

Westchester RAP

Letter From The Board

The board has been busy with preparations for the summer pool season. The pool resurfacing project was a success and came in at anticipated budget. Normal maintenance for things like pump replacement and facilities cleaning will take place over the coming weeks. This RAP issue will include instructions for how to register for the pool and tennis club.

We have a new landscaping contractor and we have updated some services. Seasonal color landscaping will be installed at the monuments decorating the entrances to our neighborhood at the end of the week of 04/21.

–The WOC 2023 Board of Trustees

Yard Of the Month

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Connie and Tracey Williford at 14758 Bramblewood

Bloom Where You are Planted

These tips are drawn from *Lone Star Gardening* by Neil Sperry and The River Oaks Garden Club's *A Garden Book for Houston and the Texas Gulf Coast*, 5th edition. The latter book advocates organic gardening practices but has a wealth of information specific to our area that is useful to all.

Warm-season annuals can be planted as they become available. For sunny areas: moss rose, vinca, pentas, hybrid purslane, fan flower, angelonia, Dahlberg daisies, cleome, and marigolds, etc. for flowers, and sun-tolerant coleus, sun-tolerant caladiums, copper plant, ornamental sweet potato, and alternanthera for foliage. For shady areas: impatiens, wax begonias, and nicotianas, etc. for flowers and caladiums and coleus for foliage.

If desired, prune spring blooming shrubs and trees such as quince, bridal wreath, weigela, deutzia and others after they bloom. Azaleas can be pruned up through June without sacrificing blooms for next year, but after June they begin to set their buds for next spring.

When pruning trees to remove low-hanging, dead, and damaged branches avoid trimming oaks from spring through mid-July to minimize the likelihood of oak wilt fungus. Consider applying a layer of mulch to your beds which will help preserve moisture in the soil, slow the development of weeds, enrich the soil as it breaks down, and enhance the appearance of your yard.

Check that the different stations on your irrigation system are working correctly before it gets hot. Apply liquid or granular, all-nitrogen or high-nitrogen, fertilizer as desired to blooming flowers, etc. following label instructions.

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Next HOA Meeting: Tues May 16, 2023 from 6-8 PM in Saint John Vianney Room E-9.

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2023 Swim Season Schedule

Registration Opens	March 20th
Early Bird Rate Ends	April 17th
Swimsuit fittings @ Westchester pool	April 30th
Practices Begin	May 2nd
Swimsuit order deadline	May 8th
Time Trials/Meet #1 vs. Sharks	May 20th
No Practice	May 25th-May30th
Thornwood Practice Meet	May 31st
Stroke Clinic: Freestyle	June 1st
Meet #2 @ Spring Valley	June 3rd
Swim Team Photos	June 5th
Stroke Clinic: Backstroke	June 8th
Meet #3 vs. BGP	June 10th
Relay Invitational Meet	June 14th
Stroke Clinic: Breaststroke	June 15th
Meet #4 vs. Briar Village	June 17th
Stroke Clinic: Butterfly	June 22nd
Prelims (must attend to make finals)	June 23rd
Finals (must qualify after prelims)	June 24th
End of Season Party	June 24th

westchesterdolphins.swimptopia.com

Early Bird registration is in full swing! See the full-page section later on in this document for registration instructions.

The board is working on getting replaced, repaired, and upgraded wind screens for the courts. Sun-shades for the benches on the courts have been requested but will probably have to wait until later in the budget cycle or be funded through fund-raising activities.

The summer pool schedule is a work in progress. We will have the full schedule available in the next edition of the RAP and posted on the web site ASAP. The usual annual pattern of Monday being closed for cleaning and maintenance and one day per week opening earlier in the day should continue this year.

We will have the regular visitors to the pool from SJV's summer camp and the NHE 5th grade graduation as well. The WOC Pool committee and volunteers will try to note everything on the final calendar so there are no surprises.

Email us at pool@westchesterhouston.org if you have any questions.



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In Our Schools



We will be celebrating our annual **Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week** the first week in May.

