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The Lakeshore Community Pool will be open on weekends in May. The following dates in MAY are; 5,6,12,13,19,20,26,27, and Memorial Day, May 28. The pool hours on those days will be 10 am to 8 pm.

To gain access to the pool area, you will need an amenity access card:



If you don't have one of these cards, you need to go to the clubhouse office with id and proof of homeowner (if you are new to the neighborhood OR lease information if you are leasing). The clubhouse is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 10-2 and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 - 7.

If you have cards and they don't work, meaning that the pool gate or fitness door won't open; you need to call (281.458.3345) or stop by the clubhouse office OR call Crest Management at 281.579.0761 to resolve the issue. NEITHER office is open on the weekend.

Beginning June 2nd, the pool will be open on Tuesdays through Sundays from 10 am to 8 pm. The pool is closed on Mondays for maintenance. This will be the schedule for June, July and August.

If there is an issue with your card not working on the opening day of pool season, it will not be resolved until Monday. The lifeguards have no way of resolving amenity card issues.

## **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

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#### Clubhouse Manager

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# **2018 Pool Rules**

Violations of the swimming pool rules will not be tolerated. Violators will be asked to leave the pool area by the lifeguards. Lifeguards have the ultimate authority in all matters. Violator's pool privileges can be revoked by the HOA Board of Directors.

1. Each individual access card holder shall allow entry of up to six (6) people.

2. Guests shall be accompanied at all times by an access card holder. Card holder shall be responsible for the actions and conduct of their guests.

3. Entry into the pool enclosure or swimming without a lifeguard present is prohibited.

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4. The gate to the pool enclosure shall be closed and latched after entering or leaving the pool area (Texas State Law 757.004).

5. No alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, weapons or illegal substances of any kind are permitted within the pool enclosure.

6. Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied and supervised by an adult, 18 years or older, at all times.

7. No one shall knowingly enter the pool enclosure, or permit a child or guest to do so while suffering from any contagious disease or with an open wound or sore.

8. Appropriate swimwear must be worn in the pool. Cutoffs are prohibited. A covering such as a "T" shirt may be worn for sun protection.

9. Proper swimming diapers with plastic liners or "swimmies" are required for all non-toilet trained infants. Disposable diapers are not permitted in the pool.

10. Showers should be taken prior to entering the pool.

11. No diving, running or horseplay is permitted in the pool enclosure.

12. No pets/animals are permitted in the pool enclosure. Certified assistance pets are permitted.

13. No bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades or other wheeled vehicles are permitted inside the pool enclosure. Wheelchairs, small wagons and strollers are permitted.

14. Noise and activities must be kept to a minimum level so as to not disturb others.

15. All beverages and food for consumption must be in unbreakable containers. No food or beverage consumption is permitted while in the pool.

16. All litter shall be properly disposed of and not permitted to blow into the pool.

#### 17. If a long whistle blast is heard everyone in the pool shall immediately get out of the water. Wait for an all clear signal from the lifeguard before re-entering the pool.

These rules have been established in an effort to make the pool a safe and sanitary operation for the enjoyment of all.

By entering the pool enclosure you agree to abide by the posted rules. The Association or its Managing Agent may take action to impose fines or suspend use of the facility to anyone held in violation of these rules.

> Tuesday through Sunday 10:00am to 8:00pm Closed on Monday for maintenance



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# THE LAKESHORE REPORT TODD'S TIPS – SPRING 2018 ISSUES

# Hi Lakeshore Neighbors! Todd Womack here, your Lakeshore Neighborhood Realtor<sup>®</sup>, with tips that can save you money on your home sweet home. Early Spring brings us an opportunity to assess our property tax situation. In most family budgets, property tax is the biggest annual cost for the home even if paid by your mortgage company it's still your

cost for the home, even if paid by your mortgage company, it's still your money. You can affect the property taxes you pay each year greatly by keeping informed and using a professional property tax consultant to assist you with an appeal of the Harris County Assessors Assessed Valuation. First, make sure you are getting the exemptions you may qualify for, such as the Homestead Exemption for one principal residence, Over 65 Exemption, Disability Exemption, or Disabled Veterans Exemptions.

The deadline to file for an appeal of your assessed valuation is May 15, but contact a tax consultant much sooner, so you have time to consult with them, collect the necessary documentation and get the appeal filed. Many reputable property tax consultants charge a small fee under \$ 100 per year, to represent you, and also charge a fee for a portion of the actual tax savings dollars. If they save you actual tax dollars, you pay them a percentage of the savings, sometimes around 50%. If there are no tax savings, you only pay the small fee. There are firms that have no minimum fee, but may charge a higher fee rate of tax savings. Representing yourself for an appeal at HCAD is not a simple or quick process, but it is an option if you have a lot of time and presentation



skills. My view is that a professional tax consultant has an incentive to save you tax dollars each year, so they earn more, and the owner's involvement in the process is minimal, well worth using their expertise and supervision of the account, usually a good value.

