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Breakfast with Santa 2017

The annual Silverlake/Southwyck Breakfast with Santa event was an outstanding success. The weather cooperated and allowed for a better than average turnout. Pancakes, sausage, hot chocolate, juice and cold drinks topped the menu. There were crafts and cookie decorating, train rides and experiences for the kiddies. Highlight of the event of course was the arrival of Santa Claus who patiently listened to each of the Christmas wish lists for all of the good little boys and girls who attended.

Unwrapped toys were collected to be distributed to less fortunate children through the Pearland Neighborhood Center and Women's Shelter. A special thank you to all who volunteered their services to make this annual event a wonderful holiday success.



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Be Prepared

Although we have been enjoying the cool weather and a taste of snow, it is a good idea to be prepared to prevent frozen pipes. Shop early while the shelves are stocked with necessary supplies and wrap your exterior pipes now when the weather is pleasant.

The American Red Cross has good advice concerning preventing frozen pipes.

Recommendations to consider before and during the onset of cold weather:

- Close any inside valves that supply outdoor hose bibs
- Open outside hose bibs and allow water to drain, keep valve open
- Newspaper can provide protection to exposed pipes in areas that do not have frequent or prolonged temperatures below freezing.
- Keep garage doors closed
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warm air to circulate around plumbing
- Let water drip from the faucet as even a trickle of water helps

prevent freezing of pipes

- Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both day and night
- If you are away, leave the heat on in your home to a temperature no lower than 55 F
- Wrap exterior pipes with commercial pipe wrap or old towels or cloths

Don't forget about plants and pets when the temperature drops. Protect plants with cloth coverings and keep pets indoors.





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ACROSS

1. Chances of winning 5. Association (abbr.) 9. Rise (2 wds.) 10. Horse-like animal 11. Eye 12. Foreign 13. Substitute 15. What a nurse gives 16. Heavy 18. Luau guitar 21. Moved quickly 22. Despot 26. Filth 28. Water (Spanish) 29. Devourer 30. Ouieted 31.Brood 32. Glen

DOWN

1. Stare at 2. One who gets things done 3. Fees 4. Spread out on the couch 5. Entire 6. Quoth 7. Melt ore 8. Girl detective Drew 10. Idly 14. -totter 17. President Ford 18. Goads 19. Gold weight 20. Marry 23. Accent mark 24. Void 25. Leggy 27. Kitten's cry

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MEET IRIS

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



Let me introduce you to Iris, our 9-year-old Eastern Screech Owl. She makes her home at TWRC Wildlife Center and is a "gal about town". As one of our Animal Ambassadors, she can often be seen at schools, churches and community events throughout the Houston area.

Iris was just a few days old when a rescuer found her on the ground. Our vet staff could see that one of her eyes wasn't developing properly. After being examined by

a specialist, it was discovered that she was blind in that eye. Knowing that owls can still survive in the wild with only one eye, a dedicated rehabilitator worked with her to prepare her for release. With her eye problem and some other issues that developed, it was decided that it was in the best interest of Iris not to release her and instead "promote" her to an Animal Ambassador. Iris lives a pretty good life. She is served with frozen mice that have been warmed. She goes to the "beauty shop" every couple of months to get her nails done (actually they're called talons) and get her beak trimmed and shaped. She is also given a thorough examination to make sure she is healthy. We are grateful to Dr. White at Briarcrest Veterinary Clinic who donates his time to the Center to care for Iris and our other Animal Ambassadors. In the wild, Screech Owls live an average of 12 years but because Iris doesn't have to face the challenges of life in the wild, she is expected to live well beyond 12 years of age.

Screech owls have a unique call. One source described it as a horse on helium. They let out a descending whinny capped off with a trill. If you come to our Center to visit, she may even "talk" to you. One of her favorite things is to do is to respond to sirens she hears. As soon as she hears a siren, she starts in. Wish we could read her mind to find out why she does that.

Iris and her handlers are available to come and talk to your group, your school, your church or other gatherings. If you would like pricing information, send an email to education@twrcwildlifecenter. org.

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