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NOTICE OF ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION MEETING

You are cordially invited to the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Village Creek Community Association, a Texas non profit organization.

When: Monday, July 18, 2011
6:00pm to 8:00pm

Where: The Lakes at Northpointe
Clubhouse, located at
13502 Northpointe Ridge Lane
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Agenda:

Board Elections
Financial Report
Committee Report
Homeowner Discussion

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Pick Up the Pile

Canine waste is full of bacteria. When left behind in parks, campgrounds, and yards, it threatens our water supply. When it rains, it runs into rivers, streams, and wells. It only takes one irresponsible pet parent to infect an entire area's natural source of H₂O. That's because different types of bacteria like fecal streptococcus, fecal coliforms (E. Coli), campylobacter, and salmonella which is found in pet waste can make humans sick.

Being prepared to pick up your dog's pile each and every time he or she feels nature call is one way to remedy this growing problem. It's the right thing to do for a number of reasons as explained by Tracy Johnson, Founder of the Pick Up the Pile Campaign. The concerned Austinite was alarmed to see just how many pet parents let this issue go despite city efforts to eliminate public waste. She routinely encounters piles on the sidewalks and recreation areas of the parks that she visits. Rather than keep quiet any longer, she decided to address the problem one pet parent at a time.

Her nationwide campaign is set to go into effect June 1st. Cities around the country will take part in educating the public about the dangers of canine waste. Johnson notes that it's never been easier to safely conceal and discard piles. A number of products have been designed to help remedy this problem. Even the most squeamish

pet parent will have no trouble being responsible once they are introduced to the items Johnson has found online and through pet supply stores.

Johnson believes that education is key to shedding light on this problem. She also thinks the next generation of pet parents will show greater concern for the issue. As a way of introducing young people to the Pick Up the Pile Campaign, she is offering a fun Scavenger Hunt consisting of different Tasks, Trivia, and Finds. Find out how to participate by visiting www.pickupthepile.com.



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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.

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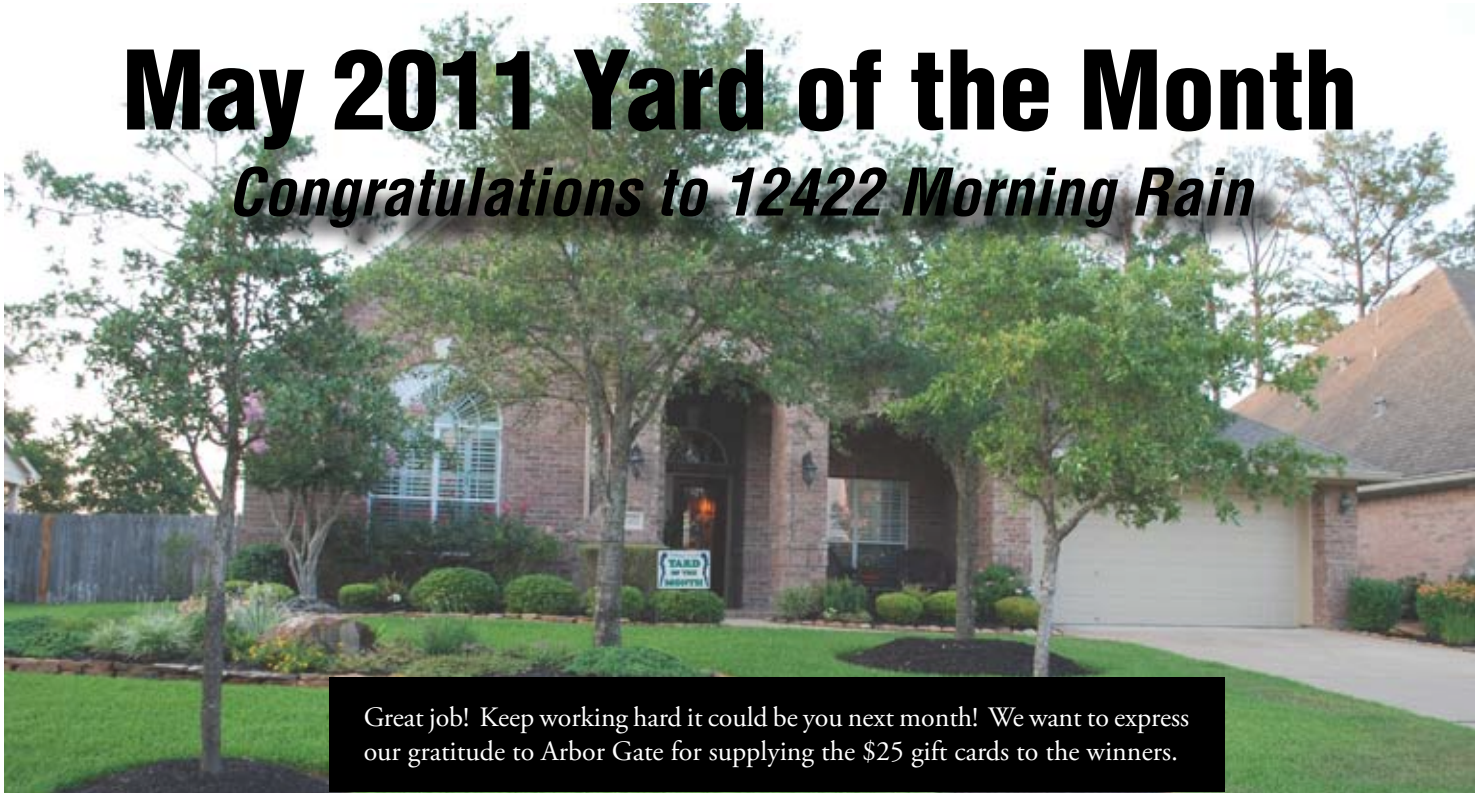


