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ALVIN ISD CITIZEN MEETING

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During the 2013-14 school year it is expected that six elementary

campuses, Alvin Elementary, Hood-Case, Mason, Savannah Lakes, Stevenson and Wilder will exceed permanent building capacity. Three elementary campuses, Jeter, Marek, & Twain Elementary will exceed flex capacity. During the upcoming school year Alvin Junior High will exceed permanent building capacity, and Nolan Ryan Junior High will exceed both permanent and flex capacity. Manvel High School will also exceed permanent and flex capacity with continuing growth also anticipated.

Due to sustained growth, the CAC recommended that a new elementary (number 16) be built, that Longfellow Elementary be replaced, and that in light of rising land costs, the District prepare for continued growth by purchasing land and design for elementary number 17, and land for elementary number 18. The CAC also recommended that a new junior high school be built in the Manvel area, that Alvin Junior High School be renovated and expanded, and that the District purchase land for junior high number seven.

In addition the CAC also suggested that high school number three be built on the previously purchased land from the 2009 bond in the Pearland area, as well as provide funds for the design of a future Career and Technical Education Facility, along with the building of a new agriculture facility in closer proximity to Alvin High School. Other recommendations include funding for campus safety and security projects, additional school buses, technology needs, upgrades for campus and facility improvements, band instruments for all secondary campuses, and the purchasing of land and design for a future facility that would accommodate an additional District athletic stadium, satellite transportation facility and a District Natatorium (The current Manvel High School campus and future High School Number 3 campus do not have a varsity competition football stadium or natatorium.)

"We are truly appreciative of each of the citizens who came together to form the CAC, and provided the Board of Trustees with recommendations. I am confident that the CAC recommendations

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Citizens Meeting - (Continued from Cover Page)

took into consideration the District's increasing student population. As a Board, we will carefully consider each of their recommendations," said Tiffany Wennerstrom, Alvin ISD Board of Trustees president.

"On behalf of the CAC, we appreciate the Board for entrusting this committee of community members to conduct an in-depth study and bring recommendations to the Board," mentioned Ingamells.

The final decision for a future bond referendum and the projects that it will contain is at the sole discretion of the AISD Board of Trustees. The Board will convene by August to determine if a November election will indeed be held. To stay informed of the most up-to-date information in regards to the growth of Alvin ISD, and a possible bond election visit www.alvinisd.net.

Cutline:



Citizen's Advisory Committee Co-Chairs David Becker of Alvin and Paul Ingamells of Pearland present the committee's recommended bond projects to the Alvin ISD Board of Trustees on June 24th.



CAC Meeting: Following a review of the community phone survey results, Members of the Citizen's Advisory Committee finalize recommendations for possible bond projects on the evening of June 17th.



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Reflection Bay Event Center

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Opening in September, Reflection Bay Event will be a

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wonderful addition to Shadow Creek Ranch and the Pearland area. The perfect venue for parties, weddings or even family get togethers! The venue will seat 400 guests and will feature a full bar, large ballroom and private suites for the guest of honor to dress for their special night. It will have an Old World feel in the interior. Guests will be greeted with a waterfall entrance, guest registration area and beautiful lantern lighting. The center has been designed to capture of our diversity and an opportunity to feature local artists. Every attempt is being made to do business with local companies in attempt to keep tax dollars within our fine community. For more information visit our website: www.reflectionbayeventcenter.com We are now booking late September events. The venue will also host smaller more intimate events as needed. The rooms will feature technology for corporate meetings and seminars.

Reflection Bay Event center will be owned and operated by Sherry Stockwell and George Carpenter longtime Pearland residents. Sherry opened the Visitor Center in 2004 and made Shadow Creek Ranch her home for the last 8 years. George has recently retired and lives in Country Place. The two plan to make the event center a place for art, music, theater and family activities for all to enjoy.

Dance Team Garage Sale

The Manvel Majestics Dance Team will be hosting their first garage sale on Saturday, August 17, from 8:00 – 4:00 at Manvel High School located at 19601 Hwy. 6, Manvel, TX 77578. There will be lots of great stuff at really great prices.



