

## HOA ANNUAL MEETING REMINDER

The Silverlake Homeowner's Association, Inc., Annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at 7 PM at the Clubhouse. This is an important meeting at which elections for the four (4) open Board of Director positions will be finalized. Time line for the election process is as follows:

- March 23, 2012 - Deadline for submission of Proxy Directed Ballots to P.C.M.I.
- March 23, 2012 - Final tally of Proxy Directed Ballots by the P.C.M.I. Management company. Note that candidates may canvass their neighborhood to collect ballots for submission to P.C.M.I.
- March 27, 2012 - Annual meeting at which ballots for each of the four (4) neighborhoods with open positions may be cast in person. If you have already voted via Proxy Directed Ballot, this on site ballot will replace your previous vote.

You will also have the option to volunteer for one of the neighborhood committees or neighborhood representative open positions. We hope you will take advantage of this chance to participate in your community activities.

## Spring Reminders

With spring time quickly approaching we are asking all homeowners to look at your home and begin preparing for any improvements or maintenance that may be needed. Remember, the appearance of your property can greatly increase the property value of your home and your community. As a reminder:

### TRASH CANS

Trash cans may not be stored in public view. Once trash has been picked up please store your trash can in the back yard or the garage.

### OIL STAINS IN DRIVEWAY

Please repair your vehicles so that oil stains are not in the driveway. Stains are very unsightly and are becoming an issue in the community. If you have stains in your driveway please take the necessary steps to remove the stains from your driveway.

### LAWN MAINTENANCE

Of course you know that you should mow, edge and weed your lawn on a regular basis, but when was the last time you trimmed your shrubs or trimmed your trees away from the sidewalk? Inspect your shrubs and trees to make sure they are trimmed neatly. If you notice a lawn that is not being maintained please contact PCMI at 281-870-0585. The Association has the right to "Force Mow" a property when it is not being maintained.

### EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENTS

Exterior improvements (storage buildings, landscaping borders, exterior paint etc.) made to your home other than what was originally done by the builder must receive approval. If you have made any changes to your home or plan on making changes please contact our office and request a home improvement form.

Please take the time now to correct items which may be considered violations.

### KEEP THOSE LAWNS WATERED

It is only early Spring and most of the lawns are full of weeds due to the mild winter experienced in south Texas this past winter season. Most of the "green" seen during the last inspection was due to healthy weeds and not grass maintenance due to lack of care. It is time to pull the weeds and treat the lawns to prevent the weeds from entirely taking over. Visit your local home improvement or garden center and start the process now to avoid receiving a reminder notice from your Association regarding the condition of your lawn. Get rid of the pesky dandelion weeds and the clover in your lawns (the dark green stuff overtaking the grasses).

It is also time to remove and replace all that dead grass with new sod. The replacement sod is more expensive than the extra watering and use of proper chemicals. It is up to you to stay on top of your lawn. Maintain the grass higher and water more often. Keep the edges trimmed including runners over sidewalks and curbs. Owners are responsible for the area between the curb and the sidewalks and corner lots are also responsible for the lawn areas around the corner to the end of your backyard. Use Round Up on weeds and grass in the expansion joints (those cracks put there to help keep your driveway from breaking up) on driveways and sidewalks. Set a high standard for the neighborhood and report anyone's yard in violation of these deed restrictions to [www.silverlakehoa.com](http://www.silverlakehoa.com) so they may be reminded to address these issues.

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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.

## SILVERLAKE HOA PARK COMMITTEE

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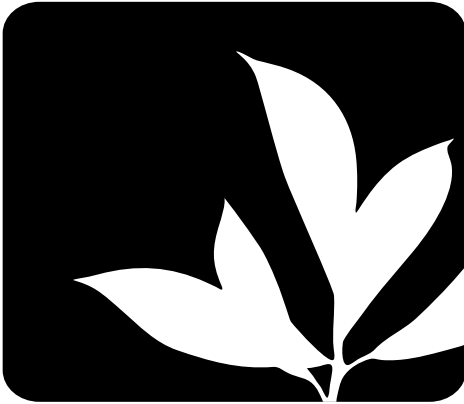
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## Spring Landscaping & Gardening Tips



Here in Houston it's time to start planning for the soon to come spring gardening activities. For those of you who may need a little guidance on what your landscaping 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 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 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.