I also recommend using a property tax consultant each and every year, so the value remains at a fair level. I do not endorse any specific property tax consultants, but have had experience with a few that had good results in Harris County. Feel free to contact me about real estate questions at 832-647-9871, or my get my feedback at todd.womack@yahoo.com.





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# **SCALE INSECTS**

Scale insects are divided into two basic categories- soft scales and hard, or armored, scales. Soft scales produce a soft, thin, cottony, powdery, or waxy covering that cannot be separated from their body. They also produce a lot of honeydew (a sweet, sticky substance excreted by some insects). Hard scales produce a hard, shield-like covering made of shed skins and wax that conceals their body but is not attached to the body.





Hard Scale.

Soft Scale.

Scale insects lay eggs which hatch into crawlers. Eggs are usually hidden under the female's body, but some may be placed under a cottony or waxy covering secreted by the female. The first instar is called a "crawler" because when they emerge from the egg, they move around on the plant to locate a place to settle down and feed. Crawlers may be transported to other plants by wind, people, or animals such as birds. After they choose their spot, the insects typically do not move for the rest of their life.

Scale insects cause damage to plants by puncturing and removing plant juices via their piercing-sucking mouthparts. This can lead to yellowing,

wilting, leaf drop, or sometimes killing sections of the plant. Soft scales produce honeydew which can lead to growth of a black fungus called sooty mold that can further stress your plant. Depending on the type of scale, they may be found on foliage, stems, or even roots of the plant.

Tips for managing scale insects:

- Prune sections that contain scales from the plant and discard in sealed bags.
- Try spraying the plant with a high pressure water spray to knock the insects from the plant.
- Try treating the plant with insecticidal soap or horticultural oil.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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# Cy-Fair Republican Women May Meeting

CFRW will meet on Tuesday, May 8th at 10:30 AM. Hearthstone Country Club, 7615 Ameswood, Houston, TX 77095

#### Meeting is \$3 – Meeting with Lunch at Noon is \$23.

The candidates that will be in the Republican primary runoff have been invited to speak at the May meeting, as well as another interesting speaker. The primary runoff election date is May 22nd. Early voting starts May 14th. These are very important! Please vote and get out the vote! We will also have a representative from Cy- Hope speaking about their programs and mission. Cy-Hope serves the Cy-Fair community as a catalyst to bring needs and solutions together and bringing hope to at-risk children so they will grow into educated and productive citizens.

See the website for details and RSVP to www.cfrw.net by May 1st.

Several candidates attend our meetings regularly so come and get to know them. We look forward to seeing you there.

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# LAKESHORE FITNESS AREA

Thank you to those homeowners who have commented on the new fitness equipment. The HOA works hard to accommodate the needs and requests of those who use our amenities while following our HOA guidelines and budget requirements. Security cameras were recently installed which completed our task list for the clubhouse. With these things in mind, please take a moment to review the fitness are rules.

1. The Fitness Center and equipment is available for use only by Lakeshore homeowners and their families and guests.

2. Exercise & use of all equipment is "at your own risk".

#### 3. No children under the age of 16 are allowed.

4. The Fitness Center facility is for the use of Residents only.

5. A guest may use the Fitness Center if the ADULT host Resident accompanies the guest and the guest is at least 16 years of age.

6. No more than two guests per Resident are allowed. The association reserves the right to limit the number of Guests in the future.

7. There is a separate outside entrance door at the North end of



the front of the clubhouse and an emergency exit door from the fitness (cardio) room leading outside.

8. Access to restrooms is in the clubhouse through the common hall just outside the fitness rooms.

9. Persons using the Fitness Area should dress appropriately in workout clothing such as T-shirts, shorts, warm-ups, etc.

10. No swim suits allowed.

11. A shirt must be worn at all times.

12. For safety, proper shoes and socks must be worn in the fitness area.

13. Utilize proper technique and safety when using the exercise equipment.

14. Please follow instructions and guidelines posted for all equipment.

15. If any equipment malfunctions or ceases to operate properly, discontinue use and report the problem to the Clubhouse office immediately; 281.458.3345.

16. Sanitary wipes are provided to clean off equipment after use.

17. Cardio workouts are limited to 30-45 minutes if another homeowner is waiting.

18. Hours of operation: 5:00 am - 11:00 pm, daily with amenity card.



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## ATTENTION KIDS: SEND US YOUR MASTERPIECE!

