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The Winner for May's *Yard of the Month*



10223 Sand Dollar

Flowerbeds full of seasonal color and a wide variety of plants line the walkway and entrance of this home. Tasteful sculptures, two birdbaths and a nice bench add to the appeal and inviting appearance of the yard. Congratulations to our winners. The committee appreciates all of the homeowners who make our subdivision beautiful. If you would like to participate on the yard of the month selection committee or nominate a residence for yard of the month, please let us know by visiting our website at www.windermerylakes.net.

*Judy Maze, Chair
Landscape Committee*

LANDSCAPE FOCUS: 'YARD OF THE MONTH'

The landscape committee would like to thank all of our homeowners who have taken time to invest in beautiful flowers, plants, trees and shrubs. The added touches really make a difference in the appeal of our subdivision. For those who are new to the neighborhood, and even those who have been here for a while, the committee would like to provide a brief summary of the process and criteria used when selecting our yard of the month winners.

First and foremost, all homes in the subdivision are considered each and every month. The committee takes the time to walk or drive through and view each home prior to narrowing the selection down to a few nominees. The nominees are then ranked and a winner is selected. Winners receive a \$25 gift certificate to the Home Depot along with the honor of displaying the yard of the month sign for the next month. Finally, a picture of our winner is displayed in the monthly Windermere Lakes newsletter.

The criteria for selection is as follows: First, as a basic requirement the yard must be clean and neat. The yard must be free of weeds, mowed and edged. The grass should have a healthy appearance with no dead or brown spots. Trees and shrubs should be trimmed with no dead limbs (and yes this includes those very tall palm trees which often require professional trimming). Flowerbeds should also be free of weeds and dead plants. Finally, the committee looks for added touches such as colorful flowers, fresh plants and other landscape features. Flowers, plants and yard art are not a requirement but often these items enhance the appeal of the yard and capture attention.

The committee recognizes that a homeowner's personal style and taste are reflected in their landscaping choices and it is truly enjoyable to see this individuality displayed in the beautiful homes that are selected as winners. If you would like to participate on the yard of the month selection committee or nominate a residence for yard of the month, please let us know by visiting our website at www.windermerylakes.net.

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MEET NATHAN

What is life like today for a typical ten year old boy? Skateboards, bicycles, computer games, school with kids he has known since he started kinder garden, neighborhood friends to hang out with, parents that make him clean his room and take a bath on a regular basis, but are always there for him; grandparents that spoil him? For a child in the foster care system, many of these things are missing. And those are the most important, namely the relationships with family and long term friends that tend to build trust and security that help the child develop a strong sense of self and build on self-esteem.

Meet Nathan, an active 10 year old child in foster care. He loves the Texas Longhorns and is a talented football and basketball player. He enjoys school, has lots of friends and is always respectful to his teacher. Nathan has so much potential for the future and in finding his forever home, he is destined to reach all of it!!

Stability of loving relationships and predictability in a safe environment are essential elements to help each child reach their potential. Finding a "Forever Family" for a child like Nathan is critical to his continued growth and development. As long as kids like Nathan remain in the foster care system, they always have the mindset that tomorrow may mean another foster home, another school, another set of parents to adjust to. Could you help Nathan or other children like him to gain the trust and security that comes with having a permanent family?

Adopting a child from the foster care system requires little or no cost to the adoptive family and funding may be available to help the adoptive family support the child or sibling group.

For more information, please contact Stephanie Berka, Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiter, Adoption Coalition of Texas at



512-450-8750 or email at stephanieberka@adopttexas.org

To learn more about the adoption process and the Adoption Coalition of Texas, please call Bruce Thompson at 512-301-2825 or visit our website at <http://www.adoptioncoalitiontx.org>

A graphic featuring several interlocking puzzle pieces. One piece is black and features a large white letter 'P' inside a circle. The background is white with a large, faint, stylized 'P' shape. The text 'HOW ARE YOUR SOCIAL NETWORKING SKILLS?' is written in large, bold, black, sans-serif capital letters, slanted upwards from left to right. Below this text, in smaller black font, is the text 'Follow Peel, Inc. Community Newsletters on Facebook & Twitter' followed by the URLs 'www.peelinc.com/Facebook' and 'www.twitter.com/Peel_Inc'. To the right of the text are two social media icons: a Twitter bird icon and a Facebook 'f' icon, both inside grey squares.

