

WOODBRIDGE

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Pool Safety

Simple Steps Save Lives

Summer is a time of fun for many children as they head from classrooms to playgrounds and swimming pools. Unfortunately, summertime also marks an increase in the number of childhood drowning deaths and injuries. These deaths and injuries are preventable. The greatest water safety assurance in swimming pools and spas comes from adopting and practicing as many water safety measures as possible. The Woodbridge Association has rules posted at each pool and it is the obligation of the residents and their guests to comply with these regulations.

Staying Close, Being Alert and Watching Children in and Around the Pool

- Never leave a child unattended in a pool and always watch your child when he or she is in or near water
- Teach children basic water safety tips
- Keep children away from pool drains, pipes and other openings to avoid entrapments
- Have a telephone close by when you or your family is using a pool or spa
- If a child is missing, look for him or her in the pool or spa first
- Share safety instructions with family, friends and neighbors

Having the Appropriate Equipment for Your Pool or Spa

- Install a four-foot or taller fence around the pool and spa and use self-closing and self-latching gates; ask your neighbors to do the same at their pools.
- Install and use a lockable safety cover on your spa.
- If your house serves as a fourth side of a fence around a pool, install



Learning and Practicing Water Safety Skills

- Learn how to swim and teach your child how to swim
- Learn to perform CPR on children and adults, and update those skills regularly
- Understand the basics of life-saving so that you can assist in a pool emergency

- door alarms and always use them.
- For additional protection, install window guards on windows facing pools or spas.
- Install pool and gate alarms to alert you when children go near the water
- Ensure any pool and spa you use has compliant drain covers, and ask your pool service provider if you do not know
- Maintain pool and spa covers in good working order
- Consider using a surface wave or underwater alarm

Parents and families can build on their current safety systems at pools and spas by adopting additional water safety steps. Adding as many proven water safety steps as possible is the best way to assure a safe and fun experience, because you can never know which one might save a child's life—until it does. While adopting safety behaviors help ensure the safety of pools and spas, it is also important for parents and families to help advocate water safety in our community and neighborhood.

Janet Smith, The Lakes

From the Developer

Walmart Coming to Woodbridge

We are pleased to announce we have entered into a contract with Walmart for the purchase of a 17.16 acre site at the intersection of State Highway 78 and Woodbridge Parkway.

Woodbridge Parkway will be extended across the railroad tracks toward FM 544. Walmart will be located on the left as you cross the railroad tracks. Walmart has plans to construct a 152,000 square foot store. At this time Walmart has not indicated when they will begin construction.

Sachse Veterinary Hospital

Dr. Steve Pirkey, DVM, the owner of Sachse Veterinary Hospital on Highway 78, has en-

tered into contract to purchase 1.6 acres on Ranch Road. Dr. Pirkey's property will be adjacent to the railroad tracks on the north side of Ranch Road.

Sachse EDC

These two announcements come on the heels of the Sachse Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) announcing the findings of their recently acquired Buxton report. Buxton Corporation is a company which studies the retail purchasing habits of consumers. SEDC commissioned a report which studied a 12 minute drive time from the intersection of State Highway 78 and Sachse Road. A startling statis-

tic in the report indicated how much money leaves the Sachse trade area due to good and services which are not supplied within the trade area. Would you believe over a Billion dollars a year is leaving the area? The report also identifies 286 retailers who match the profile of the residents within the Sachse trade area who could potentially locate in Sachse. For more information on the Buxton report, visit the Sachse Economic Development Corporation website (www.sachseedc.com).

Spring

Spring is here. The swimming pools are open. Don't forget your pool card as the pools will again be monitored to keep out those who don't belong in the pools. The comments the (cont'd)



Top Reasons to Volunteer in Your Community

(cont'd from above) Association has received about the pool monitors are extremely positive and, according to the comments, far outweigh the inconvenience of having to take your pool pass with you.

The Association has recently gone through the election of neighborhood representatives for those who completed their term in the various Woodbridge neighborhoods. Thanks to those who served, as well as those who attended the meetings, those of you who placed your name in nomination and congratulations to those who were elected to serve. The Association is greatly appreciative of your willingness to give of your time to serve in the capacity of a neighborhood representative.

- Protect your interests. Protect your property values and help maintain the quality of life in your community.
- Help identify areas of concern and bring to the Property Manager's attention.
- Be sociable. Meet your neighbors, make friends and exchange opinions.
- Give back. Repay a little of what's been done for you.
- Advance your career. Build your personal resume by including your community volunteer service.
- Have some fun. Association work isn't drudgery. It's fun accomplishing good things with your neighbors.
- Express yourself. Help with creative projects like community beautification.
- Get your name in print. Your contributions will be recognized and celebrated.
- Try some altruism. Improve society by helping others.

