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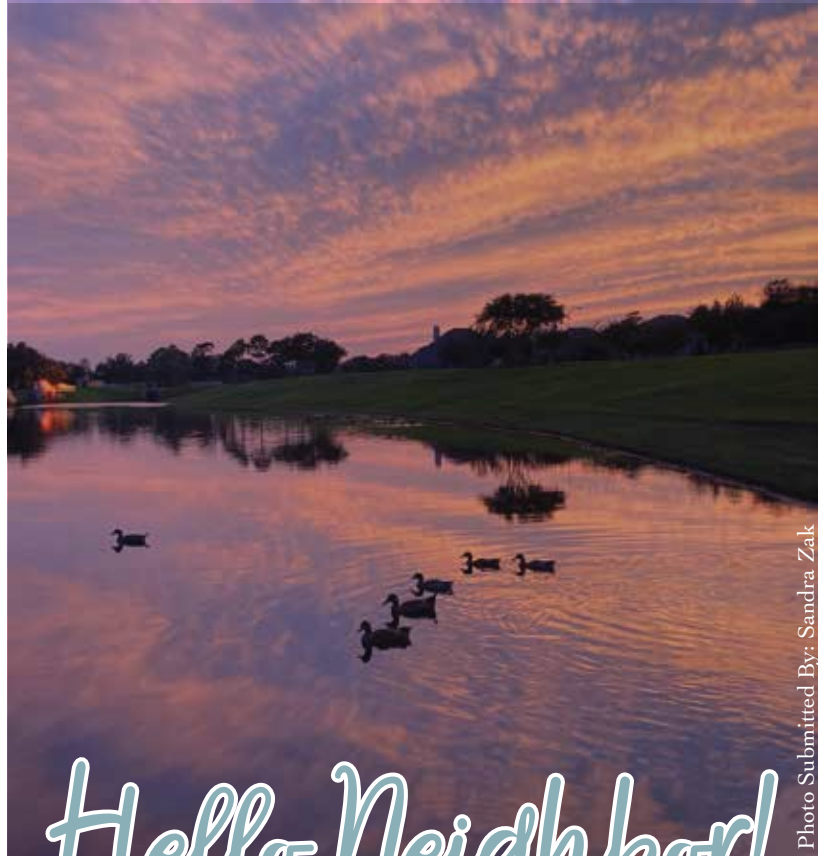


Photo Submitted By: Sandra Zak

Hello Neighbor!

There are a lot of news to share this month, including but not limited to.. Village Creek Butterfly Club, and President's Report about the Annual Meeting.

Do you have community news to share? Do you have a business or provide a service you want to highlight? Would you like to offer feedback on a specific edition or Creek Chronicles in general? For more information, see [Connect with Us](#).

You shall love your neighbor as yourself

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IMPORTANT INFO

Tomball ISD.....	281-357-3100
Willow Creek Elem.....	281-357-3080
Northpointe Int.....	281-357-3020
Willow Wood Jr.....	281-357-3030
Tomball Star Academy.....	281-357-3222
Tomball Memorial High.....	281-357-3230
Transportation.....	281-357-3193
Harris County Animal Control.....	281-999-3191
Lost/Found Pets.....	Nextdoor App
Harris County Veterinary Public Health.....	281-999-3191
Municipal District Services (24hrs)..	281-290-6503
For water leaks, water outages, water quality, or sewer leaks or stoppage. Street light out and power outages	www.centerpointenergy.com/outage
Harris County traffic signal outages..	713-881-3210
Best Trash.....	281-313-2378
www.best-trash.com	
Trash and Bulk Waste on both Tues day and Fridays. Recycle on Tuesdays only. Recycle only plastics (1-7) steel, and aluminum cans, cardboard, paper, or paper grocery bags, and glass (any color)	
Digging? Two days prior to ANY digging in your yard, call 811 or use www.lonestar811.com	

Village Creek Market Analysis

Actives: 4
 \$515,000 - \$585,000
 Ave psf 160.95
 Ave dom 21

Pending: 4
 \$365,000 - \$540,000
 Ave psf \$159.52
 Ave dom 25

closed in 2023: 20
 \$449,750 - \$550,000
 Ave psf \$155.52
 Ave dom 11



FRIENDLY REMINDER

Please keep all animals on a leash,
 and clean up after your pets.