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LONE STAR COLLEGE CYFAIR PERSPECTIVE

Summer Shows in the Center for the Arts

On stage, enjoy the summer children's show "Cinderella" 10 a.m. daily except Saturday at noon June 13 through June 18. For event information, go to LoneStar.edu/boxoffice. In the Bosque Gallery, see "New Forms in Printmaking: Anna Mavromatis and Clarke Curtis" June 7 through July 7 with a reception June 15. For gallery information, go to LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery.

Registration Under Way for Summer and Fall

Lone Star College-CyFair offers options and flexibility, so register now for Weekend College, CORE Friday courses, online courses, Dual Credit courses and more. Sign up for Summer Session II classes that start July 14. And it's never too early to register for fall classes which start Aug. 29. For information, go to LoneStar.edu/registration.

L.I.F.E. Lessons in June

The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Lone Star College-CyFair Branch Library (Room 131.) Programs in June include "Great New Summer Reads" June 1; "The Miracle of Omega 3s" June 8; "Eat it Raw!" June 15; "Royal Wedding Madness" June 22 and "What's a Wobble?" June 29. Call the library at 281.290.3214 for L.I.F.E. program information.

Library Offers Summer Fun for Everyone

The Harris County Public Library Lone Star College-CyFair Branch offers a Summer Reading Program for children and adults. A variety of monthly book clubs for all ages are available as well as plenty of programs and activities. Registration for the Summer Reading Program begins June 6. Go online to LoneStar.edu/library for information.

Get Licensed to Drive -

Summer Teen

Driver's Education Available

A class for teens, ages 15 to 17, is available June 27 and again July 6. The driver's education course covers road rules, road signs and laws to prepare the teens for the Department of Public Safety's written exam. Other topics are car maintenance, effects of drugs and alcohol, laws and penalties for drinking and driving, emergency situations, basic driving procedures, road rage, and insurance. Parents are responsible for the in-car instruction. Students are required to purchase the Texas Traffic Safety Education Student Manual, which is available at the campus bookstore. For information, call 281.290.3460.

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Know Your Investment Risks — and How to Respond

When you invest, you take some risks. While you can't totally avoid these risks, you can take steps to help reduce their impact and increase your comfort level. And the more comfortable you are with your investments, the easier it will be to follow a long-term strategy that can help you meet your goals.

Let's look at the most common types of risk related to investing, along with some suggestions on helping to reduce these risks:

Losing principal — This type of risk is most closely associated with investing. For example, when you purchase a stock, you know that its value could go up or down. If it drops below your purchase price, and you then sell your shares, you will lose some of your principal.

Your response — You can't eliminate the risk of losing principal, but by owning a mix of stocks, bonds, government securities and other types of investments, you can help reduce the impact of volatility on your portfolio. Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss.

Losing value when interest rates change — This type of risk primarily affects fixed-income investments, such as bonds. If you purchase a bond that pays, say, a 4% interest rate, and the market rate goes up to 5%, then the value of your bond will drop because no one will be willing to pay you the full price for it when newer, higher-yielding bonds are available.

Your response — You can combat, or even ignore, interest rate risk by holding your bonds until they mature. By doing so, you'll get your full principal back, provided the issuer doesn't default, and you'll continue to receive regular interest payments unless the bonds are "called," or repurchased

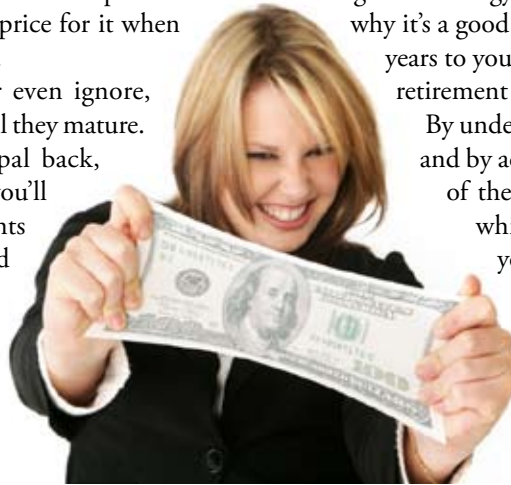
by the issuer. (You can help protect against this by purchasing bonds that have some degree of "call protection" and by owning bonds with different maturities.)

Losing purchasing power — This risk largely applies to fixed-rate investments such as certificates of deposit (CDs). To illustrate: If you purchase a CD that pays 2%, and the inflation rate is 3%, you are actually losing purchasing power.

