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*Happy
Valentines
Day*

February 14

Love, Cupid, hearts, chocolates, cards and flowers are everywhere--it's Valentine's Day! On February 14, Americans celebrate love and friendship. But where did this holiday of affection come from?

The origins of Valentine's Day are murky. We do know that the ancient Romans celebrated the feast of Lupercalia, a spring festival, on the 15th of February. With the introduction of Christianity, the holiday moved to the 14th of February--the saint day that celebrated several early Christian martyrs named Valentine. But somewhere along the way, Valentine's Day came to represent romance. You can watch a romantic movie right here, "The Kiss," produced by Thomas Edison back in 1900.

The romance we associate with Valentine's Day may spring from the medieval belief that birds select their mates on February 14th. During the Middle Ages, human lovebirds recited verse or prose to one another in honor of the day. "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?" wrote William Shakespeare. And poet Elizabeth Barrett Browning expressed love this way:

How do I love thee; let me count the ways.
I love thee to the depth and breadth and height
My soul can reach. . .

Do you write poetry? We also hear these sentiments in love songs, such as this funny old tune, "Aba Daba Honeymoon." How many love songs can you think of that could send your message on Valentine's Day?

"Will you be my Valentine?" Nowadays, people often ask this of their loved ones in greeting cards. Probably the first greeting cards, handmade valentines, appeared in the 16th century. As early as 1800, companies began mass-producing cards. Initially these cards were hand-colored by factory workers. By the early 20th century even fancy lace and ribbon-strewn cards were created by machine. Perhaps you will give or receive a card today or celebrate your family or that special someone in another way. Valentine's Day also gives people a chance to reflect on the meaning of love. What do you think makes true love?

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Toll Road EZ Tag	(281) 875-3279
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Kingwood Medical Center	(281) 348-8000
Northeast Medical Center Hospital	(281) 540-7700
Memorial Hermann Hospital (The Woodlands)	(281) 364-2300

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Park Lakes Elementary (K-6).....	(281) 641-3200
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Advertising Sales Representative

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Our association is proud to be pet-friendly, and we're happy your four-legged family members are part of our community. Of course, like any good neighbor, it's important that these pets don't create an unpleasant environment for everyone else. To avoid unnecessary disputes and potential rule violations, here are some guidelines owners should follow to ensure their furry friends continue to be a welcome addition to the neighborhood.

Read the Rules: While we welcome pets in our association, we have a few rules and requirements. Please check our website or the association's governing documents for more information.

Service animals are exempt from the association's pet requirements. However, please contact the board or manager to ask for an accommodation to keep a service animal. Proof of the service animal's training or a doctor's certification may be required.

Keep it Clean: No one wants to see, smell or accidentally step in the "gift" your dog left on the grassy common area. So when your dog needs to go, be sure to properly dispose of it, preferably in a pet waste disposal can. Not only will this keep our community looking better, but it will help keep ground water clean and help

prevent the spread of fecal-borne diseases.

Quiet Down: Pets will be noisy from time to time. However, when loud barking or meowing becomes annoying to neighbors, it's time to help your pet become less talkative. First, try to find out what causes your pets to get vocal: Do they get noisy when they've been alone and bored all day and need some playtime? Have they gone through a stressful change in environment recently? Are they suffering from health issues? Do they simply like saying "hello" to every squirrel, person or car that passes by? When you've identified the cause, take remedial actions such as confining them to an area where they feel calm while you're away, removing or blocking as many stimuli as possible, exercising them more and spending more time with them. You can also take them to a professional or search online for tips on how to train your pets not to get too noisy.

No Wandering: For the safety of your pets as well as all residents, please do not allow your pets to roam unattended outside. Along with helping protect your pets, leashing your dog is the law.

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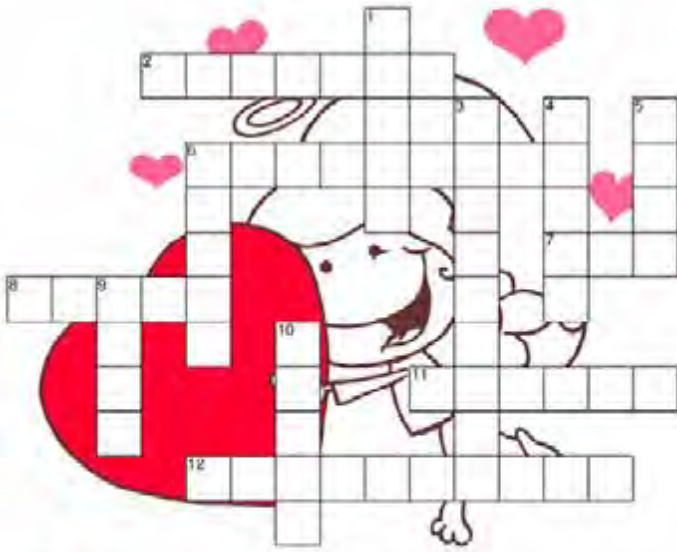
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Across

