

## Southwyck/Silverlake Breakfast with Santa

The Breakfast with Santa event on December 6, 2014 a wonderful gathering, was the biggest, and best ever. The turnout of residents from Southwyck and Silverlake far exceeded previous years. The weather was pleasant and the food was scrumptious. Santa arrived at 9 AM and listened to all of the good little girls and boys wishes for their Christmas lists. The children busied themselves on the inflatable castles and train rides along with Christmas crafts and decorating Christmas cookies. A fun time was had by all.



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## Silverlake News is Looking for Articles

Do you know of a fundraiser that is going on at your children's school? How about promoting a local club in our neighborhood? If you have any news you'd like to share with your neighbors, please send us an article to [silverlakeupdates@yahoo.com](mailto:silverlakeupdates@yahoo.com)

## Silverlake HOA has a New Website!

The HOA has updated the Silverlake website. The website is available to all residents of Silverlake HOA. In order to see all of the great things the website has to offer, you will need to request a login and a password. Just visit [www.silverlakehoa.com](http://www.silverlakehoa.com) and click on the Request Login button. Once your request is processed, you can start using the website. There are many great things available to all of our residents, so check it out!

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## *Breakfast with Santa Pictures*



## TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION

### FRUIT FLIES

by Wizzie Brown

Fruit flies can become a problem at any time of year because they are attracted to ripe or fermenting fruit. Fruit flies can be brought into the home from ripe fruits or vegetables picked from the garden or items purchased at the grocery store.

Adults are small (about 1/8 of an inch) and usually have red eyes. The front portion of the body is tan while the back portion is dark brown or black. If given the opportunity, females can lay up to 500 eggs. Larvae feed near the surface of fermenting foods or other organic matter.

Prevention is the best way to deal with fruit flies. Do not purchase over-ripened fruit or vegetables. Fruit and vegetables should be eaten in a timely manner or stored in the refrigerator. If storage in the refrigerator is not an option because you are ripening the item, place it in a paper bag and use a clothespin or clip to close the bag. All recyclables should be rinsed thoroughly before placing them into the recycling bin. The recycling bin and garbage can should be cleaned out on a regular basis to eliminate any spilled material.



To eliminate a fruit fly infestation, all sources must be located and eliminated. Insecticides will not help if sources are not eliminated. While searching and eliminating breeding sources, a trap can be constructed to capture adult flies. Create a paper funnel by rolling notebook paper and place the funnel into a jar that contains a small amount of apple cider vinegar in the bottom.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600.

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# SILVERLAKE ELEMENTARY NEWS

## SILVERCREST PTA

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season, we are looking forward to a brand new year full of great school activities here at Silvercrest, here's to a fantastic 2015! Go Stallions!

## PTA GENERAL MEETING

Please take note that our next general meeting will take place on Thursday, January 15th at 6.30pm in the school cafeteria. Our PTA does great work and we look forward to seeing old friends and new, so come along and find out how the PTA works on behalf of our school.

## PTA MEMBERSHIP

Make one of your new year resolutions to join our PTA! We are so proud of the number of parents who get involved, but there's always room for more! If you would like more information, please contact Allison Byman at [adbyman@yahoo.com](mailto:adbyman@yahoo.com). At Silvercrest we enjoy being part of the local community and we also welcome any community members who would like to participate in our PTA. Please visit the PTA website, [silvercrestpta.org](http://silvercrestpta.org) for more information. To join, simply stop by the front office at Silvercrest or contact Allison for details on joining by mail.

## MAGAZINE DRIVE

The Silvercrest Environmental Committee is happy to announce the second year of our magazine drive!! Now is the time to save your magazines for the collection dates at school in the spring (these dates will be announced via flyers and in print).

The magazine recycling project is a reuse effort in which used magazines are donated by Silvercrest students to the patient areas of the Baylor College of Medicine Clinics in the Texas Medical Center. Last year, BCM in return donated doctor's coats with old logos to our school to be used as smocks in the art classes.

Magazines should be no more than 3 months old and you MUST remove or color out your name and address information. A prize will be given to the class with the most participation.

Please encourage your student(s) to help save magazines from filling the landfills. Thank you for your participation in this great project!

Any questions, please contact Stacy at [smjhvaughn@gmail.com](mailto:smjhvaughn@gmail.com).

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The Silvercrest PTA Community Outreach Committee's fall food drive benefiting the Pearland Neighborhood Center ended on November 14th. We collected 1860 items weighing 1487.3 pounds! That is a fantastic result and shows what great students and parents we have here at Silvercrest! The third graders brought in the most items this year, a big congratulations to them. They will be enjoying a healthy snack to recognize their achievement.

Way to go Silvercrest students and families! Thank you to all who participated in this wonderful way to give back to our community. Thank you also to all who volunteered their time during the food drive!



