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What is Our Management Company's Role in the Community?

Ever wonder what all Crest Management does for Eagle Springs? Crest Management- and really any management company- has a bigger role than sending residents a letter when deed restrictions have been violated.

Crest Management is hired by the home owners' association to attend to the day-to-day duties of community living. The main role of the management company is to collect assessments and to maintain the financial records, including issuing checks and preparing monthly income statements, balance sheets and an annual budget. If you've ever been curious about Eagle Springs' financial health, all of these documents can be found on InsideEagleSprings.com under the flyout titled "HOA Information".

Additionally, Crest Management takes the architectural control applications, sends them to the Modification Committee, and forwards the decision of the committee back to the homeowners. Crest also schedules and prepares packages for board meetings, negotiates the contracts for landscaping, pool management and pest control, and answers homeowner questions received either via email or phone.

Things Crest does not do include changing or modifying deed restrictions, attending to street light outages, or reporting street and curb issues. Also, Crest Management does not have a financial incentive in sending out letters for deed restrictions; they only get reimbursed the cost of printing the letter.

If you have a question for Crest Management, our community manager is Bill Higgins, and he can be contacted at bill@crest-management.com. Our assistant community manager is Dana Mohler, and she can be reached at dana.mohler@crest-management.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2014

- 5.....**Twin Villas HOA Meeting**
7-8:30 / Valley Springs Clubhouse
- 11.....**Book Club**
8 pm / Athletic Clubhouse
- 13.....**NVR Meeting**
7 pm / Valley Springs Clubhouse
- 14.....**Happy Valentine's Day!**
- 14.....**Scrapbook Club**
12 – 10 pm / Athletic Clubhouse
- 17.....**Sports Field
Committee Meeting**
7 pm / Valley Springs Clubhouse
- 18.....**Pool Committee Meeting**
7 pm / Valley Springs Clubhouse
- 20.....**Safety Advisory
Committee Meeting**
7 pm / Valley Springs Clubhouse
- 24.....**Landscape
Committee Meeting**
7 pm / Valley Springs Clubhouse

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Luke Douglas Hurlbut

Born: **October 17th, 2013**

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Parents: **Katie and Phillip Hurlbut**

Neighborhood: **Cross Creek**

Emma Mae Singleton

Born: **12/29/13**

Weight: **7lbs. 8oz. 19in.**

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Neighborhood: **Preston Village Residents**

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The record breaking cold days locally and across the nation in January didn't stop the Buyers in our local market from venturing out. Throughout the month, we bundled up and headed out to find their dream home. It is interesting to listen as Buyers go through homes and comment on their observations. Many Buyers expect to see updates such as wood floors and granite counter tops in the kitchen and bathrooms. They prefer to see de-cluttered and depersonalized homes as well as neutral or earth tone paint colors throughout the home. If Buyers can't see themselves in the home within a few minutes, they move on quickly. In the past, buyers were staying within a localized region of town. The trend has changed; as they are considering several areas before making a decision. It's about lifestyle as much as it is about the layout and condition of a home. Below are a few tips to consider when preparing to place your home on the market.

Start by visiting several Model Homes and current inventory new construction homes in your area. Take notes on what type of flooring, counter tops, and paint colors are being used. While Model Homes have quite a few bells and whistles, the builder's available inventory homes give you an idea of what type of standard features and upgrades a buyer may consider when purchasing a home. When you return home, review your notes while walking through your home to see what items you may need to address to prepare your home to go on the market. If you have carpet in the family room, consider installing wood floors. Update hardware such as light fixtures, bathroom fixtures such as towel and hand towel hardware, etc. A small investment in hardware, updated light fixtures, ceiling fans and fresh paint can make a difference and help sell your home quicker. If your neighbors have barking dogs, politely ask them if they can make arrangements for the dogs while showings are occurring. I have seen times where a buyer elects to pass on a beautiful home that fits their criteria because the neighbor dogs are constantly barking and they don't want to have that disruption. Provide a list with past 12 month utility history and write a letter about the things you love about your home and the area. Leave copies on the counter as many buyers are new to the area. This information helps them learn more about the home and area, which may help them make a final decision.

As your home ages, have the plumber change out kitchen and bathroom faucets. Install a new dishwasher if the inside of your dishwasher doesn't look real appealing. Change out the batteries in the smoke detectors, replace all burned out light bulbs, and put soft background music on before a showing. Leave a bowl of candy or cookies and small bottle waters on the kitchen counter with a note that says "Please take one". Hospitality and presentation can be important elements to selling your home.