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### PTA MEETINGS

The next general meeting for the PTA will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 22.

Save the date for the spring PTA in the Park event from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11. Details on dinner and activities will come home with students.

### DINING FUNDRAISERS

On Thursday, March 8, join fellow students and parents from 5 to 8 p.m. at Raising Cane's. Raising Cane's will donate 15 percent from sales back to the PTA. On Wednesday, March 21, the PTA will have an event at Smashburger, so watch for details in your child's folder. The PTA would like to thank Chick-fil-A for donating \$488.90 and Chuck E. Cheese for donating \$274.79 to the PTA from recent retail partner events.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

The PTA will sponsor disability awareness programs on March 6 and 7. The PTA's

Arts in Education committee will bring Main Street Theatre's «Schoolhouse Rock Live!» to Silvercrest on April 10 and 11. All grade levels will have a chance to enjoy the production. Schoolhouse Rock was an Emmy-Award winning 1970s Saturday morning cartoon series that taught history, grammar, math, science and politics through clever, tuneful songs.

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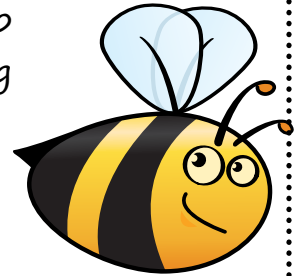
Mar 1-2	Spring Book Fair Preview
Mar 2 (6 pm)	Book Fair Opening Night (Dr. Seuss Birthday Party)
Mar 5-9	Spring Book Fair
Mar 7 (8:30 am)	2nd Grade Program
Mar 7	Spring Creek BBQ Spirit Night
Mar 8 (7:30 pm)	2nd Grade Program
Mar 12-16	NO SCHOOL: Spring Break
Mar 23	March Birthday Bash
Mar 27-29	Campus closed: STAAR Testing (4th Grade)
Apr 2-5	Kindergarten (new student) registration

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## Massey Ranch Elementary News

*Congratulations to  
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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**March 2, 2012:** "Sock Hop" Spring Fundraiser: dance event and silent auction 6-8 p.m. Proceeds from this event will fund educational resources and support programs for our school. Please contact Norma Trabulsi at [trabulsin2@yahoo.com](mailto:trabulsin2@yahoo.com) if you are interested in making a donation.

**March 8, 2012:** Spring Creek BBQ spirit night

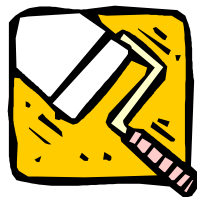
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1. If you choose to have your dog remain outside, please be aware that his constant barking is probably irritating your neighbors. If your dog happens to be a barker, you may want to consider retraining your dog, or moving him inside.
2. According to the Silverlake CC&Rs, "Dogs shall, at all times when they are outside a Dwelling, be confined on a leash held by a responsible person". You may think that you've got the best trained dog in the world, however, accidents do happen. Your dog can take off at a moment's notice to chase any little critter that comes along. Dogs run fast, they can be gone in a second; believe me when I say you don't want to witness the consequences of a dog off of a leash – it's a pretty traumatic experience.
3. Always remember, clean up after your dogs; their mess shouldn't be someone else's problem!
4. Most importantly, please put some kind of identification on your dog! Whether its tags on the collar, microchips or tattoos, if your dog should happen to get out of your house, it important that he has some kind of ID. The information on the ID should be kept up to date at all times. If you've microchipped your dog, please be sure to register your information.

Dogs are a big part of our lives, but having a dog in your home is a big responsibility. Please be sure to not only respect your neighbors but keep your furry family member safe by following the above guidelines.





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## Neighborhood Watch Needs YOU

Crime appears to be on the rise, and criminals are getting bolder. In the past months, there have been home burglaries and invasions that used to be highly unusual for our area. Putting a stop to this sort of crime starts with you! Maintaining an active Neighborhood Watch program can mean the difference between a safe community and one affected by burglary and/or vandalism. Thus the need for a more active and coordinated Silverlake Neighborhood Watch is immediate, considering the recent escalation in crime.