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A FOCUS ON HEAT EMERGENCIES

Healthy Tips To Stay Cool In Extremely Hot Weather

By: Concentra Urgent Care

Heat emergencies fall into three categories of increasing severity:

Heat Cramps, Heat Exhaustion, and Heatstroke.

Heat illnesses are easily preventable by taking precautions in hot weather. Children, elderly, and obese people have a higher risk of developing heat illness. People taking certain medications or drinking alcohol also have a higher risk. However, even a top athlete in superb condition can succumb to heat illness if he or she ignores the warning signs. If the problem isn't addressed, heat cramps (caused by loss of salt from heavy sweating) can lead to heat exhaustion (caused by dehydration), which can progress to heatstroke. Heatstroke, the most serious of the three, can cause shock, brain damage, organ failure, and even death.

SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS:

Heat Cramps

- Sweating
- Pain in arms, legs, and abdomen
- Heat Exhaustion
- Moist, pale skin
- Fatigue and fainting
- Dizziness and lightheadedness
- Headache and confusion
- Nausea and vomiting
- Rapid pulse and breathing

Heat Stroke

- No sweating
- Dry, hot, red skin
- Confusion/loss of consciousness
- Rapid pulse
- Temperature over 103° F
- Seizures

CAUSES:

The following are common causes of heat emergencies:

- High temperatures or humidity
- Dehydration
- Prolonged or excessive exercise
- Excess clothing
- Alcohol use
- Medications, such as diuretics, neuroleptics, phenothiazines, and anticholinergics
- Cardiovascular disease

WHAT TO DO IN HEAT EMERGENCIES...

First Aid

1. Have the person lie down in a cool place. Elevate the person's feet about 12 inches.
2. Apply cool, wet cloths (or cool water directly) to the person's skin and use a fan to lower body temperature. Place cold compresses on the person's neck, groin, and armpits.
3. If the person is alert, give cool water or sports beverages. It's advisable to drink slowly and steadily, particularly if they are experiencing nausea.
4. For muscle cramps, give beverages as above, and massage and stretch affected muscles gently, but firmly, until they relax.
5. If the person shows signs of shock (bluish lips and fingernails, and decreased alertness), starts having seizures, or loses consciousness, call 911 and continue cooling procedures, as described above.

DO NOT:

- DO NOT underestimate the seriousness of heat illness, especially

if the person is a child, elderly, or injured.

- DO NOT give the person medications that are used to treat fever (such as aspirin or acetaminophen). They will not help, and they may be harmful.

- DO NOT give the person salt tablets.

- DO NOT give the person liquids that contain alcohol or caffeine. They will interfere with the body's ability to control its internal temperature.

- DO NOT use alcohol rubs on the person's skin.

- DO NOT give the person anything by mouth (not even salted drinks) if the person is vomiting or unconscious.

PREVENTION:

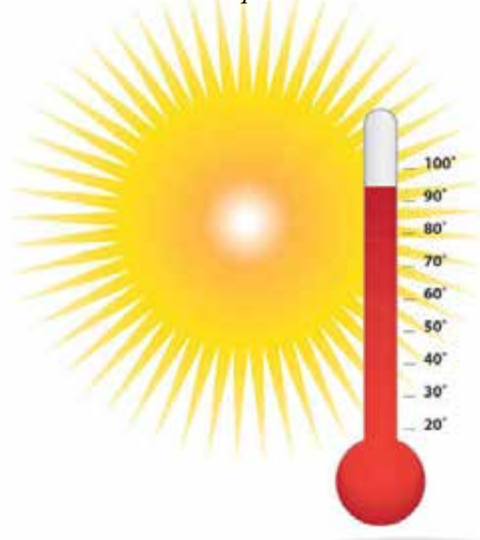
- Wear loose-fitting, lightweight clothing in hot weather.
- Rest regularly in a cool area; seek shade when possible.
- Avoid strenuous physical activity in hot or humid conditions.
- Drink plenty of fluids every day. Drink more fluids before, during, and after physical activity.
- Be especially careful to avoid overheating if you are taking drugs that impair heat regulation, or if you are overweight or elderly.
- Be careful of hot cars in the summer. Allow the car to cool off before getting in.
- Avoid heavy meals and hot foods.

