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Social Committee

The Turnbridge Manor Social Club has some fun neighborhood events planned for the remainder of the year.

In October there will be a **Halloween Parade/ Fall Festival**. Like last year, we'll have a parade for the kids starting at the Alstone entrance and concluding in the pool parking lot. Also like last year, we'll have a costume judging. In addition there will be some fun surprises that the Halloween committee is stilling in the process of planning. If anyone in the neighborhood has an interest in being a part of the planning committee for this event, please let me know. The planning meetings will start in mid-

September

There will also be a **Holiday event in December**, so keep an eye out in the next newsletter for details.

Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions regarding these events, or suggestions for other events that will help build relationships neighborhood wide.

Gina Kern

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Turnbridge Directory

Its time to start gathering names and phone numbers to update our directory! If you want your information to be included in the directory **you must fill out a directory form**. If you already have your information in the directory that means we already have a form on file, and you do not need to fill out another! The directory form will be an insert in this newsletter.. Please drop the filled out form in my mail box or mail it to me, 14625 Alstone Drive. If you are a resident with a business you can advertise your business in the directory, the cost is \$25.00 for a business card size Ad or you may buy a number of ads for a bigger size space. For more information don't hesitate to call me!

Renee Brown 972-672-3356

Crime Watch Committee



March of the Penguins Movie Review

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I encourage you to be involved in your neighborhood. I remind everyone to keep their garage doors closed at all times. People often “surf” the alleys looking for an open garage and take whatever they can. Even if you are mowing or in and out, try to keep it shut. Also, remember to light up any vehicles that are parked in the driveway. Car thieves do not want to be seen. If a motion light comes on, they might think twice about taking your car.



environment. the harshest civilized!).

2005 National Night Out will have passed by the time you read this (but not when I am writing it). Thanks for everyone who helped to plan the event and came through to help. Events like these cannot be possible without the help of countless volunteers.

If you are in the neighborhood at night

Pool Committee



We had a meeting on July 10th to address and discuss the behavior problems that we have been having at the pool. We had a great turnout! About thirty concerned residents came to the meeting. Of those thirty, many people signed up to become members of the Pool Committee. These people agreed ,that in order to have a safe family environment at the pool, we need to make sure that residents using the pool are following the posted safety rules. The Pool Committee members will give a verbal warning to the residents (especially children) that are behaving in a dangerous or inappropriate way at the pool (i.e. Running, diving in, hurting others with pool toys, squirting people or children not in their group with water pistols, glass containers at pool). If the culprit does not correct their behavior, the Pool Committee member will report them and SBB will send a letter to their residence. If there are more than two letters sent, the family can lose their pool privileges! The names of the Committee members will be posted at the pool.

We also talked about the vandalism at the pool and some of the members are researching different solutions to that problem!

F.Y.I.

Frisco E-mail

The city of Frisco has a free email news and information service. The email service helps keep citizens informed about city news, bulletins, and special events, as well as city services and program information. Visit www.friscotexas.gov, click on email news and information, and fill in your email address. Sign up today and stay informed!

Limestone Quarry Park (next to Isbell School)

The first meeting for the park is scheduled for Thursday, August 18th from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce event room.

During the meeting, City staff will review the park site discussing both the opportunities and the constraints of the area. The project budget will be discussed as well as the timing. We are be looking for input from the residents as to the desired theme and elements of the park. If you have any questions please contact Steve Walsh , city of Frisco Parks and Recreation-972-335-5517 ext.571

Supply Night and Orientation for Our Frisco Schools

Isbell Elementary-Supply night: August 12th

Phone: 469-633-3400

Roach Middle School:

Temporary Phone: 972-540-7932

Permanent Phone : 469-633-5000

6th Grade Training Camp Roach Middle School– Tuesday, August 9th at 1:00-4:00 p.m.

schedule pick-up starts at 12:30.

7th and 8th Orientation– Thursday, August 11th at 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Centennial High School-

Phone:469-633-5600

9th grade schedule pick up: Tuesday, August 9th during CHS Fish Camp .

10th grade schedule pick up : Monday, August 8th 1-4 p.m.

11th grade schedule pick up: Friday, August 5th 1-4 p.m.

