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Harvey Tax Reduction Program

Houston-based O'Connor (<http://www.poconnor.com/fb-harvey-trp-signup/>) is looking to help their neighbors with flood damage by implementing a Harvey Tax Reduction Program designed to help those home and business owners obtain property and federal tax reduction.

During this very busy time, most appraisal districts will not have the staffing to determine which houses and businesses have flooded. This means the responsibility to report damage will fall on the property owner. O'Connor is offering to coordinate the appraisal process, allowing property owners to upload documents and complete forms which the firm will forward to the appropriate appraisal district. Then, a member of the O'Connor team will follow up with the property owner shortly after Jan. 1 to discuss their status and whether additional communications with the appraisal districts are advisable.

The program will also offer owners of flooded property a free consultation regarding the casualty loss deduction they could claim. For those wondering to what extent property flooding affects their home's worth, the firm will have free copies of its study which examines the impact disclosure of house flooding has on market value.

A typical homeowner with a home worth \$200,000 to \$300,000 that flooded and did not have flood insurance is eligible for approximately \$30,000 to \$50,000 in federal income tax refunds, and they can get the money in less than a month. A homeowner living in a house worth \$200,000 to \$300,000 that flooded and did have insurance is likely eligible for a \$10,000 to \$20,000 federal income tax refund. It is the quickest way for affected property owners to get money to rebuild.

O'Connor is looking to raise awareness about this program with a series of public service announcements and would appreciate your assistance in sharing this important message with your audience.

Thanks in advance for your consideration. We know that your support will make it possible for O'Connor to reach a significant number of Texans who were affected by flooding.

Share Your America

What if you didn't have chocolate chip cookies, Dr. Pepper, corndogs or *gasp* Tex-Mex food or Whataburger? These are just some of the things that we take for granted every day. Imagine having a whole year to experience new foods, a new culture, a whole new life! That's what hosting an exchange student is all about!

STS Foundation is currently looking for families for the 2018/2019 school year. What does it take to be a host family? STS accepts all types of families, be it single parents, young marrieds, empty nesters or same sex couples – we are looking for families that are willing to Share their America with a high school student for the year. All you need to provide is three meals a day and a room for them to sleep in. The student can share a room with a same sex sibling that is within five years of their age. Each student comes with their own spending money and health insurance. Most of all, they come with an excitement to learn all they can about our American way of life.

Hosting is a great way to learn about the student's culture as well, perhaps even learn a few new words in a new language. It's a way of opening a new world to your children as well. Most importantly, it's a way of making the world just a little bit smaller, so that we can all live in peace and harmony together.

If you are ready for this amazing experience, please give me a call, I'd love to talk with you more about it. I am one of the Houston area STS Local Coordinators, I've worked with foreign exchange students for seven years and have also hosted 13 students on my own. I can tell you anything you need to know about hosting. Please contact Vicki Odom at 832-455-7881 or via email at vicki.stsfoundation@gmail.com.

STS Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization who mission is to facilitate educational opportunities where all participants can break down cultural barriers, and gain respect and understanding of each other's way of life.

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Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club

The Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club will celebrate its 35th Anniversary Season by hosting its annual free Registration/Orientation breakfast on Saturday, February 3rd, 2018, for all boys and girls who are interested in joining for the 2018 track season. The breakfast starts promptly at 8:30 AM at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center Forum located at 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX, 77379.

The event is an opportunity for youth athletes to register for the 2018 spring/summer track season, and to meet the Northwest Flyers coaches, staff, and other new and returning athletes. The event will be highlighted by a special presentation from a member of the USA Track & Field Olympic organization (USATF). All athletes and parents who wish to join the Northwest Flyers must attend the orientation.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a youth (ages 6 -18) track club, affiliated with USA Track & Field (USATF), that provides a full program of sanctioned "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and sanctioned "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put, discus and javelin.

For additional information on the Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org>; contact Linette Roach at linette.roach@sbcglobal.net; or "Like" the club on Facebook.

NF Curbside Recycling Reprogram

After requests from interested residents, Normandy Forest is now a proud participant in the area's commitment to care for the planet we live on. In negotiating the new garbage contract, which lowered the monthly per home garbage collection fee by 7.7%, the MUD Board worked with Republic Services to construct a subscription-based curbside recycling program. This initiative makes it convenient for residents to keep recyclable materials out of landfills.

To participate, call Republic Services at (713) 726-7300 and tell them that you want to become a Normandy Forest Recycler (Northwest Harris County MUD 28). It costs \$5/month, billed quarterly, to each home that participates. A separate, 95-gallon container will be provided and recyclable material only will be collected on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month (see www.nwhcmud28.org for collection dates).

The program accepts the following items: Paperboard, brown paper bags, phone books, catalogs, magazines, newspapers, junk mail, tin and steel cans, aluminum cans, foil and foil trays, office and school paper, cardboard, glass bottles and jars, Plastics 1,2,3,4,5 and 7, cereal and food boxes, aerosol cans.

