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Yard of the Month



The AFCA Board is pleased to recognize Dorothy Vanek at 3814 Liles Ln. as the May winner of Yard of the Month! Congratulations, and thank you for helping to keep our neighborhood beautiful! Yard of the month runs from April - August this year. Photos of the winners are available on our website: www.AtascocitaForest.org > 2018 Yard of the Month.

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 Atascocita Volunteer Fire Dept. 281-852-2181
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Reporting Parking Issues in Atascocita Forest

Recently, we have been receiving an increased number of complaints about improperly or illegally parked vehicles in the neighborhood, including vehicles parked on grass medians in cul-de-sacs.

We strongly encourage residents to report any illegal or improper parking to the Pct. 4 Constables by calling (281) 376-3472 . Law enforcement officers will make the determination whether the parking is in violation of any applicable laws and take appropriate action.

We encourage residents and their guests to be considerate of their neighbors when parking.

We'd like to take this opportunity to share a few reminders about parking in the neighborhood:

- Parking on or across any portion of a grass median in a roadway (including in a cul-de-sac) is prohibited. Vehicle owners may be held liable for damage caused to grass medians maintained by the Atascocita Forest Community Association, including damage to turf, landscaping, and underground irrigation systems.
- Parking in a cul-de-sac in a way that obstructs residents from entrance to or egress from their driveways, or access to a community mailbox, is prohibited. "Stacked" or "row" parking in a cul-de-sac is prohibited.
- Parking on the side of the street is legal, so long as the following legal guidelines are followed:
 - No more than 18 inches from the curb
 - Does not block any portion of a sidewalk
 - Does not block any portion of a driveway
 - Does not block an intersection
 - At least 20 feet away from a crosswalk at an intersection
 - At least 15 feet from any fire hydrant
 - At least 30 feet from the approach to any flashing signal,



2018 Pool Season Updates



The much-needed renovation of the Atascocita Forest pool is nearly complete. The pool has been replastered and retiled, new LED lights have been installed, and the concrete surrounding the pool and under the pool house has been resurfaced with fresh cool-decking, and the old black deck and bench have been torn out and new slab has been poured in its place and surfaced.

In addition, residents can look forward to a new diving board and water slide at the pool this summer! We are very excited about these additions, which many residents have requested and asked about.

However, due to the manufacturing time and installation of the water slide, the opening of the pool may be delayed by a week or so. The slide is scheduled to be completed toward the end of May and will take approximately a week to assemble, install, and test at the pool. Rather than opening the pool for a few days and then having to shut it down for a week for the slide installation, we will delay the opening of the pool until the slide and diving board are installed and ready to use.

At the time of this writing, we do not yet have firm dates for the pool opening, but we anticipate it will be early June. We advise residents to please keep an eye on the Pool page on the community website (www.AtascocitaForest.org) for the latest updates and information. We will also send out emails to registered website users as we have more information.

Because the pool opening will be delayed, we will also delay the annual pool party to coincide with opening weekend. Again, please check the website for updates and information.

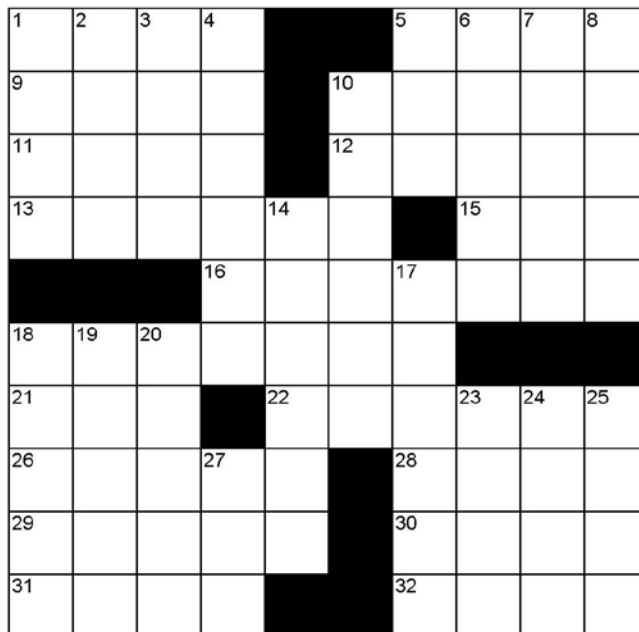
Now that we have working lights in the pool, we plan to have one or two Movie at the Pool nights, where we will set up the projector and screen and residents can enjoy floating in the pool under the stars while watching a movie!

POOL TAGS

In an effort to simplify and reduce the cost of the pool tag process, we will be using a different pool tag system this year. Each household will receive a lanyard-style pool tag that allows entry of the entire household and guests to the pool (up to 10 people).

Residents may pick up their household's pool tag free of charge on one of the two tag pickup days at the pool (dates not yet determined - please check the website for updates). If you are unable to attend one of the tag pickup days, you will be able to order your tag online through our website for a small fee and either have the tag mailed to you or pick it up at the pool from a lifeguard (you must show a printed receipt for the pool tag purchase and a photo ID).

