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August 2013 Yard of the Month Winner

By Marilyn Schaefer

The August 2013 award for YOM goes to our community's fun-loving, helping-hand Steven Gotchas of 12006 Miramar Shores Drive. Steven has been in our community for some time and seems to know everyone. Maybe he doesn't but you'd never know because when he sees you he has a great big smile for all.

I had the opportunity to met Steven during the island planting and work side by side with him. As we worked I was clueless on which plants went where but right beside me was a man who knew. I watched in amazement as he delicately handled the flowers and how instinctively he placed the right plant into the right slot without being told. At that time I did not know that he had Landscaping experience. Now that I know- it answers my question as to how he has used every inch of nature and its natural beauty to create a great front yard.

Plants and shrubs are placed for beauty, depth, height and densities

creating a natural forest look yet he draws in the modern touches by adding metal fountain to the mix. Well placed rocks make the metal structure invisible as you gaze across the yard. Caladiums, Dusty Millers, Trailing Ivy, purple Jew, wild purple flowers and a mixture of ferns growing around the base of trees to hold in moisture are all working together to create the beauty. As you look left to right at the yard you get the sense that tall queen palms are mothering and shading the baby feather palms, and giving only enough light needed to keep the two hedges two shades of green. The homes red variegated brick bring out the dark green color of the hedges and in front a lighter shade of green sprinkled with mother-in-laws tongue, more caladiums and ivy's and ferns. Truly a great design! Thanks Steven for helping our property values stay high.



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Catch and Keep Weekend *was a big success!*

If you missed it we are very sorry. We sent you post cards, hung tags on your mail box and placed flyers inside your mail box asking you to get on our new site. ALL community functions will be announced on this site and the newsletter will only tell you how successful the event was showing photos and stories about those who attended.

This new community communication tool allows you to speak with people all over the community without leaving your home, knowing their e-mail address or their phone number. It's a great way to communicate. So the weekend after Father's day we offered to everyone the joy of a 6pm on Friday to 6pm on Sunday Catch and Keep Weekend for Catfish over 3lbs. Those people who took our heed and joined the nextdoor.com/join/YEXTVV got to participate and those who did not join did not know about it. Our contest was \$50.00 to the person who caught the most fish over 3lbs. that weekend and needed to prove it by photographing the catch and sending it to us.

Our winner was Justin Sralla of 12007 Flamingo Lakes who caught 29 cats over 3lbs., Brock Schaefer of 11819 Sunset Lake Court came in a close 2nd with 20 cats over 3lbs and Danny Jatzlau of 10014 Lakeside Gables took 3rd. with 12 cats over 3lbs. It was a fun weekend and my computer was buzzing with people asking how far they were behind the top person. I never told and waited till the very last second before announcing the winner.

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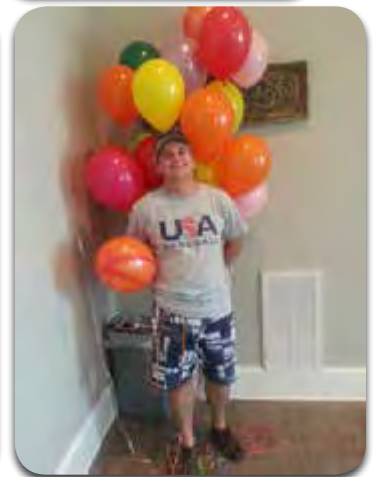
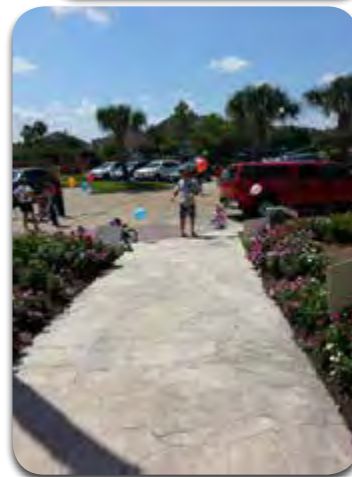
On the evening of July 3rd the newly formed Social Committee Members put out flags in everyone's yard in the community in celebration of the 4th. of July. And on

The 6th. of July everyone was invited to the club house for an All-American Hotdog complete with all the fix-ins.

