



4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The Silverlake HOA would like to thank all the residents who came out and made the 6th annual 4th of July celebration the best ever! As with last year, the event benefited the Pearland Neighborhood Center. Admission to the event was free, but donations of non-perishable food items were highly encouraged. Thanks to everyone that brought non-perishable food items! A special thanks goes out to all the volunteers and sponsors, (Terra Management Company, Spring Creek Bar-B-Q and Road Gamers). We could not have pulled this off without their help. Special thanks to Sylvia Skotak and Vicki Odom who planned and directed this year's celebration. Thank you for all your hard work and time putting this wonderful celebration together.

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BACK TO SCHOOL TIPS

MAKING THE FIRST DAY EASIER

- Remind your child that she is not the only student who is a bit uneasy about the first day of school. Teachers know that students are anxious and will make an extra effort to make sure everyone feels as comfortable as possible.
- Point out the positive aspects of starting school: It will be fun. She'll see old friends and meet new ones. Refresh her memory about previous years, when she may have returned home after the first day with high spirits because she had a good time.
- Find another child in the neighborhood with whom your youngster can walk to school or ride with on the bus.
- If you feel it is appropriate, drive your child (or walk with her) to school and pick her up on the first day.

BACKPACK SAFETY

- Choose a backpack with wide, padded shoulder straps and a padded back.
- Pack light. Organize the backpack to use all of its compartments. Pack heavier items closest to the center of the back. The backpack should never weigh more than 10 to 20 percent of the student's body weight.
- Always use both shoulder straps. Slinging a backpack over one shoulder can strain muscles.
- Consider a rolling backpack. This type of backpack may be a good choice for students who must tote a heavy load. Remember that rolling backpacks still must be carried up stairs, and they may be difficult to roll in snow.

TRAVELING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Review the basic rules with your youngster:

SCHOOL BUS

- If your child's school bus has lap/shoulder seat belts, make sure your child uses one at all times when in the bus. If your child's school bus does not have lap/shoulder belts, encourage the school to buy or lease buses with lap/shoulder belts.
- Wait for the bus to stop before approaching it from the curb.

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The **Teenage Job Seekers** listing service is offered free of charge to all Silverlake teenagers seeking work. Submit your name and information to silverlakenews@gmail.com by the 8th of the month!

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- Do not move around on the bus.
- Check to see that no other traffic is coming before crossing.
- Make sure to always remain in clear view of the bus driver.

CAR

- All passengers should wear a seat belt and/or an age- and size-appropriate car safety seat or booster seat.
- Your child should ride in a car safety seat with a harness as long as possible and then ride in a belt-positioning booster seat. Your child is ready for a booster seat when she has reached the top weight or height allowed for her seat, her shoulders are above the top harness slots, or her ears have reached the top of the seat.
- Your child should ride in a belt-positioning booster seat until the vehicle's seat belt fits properly (usually when the child reaches about 4' 9" in height and is between 8 to 12 years of age). This means the shoulder

belt lies across the middle of the chest and shoulder, not the neck or throat; the lap belt is low and snug across the thighs, not the stomach; and the child is tall enough to sit against the vehicle seat back with her legs bent at the knees and feet hanging down.

- All children under 13 years of age should ride in the rear seat of vehicles. If you must drive more children than can fit in the rear seat (when carpooling, for example), move the front-seat passenger's seat as far back as possible and have the child ride in a booster seat if the seat belts do not fit properly without it.
- Remember that many crashes occur while novice teen drivers are going to and from school. You should limit the number of teen passengers to prevent driver distraction; this is even required by law in many states. Do not allow your teen to drive while eating, drinking, or talking on a cell phone.

BIKE

- Always wear a bicycle helmet, no matter how short or long the ride.
- Ride on the right, in the same direction as auto traffic.
- Use appropriate hand signals.
- Respect traffic lights and stop signs.
- Wear bright color clothing to increase visibility.
- Know the "rules of the road."

WALKING TO SCHOOL

- Make sure your child's walk to a school is a safe route with well-trained adult crossing guards at every intersection.
- Be realistic about your child's pedestrian skills. Because small children are impulsive and less cautious around traffic, carefully consider whether or not your child is ready to walk to school without adult supervision.
- Bright colored clothing will make your child more visible to drivers.

