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Save The Date!

Lakeshore HOA Board Meeting
February 20, 2019 at 6:30 pm
Lakeshore Clubhouse

Crime Watch Meeting
February 12, 2019 at 7pm
Lakeshore Clubhouse

Community Event
Go Texans Day
February 23, 2019
Lakeshore Clubhouse

Lakeshore Clubhouse

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LAKE HOUSTON LADIES CLUB - FEBRUARY MEETING

The Lake Houston Ladies Club is a social organization dedicated to connecting women through monthly luncheon meetings, social activities and various interest groups. Our next luncheon will be on Tuesday, February 19, from 10:00-12:30 at the Walden Country Club, 18100 Walden Forest Drive in Humble, TX 77346. The cost of the event is \$17 per person and includes lunch and entertainment.

Our guest speaker this month will be Robert "Skip" Richter who will speak about preparing for spring gardening. Skip is a horticulturist, gardening educator, garden writer and avid horticultural photographer. Skip received his master's degree in horticulture from Texas A&M University and has gone on to manage Master Gardener programs in Montgomery, Travis and Harris counties, where he currently coordinates over 325 volunteers. This will be a great talk for all gardening enthusiasts.

The club welcomes new members from all surrounding areas. Many interest groups are available including Movie Group, Shooting Club, Tea Time, Bunco, Mah Jongg, Lunch 'N Look, Supper Club, Game Day, Hand Knee and Foot, Mexican Train, Reader's Choice and Bridge. There are also events during the

year that include spouses or significant others. The club is an excellent way to meet new people and make new friends. Please join us. New members are always welcome.

For more information about the club and for luncheon reservations, please go to the club webpage at <http://www.lakehoustonladiesclub.com> or call Karen at 281-900-5584 by Tuesday, February 12.



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WHAT'S THAT SMELL?

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



My all-time favorite cartoon character is Pepé LePew (pronounced pā-pā luh pū). For those of you who don't know who I'm talking about, Pepé is a French skunk that is in constant pursuit of love but because he doesn't smell very good, he often comes up short in the love department. If the ladies could just get past his smell, they might find he's not such a bad guy.

It is true that skunks are the primary carriers of rabies in Texas and it is true that there's nothing worse than trying to get the odor out when your dog gets sprayed, but skunks do serve a purpose. They are highly beneficial to farmers, landowners and gardeners because they are natural pest control agents. They feed on grasshoppers, grubs, beetles, crickets, mice, rats and moles, and since they are nocturnal, they feed mostly at night.

Skunks are nocturnal, solitary, mild-mannered creatures. As is the case with most wild animals, they just want to be left alone. Skunks spray other animals or humans when they feel threatened and only as a last resort. They will give some warning signals, however, before

spraying. It will lower its head, arch its back, and lift its tail, except for the tip, which hangs limp. If the enemy doesn't get the message, the skunk stomps its front feet and then lifts the tip of the tail and is ready to spray. However, if surprised or threatened, the skunk will spray without warning. Their spray can reach up to 10 feet and in addition to the smell, the spray is intensely irritating and can cause temporary blindness. And don't think you can't get sprayed unless the rear end is facing you. Skunks can shoot to the right, left, front and back without turning around. If you happen to come across a skunk, the best advice is to stand completely still. Once the animal realizes you are no threat, it will go about its business and you can quietly move away.

Just like raccoons, squirrels and opossums, you may find that skunks have taken up residence in your garage, in crawl spaces, under houses, porches or decks. If you find one between April and September, chances are very high that you have found a mother with babies. So what are your options? The best one is to do nothing at all and wait until fall. By then, the babies will have left and Mom has moved on. After September, find the access point and block it. If you'd rather not wait until fall, here are some options to encourage her to move out. Skunks like to give birth in dark, quiet places so let's make the area

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light and noisy! Place a bright light and a radio tuned to talk radio near her entrance point. You can also soak some rags in ammonia or apple cider vinegar, put them in a plastic bag that you have poked holes in and hang the bag near the entrance. Now, be patient. It'll take a few days for her to move out with her babies but she will move.

Please remember that we, as humans, cause far more problems for our wild neighbors than they cause us. We urge you to learn to live in harmony with wildlife and use humane solutions when conflict arises. TWRC Wildlife Center is here to help you solve your wildlife issues. Give us a call or check our website: 713-468-TWRC or www.twrcwildlifecenter.org. Be sure to follow us on Facebook, too!

