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April Showers Bring May Flowers



“April showers bring May flowers.” We’ve all heard this rhyme at some point, usually having been taught it at an early age by our parents or teachers. It’s a popular thing to say and hear around the springtime, but one thing you might not know is where the rhyme originated from. It can be traced back to the mid 1500s, although earlier

use of “April showers bring May flowers” may have existed.

In 1557 a gentleman by the name of Thomas Tusser compiled a collection of writings he called A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry. In the April Husbandry section he wrote:

Sweet April showers
Do spring May flowers

As you can see, the rhyme was originally a short poem. There is meaning behind the words, as well. “April showers bring May flowers” is a reminder that even the most unpleasant of things, in this case the heavy rains of April, can bring about very enjoyable things indeed – in this case, an abundance of flowers in May. “April showers bring May flowers” is a lesson in patience, and one that remains valid to this day.

Many of life’s greatest things come only to those who wait, and by patiently and happily enduring the clouds and damp of April you can find yourself more easily able to take in the sights and smells of May. After all, it’s easier to love something if you begin with an optimistic outlook!

Upcoming Community Events

APRIL 8th - EASTER EGG-STRAVANGANZA

1:30 - 4:30PM

APRIL 15TH - COMMUNITY WIDE SPRING GARAGE SALE

7:00AM - 12:00PM

Get ready to clean out your closets, garages and storage buildings for our community wide garage sale. You won't have to haul your items far; the garage sale will take place in your own garage rain or shine!

We will be creating a map of all the garage sales in the community. To be added to the map, please e-mail your address tolisa.walker@crest-management.com or reply to this email. Please also include a short list of the items that you will be selling.

Due to printing deadlines no additions will be added to the map after 12:00 PM on WEDNESDAY, April, 12th. The maps will be distributed by the guardhouse attendant on Saturday morning and from the information box located in front of the Splash Pad office, while supplies last.

Please contact parklakescheryl@gmail.com or lisa.walker@crest-management.com for additional information.



PARK LAKES

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Park Lakes Property Owners Association

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Crest Management | (281) 579-0761 |
| SplashPad Texas Onsite Office..... | (281) 441-3557 |
| Recreation Center Onsite Office..... | (281) 441-9955 |
| Gate Attendant..... | (281) 441-1089 |
| Houston National Golf Club | (281) 304-1400 |

Utilities

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| Comcast (Customer Service) | (713) 341-1000 |
| 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 |
| Electricity (Centerpoint-Report street light outage) | (713) 207-2222 |
| Texas One Call System (Call Before you Dig)..... | 811 |

Property Tax Authorities

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|------------------------|----------------|
| Harris County Tax..... | (713) 368-2000 |
| Harris MUD #400 | (281) 353-9809 |

Public Services

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| US Post Office..... | (281) 540-1775 |
| Toll Road EZ Tag | (281) 875-3279 |
| Voters/Auto Registration | (713) 368-2000 |
| Drivers License Information | (281) 446-3391 |
| Humble Area Chamber | (281) 446-2128 |

Police & Fire

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|---|----------------|
| Emergency | 911 |
| Constable/Precinct 4 (24-hr dispatch) | (281) 376-3472 |
| Harris Co. Sheriff's Dept./Prec 4, Dist 2 (24-hr) | (713) 221-6000 |
| Eastex Fire Department..... | (281) 441-2244 |
| Emergency Medical Service | (281) 446-7889 |
| Poison Control..... | (800) 222-1222 |
| Humble Animal Control | (281) 446-2327 |
| Texas DPS..... | (281) 446-3391 |

Area Hospitals

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|---|----------------|
| Renaissance Northeast Surgery | (281) 446-4053 |
| Kingwood Medical Center | (281) 348-8000 |
| Northeast Medical Center Hospital | (281) 540-7700 |
| Memorial Hermann Hospital (The Woodlands) | (281) 364-2300 |

Public Schools

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|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Humble ISD | (281) 641-1000 |
| 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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|--|----------------|
| Holy Trinity | (281) 459-4323 |
| St. Mary Magdalene Catholic..... | (281) 446-8535 |
| The Christian School of Kingwood | (281) 359-4929 |
| Humble Christian School..... | (281) 441-1313 |

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DO I NEED AN ALARM PERMIT?

The law requires every residence and business in unincorporated Harris County with an activated security alarm system to have an alarm permit. The alarm regulations are largely in response to mounting concerns for the ever increasing number of dispatched calls for police to alarms, determined all too often, after the fact, to be "false". In fact, some 99% of all alarm calls are determined to be false. Every false alarm diverts the police from responding to actual emergency incidents elsewhere. And while no one expects false alarms to ever be completely eradicated, too often they are the result of unmaintained equipment or easily avoidable environmental factors (i.e. pets tripping the motion sensor, human error, etc.) Alarm permitting encourages more responsible alarm care and usage, but also provides law enforcement responding to alarms with vital information about who should and who should not be at a residence or business, and who they should contact if necessary.