As inventory continues to be tight and buyer activity remains strong, now is a great time to consider selling your home. Homes with pools continue to be a hot commodity. One of my specialties is relocation. If a transfer out of the area is in your future, please call me to set up a time to visit in person. I realize you have a choice so I appreciate the opportunity to earn your business.

Don't forget I provide a "Free Local Move" to my clients'; some restrictions apply to this offer so please ask me for details.

Have a Fabulous February!!

Rebekah Snipp

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Are you having issues with.....

...sediment in your water?

If you have sediment in your water, please call or email your MUD every time you see sediment. Sediment can range from a light brown color to a deep rust, and is sometimes not visible until the bathtub is drained of all water. For MUD 106, call 281-579-4500, or email MUDcustomerservice@severntrentservices.com. For MUD 290, call 281-367-5511 or email Leak.Report@municipalops.com. Another place you can register your complaint is with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, whose website is <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/complaints/index.html>. In order to get this issue corrected, all residents should report to their respective MUDs.

...a curb in disrepair?

All issues pertaining to sidewalks, curbs, and street can be directed to Harris County Precinct 4. An easy online form can be found at <http://www.hcp4.net/cad/worf.htm>, which can be filled out and submitted electronically.

...a streetlight out?

Streetlights get reported to Center Point Energy. Get the number on the street light pole, and submit it online at <http://www.centerpointenergy.com/cehe/support/streetlight/>.

As always, this information is on InsideEagleSprings.com under the "Resident Information" flyout tab.



What a Wild Ride WinterFest Was!

After being rescheduled due to weather that never fully materialized, WinterFest finally took place on December 21st at the Valley Springs Clubhouse. Residents that braved the crazy storm that blew in enjoyed arts and crafts, pictures with Santa, a photo booth, games, and concessions by Christopher's, Gigi's Cupcakes and Tipico Café. The highlight of the event was the beautiful music provided by the Strolling Strings of Atascocita High School. Eventually, residents were able to ride the camel, enjoy a wagon ride and play in the petting zoo.

An ENORMOUS thank you to our vendors, the Strolling Strings (under the advisement of Elyssa Catoe), our volunteers Amanda and Brian, and all the residents who huddled together in the Valley Springs Clubhouse to bring a little Christmas spirit to Eagle Springs.

