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Five Years Later..!

As the fifth anniversary of the opening of The Overlook approaches in August, we thought it would be nice to check in with Kevin and Sandy Kilgore and see what's going on with the former Country Club property. While many in the community know of the transformation of this soon to be 60 year old property and community landmark, those new to Atascocita might not.

After the closing of the former country club and watching it fall into dis-repair, the Kilgore's purchased and redesigned the property and have invested about \$2 million dollars in the transformation that we see now. Kevin tells us that last year they proudly entertained about 30,000 guests who attending Weddings and Receptions, Quinceaneras, milestone celebrations, Corporate Meetings and Galas, Bridal and Baby Showers, Family and High School Reunions, Proms, private dinners, and Memorial Celebrations. Also, The Overlook will do about 40 High School Banquets this year, three HISD athletic college signing days, it served as Host of the 2016 Bayou Bowl High School All Star Classic Banquet, held several Pre-School graduations and enjoyed about twenty full blown 5th grade Manners Luncheons with full gala décor including china settings. The Overlook hosts several Lake Houston Chamber of Commerce events including their annual "Party on The Green" fundraiser and annually supports two important Lake Houston organizations; Addies Faith Foundation and The Family Time "Mothers are Jewels" Luncheon.

Hosting the Atascocita Golf Club tournament "after parties, lunches and dinners" will increase three fold this year and double again for 2018 with the Leadership brought on the first of 2017 in the way of PGA professional Ken Kirschoffer and his great staff. Being

a local resident with a deep background in Golf Management and customer service, you don't see many in the business better than Ken. He understands not only the golf business but has a very high respect for one of the most historic golf courses in the Greater Houston area.

The July 4th Free Family Festival

Catching up with Kevin came on the heels of the biggest Overlook Event held annually now for four years. The July 4th Free Family Festival has now become the largest single interactive festival in the Lake Houston Area, this year breaking last years attendance record by entertaining at least 3500 area friends and neighbors. With 25 volunteers The Overlook served 2000 hot dogs and hamburgers in one hour, over 2000 sno-cones and about 3000 servings of chili and cheese nachos in the next two hours. Volunteers managed three water slides for the kids, The Mambo Jazz Kings returned for the fourth year on a brand new bandstand and an outstanding twenty minute fireworks show topped off the evening.

For 2018 the Kilgores will be prepared for 5,000 guests to the festival and hope to be expanding the whole operation, with the help of their great sponsors, to include remote park and ride shuttles, more traffic and parking control and a couple of more surprises for all to enjoy.

Coming Soon

One of the biggest questions and requests that Kevin gets daily is, what about a restaurant for golfers and area neighbors? Well he is proud to announce that in late August through a new partnership

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Balloons are Dangerous!

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

Really?

I can remember in grade school how we all attached notes to balloons before letting them go in hopes that the balloon would be found by someone far, far away. It was exciting to think that maybe someone from New York or California would find it and contact me. It never happened. I've been to weddings and graduations where helium balloons were let go as part of the celebration. What I didn't know is the enormous amount of damage these balloons can do to our environment. I know now. If you think about it, helium balloons are nothing more than floating litter. Would you throw a deflated balloon with string on the ground? Most people would not. It makes for ugly trash especially on our beaches.

According to an article in February of this year on the Huffington Post website, balloons are among the top 3 most harmful pollutants threatening marine wildlife but they also harm domestic animals such as cattle, dogs and sheep.

Seabirds are most at risk. Deflated balloons are mistaken for jellyfish or squid and are eaten by the birds. Not able to digest the balloon, it will clog the bird's stomach and the bird will eventually die of starvation. Choking is also a threat.

The ribbons or strings that are attached to the balloon are a hazard to birds because they can become entangled in them when the balloon lands in a tree. They may also use the materials to build a nest causing a risk factor for the hatchlings.

In its natural state, latex is biodegradable but when processed for balloons and treated with chemicals, plasticizers and dyes, it can no longer be classified as natural. It can take a balloon from 6 months to 4 years to decompose. Think of the damage it can cause in that time. Shiny mylar balloons can take even longer.

How can you help? Explain the dangers of releasing helium balloons to your children. Don't plan balloon releases at any of your celebrations and if you know of someone who is planning this, please discourage them from doing so.



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with the Overlook's in-house catering company owned by Issac Rodriquez and Teresa Guzman of Marsalas Italian Grill, Kingsley's Lookout will open Monday thru Friday for lunch from 10-3. Many know Issac and Theresa from their 20 years owning Hasta La Pasta in Atascocita. As this progresses they will be announcing plans for select evening dining hours and some Sunday Brunches as well. Along with this, Kevin is working hard with his Preferred Catering Company owners to have Special Guest Chefs Social Events returning to The Overlook in September. These will be evening reservation only events as in the past.

Connecting With The Overlook Events

So how do you get all the scoop on what's happening at The Overlook? Get on their Mailing List! All you must do to get regular info on Social Events, Bar and Grill hours and anything else is easy. Go to www.theoverlookevents.com and click on the 'contact us' tab and just fill out your information and write "Social E- Mail List" in the comment section and we'll get you all the upcoming event info. We will also be developing a calendar for restaurant hours and events that you can check on as well.