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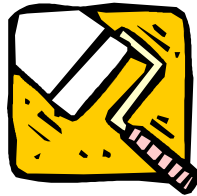
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TIPS FOR A HEALTHY SUMMER

Eat Smarter & Move More

Submitted by Sarah S. Jordan, MS

The 4th of July holiday is almost here, and along with it comes good food, parties, and great times with family and friends. These things pretty much go hand in hand with summer.

Summer is a very common time for people to fall off the “health wagon,” but it doesn’t have to be that way. Eating right and getting enough activity can certainly be a challenge, especially when holidays and travel are involved. But the keys are: being consistent, making good choices, eating in moderation, and purposely finding ways to move more. Here are some tips to make your summer a healthier one for your family and friends.



Small Changes = Big Results

Making small changes for your summer cookouts and potlucks can equal big nutritional improvements.

Traditional Summer Food

A More Healthy Alternative

Hot dogs	Turkey dogs
Hamburger.....	Turkey burger
Potato salad	Fruit salad
Chips and high fat dip.....	Assorted vegetables and hummus
Fried chicken	Grilled chicken kabobs with veggies
Pie	Fresh pineapple
Soda and sweet tea.....	Iced tea with lemon
Using high-fatmayonnaise in dishes	
..... Use low-fat mayo or the kind that has olive oil in it	

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Healthy Recipe Swap

You can even request that guests bring a healthy dish and include the recipe along with the dish. After the event, the party host types up all of the recipes and emails them to party guests. Just like that - everyone is equipped with healthy things to try on their own!

Get Movin'!

Instead of a party revolving solely around the food involved, why not create a "buffet of games" and activity to center the event around instead? Here are some ideas for fun backyard games to try this summer with your family and friends. Just be sure to let your guests know the "active" theme ahead of time so they can dress accordingly and be prepared to move.

Host a miniature version of the Olympics.

This can consist of things like wheelbarrow races, three legged races, running, water balloon tosses, and team relays. Have prizes for the teams.

Create an art contest using chalk.

Have three judges and give out prizes for the most creative pieces of art. And maybe even to the adult with the most "artfully challenged" piece of "art."

Play a classic game of "Kick the Can."

Make sure you have at least 3-4 people playing this game. One

person is "it" and guards the "can." (Can needs to be in an open space.) Other players hide while the "it" person counts to 20 and then goes to find the other players. Captured (tagged) players go to "jail." Anyone not captured can kick the can, which sets all jailed players free. If the "it" person finds all players before the can is kicked, the "it" person wins the game.

Have a Hula-Hoop contest.

Crank up the fun music, and see who can twirl the longest!

Create a canvas.

Hang an old white sheet on your fence or clothesline and let the creativity flow while your guests create a beautiful work of art!

Send your guests on a scavenger hunt.

There are many ways to get creative with this, including giving the hunt a theme to match your party, having guests find things in nature and draw pictures of what they find, or having your guests do something (ex: 10 jumping jacks) every time they find something on the list.

Slip and Slide!

Give your party a water theme to beat the heat. Set up two identical slip and slides and see who slides the fastest and/or the farthest. Crown your champion. Test out other games like horseshoes, washers, Bocce ball, four-square, hopscotch, whiffle-ball, or kick ball.

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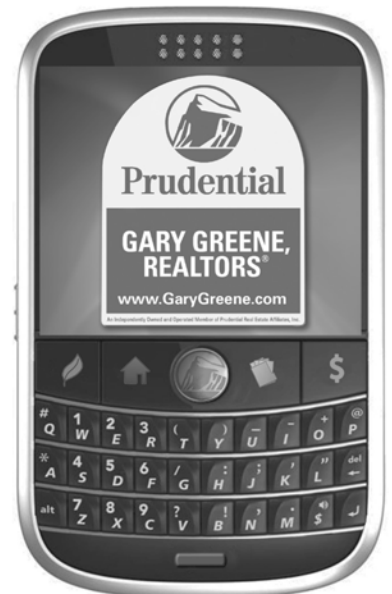
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