Color the drawing below and mail the finished artwork to us at: Peel, Inc. - Kids Club 308 Meadowlark St. Lakeway, TX 78734-4717 We will select the top few and post their artwork on our website at www.peelinc.com/index.php/kids-club DUE: May 31st, 2018 Be sure to include the following so we can let you know! Name (first name, last initial): Age: LKS

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## WHEN IS A RABBIT NOT A RABBIT?

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

Life is pretty tough for rabbits. It seems like everything wants to eat them. Bobcats, coyotes, raptors and even snakes. The Eastern Cottontail, which is the most common in our area, is lucky if it lives two years in the wild. Thank goodness they are prolific reproducers. Cottontails begin breeding as early as two months old and can have up to seven litters in one year, although they usually have three or four.

There are three native wild rabbits in Texas and one hare: the eastern cottontail, swamp rabbit, desert cottontail and the blacktailed jackrabbit. The jackrabbit is actually a hare. However, they all belong to the Lagomorpha order of mammals. Hares are larger animals and have longer ears. A hare's pregnancy lasts 42 days. Newborn hares are called leverets and are fully developed at birth, born with fur and eyes open. Mom doesn't build a nest but can deliver her young in something as simple as a depression in the ground. Babies are able to hop around shortly after birth. Female rabbits give birth after about 30 days. They build a nest three to four inches deep and about eight inches across. They line the nest and cover it with soft dead grass and some of her own fur. Newborn rabbits are called kits or kittens and are born with eyes closed and no fur.

Compassionate people with good intentions will sometimes "kidnap" baby rabbits thinking they have been abandoned or that something has happened to mama rabbit. Mom only feeds her young at dusk and dawn so chances are, you probably won't see her. If the babies are warm and appear to be well fed, she's taking care of them. Just to be sure, here are a few things you can try. Place string or yarn in the shape of an "X" on top of the nest in the late afternoon. You can also encircle the nest with flour. In the morning, check the nest. If the string or flour has been disturbed, Mom has been there taking care of her kits.

With spring comes lawn-mowing. A WORD OF CAUTION: if you see small "dead" sections of grass in your lawn, check it out before mowing. It may be a nest of baby rabbits. If it is a nest, you can simply lift the top layer of dead grass to reveal sleeping babies. Please leave them alone! They will be gone in a couple of weeks. Please be sure to protect nests from your dogs, too. If your dog discovers a nest, you can cover it with a wheelbarrow or fencing making sure there is an entrance point just large enough for Mom to go in and out and strong enough so the dog can't tear it down. There are other options, too. Just do a little research on the internet.

TWRC Wildlife Center is here to help. If you have questions about wildlife or find an injured or orphaned animal, please call us: 713-468-TWRC. You can also find helpful information on our website at www.twrcwildlifecenter.org. You'll also find cute photos and good information on our Facebook page. Please "Like" us!

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sign up to be a part of the PTO and help us plan the fun.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 3rd-Buffalo Wild Wings Spirit Night

May 7th-Last PTO Meeting in Learning Commons, 6:30pm

May 7th-11th-Teacher Appreciation Week

May 10th and 17th-Spring Play Nights

May 17th-Papa John's Pizza Spirit Night

May 18th-80's Dance Party. FREE!!! LSE Gym from 6-8pm

May 24th and 25th-Field Days

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# Summer is HERE! What better way to enjoy the season than with 5 affordable fun activities to do in Houston?

**1. From May 25th -28th (Memorial Weekend)** there's a 3 parks, one pass special for just \$49.99 where you can enjoy limitless visits to Pleasure Pier, Kemah Boardwalk, and the Downtown Aquarium. For more information visit The Kemah Boardwalk website.

**2. On May 12th The Houston Zoo** is hosting "Zoo Overnight : Nocturnal Nights." During this time, you can spend the night! Get acquainted with the animals of the night. Learn about the nocturnal life they live during an evening hike. The zoo will provide you with snacks, breakfast, and next day admission along with an indoor camping experience.

**3. Houston Space Center:** Did you know that every Friday and Saturday, you can have the opportunity to meet a real Astronaut?? You can even participate in a Q&A with one! You can find out more about pricing and details of the experience at the Houston Space Center website.

**4. Miller Outdoor Theatre** is open every March through November. Here, you can enjoy a variety of performances. The theater is located in Hermann Park. You can bring your own beverages and snacks as well! Guess what, it's FREE!!!

**5. Blaffer Art Museum** is located on the University of Houston campus. Admission is FREE. This modern museum offers a variety of different exhibits that can change throughout the year.

