

# THE *Leaves* OF

FALL 2023

# FALL CREEK

## COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE QUARTER 2023

The Fall Creek Board would like to recognize the following Committee Members for their service to our community. Through your active participation, each of you has made a difference. Thank you for your hard work and dedication in making Fall Creek a wonderful place to live.

- **Spring – Cynthia Putnam** (Crime Watch Committee)
- **Summer – Owen Carpenter** (Welcome Committee)
- **Fall – Elizabeth White-Olsen** (Landscape Committee)

Each committee is always looking for new members. Please visit <https://fallcreekhouston.com/our-committees/> for more information.

## ENCLAVE BUTTERFLY GARDEN CELEBRATION TO BE HELD APRIL 27TH, 2024

Fall Creek's Enclave Butterfly Garden is now a reality! Located by the pool at The Enclave at Fall Creek, or by "the small pool," as it's called, the Enclave Butterfly Garden provides over 700 square feet of butterfly nectar plants, such as lantana, and butterfly host plants, such as milkweed.

Go by and see the new garden when you get a chance. The new plants are still small, since they're newly planted, but by spring they will be larger. Within a year or two, the garden should be completely filled in with flowers and foliage.

Butterflies are challenged right now due to this summer's record-breaking heat and drought, which diminishes the availability of nectar and caterpillar host plants, so this is the perfect time for Fall Creek to be putting in a butterfly garden.

Join us and learn more about butterflies at the Ribbon Cutting for Enclave Butterfly Garden on Saturday, April 27th, where the Fall Creek Landscape Committee will be hosting garden tours, a butterfly costume contest, and activities.

- Fall Creek Landscaping Committee

## FARMERS MARKET

Hey neighbors,

Fall is quickly approaching, and our market is growing! We practice Yoga every Sunday starting at 10a, and the first Sunday is FREE! Farmer Bobilya has planted for the Fall and the farm is in transition from the Summer. So exciting! Have you tried FlorVino flower wine yet? Stop by this Sunday for a sample. 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, grassfed 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

Fall Creek Clubhouse

7930 Fall Creek Bend Dr. • Humble, TX 77396

For vendor spotlights and updates follow, like and share on Instagram, Facebook and Nextdoor  
IG @fallcreekfarmersmarket • FB @buylocalfarmersmarket

Vendor Inquiries apply online - [buylocalmarket.org](http://buylocalmarket.org)

## FARMERS MARKET



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911

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Fall Creek Elementary School  
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281-641-5200

Summer Creek High School  
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281-313-2378

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281-350-0895

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281-313-2378

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281-459-7820

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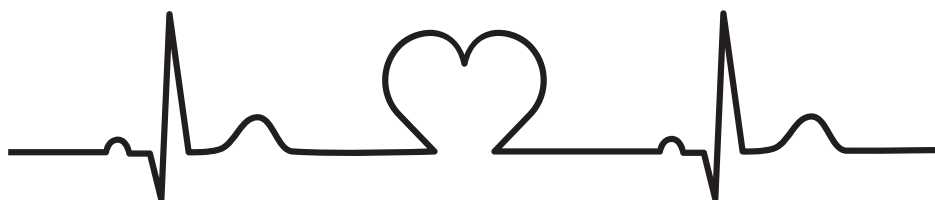
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## FALL CREEK HOA ANNUAL MEETING

It's that time of year again: the Fall Creek Homeowners Association, Inc. Annual Meeting of the Members will be held on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at the Fall Creek Elementary School cafeteria. Voting information will be sent out via email and mail. If you have any questions, please reach out to [FallCreekTeam@SpectrumAM.com](mailto:FallCreekTeam@SpectrumAM.com). The meeting starts at 6:30PM – we look forward to seeing you there!

## CPR TRAINING

CPR/AED training will occur on Sunday Nov. 12 at 3pm in the clubhouse. Please visit the Crime Watch Committee page on [FallCreekHouston.com](http://FallCreekHouston.com) for more information.



## FALL CREEK'S LANDSCAPING CLEANUP GUIDELINES

Fall is here, and the change in color and (hopefully) temperature brings about a renewed motivation to spruce up the exterior of the home and make a positive contribution to the appearance of our community. Our landscaping management team has already provided us with some useful tips to get a jump on seasonal lawn maintenance, but the job doesn't end there. A beautifully manicured lawn and perfectly pruned hedges aren't possible without making a bit of a mess. You may find yourself wondering what to do with all the leftovers – tree limbs, grass clippings, and dead leaves – and all too often, this debris is being left on sidewalks or in the street, where it is washed down into the storm drains. Not only does this detract from the appeal of the community, but it can also lead to pollution of local waterways and serious flooding.

