



# Silverlake

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Silverlake Homeowner's Association, Inc. Newsletter

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Q. & A.

## ASK THE BOARD

Q.

**Question:** I'm interested in replacing the two large pine trees that are in our front yard. Since we must remove these trees to protect our property, we would request your help in letting us know what if any deed restrictions, conditions, limitations, etc. that we must comply with in order to prevent problems with the HOA.

A.

**Answer:** Please visit [www.silverlakehoa.com](http://www.silverlakehoa.com) to complete a home improvement form to indicate the removal and replacement of the trees in your front yard. Removal of trees in your community requires ARC approval and must be replaced with hard wood trees.

Q.

**Question:** We are thinking about repainting the outside of our house with the same color it was painted by the builder. Do we have to submit the architectural review form?

A.

**Answer:** If you are painting your home the exact same colors with no variation an approval is not necessary however it is recommended that you apply so that in the future if you sell your home the current owners will know what paint colors were used on your home.

Q.

**Question:** Please let me know how to get an access card to the tennis court. I am a silverlake resident.

A.

**Answer:** You may obtain the amenity access form and instructions by visiting [www.silverlakehoa.com](http://www.silverlakehoa.com) under the documents section.

## Apply Before You Improve

Just driving throughout Silverlake, one can see that the properties are well maintained by the proud homeowners, that's what keeps Silverlake looking so good. As our homes get a little older and we settle into our lives, it's only natural that you'll want to make improvements to your home. Perhaps you'll finally get those solar screens you've been thinking about, paint your home, add a play structure for the kids or even replace your roof. These are all big ticket items, so it is in your best interest to do your homework prior to changing the outside of your home.

Did you know that all of the above home improvements and many others must be approved by the Architectural Review Committee ("ARC") prior to beginning work on your home? Failure to obtain approval before work is started can be a costly mistake to the homeowner. In order to maintain the well-groomed appearance of Silverlake, there are specific home improvement guidelines that must be adhered to by all homeowners.

The HOA board is currently working on updating the ARC guidelines which will clarify some of the problem areas that we have run into in the past. The current set of guidelines can be found at [www.silverlakehoa.com](http://www.silverlakehoa.com) and will be updated once the new guidelines are completed.

The Board strongly urges you to review the guidelines and ask questions if you don't understand a specific section. Both the ARC Committee and the Board can help you through this process. We would hate to have to deny completed work on your property after you've spent so much time, energy and money to make unapproved changes to your property.

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### ARTICLE INFO

The Silverlake News is mailed monthly to all Silverlake HOA residents. Residents, community groups, schools, etc., are welcome to submit information. Personal news is also welcome. All submissions will be reviewed for content and approved by the Board of Directors and Newsletter Committee Chair. The deadline for submission is the 8th of the month before publication.

## Spring Landscaping & Gardening Tips

Here in Houston it's time to start planning for the soon to come spring garden activities. For those of you who need a little guidance on what your landscape needs will be and some helpful hints to properly prepare we have outlined some of the most commonly asked questions. The following suggestions can help yield the desired results for you and your neighbors.

Before the weather starts to warm up have a plan to keep your landscape properly watered, this is very important. Those of you that have an automatic irrigation system can take advantage of this time to check it and make sure all repairs have been made prior to the extreme conditions we will face in the summer. Remember to set your irrigation controller to water between the hours of 2:00am and 6:30am. For those of you that do not have the benefit of an automatic irrigation system you will need to come up with a way to water with hoses and portable sprinklers. We suggest trying to use more than one sprinkler at a time if possible, this will save you some time. Set a schedule that will allow you to water in the early evening, when the sun is starting to set. Even though the best time to water is early in the morning this watering time may fit better in your daily schedule while still allowing you to help prevent the loss of water due to evaporation. Also make sure your hoses are in good condition and have no leaks. Don't over water and make sure your sprinklers are adjusted; this will help conserve water. The most important thing to consider is to evaluate the needs of your landscape and water accordingly.