For lost and found pets please use the
 NextDoorAPP

CREEK EVENTS

VILLAGE CREEK **FOOD TRUCK SUMMER!**

SATURDAY AUGUST 12, 4 PM- 7 PM- LOVEY'S SNOWBALLS
SUNDAY AUGUST 13, 4PM-8 PM - SHARKY'S SNO



VILLAGE CREEK POOL HOUSE
WWW.VILLAGECREEK.US



Village Creek Wine Club

Want to attend our next event?
To join the Village Creek Wine Club Group,
[click here](#)

ATTENTION:

To make our community events successful, we still need volunteers!
-If you are interested in finding out how you can help at an event,
then [click here](#).



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I am a degrees nutritionist and certified nutrition coach. I have been working in and around nutrition for 20+ years. Let me coach you in a healthy lifestyle that includes meal plans to guide you!

I believe in eating real food every day!

I also sell Color Street-100% real nail polish that is made in America that goes on dry! We should have pretty nails if we want! It's easy and affordable!

281-793-0546 [CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO](#)



YOUR AD HERE

If you would like to place an AD
FOR FREE

Please reach out and email
DecemberVillageCreek@gmail.com



Texas Master Chorale will hold auditions for their 2023-24 concert season on August 13 and 14.

Founded in 1986, Texas Master Chorale is a mixed choral ensemble of 100 auditioned singers who perform a variety of choral masterworks including classical, contemporary, sacred and secular.

Auditions will take place at John Wesley United Methodist Church in northwest Houston from 3 to 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 13, and from 6 to 9 p.m. on Monday, August 14. To schedule an appointment or download audition music, please visit <https://www.texasmasterchorale.org/auditions>.

Concert guests can mark their calendars for wonderful performances on Saturday evenings, October 21, December 16, and April 27. Tickets start at \$20 and will go on sale August 1. Tickets may be purchased online at TexasMasterChorale.org, through the box office at (281) 440-4850, or at the door.

exas Master Chorale is generously sponsored by Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital and Texas Commission on the Arts.

To learn more, visit TexasMasterChorale.org

BABYSITTING ADS

Brooke O.

Pet/House/BabySitter

830-305-1440

Babysitting: \$10 per hour up to two kids \$5 each additional kid per hour

Pet sitting: \$15-\$30/day (depending on the amount of visits and animals)

House sitting: \$10-\$20/hr

Im a varsity student athlete for TMHS where I am Secretary of the Best Buddies Club where I volunteer with special needs students. I also volunteered at the TISD summer reading program.

Ella W.

Babysitter/Petsitter

281-793-0546

\$15/hour typically for babysitting depending on how many kids. Pet sitting will depend on how many visits and task.

Contact me for more info

Availability: Daily

My name is Ella, I'm homeschooled and will be 16 in May. I have references for my babysitting and pet sitting experience.

Avery R.

Babysitter

rikeravery617@gmail.com

\$11/hr

Availability: Weekdays after 3, any time on weekends!

CPR/first aid certified

BABYSITTING AD

HERE

If you child would like to place a babysitting/housesitting/petsitting/lawncare AD **FOR FREE**

Please have a parent or guardian email DecemberVillageCreek@gmail.com

BUTTERFLY CLUB

The VC Butterfly Club and volunteer community gardeners are excited and have been very busy!

The mission of our club is to protect and appreciate butterflies and other wildlife, and we've created a garden for monarchs. The garden contains native plants that support butterfly and moth species by serving as host plants for caterpillars or nectar for the mature insects.

