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YARD OF THE MONTH



Congratulations to Remanjon Henry and Bui Lien Huong, owners of this immaculately trimmed two story red home.

They will enjoy their Home Depot gift card and the coveted Windermere Lakes "Yard of the Month" signage in their front yard.

True landscaping beauty smiles and waves at you as you drive by. Its invitation is to stop and smell the beautiful Periwinkles, examine the vibrant red color of the Geraniums, explore the deep purples of the mini Hibiscus and gaze upon Bridle wreath and Juniper sprinkled throughout each of the beds.

This homeowner has actually captured the art of perfect plant placement, color design and the art of mixing sculpture into the whole package. A true yard of pleasure immediately draws a visitors attention past the Fountains, sculptures, and bird baths to a very colorful wreath on the front door which fulfills the added touch to come and enjoy. It's definitely a Happy Place. Also notice a well-placed yard bench thoughtfully placed under a tall shade tree so you can just sit, enjoy the beauty or watch the grass grow. This yard has an Arboretum feel as you view the mixture of green plants and shrubbery carefully placed to create different color variations as the seasons change colors.

I personally love the welcoming effect of all shrubs and flowers as you view this property. The moment you step onto the driveway in your approach to the sidewalk there is a vision of plants still in their pots which are easily removed should temperatures change or a change of design be desired. And changes can be made with little or no effort. Very smart planting and creative design thinking is seen in this homeowners plan. But it doesn't stop thereas you continue to gaze at this lusciousness yard notice how the choice of high and then low edging causes the plants to seem taller than normal early in the bloom season. Low edging opens up the beds full view showing all plants waiting to bud and leaf-out for a colorful summer bloom.

Special thanks to these Windermere Lake Homeowners for beautifying our neighborhood and keeping our property values up, up, up!

Till next month "Happy Planting", Richard and Marilyn Schaefer Landscape Committee

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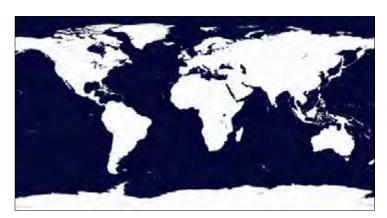
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Celebrate Cinco de Mayo

at Spring Festival



On Saturday, May 5th, Boys and Girls Country of Houston will host their annual Spring Festival on their campus in Hockley, Texas. Located 35 miles northwest of downtown Houston, Spring Festival is a great way for families to spend the day.

Spring Festival promises to be a huge celebration for community and family with a lively Cinco de Mayo theme. Admission and parking are free, and children's all-day event passes are only \$15 each. Booths will include a number of inflatable rides like King of the Mountain, Shark Slide, and Water Balls; a Slime Machine booth where you can slime your favorite person, and crafting booths for thelittle ones. There will be three stages with a variety of live entertainment, including Spanish musicians, Gospel singers, and solo artists.

"All of the proceeds of Spring Festival go directly to helping us provide a Home for our children," said George O'Neal, Director of Spring Festival and Community Relations. "This is going to be our largest and most exciting Spring Festival ever with many new additions that add fun and excitement."

For 41 years, Boys and Girls Country has provided a Home for children from families in crisis. They raise 88 children at their main campus and provide support to 55 young adults in their College and Career program. Boys and Girls Country is not a United Way member agency and does not rely on federal or state funding.

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A FOCUS ON PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Pathway to Improved Health

By Concentra Urgent Care

Being physically active is one of the most important steps you can take to maintain or improve your health. When combined with eating a healthy diet, regular exercise can substantially reduce your risk of chronic disease, prevent weight gain, and improve your overall level of physical and emotional fitness.

HOW MUCH PHYSICAL ACTIVITY DO I NEED?

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) has recently published several recommendations related to exercise:

Any physical activity is better than no physical activity

- Includes people with disabilities
- Far outweighs the possibility of risk of injury or illness *Most health benefits occur with at least 150 minutes a week*
- Both aerobic (endurance) and muscle-strengthening (resistance) are beneficial

For most people, additional benefits occur when

- You increase the intensity of your physical activity
- You increase the frequency of your physical activity
- You increase the duration of your physical activity

SHOULD OLDER ADULTS EXERCISE, TOO?

The same HHS guidelines apply, but older adults need to make sure that their fitness level and any chronic conditions allow them to safely perform physical activity. For example, if an older adult is at risk of falling, he should do exercises that maintain or improve his balance.

WHAT IF I HAVE A CHRONIC MEDICAL CONDITION?

If you have a chronic medical condition, you should be under the care of a health care provider. It is important to consult your physician about the type and amount of physical activity appropriate for you.

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

The health benefits of physical activity far outweigh the risks and some activity is better than none. Persons who have not been diagnosed with a chronic condition (such as diabetes, heart disease, or osteoarthritis) and do not have symptoms (e.g., chest pain or pressure, dizziness, or joint pain) do not need to consult with a health care provider prior to starting an exercise program.

For more information on total fitness programs in general, you can contact your health care provider, your Concentra health specialist, or visit the National Safety Council's Web site at: http://www.nsc.org/resources/Factsheets/hlfitness.aspx.





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