Another item that many people have questions about is the type of fertilizer they should use and when to apply it. In our opinion, the most beneficial formulation for a spring lawn fertilizer with a post emergent, to take care of broadleaf weeds, would be the Scott's 29-3-4 blend with Atrazine. Another formulation we would recommend that is a well balanced lawn fertilizer without any post emergent would be a 15-5-10 blend. Both of these fertilizers will promote a healthy green lawn. There are also special formulated fertilizers for your hibiscus, azaleas, camellias, bougainvilleas and other plant material that have special needs. All or most of these fertilizers can be found at your local lawn and garden centers as well as the Home Depot located along FM 518. Fertilizer needs to be applied at the rate recommended on the label, using the recommended spreader. Please remember one thing, "more is not better", especially when comes to fertilizers blended to control weeds with herbicides. Fertilizers should be applied during the first two weeks in March. After the fertilizer is applied make sure

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## Business Classified

**LESS THAN A PENNY:** You can run a business classified in the Silverlake News and reach all of Silverlake for only a penny per home. Call 512-263-9181 for details.

## IT'S ALMOST POOL TIME!



The 2011 pool season is just around the corner! The HOA wants to make sure that all residents who want to enjoy the pools are aware of what they need to do to use the pools this year.

If you already have an access card and are in good standing, the only thing you will need to do is just show up at the pool with your access card in hand. You'll be able to use the pool and tennis courts. In addition, Southwyck Section I (4805 Northfork Road) and Southwyck Section IV (3131 Morgan Road) pools have the same access entry system so your Silverlake access card will allow you to access those pools also.

If you are new to Silverlake or you do not have an access card, you will need to complete the 2011 Registration and Indemnification form; go to the Silverlake HOA website at: [www.silverlakehoa.com](http://www.silverlakehoa.com). Fill out the form completely and mail to: Silverlake HOA, P.O. Box 219223, Houston, TX 77218. PCMI will process your information and mail an access card to you. You will not be able to pick up your cards from PCMI in person. The first card per

household will be issued at no charge. All family members can be admitted with one card, and two guests are allowed into the pool per card. Each additional access card or replacement card is available at a cost of \$20.00 per card.

In addition, you will not be eligible to receive your access card or use any of the pools, tennis courts or other community amenities if there is a delinquency on your account. Please make sure your account is current. Any unauthorized persons using the facilities or those not adhering to the posted rules will be removed by the Brazoria County Sheriff's Department.

Poseidon Pools has been re-contracted this year. We will again have monthly "Dive-In Movie" nights as well as other fun and games. We hope that this will be another summer to remember at Silverlake!

Pool/Tennis Registration and Indemnification forms and a complete pool schedule may be found on the Silverlake HOA Website at: [www.silverlakehoa.com](http://www.silverlakehoa.com)



### COLIN'S HOPE

*Increasing water safety awareness and standards*

#### FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DROWNING

Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death in children ages 1-4



Drowning is the 2nd leading cause of unintentional injury-related death ages 1-14.

#### DROWNING WILL AFFECT YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW

#### DROWNING CAN STILL OCCUR EVEN IF YOU KNOW HOW TO SWIM

NO ONE is "drown proof" – no matter their level of swimming ability.

Falls, entrapments, and injuries lead to drowning regardless of swimming level.

A majority of people overestimate their own and their child's ability to swim, especially in a panic event.

#### DROWNING IS QUICK AND SILENT



Drowning occurs in as little as 2 minutes.



Irreversible brain damage occurs in as little as 4 minutes.



Most children are out of sight or missing for less than 5 minutes and usually in the presence of 1 or both parents.



Most children die who are submerged for as little as 6-10 minutes.

Children who drown do not **scream, splash, or struggle**. They silently slip beneath the water, even with adults & lifeguards present.

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## Spring Landscaping - (Continued from Page 2)

to wash down or sweep off concrete walks and driveways, this will help prevent discoloration caused from iron.

If you have any perennial plant material, such as ornamental grasses, groundcover or other such plants, cut back these plants to a one inch stub after the last chance of freezing temperatures. Other plants that have been damaged from the cold weather may need to be trimmed instead of cut back. The trimming required for these plants may be minor; this will be up to you. Crepe myrtles will also need to be trimmed not cut back. When trimming your crepe myrtles remove any rubbing branches and deadwood then trim only the tips that are no larger than approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an inch.

We recommend mulching all beds and tree wells, doing this protects your plant's root system as well as adds a rich clean look to your landscaped beds. Apply the mulch after you have completed all of your trimming and cutting back any of your perennials. Try not to apply more than two inches of mulch at one time.