Did you know that the monarch butterfly was adopted as the Texas state insect on June 16, 1995? The Gulf Coast has one of the largest flyways of monarchs in the US. In Texas, as many as 30,000 of these regal insects overwinter (migrate and spend the winter here, since they can't survive the freezing temperatures in the northern parts of their range).

And luckily for us, our very own Tomball is a vacation spot for the monarchs. The city has been a prevalent breeding ground and sanctuary for many years and is one of the few cities monarch overwinter in each year. Unfortunately last year, our beloved monarchs were added to the endangered species list. In response, our club members, gardeners, and many other neighbors have been doing our community's part in the efforts to increase the monarch population and habitat by planting native milkweed, plants, and shrubs at our homes and conservation gardens



Want to volunteer?

Join our Habitat Team in the community conservation gardens and help with planting, watering, weeding, feeding, mulching, testing, or adding soil.

Submit articles to promote community involvement, education, and training.

Fulfill community service hours for school or Scouts.

For more information about our monarchs, how to garden for them and other pollinators, or to meet other butterfly enthusiasts, join the VC Butterfly Club. All neighbors welcome!

Email Sandra at
sandraJz@comcast.net.
Happy Gardening!

BOARD MEETING NOTES

Notes from July 24, 2023

Next meeting: August 14, 2023

- I. Call to Order
- II. Establishment of Quorum
- III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting (May 8, 2023)
- IV. Vendor Reports
 - a) Landscaping
 - b) Pool
- V. Committee's Reports
 - a) ARC Committee (Steve Winter)
 - b) Other Committee Reports
- VI. Business
 - a) Election of Officers
 - b) Board Vote to Remove Board Member
 - c) Announcement of Board Decisions Made Between Board Meetings
 - d) Financial Report
 - e) US and Texas Flag
 - f) Trees Affecting Sidewalks and Cluster Mailboxes
 - g) New Items For Discussion – Parking Lot Lights, Pickleball Court, In Person Meetings, Replacement of Picnic Tables, Shredding Day, Ant Day, Kiddie Cushion
 - h) Additional Items
- VII. Open Items
 - a) Proposed Fine Policy
 - b) Digital Sign – Circuit/Surge Protection – Brivo Circuit Boards
 - c) Pool Exterior Walkway Floor
 - d) Old Splashpad Bench and Picnic Table / Pool Picnic Table Replacement
 - e) Lake Erosion Areas
 - f) Lighting at Rear Monument
- VIII. Manager Report
 - a) Update - Pool Area and Sidewalk Repairs
 - b) Annual Inspection of Common Assets
 - c) Parking Lot Cleaning and Restriping

Newest Board Member: Jose Alvarado

President: Ty Thomas (2024)

Treasurer:

At Large: Robert Spiess (2024)

At Large: Sara Marion (2025)

At Large: Craig Goralski (2025)

At Large: Jose Alvarado (2025)

PRESIDENTS REPORT

2023 Annual Meeting

The Village Creek Community Association Annual Meeting for 2022-2023 was held via Zoom call at 6:30pm on Monday, July 17, 2023. Board President, Ty Thomas, gave the following President's Report. These are not meeting minutes, but rather a summary of the report given during the meeting.

It was a busy year for Village Creek with many projects started and/or completed. We welcomed a new manager, CJ, from Crest Management. We thanked departing Board Members, Eddy Kharazzi and Craig Goralski. Two new board members joined the board, Robert Spiess and Sara Marion. We also announced the recent election result with Jose Alvarado being elected by acclamation. He was the only candidate to run, so he won unanimously. Over the past year, we've enjoyed a growing list of valued volunteers, including:

- Joe Alvarado who has been organizing food trucks
- December Jones who has been editing a newsletter
- Hailey Piowaty and Peggy Barriga have helped with social events
- Jim Volker has been helping Eddy Kharazzi to establish a new fine policy
- Marsha Bailey is helping with the annual Christmas Decoration Contest
- Joycelyn Ray has volunteered to help setup various events and groups
- Laura Hudson has started a new Wine Club
- Sandra Zak has established butterfly gardens at no cost to VC
- Steve Winter continues to lead the best ARC committee any HOA could want many others also helped, so my apologies to anyone I have missed.

