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2014 Pool Hours



The pool opening date is Saturday, May 10th. It is open weekends only, including Monday, May 26th Memorial Day. It opens full time on June 7th.

The pool hours are:

Monday: closed

**Tuesday-Saturday:
11:00am-8:00pm**

Sunday: 12:00pm - 8:00 pm

Please have your pool tags with you at all times when you visit the pool. Without them, for resident security reasons, you will not be permitted to enter the facility. With tags, you will be permitted to sign in 2 guests. Anyone who did not pick up their pool tags will need to contact Mike Quast at PCMI.

Safety Alert

Recently, there have been several incidences of tire theft around the community. These thieves have all the right equipment to get the tires off your vehicle in less than 5 minutes. Having wheel locks installed require specialized tools to remove the tires and do serve as a deterrent. But with the price incentives so high, thieves are finding ways even around the best defenses.

Here are some general guidelines that can help (according to ABC News):

Use Tire Locks: An example of a tire lock would be a boot. These devices lock your wheels in place. A thief would have to get the boot off to steal both your car and your wheels. They cost around \$100 and can be found in auto supply stores like AutoZone or ordered online at sites like Amazon.com.

Use Lug Nut Locks: Lug nut locks are an affordable way to protect your car. They can cost under \$10 or be as expensive as \$70. Drivers can literally lock their wheels into place, preventing a thief from using a wrench to unscrew the lug nuts. Find them in auto supply stores or online at places like Amazon.com. Gorilla Auto sells both wheel locks and tire locks.

Get A Tracking System: A vehicle tracking system like LoJack or OnStar can help trace a stolen car. It can also dissuade thieves from tampering with your vehicle. LoJack costs around \$695. It installs a radio device in your car to help find a stolen vehicle. OnStar is available in GM cars. It alerts police when a car is stolen; it also slows down the vehicle and blocks the ignition from being restarted once it's turned off. Service costs \$18.95 a month.

Park in a High-Traffic Area: Tire theft doesn't just happen in your driveway late at night. So, when you are out and about, park in a busy place to deter would-be thieves from choosing your car.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

All of our committees are seeking volunteers to help continue making our community a fun place to be. Just a little bit of your time can go a long way. If you are willing to help, in any way, please contact a board member with your interest.

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Northlake Forest HOA Website: www.northlakeforesthoa.com

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Poison Control 1-800-222-1222

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For anyone interested in recycling, the MUD voted to accept the proposal from Texas Residential Recycling for the district. It is an optional individually billed program, billed to each homeowner that participates on a quarterly basis. The cost is \$10 per month. You can go to their website at <http://residentialrecyclingtexas.com> to see what they accept and get contact info to start it up. Just let them know you are in Northwest Harris County MUD # 10 and Northlake Forest. The pick-up day is Friday and they supply a container to put your recyclables in. If you need a larger container, they will mail stickers to put on other containers.

Together, we save forests.

Together, we are saving forests from Austin, Texas. This Earth Day, we want to share with you how we are doing this right here in Austin.

Rainforest Partnership, an Austin-based international nonprofit organization, has expanded the environmental passion of this city to a globally focused, locally relevant issue just as our city started its transition to its current global significance and attention.

Founded in December 2007, Rainforest Partnership (RP) was formed with the idea that the way to protect the “lungs” of the planet is to help the people who live in those “lungs” make a living that allows them to protect their forests. Forest communities know that sometimes the easiest option to earn an income is to cut down their trees. By selling the timber, planting a cash crop, or having cattle, they can eke out an income to pay for health care or education for their children. But, more than anyone else, the people who live in the forests know the damage this does. They know it takes generations for a forest to come back after it's cut down. They know that destroying the forest will destroy their way of life. They're looking for an alternative.

That's where Rainforest Partnership comes in. Using a bottom-up approach, we work with local communities to find their needs and desires and adapt it to their culture, knowledge, and skills. These are then matched to the business opportunities created by each individual rainforest to create a sustainable, workable alternative to slash and burn.