Committees needing Volunteers

*Social Committee
Communications Committee
Municipal Affairs Committee
For contact information, go to
www.woodbridgehomeowners.com*

Adult Mixxers

Where's the Party?

Tired of all the neighborhood events revolving around the children? Single and looking to mingle with other adults? The quarterly Adult Mixxers are where you need to be.

Each quarter, the Social Committee puts on an adults only event. In February, the committee held a Bingo Night. Around twenty residents and guests enjoyed rounds of bingo and won prizes such as Starbucks gift cards, bottles of wine, home decorative items and more. Food and non-alcoholic beverages are provided at the event, and the Woodbridge Club House has a stocked bar for those wanting to enjoy a cocktail or glass of wine during these events. The Mixxers are a great opportunity to meet your neighbors in a fun and relaxed environment.

Each Adult Mixxer is themed. If you would like to help plan these events and promote activities you think the community would enjoy, email your interest to woodbridgesocialcommittee@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Adult Mixxer Dates

August 7th—Spades Tournament
December 2nd—Holiday Party

Alice Stewart, Adult Mixxer Chair

Why Scoop the Poop

Besides being a nuisance, uncollected dog waste is a serious problem for our Association. Next time you're tempted to leave your dog's droppings on the lawns, sidewalks and the park trails, please remember these facts:

1. The Environmental Protection Agency is becoming aggressive about enforcing the Clean Water Act. Our association could be fined if dog waste goes uncollected.
2. The appearance and quality of the common areas are known to affect home sales—not just whether and for how much they sell, but how quickly.
3. The more residents complain about dog waste, the more time the manager must spend on enforcement rather than serving the association.
4. Uncollected dog waste spreads disease and attracts rodents who feed on pet waste.



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Let's Get Social



Clubs & Groups

If you are currently a group or would like to start up a group, please send an email to woodbridgesocialcommittee@yahoo.com

Woodbridge Bunco

Dates to be posted to the Woodbridge Homeowners Site. Games to be held at the Woodbridge Golf Club. This is the official HOA Bunco open to all residents. RSVP required. www.woodbridgehomeowners.com

Bunco Group

Meet on the 3rd Monday, 6:30p
Helaina Hoffman, 972-429-1177
helainahoffman@yahoo.com

Homeschoolers Group

Angela Snodgrass, snodgrass91@msn.com

Mah Jongg at the Sachse Library

1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 1p
Jan Doleh, janetdoleh@verizon.net

Motorcycle Group

Grant Pope, 469-766-7992

Woodbridge Crafting

Melanie Houston, vettefolk@verizon.net
Scheduled dates: May 13, June 10, July 8,
Aug 12, Sep 23, Oct 14, Nov 11, Dec 8

Stroller Exercise Mom's

Thursday mornings @ 9:30a or contact
Sarah, sarah@colorado-bnb.com for times.

Upcoming Events

June 11 Splash Day Clearmeadow Pool 12p-4p

Save the date and plan to attend Woodbridge's newest, fun, family event! Location is on the Woodbridge West side of the community. Celebrate the beginning of summer break by coming to Splash Day. It is sure to be a fun-filled afternoon.



There will be 3 double lane inflatable waterslides for children of all ages to enjoy. First Baptist Church of Wylie and the Polar Express Ice Cream Truck will be providing sweet treats for a cool summer kickoff. We hope to see you there.

For more information visit the homeowners website or email your questions to woodbridgesocialcommittee@yahoo.com

June 26 ; July 17; August 21 Woodbridge Bunco Woodbridge Club House 2p-5p

The Woodbridge Bunco group will be having it's first community Bunco event at the Club House! Due to space capacity we are limited to the amount of attendees so please RSVP to confirm your space on the homeowner website www.woodbridgehomeowners.com.



\$20 per person fee includes food, non-alcoholic beverages, and by-in for prizes.



August 7 Adult Mixer Woodbridge Club House 4p-6p Spades Tournament

Bring your partner or be paired up with someone when you arrive. Elimination rounds and prizes will be awarded to the winning teams. Be creative! Come dressed alike, in a theme, or just be silly! The more creative, the more fun!

Food and non-alcoholic beverages to be provided. RSVP required for each team or just come out to enjoy watching the competition. RSVP via the website www.woodbridgehomeowners.com.



