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Happy Holidays
Normandy
Forest!



Cookies with Santa



Santa will be making his annual visit to Normandy Forest to join in our annual Cookies with Santa event on Saturday, December 9, from 10:00-11:30 AM, in the Clubhouse. Children, young and old, are encouraged to wear their favorite holiday PJs and join Santa for a photo and a cookie. To help welcome Santa to our community, we will be looking for some special elf volunteers.

If you are interested in helping with this event, email cknlin@sbcglobal.net.

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The Association has an active Architectural Control Committee that approves or denies all construction and any improvements. You may request an ACC form by contacting Chaparral Management 281-537-0957 or the association website. Please keep in mind that the Association has thirty days (30 days) to approve or disapprove any ACC and verbal approvals or disapprovals are not given.

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If you are looking for a place close by to take the kids, try the Mounted Patrol Stables. It is an approximate 30 minute ride and well worth the trip.

The stables are very well kept and the horses love to be fed. Apples (quartered)

or carrots are the usual, but don't bring baby carrots, they look too much like a finger and you could get nipped. Everyone we encountered was friendly and glad to see us. We watched a patrolman wash and care for his mount while we were there. There is definitely a special bond between horse and rider. The horses have name plates on their stalls and some will shake their heads and whinny when they hear their name.



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HEADIN' SOUTH

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



I was sitting on my back porch last night and heard the familiar “honking” sound I hear every fall—geese flying overhead. I looked up to see an almost perfect V. It instantly filled my mind with several questions. How do they know where they’re going? Why do they fly in a V shape? How far do they fly? Do they stop and rest? I decided to do some research and get some answers and I am sharing them with you. After reading about them, I have a whole new respect for them.

WHY DO BIRDS MIGRATE?

They migrate in search of food and warmer temperatures. Because of climate change and changes in farm practices that makes waste grain more available, the geese aren’t migrating as far south as they used to. Some Canada geese don’t migrate at all anymore. Lack of natural predators is another reason geese may not migrate.

HOW DO GEESE KNOW WHERE THEY’RE GOING?

One tool they use is the earth’s magnetic field. There are small pieces of what’s called magnetite found in some birds’ brains. It acts like a compass. They also use the position of the sun and the stars. Birds follow the same migration path every year and use landmarks like rivers, mountains, and valleys as their roadmap.

WHERE DO THEY GO?

They follow the same path every year. There are four routes which include the Atlantic flyway (along the east coast of North America), the Mississippi flyway (named after the river), the Central flyway (along the Rocky Mountains) and the Pacific flyway (west of the Rockies). Canada geese spend winters in southern Florida and southern North America including the southern United States and part of Mexico.

WHY DO GEESE FLY IN A “V”?

This formation is sometimes call a skein and it helps them conserve energy. Each bird flies a little higher than the bird in front of him/her. This reduces the wind resistance. As an example, in a V formation of 25 geese, each bird experiences a reduction in what’s called induced drag. This results in an increase of their range by 71%. Geese rotate taking the lead position since being in front takes the most energy.

HOW FAST CAN GEESE FLY AND HOW LONG DO THEY FLY BEFORE RESTING?

Most articles I read put their cruising speed at between 20 and 30 miles per hour. For long distance flying their estimated speed is 40 miles per hour.

DO MIGRATING BIRDS STOP TO REST

Birds need to take a “pit stop” occasionally to rest and refuel. They stop where there is ample food and water, shelter and with few competitors. They normally will spend a couple of days on the ground before continuing their journey.

The animal kingdom is amazing and the volunteers and staff at TWRC Wildlife Center get to experience the wonders everyday. If you’d like to be a part of this amazing world, volunteer! For more information, visit www.twrcwildlifecenter.org Be sure to follow us on Facebook for amazing stories and photos.

Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Center is located at 10801 Hammerly Blvd., Houston, TX 77043.

Cool Weather Means Brown Patch Season

With cooler temperatures and rain there is another threat to the health of our lawns.

The problem is Brown Patch which is a disease caused by a fungus. The moist conditions of Autumn with mild days and cool nights are ideal for the growth of this fungus, but it also appears in the Spring. Affected areas of this disease are brown in color and circular in shape. As the fungus progresses the areas enlarge and merge together.

Check your favorite lawn and garden shops for remedies for the condition.



CARPET BEETLES



Carpet beetles adults can be found outdoors on crape myrtles or other plants where the adults eat pollen and nectar. The adults may also be found in rodent or bird nests. When these adults move into homes, they may lay eggs which can lead to problems. These beetles can be pests in warehouses, homes, museums and other locations.

Carpet beetle adults are small, round to oval shaped and often brightly colored. Larvae are small, tan, and ringed with bands of long hairs.

Carpet beetle larvae feed on high protein foods, usually animal based, but they can also feed on plant material. They can be found in a variety of locations throughout the home. In the pantry, you may find them in items such as powdered milk, dried meats (jerky), or pet food. Other areas of the home they can be attracted to items made from wool, fur or feathers, areas where dead insects accumulate (i.e. light fixtures), leather book bindings, hair, silk or dried plant products. If the larvae are seen feeding on synthetic fibers, it is because the material is stained with body oils or food.

A program utilizing sanitation, exclusion and insecticides should

be able to get a carpet beetle problem under control.

- Clean accumulations of hair, dead insects, and bird, rodent or wasp nests
- Regularly clean rugs, carpets, upholstery, etc.
 - o make sure to get along edges, under cushions, and under furniture where debris may collect
- Inspect animal based items (taxidermied animals, leather, wool, silk, etc.) once a year to avoid infestations
- Keep pantry items/ dry goods in sealed, air-tight containers
- Infested items (if possible, depending on the items) can be heated or cooled to kill any beetles
 - o freeze 2 weeks at temperatures below 18°F
 - o heat for at least 30 minutes to temperatures above 120°F
- Insecticides should be used as spot treatments- make sure carpet beetles are listed on the label as well as the area/ item you are treating
 - o make sure the product will not stain

If you find a few adult carpet beetles in your home, squish them on vacuum them up. A few adults usually do not warrant a full treatment, but you should watch for a developing infestation.

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