

# SCHOOL IS IN SESSION Watch Out for Our Children!

Drivers are reminded that speed limits are reduced in school zones The use of cell phones is restricted in school zones STOP when a school bus is stopped to allow passengers to enter or exit Use sidewalks when walking children to or from school Park in designated areas when picking up or dropping off children at school We love our children and want them to arrive and return home safely.

#### PISD dates to remember for this year

September 1 Meet Your Teacher - Elementary Schools

September 5 Labor Day Holiday

September 8 Meet Your Teacher - Middle Schools

Meet Your Teacher - DHS, PHS, & PACE Center September 12

September 13 Meet Your Teacher - TCCHS

October 10 Staff Development (no school for students)

October 26 Report Cards

November 21 - 25 Thanksgiving Break

December 16 Early Release December 19 - 30 Christmas Break

Staff Workday (no school for students) January 2

January 4 Report Cards

Martin Luther King Jr. Day (student/staff holiday) January 16



#### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

BRAZORIA COUNTY SHERIFF	281-331-9000
POISON CONTROL	281-654-1701
CENTERPOINT ENERGY (GAS)	713-659-2111
Report streetlights out	713-207-2222
(street lights need 6 digit pole #) www.centerpointe	energy.com/outage
MUD #2 SEVERN TRENT	281-579-4500
MUD #3 & 6	
SiEnvironmental, LLC.	832-490-1600
BRAZORIA COUNTY ROADS & BRIDGES	3
(street and curb repairs)	281-331-3197
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The Silverlake website has been renovated to include e-mail blasts, park reservations, and detailed information regarding your community. This site is for owners only:

# PLEASE VISIT WWW.SILVERLAKEHOA.COM

To obtain your personal log in and password. In the near future the website will allow owner account access, on-line payments, deed restriction activity and more.

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One of the reasons we have subdivision restrictions is to maintain the look and integrity of the neighborhood. When every homeowner abides by the rules, everyone benefits with high property values. Alternately, just a few violators can affect the impression visitors have of or neighborhood. The first impressions have an effect on people looking to buy homes in our neighborhoods, which eventually affects everyone's property values. Please look around your property and remember these rules apply to everyone. Especially the one that states you may not make exterior modifications without prior Architectural approval. If you do not have a form, visit www.silverlakehoa.com to obtain one and read the Architectural Guidelines. You will need a copy of the survey that came with your closing papers when you purchased the house.

Planned Community Management conducts monthly site inspections between the hours of 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. reviewing approximately 2800 homes. This is not an exact science. You as individual owners have to be a part of the solution if you wish your community to be maintained properly. One eight hour day per month is not going to do the job without your support. A team of two managers conducts these inspections. You may report deed restrictions at www.silverlakehoa.com by logging on as a guest and send your report in writing so nothing is let out of the letter. If it is easier, put it in writing and mail it in. As responsible citizens you will need to disclose your identity for the record. Your identity will not be divulged unless a lawsuit is filed as a result of your report. Verbal allegations of deed restrictions will no longer be honored if they are not visible during routine site inspections.

The main deed restrictions violations observed in the community are consistently the same ones viewed each inspection. Contractor signs left in front yards. This usually occurs when a pool is being installed, or the house is being painted or other renovation projects are underway. Trash cans/bags are to be placed out at the curb the night before pickup and taken back into the garage or behind the gate out of public view the day the trash is picked up. No one likes to view or smell someone else's trash. Houston is very humid. Therefore, when you receive a letter identifying a "stain" on the house, it means that mold and mildew is growing into your home. Not good for your health, and if you read the exception clause on your homeowners insurance policy, you will see claims for mold are either exempt or limited to reduce the insurance carriers liability to pay claims. The newsletter has information on products available to treat this condition, your local home supply stores have them also.

This time of year front yards are a real issue. So many residents spend lots of time in the Houston heat and sun mow, edging, weeding planter beds, sidewalks and driveways. At the same time, you have the same owners who refuse to do so. If it is too hot for you or if you cannot be in the sun, then make arrangements to have a lawn service take care of this for you. Taking care of your lawn does not end with routine maintenance. Water, water, water, Fertilize, use weed abatement materials such as Weed & Feed and again, water,

water, water. If you put together an irrigation plan by following the weather channel you will have fewer lawn problems and it costs less to water than to replace areas of sod, which again you have to water or the new sod dies off immediately. For those of you without a lawn service, you are responsible for treating the lawn to prevent diseases and pests to take over. Numerous articles have been provided to you through the monthly newsletter to assist you with addressing these issues. A copy of the newsletters may be found on the website at www.silverlakhoa.com if you misplace your copy.

We look for portable basket ball goals. No, we have nothing against portable basket ball goals, we have children also. Your recorded Declaration does not allow you to have them. Period. You may however, put them in the ground or on the face of the garage, as long as the garage is behind the front of the house line. Take advantage of this and install them. The cost of installing the basket ball goal is going to be much less than the legal fees you will incur for non-compliance.