2. They smell beautiful and we love to give them out on Valentine's Day.
6. This type of candy is brown and yummy.
7. The color of Valentine's Day.
8. He flies and shoots arrows.
11. We use this to tie around boxes.
12. We call someone special this name on Valentine's.

Down

1. Cupid uses this to shoot with a bow.
3. Will you be my _____?
4. Valentine's Day shape.
5. We hand this out to friends and family on Valentine's.
8. It tastes sweet and we love to receive it.
9. Another color for Valentine's Day.
10. These flowers are red and have petals and thorns.

Park Lakes Recreation Center Hours

Beginning November 1, 2016

Monday – Saturday 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
(closed for lunch 12:30 pm -1:30 pm)

Fitness Center Hours
(Clubhouse & Splash Pad)

7 Days a week – 4:30 AM until 11:30 PM
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On Site Community Manager:

Lisa Walker

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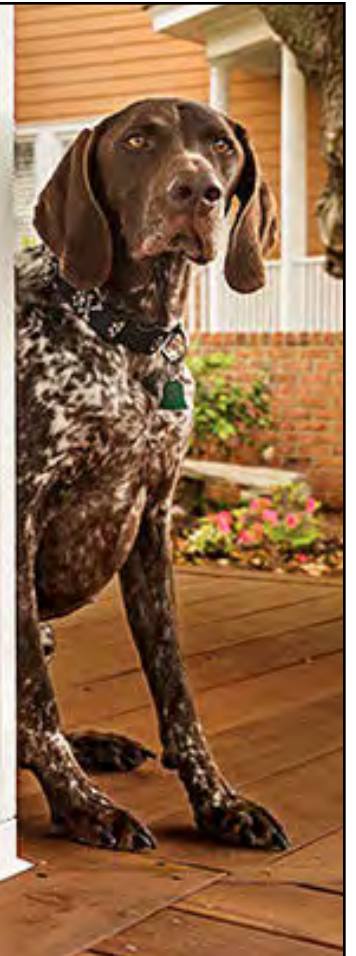
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Volunteers are always welcome and needed. If you are interested in volunteering for any of our upcoming events or committees please contact onsite personnel at 281-441-9955 or email one of the above Board Members.

WHY JOIN A COMMITTEE?

Committees serve a number of important roles to our association process and the Board of Directors:

- Committees serve as a training ground for future association leaders.
- Committees serve as a conduit through which the Board receives "grass root" input - opinions and attitudes of owners.
- Committees are a vehicle through which Board actions are explained.
- Committees enhance the effectiveness of the Board of Directors by providing research analysis and advice needed for policy decisions.
- Committees can be an instrument for initial implementation of Board policies such as with the Architectural Review Committee.

Committees are an important linkage between the Board of Directors and owners but in order to be effective committees need members! Owner input, involvement and participation is a

must. Please consider participating in the association process and volunteering to serve on an association committee. Our community needs you!

Be on the lookout for committee meetings. Meeting times and locations will be sent out via email through Constant Contact. Sign up to receive emails at www.Crest-Management.com.

We currently have five committees:

1. Adopt A School – LaShonda Ramdass – parklakesshonda@gmail.com
2. Landscaping – Cheryl Smith - parklakescheryl@gmail.com
3. Communications – parklakescheryl@gmail.com
4. Safety – parklakescheryl@gmail.com
5. Community Events – parklakescheryl@gmail.com



A large advertisement for TexasDirectAuto.com. The background is a light gray with a subtle sunburst pattern. In the center, the text 'SELL US YOUR CAR!' is written in large, bold, black capital letters. Several dogs are integrated into the design: a small white dog is peeking over the top of the 'S' in 'SELL'; a small black and tan dog is peeking over the top of the 'U' in 'US'; a small tan dog is peeking out from behind the 'L' in 'YOUR'; and a medium-sized black and white dog is sitting to the right of the 'R' in 'CAR!'. At the bottom, there is a dark gray banner with the Texas state flag on the left and the text 'TEXASDIRECTAUTO.COM' in white capital letters.

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- Receive email blasts from the association (association news and announcements, community events, local area happenings and more).
- 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

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