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TBM Easter Egg Hunt a Smashing Success!

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The 3rd annual TBM Easter Egg Hunt was the best yet! Amy Richmond, Egg Hunt Coordinator, did an Egg-ceptional job! Despite the suddenly cooler weather, a huge number of children and their families came out and partici-



Josh Holden- Finds the "Golden Egg" two years in a row. Way to go, Josh!

pated in the Egg Hunt and the "egg" themed games following.

Among the games, were Egg Roulette, Putt the Peep, and the traditional Egg Toss.

While smashing an egg on your head and hoping it's hard boiled and not raw is exciting, many others chose to pursue less adventurous games. The Guess the Number of Jelly Beans contest had record participation, and the Putt the Peep game went on for over an hour. The Egg Toss, as always, was the most popular game, boast-

ing participants from every age group.

If you weren't able to join in the fun this year, make sure to hop on over next year as this event just keeps getting better and better!



Many thanks to the Social Committee, our bunny volunteers, and all those who donated candy and eggs to make this event possible.

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City Hall House Call With Mayor Mike Simpson

Have you ever wondered what will be built on the land west of TBM, what our neighborhood park will include, or whether or not Rolater will ever be open between Independence and Coit? Well, Mayor Mike Simpson and representatives from the City Council

will hold a City Hall House Call for residents of Turnbridge Manor and Hunters Creek to answer those very questions. This town Hall meeting will be held at Isbell Elementary on Wednesday, April 19th, at 7:00 pm, and will provide updated information about

Frisco as a whole and cover topics such as school and park construction and road improvements exclusive to our area. Specific questions for the Mayor should be forwarded to me, Glynis Chester, at glynis@chesterfamily.net by Tuesday, April 11th.

Groups, Clubs, and Committees Want YOU!

One of the best things about our community, is that there are so many things to do. You can be as involved or uninvolved as you wish, but the opportunities are there. If you are interested in serving on the Pool Committee, contact Renee, at reneebrown@mail.com. If you would like to be part of the Crime Watch Committee, contact Robert at sturdyrob@sbcglobal.net. Or, if you think the Social Committee is more your style, contact Karen Bridges at sparty84@comcast.net.

We also offer a number of social groups and clubs that are open to all residents of Turnbridge Manor. Ladies, if you would like to play Bunco, contact Christine Istas at cistas@hotmail.com. Couples that would like to play Bunco, contact Midge at scottschmidt@rmbb.net. If a couples Dinner Group sounds fun to you, contact Shannon at sgunia@sbcglobal.net. To join the Book Club, contact Glynis Chester at glynis@chesterfamily.net. Not really sure about joining a club, group, or

committee but still want to meet your neighbors? Then Lunch Bunch is for you! We meet for lunch at a different restaurant once every two weeks, alternating between Wednesdays and Thursdays. For more information about Lunch Bunch, contact Renee at reneebrown@mail.com.

If you have ideas for other social groups, or would like to start your own, contact Social Committee Chairman Karen Bridges at sparty84@comcast.net. Let's get together and have some FUN!!

Vandalism On the Rise; Do You Know Where Your Kids Were Last Night?

Longer days and warmer nights are great, but they also mean an increase in vandalism. It has already begun and the kids are not even out of school yet. No one wants to believe that their children would break the law, but they do. Sleepovers and late nights out with no supervision are invitations for kids to get into mischief. Am I suggesting that you shouldn't allow sleepovers? Of

course not. But as adults we all need to be vigilant about knowing where our kids are, who they are with, and what they are doing. Even something as innocent as bike riding with friends after dark can be turned into a less wholesome activity when you inject peer pressure into the mix. An officer I spoke to recently said that the reason Frisco has such a problem with petty crime and property dam-

“the reason Frisco has such a problem with petty crime and property damage is the lack of a curfew”

age is the lack of a curfew. So please, watch out for your kids. Know what they're up to. Vandalism costs everyone!

Drought Contingency Plan Stage Two. What's that?!

Frisco is currently in Stage 2 of it's drought contingency plan. Stage 2 encourages the voluntary use of soaker hoses instead of sprinklers to water foundation, and hand watering of flower beds. This stage also has the option of restrictions becoming mandatory. Unfortunately voluntary restrictions have not been very successful, and the City fully expects to be forced to move to mandatory Stage 2 or Stage 3 water restrictions sometime this Spring.

Stage 3 water restrictions are considered "severe" and includes prohibiting fountain operations, hosing of paved areas, washing vehicles with hoses and draining or filling existing and new pools. Stage 3 also limits landscape watering to once a week based on the last digit of your address. At this stage you will receive a ticket for violating water restrictions as they are mandatory.

