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WELCOME TO SILVERLAKE HOA NEWS

*Official Newsletter
of the Silverlake
Homeowners Association*

Silverlake HOA News is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Silverlake residents. Each newsletter will be filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information, and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports team, social group, etc., and would like to submit an article for the newsletter, you can do so online at www.PEELinc.com, or you can email to silverlakenews@gmail.com. Personal news (announcements, accolades/ honors/ celebrations, etc.) are also welcome as long as they are from area residents.

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SPRING MEMO

With spring time quickly approaching we are asking all homeowners to look at your home and begin preparing for any improvements or maintenance that may be needed. Remember, the appearance of your property can greatly increase the property value of your home and your community. Some items that we encourage you to look at are:

STAINS ON SIDING, DRIVEWAYS AND SIDEWALKS

Having your driveway cleaned, along with a house wash, is a great way to increase curb appeal. A lot of people do not realize how dirty their driveways, sidewalks, and patios are and are amazed with the difference, once cleaned.

LAWN MAINTENANCE

Of course you know that you should mow, edge and weed your lawn on a regular basis, however when was the last time you trimmed your shrubs or trimmed your trees away from the sidewalk? Inspect your shrubs and trees to make sure they are trimmed neatly..

The Board of Directors will be working to inspect all lots including the rear of, *Golf Course Lots, Lakes/Lake Lots, Interior Lots & Reserve Lots* for necessary improvements or maintenance needs. Notices will be sent outlining any violations requiring attention.

Please take the time now to correct items which may be considered violations.

Deed restrictions are enforced based on the Chapter 209 Texas Residential Property Owners Protection Act which provides homeowners a reasonable time period to correct a violation and the right to hearing before the board.



***Breakfast with Santa
Pics Inside This Issue!***

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If you're one of the residents that do know about the site but don't regularly visit it, or if this is the first time you've ever heard about this, here's some of the stuff that you are missing out on.

The site has regular updates about what's going on in the community, from Breakfast with Santa, the July 4th party, pool and club house rental calendars to approved board minutes, by-laws, ARC applications and financial info. We also have archived newsletters from the prior newsletter publisher – the more recent newsletters can be found at www.peelinc.com. You can even find contact information for BCSO, utility companies, and the schools in our area.

The website also acts as a direct link to both the Board of Directors and PCMI. If you need to contact us about issues in your area, just click on the "Contact Us" tab. From there you will be able to email us



all directly. Remember, all correspondence between the Board/PCMI and the residents are kept confidential.

We even have a Neighborhood Watch section on the website. Here you will be able to contact the individual from your neighborhood about getting a watch group in place.

The Board of Directors also uses this website as an important communication tool to the residents when major events

hit our neighborhood. For example, we were able to communicate the repair guidelines after IKE hit to all of the residents in a very fast and efficient manner.

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THE ANNUAL BREAKFAST WITH SANTA,

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The event included a full pancake breakfast, 20,000 lbs of snow, Polar Express Train, multiple moonwalks, crafts for the kids, cookie decorating, letters to Santa, and, of course photos with the Big Guy himself.

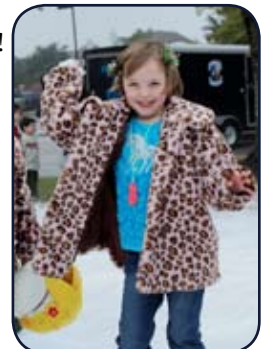
Silverlake, Silvercreek and Southwyck communities came out in full force and donated over 400 toys for the children at the Brazoria County Women's Center for Christmas and birthdays, as well as four foster families in the Silverlake area. Food donations for the Pearland Neighborhood Center were greater than expected!

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED MAKE THIS TRULY A WONDERFUL EVENT FOR THE CHILDREN, INCLUDING:

- Vicki and Theodore Odom and their exchange students, Pui Ki and Kuralay
- Mark Clark and Abigale Clark
- Laura Aya
- Richard and Sylvia Skotak
- Michelle Krovoletz
- Charlie Gaevaert
- Brian Regan
- Alicia Frick
- and the many other volunteers, without whom the event would not have been as successful!
- Rick King
- Laura Schrum
- Mike Grandjean
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WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING BUSINESSES/ RESIDENTS:

- Randall's – Cookie Decorating and Volunteer Sponsor
- Learning Express – owner and Silverlake residents Mike and Amanda Marshall donated a significant amount of toys
- Theodore Odom – Special thanks for supplying Santa!
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HOLIDAY

Decorating Contest

Thanks to all the Silverlake residents who decorated their homes for holidays, the response to the 2nd Annual Silverlake HOA Holiday decorating contest was outstanding. The final decision was a difficult one due to all the residents who entered the contest, but the winner of the 2nd Annual Holiday decorating contest is the LeMaire family of Creekstone. As the official winner, the LeMaire family received \$100 cash prize and bragging rights for the year.

