

## President's Corner

If you are reading this on time, then Happy Fourth of July to you and happy birthday America! I am proud to be part of such a great neighborhood that celebrates our great nation in such a heartfelt way. Please see details in this issue for the celebration and please volunteer your time and talents to help make the celebration a success!

I hope that by delivery, I will also be back from some extended travel. Whether I've got busted pipes or an uneventful return, I know that our deputies have been keeping an eye on things with their vacation watch service. Thank you!

Unfortunately, we will have Marielle Spin resigning from the HCA board to take care of some other things. I want to thank her as a fellow HCA member and a friend for saying yes twice: serving on the board in two terms as secretary. As I will continually do, I will make a plea for involvement with the HCA. Keeping Huntwick upscale requires all of us at home and on our volunteer board. While I would love to make personal invitations, the size, turnover, and varied involvements in other activities simply have not allowed me to come to know the entire neighborhood. As such, if you would like to learn more about the good works of the HCA Board, please simply email me at [president@huntwickforest.com](mailto:president@huntwickforest.com) and I'll make sure to make your acquaintance.

Regarding bulk trash collection, I mentioned some time ago that this service is no longer included in our regular trash collection. However, you can contact Champions Industries to make arrangements for a special pickup, for a fee. Now, our worthy Maintenance Director has uncovered a little-known gem of a service in the form of a county-provided dumpster. You have to dump it yourself, but that can be quite handy for non-yard debris. See more information on rules and restrictions at [cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Public-Dumpsters](http://cp4.harriscountytexas.gov/Public-Dumpsters).

In rereading past columns I do find that I seem to have a reminder per month regarding deed restrictions and home upkeep. This is done with the best intentions of fostering community. While I do have another good one ready to go, I will save it for the fall. So, in light of Father's Day coming up as I write, my hope is this: that you dads had a good one and that as a homeowner you never forget to simply enjoy your home and the house that surrounds it.

Thank you for being great neighbors and keeping Huntwick upscale,

Giff Wilkerson, HCA President  
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Don't Miss Huntwick's

4<sup>th</sup> of July

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Friday  
July 4th



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Parade



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Poolside Party



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**June Deadline: July 15th**

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# Teen Job Seekers

**B - Babysitting**

**P - Pet Sitting**

**H - House Sitting**

**L - Lawn**

For safety reasons, the Teen Job Seeker list is not included in the online version of *The Huntwick Herald*.



# The Beat

## Monthly Crime Stats: May 2025

The following is only a summary of crime and traffic. If you need more information about this report, don't hesitate to contact the constables 24-hour dispatch number at 281-376-3472.

**Block of 5600 Court of Lions St** - Deputies were alerted to a suspicious vehicle that was occupied. Investigation revealed the violator did not have a drivers license and proof of insurance. Vehicle was towed from the scene and the driver was cited.

**Block of 5400 Graystone Ln** - Deputies responded to a disturbance between neighbors. Citation was issued.

## Other Incidents

- (147) Vacation Watches
- (53) MUD Checks
- (255) Contract Checks
- (66) Park Checks
- (3) Alarms
- (4) Suspicious Persons
- (5) Suspicious Vehicle

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# Celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> with Huntwick!

Rain or shine, all residents are invited to join us at the intersection of Balmore Circle and Glen Erica as the Champions Volunteer Fire Department leads our parade to the clubhouse, ending the journey with a spectacular water shower! Decorate your car, bike, scooter, roller blades, stroller, wagon, golf cart, or whatever gets you there! Then stick around for loads of family fun at the club from noon until 4pm. Phil and the grill masters will be grilling up, Mike Haver will be keeping the party moving as this year's DJ, and much more!



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If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Wanda Baker at [membership@huntwickforest.com](mailto:membership@huntwickforest.com) or scan the QR code to sign up.

Hosted jointly by Huntwick Civic Association and Harris County Water District #116.

# Volunteers Needed!

## Section Chairs and Block Captain



The interaction between a **Block Captain** and a new Huntwick resident is crucial to making new residents feel welcomed into our neighborhood. The Block Captain personally welcomes the new residents, and delivers a welcome packet that provides varied information about Huntwick Forest, the Huntwick Recreation Facility, and Harris County Water District #116, as well as services offered and places of interest within Harris County Precinct 3. The second function of a Block Captain is the taking of orders for Christmas Eve luminaries and bows during the latter half of October, and the delivery of orders in early December. A **Section Chair** serves as the liaison with HCA Board Members who are tasked with organizing the selling of luminaries for Huntwick’s traditional Christmas Eve lighting.

If your area is not listed, but you would be willing to take over duties should an opening arise, **or cover an area that is not in your section**, please send an email to [membership@huntwickforest.com](mailto:membership@huntwickforest.com) requesting to be placed on an as-needed list. *All positions are for Block Captain roles unless otherwise noted.*

**Section 1**  
5302-5331 Olympia Fields

**Section 2**  
5303-5319 Westminster

**Section 3**  
5402-5414 Verdant Way

**Section 5A**  
5202-5231 Fountainbridge

**Section 9A**  
1402-13418 Hedgley Place  
5502, 5506, 5510, 5514,  
5602-5615 Graystone  
13603-13718 Charwell Crossing

**Section 10A**  
Section Chair





*Dear Garden Fairy,*

*Well, summer vacation is here, and I am off to visit friends and family out of state. Can you tell me the best way to prepare my indoor plants for my time away?*

*Sincerely, Packed and Ready to Go!*

**Dear Packed and Ready,**

Great question! Before leaving, take a few simple steps to keep your indoor plants happy while you are away.

**Water Thoroughly Before You Go**

Give your plants a deep watering before you leave, ensuring the soil is fully moist but not soggy. If they have drainage holes, let excess water drain to avoid root rotting.