Spring is a great time to start enjoying your lawn and all of your hard work; however this is just the beginning of our growing season and all of the work it takes to have a beautifully landscaped yard.

*Enjoy your spring garden work!*

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Once you join the email list, you will be sent reminder notices for all important events happening within Silverlake. If you have an event such as a school carnival, PTA meetings, etc. just send us an email at [silverlakehoa@gmail.com](mailto:silverlakehoa@gmail.com) and we'll get your event listed.

## Curb Numbering

Residents have asked about whether they may paint their house number on the curb in front of their house along with a logo. The Board of Directors has discussed this and feels it is a good idea as it will assist emergency vehicles to identify properties quickly. There are companies that provide standard size numbers and templates of logos such as an American flag, Texas flag, or college/ university logo. The BOD asks that that the logo be tasteful.

## Prescription Drug Take-Back Day

On April 30, 2011 from 10am to 4pm, DEA and its community partners will take part in a nationwide prescription drug take-back, operating collection sites around the nation where Americans can turn in their unused, unneeded, and/or expired prescription medications. Unused or expired prescription medications are a public safety issue, leading to accidental poisoning, overdose, and abuse. This service is free and anonymous. Tablets, capsules, and all other solid dosage forms will be collected. Intravenous solutions, injectables, and syringes will not be accepted. To find a collection site near you, go to [www.dea.gov](http://www.dea.gov) and click on the National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day icon.

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## Silvercrest Elementary

### Join Us for PTA in the Park – Get Out and Get Moving!

Due to the overwhelming success of the first event, the Silvercrest PTA is hosting another “PTA in the Park” event. The theme is “Get Out and Get Moving!” The event will be held in the park next to the splash pad and tennis courts from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20. The PTA will take pre-orders for a food vendor ([www.greenplatekids.com](http://www.greenplatekids.com)), or you can purchase food at the event. From 6 to 7 p.m., the Texans’ mascot Toro will entertain the kids, along with a DJ. Coaches Cox and Lee will help Toro lead some exercises and dances. More information will come home with your child.

### Please Join the PTA’s Campaign to Contact Legislators About School Finance

The Texas PTA’s legislative position is that funding public education is a top priority. In light of that, please contact your local legislators to voice your opinion and priorities, including:

- Cutting funding to public education is not acceptable.
- All sources of funding to protect public education, including the “Rainy Day Fund,” should be considered.
- Texas businesses cannot thrive without an educated workforce. The economic viability of our state is directly related to the education of our children.

Legislators who represent those of us attending Silvercrest Elementary include: (1) Randy Weber, state representative for District 29 (local office is (281) 485-0616); and (2) Mike Jackson, state senator for Senate District 11 (email address is [Mike.Jackson@senate.state.tx.us](mailto:Mike.Jackson@senate.state.tx.us)).

### Box Top Winners Announced

Thank you to all the families that participated in our Spring Box Tops contest. The school collected approximately 9,700 Box Tops, which translates to almost \$970 for our school. Congratulations to our winning classes: kindergarten: Ms. Cox; first grade, Ms. Alexander, Ms. Sandoval and Ms. Terry; second grade, Ms. Williams; third grade, Ms. Schultz; and fourth grade, Ms. Brown. Way to go, Stallions!

### Upcoming Retail Partners Dining Events

In the coming weeks, Silvercrest has several Retail Partner fundraising opportunities. On Friday, April 8, Dream Dinners will donate 20 % of your sale back to Silvercrest. Pre-order your meals by April 1, and choose either a morning or evening assembly time to go into the store on April 8. Join your fellow Silvercrest families while you prepare delicious and nutritious meals for your family that you can eat during this busy time of year. Whether you’re running to baseball or swimming practice, just pull a meal out of the freezer that you can cook for your family.

On Thursday, April 14, join us from 4 to 10 p.m. at Chick-fil-A of Pearland. Please let the cashier or drive-thru attendant know that you are with Silvercrest Elementary, and 20 % of your bill will be donated back to the school.

