

9th Annual Holiday Decorating Contest

The Silverlake HOA is pleased to announce the 9th 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 16, 2015. Judging will begin Saturday, December 18, 2016 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!



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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.

Be Prepared

Although we have been enjoying the Fall weather and cool temperatures, it is a good idea to be prepared to prevent frozen pipes. Shop early while the shelves are stocked with necessary supplies and wrap your exterior pipes now when the weather is pleasant.

The American Red Cross has good advice concerning preventing frozen pipes.

Recommendations to consider before and during the onset of cold weather:

- Close any inside valves that supply outdoor hose bibs
- Open outside hose bibs and allow water to drain, keep valve open
- Newspaper can provide protection to exposed pipes in areas that do not have frequent or prolonged temperatures below freezing.
- Keep garage doors closed
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warm air to circulate around plumbing
- Let water drip from the faucet as even a trickle of water helps prevent freezing of pipes
- Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both day and night
- If you are away, leave the heat on in your home to a temperature no lower than 55 F
- Wrap exterior pipes with commercial pipe wrap or old towels or cloths

Don't forget about plants and pets when the temperature drops. Protect plants with cloth coverings and keep pets indoors.

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.

From Silvercrest Elementary

Silvercrest PTA

We are now in the midst of the holiday season. We have much to share before our children go to our winter break. The PTA is thankful for your ongoing support, for our teachers, for involvement in events and activities, and in the classroom.

If you would like to help in the many activities or simply join the PTA, please contact Lindsay Rodriguez: lindsayhope00@hotmail.com.

Annual Food Drive Results

Our annual food drive, benefiting our neighbors at the Pearland Neighborhood Center, was a tremendous success! All of the items donated will help restock the food and dry goods pantry and will help fill holiday food baskets.

Congratulation to the Kinder and 3rd grades, who tied for first place for most donations and won the extra recess! Thank you as well to Neera Prengler and the Community Outreach team.

Kindergarten: 645 items	1st Grade: 311 Items
2nd Grade: 338 Items	3rd Grade: 645 Items
4th Grade: 425 Items	

Reflections Art Contest Winners

What an exceptional set of budding artists we have at Silvercrest! We had terrific entries this year, in every category. We are pleased to share with you the 1st place winners in each category:

Photography Primary

Luke Matthes
2nd grade
Ms. S. Williams

Photography Intermediate

Aniston Collins
3rd grade
Ms. Bates

Visual Arts Primary

Dihara Abenayake
1st grade
Mrs. Titzman

Visual Arts Intermediate

Leilanie Turcios
3rd grade
Mrs. Mitchell

Literature Primary

Ishaan Aggarwal
2nd grade
Ms. Thornton

Literature Intermediate

Elizabeth Hu
4th grade
Mrs. Cruz

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Film Production Intermediate

Elizabeth Jones
3rd grade
Mrs. Williams

Staying Connected

You might want more channels to stay connected with the PTA or with other parents from your grade. Below is a list of Facebook groups relevant for our parents. Please note that each group is maintained by volunteer administrators.

Silvercrest Elementary PTA

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/silvercrestpta/>

Kindergarteners at Silvercrest Elementary

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1st Graders at Silvercrest Elementary

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Silvercrest 2nd Grade Class of 2016-2017

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3rd graders at Silvercrest Elementary

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4th graders at Silvercrest Elementary

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New Service Opportunity

Our spring fundraiser, the Stallion Stampede Fun Run, Silent Auction, and Breakfast is Saturday, April 8th, 2017. Please mark your calendars. We are also looking for a chair person for the Silent Auction. If you want to participate or serve as chair, please contact Maritza Wong at maritza_wong@sbcglobal.net.

Polar Express Family Fun Night

Hop on board our own Silvercrest Polar express trains! Have pizza or hot cocoa with cookies! Visit Santa's workshop or make some fun crafts! Don't miss the family friendly fun.

Thursday, December 8th in the Silvercrest Cafeteria

6:00 to 7:30 PM

Pre-orders for Pizza will be available through December 2nd.

