

their father/mother/guardian and then immediately tell you if this happens. Reassure them you're there to help and it is okay to tell you anything.

**7. Be sensitive to any changes in your children's behavior attitude.** Encourage open communication and learn how to be an active listener. Look and listen for small clues that something may be troubling your children, because children are not always comfortable disclosing disturbing events or feelings. This may be because they are concerned about your reaction to their problems. If your children do confide problems to you, strive to remain calm, noncritical, and nonjudgmental. Listen compassionately to their concern, and work with them to resolve the problem.

**8. Be sure to screen babysitters and caregivers.** Many states now have a public registry that allows parents and guardians to check out individuals for prior criminal records and sex offenses. Check out references with other families who have used the caregiver or babysitter. Once you have chosen the caregiver, drop in unexpectedly to see how your children are doing. Ask your children how the experience with the caregiver was, and listen carefully to the responses.

**9. Practice basic safety skills with your children.** Make an outing to a mall or park a "teachable" experience in which your children can practice checking with you, using pay telephones, going to the restroom with a friend, and locating the adults who can help if they need assistance. Remember, allowing your children to wear clothing or carry items in public on which their name is displayed can bring about unwelcome attention from inappropriate people who may be looking for a way to start a conversation with your children.

**10. Remember there is no substitute for your attention and supervision.** Being available and taking time to really know and listen to your children helps build feelings of safety and security.

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| Name                   | Age | Number   |
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| Katie Cookery-Dietrich | 14  | 388-1888 |
| Aliyah Johnson         | 13  | 329-0906 |
| Halle Mariner          | 11  | 299-6167 |
| Maya Mariner           | 12  | 299-6167 |

### LAWN CARE/GARAGE & YARD CLEAN-UP

| Name          | Age | Number   |
|---------------|-----|----------|
| Charles Cory  | 15  | 328-1986 |
| Marcus Cory   | 14  | 328-1896 |
| Devon Kennedy |     | 299-5858 |
| Dakota Tyler  |     | 290-9924 |

### TUTORING

| Name          | Age | Number   |
|---------------|-----|----------|
| Aliya Johnson | 13  | 329-0906 |
| Halle Mariner | 11  | 299-6167 |
| Maya Mariner  | 12  | 299-6167 |

If you are interested in being added to the Neighborhood Resource list, contact any TCHOA Board Member at (317) 592-9516.



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### Special Points of Interest

- Twin Creeks Homeowners Association Meetings are scheduled for the last Wednesday of every month, starting at 7:00 p.m. The next meeting will be June 8, 2005. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.
- Neighborhood Garage Sale is planned for June 17-18, 2005.
- Off duty police officers will be patrolling our neighborhood and issuing tickets to anyone exceeding the speed limit. Please watch your speed.

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## Inspection Results Are In

The Twin Creeks Home Association (TCHOA) Board of Directors recently performed a walk through inspection of Fieldstone and Brookstone communities to determine if there were maintenance areas that required attention. As a result of that inspection, we are adding additional flowers, to be planted at the entrance to both subdivisions and will also be adding additional trees to several locations along with replacing damaged and broken signs.

The inspection also revealed that there are numerous homes that require some form of maintenance. It is extremely important that we all do our part in maintaining the value of our subdivision. The Board realizes, due to the age of Brookstone and Fieldstone, that additional funds will need to be allocated for these community improvements.

Per the Covenants (Article VIII) and the Rules and Standards (Property Maintenance), the homeowner is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of their home. During the walk through inspection we observed several homes that showed the following signs of poor or NO maintenance, that is not in keeping with the Rules and Standards of proper maintenance:

- ♦ Flaking or weathered conditions of painted areas.
- ♦ Lawns not mowed, trimmed or maintained in a weed free condition.
- ♦ Shingles missing from roof.
- ♦ Fencing in need of repair or replacement.
- ♦ Vinyl siding missing or damaged.
- ♦ Shutter repair or in need of paint.
- ♦ Oil stains in driveway.
- ♦ Mailboxes and/or posts that require replacement.
- ♦ Trashcans in front of garage.

Should your own property need one or more of these repairs and/or yard maintenance items, please make the necessary improvements. The Board will do a follow up walk through in early July. Thank you in advance for making Fieldstone and Brookstone desirable places to live.



**INSPECTION RESULTS**  
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