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Toy Story fans, young and old, flooded the park on Sat. evening, June 4th for the first “Movies in the Park” event of the year. Everyone lined up for the free popcorn, lemonade, and glow-in-the-dark wristbands and chatted with friends and neighbors while waiting for the sun to retire and the moon to take over. Spaces were garnered, blankets spread, and gazes averted to the big screen as Toy Story Three unfolded in Forest Creek Park..... another great success thanks to the efforts of Michele McAllister Smith, Vanessa Legere, and all the other lovely Ladies on the Events Planning committee!

## SAVE THE DATES

- **Adult Socials at The Pool – Sat. July 9th and Sat. August 13th, 8pm at the Forest Creek Pool**

BYOB and an appetizer to share (no glass containers), leave your troubles behind, and join us for some Grown-up Time!

- **Wine Tasting – Sat July 16th - 7pm Watch the Marquee for more info!**

- **Back to School Summer Splash Party and Neighborhood BBQ – August 21st 4-7pm @ the Park and Pool.**

EVERYONE WELCOME! In the interest of making our annual BBQ more of a neighborly gathering and Instead of being at the mercy of the new vendor policy and having to sell tickets, the BBQ

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-Robert J. McCracken

## Did You Know?

John Adams believed that July 2nd was the correct date on which to celebrate the birth of American independence, and would reportedly turn down invitations to appear at July 4th events in protest. Adams and Thomas Jefferson both died on July 4, 1826--the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

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## Have a GREEN 4th of JULY!

The Fourth of July is right around the corner! Summer's hottest holiday will no doubt call for backyard barbecuing, fireworks and maybe even a dip in the pool.

Here's how to throw a little green into your mix of red, white and blue.

### 1. Ditch The Disposable Party Ware

They're popular and easy. Disposable plates, cups and utensils are convenient for parties with a lot of guests. The down side, they're not so convenient for the environment.

To avoid this, do your best to use normal tableware that can just be washed and reused. If you must go the disposable route, clean them up (they're often washable) and use them at your next big gathering.

We also love the "bring your own plate" theme. The hodgepodge of different dishes can serve as talking points at your party. An added bonus: Turn it into a dish swap. Bring

your own dish and leave with a different plate for your collection.

The same idea works for glassware. Instead of charging a "keg fee," a party-goer's ticket is his or her own glass.

### 2. Get Outside!

The best way to reduce your party's footprint is to calculate its energy usage. The No. 1 way to avoid added costs to your electric bill is to utilize the outdoors – perfect lighting, temperature and truly inherent green setting.

Host your barbecue at midday when the light is bright and fills your crowd with energy. Or fight soaring temperatures and take advantage of the cooler evening weather. It's a great way to enjoy nature and reduce the energy costs of using indoor facilities.

### 3. Use Propane For Grilling

Before diving into this one, we want to

point out that we are not trying to step on any grill master's toes. The debate between charcoal and propane is a tough one: Which one produces more flavor? Which is cheaper, faster? And most importantly, which is more eco-friendly?

We consulted a recent study by Environment Impact Assessment Review to answer this one. Drum roll, please...

According to the study, "the overwhelming factors are that as a fuel, LPG (liquefied petroleum gas) is dramatically more efficient than charcoal in its production and considerably more efficient in cooking."

The two grilling methods were defined by their overall footprint, with charcoal using 998 kg of CO2, almost three times more than propane, which weighed in at 349 kg.

ScienceDaily reports that as fuel, LPG is "dramatically more efficient than charcoal in

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its production.” When purchasing a propane tank, make sure there is a trade-in option. Most retailers will let you bring in an empty tank in exchange for a decent discount on your next tank.

### 4. Save (And Reuse) Your Decorations

If you’ve hosted Independence Day celebrations before, you know the décor is often the same: streamers, party favors and table toppers all in bold red, white and blue.

Sadly, most people often use these decorations once and then throw them out. But they can be reused year after year! So, this year, after the party’s over, take the time to store and save your decorations. You or someone you know can use them again next year, which helps to save on a bit of unneeded trash.

### 5. Opt For Greener Fireworks

Fireworks are hardly an environmentally

friendly activity, but they’re an unwavering Fourth of July tradition. If you’re setting off your own fireworks this year, be sure to use fireworks rich in nitrogen. They often cost a bit more but put out less smoke into the environment.

Another option is to gather your group and go see your local fireworks display. It’s a great way to see a much bigger fireworks show and negates you from harming the environment with your own personal display.

### 6. Gather In Groups

This may seem like a no-brainer for such a popular holiday, but the larger a group you gather (preferably outdoors), the less energy you use at individual parties that may take place indoors. Plus, the more people to help prepare and purchase food, the less of a cost it is to each individual. Just make sure your fellow party goers know these green tips!

### 7. Use Large Water Containers

Plastic water bottles are convenient, but like other disposable goods, they can add up fast. In lieu of individual plastic bottles, store water for your family or guests in large containers so they can re-fill their reusable water bottles or reusable cups. If you must use plastic water bottles, be sure to encourage your guests to recycle them.

### 8. Don’t Forget To Recycle

One of the easiest ways to go green is to recycle your waste. So be sure to put a clearly marked bin out at your party.

If you did opt for disposable dinnerware, remember that those plastic plates, cups and utensils can be recycled. Paper plates will have to be thrown out or composted due to food residue.



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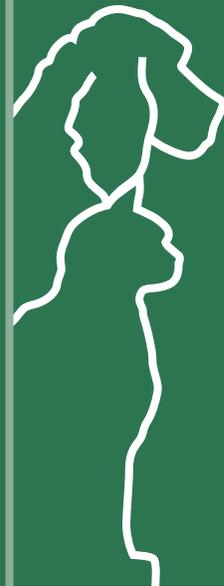
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Keeping a group of siblings together that have been waiting in the foster care system is a worthy and challenging objective. Finding a family that will take a group of siblings to be permanent family is an even more difficult task. However, the value of having a permanent family for a group of siblings is immeasurable. Do you have the space in your home and in your heart to be the answered prayer for a sibling group looking for a home?

Maribel (15), Isabel (14), Noah (11), and Tereso (8) are a fabulous foursome looking forward to finding a forever family. As a group, they are smart, polite, engaging, active, and athletic. They hope to find a family that will allow them to stay together as well as encourage and support them in reaching their full potential.

To find out more about this wonderful group please contact Grace Lindgren, LMSW, Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiter, at the Adoption Coalition of Texas (512) 810-0813 or [gracelindgren@adopttexas.org](mailto:gracelindgren@adopttexas.org)

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