Finally, please join us from 3 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, May 5, as we try something new – Silvercrest Fun at Chuck E. Cheese. Chuck E. Cheese will donate 15 % of all sign up sales generated by Silvercrest friends and family members. This includes all food, merchandise and token deals purchased by our group through the sign ups on the night of our fundraising event. Stickers will go home with students the day of the event. Stickers can be redeemed at our Chuck E. Cheese location for 10 FREE Tokens. There will be one sticker per student, valid only on the night of the event. Let’s turn fun into funds!

### 4th Grade Celebration

The 4th Grade Celebration committee has started planning our event for the last day of school, Thursday, June 2. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Laura Wilson at [LonghornLaura@comcast.net](mailto:LonghornLaura@comcast.net). We encourage parents to submit school-related pictures of their fourth grade student from their time at Silvercrest. We are asking for no more than 10 pictures per child to be submitted on a CD to Angela Dennis. Please contact Angela Dennis at [adennis33@att.net](mailto:adennis33@att.net) with questions related to the slideshow.

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## SPRING IS HERE!

### FRIENDLY REMINDERS TO MAINTAIN THE VALUE OF YOUR COMMUNITY

- Store trash cans and recycle container out of public view unless it on trash days (Tuesday and Fridays)
- Refrain from storing items in your driveway or on the side of the garage. Your driveway should be kept empty of all miscellaneous items/debris, construction materials, toys, etc.
- ARC Approval is required for all exterior changes/additions to your home, please visit [www.silverlakehoa.com](http://www.silverlakehoa.com) to obtain a home improvement form prior to making any changes to your exterior.

### MILDEW STAINS ON DRIVEWAY, SIDEWALKS AND SIDING

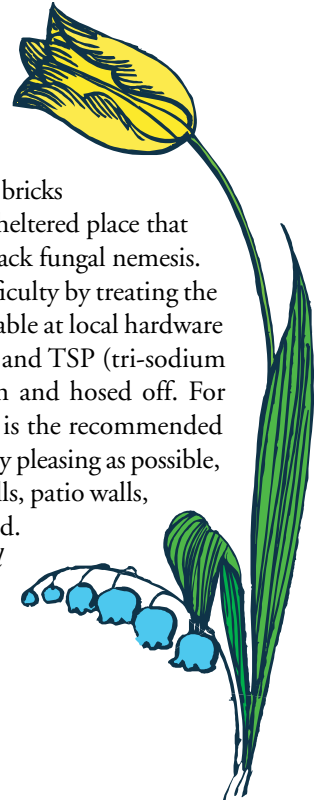
This is the time of year when Houston homeowners begin to be plagued by mildew and dirt build up. It commonly shows up on the bricks or concrete on the north walls or side of the home, though any sheltered place that can stay damp will foster the growth of the unsightly green-to-black fungal nemesis.

The mildew stains can normally be removed without great difficulty by treating the affected areas with any anti-fungal or anti-mildew material available at local hardware stores. Many area homeowners have found a mixture of bleach and TSP (tri-sodium phosphate) to be an effective removal agent when brushed on and hosed off. For treatment of extensive areas of mildew growth, power-washing is the recommended approach. So our homes and the community can be kept as visually pleasing as possible, you are asked to inspect your homes, especially the north side walls, patio walls, mailboxes and entryways, and try to remove any mildew spotted.

*Listed below are some tips to help you remove the mildew, and dirt off your investment.*

#### ITEMS NEEDED:

Bleach (mix with water) 3 parts water to 1 part bleach  
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## Arts in Education Programs in April

During April, first and second graders will attend Jason Talentino's "Anti-Bullying Magic Show." The students will be amazed by his magic and receive important tips on the importance of being nice to everyone and what to do if they encounter a bully. This is one of the many programs funded by the PTA.

*For more information about Silvercresc Elementary PTA, please visit our website at [www.silvercrescpta.org](http://www.silvercrescpta.org).*

**Dear Coach,**

I have just started a new job and I am working more hours, being more stressed, and I am exercising less. I just feel like I am losing control!

**STRESSED OUT**

**Dear Stressed,**

When people ask me what I do for a living, they are often surprised when I say I am a Stress Manager. For my athletes, we must stress the muscles, tendons, and the mind so that when they go to competition, their bodies are prepared. Without stressing the body, those muscles will shrink and for many former athletes, there is an increase in the midsection.

## Ask the Coach

For my fitness clients, they have seen the evils of too much stress. Our bodies adapted to a lifestyle of "fight or flight". Today, our lifestyles have changed a lot. We can't just run from our bosses or fight them, so the sugar that was released in our bloodstream just gets reabsorbed back as fat around the stomach.

