



Ridgecrest News

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The New Schwartz Park is Worth a Visit

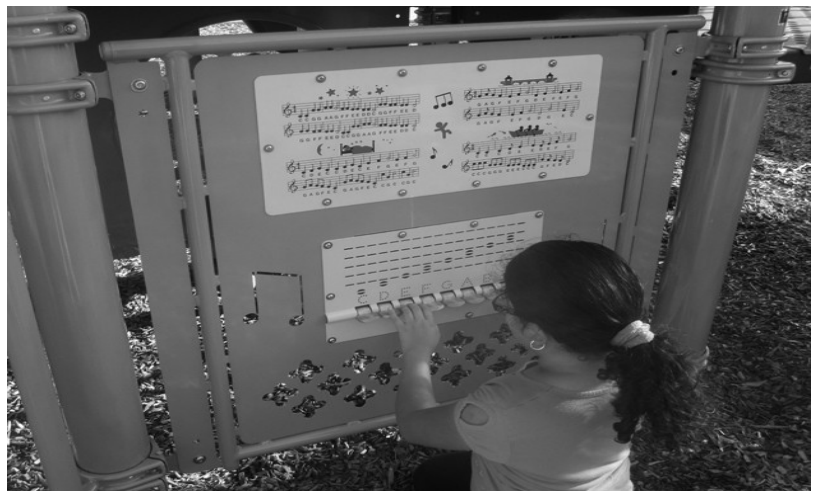
By: Phyllis Miller

If you haven't taken time to visit Schwartz Park since the temporary construction fence is down, you are in for a treat. According to a sign recently posted, the city spent \$449,672. 71 to redo the park and it is considerably improved.

The entrance has been redesigned and is very inviting. The motif of leaves is used on the entry posts and on the cement on the ground in several different places. New sod has been laid so the grounds are green and attractive.



Several new activities are available that weren't at the park before. One that seems very popular from the number of people who use it is the skateboard section. Another activity that is popular is a musical game that is attached to the new play equipment that has been installed.



Those of us living in the area are fortunate to have this wonderful park so close and accessible and it is great that the city is keeping it up-to-date and clean. We will have a Grand Opening coming up in September. We will let you know the date as soon as possible.

Esplanade Report

Submitted by Weldon Tiedt

There is not much activity going on the esplanades, especially at this time of year when it is so hot.

However, the flower beds are really looking good.

It has been a little over four

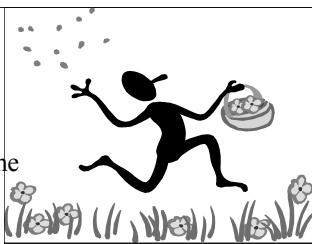
Months now since they were planted. The city has been keeping the esplanades mowed so overall the esplanades are looking good.

Note: There are always, so I think, a certain type of "experimenting:" with what will and will not work on our esplanades. Weldon and out contractor for the esplanades has really done a good job.

Yesterday, Monday, July 1st, on the esplanade at Wirt/Hammerly. Noticed the flowers up too high in front of the sign. It is nearly blocking the name, etc. This can happen at any time. I know next year we can correct the problem.

Things look so much better, and I feel, "so much better" knowing Weldon is "herding" the esplanades.

Good job Weldon!! PLEASE KEEP UP THE GOOD WORKS. Like "don't quit"!!!!



Way to go, Weldon!!!

STREET LIGHT REPORT

By: Weldon Tiedt

Street light locations that lights were found to be out and reported to Centerpoint Energy and repaired.

1900 Glosridge

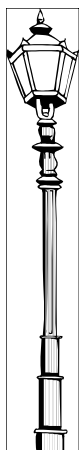
7900 Ridgeview

8500 Ridgepoint

Should you see a street light out please call me at

713-468-5970 and give me the address and pole number.

Appreciate your help!



Speaking of Center Point,

It is hurricane time of the year. And because we are an older neighborhood, we have a lot of very beautiful old trees in our area. Please make a special effort to check the trees under the power line in your yard.