Fortunately, Fall Creek's trash collection company is in the community every Wednesday and Saturday to help get the job done. The Best Trash crew picks up heavy trash alongside regular trash on each scheduled service day and strives to finish their route as quickly and safely as possible. We can do our part to help them achieve this goal by keeping the following guidelines in mind:

**Tree Limbs, Shrub & Brush Trimmings:** Tie into clearly separated bundles, each weighing 40lbs or less. Limbs may not exceed a length of 4 feet or a diameter of 3 inches. Up to 5 bundles will be collected per service day. Disposing of these items directly into the trashcan poses a safety hazard for the crew and may result in a missed pickup.

**Leaves, Grass Clippings, & Small Debris:** Securely bag these items and leave them at the curb for collection. Each bag should weigh 40lbs or less, and up to 5 bags will be collected per service day. Please note that debris or waste left behind by a contracted landscaper are the responsibility of the landscaper to remove. Alternatively, Best Trash can be contacted to arrange a special pickup.

**Dirt, Sod, Mulch, Rocks & Bricks:** These items are not included in the service and should not be left at the curb.

The full pickup guidelines can be found at <https://www.best-trash.com/>.

For any questions regarding trash service, or to arrange for a special pickup, please contact Best Trash: (281) 313-2378 / [customerservice@besttrashstexas.com](mailto:customerservice@besttrashstexas.com)



# ANNOUNCING THE 3RD ANNUAL FALL CREEK JUNIOR & ADULT TENNIS TOURNAMENT



After a long-anticipated wait the **3rd Annual Junior & Adult Tennis Tournament**, presented by the *Fall Creek Tennis & Pickleball Committee* is scheduled for competition on Saturday & Sunday October 14-15th at the Fall Creek Tennis courts. For the past 2-years the Tennis Committee is proud to announce that over 100 Adults and Juniors have participated in the event and it's only getting bigger each year. By the time you are reading this article chances are that the Tournament is coming up this weekend or has just passed. If it hasn't passed yet you still have time to register \* for the event. This year, early registered players will receive a limited special 22"x44" Super Gym Sports Towel. ALL registered participants will receive an event t-shirt, sports drinks, awards for 1st Place finishers in each category and top awards for finalists in each category. We truly hope that the event continues to grow, and residents continue to enjoy this incredible amenity that Fall Creek has to offer.

\*If it's not too late you can still register (1) yourself or juniors to play in this year's tennis tournament by going to [www.fallcreektennis.com](http://www.fallcreektennis.com) for more information.

Pickleball players we haven't forgotten about the growth and demand we have with this sport at Fall Creek and we are currently discussing ways to proceed with the same type of event next year. Stay tuned for more information on a "2024 Fall Creek Pickleball Tournament".

*\*Entry fees do apply to the event.*

## **Tennis & Pickleball Players Update:**

FCMT (Fall Creek Men's Tennis) is always looking for more participants to join our open play each Tuesday & Thursday evening from 6:30-8:30pm. The men play singles and doubles dependent upon how many players agree to play that night. All players, as a resident of Fall Creek, with a tennis rating of 3.5 and above are encouraged to give it a try. If you enjoy Tennis and don't want the hassle of fee's, strict time limits, coaches screaming instruction, and formal commitments to play but just want to enjoy the sport with others who play on a flexible nightly T/TH weekly basis with no fees, tennis balls supplied for free and reservations taken care of for you, then show your interest by sending an email to [fallcreektennis1@gmail.com](mailto:fallcreektennis1@gmail.com) to receive more information.

**DID YOU KNOW?** That Fall Creek has active tennis TEAMS for men & women who compete

against other tennis teams in North Houston. As a matter of fact, the Fall Creek Men's team this spring season, consisted of Fall Creek residents (Captain-Steve Lundeen, Players Mathew Wong, Joseph Wei, Scott Middleton, Lionel Cruz, Mejdj Kamoun, Brian Ashy, Adel Rehman and Sub Dennis Brucki) played in the North Houston Leagues 2023 Spring Championship match and took home 1st Place representing Fall Creek. New teams are already forming for 2024 spring season play. Teams are limited to 8-10 players, so if you're interested send an email to [fallcreektennis1@gmail.com](mailto:fallcreektennis1@gmail.com) and the current Fall Creek team captains and /or coordinator of league play in the committee will respond.

## **August 2023 Tennis/Pickleball Survey update:**

The Fall Creek Tennis/Pickleball Committee would like to thank all that responded to the short 5-question "Help Shape the Future of the Fall Creek Tennis/Pickleball Amenity" survey that was sent out in late August. The response and participation in the survey was overwhelming with close to 350 respondents. The committee continues to review and sort through the responses and will respond back to those who chose "YES" to the question "I would like to be kept in the loop as to the overall results of this survey". Again, thanks to all that participated. More to come.

