



Baking Contest Winners 2017



One of the highlights of the Independence Celebration is the Baking Contest. Creativity and Culinary Talents abound in Silverlake and Southwyck. Although the judges enjoy sampling and rating the entries, it is a difficult job to select the best of the best. Criteria for judging is based upon Taste, Presentation, and Creativity. Most of the entries were prepared by children which makes the event even more special because they are so very proud of their creation. Each prizewinner receives \$100 cash prize. As you can see we had a lot of family participation this year. Winners are listed in each of the categories as follows:

First Prize for the Brownie entry went to Susan Lassila for her beautiful fruit brownie which was patriotic and delicious as well.

First Prize for the Cake entry went to Eric Portillo for the fruit filled Bundt cake.

First Prize for the Cookie entry went to Junko & Sayuri Janvier for their star shaped, spangled and holiday themed cookies in Fourth of July colors.

First Prize for cupcakes entry went to Ana & Elijah Portillo for their cupcake creation with patriotic colors.



Grand Prize went to Rachel Lassila for her pop tart cookies.

See pictures of all of the entries. Our participants certainly outdid themselves. Recipes are available for most of the entries.



Attention Parents of Graduating Seniors!

We would like to recognize our graduating seniors by including a small picture and a few lines about where your child will be attending college. Please send your information to articles@peelinc.com (include the newsletter you would like to recognize them in, photo, name, etc).

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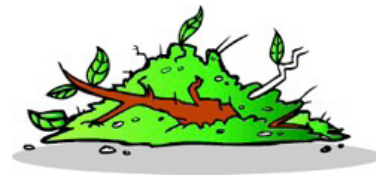
ARTICLE INFO

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.



Congratulations Nicole Hubbard!

Nicole is a distinguished academic and graduated with honors from Dawson High School. She plans to attend Texas State University in the fall to obtain a Master's in Hospital Administration.



Do not place trash or any other debris (including grass, brush, leaves, cut tree limbs, etc.) in any of the common areas for pick-up. If this should happen, the HOA will charge back the individual homeowner for the debris disposal fee.



Getting vaccinated according to the recommended immunization schedule is one of the most important things a parent can do to protect their child's health. Diseases can quickly spread among groups of children who aren't vaccinated. Whether it's a baby starting at a new child care facility, a toddler heading to preschool, a student going back to elementary, middle or high school – or even a college freshman – parents should check their child's vaccination records.

Child care facilities, preschool programs, schools and colleges are prone to outbreaks of infectious diseases. Children in these settings can easily spread illnesses to one another due to poor hand washing, not covering their coughs, and other factors such as interacting in crowded environments.

When children are not vaccinated, they are at increased risk for disease and can spread disease to others in their play groups, child care centers, classrooms and communities – including babies who are too young to be fully vaccinated and people with weakened immune systems due to cancer and other health conditions.

Additionally, states may require children who are entering child care or school to be vaccinated against certain diseases. Colleges and universities may have their own requirements, especially for students living in a dormitory. Parents should check with their child's doctor, school or the local health department to learn about the requirements in their state or county.

Welcome Nathaniel Griffin

We are pleased to announce and welcome Nathaniel Griffin to the Silverlake Homeowners Association Management team as Assistant Manager.

Nathaniel will be responsible for assisting the Community Manager, Linda Hermon, in all aspects of managing your community.

Nathaniel brings over seven (7) years of successful property management experience to Silverlake Homeowners Association. He is currently enrolled in school and is on his way in earning his Bachelor's degree in Business Management from The University of Houston.

Nathaniel calls Houston, Texas home after moving from Las Vegas, Nevada seven (7) years ago, where his family still resides.

Please join us in welcoming Nathaniel Griffin to our Silverlake H.O.A. family.

Reminders . . .

- Dive-in Movie Night- August 12th
- Please Drive Safely!
- First Day of School - August 16th
- Assessments are Due Every Year on January 1st.
- Remove trash cans from public view on non-trash days.

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Silvercrest Elementary Awarded Grant from Lowe's for School Improvement Project

The Silvercrest Elementary School Outdoor Learning Center completed a major renovation program this summer with the support of a Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant from The Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation. With revamped planting beds, new fencing, a restored shed, and other functional improvements, the Outdoor Learning Center is now ready to provide even greater educational opportunities for the 2017-2018 academic year. The Silvercrest PTA would like to recognize Lowe's, Terra Management Services, and Boy Scout Troop 446 of Pearland for their contributions this summer in enhancing the outdoor classroom for Silvercrest students. To learn more about the programs and activities offered in the Outdoor Learning Center, please contact Sandra Engle at robbandsandra@comcast.net.



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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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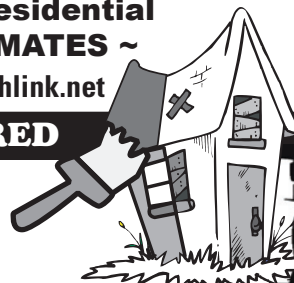
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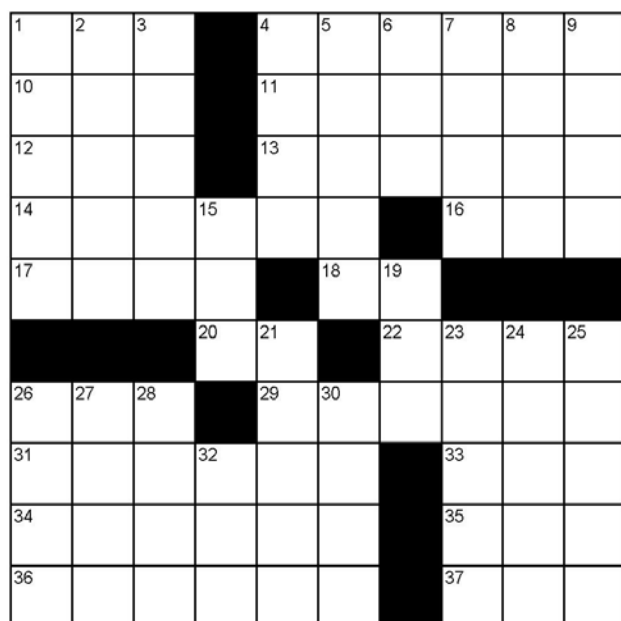
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34. Destroyer
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36. Stretched circle
37. Little bit

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3. Utopian
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5. Bad smells
6. Lube
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