



The HOME FRONT

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It's Christmas time and people tend to get busier with social events, present buying and end-of-year commitments and tasks.

Before getting overwhelmed with the whole season, consider the following:

- ***Spirit of Christmas***

Christmas is a time of love, giving and being with the people important in your life. Remember this and don't get too worried about having the neatest house, the fanciest meal, sending out record numbers of Christmas cards or other little details. It is more important that your home is welcoming and your Christmas spirit shows in your happiness. Keep things simple and friendly to save you stress and give everyone a good time!

- ***Spread the Jobs***

Make sure that you are not left with all the Christmas tasks. Ask

for help and you may be pleasantly surprised by people's reactions and hidden skills. By sharing the preparations, you can all share the fun and satisfaction, too.

- ***Pace Yourself***

December is usually full of social events – yours as well as those for partners, schools, friends, extended family, and so on. Given the hectic state of the final weeks leading up to Christmas, why not spread the Christmas tasks over months? Maybe even over the entire year.

- ***Be Creative***

Without losing any traditions that are special to you and your loved ones, why not use some creativity in your Christmas celebrations this year? Creativity is in us all, but often doesn't get a chance to shine but Christmas is a perfect opportunity for it. Think of different gift ideas, locations, foods, decorations, wrappings, etc., and have some fun!

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Recreation Center Onsite Office.....(281) 441-9955
Gate Attendant.....(281) 441-1089
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Electricity (TXU)(800) 368-1398
Gas (Centerpoint)(713) 659-2111
Trash (Republic Waste).....(281) 446-2030
Water & Sewer (EDP Water District).....(832) 467-1599
Phone Service (Embarq)(877) 213-1053
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Texas One Call System (Call Before you Dig)..... 811

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Harris MUD #400(281) 353-9809

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Voters/Auto Registration(713) 368-2000
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Humble Area Chamber(281) 446-2128

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Kingwood Medical Center(281) 348-8000
Northeast Medical Center Hospital.....(281) 540-7700
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Park Lakes Elementary (K-6).....(281) 641-3200
Humble Middle School (7-8).....(281) 641-4000
Summer Creek High School (9-12)(281) 641-5400

Private Schools

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St. Mary Magdalene Catholic.....(281) 446-8535
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Humble Christian School.....(281) 441-1313

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THOUGHTS ENTERING THE NEW YEAR

As we encounter into another year, we members of the association board offer some thoughts about how we all can make our community an even better place to live in the new year and beyond.

Responsibility. We all take responsibility for adhering to rules and meeting our financial obligations to the community so we can avoid the costly and unpleasant task of pursuing legal actions.

Sharing. We share our ideas, perspectives and concerns so we can all work together to build an even better community.

Fellowship. We actively participate in the recreational, social and cultural activities of the community.

Involvement. We attend association meetings and take the time to review important information about our community.

Inclusiveness. We actively welcome new residents, making all owners and renters feel part of the community.

Pride. We are proud to live in this community and recommend it to others who are looking for a good place to call home.

As members of the elected board, we will certainly strive to do our part. It's our goal to serve as neighborhood facilitators and regard our authority as a temporary stewardship, even as we plan for a future well beyond our tenure on the board.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Sincerely,

Park Lakes POA Board



December 17, 2016
Cookies with Santa
1:30 pm - 4:30 pm



For more information please contact the Park Lakes Clubhouse at 281-441-9955.
Thank you.
We hope to see you at our next event!

Rules for the Holidays

The holidays are just around the corner, and for many people, that means lots of festivities with friends and loved ones. With all of the merriment that's sure to ensue, it's important that residents who are hosting celebrations are not only considerate of their neighbors, but also take note of the association's rules. A complete listing of our association rules and regulations can be found in our Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (CC&Rs), but here are a few key items to look up that are particularly pertinent during the holiday season:

Outdoor Decorations: Decking the halls with seasonal ornaments is a great way to bring the holiday spirit home. Many love to spread the joy by decorating the outside of their homes and front yards as well, but before you scurry up that ladder to hang the decorative lights along the side of your roof, take a quick peek at the CC&Rs to find out the guidelines for outdoor decorations, as well as the guidelines for flags and signs if you plan on decorating with those. This will help make sure your outdoor winter wonderland isn't an association violation.

Parties: We hope you all have plenty of chances to eat, drink and be merry this holiday season. If you plan on hosting a large get-together or party, there are a few things you'll want to keep in mind. First,

keep the revelry and noise to a minimum, and wind the party down at a reasonable time—you don't want your celebrating to interfere with your neighbors' attempts to get visions of sugar plums dancing in their heads. Check your CC&Rs to find out what the association deems acceptable noise levels and what the quiet hours are, as well as guidelines for hosting parties.

Parking: The holidays bring many people together, and that means extra cars will need to be parked. To make sure your guests are covered, look at the CC&Rs to find out the rules on visitor parking in the association, including where they can park and what kind of parking passes they may need.

Overnight Guests: It wouldn't be the holidays without Uncle Marv and Aunt Ethel bunking in little Jimmy's room. Of course, depending on how long your overnight guests are staying, you may need to let the association know. The CC&Rs will give you a breakdown on the rules for both short-term and long-term guests, so take a look at them before you break out the extra cot.

Following the association's rules and regulations helps ensure that all of our residents can enjoy this special time of year, so please help us by doing your part. Stay safe and have a wonderful holiday season.

