

The Spark

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4th of JULY 2014

PARADES
kids' spirit parade at 10:30
big parade at 11:00

11:30 - 1 o'clock
Chicken Express
LUNCH
at the clubhouse
(pricing info to come)

KIDS' SPIRIT PARADE
10:15 line up at the clubhouse
come with your decorated bikes, wagons, or scooters
contact Chris Sandoval to register your float
email: sandoval.chris@sbcglobal.net

APPLE PIE CONTEST
bake 2 apple pies and bring them with a copy of your recipe to the clubhouse.
judging at 1:00

the annual members-only Bud Shewmaker horseshoe tournament
will be starting at 2:00.
contact Clint Fain to register

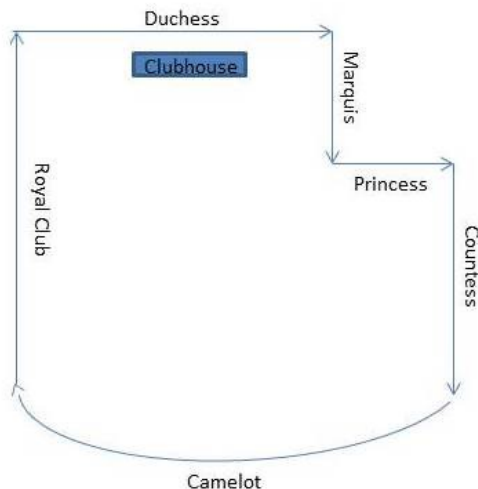
OLD CARS
interested in showing off your old car?
contact Chris Sandoval to register

FLOATS

HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT

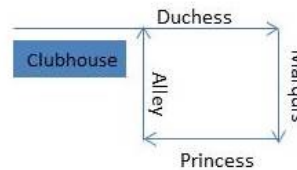
for info contact
Lori Foster
email: loridjf@yahoo.com

TWEEN QUEENS



Grand Parade
11 am
(starts and ends at Clubhouse)

All streets on the route need to be free of cars. Low hanging branches need to be trimmed so floats can pass by without incident.



Kids' Bicycle Parade
10:30 am
(starts and ends at Clubhouse)

****Parade Participants:** Please line up in front of the Clubhouse on the south side of Duchess. Do not line up on the north side or you will experience parade chaos.



**2nd Annual Hoop it Up!
July 12th, 10-2:30 pm
Sparkman Park**

3 on 3 street ball. Each team can have a fourth player to sub in to the game. If you don't have enough players for a team but want to play, please let Kirk DeHaven know.

Please check age group: ☐ 10-11 ☐ 12-13 ☐ 14-15

Please check t-shirt size: ☐ Adult XS ☐ Adult S ☐ Adult M ☐ Adult L

Player's Name: _____ Player's Birthdate: _____

Parents: _____ Contact #: _____

Emergency #: _____ Team Name: _____

Email: _____

Cost: \$15 per player Make checks payable to Sparkman Club. Mail or drop off entry form and payment to 10644 Countess Drive, 75229.

I do not/will not hold Sparkman Club Estates responsible for any accidents/injuries incurred during Hoop it Up

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Deadline to enter: July 9th Contact kdehaven@securitymayflower.com with questions.

Next Hamburger Happy Hour
July 11th
Watch the Gator Gab for more in-
formation!

Ladies Duplicate

May 13

1st - Mary Daniels and Jo O'Brien
 2nd - Patsy and Jack Pickles tied with Gert Collins and Catherine Gross

June 10

1st - Catherine Gross and Charles McClure
 2nd - Mary Daniels and Joe O'Brien

Sparkman Gators Invitational Bazaar

We would like to invite your business to be a vendor at our annual Sparkman Gators Swim Invitational Bazaar. This event is a swim team fundraiser with all proceeds from booth rentals going directly to fund our winning Sparkman Gators Swim Team.

Our Invitational Bazaar will be held on Saturday, July 19th, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The event will be open to the public, and to all the families of swimmers participating in the event. We are expecting around 350 swimmers at the Invitational this year.

Booth space is available on a first-come, first-served basis by category. The Bazaar will be set up in our neighborhood clubhouse, at 3366 Duchess Lane. Booth space is \$50 for non-Sparkman members and \$35 for Sparkman members. The space will accommodate a 6-8 ft. table (vendors will provide their own table; the club will provide the chairs). We encourage vendors to offer a raffle item to draw attention to your booth. Customers will enter the raffles (at no charge) and the drawings will be held throughout the event. Shoppers love this!

