



8th Annual Holiday Decorating Contest

The Silverlake HOA is pleased to announce the 8th Annual Silverlake Holiday Decorating Contest. If you would like to participate and have your home decorations judged in the contest, please send your name, address and phone number to Silverlakehoa@gmail.com no later than December 17, 2015. Judging will begin Saturday, December 19, 2015 after dark and continue until all of the entries have been judged. The lucky winner will receive a \$100 cash prize and bragging rights for the year. Good Luck!



Alert Cast - After Hour Emergency Service

As a reminder to all residents, the PCMI office has after hours and weekend On-Call Service. If you have an urgent Homeowners Association matter for example, sprinklers running continuously, access gates malfunctioning, tennis court lighting problem, please contact us at 281-870-0585. Please do not send an email as they will not be read until the next business day.

Stay connected! Official Silverlake HOA website:

www.silverlakehoa.com

Residents Yahoo Message Board:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Silverlake_Homes

PCMI Property Management Company:

Khara Mathews 281-870-0585 or khara.mathews@steservices.com

Brazoria County Sheriff:

281-756-2392

Silvercrest Elementary

SILVERCREST PTA

We're feeling merry and bright this December at Silvercrest and we would like to wish all our wonderful teachers, staff, students and families a very happy Christmas. Thank you for all your support in our PTA activities this year, here's to a fantastic 2016! Go Stallions!

PTA General Meeting

Please take note that our next general meeting will take place on Thursday, January 14th 2016 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

Please remember 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 Lindsay Rodriguez at lindsayhope00@Hotmail.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 for more information. To join, simply stop by the front office at Silvercrest or contact Lindsay for details on joining by mail.

DECEMBER SPIRIT NIGHTS

Who wants to have to cook dinner in December? If you'd rather be out having fun with other Silvercrest families and helping our school, look no further! Spirit nights are so important in raising funds and a really easy way for you to contribute. Eat at the restaurants below on the date listed, and the restaurants will kindly donate funds back to our school. We will remind you of these Spirit Nights by sending home flyers in your students' folders, listing them on the marquee, and through our school website. Hope to see you there.

Tues. Dec. 1st: Jason's Deli • Wed. Dec. 16th: Papa John's

EVENING WITH SANTA

Time to get your merry on! Our much loved annual Evening with Santa will be on Thursday, December 3rd 2014 from 6.00pm – 7.30pm. The big guy himself and Mrs Claus will be joining us for a night of festive fun including the Polar Express train ride, Christmas crafts, a chance to write a letter to Santa and deliver it by hand (who knows, maybe you'll get some extra Santa brownie points...anything to get on that "nice" list!) as well as other activities and games. You can purchase some dinner there if you would like to. It's so much fun to see the kids enjoy some time with the big SC and a wonderful start to the festive season. Look out for more information coming home soon in your student's folder.

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The Silverlake News is mailed monthly to all Silverlake HOA residents. Residents, community groups, schools, etc., are welcome to submit information. Personal news is also welcome. All submissions will be reviewed for content and approved by the Board of Directors and Newsletter Committee Chair. The deadline for submission is the 8th of the month before publication.

Brazoria County Women's Shelter Holiday Celebration

HO! HO! HO! It is that time again, neighbors. On December 5th from 9 am to 11 am we will have this year's Breakfast with Santa toy drive benefitting the Brazoria County Women's Shelter. This event has always been a crowd favorite for our neighborhood. The Center has come to count on the generosity of our wonderful neighborhood ever year to ensure that their kids have a nice holiday.

Let's not let this year be any different!

We will have Santa there of course to greet all the kids and find out what is on their lists! We will have the Polar Express train along with a moonwalk or two. There will be crafts for the kids, cookie decorating, a full pancake breakfast made on site for everyone to enjoy!

The admission for this great event is only an unwrapped toy for the center. Mark your calendars. You don't want to miss this. It will be at the Silverlake Clubhouse.

We would like to thank everyone that has supported this event in the past and look forward to seeing everyone again this year!



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Neighborhood Committee & Representative Elections

The Silverlake HOA will hold elections for Neighborhood Committees and Representatives. The HOA is divided into 18 “neighborhoods” (12 residential and 6 commercial), each of which elects a 3 member committee, of which the person receiving the most votes becomes the Neighborhood Representative. The Committee serves a term of 2 years. The Representative’s duties include attendance at the Homeowners Association meetings requiring Representative attendance and casting of the number of eligible votes allotted to the Neighborhood he or she represents for any Association matter or issue requiring a vote by the members. Aside from this, the Representative and Committee positions are what the committee members decide can benefit their neighborhood. This can be a very useful position for your Neighborhood Committee, including Neighborhood Representative so, please submit your name address, and brief biography to [HYPERLINK "mailto:silverlakehoa@gmail.com" silverlakehoa@gmail.com](mailto:silverlakehoa@gmail.com).


For more information on the HOA structure, including election and terms for Neighborhood Committee members, please refer to the Amended & Restated By-Laws found in the Documents section of the HOA website, www.silverlakehoa.com.

Twelve Top Travel Tips When Traveling with Your Pet

Traveling with your pet can be fun and rewarding – especially when you’re prepared. In addition to the pet travel “basics” (safely restraining your pet, allowing adequate time for potty breaks, bringing comforting items from home, and so on), several additional simple practices can help make every trip easier and more pleasant for both you and your pet.