Your response — Despite their vulnerability to inflation, CDs can offer you some valuable benefits, such as preservation of principal. Yet if you are concerned about fighting inflation, you may want to look for investments that have the potential to offer rising income, such as dividend-paying stocks. In fact, you can find stocks that have increased their dividends for many consecutive years. (Be aware, though, that companies can reduce or eliminate dividends at any time. Also, an investment in stocks fluctuates, and you could lose your principal.)

Apart from these individual techniques to reduce investment-related risk, you should also save early and save often — because the more money you accumulate, the greater your ability to follow a long-term strategy that reflects your personal risk tolerance. That's why it's a good idea to contribute as much as possible over the years to your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

By understanding the different types of investment risk, and by acting to help lessen them, you can reduce much of the stress sometimes associated with investing — while you increase your prospects for achieving your objectives.



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- 11-12—ANGLETON:** National Auto Sport Association Races MSR Houston, 1 Performance Drive. www.msrhouston.com 281/369-0677
- 11-12—HOUSTON:** Classy Chassis Concours d'Elegance Features unique and rare automotive icons, exotic hand-built sports cars, hot rods and racing machines from some of the finest private collections and museums in the United States. Reliant Stadium. www.classychassis.org
- 11-12—WHARTON:** Citywide Garage Sale www.whartontexas.com 979/532-1862
- 12—ALVIN:** Tour de Braz Bike Ride Features 5 noncompetitive rides through beautiful, historic Brazoria County. www.tourdebraz.com 281/388-4299
- 14—CORPUS CHRISTI:** Sensational Sustainable Seafood Each month, a local chef offers wonderful seafood recipes along with wine to make people more aware of seafood that is being overfished and urge them to choose seafood that is sustainable. Guest chef is Lawrence Vera from Harrison's Landing. Texas State Aquarium, 2710 N. Shoreline Blvd. www.texasstateaquarium.org 361/881-1200
- 16—CORPUS CHRISTI:** Live! On the Lawn Free monthly outdoor music and entertainment series presents local music and performance groups from 6–9 p.m. On the lawn at La Palmera Mall, between the food court entrance and main entrance. www.lapalmera.com 361/991-3755
- 16—GALVESTON:** Underground Railroad Program Students ages 8 to 12 years old, accompanied by an adult, are invited to attend this educational program in conjunction with the celebration of Juneteenth. Register by e-mail to education@galvestonhistory.org. Garten Verein, 2704 Avenue O. www.galveston.com 888/939-8680
- 17—PORT ARANSAS:** Texas Game Warden Association Fishing Tournament Robert's Point Park, 301 J. C. Barr Blvd. <http://tgwa.justgofishin.com> 361/815-5752
- 17-18—PORT ARANSAS:** Powderpuff Tournament Fishing event is open to women only. Registration is Friday and fishing day is Saturday. Woody's Sport Center, 136 W. Cotter Ave. www.gulfcoastfishing.com 361/749-5252
- 18—EDNA:** Klint Shaw Memorial Roping Brackenridge Recreation Complex Main Event Center, 284 Brackenridge Parkway. E-mail: mec@lnra.org 361/782-7272
- 18—GALVESTON:** Neighborhood Walking Tour: UTMB's Historic Buildings The Galveston Historical Association leads walking tours highlighting historic neighborhoods. See how Galveston's neighborhoods were shaped and view structures built from the 1850s to the 1950s. Hours are 9–10:30 a.m. Old Red, 301 University Blvd. www.galvestonhistory.org 888/939-8680
- 18—HOUSTON:** Buffalo Bayou Kayak Trips Join the Buffalo Bayou Partnership for a kayak adventure through Houston's stunning urban wilderness. Starts at boat launch at Woodway Drive at Post Oak Lane. www.buffalobayou.org 713/752-0314 ext. 3
- 18—LAKE JACKSON:** Bird Banding The public is invited to join workers collecting data on bird populations at the Gulf Coast Bird Observatory. Hours are 8 a.m. to noon. www.gcbo.org 979/480-0999
- 18—PORT ARTHUR:** Cayman Night in Port Arthur Island-style party complete with reggae music, limbo dancing and more. Carl Parker Multipurpose Center at Lamar State College. www.caymannight.com 409/963-1107
- 18—ROSENBERG:** Czech Heritage Day Features polka dancing and live entertainment from Cary Oswald and the Lazy Farmers Band, plus a kolache baking contest, sausage samples, Czech goods for sale, art displays and more. Historic Downtown District, 800 Third St. www.rosenbergevents.com
- 18—VICTORIA:** Market Day DeLeon Plaza, 100 W. Constitution. www.victoriatx.org 361/485-3200
- 18—WEST COLUMBIA:** Juneteenth Celebration Includes a ceremony at 10 a.m. and guided tours from noon to 3 p.m. focusing on the lives of slaves living on the Patton Plantation. Varner-Hogg Plantation State Historic Site. 979/345-4656
- 18—WHARTON:** Juneteenth Celebration Includes live entertainment, a parade, carnival and festival on Monterey Square in downtown Wharton. Performers include the Superior Band, Lenny Williams, Clarence Cater, Lee Williams, Rue Davis, the Missouri City Temptations and J Paul Zydeco. E-mail: finance@whartonchamber.com 979/532-1862
- 19—PASADENA:** Nature Sunday Series The Armand Bayou Nature Center presents this program designed to help people understand the natural world around them through speakers and activities for children and adults. Hours are 1–3 p.m. 8500 Bay Area Blvd. www.abnc.org 281/474-2551
- 19—PORT ARANSAS:** Father and Son U.S. Open Golf Tournament Newport Dunes Golf Club, 265 Palm Island Drive. www.newportdunesgolf.com 361/749-4653
- 19—PORT ARTHUR:** Juneteenth Celebration Downtown. 409/985-5513
- 19—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND:** Surfrider Children's Surf Clinic Learn to surf in honor of International Surfing Day. Isla Blanca Park. www.surfrider.org/southtexas
- 24-25—FULTON:** Salty Dog Fishing Tournament Paws & Taws Fulton Convention Center, 402 N. Fulton Beach Road. 361/729-2388

