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- 3 Food Truck Friday and Movie Event
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- 8 Fiber and Yarn Club
7 pm/ Eagle Springs Clubhouse
- 9 ESCA Board Meeting
6 pm / Valley Springs Clubhouse
- 10 Scrapbook Club
12 - 10 pm / Eagle Springs Clubhouse
- 11 Splash Pad and Spray Park Opens
9 am - 9 pm/ 13555 Valley Springs Parkway
- 14 Book Club
8 pm / Eagle Springs Clubhouse
- 20 Sports Field Committee Meeting
7 pm / Valley Springs Clubhouse
- 22 Fiber and Yarn Club
7 pm/ Eagle Springs Clubhouse
- 23 Cards and Crafts Group
6 pm/ Eagle Springs Clubhouse
- 23 Safety Advisory Committee Meeting
7 pm/ Valley Springs Clubhouse
- 25 Community-Wide Garage Sale
8 am to noon
- 28 Landscape Committee Meeting
7 pm / Valley Springs Clubhouse

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Welcome Spring! ***With the month of March comes many things.***

- March Madness – NCAA College Basketball Tournament
- St. Patrick's Day
- First day of Spring
- Baseball

Many of you have received the valuation for tax purposes for your home. There are two options to file a protest. You may visit hcad.org for more details.

Option 1: File online using HCAD iFile™ (www.hcad.org/ifile)

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I have homeowners contact me to request information on comparable area sales so they can complete their protest. Please call or text me 832-814-6120 or send an email to Rebekah@rebekahsnipp.com with your request for information. This is a free service I provide to homeowners in the area.

If you have or know of any 2017 High School Seniors, please have them visit my website rebekahsnipp.com for details on the Rebekah Snipp Scholarship. I will be awarding three (3) \$1,000 scholarships to area high school seniors. You may click on the Scholarship tab at my website for details. The deadline to apply is April 15, 2017. I look forward to receiving and reviewing the Rebekah Snipp Scholarship applications.

It's a busy time of year as sellers focus on getting their homes ready to go on the market. Many of you have contacted me about working together. I appreciate the opportunity to meet in person to discuss my proven marketing plan, when you are in the market to sell your home. If relocation is in your future, be sure to ask for me by name when you speak with your relocation company contact. My experience includes many years of working with relocation companies.

Thank you for your continued trust in me as your area Realtor. I realize you have a choice, and appreciate the opportunity to earn your new and repeat business. Enjoy this month as flowers come into bloom and kids get into full swing with their spring sports season. I look forward to seeing you all out and about and hearing about how spring is shaping up for you.

Respectfully,
Rebekah Snipp

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DEAR EAGLE SPRINGS

The Eagle Springs Community Association Board of Directors is excited to introduce our letter to the community that will be included in every Talon. The goal of this letter is to inform the neighborhood of current happenings, and to improve the communication between the Board and residents.

The Eagle Springs Board Members are dedicated to making this the best community to live in for every resident. We are currently working on several projects that we hope will bring added value to the neighborhood. As we are a board that represents the people of the community, your involvement and voice is appreciated. We are looking for more individuals to be involved in the community activities, and we invite you all to join us for our monthly meetings to express your opinions. In order to improve the lines of communication between the Board and the neighborhood, we will be at the first Food Truck Friday on March 3rd handing out information for the community. Please stop by and visit with us.

Several things are currently in the works that we feel will enhance our neighborhood, but let's address the elephant in the room:

Christmas decorations. We want to let everyone know that the complaint about Christmas decorations have not gone unheard. We were under contract for one more season in 2016, and could not change providers for this past holiday. We are now searching for a new provider, and we promise a huge improvement in this area moving forward. In order to ensure this, the Board has approved tripling the holiday decoration budget moving forward. We hope you are all able to see the improved decorations throughout the 2017 season. If you'd like to have input on the decorations for this year, please feel free to reach out to the Holiday Decorations Committee at Holiday.DecorationsCommittee@InsideEagleSprings.com.

As a reminder, all important neighborhood information can be found on Insideeaglesprings.com. You can also email the Board directly from this website, and we will respond to you personally. Additionally, you can sign up for the all-important e-blast with neighborhood updates and events; if you have not signed up, please take a few minutes and do so.

Eagle Springs is a wonderful community, and we are committed to making it better. We look forward to working with and serving you this year.

Sincerely,

Eagle Spring Home Owners Association Board



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Earth Day Tree Sale

Earth Day is April 22nd. To celebrate this day, the landscape committee will sell trees this spring. Date and time TBD. We will be located in the Eagle Springs Sports Complex parking lot. The types of trees being sold are HOA approved for planting in your front and/or backyards during this event ONLY. The landscape committee will have a giveaway. We will have a sample of each type of tree on hand for you to see prior to purchase. Trees will be delivered to the homeowner's driveway. Residents will be responsible for transporting and planting trees. For more information about this event please visit insideeaglesprings.com.