For more information on how to cope with the heat, ask your Concentra health professional, or visit the CDC's Web site at: www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/heatstress/

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"Striving For A Quality Community"

Keep Pearland Beautiful will be celebrating National Planting Day on Thursday August 29, 2013 from 7PM - 830PM at the Pearland Community Gardens, located at the Vic Coppinger YMCA. National Planting Day celebrates the value and power of native species in restoring ecological balance to the environment while creating greener, more beautiful communities.

KPB will be planting a Legacy Tree in honor of Anna Bryant, Community Coordinator with HEB Plus! in Pearland. Last year, KPB planted 20 native and adaptive fruit trees, and will harvest sometime in 2015. The trees were donated by TXU Energy.



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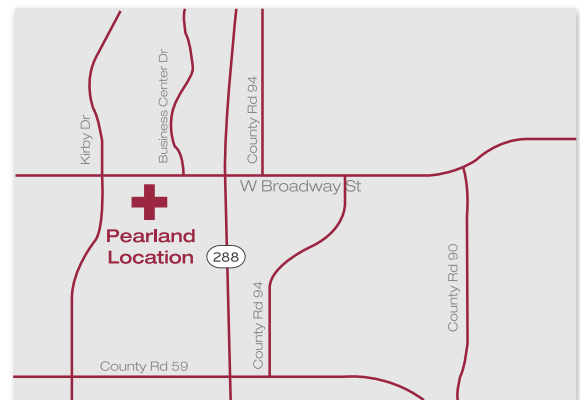


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- Kids Stuff -



You're very excited — your mom and dad promised to take you on a fun camping trip this year. Or maybe your scout group is gearing up for an awesome canoe trip. Enjoying the beauty and nature of the woods is fun — if you are careful. Here are some tips to keep you safe.

PACKING BASICS

Before you leave, pack these few important things to make your trip more comfortable and safe:

- map of the area
- compass or GPS (learn how to use it beforehand)
- cell phone (though you can't be sure it will work in remote areas)
- whistle
- bottled water and food
- sleeping bag
- flashlight with extra batteries
- sunscreen and sunglasses
- waterproof matches (for an adult to bring)
- first-aid kit with gauze pads, adhesive bandages, tape, tweezers, and antiseptic
- waterproof tent (set it up beforehand to practice)
- warm clothing, clean socks, and rain gear

INTO THE WOODS

Staying safe in the woods means using common sense. That means being aware of your surroundings and always camping with an adult. Never go into the woods by yourself. Some things you need to be careful of while you're camping are insects, poison ivy, extreme hot or cold temperatures, rain or snow, and areas where you could trip or fall.

BUGS

If insects bug you, ask an adult to set up camp away from the water and build a small fire. The water attracts bugs, and the smoke from the fire will keep most of the bugs away. Another thing you can do is to remember to keep the tent door zipped at all times, even if you're just going in or out for a minute. Also, turn off your flashlight

before you enter your tent because insects such as moths are attracted to the light and will follow you.

Always check for ticks at the end of the day when you've been in the woods. Ticks can carry disease and germs. Some ticks are tiny, like the size of the head of a pin! You'll want an adult to help you inspect your body for ticks. Check behind your knees and ears, under your arms, and in your groin — that's where your legs meet your abdomen, or belly area. If you're camping with a pet, have an adult check your pet for ticks, too — dogs and cats can pick up ticks in their fur even more easily than humans. If you do find a tick, it needs to be removed. Get an adult to help you.

POISON IVY

Poison ivy is a plant that can cause an itchy skin rash in some people. Its leaves grow in groups of three, but the plant can still be hard to spot. If you accidentally touch poison ivy, wash the area with soap and water as soon as possible. The oil from the poison ivy plant can spread on clothes or even your dog. To try to prevent a poison ivy rash, there are products you can apply to your skin before going into the woods. Stores that sell outdoor equipment and sporting goods may carry them.

STAYING SAFE OUTDOORS

Your Campsite

Roasting marshmallows and singing songs by an open fire are favorite camping activities. Adults, not kids, should start campfires. Adults also need to watch the fires and make sure they are out when you're done. Never leave a fire without anyone to watch it. Don't forget to put out your fire by dumping water or shoveling dirt on it when you sleep or leave your campsite. Feel the ground around the area where the fire was to make sure it isn't warm.