1. Schedule a veterinarian visit to insure overall health and current vaccinations. Ask for a health certificate and vaccination records, especially if you’re traveling out of state.
2. Make sure your pet’s identification tags are up-to-date and legible. Also, be sure his rabies tag and vaccinations are current.
3. Include your destination address and/or phone number on your pet’s tags and cage/crate (if applicable).
4. Remember to pack water to prevent dehydration. To help insure convenient feedings bring along a collapsible food bowl.
5. Pack all medications and supplements to avoid missed doses.
6. Pack a first aid kit to insure readiness in the event of an injury or medical emergency.
7. Exercise your pet prior to departure. A tired pet is typically much more amenable to travel. Also, bring a lead or harness to allow exercise during pit stops.
8. Feed your pet at least four hours prior to departure to prevent car sickness. If the trip is long, feed a smaller amount that normal at least two hours before you leave.
9. Use a travel remedy, if necessary. If your pet is extremely anxious about travel, try a soothing non-prescription calming product.
10. Trim toenails to prevent snags and injury, especially if your pet will travel in a cage or crate.
11. Cover your car seats to keep them clean and free of hair shed on your trip.
12. Know your travel rules and restrictions, especially if you will travel on an airplane.


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Make a Difference in Your Family

The holiday season is generally a time of family get-togethers, increased community service and an overall joyful experience as we share this wonderful time with family and friends.

But did you know that you can make the spirit of the holiday season last all year? How you ask? By opening your heart and your home to an International Exchange Student!

Host families reap the benefits of opening their home by sharing their America. When they share with their exchange student, they are also able to see America with fresh eyes through the student. Families often learn new things about the U.S. and have different perspectives after hosting. The experiences and memories that are shared during the program last a lifetime and span international borders.

Make a difference in the life of a student and in your family! If your family enjoys exploring new cultures and nurturing youth,

please contact us to request more information about this amazing opportunity to share your life with a special young person and to learn how you can make a difference. The application process for the 2016/2017 school year has begun; it is recommended to start now as available schools spots fill up early.

Ayusa is a non-profit organization founded in 1981 to promote global learning and leadership through foreign exchange, study abroad, and leadership programs for high school students from the U.S. and around the world.

For more information about hosting a high school foreign exchange student, please contact your local representative Vicki Odom at 832.455.7881 or vodom@ayusa.org or Ayusa at 1.888.552.9872 or by visiting the website at www.ayusa.org.



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Phorid or Humpbacked Flies



Humpbacked flies, also known as Phorid flies, are small gnat-like flies that do not bite. They often are yellowish to black in color. They get their name from the way their back is humped when viewed from the side. Sometimes they are called scuttle flies from their habit of running around in an erratic manner.

Phorid flies vary widely with some being pests while some species are beneficial and attack and kill red imported fire ants.

Pest species that are found indoors are often associated with moist, decaying organic matter. These flies can become a problem in homes because they can mechanically transmit bacteria to food and food prep areas.

Common sites where larvae develop (and areas you would need to locate a.k.a. "the source") can include the organic matter built up on the inside of drain pipes; on aging fruits, vegetables or other food matter; the bottom of garbage cans, dumpsters or recycling bins; in broken sewage pipes; or under broken floor tiles.

Develop a sanitation plan. Locate "the source" where larvae are living and clean it thoroughly. If drains are accessible, clean with a stiff brush and flush with boiling water. Food should not be left out for long periods of time and trash/ recyclables should be removed on a regular basis. Repair any plumbing leaks.

Spot treatments with properly labeled insecticides and fly lights can help reduce adult populations.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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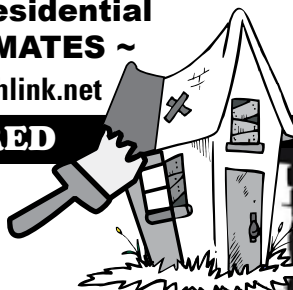
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Silverlake & Shadow Creek Sports

“We are open to all of Pearland and the greater Houston area,” says Ted Bryan Kalivoda, President and founder of Shadow Creek Soccer, Sports, and Soccer-kick.org. “We have lots of families from Silverlake and surrounding area. We hope to grow enough where, if you live in Silverlake or East of 288, your games will be in Silverlake.”

- 2 minutes to practice & games
- 1 practice each week
- 1 hour max for game and done
- Fun teams for boys & girls
- ShadowCreekSports.org
- Ages 4 & up

Baseball



Lots of kids means lots of happy families returning season after season to participate. Visit ShadowCreekSports.org to see what people in the community are saying.

Lots of kids also means you won't have to sacrifice your entire Saturday driving to your games because there are enough teams to always play right around the corner. And the competition can be serious because teams are balanced each year with star players spread out among the teams.

Basketball



Soccer



“Yes we will have Select Competitive Teams although our primary focus is fun recreation for all kids,” says Ted Bryan.

“With the number of kids we have, we will field some fierce competitive teams. We have competitive select teams now with soccer and are getting noticed by the top clubs in Houston; baseball and basketball is just around the corner.”

To register for winter basketball and spring soccer and t-ball, visit ShadowCreekSports.org

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