Please contact Susan Risinger at slmrisinger@hotmail.com for a vendor application. There will be only 15 spaces for this event. Please have checks and applications returned by July 10th deadline.



Sparkman Swim Team Schedule

Monday, July 7th	HOME Swim Meet
Thursday, July 10th	Swim Meet @ GLEN COVE
Thursday, July 17th	HOME Swim Meet
Saturday, July 19th	Invitational Swim Meet @ Sparkman Club
Sunday, July 20th	Awards Party

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Zanyfun Camp

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\$70 per week or \$385 for all 6 weeks. Please note, sessions may be cancelled if they do not have a 5 child minimum. 10 child maximum, ages 4 to 8. Sessions are non-refundable unless cancelled due to low attendance. Camp is held MONDAY and WEDNESDAY. 9:30 am-12:30 pm, sack lunch needed for our afternoon "dine-in".

Week 1 June 23 & 25 Rock Star and Sports Fun

Week 2 June 30 & July 2 Lego Creation Station/Science Lab

Week 3 July 7 & 9 Superheroes vs. Monsters

Week 4 July 14 & 16 Jungle Safari and Luau

Week 5 July 21 & 23 Royal Kingdom and Pirate

Week 6 July 28 & 30 Camp Out and Top Chef

Please feel free to contact Lisa Smith or Lisa Guerra; you can also visit our web site/email us www.zanyfuntrunks.com or message us on Facebook. Call or text Lisa Smith (214-356-7925 cell) or Lisa Guerra (972-345-6873 cell) with any questions.

Book Club

The Sparkman Book Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 pm. During the summer meetings will be poolside.

For questions or to be added to the book club e-mail list contact **Renee McKay** at mckay02@sbcglobal.net or (214) 351-5745.

Upcoming book selections:

- July:** "One Summer: America, 1927" by Bill Bryson
August: "The Lowland" by Jhumpa Lahiri
September: "Wild" by Cheryl Strayed
October: "The Farm" by Tom Rob Smith
November: "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd
December: Holiday party and book exchange
January: "Life After Life" by Kate Atkinson
February: "Orphan Train" by Christina Baker Kline



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Kids Corner

Looking for help this summer with babysitting, pet sitting or watering plants? Look no further than your neighborhood for kids who can help:

- **Caroline Burchfiel (15)** - babysitting and pet sitting. text 214 437 6549
- **Riley Dobbs (13)** - babysitting; mother's helper; house/plant sitting; pet sitting/dog walking. 469 831 6518 (mom)
- **Xavier Duran, Jr.** - house and pet sitting; trash removal. 214 289 7616 (Xavier) or 214 448 8723 (mom)
- **Averie Elkhay (14)** - babysitting; pet sitting/walking meme65@gmail.com (mom)
- **Emma Fain (14)** - babysitting. 214 244 7050 (dad)
- **Julia Hunt (12)** - house and pet sitting; mother's helper. Contact Amy amyhunt@swbell.net
- **Meggie Hunt (15)** - lifeguard for private parties; babysitting; house and pet sitting. Contact Amy amyhunt@swbell.net
- **Will Leitnick** - pet or house sitter. Contact Will at 214 729 6871 or 972 467 0637 (dad)
- **Harper Steyer (13)** - babysitting; pet sitting/walking. Send text to 469 226 7658 (mom)

June 12, 2014 Sparkman Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

The June meeting of the Sparkman Board of Directors was called to order on Monday, June 9th in the clubhouse by President Rudy Frayre.

Present: Rudy Frayre, John Gindling, OM Schwalb, Patrick Koenning, Sharon Johnston, Brian Patton, Amy D'Alise, Todd Follett, Chris Sandoval, Shannon Smith, James O'Neill and Jackie Mavor.

Officer Reports

President: Rudy welcomed those present.

Secretary: The May minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Sharon Johnston to approve the minutes and James O'Neill seconded the motion.

Treasurer: Account balances as of May 30th, 2014: Operating account balance is \$55,808. The Capital account balance is \$52,904 and the Emergency Reserve account balance is \$88,328.