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ACROSS

1. Cleaning agent
5. Welt
9. Factual
10. Raise one's shoulders
11. Gain
12. Making a knot
13. Opposite of cubic
15. Pride
16. Passes
18. Dress up
21. Dined
22. Wagerer
26. __ Gras
28. Possess
29. Rock and Roll "King"
30. Spread
31. Flow out slowly
32. Goody two shoes

DOWN

1. Stair
2. Spoken
3. Nimbus
4. Enclosed
5. Reporter's question
6. Sign of the zodiac
7. Surge
8. Kellogg's waffles
10. Shoot from a plane
14. Excuses
17. Type of snake
18. Ladies
19. Dickens' " __ of Two Cities" (2 wds.)
20. Sensitive point
23. Record
24. Above
25. Rip
27. Sink

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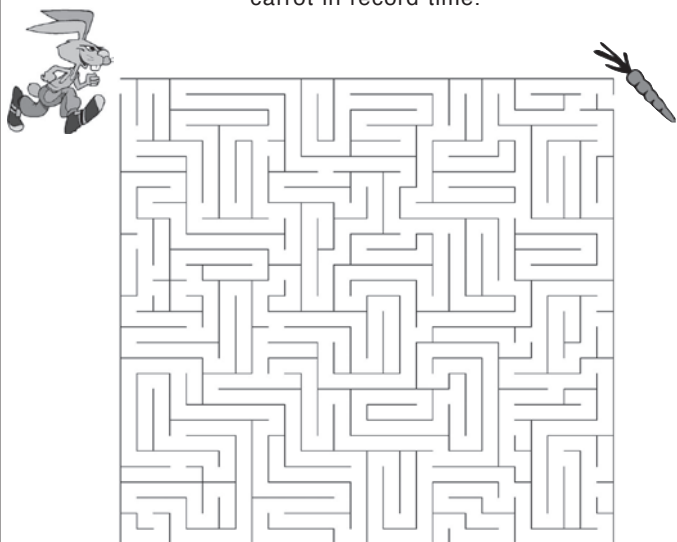
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Kidz Maze Mania

Robby the Rabbit is training for a marathon. Help him get through the maze and find the carrot in record time.



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Traffic Signal at Woodland Hills and Wells Mark



The construction of a traffic signal at Woodland Hills and Wells Mark Dr (by Whispering Pines Elementary) is underway. At the time of this writing, we do not have an anticipated completion date, but construction should be complete within several weeks. This light will help to control the flow of traffic down Woodland Hills and provide increased safety for children crossing the busy road to travel to and from school.

If you have any questions or concerns about the traffic light installation, please contact Harris County Precinct 4 Commissioner Jack Cagle.



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Farmer's & Artisan Market in Atascocita Forest

Atascocita Forest has partnered with Your Neighborhood Farmer's Market to bring a monthly market to residents of Trail of the Lakes MUD! The market will be held on the third Thursday of each month from 3-7 PM at the Atascocita Forest Park on Woodland Hills Dr.

The market features locally-grown, fresh produce, dairy, and meats with a wide range of organic selections, as well as homemade goods including jams, jellies, baked goods, and crafts!

Additionally, the market will feature activities for kids, including moonwalks and special guests. At the first market in March, Spring Hills Farms brought baby chicks and a baby goat for the kids to interact with. Special guests will vary based on schedule availability.

The market also has a "Kidpreneurs" program! The market reserves three booth spaces for kids who have



entrepreneurial enterprises and wish to sell their goods at the market! Booths are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parents must register kids through the organization's website: www.yourneighborhoodfarmersmarket.com/kids-activities. Please note that kids selling food goods must have the appropriate health department licenses.

MUD residents who wish to participate in the market are eligible to receive a slightly discounted booth rate. Please contact Your Neighborhood Farmers Market with any questions about becoming a vendor.

Please note that neither the HOA board nor the MUD are involved in the vendor selection, planning, or coordination of the event. Everything is handled by Your Neighborhood Farmer's Market. The HOA merely provides the use of the neighborhood park facility for the organization to host the event.

More information and FAQs about the event are available on our website: www.AtascocitaForest.org > Community Meetings & Events > Farmer's Market Info & FAQ.



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Atascocita Forest Recipe Swap

If you've got some culinary prowess, share your favorite recipes with your neighbors! Submit a recipe by emailing it to newsletter@atascocitaforest.org (pre-formatted PDF documents preferred).

Please be sure to include your name and all ingredients and cooking instructions!

You're also free to include a good quality photo of the completed dish to include (note that it will print in the newsletter in black and white).

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Bacon BBQ Chicken & Bacon Ranch Potatoes

By Lauren Shwarts

Oven Preheat: 375 F (Use convection if you have it)

Large skillet (for potatoes and bacon)

Baking dish (for chicken)

What you'll need:

- Bacon - full, standard size package (inexpensive bacon is fine)
- Standard BBQ sauce of your choice
- 2-4 tbl butter
- ½ -1 tbl minced garlic
- Chicken - your preference of meat type and cut
- Russet potatoes, sliced medium thickness (¼-½ thick) (I typically factor 1 large or 2 small potato(es) per person)
- 1-2 packets of dry ranch seasoning (depending on number of potatoes used - should be enough to coat all potato slices)
- Shredded yellow cheese
- Seasonings for BBQ Seasoning Rub (quantities based on 2 large chicken breasts; increase quantities as needed)
 - Garlic powder - 1 tsp
 - Ground cumin - 1 tsp
 - Ground coriander - ½ tsp
 - Paprika - ½ tsp
 - Salt - ½ tsp, to taste (tip: do NOT add excess salt due to the bacon that cooks with the chicken)
 - Black pepper - ¼ tsp, to taste
 - Tip: seriously, just go ahead and make a bunch of this seasoning mix because it's amazing and you'll want to put it on a lot of stuff!

In advance of cooking:

- Make the BBQ seasoning rub mixture and rub onto all sides of chicken
- Apply some BBQ sauce to chicken over seasoning
- Allow chicken to marinate for at least an hour (longer if possible, up to a day)

Cooking Instructions:

Preheat oven

1. Cook entire package of bacon in skillet over medium heat until about 60-70% done. Do not cook the bacon completely (to crispy); it will continue to cook with the chicken and potatoes.
2. While bacon is cooking, slice potatoes and toss in ranch seasoning. Coat potatoes evenly.



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