Congratulations on a job well done.

***The Landscaping Committee
Silverlake HOA***

ASK THE COACH

Dear Coach,

I exercise every day but I still don't see the results on the scale.

All Work, No Rewards

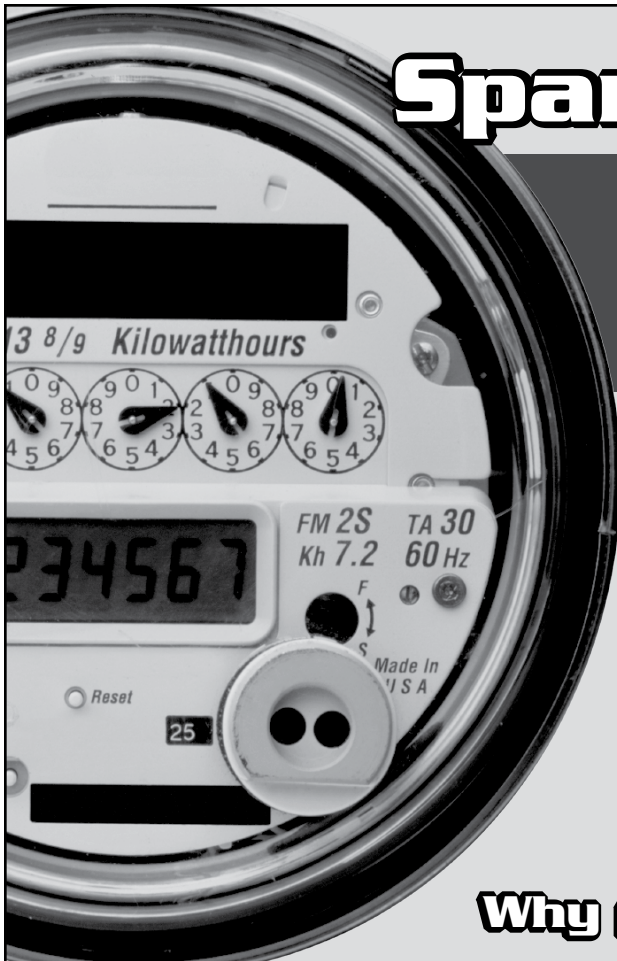
Dear All Work, No Rewards,

This can be a frustrating combination. Let's look a bit deeper. First of all how are you clothes fitting? You may be losing inches, but not weight. Fat is 20% larger by volume than muscle. In most exercise programs, many see results in inches rather than on the scale.

Second, you may want to look at your eating habits. For some, there is an increase in eating because exercising either makes them feel hungrier or in other cases people feel entitled to eating more as a reward for their hard work. You are on the right track with exercising, now we just need to spend a little bit of time on eating and soon you should see results on the scale!

Coach's Note: According to a recent study, Americans eat more than 140 pounds more per year than they did in 1990. Combine this with "conveniences" and lifestyles that see us sitting more at work, at school, and at home. We need to work on portion control in our eating habits and working out more either by exercising more or increasing our movement during the day.

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IT'S TAX TIME (AGAIN)!

The holiday decorations have been packed away and the refrigerator is finally free of leftovers, so what's next in our busy lives? One task is to get ready to file your 2009 tax return. I know, this is a chore we all hate doing, but it has to be done.

One way you can make it easier on yourself is to organize early. The end of the month will be here before you know it, so set up a file, or shoebox, to hold all of the information you should start to receive in the mail from your employers, banks and brokerage firms. There's nothing worse than sitting down to do your taxes and realizing you can't find a Form 1099 from that bank account you opened ten years ago.

If you claim a home office on your return, start gathering a listing of the expenses to run your home, such as electric, water, HOA dues, etc. You may be able to claim them on your return.

If you itemize, don't forget you'll need to gather the documentation for your unreimbursed medical expenses, mortgage interest, real estate taxes, (sorry, HOA dues is not deductible) and contributions. If you've incurred job searching costs, those items might also be deductible. Did you purchase a vehicle during 2009? If so, don't forget to claim the sales tax!

Do your children go to daycare or after-school programs because you work? Well, don't forget to get the documentation from the day

care provider so you can claim the credit on your return! You'll need the name, address, employer identification or social security number of the provider to claim the credit.