**Adjust the Light & Environment**

Move plants away from direct sunlight to slow evaporation. Keep them in a cool, shaded area to reduce stress. If using AC, avoid placing them near vent drafts.

**Use Self-Watering Methods**

Give your plants a deep watering before you leave, ensuring the soil is fully moist but not soggy. If they have drainage holes, let excess water drain to avoid root rotting.

**Use Technology**

For high-maintenance plants, try an automatic plant watering spike or a self-watering bulb to slowly release water into the soil, ensuring consistent moisture.

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## The Frith Family

### 5610 Mount Royal Circle

She's a grand old flag, and once again she's flying over Huntwick as we prepare for our largest annual celebration: Independence Day, the Fourth of July! It's America's birthday, and we Huntwickians salute her and celebrate her 249<sup>th</sup> with our wildest and most fun event of the year. The lovely homes and yards of Huntwick are all decked out in preparation for this event. Stars and stripes of all sizes can be seen waving joyously over the yards of Huntwick. This is the time of year when those yards are at their loveliest. Our delicious Yard of the Month for July belongs to Barron and Cythia Frith at 5610 Mount Royal Circle.

The first thing one notices when approaching the Frith yard is the eye-catching neatness and symmetry of the plantings. The sidewalk bordering the gas lantern is flanked with Pittosporum and purple Oxalis and outlined with landscape rock. Pebble river rock forms the edge between the slate walkway and the driveway. This is backed by creeping vines and blue Plumbago.

Under the windows are holly ferns accented by Nandinas. The entryway features pink and blue Hydrangeas. Carox, lime green Everillo grass mounds, and coral Drift Roses add color along with purple and green Coleus and First Love pink Dianthus. The Camelias are not in bloom, but they are covered with deep green foliage.

Foxtail fern, Wood fern, and Autumn fern are accented by May Night Salvia and Monkey Grass. A large Plum Loropetalum adds height near the corner of the house.

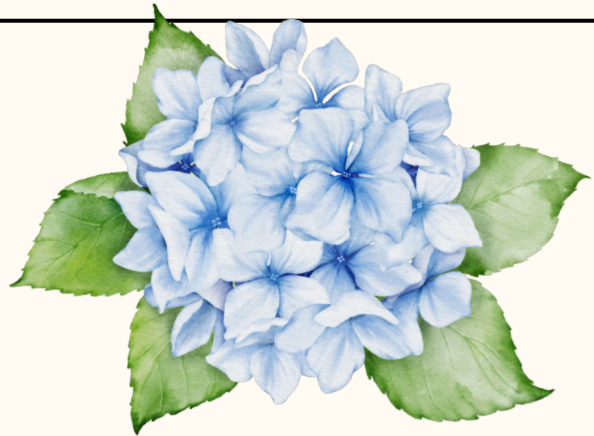
The house is accented with identical windows on each side of the front entrance along with a light-colored iron gallery along the second floor.

A peak at the Frith back yard reveals an interesting display of unusual plants as well. We thank Cynthia and Barron for their gardening efforts in creating our July Yard of the Month.

**A July 4<sup>th</sup> tip:** Per the Huntwick Deed Restrictions, Fireworks of any kind are not allowed anywhere in Huntwick.

*Beth Hilpert, Peg Owen, Kelly Workheiser  
Beautification Committee*

# What Color is Your Soil?



Hydrangeas are a fantastic plant to have in your landscape! With their stunning blooms and beautiful fall foliage, they will provide lasting beauty from Spring through Fall. Being a perennial, they will go through a winter dormancy but will come back strong.

Hydrangeas are pretty low maintenance and can thrive in Texas in the right area of your yard with minimal effort. They don't tolerate the heat, so partial to full shade is best (water when dry). Deadheading is strongly encouraged to bring on new blooms. Pruning can be tricky; the variety will tell you if the bloom is on the old wood or the new wood. If there are buds on the branches in the fall, then it blooms on old wood. No buds mean that it will push out new growth in the Spring.

But, the most fascinating thing about them are their blooms. Their color is dictated by pH of the soil. The more acid in the soil, the more blue the flower is. The darker the pink, the more alkaline in the soil. So, depending on your preference, you can manipulate the color. Coffee grounds worked into the soil at the base of the plant in the fall will give you a purple-to-blue bloom. While adding lime, will give you varying shades of pink. You might need to do this 2-3 times a year to maintain the color.

Give it a try to see how your plant responds!

An advertisement for Gas Product Services. On the left, a grey box contains the company name 'GAS PRODUCT SERVICES' with a gas lantern icon, a list of services: 'Sales • Service • Repair • Installation', product types: 'Gas Lights • Gas Grills • Gas Logs AND NOW Outdoor Kitchens!', a phone number '281-798-8006', a website 'www.gasproductservices.com', and a 'Family Owned & Operated' badge. On the right, a photograph of a lit gas lantern is shown against a stone wall. A green circular badge in the bottom right corner of the photo reads '10% OFF when you mention this ad'.

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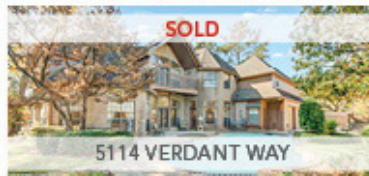
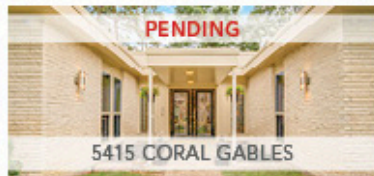
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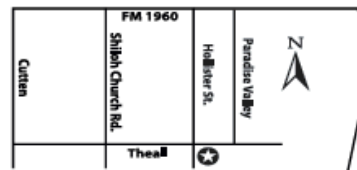
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