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EATING DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

- Most schools regularly send schedules of cafeteria menus home. With this advance information, you can plan on packing lunch on the days when the main course is one your child prefers not to eat.
- Try to get your child's school to stock healthy choices such as fresh fruit, low-fat dairy products, water and 100 percent fruit juice in the vending machines.
- Each 12-ounce soft drink contains approximately 10 teaspoons of sugar and 150 calories. Drinking just one can of soda a day increases a child's risk of obesity by 60%. Restrict your child's soft drink consumption.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE

- During middle childhood, youngsters need supervision. A responsible adult should be available to get them ready and off to school in the morning and watch over them after school until you return home from work.
- Children approaching adolescence (11- and 12-year-olds) should not come home to an empty house in the afternoon unless they show unusual maturity for their age.
- If alternate adult supervision is not available, parents should make special efforts to supervise their children from a distance. Children should have a set time when they are expected to arrive at home and

should check in with a neighbor or with a parent by telephone.

- If you choose a commercial after-school program, inquire about the training of the staff. There should be a high staff-to-child ratio, and the rooms and the playground should be safe.

DEVELOPING GOOD HOMEWORK & STUDY HABITS

- Create an environment that is conducive to doing homework. Youngsters need a permanent work space in their bedroom or another part of the home that offers privacy.
- Set aside ample time for homework.
- Establish a household rule that the TV set stays off during homework time.
- Be available to answer questions and offer assistance, but never do a child's homework for her.
- Take steps to help alleviate eye fatigue, neck fatigue and brain fatigue while studying. It may be helpful to close the books for a few minutes, stretch, and take a break periodically when it will not be too disruptive.
- If your child is struggling with a particular subject, and you aren't able to help her yourself, a tutor can be a good solution. Talk it over with your child's teacher first.

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The Silverlake pool located at 2715 Southwyck Parkway (next to the recreation center) will open for weekend use on Saturday, May 7, 2011. Since the PISD school year ends on Friday, June 3rd, the pool will open for regular weekday and weekend activity beginning Friday, June 3, 2011.

The pool will remain open for regular weekday and weekend activity thru Sunday, August 21st to coincide with the first day of school in PISD. In addition, will remain open for weekend use thru September 4th, 2011, as well as for Labor Day – September 5th.

The pool will be closed on Mondays for cleaning unless otherwise announced. Since July 4th falls on a Monday this year, the pool will remain open on that day and close for cleaning on Tuesday, July 5th.

The pool will only be open when lifeguards are on duty.

*HOURS OF OPERATION AS SCHEDULED AS FOLLOWS:

MAY 7 – MAY 29

Saturdays	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sundays	11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Memorial Day, May 30	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

JUNE 3 – AUGUST 22

Tuesdays - Fridays	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sundays	11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mondays closed for cleaning except on July 4. The pool will be closed on July 5.

AUGUST 27 - SEPTEMBER 4 (WEEKENDS ONLY)

Labor Day, Sept. 5	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Saturdays	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sundays	11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

DIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHTS

Watch this space for nights and films be offered, we are still currently working on the selection.

No outside commercial activity allowed at these locations including swimming lessons; homeowners may teach their family members. All of the facilities are intended for resident usage only, and are used at your own risk. You will be responsible for any damage caused by family and guests. Please use area trash receptacles and report any damage to the facilities to www.silverlakehoa.com so they may be promptly addressed and properly maintained.

Thank you for your cooperation and enjoy the 2011 swim season.

*This is based upon the 2011-2012 Pearland ISD proposed calendars and is subject to change.

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The Splashpad at 2715 Southwyck Parkway will be operating 8 am to 8 pm, 7 days a week, while the pool is open.

DIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHTS

Dive-In Movie Nights are back this year at the Silverlake Swimming Pool (Southwyck Parkway).

The August movie will be Tangled on Saturday, August 20th at 8:30 pm.

There will be popcorn & juice boxes for refreshments, please feel free to bring you own snacks! Come on out and float in the pool or bring a chair and enjoy the movie!



IS THERE A TRIP HAZARD IN YOUR FRONT YARD?

As you may have noticed lately, the drought has caused a great deal of ground shifting which in turn has made the sidewalks in our neighborhood a safety hazard.

Local laws govern the maintenance of sidewalks, assessments for repair of sidewalks, prohibition of bicycling and skating on sidewalks, and regulation of sidewalk vendors. Statutes and ordinances, which vary by locality, require that the sidewalks be kept free from hazards to pedestrians, such as snow, ice and trip factors. Responsibility for safe maintenance of sidewalks is usually on the owner of the property adjacent to the sidewalk. In order to be liable for accidents on sidewalks due to unsafe conditions, the responsible party is usually required to have notice of the dangerous condition. Requirements for notice vary, and may be either actual notice (knowledge in fact) or constructive notice (the party reasonably should have been aware of the condition).