If you see, or think, the limbs on, or near, the line needs to be checked please call Center Point.

They will send someone out to check the potential problem and if necessary will have the trees trimmed.

Could save you from being without lights not only during hurricane season but during a windstorm.

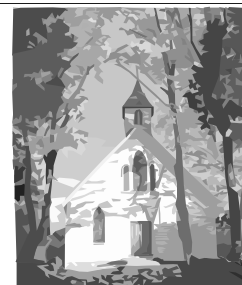


BIBLE VERSE

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God.

Psalm 146:5

Submitted: By Lil Tiedt



Center Point Energy

If you cannot or for some reason, need to have your air conditioner checked out, Center Point will do it free. But, there are a couple of things that you need to know. Please see below for information in order to get this done.

Home Services

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Happy Birthday To You

July Birthdays:

Jeff Harry-July 9th

Rachael Young-July 1

Shane Santiff-July 16

Barbara Gray-July 31

August Birthdays:

Lil and Weldon Tiedt -August 22

Frances Biskup-August 15



Flooding in Ridgecrest,

It is my hope that perhaps by the time school starts, the flooding along Ridgecrest at the school will be fixed.

As I have pointed out numerous times, to numerous people, that when it rains our children have to walk in the street since the sidewalk floods.

We are currently working on the problem.

Dear SBISD Campus Improvement Team Members,

Thank you to those of you who were able to attend the meeting last Wednesday evening to provide input on the principal and assistant principal selection process for this summer. Your support has enabled us to better respond to our need to find great campus leaders for our schools. As a result of your feedback, we have moved forward to make the following campus administrative changes across the school district.

David Sablatura will serve as the Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Trustees. David recently served as Principal of Spring Oaks Middle School.

Lance Stallworth is moving from his role as Principal of Spring Woods High School to serve as Director for Curriculum and Instruction.

Jennifer Parker has been named Principal of Spring Woods High School. Jennifer worked previously in SBISD and comes to the District after serving in Alief ISD since 2007 as Principal of Hastings High School.

Jennifer Collier has been named Director at Westchester Academy. Jennifer worked previously as the Associate Principal at Spring Woods High School. Jennifer replaces Nancy Bertin who was the Interim Director.

Paul Suess will be the new Principal at Spring Oaks Middle School, after serving since 2009 as an Assistant Principal at Stratford High School.

Vivian Pratts will be the Principal at Edgewood Elementary School, replacing retiring Principal Suzanne Mercado. Vivian will also serve as Director of Bilingual/ESL. Vivian has served as the Director for Bilingual/ESL for the last 7 years.

Joyce Olson will be the Principal at Pine Shadows Elementary School. Joyce is currently the Interim Principal. She worked for Spring Branch ISD for 8 years serving as the Lead Interdisciplinary Instructional Coach and also as the Director of Science.

Danny Gex will be the new Associate Principal at Stratford High School. Danny is moving to this position after serving as an Assistant Principal at Stratford since 2007.

Pamela Metcalfe has been named Assistant Principal at Stratford High School. She comes to the District from Katy ISD where she most recently served as Assistant

Principal of Taylor High School.

Geoffrey Dixon is moving from his Assistant Principal role at Spring Branch Middle School to be an Assistant Principal at Memorial High School, replacing Gary Johnson who retired.

Alexia Greiner will be the new upper school Assistant Director at Westchester Academy, replacing Mechiel Rozas who accepted a Principal position in HISD.

Allison Butler will be moving from her role as Assistant Principal at Memorial Middle School to Spring Forest Middle School to serve as Assistant Principal.

Cindy Barranco will be moving from her role as Assistant Principal at Spring Forest Middle School to Memorial Middle School as Assistant Principal.

Aida Interiano will be moving from her role as Assistant Principal at Pine Shadows Elementary to the position of Assistant Principal at Landrum Middle School.

Cynthia Gardner will be moving from her role as Assistant Principal at Landrum Middle School to serve as Assistant Principal at Edgewood Elementary.