If you haven't been to The Overlook in the past drop by and say hello. Kevin and the Overlook Coordinators are always glad to meet new friends and neighbors and would love to show you around. They

love what they do and do it extremely well based on their Facebook, Wedding Wire and Knot reviews ranging from 4.7 to 5 stars. And they have for the fifth year in a row have been recognized by either Living Magazine, The Tribune, The Observer, Wedding Wire or the Knot for Best Wedding Venue, Best Venue, Brides' Favorite or Couple's Favorite.

Find a reason to join in on all the upcoming events at this true historic Landmark of the Lake Houston area, or give them a call and they will help you plan one of your own. The Kilgores have been active members of the community since 1977 and small business owners and residents of the Lake Houston area since 1994 and they would love to see you, show you the property anytime and look forward to more great new friends and neighbors in the near future.

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Tips & Tricks to Prepare for Back to School

Schedule doctor's visits, physicals and make sure all vaccinations are current.

Sort through clothes and donate anything that no longer fits.

Purchase wardrobe, backpacks, lunchboxes and supplies.

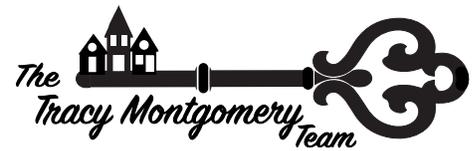
Reinstate the school year bedtime routines early.

Stock up on non-perishable items, napkins, sandwich bags, dry snacks, etc.

Make a schedule on a family calendar with any school events and holidays.

Make a lunch plan for the first week and grocery shop.

Make sure the camera is full charged and grab your tissues for the first day back!



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TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION Chiggers

Chiggers are the immature stage of a mite. They climb onto people walking through infested areas, crawl upwards, and wander around the body seeking a good site to settle down and feed. Feeding preference for these mites is in areas where skin is thinnest or where clothing fits tightly, such as the ankles, waist, behind the knees, and the groin area.

Chiggers do not burrow into skin as many people believe, so “smothering” them with nail polish is useless. When chiggers feed, they inject a digestive enzyme that breaks down skin cells which are then eaten. Itching and redness is caused by our body reacting to the enzymes injected into our skin. Itching typically begins 3-6 hours after being bitten, peaks at 24 hours, and can last up to two weeks.

The best way to avoid getting chiggers is to avoid infested areas. Since this is not always possible, here are some other things to try:

- Wear protective clothing- tightly woven items that fit loosely; including long sleeves & pants; shoes or boots
- Tuck pant legs into boots
- Avoid sitting on the ground
- Remove & launder clothing ASAP after being in infested areas

- Shower/ bathe after being in an infested area; scrub vigorously with a washcloth

- Use an insect repellent with DEET or picaridin

To treat chigger infestations around the home try the following:

- Keeping lawn trimmed
- Maintain vegetation; do not allow weeds to grow up & keep brush cleared
- Targeted residual pesticide sprays, usually pyrethroids

For chigger bites:

- Do not scratch pustules; opening pustule might lead to infection
- Oral antihistamines or topical anti-itch creams to relieve itching sensation

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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The Friends of the Atascocita Library - Used Book Sale

The Friends of the Atascocita Library (FOAL) will hold a used book sale Saturday, August 19, from 10AM - 5PM at the Atascocita Library, 19520 Pinehurst Trail Dr. Individuals with disabilities may shop from 9AM - 10AM. Preview sale for FOAL members is Friday evening from 5PM - 7PM, with memberships available at the door. There is a large selection including teaching materials, children's, fiction & nonfiction, hard backs & paperbacks, 25¢ music CD's, 25¢ magazines & much more. Most are priced at \$.50 - \$1.00. FOAL reusable book bags are available for \$3. Donations of used books & magazines are welcome anytime during regular library hours. No wheeled carts or strollers due to space limitations. Visit www.hcpl.net for library hours & www.foal.ws for more information, or email contact@foal.ws. All proceeds benefit the Atascocita Library.



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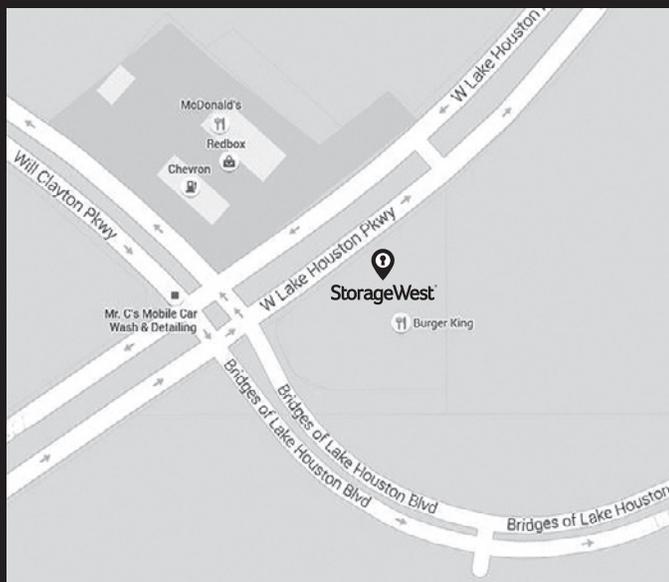
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