We look forward to growing the association as more people get involved

The Association faced some challenges over the year, including the tail-end of COVID. Things are opening up more now, but we are still facing shortages and difficulties with parts, labor, vendors, lifeguards, etc. There are long waiting lists for some items we need, such as umbrellas, controller boards, pumps, tables, etc. Even simple labor items often come with a long wait list.

Also during 2023, we transitioned to new landscape company. Here are some highlights of the progress of that changeover...

Found many issues with irrigation systems, including dead areas, dead batteries, timers not set right, broken valves, broken heads, leaks, etc. Installing new internet based "weather aware" system, section by section this will help avoid watering when rain is forecast, not just when raining new spot color looks good despite some shortages of plants they are working on improving beds, replacing freeze damaged areas, etc they are much more proactive about examining section by section to get it right still working to tune watering, but grass and beds gradually improving by request, the landscape manager now attends our monthly meeting

Pool area has needed significant repairs and upgrades in past year lifeguards kept our pool open when other neighborhoods had to close. Iron fences needed repair and wind shades needed replacing, new gate lock system, old one was breaking and company was out of business, new system can use standard scan cards, or as an option residents can pay \$25 per phone to enable app access. It costs same as a pool card, but provides greater convenience.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Bathrooms had suffered freeze damage, repairs complete, new 911 phone system, old one was not reliable new phone service, saving thousands of dollars to the association, new internet service, saving thousands, plus faster connection, new security camera system, first 2 are in place and recording 24/7 system is prewired for additional cameras, and we are looking at what's next repaired LED sign, took longer than we'd like, but saved over \$10,000 vs new awaiting quotes for adding "whole house" type surge protection to pool house, repainted mushroom and splash pad repaired pumps, valves, drains, etc. Repaired the splash pad start up system that had been flaky for years several new pool area picnic tables, new recycled plastic should last longer plan is to replace ALL metal tables and benches with new, more durable ones worked with MUD5 to get lakeside slopes regraded and re-sodded MUD5 also dredged the channel to improve flow new easier keypad lock for the "social closet" repaired drinking fountain with bottle filler.

Other repair and maintenance items performed... power washing and cleaning all around various areas, annual sidewalk lifting and repairs (some still in progress), annual tree branch maintenance on common areas, numerous smaller items handled on day to day type basis.

Finances are strongest they've been in years. Spending has been reigned in significantly. Our reserves have been built up, so that we can address upcoming major expenses now that VC is over 20 years old. Dues are the lowest of all comparable residential neighborhoods in the area by a substantial margin.

In the past 5 years as a board member, including the last 3 as president, I've achieved most of my goals, including new management and landscaper, new attorneys, auditing of accounts, building of reserves, new security cameras, new gate system, keeping dues low, and numerous other changes and improvements.

For this year, I will not be accepting a nomination as president. I offered to step down two years ago, but we had a recent turnover of board members. Then again last year we had a few new board members, and it was thought I should stay president. This year we have other experienced board members available, so I'll be able to step down and serve as a general board member. Shortly after I announced this, we held officer elections, and Robert Spiess was selected as the new Board President for 2023-24. Congratulations to Robert. He's going to do an excellent job

In 2023, Village Creek real estate remains highly valued and sought after. I have great confidence in our management, vendors, newest board members, volunteers and residents.

Village Creek is in good hands.

Ty Thomas
Village Creek Community Association
President: 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23
Board Member since 2018.

CREEK KIDS

Pearl Fincher | Museum of Fine Arts



The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts is ready welcome fall, with new exhibitions, a new session of classes at the School of Art, and plenty of opportunities for new volunteers.