Stage 4 occurs in an "emergency"

state when available water is so scarce that it needs to be saved for human consumption. Stage 4 prohibits any and all outdoor water usage including soaker hoses for foundations and new landscaping. A rate surcharge of up to 25% may be initiated for those households consuming more than 4000 gallons per month. For more information, visit http://www.friscotexas.gov/departments/public_works/index.aspx?id=1330

FISD Bond Proposal- \$798 Million

What do you get for \$798 Million? Well, for starters, that will cover us (Frisco) for 52,000 students, approximately the year 2012. We currently have a little over 20,000 students enrolled. It will build 10 new elementary schools, 6 new middle schools, and 3 new high schools. It will also pay for the design (but not construction) of high school #8, and cover the cost of an AG center at Centennial High School. 86% of the bond will go directly to building schools and instructional facilities.

Almost \$50 million will be spent on technology, \$15 million on maintenance and renovations of existing structures, \$8.6 million on busses, and \$7 million on security. For a total of 10% of the bond being used for student support.

Finally, \$2.5 million will be spent on the service center, \$5 million on a maintenance facility, \$4 million on a special programs facility, and \$18.5 million on a transportation and warehouse facility to account for the final 6% of the bond.

The difference between the City bond that will be on the May 13th ballot and the FISD bond, is that the city bond will be voted on "per proposition" and the FISD bond is one package. It is all or nothing for the FISD package because as one of the highest growth districts in Texas, they consider these improvements to be the bare minimum we can get by with. To view the full proposal in a pdf, go to <http://www.friscoisd.org/news/growthinformation2006.pdf>.

Farpointe Cellars Wine Bistro

Farpointe Cellars is a wine store and bistro located at 1125 Legacy, just north of 121 in Frisco. The Board and Committee Chairs recently paid them a visit for a wine tasting and we were really impressed! They offer over 2500 varieties of wine from around the world, a full line of stemware, wine accessories and gourmet foods, wine tasting classes, and a lovely place to sit back and sip some wine and grab a bite to eat.



Their staff is very knowledgeable, and whether you are a wine novice wanting to learn how to pair wines

or a serious aficionado looking to add to your collection, their goal is to make your wine experience a pleasurable one. You won't find any pushy or pretentious sales people here! The bistro is elegant but relaxed and the store is very easy to peruse. All of the employees seem eager to help and passionate about sharing their knowledge. I hope you'll consider stopping by to take a look around, I think you'll be glad you did.

Congratulations to the cast of Cinderella!

Congratulations to the cast and crew of the Frisco Area Children's Theater production of Cinderella. The classic tale of a beautiful young girl destined to meet her handsome prince is a family favorite. Starring in this production were Cully Sharp as Cinderella, Zack Okeson as the Prince, and Turnbridge Manor's very own

Mary Kate Kenney as the magical Fairy Godmother! For quality, family entertainment, watch for other productions by the Frisco Area Children's Theater by logging on to www.friscoacts.com. The Children's Theater is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation and all donations are tax deductible.



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Have you checked out the forum pages of this website lately? They are a great way to stay up to date on neighborhood happenings, get service referrals, and questions answered by other TBM residents. Social events and special notices are placed there as well as posts from neighborhood businesses and babysitters. Eventually, we would like to be a completely "paperless" community, using this website and its forum pages as our main form of communication. You must register to access the forums, but this is a simple process that provides a small measure of security to our homeowners.

VOTERS TO CONSIDER \$198 MILLION BOND PACKAGE IN MAY ELECTION

Frisco voters will be asked to consider a \$198 million bond package for City of Frisco projects in May. During its regularly scheduled council meeting, the Frisco City Council unanimously voted to call for a bond election. The \$198 million bond package is based on recommendations of the Citizens Bond Committee, which was comprised of 21 citizen volunteers, who were appointed by Council and began meeting in October 2005.

The proposed package includes 12 separate propositions. The proposed bond package includes \$100 million dedicated to Street and Road improvements, as well as combined totals of \$31.5 million related to public safety and \$44 million related

to parks and recreation. The specific propositions will be listed on the ballot and voters will be asked to consider each proposition individually.

If the 2006 proposed bond package is approved, staff projects the tax rate will not exceed 48.7 cents over the next five years. The tax rate will be established when the bonds are sold. The City Council will set a projected schedule for the issuing of the debt upon approval of the propositions.

The General and Special Election will be held on Saturday, May 13, from 7a.m. - 7p.m. Early voting for the May 13 General and Special Election will begin on Monday, May 1 and

continues through Tuesday, May 9. For more information on the upcoming election, go to

<http://www.friscotexas.gov/government/citysecretary/index.aspx?id=75>



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