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## *January* 2018 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1.....New Year Day

3.....Back to School  
2018



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# Our Committees Need You!

The success of our association depends upon getting our members involved in the various committees that the Board of Directors depends upon for support and guidance.

Volunteering to serve on one of the association committees is a great way to become involved and contribute to our community.

As homeowners we tend to allow that elite group known as "them" or "they" to operate the association, attend related meetings and make important community decisions. However, we need to realize that "them" and "they" are always made up of "I", "We", "You" and "Us".

The Board of Directors is looking for homeowners who are interested in volunteering to serve on an association committee. Contact the Clubhouse for more information.

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## COMMON SENSE PRECAUTIONS PEOPLE CAN TAKE TO MANAGE COYOTES

### Coyote Precautions

Due to all of the recent posts on Nextdoor and Facebook regarding coyote activity in the surrounding areas please keep these precautions in mind!

From: Texas Parks and Wildlife

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/nuisance/coyote>

### *Common sense precautions people can take to manage coyotes:*

- Do not feed coyotes! Keep pet food and water inside. Keep garbage securely stored, especially if it has to be put on the curb for collection; use tight-locking or bungee-cord-wrapped trashcans that are not easily opened.

- Keep compost piles securely covered; correct composting never includes animal matter like bones or fat, which can draw coyotes even more quickly than decomposing vegetable matter.

- Keep pets inside, confined securely in a kennel or covered exercise yard, or within the close presence of an adult.

- Walk pets on a leash and accompany them outside, especially at night.

- Do not feed wildlife on the ground; keep wild bird seed in feeders designed for birds elevated or hanging above ground, and clean up spilled seed from the ground; coyotes can either be drawn directly to the seed, or to the rodents drawn to the seed.

- Keep fruit trees fenced or pick up fruit that falls to the ground.

- Do not feed feral cats (domestics gone wild); this can encourage coyotes to prey on cats, as well as feed on cat food left out for them.

- Minimize clusters of shrubs, trees and other cover and food plants near buildings and children's play areas to avoid attracting rodents and small mammals that will in turn attract coyotes

- Use noise making and other scaring devices when coyotes are seen. Check with local authorities regarding noise and firearms ordinances. Portable air horns, motor vehicle horns, propane cannons, starter pistols, low-powered pellet guns, slingshots, and thrown rocks can be effective.

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# How We Can Create A Strong Community

A hive of bees is a perfect example of a community working together in harmony and for the common good of all its members. After all, a bee living alone can barely survive, let alone prosper. But in a hive made up of hundreds of other bees, each taking responsibility for the various jobs necessary for the survival of the community, the lone bee not only survives, it contributes mightily to the success of the hive.

The secret of the bee's success in living together in a close-knit community is that each bee not only understands the interrelationships that exist between it and the rest of the members of its community, but is willing to accept some of the responsibility for the hive's prosperity by expanding their role in the community whenever necessary.

As homeowners, we too can choose to recognize the interrelationships that exist between ourselves and our neighbors and how those interrelationships have a direct impact on our quality of life. We can also choose to take some of the responsibility upon ourselves to contribute to improving those relationships and in the process improve our community.

In order for our community association to continue to protect, preserve and enhance our community assets and our property values, each member of our community has to acknowledge their role in our community and, at times, be willing to expand their role to take on some added responsibility.

For example: We all must obey our governing documents, we agreed to do that when we closed escrow. By obeying community rules and regulations, we contribute to our community and accept the role of a rule abiding member. Each year we conduct an Annual Meeting at which time we elect our Board of Directors, although we don't have to participate in the election process, choosing to do so contributes to the success of our community. Our role as a rule abiding member expands to include that of a voting member. We also have the opportunity to attend our Board of Directors meetings in order to better understand the business decisions made by the Board. When we choose to attend those meetings, our role as a rule abiding, voting member now expands to include that of a participating member. And when we choose to serve on community committees, we accept another role and become a rule abiding, voting, participating and contributing member.

So, let's all work at recognizing what roles we can choose to accept in our community and, like the bee, work together at making our community the best place to live that it can be!

## January Lawn and Landscapes Maintenance Tips:

- **1. Prune crape myrtle trees**, removing only limbs necessary to thin out trees and provide a stately structure. This provides additional energy for profuse blooming all summer. Therefore, topping is not necessary. To avoid topping, plant a variety that will grow only to the height proper for the growing area. Ask your nursery for available colors and growth patterns. When pruning, use sharp tools and cut at 45 degree angles, leaving no stubs. This promotes proper healing. Cuts at right angles produce deadwood.
- **2. Cut down banana trees** to 18 inches from ground level. The new tree will develop strength to produce bananas in summer. Use sharp trimming shears, as they are soft, or swipe carefully with a machete. Wear old clothing and gloves as the sap produces black stains.
- **3. Cut down cannas** to 4 inches from ground level.
- **4. Pruning Tip:** Prune back plants with freeze-damaged vegetation late in the month of January.
- **5. Clean roofs and gutters** to ensure rain flows freely. Accumulated leaves on roof will absorb moisture and condense underneath the shingles, causing the roof's flooring to decay. The gutters should also be unencumbered. If allowed to remain full, the rain will overflow repeatedly and over a period of time decay the fascia boards of the building. Use a tall ladder to get on the roof and a gas powered blower to perform both jobs. If unsure of your safety, feel free to hire a person from the phone book dedicated to this type of adventure, especially if your home is a multiple-story building. Be certain to clear out the gutter downspouts with a garden hose!
- **6. Tree leaves can remain** in flower beds for temporary insulation of plants.
- **7. Grass mowing** is usually not necessary this month. A light covering of leaves can protect grass from cold weather, but do not allow to collect heavily and kill the grass below.

