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Congratulations July Yard of the Month

East Side: 16207 Pelican Beach Lane

David and Keyla have lived in Lakeshore since 2009 and they both share the responsibility for the design and plant selection for their beautiful landscaping. Their gardener provides good advice along with ideas and tips from magazines. They have shared the following secrets: Provide a lot of water, weekly maintenance, fertilize and trim regularly, select flowers according to the season and lastly, don't be afraid to take risks in terms of tree selection. They are especially fond of pansies for their colorful perennial flowers and Vinca for their beauty and ability to tolerate the hot Texas climate. They further advise to use pest control and good drainage to avoid excess water retention. Irrigation is also important but requires frequent maintenance so make sure there is adequate irrigation in the area before you plant. They also recommend fertilizing often and suggest hiring a professional to assist with this a few times each year.



Congratulations July Yard of the Month

West Side: 13038 Golden Water Ct

Marcus and Amber are pleased to represent the West Side for the distinctive Yard of the Month title as they approach their one-year mark in the Lakeshore community. While Marcus is responsible for completing all of the yard work, it is done under the strict oversight and supervision of Amber. When asked about their secret to a beautiful yard they replied, "We will never tell." We'll just have to watch closer to learn their trade secrets! Their favorite plants are the Elephant Ears as they are easy to maintain and they add a nice color to the yard.

For their efforts in maintaining their beautiful yards, both winners have received gift cards from the Lakeshore HOA and an annual subscription to Better Homes and Gardens magazine provided by Howard Blair. Congratulations to our July Yard of the Month Winners!

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Association Crime Stoppers

Everyone wants a safe place to call home, and our association strives to make all residents feel secure. While we're diligent in our efforts to reduce possible dangers in our community, we can't do it alone. It's up to everyone to pitch in to keep crime rates down. Thankfully, taking a few simple steps can go a long way in keeping theft, vandalism and other felonies and misdemeanors out of the association.

Know Your Neighbors. And not just the neighbors on your block, but also the neighbors from all parts of the association. At the very least, you'll get a better idea of who actually lives (and in turn, who belongs) here. Talking with your neighbors will also give you the chance to find out if there have noticed any crimes or suspicious activity in the association recently so that you can be on the lookout as well. Consider creating and distributing a block list with everyone's contact information on your block so that you and your neighbors can alert each other of any problems that arise.

Leave The Light On. A good way to deter felons from breaking into your home is to make sure your front porch light stays on all night, even when you're out of town. Not only does it signal that someone's home, it also makes it harder for vandals to hide among the shadows. If you're worried that you'll either forget to turn the light on at night or off in the morning, you can purchase an inexpensive timer that will automatically do that for you every day. Also, if you see any street lights around the association that are burnt out, please contact <https://slo.centerpointenergy.com/> or let the clubhouse know as soon as possible so that we can replace them for everyone's safety.

Lock Up. If you want to keep unwanted guests out, don't make your home inviting. Even when you're around, it's best to keep all gates, doors and garages locked at all times. It's also a good idea to keep your windows closed and locked when possible, especially if they're on the ground floor.

Put On Your Walking Shoes. Taking a stroll around the association isn't just good exercise. You can casually patrol the community for anything suspicious or usual, as well as swap notes about criminal activity in the area with other neighbors who are out and about. Also, when more residents regularly walk around the association, it can help scare off hooligans who are afraid of getting caught in the act.

Clean It Up. Picking up litter, removing graffiti and keeping trees, bushes and lawns trimmed not only makes the association look better, but also sends the message that our residents are diligent about keeping the neighborhood a respectable place to live. This can help discourage troublemakers from hanging around our community and encourage responsible and involved people to move to the association.

See Something, Say Something. If you notice a crime or a suspicious activity, regardless of how small the incident may seem, notify precinct 4 at 281.376.3472 or notify 911. Keep in mind that our local precinct is already in our area. List this number under A911 on your phone for easy access.

We all have a responsibility to our community to help keep it safe, and incorporating even a few of these tips can go a long way. Volunteer for our Crime Watch committee; do your part to make our association a place you're happy to call home.



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Homeowner Help—All in One Place

The Internet is full of information for homeowners—if you can find what you're looking for. Google searches can pull up thousands of sites, most of them irrelevant, and it's your task to weed through them. Now there's a way around information overload. Community Associations Institute (CAI), a national membership group that works on behalf of communities like ours, has created a site specifically for homeowners and potential homebuyers.

The site includes links to several free CAI documents, including *An Introduction to Community Association Living and Community Matters—What You Should Know Before You Buy*. It also features links to a number of government and nonprofit websites on topics such as:

- Buying and selling a home
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Notes:

The pool season is coming to a close. The Lakeshore Community Pool will be open September 3rd, 4th, 5th, 10th, 11th, 17th, and 18th from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 17 for the Lakeshore Night Out Against Crime. Come to the Clubhouse to meet your neighbors and our constables. There will be entertainment and food and fun for all. Watch for more details to come.

Are you missing a set of keys, a thermos, a water bottle, a sippy cup or other items? Check with the Lakeshore Clubhouse. Items are left all the time by the pool, in the fitness center, in the clubhouse, or at the parks.

Please follow the rules of the fitness area that are posted on the wall. This is for the safety of all. NO ONE under the age of 16 allowed without an adult. No suits or bare feet allowed.



Cloudy with a Chance of Technology

We all know about the clouds that shade the sun and carry rain. Now it's time to get to know the other cloud—the one that delivers computing power, handy applications, and the ability to share information with others wherever and whenever you need. Like the atmospheric mass that provides its name, the technological phenomenon impacts our daily lives.