THE NEW TAX YEAR ALSO BRINGS ABOUT A LOT OF CHANGES TO YOUR RETURNS, SOME OF WHICH ARE:

- A refundable tax credit of up to \$800 for a joint return
- Changes to the Hope Credit, bringing the credit limit up to \$2,500 per eligible child
- The first time homebuyer credit of up to \$8,000 for homes purchased from January 1, 2009 thru April 30, 2010. The first time homebuyer credit is also extended to those folks who had the same principal residence for five consecutive years over the past eight years and purchased a new residence after November 7, 2009; this credit is limited to \$6,500.

By no means does this list cover everything, but it is a starting point. So start early and prepare for this year's tax filing. Whether you do your return or pay a professional to do it for you, the sooner its over, the better.

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SILVERCREST ELEMENTARY

By Angela Dennis

It's hard to believe that 2010 is here! What a great year we've had and we look forward to another one!

Thanks so much for the tremendous support of the PTA Food Drive! Silvercrest brought in a whopping 2,664 items for the Pearland Neighborhood Center! The 2nd graders won an ice cream party with total donations of 944 items. The Kindergartners were not far behind with 935 items. We appreciate all the volunteers who helped count and sort the food items and are so blessed to have such generous families at Silvercrest Elementary!

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THE WINNERS IN THE REFLECTIONS ART CONTEST THIS YEAR:

Visual Arts (grades k-2)

- Katherine Zhong (The Underwater Creatures), 1st place
- Kevin Tong (Sea Playground), honorable mention

Visual Arts (grades 3-4)

- Molly Spicer (Hibiscus blooming), 1st place
- Tiffany Williams (Beauty is a white horse), honorable mention

Photography (grades K-2)

- Meagan Hodges (Beauty in my own front yard), 1st place
- Connor Hodges, honorable mention (Beauty is Nature), honorable mention

Photography (grades 3-4)

- Drake Liang (Beauty is When the Past Meets the Future), honorable mention

We advanced four entries (the top 20% based on scores) to the district competition.

Only Katherine Zhong, Kevin Tong, Molly Spicer and Meagan Hodges' entries advance to the next level of competition.

Thanks to Nurse Medway, Ms. Loosemore and Ms. Knight for blind-judging!

In other "Arts" news, the first graders enjoyed a drum performance by Joseph Dixon on December 10. With much audience participation, Mr. Dixon showed the first graders how to solve problems using consideration, compromise, respect and cooperation. The show was sponsored by the PTA's Arts in Education committee.



Mark your calendars for our big spring fundraiser.....the Fun Run & Pancake Breakfast is coming on March 27! This year's theme is "Rock Around the Block". Information on run registration will be coming soon. In the meantime, we are looking for sponsors (local businesses and families) for this event. Please contact Laura Wilson at 713-436-5006 if you are interested in sponsorship. We will also be in need of silent auction items (sports & concert tickets, vacation homes, etc...) There will be a student art contest for the t-shirt design. Proceeds from this event will go towards technology upgrades for our teachers.

IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:

- January 14—Chick Fil A day
- January 21—General PTA Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria with school board member Andrew Solomon as speaker
- January 21—Desserts with Dad, following the PTA meeting at 7 p.m.
- January 28—Spring Creek BBQ day
- February 4—Which Wich day
- February 1 to 12—Spring Box Tops contest
- February 17—Mooyah day
- March 27—Fun Run & Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Remember to keep saving your Box Tops, Campbell's Soup and Tyson chicken labels! The spring contest runs February 1 through 12. The class in each grade with the most labels will win a treat party.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hoa Meetings

HOA meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month,
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Thinking Of Doing A Home Improvement?

Before making any improvements/repairs or additions to
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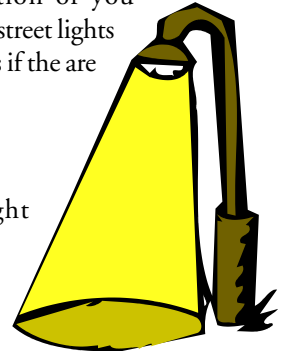
The key to prevention is moisturizing the skin. Wolf recommends starting with a lukewarm shower using a mild soap for sensitive skin. Before completely drying off, apply lotion or hand cream to damp skin. "This traps moisture onto your skin," Wolf said. "If you are adding lotion or hand cream to dry skin there will be some relief but you aren't hydrating the skin as well as you could be."

Wolf said the type of lotion isn't as important as when you put the moisturizer on. As long as you like the brand and it doesn't irritate your skin then it will work. For dry skin that needs extra help, Wolf suggests using a lotion or cream that contains petroleum jelly. "For your face, make sure to find a lotion that includes some type of sun block (SPF) protection," Wolf added. "The sun's rays can still be harmful during the winter."

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If you would like more information about Nick, or the adoption process, contact the Adoption Coalition of Texas at info@adopttexas.org.

Remember ~ There are no fees to adopt from the foster care system, regardless of what agency you work with!