Lynne Barry will be moving from her role as Assistant Principal at Edgewood Elementary to the position of Assistant Principal at Meadow Wood Elementary.

Carolina Martinez will be moving from her role as Assistant Principal at Terrace Elementary to serve as Assistant Principal at Pine Shadows Elementary.

Anne Dennis will be moving from her role as Assistant Principal at Sherwood Elementary to serve as Assistant Principal at Cedar Brook Elementary School.

Merrie Thomas will move from her role as Assistant Principal at Cedar Brook Elementary to serve as Assistant Principal at Sherwood Elementary School.

Lisa Slinkard will be moving from her role as Assistant Principal at Northbrook High School to serve as Assistant Principal at Terrace Elementary School.



Flowers for my teacher

Yolanda Rodriguez has been named Assistant Principal at Housman Elementary School. She moves to this position from her role as Interdisciplinary Coach at Ridgecrest Elementary School.

Kimberly Reynolds will be Assistant Principal at Rummel Creek Elementary School. Kimberley has served in SBISD since 2003 as a teacher at Hunters Creek Elementary School.

Based on your input, I look forward to forming a working group this fall to redesign our principal and assistant principal selection process. If you are interested in serving on this working group, please let me know.

Again, thank you for your service as a member of your school's Campus Improvement Team. Have a great rest of the summer.

Thank you,

Duncan Klusmann
Superintendent of Schools

RIDGECREST CIVIC CLUB MEETING MINUTES

MAY 20, 2013

President Doris Hinson opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., prayer was given by Weldon Tiedt and the pledge was led by Russell Reynolds.

Margaret Dunlop from Metro was the guest speaker. She presented an informative video program on all areas of the Metro Program, titled "How to Ride Metro." Some of the highlights presented were:

Specific information concerning the Emergency Management of Metro, including Readiness Bag for Emergencies; Showed maps of all the Metro routes; One hundred buses added every year, equipped for ADA; Some small Metro lift buses, also ADA accessible and bikes can be put on the bus; Safety is always the main factor; If you see a problem, call Metro (Customer Care number is 713-635-4000); Bikes can be put on the rails; Re-imagining system is reviewed to update the programs; "Q"card or cash is used to buy tickets. Metro police patrol the routes; Green Readiness Bags containing items and information was given to the group.

Discussion/announcements: Treasurer's report given (\$4944.50 and Esplanade \$600.00); Chapter 42 handout distributed; Doris is working with an attorney concerning Chapter 42; Two newsletter carriers are needed for Restrige and Ridgepoint streets; Weldon Tiedt reported that reports are still being made concerning "cars in the yard."; Swartz Park will be opening soon; People not ensuring homes are secure and warned not to leave anything in their cars; PIP meeting next Tuesday; If having problems with mail delivery contact the Post Office to voice your complaint.



Joan Pierce's name was drawn for the free Metro card (\$5.00). Weldon Tiedt's name was drawn for the door prize (\$25.00).

Mary Tompson presented a patriotic theme for the refreshment table and other decorations.

Nineteen people were present for the meeting which adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

(Call Metro, believe Seniors ride free)

Transportation is the key to Houston and Spring Branch. I think the following article will be of interest.

Tag Houston

Mission Statement

Build a foundation of sound and unified transportation infrastructure that promotes economic prosperity, growth, and an improved quality of life.