Types of Trees offered: 15 gallon Live Oak, 15 gallon Magnolia, 15 gallon Red Bud and 15 gallon Crape Myrtle.

Purchaser must obtain prior written approval for tree purchases that exceed more than 3 trees. Purchaser must also maintain compliance with the residential guidelines when purchasing trees during this event. Only the planting of new trees is permitted during the event. The replacement or removal of any existing lot trees is not permitted unless otherwise approved in writing by the board.



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Egg hunt times are listed on InsideEagleSprings.com. Please remember that all egg hunts start on time, and we ask that children participate in only one egg hunt. Also, the only animals allowed at community events are service animals. If you or your child would like to volunteer for this event, please email: Activities@InsideEagleSprings.com





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Now is the Time to Invest in a Rental Property

Tips for Taking that Plunge

As the economy continues to expand, now may be an excellent time to invest in a rental property. The following tips may help you make a sound decision if you're thinking about taking the plunge.

Going Local: Purchasing a local property has some distinct advantages. You already have a feel for the neighborhoods and you'll be nearby should your tenants need you.

Covering the Gaps: Renters come and go! MSN Money recommends saving enough to cover six months of vacancy before purchasing a rental property.

Preventing Headaches: Home systems and appliances have limited life spans. Either have some money set aside for appliance repairs or replacements, or consider purchasing a home warranty.

Screen Prospective Tenants: However nice they seem, you should check with previous landlords and other references: verify income, employment and obtain a credit report.

The Tracy Montgomery Team can help you find a rental property. Give us a call if you are interested in selling, buying or investing. We can explain the fundamentals so you can sell or buy with confidence.



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Eagle Springs Bi-annual Garage Sale March 25th, 8 am - noon

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POOL SEASON IS COMING UP!



As a reminder, to enter the community pools, residents must show a Pool ID card validated for 2017 as well as utilize their electronic access device. Time to dig out those pool cards and know the process.

Electronic Access Devices: If you have a key fob or access card that works for the tennis courts or fitness center, this will also work for the pool facilities. These do not expire so if you have one from a prior year it is valid and you will not need a new one. If you have a metal key fob, please bring it to exchange for a new access card at no charge. Only one member of the family needs an access device.

Pool Cards: If you have a pool card issued by the community, you must have a sticker showing the year "17." If you received a sticker last year, it may say 16 & 17 which is acceptable. If you have a space at the bottom of the card that says 2017 on which a sticker can be placed, you may validate the existing card. If there is not a remaining space at the bottom, or the space at the bottom shows a date of 2016 or earlier, you will need a new card. Each person should have their own pool card or they will count as a guest of the resident with the pool card – with limitations.

Within the next 30 days, information about dates to obtain a new pool card will be available.

GETTING A NEW CARD?

- Everyone getting a card must appear in person
- Cost \$5 for each card needed (check and cash only)
- Show proof of residency (driver's license if name on the deed; additional bill showing ES residence if name not on the deed) for every adult
- Must be in good standing with the HOA (annual fees paid)
- Current lease documents should be provided if you do not own the home in ES

VALIDATING AN EXISTING CARD?

- Only one family member needs to be present but must present all cards
- No charge for validation
- Must be in good standing with the HOA (annual fees paid)
- Current lease documents should be shown if you do not own the home in ES

NEED AN ACCESS CARD?

- Only one adult member of the household required
- Cost \$10 each (check and cash only)
- Show proof of residency (driver's license if name on the deed; additional bill showing ES residence if name not on the deed) for every adult.
- Must be in good standing with the HOA (annual fees paid)
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Atascocita High School MCJROTC Eagle Dash

The Eagle Dash is March 25th at the Atascocita High School. All monies raised goes back into the program to help with items they might need like gear for competitions and scholarships for our graduates! This year we have set one specific heat at 10:00 am for junior high kids only as we want to encourage our teens to come out, get fit and have fun too!



Tips For Protecting Kids On Social Media

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, WhatsApp.....these are but a few of the many online social media tools kids and tweens regularly use. Especially important for this age group is learning how to navigate social media safely and appropriately. Use these tips from NetSmartz Workshop, an interactive, educational program of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC) which provides age-appropriate resources to help teach children how to be safer on and offline.



Parents: Do you Know...

What they're posting? Check comments and images for personal information, such as phone numbers and addresses, as well as inappropriate content. Delete anything you think should not be shared and discuss why with your child.