The Adoption Coalition of Texas is a nonprofit organization (operating under the Austin Community Foundation), created in 2003 to focus on finding forever families for children languishing in the foster care system. Adoption Coalition of Texas partner agencies include Arrow Child and Family Ministries, Child Protective Services, Lutheran Social Services of the South, Marywood Children and Family Services, and Pathways Youth and Family Services.



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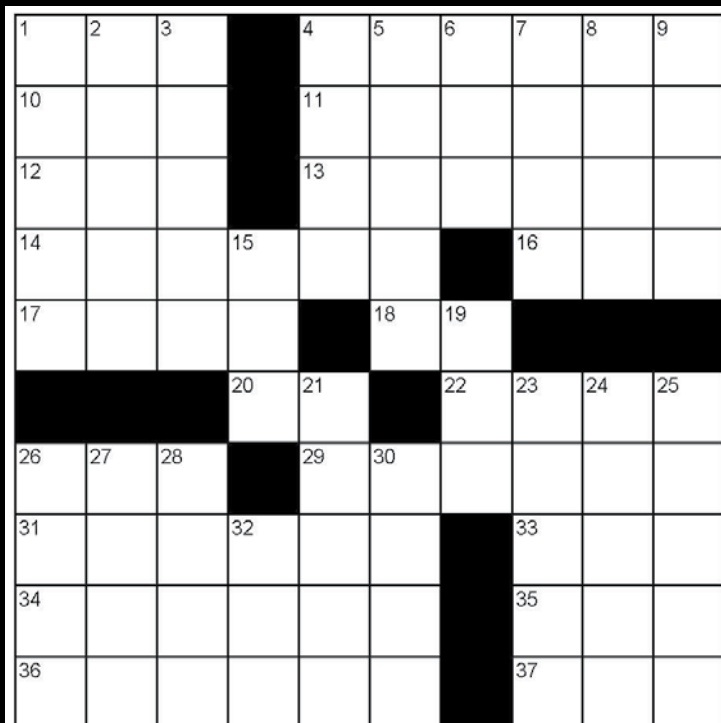
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1. Kimono sash
4. Hype
10. Really cool
11. Hateful
12. Sailor's yes
13. Dissolved substance
14. Replacement car
16. British drink
17. Flower start
18. Book of Samuel abbr.
20. Arkansas
22. Fish lifting hood
26. Popular president's initials
29. Portugal's peninsula
31. Elicit
33. Titan
34. Destroyer
35. Single
36. Stretched circle
37. Little bit

DOWN

1. Toothbrush brand
2. Marsh
3. Utopian
4. Tights
5. Bad smells
6. Lube
7. Mope
8. Stringed instrument
9. At sea
15. BB association
19. Stage of life
21. Got up
23. Jargon
24. Female singer ____ Apple
25. Colorless
26. Gambling game
27. Beat severely
28. Churn
30. Floating ice
32. Card game

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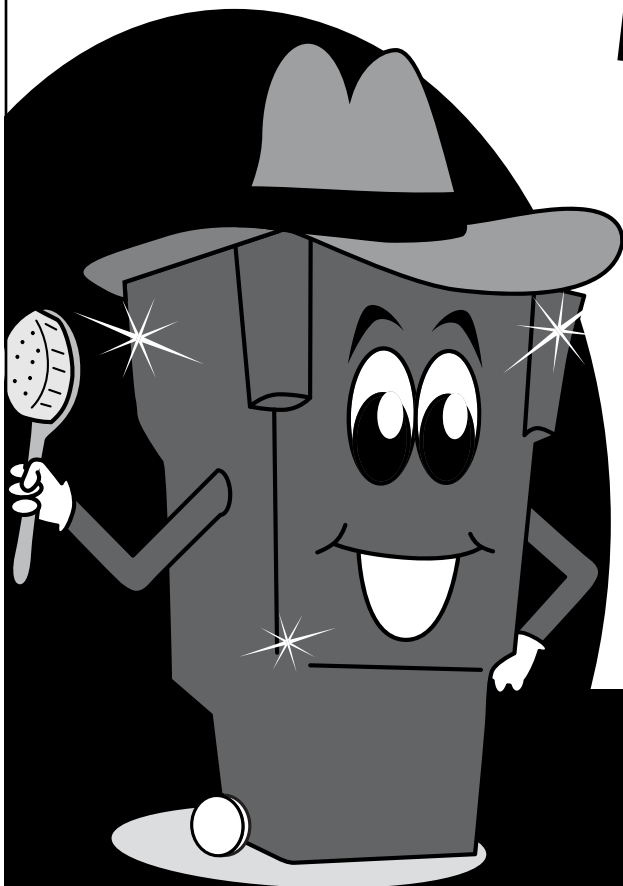
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