This year the theme is **HOLLYWOOD VIP RED CARPET - YOU'RE A STAR!**

Please consider donating towards this well deserved week for our teachers and staff, so we can treat them like the **STAR** they are. Below are the different donor levels! Reach out to **Jennifer Young** and/ or **Maddie Murphy** at NHETeacherAppreciation2023@gmail.com to get involved!

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Women's Club

Content for this section will return in a future edition!


2023 Westchester Pool & Tennis Registration

Registering for the Pool & Tennis club's 2023 season is a 3 step process:

1. Fill out the Registration form online:

https://form.jotform.com/230748506655159	
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2. All household members over 18 must sign the Waiver online:

https://form.jotform.com/230748971143157	
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3. Pay your registration fee in one of two ways: Via PayPal app or via a paper check.

<p>PayPal to "Westchester Owner's Committee, Inc."</p> <p>https://www.paypal.com/qrcodes/managed/b518d2c5-da39-457f-a9f4-dfcc3c4371da</p>	
<p>Paper check made out to "Westchester Owner's Committee, Inc." memo "2023 Pool & Tennis" and mailed or hand delivered to one of the following addresses or trustees mail boxes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Crest Management: Westchester Owners Committee c/o Crest Management P.O. Box 219320 Houston , TX 772182. Trustee Ferrell: 14759 Oak Bend Dr3. Trustee Hampton: 14759 Cindywood Dr	

Meet Your Neighbor

Once a month the RAP focuses on a family in Westchester. This issue covers the **Williams** family. Thanks for being kind enough to answer the WOC Board's questions!

Daniel, Marissa, Jonah (4th grade - 10 years old), Simon (3rd grade - 9 years old), Grace (PreK - 4.5 years old), and Eli (3 years old). You may not know the kids, though, because they go to The Saint Constantine School - which is a classical school with a part-time homeschool option. The big boys have loved playing sports with the neighborhood kids.

Q: Where are you (ya'll) from?

A: Daniel is originally from Boston, but his family all currently live in Austin. Marissa moves around a lot: Michigan, Texas, Illinois, Michigan, Texas, California, Texas... but ultimately she kept coming back to Texas.

Q: When did you move into the neighborhood?

We moved to Westchester in October 2014, so we've been here 8.5 years.

Q. What brought you to Westchester?

A: We were living in a 3-story in the Heights and needed more space with two young boys. We chose Westchester for access to the trail, which Marissa spent a LOT of time pushing a double stroller with two toddlers up those hills east of Dairy Ashford on when we moved here. We settled into our home Oak Bend with a lot of original homeowners and empty-nesters for neighbors, so we brought a LOT of new but very welcomed noise and chaos. We loved how we were welcomed in by everyone around us, and we had such a sweet time getting to know all of them. All of our immediate neighbors have moved out since we moved in - is it us?! - and now we have families with kids all around us. I gotta tell you - it IS noisy living next to kids - and it's disconcerting because I can't always tell if it is mine that are screaming or not.



Q: What do you do (or did) for a living?

A: Daniel is a software architect who is currently starting his own high-frequency trading company. Marissa is a pediatric audiologist by training, but currently works for the administration side of our church and does part-time homeschool with the kids.

Q: What does your family like to do for fun?

A: We play in the street. A lot. If you can't drive down Oak Bend, it's probably because our four kids are among the 15 kids on bikes, cars or scooters riding around or playing some sort of sport across the front yards.

Q. Do you have any family pets?

A: We do not, but we have lots of neighbors with lots of dogs so my kids are content.

Q: What is your family's favorite restaurant in the area?

A: Our kids are still at the ages where eating out is not fun. Daniel and my favorite date night spot, though, is Aka Sushi on Eldridge.

Q: What's your favorite thing about the neighborhood?

A: We love being out in the front yard and getting to know the neighbors that live near us - and the ones that pass by. We love our neighbors - both the originals and the new ones. This neighborhood really does stand out for his community nature.

Q: What's one thing you would like to improve?

A: Daniel likes to stir the pot, so he says "I'd love a new pool complex." Marissa squints her eyes and holds her breath to brace against the backlash for that one. Marissa would love to see year-round pool access.