Please send cash or a check made out to Silvercrest PTS by Friday December 2, 2016.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____

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_____ Pepperoni Pizza (\$1.00 per slice)

_____ Bottle of Water (\$1.00 per bottle)

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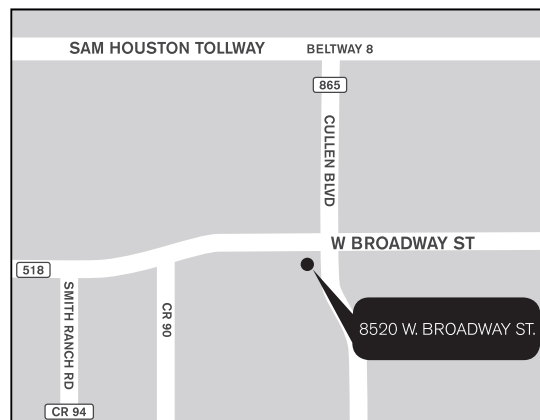
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 4th Grade Christmas Program 6:30	2 Pizza Pre- Order Forms Due	3
4	5	6 Gift of Time Gift Wrapping Day	7	8 All Abroad Polar Express Family Night	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Bill of Rights Day (1791)	16 Holiday Parties & Early Release	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Hanukkah Begins
Holiday Break						
25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa Begins	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve
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10/3/2016	Fairway Village	2,358	1999	249,900	250,400	6
10/3/2016	Springbrook	3,852	2002	379,900	377,000	20
10/4/2016	Fieldstone	2,656	2001	265,000	256,500	77
10/7/2016	Woodbend	2,765	1999	335,000	316,200	7
10/7/2016	Fairway Village	2,475	1998	262,000	262,000	4
10/11/2016	Sedgefield	2,174	1998	219,900	219,900	3
10/14/2016	Sedgefield	1,563	2000	189,900	189,900	3
10/17/2016	Woodbend	3,371	1999	360,000	350,000	9
10/17/2016	Cambridge Cove	3,341	1997	360,000	360,000	13
10/19/2016	Stonebridge	2,422	2002	239,000	228,500	39
10/20/2016	Sedgefield	2,186	2000	239,000	229,500	48
10/31/2016	Sedgefield	1,960	1999	218,000	219,000	5
10/31/2016	Fieldstone	2,180	2001	242,000	242,000	29

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Here are some things to reduce the number of pests in your home:

Reduce food or water resources for insects:

- Encourage family to eat in one location. This makes it easier to clean since spills and crumbs are not spread around the house.
- Clean up any spilled food or drink as soon as possible.
- Sweep & vacuum regularly. This helps to remove food crumbs, pet hair and other things that insects may feed upon.
- Do not leave dirty dishes in the sink overnight. Even small bits of food can be a meal for insects.
- Do not leave pet food out overnight. Again, can be a free meal for insects.
- Remove old newspapers, magazines and books that are unused.

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Silverfish love to feed on these types of items.

- Repair plumbing leaks to get rid of water sources required by insects.
- Use a plastic bag to line garbage cans to make garbage easier to remove.
- Remove garbage on a weekly basis, possibly more during warmer times of the year.

Reduce areas where insects may live:

- Clean drains with a stiff brush & then flush with boiling water. There are small flies that can grow in the slime layer of drain pipes. The stiff brush will loosen the slime and the boiling water will flush it away.
- Remove tree stumps and any dead branches in the yard to avoid carpenter or acrobat ant populations living in these areas.
- Remove debris (firewood, bricks, stones, etc.) away from the home. These areas can be inhabited by a variety of arthropods including spiders, scorpions and cockroaches.
- Clean closets on a quarterly basis to reduce the chance of spiders moving in.

Reduce moving insects into the house:

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- Inspect all items for pests before bringing them into the house. Insect pests can be brought into the home with such items as potted plants, boxes full of things inherited from a family member, on used clothing or furniture, among other things.
- Prune tree limbs that touch or overhang the home & prune back and shrubs that touch the home. When shrubs or trees touch or overhang the home, they can be used as bridges for insects to get onto the home and then move inside.
- Seal entry points on the outside of the home with sealant, expanding foam or copper mesh screening. Pipe penetrations, weep hole or cracks can allow insects, spider or other animals move into the home.
- Store food in sealed plastic or glass containers to keep pantry pests out.
- Keep screens, weather stripping and door thresh holds in good repair. Many insect pests are very small, so even a small tear in a screen or crack under a door can allow them to come inside.
- Use yellow bulbs in outside lights to reduce the number of insects coming near doorways.

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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- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup white Karo
- 1 dash salt
- 1 cup shelled raw peanuts (or pecans, walnuts, sunflower seed, etc.)
- 1 tablespoon butter or more. With peanut brittle, more is better.
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

DIRECTIONS

Line baking sheet with wax paper.
Spray wax paper, spoon, and anything else the brittle touches with Pam.
Combine sugar, salt and Karo in a 3 quart microwave safe glass bowl.
Stir in peanuts.
Microwave on high until light brown (8 to 10 minutes) stirring at least 2 times during cooking.

Remove from microwave and stir in remaining ingredient adding baking soda last (mix will be foamy).
Stir quickly and pour onto wax paper.
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