*Third Grade Students of the Week With Food Drive Items*

## STALLION STAMPEDE

Mark this on your 2015 calendars - we are excited to announce that our Stallion Stampede will be on Saturday, April 25th 2015. This is always a great event and includes a Fun Run, pancake breakfast

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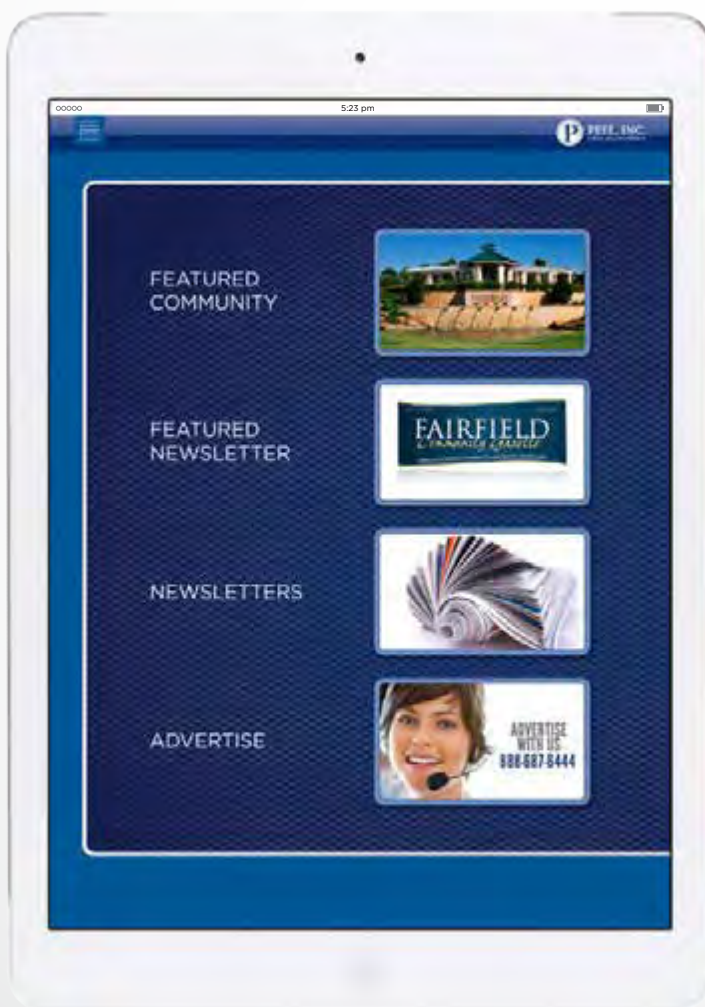




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## TENNIS TIPS

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional  
**Fernando Velasco**



### The Modern Game: “The Forehand Return Serve Drop Shot”

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to execute the basic strokes for players who are just beginning to play tennis or who want to resume playing.

I am now offering suggestions on how to play the “modern” game mostly geared towards players who are happy with hitting the ball over the net and controlling the point with consistency. These players may already be playing for leagues or in tournaments and are looking for more “weapons” on the court.

In this issue, I will offer instructions on how to execute “The Return Serve Drop Shot.” This shot is used when an opponent is expecting a deep service return and the player “surprises” the opponent with a short angle drop shot. It can be used in both singles and doubles play.

In the illustrations, Fernando Velasco, Director of Tennis and teacher at of the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke. Velasco is presently ranked #1 in Singles and Doubles in the USTA Men’s 70 Division in Texas, and #13 in Singles

and #8 and #10 in Doubles in the US.

**Step 1: The Back Swing:** When Fernando sees the opportunity, he makes a quick turn of his upper body and takes the racket high and back. The head of the racket is now at shoulder height, his shoulders are turned, and his eyes are focused on the incoming ball.

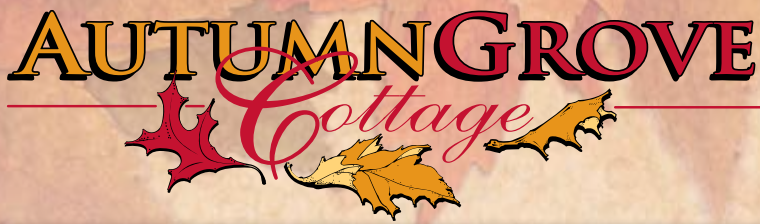
**Step 2: The Point of Contact:** The success of the drop shot is to “cup” under the ball with the strings. The grip is relaxed and ready to push the ball forward and under the ball as he makes contact with it. His left shoulder is almost opening and his weight is moving through the shot.

**Step 3: The Follow Through:** In order to get maximum underspin, Fernando is keeping the right hand extended as long as possible. His weight is going forward. The left hand is left leaning forward for better balance.

As the shot goes over the net, and it was successful, Fernando will run towards the net, expecting his opponent to either lift the ball short, or try to drop shot his drop shot.

*Look in the next Newsletter for: “The Backhand Return Drop Shot”*





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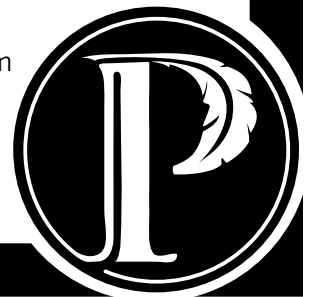
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