See you on the courts.

## SUMMER LAWN RECOVERY

It goes without saying, Summer of 2023 has been tough. The extreme heat and lack of rain has taken a toll on lawns across the Houston area. As the fall season approaches, Will Hoppe, Member Course Superintendent at Golf Club of Houston, has a couple of simple recommendations to help your lawn recover from the summer stress.

- Raise the height of cut on your lawn mower to the highest setting to allow the grass to keep more plant tissue for the winter.
- Weed and Feed NOW! Put a high-quality fall fertilizer with weed control on your lawn YESTERDAY! He said, "We still have a month (maybe more) of growing weather before grass starts to shut down for the winter." Be sure to water-in the herbicide with enough water to get the product down into the soil.
- Don't panic if you have grass that went into summer dormancy or looks dead. With rain and the fertilizer that you apply now, those areas will start to green up and the herbicide will help prevent weeds from emerging.

Unfortunately, some areas that received significant damage may require additional care and treatment next spring – including additional aerification, fertilizer treatments, and in the worst cases, new sod to aid in recovery of larger areas. Let's hope that this is not the case, and let's pray for some nice fall weather very soon!

- Golf Club of Houston

## WINTERIZE YOUR HOME IRRIGATION

For a brief video on how to winterize your home irrigation, visit <https://fallcreekhouston.com/landscape-committee/>

# BOO FALL CREEK FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS

Halloween is one of the most anticipated nights of the year for kids, but research shows some scary statistics\* on Halloween & Trick or Treating safety:

- Children are more than twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than any other day of the year.
- Unfortunately, 12% of children under the age of 5 are permitted to Trick or Treat alone
- 63% of children do not carry a flashlight or wear reflective tape
- 52% of motor vehicle deaths on Halloween involve alcohol
- The U.S. Consumer Product safety commission estimates an average of 3,200 Halloween-related injuries happen every year.

Stat Breakdown:

- Pumpkin carving attributes to 55%.
- Falls while decorating or tripping over costumes contribute to 25%.
- Miscellaneous situations like lacerations, ingestion, and other injuries relating to costumes, pumpkins, decorations, or allergic reactions contribute to 20%.

Fortunately, a few simple precautions can make it a safe night for everyone!

## Top 10 Tips for Staying Safe on Halloween

1. Always be aware of your surroundings and use safety precautions while Trick or Treating.
2. Make sure you can see! Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips and falls.
3. Use reflective tape, flashlights or Glow sticks to be more visible to drivers.
4. Use the buddy system or walk in groups while Trick or Treating. Small children should walk with their parents or a trusted adult, never alone.
5. Stay on the sidewalks and cross the street in groups. Remember to look both ways when crossing streets.
6. Only approach well-lit houses with porch lights on. Never enter a stranger's house unless with a trusted adult.
7. Wait until returning home before eating any candy. Parents should examine all candy prior to allowing children access to eating.
8. Never accept rides from a stranger.
9. Eliminate distractions by keeping cell phones in a safe place while walking.
10. If you see something suspicious, report it. Save the Harris County Sheriff's Office Non-Emergency Phone Number in your phone. (713) 221-6000 – Option 1.

Lastly, **motorists – SLOW DOWN** and be especially alert while driving within the neighborhood. Children are excited on Halloween and pedestrian traffic may be more unpredictable.

Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30PM to 9:30PM. Residents, please leave the porch or garage light on if you are distributing candy.

Whether or not you're Trick or Treating this year, we can all do our part to keep Halloween a spooky safe & frighteningly fun time!

Thanks,  
Fall Creek Crime Watch Committee

Note: The CWC meets monthly (3rd Tuesday) at the Fall Creek Clubhouse. Meeting dates/times & topics are regularly announced via the Nextdoor Events calendar. Residents are encouraged to attend!