Goals

Establish a consistent and effective presence in Houston and Austin to secure and ensure long-term funding to address Houston region transportation needs

■ *We are advocates of all modes of transportation, but our first efforts are directed to securing additional State funds and local funding authority for the Houston region during the 82nd Legislative session*

■ *We realize that federal and state funds will never cover all Houston transportation needs*

■ *We need the authority to develop local funding options.*

■ *We believe we can reduce congestion in this region and improve safety*

■ *We want transportations options*

■ *We want to see a unified regional transportation plan that includes all modes and is interconnected*

■ *We want to work with other groups that want to promote transportation improvements.*

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Effective March 1, 2013, the Spring Branch Management District has hired Monarch Landscape to begin work on picking up bandit signs, debris, and illegally dumped trash in the SB district. I am sure they will continue to allow individuals to remove bandit signs placed in the public right of way, but now we can be assured that our entire area will be cleaner. The SBMD continues to work on maintaining and improving our esplanades via new plantings, mowing, and regular maintenance. The Keep Green signs which have been hit by vehicles should be replaced fairly soon and if you happen to know one needing to be replaced, contact the district at its website: www.sbmd.org and file a report. Identify markers to be scattered around the district are expected to receive final COH approval so be on the lookout for these. As for the dead trees scattered along some of the public esplanades, they will soon be replaced with trees provided by "Trees for Houston".

Constables hired by the SBMD in 2012 made 60 felony arrests, 22 felony warrant arrests, 867 traffic citations, handled 1489 traffic violations, assisted 293 citizens, made 4499 apartment and 4172 business checks, and drove over 54000 miles patrolling Spring Branch. A very effective constable program funded by the businesses in SB which benefit all of its residents. Based upon crime statistics, the top commercial crime reported properties in 2012 were at 9601 Kempwood Dr. and 7600 Katy Freeway; the top two crime apartments were at 8337 Hammerly and 1702 Wirt Rd.

The SBMD under the leadership of David Hawes and its outstanding board composed of commercial property owners are working to improve our quality of life as they focus on our security, the appearance and the business environment of Spring Branch. While no resident homeowner financially supports the SBMD, and while a few commercial businesses have opted out of paying the yearly assessment fee, all of us benefit from their work and I fully endorse and support all that they do for those of us who live and/or work in Spring Branch.

Speaking of Chuck Davidson....

Chuck and his family have moved from Spring Branch. What a loss to our community.

He has been a resident of Spring Branch for a long, long time. A good Christian person. Always willing to "pitch in" and do something for the good of the community and all humanity.

One of the things that he was doing, was sending out email messages to all of Spring Branch, City of Houston, and places that needed information and news on Spring Branch.

While this might seem as a "little simple" thing to do...it is not. It takes someone that is dedicated to the community.

Chuck believes he might have a replacement.

We will certainly miss Chuck as a person, and as a great person to help out in Spring Branch!

Thanks for all you do/did!



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Objectives

■•Develop priority list of Houston Region transportation projects funded by TxDOT and other funding sources.

■•Advocate for appropriate state and federal funding and encourage adequate and innovative funding of Houston Region projects

■•Develop an advocacy program that unites business, community and political interests to promote Houston region projects

■•Identify civic leader(s) to champion the cause

■•Promote the Houston region program to the Legislature, TxDOT, and other key leaders and decision makers

TAG- Houston region is the premier advocacy group for transportation for the Houston region. TAG was founded in 2010 to serve the Houston region as a unifying transportation advocacy group and as the voice for better mobility at the local, state and federal levels. Better mobility means building a foundation of sound and unified transportation infrastructure that promotes economic prosperity, growth and an improved quality of life.

The Houston region is an internationally competitive market and we must work together to solve our state's transportation crisis and ensure our region secures needed funds. For too long, Houston has remained silent while other cities statewide and nationally have obtained funding for major transportation projects. Now is the time to unite the Houston region and advocate for our needs.

Our website is www.taghouston.org (currently under construction) for more information.

Andrea French
TagHouston

TagHouston will be our speaker at Spring Branch East Super Neighborhood on August 22, 2013 at Sosa Center, 1414 Wirt Road at 7:00 PM.

Everyone is invited not only to this meeting but all meetings of Spring Branch East Super Neighborhood. Our meetings are always the 4th Thursday of each month.