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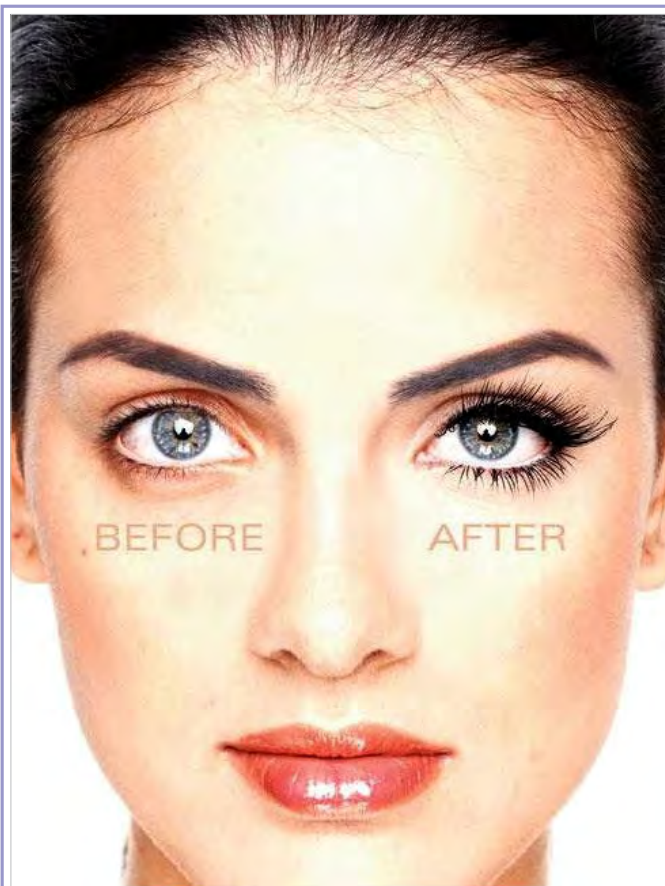
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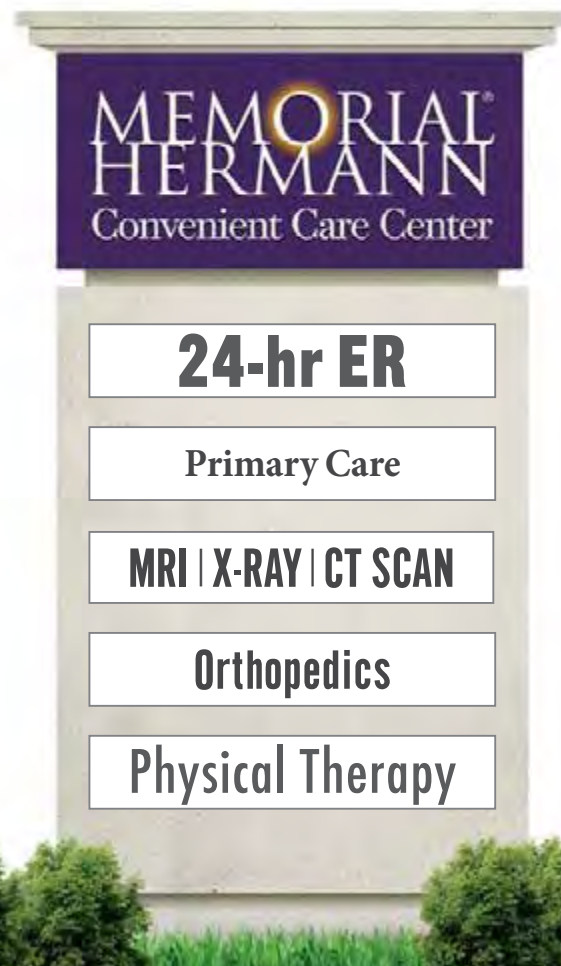
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This event requires pre-registration, and all attendees must be in good standing with the HOA and over 21 years of age. All IDs will be checked at the door to verify age, as wine will be served at this event. Registration for the event is on InsideEagleSprings.com. The fee is \$15 and an item to donate to Dress for Success. REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO THE FIRST 70 PEOPLE! For specific details, see InsideEagleSprings.com under the "Activities and Events" tab. If you have any questions, feel free to email Activities@InsideEagleSprings.com.

LAKE HOUSTON LADIES CLUB

FEBRUARY 2014 MEETING

The Lake Houston Ladies Club will have their luncheon meeting on Tuesday February 18, 2014 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest, Humble TX 77346. John Pickul, from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo Speaker Program, will get us ready for the rodeo with his rendition of the life of a cowboy. Houston Ladies Club is a social organization that welcomes new members from all surrounding areas to join and offers several avenues for individual interest. Please join us. New members are always welcome. Please call Carol at 832-671-4475 for more information and for reservations call by Friday, February 14, by 5:00 p.m.

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TENNIS TIPS

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional
Fernando Velasco



How to execute The Two Handed Backhand Lob

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to hit the forehand groundstroke, the two-handed backhand, the one-handed backhand, the forehand volley, the two handed backhand volley, the serve, the forehand half-volley, the one-handed backhand volley, the overhead “smash”, the forehand service return, the backhand service return, the forehand high volley approach shot, the two handed high volley approach shot, the one-handed high volley approach shot, and the forehand lob.

In this issue, I will offer instructions on how to execute the Two Handed Backhand Lob. This shot is used when a player is forced to retrieve a ball that is hit deep to the backhand side of the player, and the opponent is either charging to the net or staying far back. The player hitting the lob is looking for “air time” to regain balance and court space. This ball should be hit high enough so the players at the net cannot reach and “slam” the ball down, or force the opponent at the base line to retrieve back. In the illustrations, Marimel Ansdell, a Member of the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke.

Step 1: The Back Swing: When Marimel is forced deep into the backhand side and realizes that she has to hit a defensive lob, she pivots to the left and gets her racket back early. Notice that the head of the

racket is low and her left hand is on the handle of the racket. Her eyes are focused on the path of the ball and her weight is on her left foot.

Step 2: The Point of Contact: Marimel is now ready to hit the ball. Her eyes are now focused on the point of contact and the face of the racket is tilted at a 45 degree angle in order to create height and depth on her lob. Her goal is to keep her head still and not start looking up to her opponent or to the other side of the court.