*\*Source: SafeKids.org/Halloween*

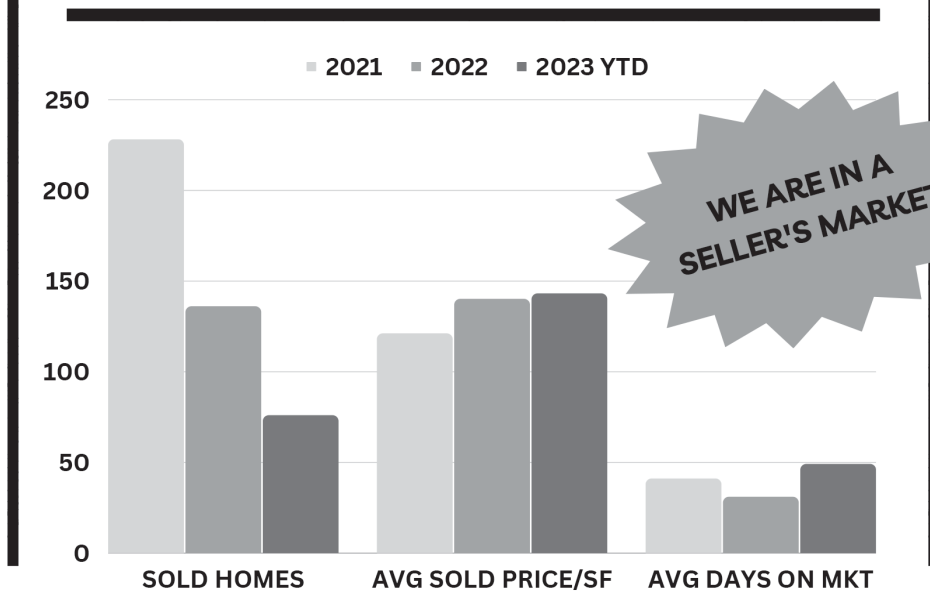






# Fall Creek Real Estate Market Update

## Did You Know These Statistics About Fall Creek?



*\*Per Houston Association of Realtors\**

### FEATURED LISTINGS IN FALL CREEK



**CLEARWATER CROSSING:**  
Roof replaced 2022, Complete Remodel Downstairs, Serene Backyard Fountain and Huge Covered Patio, 3-Car Garage, No Back Neighbors, \$520,000



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**Dr. Robin Stratmann** is a Board Certified Orthodontist with a Masters Degree in Orthodontics. She is also a Board Certified Pediatric Dentist. Dual Board certification in both specialties gives her a unique perspective on your child's growth and development. She earned a BS at LSU, and her DDS and MS at University of Texas School of Dentistry. We invite you to join the fun at Northeast Orthodontics!



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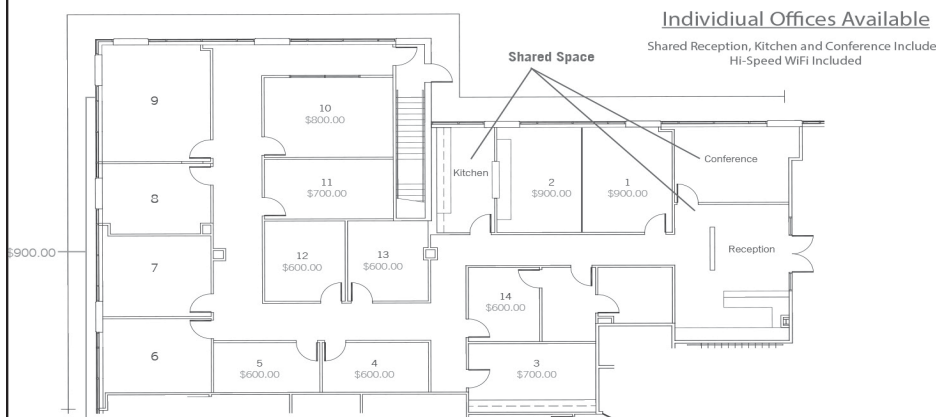
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## *Holiday Market*

Saturday, December 2nd • 9:00am – 1:00pm

Fall Creek Clubhouse



The holidays are just around the corner! Mark your calendars now to sell your homemade products at the Sixth Annual Fall Creek Holiday Market. Start gathering supplies now for your specialty! Holiday door wreaths, North Pole décor, mistletoe scented soaps, mouthwatering baked goods, jolly accessories, and other creative products from your imagination are all welcome. MLM and local small businesses are welcome, too. Spaces are filling up fast! Please complete and submit the vendor registration form found on [www.FallCreekHouston.com](http://www.FallCreekHouston.com) to become a vendor.

Don't miss out on all the other holiday happiness coming to the market! Santa Claus is taking time away from his busy schedule to come take pictures with your little ones. Take a break from shopping to have a cup of coffee or hot chocolate then ride the horse drawn carriage or jump for joy in the holiday moon bounces. Please park at Fall Creek Elementary. Free shuttles will run continuously between the market and the parking lot to ensure you, your tired feet, and new goodies get to and from your car safely. See you there & Happy Holidays!

## CARDINAL COUNTY FAIR

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NOV. 4, 11-3PM

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[fcpto.com](http://fcpto.com)



## FIRST RESPONDERS APPRECIATION *Breakfast*

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for your service to our community.**

Hosted by:



*Friday, October 27th  
7:30 - 9:00am  
Fall Creek Elementary*