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Garage Sales

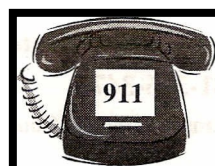
All residents of the Ridgecrest Civic Club should be aware we have been in contact with the Houston City Attorney's office regarding **GARAGE SALES** in our neighborhood. It should be understood that you are allowed **TWO GARAGE SALES** each year. Anything beyond that constitutes a business and you **WILL** be contacted and possibly fined. If you have observed a resident as having more than two garage sales in the year, please contact Weldon Tiedt or Doris Hinson and leave the information on the address and the dates of the garage sales.

NO GARAGE SALE SIGNS

It is against the City Ordinance to put any signs in the esplanades. This area belongs to the city. If reported you can get a ticket.

NO LOUD MUSIC

Don't make your neighbors listen to your music. Your music should not be loud enough for your neighbor to hear.



Emergency



Non-Emergency

DO NOT PARK ON THE GRASS IN YOUR FRONT YARD.

You can be reported and get a ticket.

DEED RESTRICTIONS

Read your deed restrictions. Ignorance is no excuse of the law. If you do not go by the deed restrictions, you are subject to a fine.

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Doris B. Hinson
713-461-4160

Vice President
Weldon Tiedt
713-468-5970

Secretary
Beverly Cook
713-464-4335

Treasurer
Open

Committees
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Doris B. Hinson
713-461-4160
Alma West
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Esplanades
Weldon Tied
713-468-5970

Yard of the Month
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COP Coordinator
Ruth Maya
713-828-0633

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713-461-4160

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Phyllis Miller
713 465 2420

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Mary Thompson
713-467-2147

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713-468-5970

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Marnel, Montridge,
Ridgepoint
Westcrest, Glosridge, Pech

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Ridgemore (south),
Highcrest (east),
Montridge, Restrige,
Ridgecrest, Lynnview ,

Mail Outs
Phyllis Miller

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Open	Bingle	
Joanne Pierce	Cedel	713-465-7828
Open	Coulcrest	
Open	Delery	
Gladys Noska	Glosridge	713-465-2038
Open	Hammerly	
Luz Lopez	Highcrest(West))	713-464-1870
Open	Huge Oaks	
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Open	Lynnview	
Larry Morgan	Marnel	713-465-5346
Weldon Tiedt	Montridge	713-468-5970
Norcrest	Open	
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Larry Wade	Westcrest	
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Anna Drain	Montridge
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Open	Ridgemore-South
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Scott Ringer	Cedel
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COP Coordinator
Ruth Maya
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**Want to be a patroller? Want to protect yourself
and your neighbor? Then, call Ruth!**

Membership Application

Become a member of the Ridgecrest Civic Club and participate with your neighbors in the process of improving our community. Your Support is appreciated.

Dues are \$24.00 annually

Please make your check payable to the Ridgecrest Civic Club. Bring to the next meeting or send by mail to:

**Ridgecrest Civic Club
PO Box 55867
Houston, TX 77255-5867**

Owner/proprietario_____

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Conviértese en un socio del Club Civico de Ridgecrest y participe con los vecinos en el proceso de mejorar a nuestra comunidad. Su apoyo es apreciado.

Las cuotas de socio son \$24.00 anualmente.

**Por favor haga el cheque pagado al Club Civico de Ridgecrest. Traígalo a la reunion o mándalo por correo a:
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PO Box 55867
Houston TX 77255-5867**

New Application

Renewal

Name /Nombre _____

Address/dirección _____

Telefono/teléfono _____

Signature/firma _____

Date/fecha _____

Suggestions/sugerencias _____

**I would like to be on the following committee(s):
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**Me gustaría estar parte del comité siguiente:
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Ridgecrest Civic Club Citizens On Patrol Application Aplicacion para Los Ciudadanos en Patrulla (COP)

Name/nombre _____ Address/dirección _____

Phone/teléfono _____ Cell/cellular _____

Mail to:

Ruth Maya

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Houston, TX 77255-5867

HEAVY TRASH DAYS

Do not put heavy trash out on any day but heavy trash days!!

Heavy Trash days are: the FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

I believe.....

