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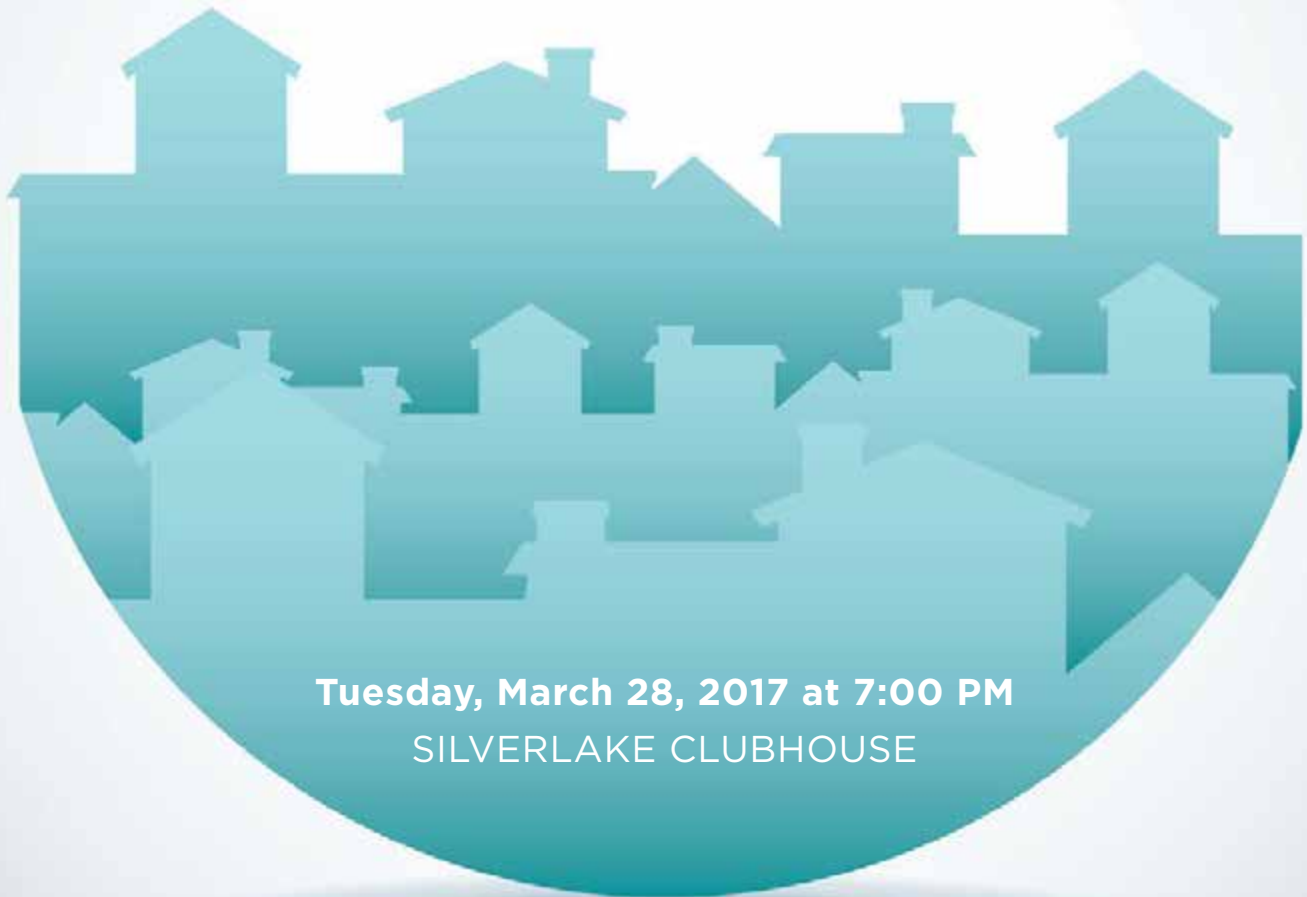
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Silverlake Homeowner's Association, Inc. Newsletter

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## *Silverlake Homeowner's Association Annual Meeting*

The annual meeting for the Silverlake HOA, Inc. is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM in the Silverlake clubhouse. Elections for expiring terms for board members will occur. Please contact Crest Management Company at 281-945-4667 for details if you have an interest in serving on the board for your neighborhood.



**Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 7:00 PM**  
SILVERLAKE CLUBHOUSE

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### ARTICLE INFO

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.

## Vandalism

Sad to report that there have again been issues with vandalism in the community and specifically at Sasser Park on Southfork Road. Parked cars have had windows broken and the pavilion area has been defaced. Our intent is to identify the persons responsible and to prosecute. Vandalism is a crime punishable by jail, monetary fines or both. There is a potential for vandalism to cost several thousands of dollars to the homeowners when it is not prevented and/or stopped. Your Board of Directors is asking for your help in keeping a watchful eye out for malicious or suspicious behavior that may be destroying or defacing our property and amenities. Report your findings to any of the Board members or the Brazoria County Sheriff's Office at 281-756-2392.

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## BIRDING

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



There are many different levels of bird watching from the casual observer to professionals whose goal is to see as many of the 8,850 species as possible. In North American there are approximately 800 species. Some people use nothing more than the naked eye to observe and others spend thousands of dollars on binoculars, telescopes, cameras, video and audio equipment, tripods and field guides. "Birding", as it's sometimes called, is also a competitive event and there are both national and international organizations.

Some of the best bird watching, perhaps in the world, is in the Houston area. Approximately 570 types of birds either call this area home and are permanent residents or are migratory and just pass through on their way to some other destination.

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology is a great resource for anyone interested in birds. If you ever have a problem identifying a bird, their free



Merlin Bird ID app is a must-have. According to Cornell, "If you can snap a bird photo with your phone—or even take a photo of another photo—chances are Merlin can help you ID it."