Step 3: The Follow Through: The success of a deep lob is the follow through. Marimel’s left wrist is still “laid back” and her shoulder is lifting the racket above her head. Her right hand is holding the racket slightly, but still in control of the racket.

Step 4: The Finish: In order to create a natural top spin on the lob, Marimel is now finishing her stroke with the racket behind her right ear. This will make the ball bounce higher and/or force the opponent to hit a tennis ball that is still rotating on the air.

Step 5: The Shuffle Back: Once Marimel finishes the stroke, her goal is to either move forward toward the net top to hit an overhead, or to shuffle back to the middle of the court in order to drive the next ball back to the opponent. In this caption, she moved back to the center of the court waiting for the opponent’s shot to come back.

Look in the next Newsletter for: How to execute “The One-Handed Backhand Lob”

5 REASONS TO SELL NOW!

Many families are realizing that now may be a great time to buy. For this reason, it may also be a great opportunity for you to sell. Following are my top reasons why a homeowner may want to sell now rather than wait until spring:

1. HOUSING DEMAND IS HIGH

The most recent Existing Home Sales Report by the National Association of Realtors (NAR) showed a 17.2% increase in sales over July 2012; sales have remained above year-ago levels for 25 months. There are buyers out there right now and they are serious about purchasing.

2. HOUSING SUPPLY IS BEGINNING TO INCREASE

Total housing inventory is starting to rise, last month it rose 5.6%. Many expect inventory to continue to rise as more and more homeowners are getting into positive equity on the mortgages. Selling now while demand is high and before supply increases may garner you your best price.

3. NEW CONSTRUCTION IS COMING ON STRONG

Every year the past couple of years our area has shown an increase in new home construction. More and more new home builders are jumping back into the market. These new home builders are direct competition for homeowners trying to sell as new homes are an attractive alternative for many buyers.

4. INTEREST RATES WILL CONTINUE TO RISE

According to Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey, interest rates for a 30-year mortgage have shot up to 4.57% which represents a jump of more than a full point since the beginning of the year. The Mortgage Bankers Association, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac and the National Association of Realtors are in unison projecting that rates will continue to climb. Whether you are moving up or moving down, your housing expense will be more a year from now if a mortgage is necessary to purchase your next home.

5. IT'S TIME

Why is that you are thinking about selling? Is it worth waiting? What's more important than being with family; more important than your health; more important than having the freedom to go on with your life the way you think you should? You know the answers and you have the power to take back control of your situation.



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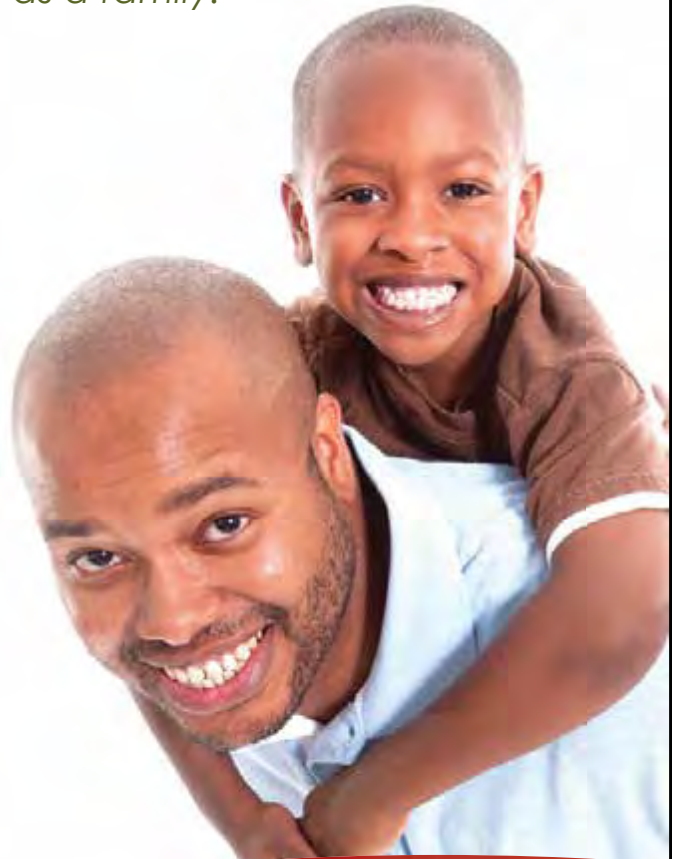
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The Story on Scars

Holly loved nothing more than riding her bike. But one day, she missed a curb and hit the pavement - splat! Now her knee was scraped and her elbow was cut. Her brother Darren helped Holly up and used his T-shirt to dab at the blood on her elbow. "Wow," he said, "You're probably going to have a huge scar."

