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Janet Rourke

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for the New Year!

This month's newsletter includes articles on ways to celebrate New Year's Eve, holiday bazaars, and a December challenge from Neighborhood Compassion Watch!

Do you have a concern or helpful advice that would be of interest to neighbors? If so, please consider writing an article for the newsletter. The newsletter is submitted to Peel a month in advance, so if you are sending information about an upcoming event, it needs to occur at least two months in the future. Send any articles to Janet Rourke (janetrourke@sbcglobal.net) by the 10th of the month. Thanks for your help!

WELCOME NEW NEIGHBORS!

According to the Legend Oaks 2 Homeowners Association, three new neighbors moved into the neighborhood in October:

Daniel Erickson	6142 Jumano Lane
Christopher Piland & Danielle Sherriff	6738 Poncha Pass
Timothy & Kayla Murphy	7205 Quimper Lane
Zachary & Kristen Meyer	6403 Sam Maverick Pass
Hunter & Brittani Ash	6809 Telluride Trail

Everything you need to know about the Homeowners Association can be found at <http://hoasites.goodwintx.com/loh/Home.aspx> - bylaws, how to get a pool pass, meeting minutes, payment instructions for HOA dues, architectural change forms...

Want to know what is going on right now in the neighborhood? Subscribe to:

Legend Oaks 2 Digest – Email legendoaksneighbors-subscribe@yahoo.com. In order for your request to be approved, you need to include your street address.

Nextdoor Legend Oaks 2 – Go to www.nextdoor.com and enter your address. You will automatically be subscribed to Legend Oaks 2.



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HOLIDAY BAZAARS

Still looking for unique gifts? Here are several places where you might find them:

Thru 12/24/16

Blue Genie Art Bazaar (bluegenieartbazaar.com)

10 am – 10 pm (closes at 6 pm on Christmas Eve); 6100 Airport Blvd., Austin; free admission and parking

A unique holiday art show, featuring handmade artwork and gifts from more than 200 local and regional artists. A portion of the proceeds go to Make-A-Wish® Foundation. Full bar with snacks.

Thru 12/24/16

Armadillo Christmas Bazaar (armadillobazaar.com)

10 am – 10 pm; Palmer Events Center

Shopping bazaar with national and local art, gifts, decor and more, local food vendors, and live music.

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New Year's Eve Celebration Ideas

By Janet Rourke

Do you hate going out on New Year's Eve? The idea of driving anywhere on the deadliest night of the year is definitely not appealing to me! I found a lot of ideas on the internet for creative ways to celebrate New Year's Eve at home. Here are some of my favorites:

Countdown bags

Round up six small sacks. Label each one with an hour, starting with 7 pm and ending with midnight. Fill each bag with something fun to do. On the hour, open the designated bag and celebrate by doing what is inside.

If you've got kids, the bags might include treats, activity sheets, disposable cameras, craft kits, a new movie, puzzles, noisemakers and confetti.

For adults, the bags might include a bottle of wine you've been wanting to try, a new book you've been wanting to read, a sheet to list your New Year's resolutions, bubble bath, a movie, a puzzle, and of course, champagne, noisemaker and confetti.

New Year's Eve Reflection

New Year's Eve is a good time to review the past year and

think about the coming year. The Art of Simple website (<http://theartofsimple.net/new-years-eve-reflection-questions/>) has a list of 20 questions for New Year's Eve reflection.

DIY Balloon Drop

Take a disposable New Year's Eve tablecloth and gently attach each corner with a piece of tape to a blade on your ceiling fan. Attach a piece of string long enough to pull while standing on the floor to one of the corners of the tablecloth. Fill the inside of the tablecloth with blown-up balloons. At midnight, pull the string and let the balloons fall.

Time Capsule

Gather up mementos from the past year and put in a container. Bury the container in the backyard. Next New Year's Eve, dig up the container and reminisce.

Bubble Wrap Stomp

Just before midnight, spread out bubble wrap on the floor (the large bubbles work best). At the end of the countdown, stomp on the bubbles. It sounds like firecrackers. Kids will love it. Adults, too.



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Take off all the Christmas decorations from your Christmas tree. Dress it back up again with inexpensive New Year's decorations. This is a fun way to get the decorations off your tree and enjoy your tree longer!

Burning Bowl/Fire Pit

On a piece of paper, write down all things in your life you want to let go of. Tear the paper into small pieces. Take a few minutes to process what you are letting go. Then burn the small pieces of paper in a large metal bowl or a fire pit. Now make a list of all the things you want to bring into your life in the coming year. Put this list somewhere you can see frequently.

Wish Box

Write down all the things you want in your life in the new year and include symbols of those things if possible (money for prosperity and abundance, a picture of the new car or new house you want, ...) Place your list and symbols in a box and take it outside on New Year's Eve. Put it somewhere no one will find it. First thing New Year's morning, go outside and get your box. Open your box and go through each item, internalizing the essence of what each thing will bring to you.

Meditate

Spend New Year's Eve thinking about the past year and lessons learned, releasing what no longer serves you. Think about what you want to bring into your life in the coming year. End your meditation after the New Year begins.

New Year's Eve Countdown

Of course, you can always watch the New Year's Eve countdown on TV, go to a party, or go out for a fabulously expensive night on the town!

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Neighborhood Compassion Watch!

By Dr. Lesa Walker

Compassion is action.

Let's each of us make it our mission to bring positive change and solutions to our own lives, our communities, and our world. Let's sustain our hope for a better world through personal action.

Try this in December. Start a compassion jar or box in your home. Challenge yourself and your family members to seek out and discover compassion in your home, neighborhood, school, and workplace (acts of kindness, service, respect, love, acceptance, generosity, hope, peace, gratitude, forgiveness, and caretaking of the Earth). Pay close attention and discover these acts in yourself and others. Recognize these acts by dropping a note or a marble or pebble into the jar or box. See how full it gets. Find a time to share with each other what you discover.

Share your stories [janetrourke@sbcglobal.net] and we'll publish them. Also, share via social media with the hashtag #compassionup.

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