Silverlake HOA Neighborhood Watch program kicked off in 2009, and volunteers came forward for many of the subdivisions. Yet we still need more volunteers for Block captains and Coordinators! Each subdivision puts together its own Neighborhood Watch program, tailored to their specific needs and volunteer level. The HOA Board supports the program with car decals and by supporting National Night Out gatherings in October.

If you'd like to get involved in helping keep your neighborhood safe, please email [silverlakehoa@gmail.com](mailto:silverlakehoa@gmail.com) or visit <http://www.silverlakehoa.com> and click on Neighborhood Watch. For more information on setting up a Neighborhood Watch, please visit [www.usaonwatch.org](http://www.usaonwatch.org). As always, report any suspicious activity to the police by calling (979) 864-2392 for Brazoria County Sheriff's Office or 281-652-1100 for Pearland Police Department.

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# - Kids Stuff -

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Eleven-year-old Cait was trying to fall asleep when her 8-year-old brother, Doug, came into her room. He looked around a bit, but seemed really out of it. Then Doug went back into the hallway and stood there staring up at the hall light. Little brothers can be weird, but this was really strange. Cait didn't know what to do. Just then, Cait's father appeared and explained that Doug was sleepwalking.

## WHAT IS SLEEPWALKING?

Not all sleep is the same every night. We experience some deep, quiet sleep and some active sleep, which is when dreams happen. You might think sleepwalking would happen during active sleep, but a person isn't physically active during active sleep. Sleepwalking usually happens in the first few hours of sleep in the stage called slow-wave or deep sleep. Not all sleepwalkers actually walk. Some simply sit up or stand in bed or act like they're awake (but dazed) when, in fact, they're asleep! Most, however, do get up and move around for a few seconds or for as long as half an hour.

Sleepwalkers' eyes are open, but they don't see the same way they do when they're awake and often think they're in different rooms of the house or different places altogether. Sleepwalkers tend to go back to bed on their own and they won't remember it in the morning. Researchers estimate that up to 15% of kids sleepwalk regularly. Sleepwalking may run in families and sometimes occurs when a person is sick, has a fever, is not getting enough sleep, or is stressed.

## IS SLEEPWALKING A SERIOUS PROBLEM?

If sleepwalking occurs frequently, every night or so, it's a good idea for your mom or dad to take you to see your doctor. But occasional sleepwalking generally isn't something to worry about, although it may look funny or even scary for the people who see a sleepwalker in action. Although occasional sleepwalking isn't a big deal, it's important, of course, that the person is kept safe. Precautions should be taken so the person is less likely to fall down, run into something, or walk out the front door while sleepwalking.

## WHAT WILL THE DOCTOR DO?

There's no cure for sleepwalking, but the doctor can talk to you about what's happening and try to find ways to help you sleep more soundly. Most kids just grow out of sleepwalking.

For kids who sleepwalk often, doctors may recommend a treatment called scheduled awakening. This disrupts the sleep cycle enough to help stop sleepwalking. In rare cases, a doctor may prescribe medication to help someone sleep.

## HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO HELP PREVENT SLEEPWALKING:

- Relax at bedtime by listening to soft music or relaxation tapes.
- Have a regular sleep schedule and stick to it.
- Keep noise and lights to a minimum while you're trying to sleep.
- Avoid drinking a lot in the evening and be sure to go to the bathroom before going to bed. (A full bladder can contribute to sleepwalking.)

## HOW DO I TAKE CARE OF A SLEEPWALKER?

One thing you can do to help is to clear rooms and hallways of furniture or obstacles a sleepwalker might encounter during the night. If there are stairs or dangerous areas, a grown-up should close doors and windows or install safety gates.

You also might have heard that sleepwalkers can get confused and scared if you startle them into being awake. That's true, so what do you do if you see someone sleepwalking? You should call for a grown-up who can gently steer the person back to bed. And once the sleepwalker is tucked back in bed, it's time for you to get some shut-eye, too!

**Reviewed by: Larissa Hirsch, MD**

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