The HOA urges all residents to assess the condition of the sidewalks surrounding their homes and make the necessary repairs. Some of the MUDs have helped with this issue if the shifting is related to manhole covers or sewer lines, otherwise repairs should be handled by the homeowner themselves. It is not the HOA's responsibility to maintain the sidewalks, however if a hazardous condition does exist, the homeowner will be notified.

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Have you taken your children up to the shopping center and noticed a good number of vehicles set up in the parking lots selling puppies, rugs and trees to passersby? Well, the HOA is now putting a stop to these "vendors". The board has contacted each tenant within the shopping centers asking for their permission to have the Brazoria County Sheriff's deputies remove these vendors when they are informed of these individuals. The HOA's commercial guidelines state that this type of vendor is not allowed within the parking lots.

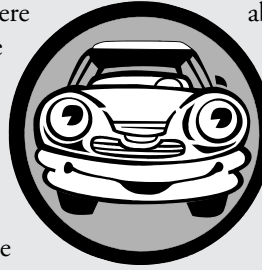
The board is asking for your help, if you should see these unauthorized vendors, please call the Brazoria County Sheriff's office at 979-864-2392 and ask the dispatcher to have a car dispatched to the area of the parking lot to remove the vendors.

PLEASE DRIVE THE POSTED SPEED

Let's face it; we've all been there before. We're driving home from a long day at work or from running errands and we want nothing more to do then to get home and relax. So in order to get home quicker we drive a little bit faster than the posted speeds.

Currently the speed limits in Silverlake are between 30 to 35 mph, depending upon which road you are on. Yet a good number of us drive a lot faster than the posted speeds; after all there isn't much of a difference in driving 35 versus 40 is there?

According to a number of studies related to collision speeds and pedestrian injury severity, "about 5% of pedestrians would die when struck by a vehicle traveling 20 mph, about 40% for vehicles traveling 30 mph,



about 80% for vehicles traveling 40 mph, and nearly 100% for speeds over 50 mph."

We've seen the increase in total traffic counts and increased speeds based data collected from the radar signs installed by the Silverlake HOA

last year. The roads throughout our neighborhood are not conducive to anything over 30 mph, mainly because of vehicles parked on the street and the turning of the roadways.

We all want Silverlake to remain a safe and quiet neighborhood. Our neighborhood is a densely populated community that has schools, parks, pools and baseball fields. We can only keep our kids safe with your help. Please drive the posted speeds throughout Silverlake.



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Whether we believe our children are capable of being a bully or falling victim and being bullied, we should all consider having a conversation with our children to clearly identify what constitutes and qualifies a "bully." Any behavior that intimidates, embarrasses or manipulates another child, either expressed or implied is bullying, period end of story. All children have the capacity to be bullies to some degree and the responsibility falls solely on the parents to set behavioral expectations and direction and create a zero tolerance atmosphere for bullying behavior on any level...

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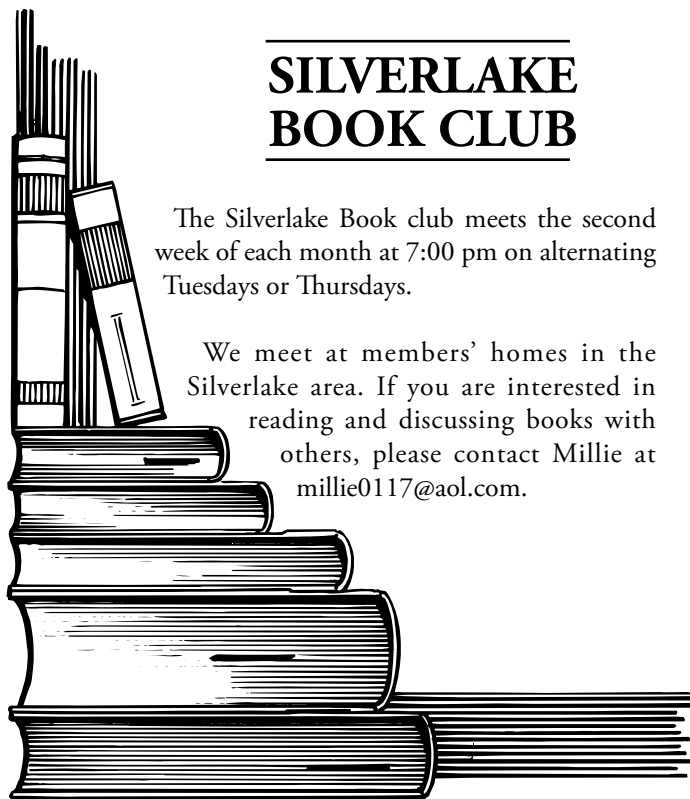
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SILVERLAKE BOOK CLUB

The Silverlake Book club meets the second week of each month at 7:00 pm on alternating Tuesdays or Thursdays.