Cloud computing sounds mysterious and untrustworthy, but chances are you're already working, playing and surfing in the cloud. If you've purchased an iPhone, Kindle, or any smartphone, tablet or computer recently, you're probably taking advantage of its benefits. If you've downloaded a song from the Internet, chatted on Skype or purchased something from Amazon.com, you've used the cloud.

So, what does the cloud mean to you, and how can you harness its power?

It means you can pay your assessments online. You can access association documents and board meeting minutes from wherever you are. It might also mean, for the owners of second homes, that you can tune in to board meetings from the other side of the country.

It means you can work from a remote office without losing a beat. You can collaborate with others on a document without having to e-mail the file back and forth. You can store photos, music and files online without taking up precious space on your computer.

The cloud offers cheaper, stress-free alternatives to expensive hardware and maintenance. All you really need to take advantage of the cloud is reliable Internet access, but you should carefully consider security, privacy, the provider's reliability and contract terms first.

How secure is your data and information on the cloud? What privacy rules are you subject to? Some cloud services include clauses that allow providers to access and use a customer's data—often for marketing purposes—and can retain that data long after you're done using the service.

What if the company providing the cloud service goes out of business? What happens to all your information? Do contact terms lock you into one program or application?

These are important questions to ask. And though the cloud is relatively new, it's here to stay and will become even more prevalent over time. To see a list of cloud computing providers, visit <http://cloud-computing.findthebest.com>.

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Though originally formed to train collegiate officials, many high school officials joined the SWOA ranks. In 1977, the Texas football, basketball, and baseball officiating associations recognized the need to form a statewide governing body for high school officials. As a result, the Southwest Officials Association (SOA) was formed, with an office based in Dallas. Since the formation of the SOA in 1977, the volleyball, softball, and soccer divisions were added under the SOA umbrella.

In 1999 the SOA changed its name to the Texas Association of Sports Officials (TASO). After a brief tenure in Mesquite and Austin, The TASO office relocated to its current location in Richardson.

With the University Interscholastic League (UIL) governing high school athletics in Texas, and the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS), the largest organization of private schools in Texas, TASO provides officials for UIL and TAPPS contests. Though independent of both organizations, TASO works closely with the UIL and TAPPS in providing officials for sports contests.

Unlike most every other state, TASO is an independent organization of sports officials governed by sports officials. Each of the six divisions is individually governed by a board of directors comprised of officers and regional directors elected

by the membership throughout the state. Overall TASO policy is set by the TASO board of directors. The TASO board of directors is comprised of the president and president-elect (or vice president), of each of the six sports.

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How to execute The Backhand Service Return

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

In this issue, I will offer you instructions on how to execute the second most important shot in the game of tennis: The Service Return, since it is the response to the first most important shot of the game: The Serve. In the illustrations, Susan Herb, player at the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke.

Step 1: The Ready Position: When Susan is getting ready to return the serve, her eyes are focused on the tennis ball held by the opponent. Knees are relaxed and the hands are holding the racket with a relaxed grip.

Step 2: The Back Swing: Once Susan realizes that the ball has been directed to her forehand, she will turn her upper body and will take the racket back. Notice that the left hand is up in front to allow her to keep her center of gravity in the center. She has loaded her weight on her left foot and will be ready to step forward to meet the ball.

Step 3: The Point of Contact: Susan now is ready to step into the ball. She has kept her eye on the ball and her center of gravity now is shifted to the point of contact. Notice the right knee being slightly bent and the right foot is pointing to the ball meeting the racket.

Step 5: The Follow Through: Once Susan has finished her stroke, the momentum of the racket continues to move almost to a point behind her neck. Her left hand is next to her body and her left elbow is pointing toward her target. Her body is now ready to take the “split step” with both feet in order to prepare for the opponent’s returned shot.

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Overnight Coffee Cake

Recipe provided by Sherry Watson. The original source is unknown (cut from an old magazine many years ago). This recipe is unbelievably simple, but it makes a beautiful presentation at the table.

1 pkg. frozen cloverleaf roll dough (about 25 rolls)
1 pkg. (four-serving size) vanilla pudding mix (not instant)

½ cup brown sugar

½ cup pecans, chopped

1 stick butter, melted

Separate frozen roll dough into pieces (each cloverleaf makes three pieces). Other rolls will work, but with larger pieces of dough, use only 20; more may be too many for your pan.

Combine dry pudding mix with brown sugar and pecans.

Melt butter.

Place pieces of frozen roll dough in a well-buttered Bundt pan. (Do not use angel food pan; butter leaks out!) Pour melted butter over frozen dough and sprinkle with pudding mixture.

Leave cake pan out overnight; the dough rises beautifully by morning. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Invert on serving plate to serve. Sticky – but good!



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Crickets feed on plant material as well as other insects. They are able to cause damage to seedlings and sometimes large populations can be destructive. Large masses of dead crickets around doorways or other areas can be distasteful to view and cause a foul odor.

Field crickets are primarily outdoor insects, but may occasionally venture indoors. When crickets do come indoors, they may bother residents with their chirping. Males chirp to attract a mate creating the sound by rubbing their forewings together.

Cricket management is more easily accomplished in the summer when nymphs, who cannot fly, are present. Unfortunately, this usually isn't when large populations of crickets are discovered.

Before turning to pesticides to manage your cricket problems, try these ideas:

- Turn off outside lights at night or use bulbs that are less attractive to insects
- Seal cracks & crevices where insects can enter with sealant
- Remove debris stacked near the structure
- Keep lawn & surrounding areas mowed
- Stuff weep holes with copper mesh

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 <http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com>

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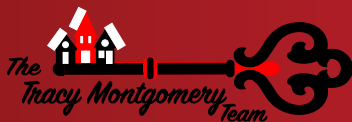


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