A bounce house was provided for the kids and a mini-parade of parents, children, pets and stuffed animals marched around the clubhouse parking lot. Rather than tell you about it here is photo's to show you the fun and excitement that went on as neighbors meet neighbors and kids meet kids for the first time in a long time.

The Water was donated by HEB stores corner of West and Jones road, Balloons for all the Kids was donated by Kroger's corner of Eldridge and 1960 and free food coupons were donated by Chick-fil-A and Raising Cane restaurants. We ate 80+ hotdogs and consumed cases and cases of water during this function but were able to cool down inside the club house while we spoke with the board members who attended to meet the community.

It was truly a great day. And topic of discussion was that everyone loves the new communication tool Nextdoor.com/join/YEXTVV. We have 109 families signed on currently and can't wait to get everyone else signed on so everyone will be in the know.



Tips On Catch And Release Fresh Water Fishing

Set the hook as quickly as possible- letting the fish take the bait will give it time to swallow it and as soon as you release the fish it will die. If you see the bait still in the fish's mouth it is save to release.

Landing the fish:

The longer you fight a fish the more lactic acid builds up in its body and the less likely it is to survive. Use heavy line and tackle to help you land them quickly. If you plan on practicing catch and release, ultra-light tackle is not the best way to go. The exception to this rule is when you catch fish in deep water.

If you toss a fish back into the water from high up the pop against the water can also cause trauma to a fish. He feels just like you feel when you belly flop only it kills the fish and only hurts us for a while.

If you see a fish turning sideways or floating belly up when you try to release them they have an inflated swim bladder. In that case us a needle to deflate the bladder or better yet keep it as it will die once released.

Don't use a net when landing fish-nets damage the fish, its fins and scales.

Don't weigh the fish in the gills or eyes and don't bend the jaw. You can damage eyes and gills with your hands and if you hold a fish by the lower jaw and bend it you can damage the jaw so badly the fish can no longer feed and will die.

Don't pull a hook out of a fish. If a fish is hooked deeply, use pliers or a hook removal tool to back the hook out the way the hook went in. If the hook is deep in the fish's throat or in its gills, cut the line and leave the hook in it or keep it and eats it as it will surly die too.

Don't use stainless steel hooks use circle hooks without a barb or dissolvable hooks that are always left in.

Please remember to use common sense when fishing. Don't let fish die needlessly. Floating fish are not good for our lake and you might as well eat them instead of making them a floater. And yes they are safe to eat. We use natural chemicals that do not harm the fish or people. Take it from one who just enjoyed part of her sons catch a few weekends back.



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Back To School

School starts in August, so now is the time for drivers to pay closer attention to the school zones in the neighborhood. We want to remind you that the speed limit in a school zone is 20mph and traffic fines double!

Other changes to be aware of include;

- Children behaving unpredictably
- School Bus Stops
- Crossing Guards – please obey the guards! Remember, they are there for the safety of you and your children
- New areas of traffic congestion
- Be prepared for delays
- Use of cell phones in schools zones is prohibited!

Please give yourself extra time in the mornings and mid-afternoons and remember if you are traveling in a school zone to slow down.

Time To Slow Down!

DROWNING IS PREVENTABLE



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- Ongoing:** Volunteers needed to distribute water safety packets, info@colinshope.org
August 19: Got2Skate for Colin's Hope Fundraiser, 6:30-8:30pm at Playland Skate Center
August 29: Colin's Hope Got2Swim Lake Austin 10K/10 miler, <http://www.tinych.org/got2swim>
September 8: 5th Annual Colin's Hope Kids Triathlon, <http://www.tinych.org/KidsTri>
October 19: Sharkfest Austin Swim benefitting Colin's Hope, www.sharkfestswim.com



ALERT: 36 Texas children have lost their lives to a fatal drowning this year. Many more have survived non-fatal drowning incidents. Be a Water Guardian and Watch Kids around Water. Drownings are preventable!