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Texas Events - (Continued from Page 6)

24-25—WHARTON: Wharton County Freedom Fest Features live music, a barbecue cook-off, farmers' market, car and motorcycle show, antique tractors, helicopter rides, a salute to veterans, booths and fireworks. Riverfront Park. E-mail: finance@whartonchamber.com 979/532-1862

25—SANTA FE: Buffet Magic The Santa Fe Chamber of Commerce hosts a buffet dinner with gourmet food tasting, auctions and entertainment. Dinner tickets include chefs' recipes and featured dishes. Santa Fe High School, 16000 Texas 6. www.santafetexaschamber.com 409/925-8558

29-July 3—FREEPORT: Fishing Fiesta This 63rd annual event includes prizes for both inshore and offshore categories, live entertainment, carnival and food. Freeport Municipal Park. www.fishinfiesta.com 979/233-5137 or 979/236-8189

30-Aug. 28—BEAUMONT: Artwork by Michael Lee Art Museum of Southeast Texas, 500 Main St. www.amset.org 409/832-3432

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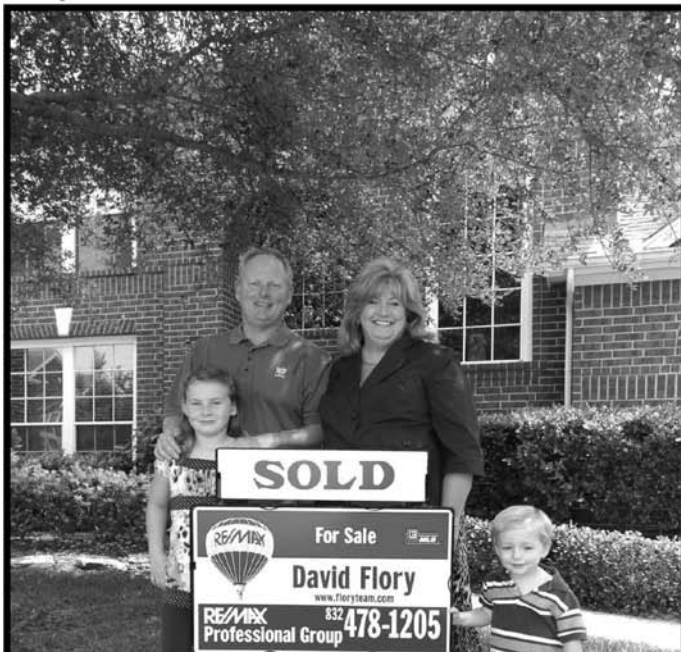
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