



Village Creek's 2017 Easter Parade and Egg Hunt



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THE MINIMALIST GARDENER

By Flint Sage



Vegetables: Warm weather has arrived, so plant summer plants as soon as possible. Plant okra. It is a star performer here. You will need only a few plants... maybe five for a family. The plants are about two feet wide and grow to six feet or so. You will learn to pick them when less than 3" long. Battered and deep-fried: delicious!

Include sweet potatoes. They grow well and provide excellent color to the garden.

Add some fertilizer for most plants this month.

Perennials and Annuals: Divide clumps and remove old growth now. Plant warm season perennials and annuals. Plant bulbs. Unless you are looking for a showy yard, minimize annuals and maximize perennials to save money.

Trees, Shrubs, and Vines: Those trees, shrubs, and vines that have been dormant have awakened for their spring, summer, and fall show. Lightly prune if required. Oaks probably shouldn't be pruned this month because of the potential for disease transmission.

Fertilize trees with inexpensive pure nitrogen such as ammonium sulfate. Water deeply after fertilizing: 1 inch of water to drive the nitrogen down to the roots. Don't forget that trees in lawns compete with the grass. Professionals use separate bubblers for trees to assure they get enough water.

April is the peak season for roses. When the rose flowers fade, do a light pruning (deadheading) to remove the old blooms. Add ¼ cup fertilizer to each plant soon after to encourage new growth.

Lawns: Healthy grass is your best defense against weeds. Apply lawn fertilizer after the second mowing and monthly after that during the growing season. Consider using straight nitrogen (such as 12-0-0) lawn fertilizer now. Make sure you are getting sufficient water to those areas which tend to grow weeds rather than grass. If it doesn't rain, you will need to irrigate your lawn, trees, and other plants.



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The Voice

A HOUSE DETECTIVE MYSTERY

The Case of the Sleeping Air Conditioner

Gordon R. Watson



Air conditioners do not need much attention. Even their fans, unfortunately, are "lubricated for life." I say "unfortunately" because fans used to have a little spring-loaded access cap where old-timers could lubricate each

motor bearing yearly. A regularly lubricated fan would probably last many more years than the "lifetime-lubricated" ones do. Bearing failure caused our last fan failure. The felt oiling wick was bone dry. It's a throwaway society.

Still, there are a few A/C tasks, which do require your attention.

The one yearly must-do task is to pour Chlorox or some other acceptable chemical into the A/C condensate drain(s) in the attic. If you ignore this task, it is almost certain the drains inside your walls will eventually clog with organic growth. If you ever see those little pipes sticking out of your roof's eaves dripping water, it is a near-sure sign of a clogged primary drain. Eventually, these "rattle-tale" pipes will also clog and water will drip down through your drywall ceiling. Hint: Do not spill Chlorox onto the A/C cabinet and make sure the unit is off. Give your neighbor a cup of coffee or hire it done if you don't feel comfortable doing this job.

Check or change your filters. Depending on your family's lifestyle (pets, family size), you should replace your filters at the beginning of the cooling and heating seasons. Hint: If you can easily see an intense light (sunlight) through the filter, it is likely it is still clean. Pleated filters last longer than flat ones because their dust-collecting area is vast compared to flat filters.

If your thermostat has batteries, consider changing them. While a loss of battery power will probably not cause serious problems if you are home, a battery failure while on vacation would have unpredictable results.

Occasionally, it might be wise to hire a qualified A/C technician to tighten electrical connections, clean the condenser coils, and inspect the components, but this activity is usually not a yearly requirement. As always, consult your manual for your specific A/C unit's requirements. Above all, stay within your comfort zone. Hiring someone is always less expensive than a trip to the hospital or having a fire truck arrive.

The Photo Shop



Joe, of Joe's Bakery, had a tough time understanding what his customers wanted.

Gordon R. Watson

DON'T STOP ME IF YOU HAVE HEARD THIS ONE

By Tnarg Nostaw

I had planned to be a monk, but I found out that I had cloisterphobia.



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NEWS ABOUT THE BOARD

There are currently four Board Members: Brian Martin, Dennis Perry, Greg Davis, and Samantha Brojanac.

Official Board Meeting Minutes are found under "Documents" on the Spectrumam.com web site. You can find financial information there as well. Spectrum has recently updated its site and is quite user-friendly.

Be sure to ask the HOA Architectural Review Committee to review your exterior projects prior to beginning work. Go to Spectruman.com for details.

Board meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. and are held monthly at Fairwood Recreation Center, 14701 Spring Cypress Road, Cypress, TX 77429. Watch the marquee for updates.

Keep up to date on Village Creek happenings and provide input at myvillagecreek.com. Your ideas count here more than any other forum.



2018 SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Easter Parade & Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 24, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Spring Community Garage Sale

Friday & Saturday, April 13 & 14.

Splash Pad Opening

Saturday, April 28, 2018.

Pool Grand Opening

Saturday, May 26, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Fourth of July Parade

Wednesday, July 4, Parade 9:30 a.m.
Judging 10:00 a.m.

Back to School Luau & Kinder Meet & Greet

Saturday, August 18, Kinder M&G 10:00 a.m.
Luau 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Fall Garage Sale

Friday & Saturday, October 12 & 13

Cookies with Santa

Sunday, December 2, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

THE VOICE COOKS UP SOME VITTLES

WHITE CHIP ISLAND COOKIES

Note: This was the original Nestle cookie recipe. An updated version on verybestbaking.com shows this as a cookie bar recipe known as White Chip Blondes. The recipe is the same, but the baking results in bars rather than cookies.



INGREDIENTS:

1 cup plus 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
3/4 cup packed light brown sugar
1/3 cup butter or margarine, softened
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 large egg
1 cup (6 oz.) NESTLÉ® TOLL HOUSE® Premier White Morsels
1/2 cup coarsely chopped macadamia nuts
1/2 cup toasted coconut

METHOD:

PREHEAT oven to 375° F.

COMBINE flour, baking powder and salt in medium bowl. Beat sugar, butter and vanilla extract in large mixer bowl until creamy. Beat in egg. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in morsels, nuts and coconut. Drop by rounded tablespoons onto ungreased cookie sheet.

BAKE for 8 to 11 minutes or until edges are lightly brown. Cool two minutes on baking pan then to wire racks to cool completely.

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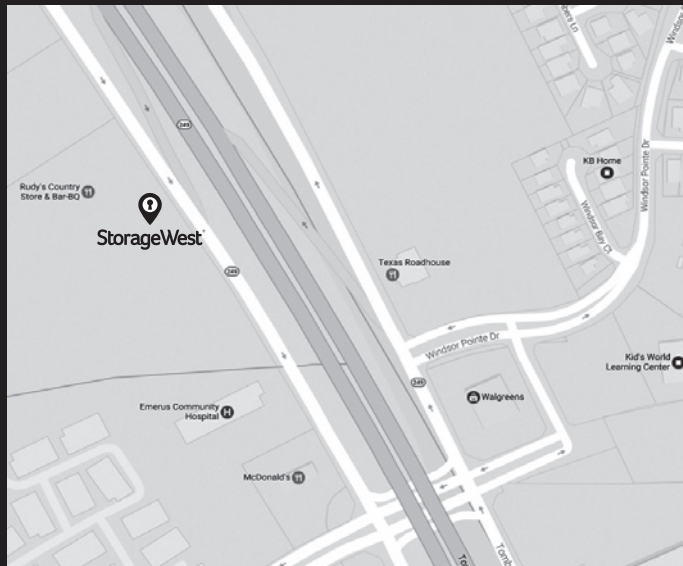
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