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It all begins when a community asks for our help.

Although they seem far away, tropical rainforests are an important part of our lives and our community. What was once over 12 percent of the landmass of our planet in just a hundred years is now less than 5 percent. These forests play a crucial role in storing carbon, regulating water cycles and temperature, and providing biodiversity. We all directly benefit from the many rainforest plants used in modern medicines and for food. Currently deforestation—the cutting and burning of forests—is responsible for more than 17% of carbon dioxide emissions worldwide. What happens to these forests affects us all everywhere.

Besides directly partnering and working with indigenous rainforest communities, we partner with local governments, local nonprofit organizations, and businesses. Our work is based on a replicable model that is collaborative and results-driven, and facilitated by these partnerships – international, U.S., and Austin-based. From brooms made from sustainably and legally sourced palm fibers from the rainforest, to artisan products made from forest plants, to an ecolodge for birdwatchers eager to catch a glimpse of the elusive Andean Cock-of-the-rock – we have helped our partner communities create sustainable livelihoods, while

saving their forests and their way of life.

We are very proud of all our partner communities, but we are especially inspired by the women of Sani Isla, Ecuador. When we first met them in 2009, they were too shy to speak or even meet anyone's eyes. In Summer of 2010, during their first workshop as part of our project working with them, they barely spoke. That is, until they did. When they started talking, they told us why they had been silent all morning: Nobody had ever asked them what they thought, what their vision was. But they had a vision: To recover the lost arts of making artisan products like jewelry and bags and baskets from seeds, vines and fibers from forest plants. We helped them set up relationship with nearby ecolodges to sell their goods to visiting guests in their Amazon community, and established connections with hotels in Quito for selling their goods. The older women began training the younger women. We helped them work out a plan for sustainably harvesting the raw materials they would need. They used them to create goods of startling beauty. And the goods sold, beyond anyone's expectations.

In four years, the women of Sani Isla went from never having made an income to making a steady and growing income. And

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today the same women who were too shy to talk to any outsiders have become the strongest voices in their communities against the oil drilling that threatens to destroy their forest. For the first time, these women are at the forefront of protecting their forests – and their future.

Today, communities all over Ecuador and Peru are rejecting the old model of forest destruction. They're asking for Rainforest Partnership's help in coming up with a new way, and we want to help because it's always a joint effort. Not one community has asked for a handout.

Rainforest Partnership's projects represent the real-life execution of its working model. By working with forest communities to help them bring their skills, traditions, and values to the marketplace, we have begun to overcome the most powerful driving forces of deforestation. Go to www.RainforestPartnership.org to learn more.

This Earth Day, learn more about how you can change a habit and save a forest. Tell your kids about what we do. Every child learns about rainforest ecosystem. Together, we save forests. From Austin, Texas. And, so can you.

BOOK CLUB

NLF has a wonderful book club that usually meets the first Wednesday of each month. In January it will be a different date due to the New Year holiday. It is a great opportunity to meet new people and read interesting books. The meetings are held at different members' homes in NLF. For further information contact Rebecca Melancon at rlg270@yahoo.com or call 303-809-0774.



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The next Cypress-Tomball Democrats monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, at Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429. A meet and greet starts at 6:30 p.m., followed by the general meeting from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The club is honored to welcome April's guest speaker, Zeph Capo, who is a member of the Houston Community College's Board of Trustees. Mr. Capo is also Vice President and Legislative Director for the Houston Federation of Teachers. He will discuss how to assure a quality education for all Texas students.

All are welcome to attend the meeting and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month. For more information, visit the website at www.cytomdems.com; contact Glenn Etienne at cytomdems@yahoo.com; or "Like" the club on Facebook.

The Cypress Texas Tea Party

The next meetings will be on:
Saturday, May 10th Noon to 2:00 PM
Saturday May 31st Noon to 2:00 PM

The Cypress Texas Tea Party meets every three weeks on Saturday at:

Spring Creek BBQ
25831 Northwest Freeway
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