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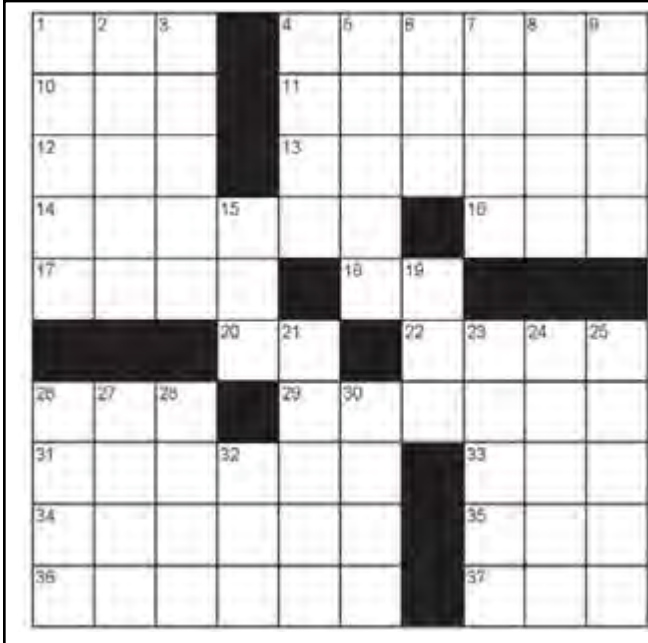


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ACROSS

1. Belong
4. Elevator alternative
10. Fire remains
11. Short guy, hairy feet
12. Manipulate
13. Indoor
14. Coaxing
16. Condensation
17. Adolescent
18. South Carolina (abbr.)
20. New Jersey (abbr.)
22. Hornet
26. Rock
29. Loves
31. Demonstrate
33. Government agency
34. Subordinate
35. Cause of sickness
36. Elapse (2 wds.)
37. Surface to air missile

DOWN

1. Finds _ -
2. Make available
3. Not here
4. Tibia
5. Fire iron
6. Abdominal muscles (abbr.)
7. As previously cited
8. Cycle
9. Soup
15. Hotel
19. Cash with order (abr.)
21. Rachel's husband
23. Regions
24. Reddish brown
25. Sacred song
26. Pearls
27. Vile
28. Brief
30. Refuse to believe
32. Pinch

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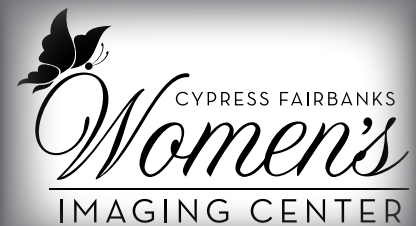
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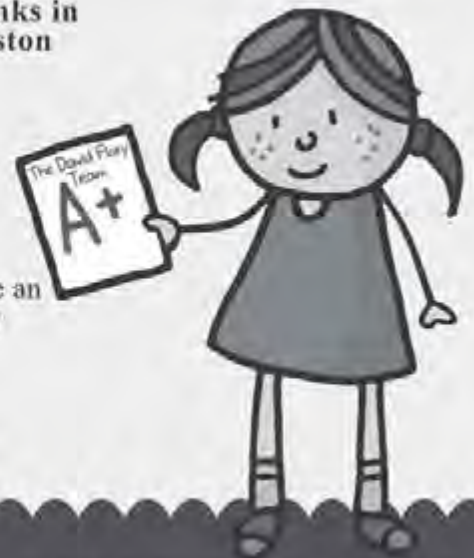
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