



WESTCHESTER RAP

Letter from the Board

Spring has sprung and Spring Break is here. We have had some landscaping work done at the monuments and entries to the neighborhood. Our landscaping contractor is changing and the board is working with Crest Management to get a new service and contract in place.



The re-surfacing work for the Westchester Club pool is in progress. Check out the pool update on page 2 for the 2023 pool season rates. The board is working to get the pool registration and payment infrastructure back up and running for the upcoming pool and swim team seasons. We will post updates on the web site and Facebook page for how to register for the pool season.

--WOC Board

Yard of the Month

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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.

Apply a high-quality all-nitrogen or high-nitrogen fertilizer on your lawn in mid-March after all chance of a freeze is past. Spring-blooming azaleas can be safely pruned as much as one-third of their height after they have bloomed. Pruning them later than June after their buds begin to set for next year will lessen the number of blooms they will have next spring. If pruning is desired for repeat blooming azaleas (Encore azaleas, etc.), they should also be pruned after they bloom in the spring.

Crape Myrtles can be pruned by removing unwanted trunks and branches but try to refrain from "topping" them. Contrary to what is often claimed, gardening professionals are adamant that it delays their first bloom cycle and does not cause them to bloom more at any time.

Cut back ornamental grasses before new shoots appear. Wear gloves since their edges can be sharp. Divide the clumps if necessary.

Cool-season annuals such as petunias, sweet alyssum, lobelia, larkspurs, stocks, calendulas, foxglove and other early spring color can be planted as early in the month as possible to maximize their bright colors before the hot weather hits. Warm-season annuals such as impatiens, wax begonias, coleus, vincas, pentas, moss rose, fan flower, angelonia, celosia, and marigolds, etc. can be planted as they become available. If desired apply a broadleaf weedkiller spray containing 2,4-D to eliminate broadleaf (non-grassy) weeds. Follow the label directions carefully. 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 Mar 21, 2023 from 6-8 PM in Saint John Vianney Room E-9.

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Westchester Dolphins Swim Team

Westchester Dolphins swim team registration is set to open Monday 3/20. The Dolphins need your sponsorship! The Dolphins need Volunteers and Volunteer Coaches! For additional info on sponsoring the team, volunteering or coaching please contact Meg Maguire via email at westchesterdolphins@gmail.com. More details can be found on the team web site:

<http://westchesterdolphins.swimtopia.com>



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.swimtopia.com

Westchester Club Pool 2023

The **2023** Pool Season is upon us! As you may have seen while driving by, we are having the pool re-plastered. Work started the week of Feb 28 and over the next few weeks the repairs will be completed in time for the start of the 2023 Dolphins swim season.

2023 Pool Club Rates

Early Bird Deadline: June 1st

Westchester Residents: \$350 (\$300 Early Bird)

Outside Residents: \$425 (\$350 Early Bird)

We're working on updating the sign-up instructions for pool and tennis, trying to take it all electronic to make it easier on everyone. The latest info will get published on the web site and on the Facebook page.

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Going on vacation for Spring Break or other trip? Be sure to request a vacation watch from our Precinct 5 Constable Service via phone: 281-463-6666.

Advertise with us! Have an upcoming event, business, or service you need to get the word out about? The RAP is the place to reach the eyeballs of Westchester residents. Reach out to us at rap@westchesterhouston.org for more info.

HOA Meeting Schedule

Tuesday, February 21, 2023	Westchester HOA	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	E9
Tuesday, March 21, 2023	Westchester HOA	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	E9
Tuesday, April 18, 2023	Westchester HOA	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	E9
Tuesday, May 16, 2023	Westchester HOA	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	E9



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- Land & Right Away Clearing for New Construction



Nottingham Elementary / NHE:

- We held our Campus Improvement Team (CIT) Lottery for the 1 Parent Representative and for the 1 Community Representative needed for the upcoming 2023-2024 School Year. Adil Berrada will be our Community Representative and Megan Mennes will be our Parent Representative.
- Spring parent-hosted parties selling quickly, visit PTA website for tickets

Spring Forest Middle School / SFMS:

- 3/25 is Create Fest
- 3/29 is Multicultural Festival
- 4/1 SFMS “Big Day” is looking for volunteers

Women’s Club

Westchester/Nottingham Forest VIII Women’s Club News

Save The Date: March Coffee

Join us from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 23, for good food and fellowship. Lilac Gallery will be hosting at her home.

We would love to see you there. Please RSVP and sign up to bring an item to share.

You can sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/WWC-2023-MarchCoffee>.

Call For Grant Applications: Deadline is April 14

One of the group’s main activities is to provide annual grants to non-profit groups. These grants are usually in amounts from \$100 to \$500

Groups that would like to apply for a grant can do so on this form: <https://tinyurl.com/2023-Grant-Application>.

The form includes a few questions about the group and then provides a way for the group to upload a grant application letter in either document or PDF format.

The application form will close at 11:59 p.m. on Friday, April 14.



**Scan the QR Code to go
to the Women’s Club website
and join the group.**

Meet Your Neighbor



We received great feedback last month that this was the favorite “new section” of the RAP. With so many families preparing for Spring Break this time of year we were not able to get content for this section edited by the March publication deadline. The board is happy about the feedback and we will have a new focused family for the April 2023 RAP. Stay tuned!

It’s also “plug” time: If you have a family you would like to nominate for the Meet Your Neighbor section, please email us your nomination at rap@westchesterhouston.org .