Your Food and Water

When you're exploring outdoors, eat or drink something only if an adult says it is

safe. Even if streams or lakes look crystal clear, they could contain germs and the water may not be safe to drink. Bring bottled water to drink. Likewise, never eat wild berries. Some are poisonous and it may be tough to know which are safe. Good snacks for the outdoors include fruit, trail mix, crackers, granola bars, bread, and peanut butter.

Your Clothing

Wearing layers is a good idea when you're outdoors. That way, you can take off a layer or two if you get too warm. Wear comfortable boots when hiking so your ankles are supported and you don't get blisters. Keep your arms and legs covered while hiking to avoid ticks and insect bites and wear knee-high boots and long pants when you are in an area with snakes. Make sure to take rain gear, such as ponchos and waterproof jackets, to keep you dry if an unexpected shower occurs.

Watch Out for Wildlife

Although animals are cute to look at, wild animals are best enjoyed from far away. Don't go near or try to feed a strange animal. It's better to enjoy these animals at the zoo, in books, or on the Internet. To keep animals such as bears or wolves away from your campsite, keep it clean. Food and anything else an animal might smell must be packed away. In fact some campers put all their food, even candy bars, in a bag (called a "Bear Bag") and hang it from a tree branch away from the campsite. If they can smell it, the animals will be led away from where the campers are.

What if You Get Lost?

Stick with your group when you're in the woods. Carry a whistle and blow it if you get separated from the group. If you have a cell phone and it's working, use it to make contact with your group. If you do get lost, wait in a safe, sheltered place for an adult to find you. The sooner you're found, the sooner you can go back to having fun in the great outdoors!

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IT REALLY IS A SMALL WORLD AFTER ALL

By Vicki Milana



This past school year has been an eventful one for twenty-two Houston area Ayusa families. In August 2012, these families opened their hearts and their homes to foreign exchange students from around the world. During the 2012-2013 school year, we had eleven countries represented in our area, some of the countries included were Germany, Brazil, Italy, Lebanon, China, Japan and Tunisia. The Ayusa foreign exchange student program is a great way to enrich not only the lives of your family members, but that of the folks in your community and the student themselves. "Both my wife and I have been hosting for the past five years and have enjoyed every minute of it!" says Theodore Odom of Pearland, Texas. "My wife and I have no children, so we are able to bring the students in for the full year and be their Host Parents. We believe it's a way of giving back. This year's student, Ina Zyfi of Albania has had a great time meeting new people, making new friends and volunteering her time to a local dachshund rescue."

"We welcome host families of all shapes and sizes – families with young children, families with no children, empty nesters whose children have left home, single parents and non-traditional families," says Connie Coutu, Regional Manager of Ayusa, a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization. "The key requirements for a host family are to provide a safe and nurturing home environment, genuinely love children, and have a desire to learn more about a different culture."

"Our students really love giving back to the community", says

Heather Wells, the Houston area Senior Regional Director. "One of our students, Nesrine Mbarek of Tunisia, participated in over 300 hours of community service. She was actually one of three students who won a trip for her community service and also attended a US Department of State "Teaching English as a Second Language" conference in April for her hard work. Other students have worked in food banks and have given presentations on their home countries in their schools."

This year, Ayusa is sponsoring over 900 students from 60 different countries in the United States. Volunteer host families are needed in our area to house these students for the 2013-2014 school year. The families need only provide foreign exchange students a nurturing environment, three meals a day and a bedroom (either private or shared with a host sibling of the same gender). Each host family and student is supported by a professionally trained community representative who works with the family and student for the entire program.

If you are interested in hosting an exchange student, please visit the Ayusa website at www.ayusa.org and complete the on-line application. You can view the students that are available for placement by clicking on the View Student Profiles on the home page. Help make this a memorable year for both your children and the prospective students. You'll be glad you did!

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MLS #17274896
5 BR/3.5 Baths/ 2.5 car garage

11301 Morning Brook Dr MLS#76731701 SOLD in 5 Days	11905 Cedar Creek Dr MLS#23825284 SOLD in 41 Days	12510 Starcroft Dr MLS#29304305 SOLD in 28 Days	2710 Catalina Shores Dr. MLS#61431707 Sold Price \$302,000
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