WHAT EXACTLY IS A SCAR?

A scar is the pale pink, brown, or silvery patch of skin that grows in the place where you once had a cut, scrape, or sore. A scar is your skin's way of repairing itself from injury. Look at your skin. You probably have one or two scars already. Most people do. Why? Because a lot of things leave behind scars - from falls, like the one Holly had, to surgeries.

Scars are part of life and they show what you've been through. For some people, scars are special. A kid in your class might have a scar on his chest because he had heart surgery as a baby. Or you might have a scar from the chicken pox. Centuries ago, warriors showed off their scars as symbols of their bravery and to impress their friends with the exciting tales about how each one happened. Do any of your scars have a story?

HOW DO I GET A SCAR?

No matter what caused your scar, here's how your skin repaired the open wound. The skin sent a bunch of collagen (say: ka-leh-jen) - tough, white protein fibers that act like bridges - to reconnect the broken tissue. As the body did its healing work, a dry, temporary crust formed over the wound. This crust is called a scab.

The scab's job is to protect the wound as the damaged skin heals underneath. Eventually, a scab dries up and falls off on its own, leaving behind the repaired skin and, often, a scar.

A scar isn't always a sure thing, though. "It's not so much how deep or severe a wound is that determines whether a scar will form, but rather the location of the wound and that person's genetic [inherited] tendency to form scars," says Brian Flyer, a doctor from California.

In other words, certain people tend to get scars more easily, and scars are more likely to form after wounds on certain parts of the body.

HOW DO I PREVENT A SCAR?

Of course, the best way to prevent scars is to prevent wounds! You can reduce your chances of getting hurt by wearing kneepads, helmets, and other protective gear when you play sports, ride your bike, or go in-line skating. But even with protective gear, a person can still get hurt once in a while. If this happens, you can take steps to prevent or reduce scarring. You can help your skin heal itself by treating it well during the healing process.

How do you do that? Keep the wound covered as it heals so you can keep out bacteria and germs. Avoid picking at the scab because it tears at the collagen and could introduce germs into the wound. Some doctors say vitamin C (found in oranges and other citrus fruits) helps by speeding up the creation of new skin cells and the shedding of old ones. Also, some people believe rubbing vitamin E on the wound after the scab begins forming can aid the healing process. Your parent can talk to your doctor about whether you should try this.

SO LONG, SCARS!

Some scars fade over time. If yours doesn't and it bothers you, there are treatments that can make a scar less noticeable, such as skin-smoothing medicated creams, waterproof makeup, or even minor surgery. Talk to your parent and doctor to find out if any of these treatments would be right for you.

Sometimes the best medicine might just be to talk. Tell your parent or doctor what's bothering you about your scar and how you feel on the inside. Because when the inside feels good, the outside always seems to look better!

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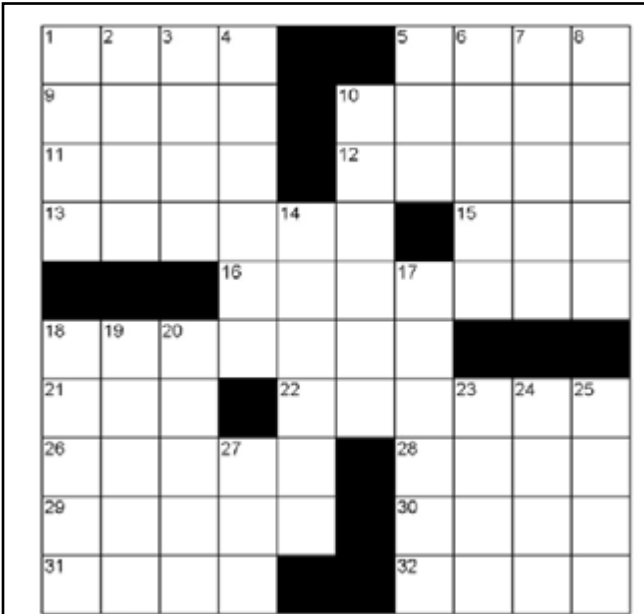
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