You need to find a way to incorporate exercise into your daily work schedule. When you feel yourself getting stressed, take a brisk few minute walk around the office or in the stairwell. I have some clients that have brought a jump rope to work and sneak into the conference room. You may feel awkward at first, but you will feel better

when you battle the bad stress of work with the good stress of working out your muscles. Look around the office for ideas about how you can incorporate exercise into your work routine!

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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 2010 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 2010? 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.

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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Come join us for auditions for Kids' Backporch Productions Summer Musical Camp - "ALADDIN JR." - March 21 and 23, 6-8:30 p.m. at the Pearland Community Center (3523 Liberty St). You must be between 7 years old and Jr. High age. Rehearsals will be Jun 13-July 27, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. There will be 3 performances in a 900 seat auditorium, July 28 and 29. You can look forward to professional training in acting, dance and voice! There will be beautiful sets and costumes, and quality sound and lights!!

## JOIN THE CAST OF OUR BIG ALL-FAMILY SUMMER MUSICAL

Come join us for auditions for Kids' Backporch Productions Summer Musical - "THE MUSIC MAN" – April 4 and 6, 6-8:30 p.m. at the Pearland Community Center (3523 Liberty St). We need adults, teens and kids! We will have a FULL 18-Piece Orchestra!! Rehearsals will be Jun 13-Aug 4, Monday-Thursday evenings, 6-9 p.m. Performances will be Aug 5-7. We will have beautiful sets and costumes, and quality sound and lights!

## MOMS Club ®

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Local chapters have monthly meetings with speakers and discussions, park play days, holiday family parties, outings for mothers and their children, and activity groups such as playgroups, arts and crafts, a monthly MOMS night out, and babysitting co-ops. We also do service projects that benefit children. Mothers may bring their children with them to our activities! While many of our members are at home mothers, the MOMS Club is open to all mothers.

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## Young Bay Area Walk Hero Hopes To One Day Train Killer Whales

Houston, Texas...One day, in the not too distance future, young Logan, age 6, hopes to train killer whales. But, before she grows up to realize those dreams, she'll have to endure a painful childhood fraught with complications from Pauciarticular Juvenile Arthritis. Diagnosed at the very young age of 22 months, this young lady is a true hero, paving the way for others suffering from one of the over 100 types of arthritis, considered the number one disease in the U.S.

In her role as the 2011 Bay Area Walk Hero, Logan has organized a team and is raising funds, which someday may provide a cure for her very rare condition. In fact, she and her family were the top team in 2010. She'd like to encourage others in the Bay Area to get moving and join her and the other 5,000 Houston-area children with arthritis, as they walk to raise funds and awareness for the Arthritis Foundation.

Organizing a team is simple. Ask friends, family or co-workers to walk and enroll your team of 10 today. Want to help Logan and others like her? Call Tami Navarro at 713-942-9063 or email her at tnavarro@arthritis.org for further walk information.

The Bay Area Walk is scheduled for Saturday, May 21 at the Clear Lake City Park Pavillion. Registration begins at 8 .m. and the walk begins at 9 a.m.

Come out and enjoy the fun, there will be activities for the whole family. Let's get moving together and help Logan realize her dreams. For information, visit [www.bayareaarthritiswalk.org](http://www.bayareaarthritiswalk.org)

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## EASTER EVENTS AROUND SILVERLAKE

### SONRISE BREAKFAST

The entire community is invited to Pearland First United Methodist Church's annual Sunrise Breakfast on Saturday, April 16th. A pancake and sausage breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. Interactive activities are planned and include an Easter egg hunt and picture taking opportunities with the Easter bunny! So bring your Easter baskets and cameras!

Tickets are available for purchase online at <http://www.fumcpearland.org/> or in the church office. Children tickets are \$4 and Adult tickets are \$5. FUMC, Pearland is located at 2314 N. Grand Blvd. For more information, contact the church office at 281-485-1466.