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WEST PEARLAND REPUBLICAN WOMEN

The West Pearland Republican Women will hold their next Regular Meetingon Thursday, August 4, 2011 at the Spring Creek BBQ located at 9005 Broadway, Pearland TX 77584. There will be a meet and greet at 6:30pm followed by the meeting at 7:00pm. The speaker for the evening is still to be determined. The community is welcome to attend. You may also visit us at www.wprw.org.

Saturday, August 6, 2011 at 6:00pm the West Pearland Republican Women will be holding the "Proudly Red" Event at the Hilton Garden Inn, 12101 Shadow Creek Parkway. The event will include a tribute to Yvonne Dewey, Brazoria County Republican Chair; a U.S. Senate Candidate Forum and a Silent/Live Auction. Tickets are \$40 per person which includes a very nice meal and the evening's events. Please call 281-485-7887 or 713-253-1912 for tickets.

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GOING 100 PERCENT ORGANIC NOT FEASIBLE?

By Melanie Dragger, M.Comm.

The Environmental Working Group (EWG), a non-profit organization specializing in research and advocacy related to public health and the environment, has released its 2011 updated "Dirty Dozen" list of the 12 fruits and vegetables containing the most pesticides. Topping this year's list? Apples. This begs the question, "Can eating an apple a day really keep the doctor away?"

The answer may lie in where you get your apples. Although the EWG's ranking was cited as an overestimate of the risk by the Alliance for Food & Farming, a non-profit organization with the stated mission of providing a voice for farmers to communicate their commitment to food safety, consuming organically grown products can reduce the amount of pesticides that enter your body. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), long-term exposure to pesticides

can lead to death or serious illness, including developmental and reproductive disorders, impaired nervous system function, and certain cancers. Further, the WHO has found children to be at higher risk from exposure than adults.

However, organically grown products are typically more expensive than conventionally grown products, and some organic products may be difficult to find in some areas. If growing your own fruits and vegetables is not an option, and purchasing 100 percent of your produce in organic form is monetarily unfeasible, the EWG's list offers a good starting point for consumers.

According to the EWG's 2011 report, which is based on its analysis of tests conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the

following 12 fruits and vegetables (the "Dirty Dozen") consistently contained the highest amount of pesticides when conventionally grown, and should be consumed in organic form when possible:

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| 1. Apples | 7. Grapes (imported) |
| 2. Celery | 8. Sweet bell peppers |
| 3. Strawberries | 9. Potatoes |
| 4. Peaches | 10. Blueberries |
| 5. Spinach | (domestic) |
| 6. Nectarines | 11. Lettuce |
| (imported) | 12. Kale/collard greens |

Alternatively, according to the EWG, the following 15 fruits and vegetables (the "Clean 15") consistently contained the least amount of pesticides, and by adhering to this list, individuals can get their recommended daily allowance of fruits and vegetables without incurring the expense of buying

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organic products in order to limit their exposure to pesticides:

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| 1. Onions | 6. Sweet peas | 11. Cabbage |
| 2. Sweet Corn | 7. Mangoes | 12. Watermelon |
| 3. Pineapples | 8. Eggplant | 13. Sweet potatoes |
| 4. Avocado | 9. Cantaloupe (domestic) | 14. Grapefruit |
| 5. Asparagus | 10. Kiwi | 15. Mushrooms |

Underscoring the importance of the consumption of fruits and vegetables was the release of MyPlate, also in June, replacing the classic food pyramid. The USDA's new food icon is a simple, visual cue that advises individuals to "make half your plate fruits and vegetables," graphically shrinking the role of meats and dairy products in the national diet.

More information on the EWG, as well as the full list of fruits and vegetables ranked, can be found at <http://www.ewg.org>. More information on the Alliance for Food and Farming can be found at <http://www.foodandfarming.info>. To learn more about the USDA's MyPlate, visit <http://www.choosemyplate.gov>, and to discover more about the WHO, visit <http://www.who.int/en>.

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Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's Pool Safety Campaign www.poolsafety.gov

For more information,
check out our website at

www.colinshope.org

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

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

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

DROWNING IS QUICK AND SILENT



Drowning can occur in less than 2 minutes.



Irreversible brain damage can occur in 4 minutes or less.



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 may not scream, splash, or struggle. They can silently slip beneath the water, even with adults & lifeguards present.



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