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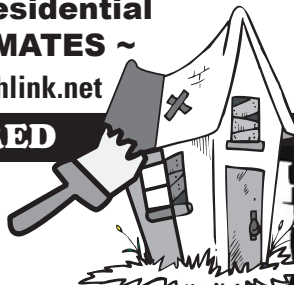
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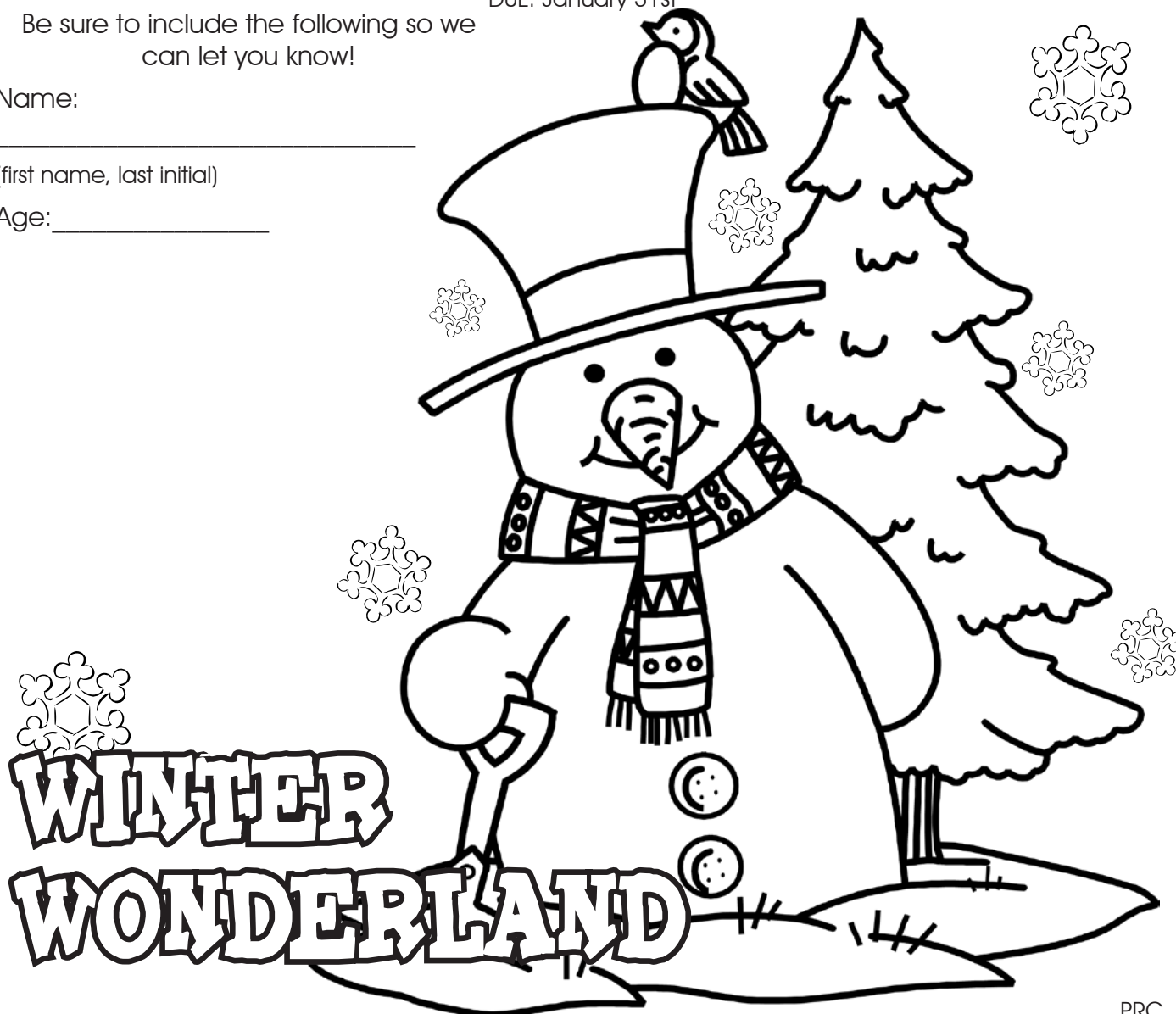
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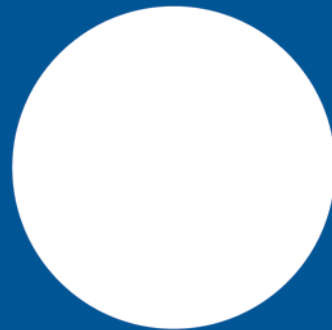
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