If we see recreational vehicles in the community we take into consideration whether or not there is a major holiday involved. If not, you may only have it there to load or unload and it must be taken back out of the community. The same applies to trailers, jet skis, or other items. We are required to send the letters so that these items are not there again when we come back in 30 days. We appreciate the fact everyone has extenuating circumstances that sometime occur and if you go to the website at www.silverlakehoa.com to report that you are bringing a boat in to clean it up for the season and that it will be there for 2-3 days for this purpose we will make a note in our computer in an attempt to (1) not send you a letter unless the 2-3 days have passed by the time we arrive, or (2) can let resident who calls the boat in know that you have already notified the association what is going on. If you have a major landscaping project you are working on and have to bring a trailer in to haul items away or bring them in, or if you have to have a load of mulch dropped on your driveway that may be there for a week or two, that will also be noted in the computer and we will work with you during your project.

We look for people working on vehicles, broken fences or missing pickets, items stored on the side of the house, oil in the driveway or on the street in front of the house. Items that drastically take away from the beauty of the neighborhood you reside in and take pride in. We also report barking dogs, loose dogs, pets that poop on your lawn, people that block your driveway when they park on the street or other nuisance issues as a courtesy. Many of the personal matters need to be addressed by speaking with neighbors - "you may not be aware, but..." because in the long run your neighbor relations will eventually have to be handled by you personally. If it cannot be seen from a vehicle driving through the community during business hours once per month, you have to be part of the solution. This is after all, your community.

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When you receive the first written notice from the association, take time to read it, evaluate what is being asked of you and take care of the problem. It was sent to assist you in that regard not to harass you. If you receive the same letters over and over, you possibly need to get an exert to evaluate the situation. If you receive one that was intended for your neighbor because it was his trash can that had blown into your yard or both driveways are parallel and it was in the wrong place, just get on the website and let us know. We will make a note in your file that it was not yours. We are using a laptop computer in a moving vehicle. Laptops and people make mistakes and we want to correct that for you. The inspections are not about being right or wrong. They should be taken optimistically as a means to assist the community to maintain its high standards and a commitment on all sides to work to that end. Let us know how we may assist you and have a beautiful Silverlake day.

# BLOCKING SIDEWALKS

As a reminder, vehicles should be parked either in the garage or in the driveway and not on the street whenever possible. Many residents comply with this request and then find that their vehicles often block sidewalk access causing pedestrians to have to take other measures to get around them. While this is not a constant problem, it is annoying and it can become a safety issue when neighbors are walking, jogging, biking or taking small children out for fresh air. It causes them to leave the safety of the sidewalk and go into the street because there is no other way to get by the vehicles. Please take a moment to see where your vehicle is located on the driveway. See if you can assist your neighbors navigate along the sidewalk without going into the street to avoid placing pedestrians in the street when they should be on the sidewalks. Your neighbors would greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness.



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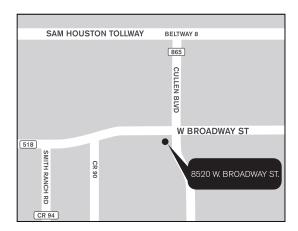
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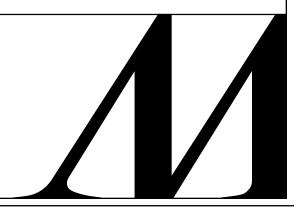
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## **Hurricane Preparedness**

Each year NOAA and the American Red Cross publishes a preparedness guide of tropical cyclones to help us prepare for such an emergency. You can download a copy of that guide at http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/hurricane/resources/TropicalCyclones11. pdf. This guide gives great information on the metrological terms associated with tropical storms and what to expect from those storms. Most importantly, it lists critical information about how to prepare for an incoming storm.

#### Guidelines each year prior to hurricane season:

- Determine safe evacuation routes inland
- Learn locations of official shelters
- Check emergency equipment such as flashlights, generators and battery powered equipment such as cell phones and your NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards receiver.
- Buy food that will not spoil and store drinking water.
- Buy plywood or other material to protect your home if you don't have it.
- Trim trees and shrubbery so branches don't fly into your home.
- Clear clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Decide where to move your boat if applicable.
- Review your insurance policy.
- Find pet friendly hotels on your evacuation route.

#### During the storm and when Pearland is in the warning area, you should:

- Closely monitor radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards for official bulletins.
- Close storm shutters.
- Follow instructions issued by local officials. Leave immediately if ordered.
- Stay with friends or relatives at a low-rise inland hotel or at designated public shelter outside of the flood zone.
- DO NOT stay in a mobile home or manufactured home.
- Notify neighbors and a family member outside of the warned area of your evacuation plans.
- Take pets with you, but remember that most public shelters do not allow pets other than service pets for people with disabilities.
- Identify pet friendly hotels along your evacuation route.