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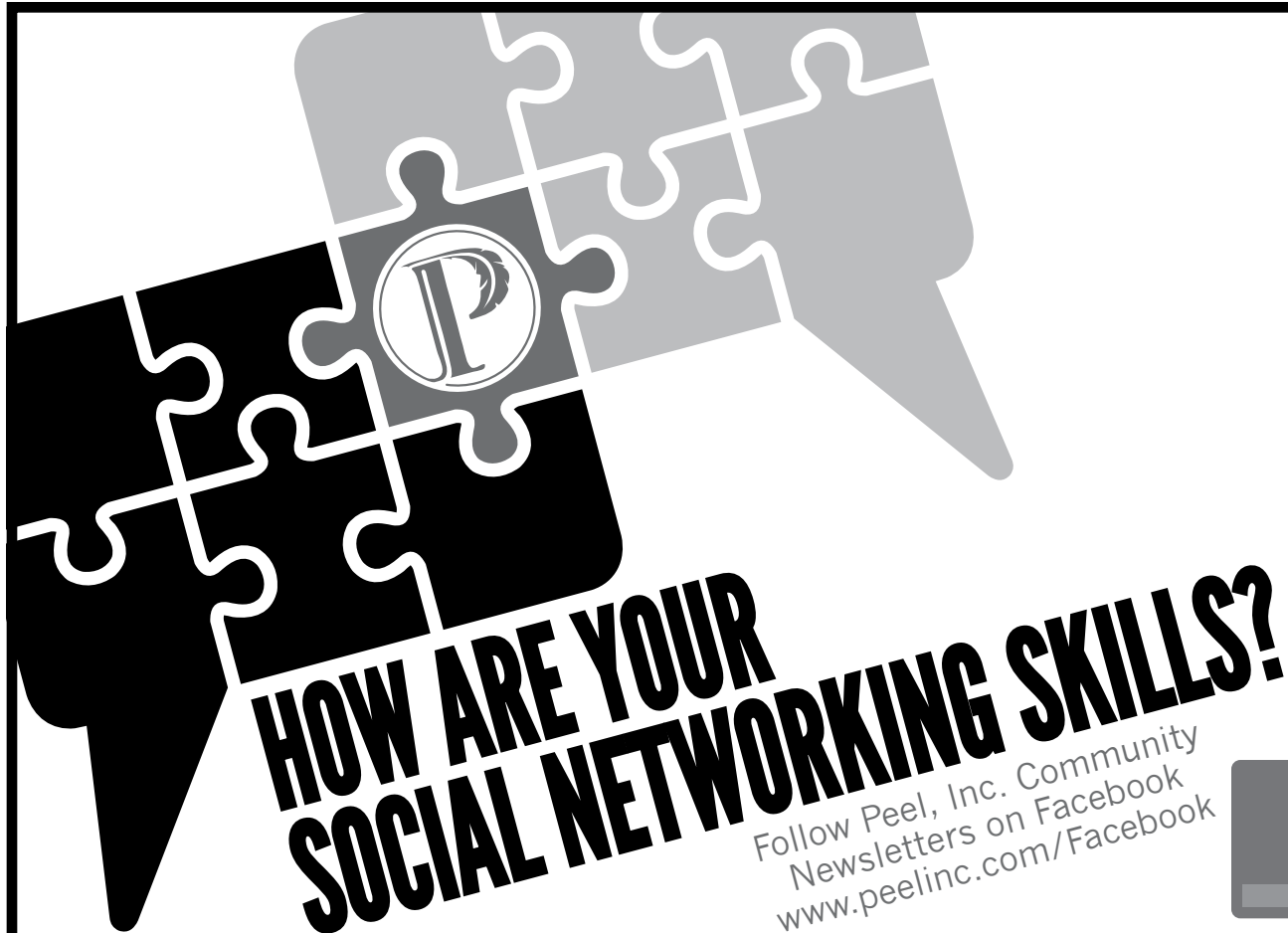
### BRUNCH WITH THE BUNNY

Hosted by Pearland Parks & Recreation  
Sat April 16, 2011  
11:30 AM - 1 PM  
Westside Event Cntr.  
2950 Countryplace Pkwy.

### VISIT FROM THE EASTER BUNNY

At Pearland Old Townsite  
Farmer's Market  
April 23/ Easter weekend  
Zychlinski Park  
2243 Grand Blvd.  
Pearland, Texas

More details at <http://www.pearlandoldtownsitefarmersmarket.com/market-and-special-events-calendar.html>



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