12th grade schedule pick up: Thursday, August 4th 1-4 p.m.

Jostens will be on campus all four days to take pictures!



F.Y.I.

Dust Off : Another Danger for Our Children!

I know that many of you read about this abuse in Matt Lafata's Newsletter, but we were so shocked and appalled by the contents that we felt that it was important to include some information on this horrible practice in the Turnbridge Newsletter! Matt Lafata researched this subject to verify its truth, as did I.

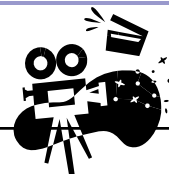
I found out that using Dust Off, a can of compressed air that is used to clean computers and other hardware, is being inhaled by mostly kids ages 9 through 15. They have even given it a name. It's called dusting. A take off on the Dust Off name. It apparently gives them a slight high for about 10 seconds. It makes them dizzy. The experts want to call this huffing. The kids don't believe its huffing. As adults we tend to lump many things together. But it doesn't fit here. There is no chemical reaction, no strong odor, It doesn't follow the huffing signals. Its not just compressed air. It also contains a propellant, R2. It's a refrigerant like what is used in your refrigerator. It is a heavy gas. Heavier than air. When you inhale it, it fills your lungs and keeps the good air, with oxygen, out. That's why you feel dizzy, buzzed. It decreases oxygen to your brain, and to your heart. It doesn't just hurt you, ***it kills you!*** There is no warning, there is no level that kills you. It's not cumulative or an overdose: it just goes randomly, terribly wrong. Its not an overdose, its Russian roulette. You don't die later. Or not feel good and say I've had too much. You usually die as you're breathing it in. If not, you die within 2 second of finishing the "hit". That's why the straw is found in the dead child's mouth, and their eyes are still open. There are no signs to look for other than some children sometimes complain that their tongues hurt, that's because the propellant causes frostbite! Please educate yourself about this problem and make sure your cans of Dust Off are put away safely!!

Frisco City Council Restricts Use of Motorized Scooters and Pocket Motorcycles

The City Council gave the Police Chief direction to prohibit motorized scooters on sidewalks, in addition to the prohibition that exists on streets for safety reasons. Motorized scooters will only be able to be operated on streets by licensed drivers or on private property. Pocket motorcycles are not allowed on public streets or sidewalks at all.



Movie Review



March of the Penguins

The March of the Penguins is a beautifully photographed film about the Emperor Penguins' struggle for survival in the harsh Antarctic environment. It follows a group of penguins on their 70 mile march to their breeding grounds. They find mates and raise chicks under what may be the harshest conditions on earth. What made this film so interesting was seeing how much like people the penguins are (although perhaps more civilized!). There was no violence, although there were shots of frozen baby chicks. Nothing exploded.

Stephanie Jacobs

Restaurant Picks and Pans



JINBEH – Japanese Steak house

I recently went to JINBEH in Frisco for the first time, and I couldn't wait to go back again! The food is out of this world and the service is great. I especially like the fact that they cook right in front of you and sort of put on a show. The chefs do cool tricks while preparing your meal and are very entertaining. The experience is very similar to Benihana's but at a fraction of the price. Hibachi (steak or chicken) lunch specials include soup, salad and steamed rice for \$9.95. They also have a sushi bar, but we haven't tried that yet.

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Book Review



On an outing with the Lunch Bunch someone suggested that Book Reviews would be a good addition for the newsletter. I recently joined a local book club and thought you would like to hear about one of the books that we have read. So here goes...

State of Fear By Michael Crichton

This is another excellent science-fiction/action thriller from the same famous author as Jurassic Park. State of Fear feels like an action movie through every plot twist, but also teaches readers basic climatology at the same time. This combination is expertly crafted and never feels forced.

The modern-day tale of the effects of rampant global warming has many characters, whose personalities and philosophies will remind you of actual people, from environmentalists, politicians, lawyers, to even Hollywood types. The manipulation of scientific knowledge by powerful companies and individuals serves as the basis for the story, and this cautionary tale works to deconstruct modern-day myths and propaganda about global warming. An enjoyable read!

If anyone has read a good book lately please email me a review! We all like to find a good book!

Renee Brown