Getting your residence or business alarm permit is EASY! Simply visit the Alarm Detail link on the front page of the Harris County Sheriff's Office website: www.harriscountyso.org

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security alarm system in unincorporated Harris County to have an alarm permit.

1. Fill out, download, and send the alarm permit application form, with a check or money order in the listed amount, via U.S. mail to:
HARRIS COUNTY ALARM DETAIL
9418 JENSEN DRIVE, SUITE A
HOUSTON, TX 77093
2. Completely fill out, download, and electronically send in your alarm permit application form, as well as your secured online payment (All major credit cards are accepted). Or call us at: 713-755-4600 for further assistance!



CLUBHOUSE RECREATION CENTER PARTY ROOM

The Clubhouse is available for rental on a first come first serve basis. Renters will have access to the patio and the clubhouse living space as well as the kitchen and bathrooms. Pool access is not permitted with the rental of the clubhouse.

The deposit for rental is \$300.00 (refundable pending inspection of facility/no damages)

- \$25.00 Admin Fee (non-refundable)
- \$20.00 per hour during business hours
- \$40.00 per hour after business hours and weekends

Please contact your onsite manager Lisa Walker for more information at 281-441-9955 or via email at lisa.walker@crest-management.com

- You are permitted to book an event 3 months in advance but no less than 2 weeks prior to your event.
- All deposit/rental checks will be held by the office personnel until the time of the event.
- All events would be pending approval by the board prior to event date.

In order to book one of the areas for an event all HOA dues must be in good standings and all fees must be paid in advance*



WANT TO BE MORE INVOLVED?

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



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Keeping Fats, Oils, and Grease Out of the Sewer System

Fats, oils, and grease—FOG—comes from meat fats in food scraps, cooking oil, shortening, lard, butter and margarine, gravy, and food products such as mayonnaise, salad dressings, and sour cream.

FOG poured down kitchen drains accumulates inside sewer pipes. As the FOG builds up, it restricts the flow in the pipe and can cause untreated wastewater to back up into homes and businesses, resulting in high costs for cleanup and restoration.

Manholes can overflow into parks, yards, streets, and storm drains, allowing FOG to contaminate local waters, including drinking water. Exposure to untreated wastewater is a public-health hazard.

FOG discharged into septic systems and drain fields can cause malfunctions, resulting in more frequent tank pump-outs and other expenses.

Restaurants, cafeterias, and fast-food establishments spend tens of thousands of dollars on plumbing emergencies each year to deal with grease blockages and pump out grease traps and interceptors. Some cities also charge businesses for the repair of sewer pipes and spill cleanup if they can attribute the blockage to a particular business. Some cities also add a surcharge to wastewater bills if a business exceeds a specified discharge limit. These expenses can be a significant.

Communities spend billions of dollars every year unplugging or replacing grease-blocked pipes, repairing pump stations, and cleaning up costly and illegal wastewater spills. Excessive FOG in the sewer system can affect local wastewater rates.

So, keeping FOG out of the sewer system helps everyone in the community.

TECHNO TRASH

The proliferation of iPhones, iPads, smartphones and other personal communication devices in the last few years has made communications easier and more convenient. It also has created millions of tons of toxic electronic trash.

Cadmium, chromium, lead and mercury are among the toxic and potentially cancer-causing substances used to construct smartphones and other personal electronics, according to a 2011 article in The Washington Post. When phones and other devices are discarded, these substances leach into the ground and water, poisoning plant, animal—and sometimes human—life.

In the U.S. alone, Americans disposed of 126 million mobile phones in 2007, reports The Post, and in the last five years, “the developing world has tripled its disposal of electronic junk.” While almost all parts of smartphones are recyclable, Martin Nielsen, chief executive of Waste Systems, says that the U.S. recycling rate for personal electronic devices is low—only 18 percent. In a report released by Electronics Takeback Coalition, the recycling rate for cell phones alone is even lower—a mere 10 percent.

With all the damage that improperly discarded electronic devices can cause, it's important for everyone to know how to correctly dispose of them. Stores such as Best Buy, Radio Shack and Apple will recycle your unwanted electronics, regardless of where the device was purchased. You can also learn more about electronic recycling programs for individuals and businesses at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's website, www.epa.gov/oaintnrt/practices/electronics.htm.

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

** Hours are subject to change**

On Site Community Manager: Lisa Walker

Office Phone: 281-441-9955

lisa.walker@crest-management.com

Please visit or contact the recreation center for information or access to the community amenities.



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RESIDENT PORTAL

<http://www.canyongate.com/communities/park/>

Features of the Park Lakes Community Intranet:

- Register to 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 on the email list to receive community updates and meeting notices on Crest Management's website: <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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