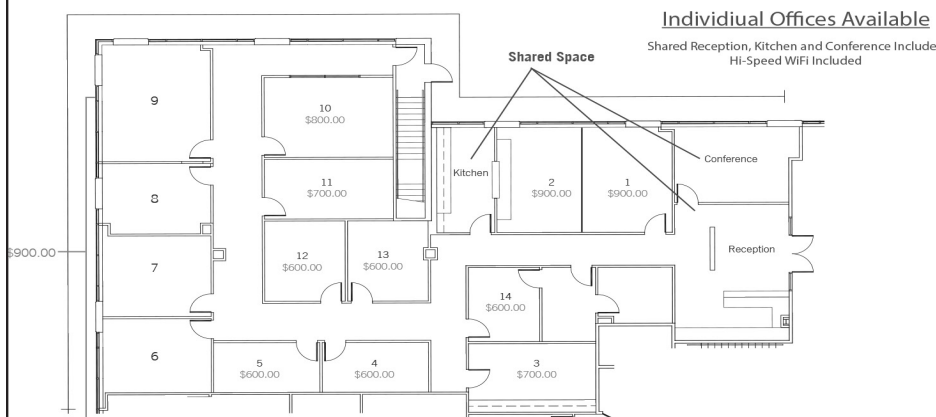


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