If you haven't chosen to participate in our neighborhood's program, consider the following benefits when you recycle just one plastic (PET) bottle or aluminum can (Excerpted from Recycling: 7 Reasons Why it Matters By Joe Laur. Recyclebank, December 2012):

1. You've just saved materials. Instead of going to a landfill or incinerator, that can or bottle will gain new life as a new bottle, can or other object.
2. You've saved energy. Because it takes less energy to recycle that to make from scratch in nearly every case, you've just conserved energy and the coal. Oil or natural gas needed to make that energy.
3. You've saved a trip to the oil well, mine or gas field. Because you reused the material in step one, we don't have to make another trip to the well head or mine shaft to get more stuff out of the earth.
4. You've preserved habitat. Face it- no matter how carefully done, mining and oil drilling creates habitat damage. Sometimes just a little, sometimes massive amounts. Using less saves habitats and our natural systems.
5. You've created jobs. Recycling requires people to do it. Repairing or refurbishing old equipment requires labor. By reusing, restoring and recycling, you create green jobs for the people who do the work.
6. You've improved national security and saved lives. Much of our troops' bloodshed overseas is done so to protect vital natural resources that we want to use. By recycling, you'd reduced the demand for virgin resources and increased the demand for resources we already have. This helps to keep our troops and resources safely at home, and our nation more secure.
7. You feel better about yourself. You're not some slacker tossing perfectly good materials into the trash heap or oceans and streams. You're a responsible citizen who's making a better world for all of us.

Keep an eye out for announcements about other recycling events and opportunities that will be provided in conjunction with Republic Services going forward, including document shredding and e-waste (electronic) recycling.

Thank you for your participation. Happy Recycling!



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Centipedes have a single pair of antennae on their head and a long, worm-like body. They have one pair of legs per body segment with the first pair of legs modified to function as claws and are used to capture prey. These claws are sometimes called fangs since they are connected to poison glands that can inject venom to subdue captured prey.

Most centipedes found in Texas are relatively small, but the red headed centipede, *Scolopendra heros*, can reach over nine inches when full grown. The bite of larger species of centipedes may cause extreme discomfort and pain.

Centipedes can live from one to six years. They prefer moist, protected habitats such as under stones, rotted logs, leaves or bark. Winter is spent as an adult and eggs are laid in soil during warm months and are covered by a sticky substance.

Centipedes are predaceous with many species feeding on other arthropods, such as insects. Their modified pair of legs, or claws, is directly under the head, allowing prey to be injected with venom.

Most centipedes can only bite with their poison claws located directly under the head resulting in a bee-like sting; however, *Scolopendra* can harm a person with the sharp claws of its many walking legs. Each walking leg is tipped with a sharp claw capable

of making tiny cuts in human skin. A poison produced from the attachment point of each leg may be dropped into the wounds resulting in an inflamed and irritated condition. The best rule of thumb is to never handle large centipedes.

With cooler weather, centipedes may move inside homes to avoid extreme temperatures. Tips to prevent centipedes from sharing your home:

- move objects providing harborage away from the structure such as compost piles, firewood and stones
- create a band of gravel, or similar material between the foundation of the home and any landscape beds that touch the structure
- occasionally turn mulch near structures to allow it to dry out
- seal cracks, crevices, and pipe penetrations with sealant that will expand with our temperature extremes
- repair weather stripping around doors and windows as needed
- properly ventilate crawl spaces or areas under the home to allow for air flow through the area
- use perimeter sprays around a building's foundation

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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Twelve Top Travel Tips When Traveling with Your Pet

Traveling with your pet can be fun and rewarding – especially when you're prepared. In addition to the pet travel "basics" (safely restraining your pet, allowing adequate time for potty breaks, bringing comforting items from home, and so on), several additional simple practices can help make every trip easier and more pleasant for both you and your pet.

1. Schedule a veterinarian visit to insure overall health and current vaccinations. Ask for a health certificate and vaccination records, especially if you're traveling out of state.

2. Make sure your pet's identification tags are up-to-date and legible. Also, be sure his rabies tag and vaccinations are current.

3. Include your destination address and/or phone number on your pet's tags and cage/crate (if applicable).

4. Remember to pack water to prevent dehydration. To help insure convenient feedings bring along a collapsible food bowl.

5. Pack all medications and supplements to avoid missed doses.

6. Pack a first aid kit to insure readiness in the event of an injury or medical emergency.

7. Exercise your pet prior to departure. A tired pet is typically much more amenable to travel. Also, bring a lead or harness to allow exercise during pit stops.

8. Feed your pet at least four hours prior to departure to prevent car sickness. If the trip is long, feed a smaller amount that normal at least two hours before you leave.

9. Use a travel remedy, if necessary. If your pet is extremely anxious about travel, try a soothing non-prescription calming product.

10. Trim toenails to prevent snags and injury, especially if your pet will travel in a cage or crate.

11. Cover your car seats to keep them clean and free of hair shed on your trip.

12. Know your travel rules and restrictions, especially if you will travel on an airplane.





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