Birds face the same threat as almost all other wild animals and that is habitat loss. Trees, brush and grasslands are being destroyed to make way for roads and buildings. The best way to help our feathered friends is to replace some of what has been lost. Plant trees and shrubs using native plants, minimize pesticide use, set up nest boxes, provide water and keep your cats indoors. Leave some dying and/or dead trees on your property. Many species depend on cavities in these trees for nest sites. Next to habitat loss, the next highest cause of bird deaths is collisions with windows. Covering windows with screening or applying decals or tape to windows can help significantly. Make sure to check the web for instructions on how to apply these safeguards.

**TWRC Wildlife Center** TWRC Wildlife Center is gearing up for another busy spring. If you'd like to help us feed and care for orphaned baby birds, details will be available soon on our website at [www.twrcwildlifecenter.org](http://www.twrcwildlifecenter.org) or you can call 713-468-TWRC for more details.

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# Common Structural Termites

There are three main types of termites that can cause problems for homeowners in Texas- native subterranean termites, formosan subterranean termites and drywood termites.

Native subterranean termites have nests in the soil and must maintain contact with soil or an above-ground moisture source to survive. If native subterranean termites move to areas above ground they make shelter (mud) tubes of fecal material, saliva and soil to protect themselves.



*Native subterranean termite workers and soldiers.*

Formosan termites are a more voracious type of subterranean termite. These termites have been spread throughout Texas through transport of infested material or soil. Formosan termites build carton nests that allow them to survive above ground without contact with the soil. Nests are often located in hollow spaces, such as wall voids.



*Formosan subterranean termite workers and soldiers.*

Formosan termites feed on a wider variety of cellulose than other subterranean termites, including live plants (and can be found living and feeding on trees), consuming both spring and summer growth wood whereas native subterranean termites feed only on spring growth. Formosan termites have also been known to chew through non-cellulose materials such as soft metals, plaster or plastic.

Drywood termites do not need contact with soil and reside in sound, dry wood. These termites obtain moisture from the wood they digest. Drywood termites create a dry fecal pellet that can be used as an identifying characteristic. They have smaller colonies- around 1,000 termites- than subterranean termites; they also do not build shelter tubes.



*Drywood termite fecal pellets.*

If you are concerned that you may have termites, call a pest management professional to inspect your home for termites.

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](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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# CROCK POT CHICKEN CHILI DIP

## INGREDIENTS

3 - 4 Chicken Breasts  
1 can Cream of Mushroom soup  
1 can Cream of Celery soup  
1 can Cream of Chicken soup  
1 can of green salsa  
1 16-oz can of chili (without beans)  
1 small can of green chilies  
4-6 nine-inch flour (or corn) tortilla, cut to strips  
1 ½ cups grated American, Cheddar, & Gouda cheeses

## DIRECTIONS

Boil chicken breasts in boiling water for 25-30 minutes, or until done; let cool. Tear chicken off the bones (unless boneless) into strips, or bite-size pieces. Place into crock pot. Add all other ingredients until blended. Place crock pot on low for 1 hour to heat thoroughly.



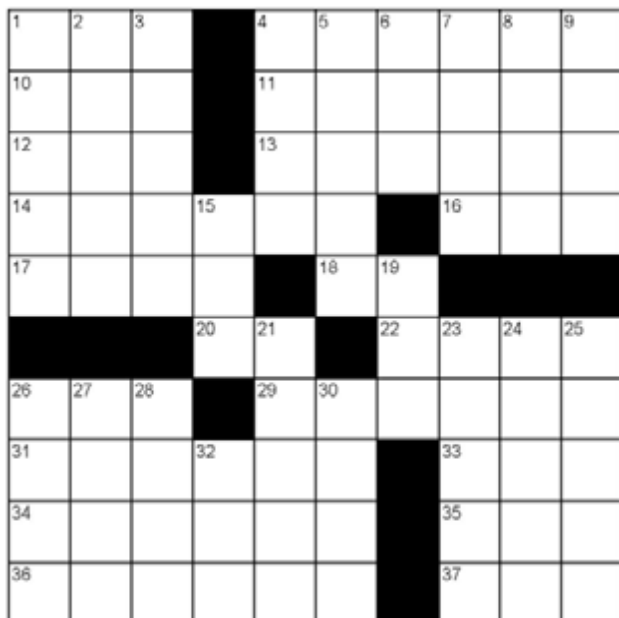
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### ACROSS

1. Belong
4. Elevator alternative
10. Fire remains
11. Short guy, hairy feet
12. Manipulate
13. Indoor
14. Coaxing
16. Condensation
17. Adolescent
18. South Carolina (abbr.)
20. New Jersey (abbr.)
22. Hornet
26. Rock
29. Loves
31. Demonstrate
33. Government agency
34. Subordinate
35. Cause of sickness
36. Elapse (2 wds.)
37. Surface to air missile

### DOWN

1. Finds \_ -
2. Make available
3. Not here
4. Tibia
5. Fire iron
6. Abdominal muscles (abbr.)
7. As previously cited
8. Cycle
9. Soup
15. Hotel
19. Cash with order (abr.)
21. Rachel's husband
23. Regions
24. Reddish brown
25. Sacred song
26. Pearls
27. Vile
28. Brief
30. Refuse to believe
32. Pinch

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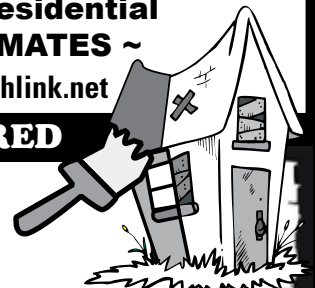
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