The following members have past-due accounts: Gary & Lauren Coffman; Steve & Vicki Giovannini; Jeremy Womack; Chris & Ashley Arno; John & Cathy Kline Kohoutek; Eric Schlumf; Tom & Ann Shortall; Anthony and Alissa Van Komen; Bill & Carol Ann Campbell; Jennifer Cross; Steve & Theresa Patterson; Mark & Yvonne Reedy; Dustin & Monica Sample; Amanda Tabor; Bill & Shari Wright; David & Trennis Peters; John & Julianne O'Connor; Marshall & Shannon Smith; Shelby & Jennifer Williamson.

Patrick Koenning made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Brian Patton seconded it.

Business Items

Budget and Finance: Due to lifeguard payroll issues, James O'Neill will present budget estimates at the next board meeting.

House Report: The clubhouse has been rented for the following dates: July 5; Sept. 20; 10 outdoor rentals for the St. Monica Dad's Club; and April 10, 2015.

The Clubhouse AC is not working well. It will cost approximately \$1,900 to repair.

Membership Report: Membership is at 360; seven drops in good standing and four dropped in bad standing.

Committee Updates

Pool Personnel Report: Lifeguard salaries are being adjusted to better compete with other neighborhood pools and the YMCA. Sharon and Jackie will submit final numbers to Todd. Todd will work with James to present the lifeguard salary budget for the July meeting.

The Board will meet with Matt Johnston and the on duty pool managers to emphasize our expectations relating to lifeguard responsibilities. An email will be issued to all lifeguards regarding the necessity to follow rules and the direction of the pool managers.

Community Liaison: The permit for the July 4th parade has been submitted.

A new trail for the proposed West Hollow area (including Sparkman) will follow the power lines in each direction. We will invite West Hollow proponents to address the board as well as the membership in September or October.

Activities: The Pool Opening Party went well. Catering by Burger House was a hit although some thought the \$8 per plate a bit pricey for a family. Amy D'Alise will give Chris files from past years' events. John Gindling suggested at big events we should consider the older members. Standing in line under a hot sun is not ideal. Perhaps we can serve some food from the kitchen.

Chris has issued a challenge via the Gator Gab to the various streets to enter a float for the parade.

Youth Activities: Shannon would like to have a movie in the park on July 11th after hamburger happy hour. It would start around 8:30 or when dark enough to show the movie.

Grounds: Repairs have been made to the sprinkler system and the trees have been pruned. A new crepe myrtle was planted in front of the Clubhouse. There is an issue with trash in the park and tennis courts. Parents need to talk to their kids about picking up their trash after being in the park. A discussion was held about installing a keyed padlock on the park gate.

Pool Maintenance: All the pool filters have been repaired. The baby pool auto-chlorinator will be repaired soon. The new ice machine is working well. We will have it serviced each fall and spring. A cover is needed for the ice machine during the winter months.

A broken flush valve in one of the pool bathrooms has been repaired.

The pool permit and new tiles are expected any day.

Sports: The swim team coaches will offer a three-session clinic for those swim team members who are interested. A potential sound system will be tested at the June 19th swim meet.

Tennis courts need new lights, fence repair/screen, and resurfacing. Patrick recommended starting with new lights then spreading the expense/repairs out over a few years.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Rudy Frayre adjourned the meeting

July 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 pm Fit Club	2 10-11 Water Aerobics Tennis Drills 7-8:30pm	3 Women's Intermediate Tennis Drills 7:30-9pm	4 Parade Activities at the Pool 	5
6	7 8am Fit Club / Water Aerobics / Men's Tennis League 7-10pm	8 Ladies Duplicate 6:30 pm Fit Club	9 10-11 Water Aerobics Tennis Drills 7-8:30pm	10 Women's Intermediate Tennis Drills 7:30-9pm	11 10-11 Water Aerobics Men's cards 8:15pm Hamburger HHH 	12
13	14 8am Fit Club 10-11 Water Aerobics Men's Tennis 7-10pm Board meeting 7pm	15 6:30 pm Fit Club	16 Water Aerobics Tennis Drills 7-8:30pm Sparkman Book Club 7:30pm	17 Women's Intermediate Tennis Drills 7:30-9pm	18 10-11 Water Aerobics 	19
20	21 8am Fit Club 10-11 Water Aerobics Men's Tennis 7-10pm BIG TRASH WEEK	22 Ladies Duplicate 6:30 pm Fit Club	23 10-11 Water Aerobics Tennis Drills 7-8:30pm	24 Women's Intermediate Tennis Drills 7:30-9pm	25 10-11 Water Aerobics  →	26
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