August 13 Pops at the Pool Neighborhood Pools 2p-4p

This year we will be having fun water games and activities along with refreshing and cool popsicles served at the pool. Meet up at your closest neighborhood pool for fun water events and a chance to win some great prizes. Parent's must accompany and supervise their child(ren) during these activities.



2nd Annual Fishing Tournament March 5, 2011

The uncharacteristically cool March weather proved quite the challenge for this year's fishing tournament. Thank you to all the families that braved the weather and enjoyed the challenging fishing day. The pond was stocked with catfish, but it seemed as though the cool weather kept the fish from coming to the top.

Winners

Ages 6 & Under: Kyle MacDonald

Ages 7 -10 : Katelyn Sawyer

Ages 11-17: Nick McDonald

Ages 18+:

Biggest Fish - Jeff Coats

Smallest Fish - Cindy Coats



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2011 Easter Celebration

Even with the Texas wind blowing strong the morning of the event, 350 Woodbridge residents came out to enjoy a morning of family fun! This year there were 2,000 eggs for the eager Easter egg hunters to gather. That is double the amount that were hidden last year! The egg hunts were divided into three age groups. There was an egg containing a golden coin hidden for each group. The three lucky children that found the coins received the Grand Prize Easter Baskets that were generously sponsored by Horizon and Highland Homes. The Easter Bunny hopped on over to Stone Park to visit and pose for pictures with the little ones. Once again, children of all ages enjoyed petting all of the baby animals in the Easter Petting Zoo. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces!

Lisa Ozminkowski, the Meadows



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Downtown & Surrounding Area Events

May 14-June 15, Summer Tea at the Dallas Arboretum , 11a-2p

May 20-22, Taste of Addison
Wiildflower! Arts & Music Festival

May 20-July15, Late Nights @ the Dallas Museum of Art, 6p-12a

May 20-Aug 19, 'til Midnight at the Nasher, 7p-12a

May 27-29, CityArts Festival

June 4-5, Family Fun Water Weekend
@ White Rock Lake
Target First Saturdays @ the Nasher

June 10-12, Antique Auto Swap Meet @ Traders Village Grand Prairie

June 11, BooksmART Festival @ the Dallas Museum of Art 11a-5p

June 18, Texas Black Invitational Rodeo, Fair Park Coliseum

July 3, Addison Kaboom Town!

July 3-4, Lone Stars & Stripes Fireworks Celebration; Lone Star Park 5p

July 4, Fair Park Forth

July 8-10, Taste of Dallas @ Fair Park

Aug 6, Butterflies & Bugs! Annual Family Festival, Texas Discovery Gardens 10a-2p

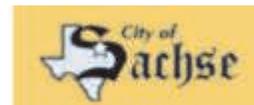
Aug 6-7, Viva Dallas Hispanic Expo @ Dallas Market Center

Local events...

Here's what is happening in and around town

Dates are subject to change and should be verified by the town or location hosting the event. The Woodbridge Association does not sponsor or put together these events.

These events have been provided as a service to the community.



June 3, Summer Reading Kickoff, 9a-12p

June 18, Celebrate City of Wylie, 5p-10p

July 4th Fireworks are canceled for 2011

www.wylietexas.gov

May 14, Annual Bicycle Rodeo, 10a-12p
Mother/Son Roundup, 6p-7:30p
Movie in the Park, 8:30p

May 21, Seniors Prom, 3p-7p

June 4, Summer Reading Kickoff, 2p-4p

June 25, Sachse Senior Pageant, 1p

July 2, 4th of July Parade & Fireworks, 6p

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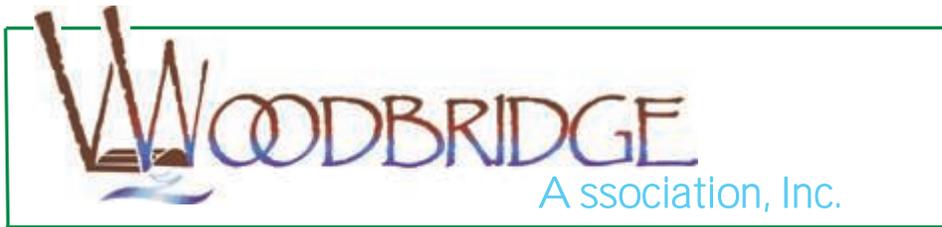
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Community Reminders

Under 15 needs an accompanied adult at the community pools

June 11 - Splash day @ Clearmeadow Pool
June 26, July 17, August 21 - Woodbridge Bunco @ Woodbridge Club House
August 7 - Adult Mixxer @ the Woodbridge Club House
August 13 - Pops at the Pool @ Your Neighborhood Pool

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