Ode to East Texas: The Art of Lee Jamison

In the Main Gallery this fall, the Pearl is proud to host Ode to East Texas: The Art of Lee Jamison.

Huntsville artist Lee Jamison spent more than a year traveling the tree-lined passages of East Texas, observing, sketching, and journaling along the way. The result is a rich record of the land, lore and culture of East Texas as viewed through the eyes of an accomplished painter.

As you wander through the gallery you'll find yourself transported, not merely observing but participating in a sensory expedition. The paintings are a portal, an invitation to wander along sun-dappled trails, see the home of the Caddo tribes that first settled in the area, inhale the earthy scent of pine, and feel the rhythm of life that beats within the heart of East Texas.

Ode to East Texas opens to the public on Tuesday, September 26 and continues through January 6, 2024. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and admission is free. For more information visit pearlmfa.org.

José Cisneros: A Colorful World in Black and White

From the Bryan Museum in Galveston, the Pearl's Cole Gallery will feature José Cisneros: A Colorful World in Black and White.

Cisneros was born in Mexico in 1910, but his family lost their home during the Mexican Revolution. He moved to the United States when he was 15, and his lifetime passion for illustrating history left an indelible mark, winning him many awards. President George W. Bush collected Cisneros's work, and awarded him the National Humanities Medal in 2002. Cisneros was also knighted by Pope John Paul II in 1990, and by King Juan Carlos of Spain in 1991.

With a focus on the rugged and iconic horsemen of Texas, Cisneros transports us to a bygone era where the wild frontier was tamed by the fearless and skilled riders of the West. Through his intricate artwork, you can almost hear the thundering hooves, feel the dust of the trail, and sense the untamed spirit of the land.

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Fall Classes at the Pearl Fincher Museum's School of Art

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts has a wonderful array of classes and workshops this fall, for ages six through adult. Youth classes include ceramics, drawing, fashion design, watercolor, and mixed media, as well as classes specifically for homeschool students. Classes are designed for various ages ranging from 6 to 15 years old, and all materials are included. The first session begins September 11, with a second mini-session starting November 6. For course descriptions or to register, visit pearlmfa.org. Adults can get in on the fun as well, with weekly art classes or half-day workshops, in subjects such as watercolor, ceramics, and drawing. To learn more or register for any of these opportunities, visit pearlmfa.org or call the museum at (281) 376-6322.

Preschool Programs

Little ones love the Pearl's preschool programs!

Little Art Historians will take place on Wednesday mornings in October for ages 3 to 5. Children learn about a new artist each week and create fun projects inspired by that artist. Registration is required for this program. Art Start is offered every Tuesday morning for children ages 5 and under. The program is free and includes story time with a related art activity. Space is limited, so please register online

Volunteers Needed

The Pearl has a busy fall ahead, with school field trips, gallery tours, Family Days and much more..

For more information, please visit www.pearlmfa.org or call (281) 376-6322

Artwork? Great test grade? Mastered parallel parking? If you want to share your child's accomplishments, this is where to do it! [Click here.](#)

CREEK KIDS

BACK TO SCHOOL

MEET THE TEACHER

Willow Creek Elementary: Thursday August 10: A-L from 3:30-4:30 and M-Z 5:00-6:00pm

NorthPoint Intermediate: TBD

Willow Wood Junior High: Orientation is August 10th from 12-3PM. Schedules can be picked up on the 11th

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS AUGUST 15TH

Willow Creek Elementary:
Doors open: 8:25am
Tardy Bell: 8:55am
Dismissal: 4:05pm

NorthPoint Intermediate:
Doors Open: 7:30am
Tardy Bell: 8:00am
Dismissal: 3:10pm

Willow Wood Junior High:
Doors Open: 7:00am
Tardy Bell: 7:20am
Dismissal: 2:30pm

Tomball Memorial High School:
Doors Open: 6:45am
Tardy Bell: 7:20am
Dismissal: 2:35pm

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Thank You 



FOR BEING A PART OF OUR COMMUNITY!