How they access social media? Mobile devices, like cell phones and tablets, allow children to access social media apps away from adult supervision. Children may post content and share their locations without your knowledge. Review app settings to help keep information private and regularly engage in dialogue with your child about social media parameters.

Who they're talking to? Your child may be following people you don't know, or people your child only knows online. Is that okay with you? Talk to your children about this and know what images, messages, and other content your child is sharing.

What account settings they're using? Social media services each have different setups - Look at each one your child uses and review profile content and who can see it. You can control who has access to your child's information.

Who has access to their information? Most social media services have ads and applications from third parties. If children click on these or add them to their profiles, they are allowing access to their personal information. Talk to your children about what's okay to add and what's not.

Continually talk to your children about online safety - dialogue is important. Keep up with who is connecting with your child online and set rules for social networking, instant messaging, e-mailing, online gaming, and webcams. For a vast resource on internet safety, visit <http://www.netsmartz.org/InternetSafety>.

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MARCH MARKS NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

Five Key Nutrition Tips for a Health Lifestyle

March is National Nutrition Month, and it marks the perfect time to assess the foods you eat and commit to a healthy lifestyle. It's never too late to make healthy eating a part of your everyday life and DyRel DiLorenzo, Hospitality Site Manager at Baylor Scott & White Medical Center – Lakeway, is ready to help get you started with these five key tips:

- **Highlight fruits, vegetables, and whole grains** - This category should be 45-60 percent of your daily calorie intake.
- **Fiber, fiber, fiber** - Fiber is important for our bodies during the digestion process, as it slows down how we process these foods.
- **Embrace lean proteins** - This includes poultry, fish, beans, egg whites, nuts, and other lean meats. 15-25 percent of our diet should come from proteins, according to the USDA.

- **Don't fear fats** - Although fats sound like something we should stay away from, it is essential to get between 20-30 percent of your daily calories from fats. Good fats include, olive oil, nuts, seeds, avocado and fatty fish.

- **Moderation is key** - Just because you are eating healthy doesn't mean you can't indulge on occasion. Just be wary of your sugar and calorie intake, read the ingredients, and decide "is this really worth it?"

Healthy eating is not about strict dietary limitations, staying unrealistically thin, or depriving yourself of the foods you love. Rather, it's about feeling great, having more energy, improving your health and stabilizing your mood.

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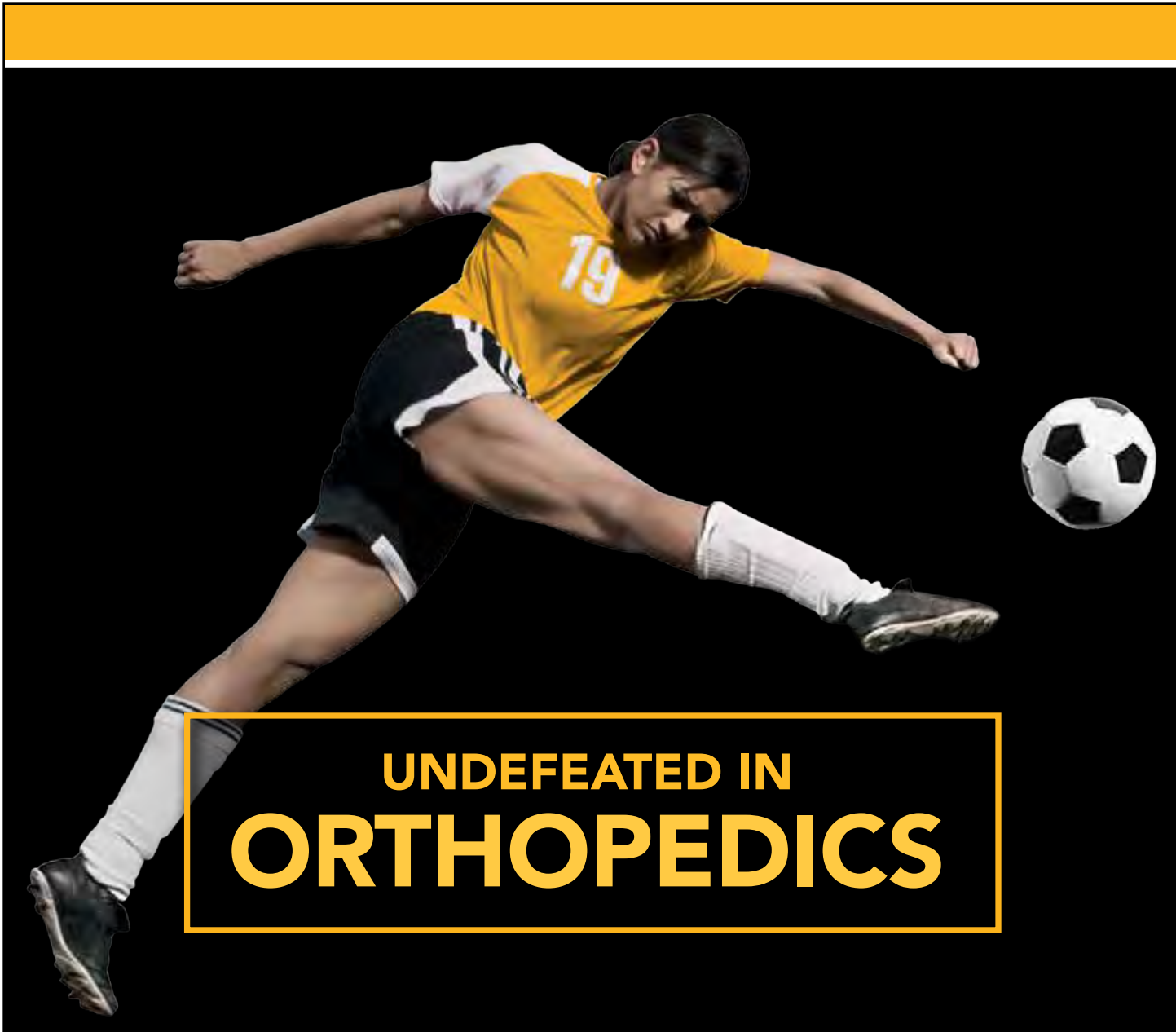
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ARE YOU SMARTER THAN A BURGLAR?