#### If you are staying home to "hunker" out the storm:

- Turn refrigerator to maximum cold and keep it closed.
- Turn off utilities if told to do so by authorities.
- Turn off propane gas tanks.
- Unplug small appliances.
- Fill bathtub and large containers with water in case clean tap water is unavailable. Use water in bathtubs for cleaning and flushing only. Do NOT drink it.
- Stay away from windows and doors, even if they are covered. Take refuge in a small interior room, closet or hallway.
- Close all interior doors. Secure and brace exterior doors.
- If you are in a two-story house, go to an interior first floor room.

- If you are in a multi-story building and away from water, go to the first or second floor and stay in the hallways or other interior rooms away from windows.
- Lie on the floor under a table or other sturdy object.





# Trash Pick-Up

As a reminder, trash pickup days are Tuesday and Friday; Heavy trash and recycling is picked up on Fridays. Please make sure trash and recycling cans are stored out of public view on non-trash days.



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## **Crickets**

Field crickets are a common sight around homes in late summer into autumn. These insects are about 1" long when fully grown. Crickets are dark brown to black with large hind legs used for jumping. They also have two cerci, or appendages that come off the tip of the abdomen. Female crickets have a large sword-like structure, the ovipositor, protruding from the tip of the abdomen. The ovipositor is used to deposit eggs into soil.

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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# NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY AGGIE MOM'S CLUB

#### www.nwhcaggiemoms.org

Come join us, on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 6:30 pm. at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive, Houston, Texas 77066. This fun-filled Aggie evening is a great way to meet other Aggie Moms, find out about upcoming events, buy care packages for your student and win door prizes! Enjoy light refreshments and learn a few yells from the Yell Leaders. We are looking forward to meeting all Moms of freshman Aggies, current Aggie students and former Aggies!

Also Check Out Upcoming Events:

Sat, Sept 10th is Shop Til You Drop from 9am-5 pm at the Berry Center!

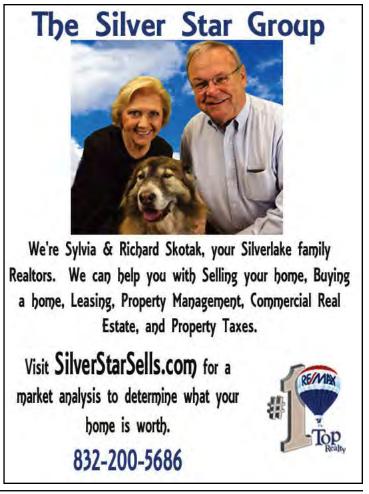
Sat, Sept 17th is Hullabaloo Huddle! Football Watch Party starts at 6 pm at Swanny's Grill, 6224 Theall Rd, Houston. 12th Man Silent Auction & Door Prizes! Cheer for the Aggies as they play Auburn, and have a fun evening with other Aggie Moms.



# The Texas Driver (from the Texas Driver Handbook)

- Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars, causing loss of control and possible stalling.
- Twelve inches of water will float many cars.
- Two feet of water will carry away pick-up trucks, and most other vehicles
- Water across a road may hide a missing segment of roadbed or a missing bridge. Roads weaken under floodwater, get out quickly and move to higher ground. Better yet, when there's water on the road, Turn Around. Don't Drown. Saving your life may be as simple as choosing an alternate route.





### Me, eat Rabbit Food?

#### A Plant Diet Can Boost your Health and Be Delicious!

Research shows that flexitarians ...those who make plant foods the star of their diet, with meat, fish, dairy, and eggs playing a supporting role-are healthier than frequent meat eaters. Some of the possible benefits of this diet are:

- Decrease the risk of heart disease
- Decrease the risk of diabetes
- Decrease the risk of certain cancers
- Help maintain a healthy weight
- Lower the risk of inflammatory diseases
- Help improve cholesterol levels
- Help improve blood pressure

"When you base your meals on plant foods, you're packing your diet with the fiber, vitamins, minerals and healthy fats that most Americans don't get enough of."

"A Harvard study that tracked more than 120,000 people for 30 years found that those who ate the most meat tended to die younger during the study period but that swapping just one daily serving of beef for nuts could cut the risk of dying

early by as much as 19 percent. One possible reason for those benefits is that a plant based diet can improve blood lipid levels.

A "less meat, more plants" style of eating can also improve the quality of your life.

Here are a few ideas if this is something you want to consider: Breakfast: Avocado toast: 2 slices of whole grain bread, mashed avocado, red pepper flakes, sea salt; coffee with coconut milk creamer.

Lunch: Quinoa tabbouleh with chickpeas: Cooked quinoa, chopped tomatoes, chopped cucumber, chopped parsley, olive oil, lemon juice, black olives and garbanzo beans.

Dinner: Black-bean tacos: Corn tortillas, black beans, roasted cauliflower, jarred corn salsa, pico de gallo, cumin and salad greens.

Dessert: Frozen banana "ice cream". Blend a frozen banana in a blender with a touch of almond milk until it resembles soft serve, topped with chopped walnuts.

Information courtesy of WebMD and Consumer Reports

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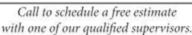


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