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Tips for Protecting Your Identity during the Holidays

Identity theft is a problem any time of the year. But, while consumers are focused on giving during the holidays, crooks are focused on taking. If there's one thing consumers don't need, it is dealing with identity theft during the holidays. The National Foundation for Credit Counseling (NFCC) offers the following tips to help consumers protect themselves during the busy holiday season:

- Be aware of your surroundings. Sidewalks and malls will be crowded and shoppers will be distracted—the perfect combination for a pick-pocket. If someone bumps into you, don't assume it was an accident. Women should clutch purses closely at their side or in front of them with the wallet hidden at the bottom. Men should stow wallets in an inside coat pocket.

- Don't carry large sums of cash. Charge your purchases or use a debit card. Just remember that credit cards offer some protections that debit cards don't. When you use a credit card, you can dispute a purchase before paying for it. With a debit card, the money is removed from your account at the time of the purchase. A thief can wipe out your checking or savings account before you ever realize the theft has taken place

- Guard your PIN number at the ATM. Be aware of anyone lurking around the ATM, and if someone is standing too close, simply ask him or her to step back. Thieves can also install devices that read your information at the ATM without you knowing it. If you notice

anything unusual about the ATM, use a different one, and report what you've seen to the bank.

- Don't let your credit card out of your sight. Unscrupulous clerks or waiters can copy your card information or swipe your card into a second card reader and later make a new credit card for themselves. Worse yet, they can sell your information to an organized crime ring.

- Lighten your wallet. Remove anything from your wallet that you don't absolutely need to have with you. That way, if someone is successful in stealing it, they won't get as much. Never carry your Social Security card with you, but check other cards that might use your SS# as an identifier. If you're not going to be using your checkbook, leave it at home.

- Make copies of your credit cards. Copy both sides of all your cards. If you lose your wallet, you'll have easy access to all of your account numbers and phone numbers, allowing you to alert your bank immediately.

- Keep up with all receipts. Not only will you need them to make returns easily, but crooks are very interested in stealing the information they contain. Never stuff the receipts into your car visor or leave them exposed in any way.

- Open your credit card statements as soon as they arrive. Check the bill for any unauthorized purchases. Even better, keep a watchful eye on your accounts by going online and reviewing your accounts each

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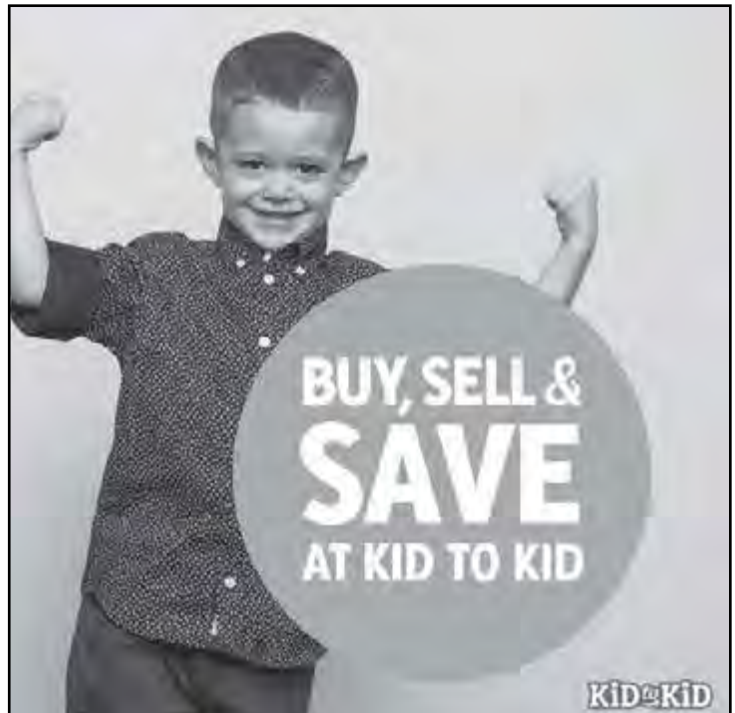
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week. If you notice anything out of the ordinary, report it immediately to your bank. Doing so will likely remove any payment responsibility you might have for fraudulent purchases.

- Secure all personal information even while at home. Unfortunately, many times an ID thief is someone we know. During the holidays, you may have guests in your home. Remove temptation by putting personal information out of sight.
- Consider signing up for a credit monitoring service. Such services alert you via email anytime there is an inquiry or other activity to your credit report. In other words, if someone tries to open an account in your name, you'll know about it. Such services are offered by all of the major credit reporting bureaus, and could be money well-spent.
- Order your credit report. Consumers are allowed one free credit report every 12 months from each of the three bureaus. Order a report now from one bureau, and order another one in January from a different bureau. This will give you a good snapshot of activity and will alert you to anything unusual.

In spite of all your efforts, if you are victimized by ID theft, contact an NFCC Member Agency for help. Their certified counselors can walk you through the steps to recovery. To find the agency closest to you, dial (800) 388-2227, or go online www.DebtAdvice.org. To locate a Spanish speaking counselor, call (800) 682-9832.

For more information and tips about identity theft visit NFCC at www.ProtectYourIDNow.org.

Park Lakes Recreation Center Hours

Beginning November 1, 2016

Monday – Saturday 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
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- Resident Directory
- Classifieds
- Current Events and Activities
- Documents and Forms (ACC guidelines, restrictions financials, etc.)

You can also sign up for the email list with Crest Management

<http://www.crest-management.com/>

You can find Park Lakes under the community tab to access management information such as copies of the articles and by laws of the community payment plans and collection procedures for HOA dues as well as policies for parking

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