That if we put our faith in the Lord, America, and ourselves that there are no goals that we cannot reach.

I as your president, wish and pray for only the best for you and your families.
Doris Hinson-President

Long Point-Rebuild Houston

Long Point has been a “political football” since its beginning of plans to redo. ReBuild Houston is currently assisting with trying to get Long Point completed.

Background on ReBuild Houston since it is part of Long Point.

Rebuild Houston is a direct result of City of Houston voters approving Proposition One on November 2, 2010. The proposition directed the City’s Charter to “be amended to provide for the enhancement, improvement and ongoing renewal of Houston’s drainage and streets by creating a Dedicated Pay-As-You_Go Fund for Drainage and streets”.

There are four Sources of Funding for Street & drainage projects;

1. Advalorem (Property) Taxes
2. 3rd Party Funding (METRO, TXDOT, Federal Grants, etc.)
3. Drainage Utility Charge
4. Developer Drainage Impact Fee

ReBuild Houston business model emphasizes Pay-As-You-Go Funding. In this manner, no new debt is incurred and cash payment means there are no more interest payments on new projects. As a result, the City gets twice the product for the same dollars. As old debt is paid off from ad valorem taxes, funds become available for future projects. ReBuild Houston’s Pay-As-you-Go model is a better way for the City to invest in street and drainage infrastructure, and is a hallmark of “Good Government”.

A 10-year planning cycle will identify new projects based on need, prioritizing the worst needs first.

ReBuild Houston will help:

1. Reduce street flooding
2. Improve mobility
3. Reduce structural flooding

Ultimately, it means Better Streets, Better Drainage. The driving force, or one of them, is calls to 311. The number of calls “complaints” helps to determine what project)) need the most attention now. If you live in an area that is fronted by Long Point and there is a need for street repair or drainage, call 311 and our District A Representative, Helena Brown.

Projects are re-evaluated each year, and when necessary are reconsidered for urgency, etc.

Pech to Hollister duration is approximately 333 days, or 1 year.

Sidewalk Program is about \$5M a year project. You can make application for either new sidewalks or repairs by going on line to www.houstongov.org. Always let Council Member Brown

know about the needs in your area.

Council Member Costello commented that the City sometimes has problems when communicating with people. They do not always fully understand the situations so therefore, in the future it is their hope to bring in “specialists” and avoid potential problems.

Ring Library as well as the downtown library, will resume being open on week-ends.

Please Note: Council Member Costello was a speaker at our Super Neighborhood Meeting.

HELP OUR NEIGHBORS

With the hot summer ahead of us, we need to be aware of our neighbors that are elderly or perhaps a man or woman that has children; that might cannot afford electricity, or any utilities. They are out in our area. Just a matter of finding them.

With the temperature hovering at 101+, and no electricity or water it is hard to survive. Especially if you are not “use” to living without water and electricity.

There are places that we can get help for them. We will need to briefly talk to them, don’t pry into their business, but get enough information where we can talk intelligently to the utility companies.

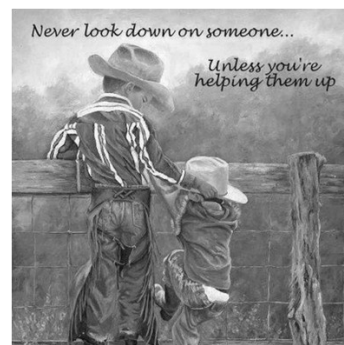
One place here in our immediate area is the First Baptist Church’s center on the corner of Long Point/Ridgecrest. People can get food, clothing, and names or organizations that can help them.

I must confess, the most valuable, lesson of life, I have learned just recently. You never judge, etc. a person because of their surroundings, that might be all they can do, or really don’t know better. I was never a “snoot” about it but I always felt “if I can raise 3 girls etc. “ the world can also, well, that’s not necessarily true.

If you find someone that needs help, please email me at doris.hinson@att.net and I will do the best I can to find help.

Thank you for choosing Ridgecrest as your home!

Doris Hinson, President



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