According to a recent Washington Post article, Anatomy of a Burglar, a home burglary takes place every 14.6 seconds in the U.S. The upside, if there is one, to such an alarming statistic is that plenty of data has been collected to help us understand how these criminals operate. Since knowing your enemy is half the battle, let's take a moment to get to know our average residential burglar, shall we?

- The typical house burglar is a male under the age of 25 who lives or works in the area.
- He does most of his work between 10 am and 3 pm.
- He spends an average of 8 to 12 minutes inside your home.
- He wants to spend no more than 60 seconds breaking into your home
- Of course, he'll take longer if he has a nice place to hide.
- He is particularly attracted to homes that look neglected, hidden or unoccupied.
- His first stop is usually the master bedroom where most people keep their valuables.
- He rarely goes in the kitchen or in kids' rooms.
- He looks for cash, jewelry, electronics, silver, guns and other items that are easy to transport and sell.
- His average take per burglary is \$1,725.
- His most common mode of entry is through the front door (34%), followed by a front window (23%) and backdoor (22%).
- Sometimes, he'll carry a clipboard. Or, he might dress like a lawn guy carrying a rake. He does his best to NOT look like a crook.
- Many times he will knock on the door or ring the doorbell to see if you're home before entering. If you answer the door, he'll just say he got the wrong address and move on to the next house.
- The two things a burglar hates most are loud dogs and nosy friendly neighbors.

Now that we've become better acquainted with our would-be burglar, we can use this knowledge to arm ourselves by implementing ways to make his job harder. Some tips to consider:

- Get to know your neighbors. Watchful eyes and ears are your best defense against unwanted intruders.
- Keep trees and shrubs around your home trimmed for visibility.
- Install motion sensor lights near front and rear entry doors
- Keep your doorbell in working order. You don't want to be surprised by an intruder who thinks he's entering an empty house.
- Keep up the appearance of a normal routine while away on vacation. Ask a neighbor or friend to put out your garbage bins, and pick up newspapers, mail, flyers or anything that would indicate you're not at home.
- Don't announce your vacation plans on social media sites or to strangers in public.
- If you have an attached garage, secure the door by disabling the automatic opener and locking the door before you go away on a trip.
- Secure sliding glass doors with a dowel or metal rod.
- If you keep valuables in a home safe, considering keeping the safe in your kitchen where burglars are less likely to go.
- If you store tools and/or valuables in an outdoor storage shed, secure the doors and windows with a deadbolt if possible.
- Keep valuables out of sight from anyone looking in your windows.
- Perform an assessment of your home's security. Consider how you would break in to your own home if you locked your keys inside. Secure those weak spots.
- A loud dog, regardless of size, can serve as a formidable alarm system.
- Consider investing in a home security system and post plenty of warning signs and window decals, which serve as highly effective deterrents on their own.

When it comes to home security it's important to implement a variety of protective measures rather than relying on just one. Taking multiple precautions works cumulatively to slow down a burglar's progress while exposing him to ever increasing risk and ultimately deterring or thwarting his efforts.

We are fortunate to live in such a safe community, but as we enter into peak burglary season in this growing city of ours, let's take extra precautions to secure our homes and keep those bad guys from targeting our happy hood.



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