Oh, and by the way, should your dog get sprayed by a skunk, here's an option for you:

1. Combine 1/2 quart hydrogen peroxide, 1/8 cup of baking soda, and 1 teaspoon liquid dishwashing soap in an open container.
2. Run some warm water in your tub and put the dog in it.
3. Apply the solution liberally throughout your dog's coat and suds him up well (to the skin). Avoid getting any solution in his eyes.
4. Rinse your dog well, drain the tub, and rinse well again.
5. Follow up with a pH-balanced shampoo and conditioner for dogs. Rinse well to remove all residue.

FYI – Tomato juice DOES NOT work!

Todd's Tips Cost Savers - DIY

Hi Lakeshore Neighbors! Todd Womack here, your Lakeshore Neighborhood Real Estate Broker and Realtor®, with tips that can save you money on your home sweet home and keep our Lakeshore neighborhood looking great.

Lakeshore competes with surrounding neighborhoods for home sales, and we all have a stake in keeping our community attractive and in demand. You may not be selling your home now, but making sure Lakeshore is highly sought after when you are ready to sell, is a key to keeping property market values up.

Here are the most common things we can do as needed to keep our neighborhood the best it can be: 1. Take good care of your landscaping, fertilize and water regularly, replace missing shrubs or dead grass, keep irrigation system tested for efficient use of water, trim shrubs to reveal windows, raise tree canopies, and mulch beds. Plant seasonal color flowers. 2. Make fence repairs, pressure wash it and stain fence after getting Architectural Control Committee (ACC) approval. 3. Pressure wash algae or mold off

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brick, stone, fences, siding, concrete. 4. Repaint your trim, garage doors (Colors Need ACC approval), or re-stain front doors. 5. Replace torn window screens, or damaged window treatments. 6. Put trash containers out of sight on non-collection days. 7. Repair gutters or downspouts. 8. Minimize street parking. 9. Add architectural exterior lighting (Needs ACC approval). 10. Replace broken concrete drives or sidewalks. 11. Pick up pet droppings if you walk your pet. 12. Report suspicious or criminal activity to our Constable patrol service. 13. Get involved and volunteer for the HOA subcommittees, and attend community events.

Now that most of the leaves have fallen, it is a good time to clean out your rain gutters, but be extra careful if doing yourself. Angie's List has companies that do this service for a reasonable cost. Spring rains will be here before you know it.

We really want our neighborhood Lakeshore to shine, and be a place that families are proud to call their home. Let's all do our part.

Feel free to contact me about real estate questions at 832-647-9871, or get my feedback at todd.womack@yahoo.com.

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Time is one of life's most valuable possessions, as it is something you can never get back. Subsequently, one of the most essential life skills to master is time management. After all, time management is really life management. Learning how to make every day count for something is the objective. But it takes ridding your life of procrastination and a great deal of self-discipline.

Mastering time management does more than just increase productivity. It can yield important health benefits as well. When time is managed wisely, it minimizes stress and improves the overall quality of your life.

Lay the foundation for effectively managing your time.

Delegating the appropriate amount of time to get adequate sleep, maintain a healthy diet and exercising regularly are all essential elements to improve both focus and concentration. Making the time to create a healthy lifestyle will help improve your efficiency throughout the day, allowing for more time to complete other tasks.

Identify and evaluate how you are currently spending your time.

If you drive to work, how do you pass the time during your commute? How many audiobooks or language tapes could you have completed while in traffic last month?

These are the best times throughout your day to incorporate all those little things that you "wished" you had time for. Over time, these habits become a lifestyle, and you will find yourself well ahead of the pack.

Say no to nonessential tasks and prioritize the ones of extreme value.

Consider your goals and look at your schedule before agreeing to take on more work. If a task is time consuming but not necessarily important to the main goal, pass it off or add it to the bottom of the list.

Dedicate time blocks and limit distractions.

Everyone has a place where they work the most effectively. Some people love to have music in their earbuds, while others need complete silence. Some people can work just as efficiently from their dining table as they can in a library cubicle. Wherever that place is, utilize it. Turn the television off, silence the cell phone, put away the tablet and dedicate complete focus to the task at hand. No responding to texts, no browsing the web.

When you operate your life in a healthy, organized fashion, and are able to execute daily tasks efficiently, stress is reduced, productivity increases and overall satisfaction manifests.

Never hesitate to take a break if needed.

Everyone gets worn out from time to time and piling on more and more tasks leads to stress that will simply derail you from the mission at hand. Take a walk, go to the gym, get some fresh air or take that sick day you've been holding out on. Sometimes all we need is a moment of clarity and solitude to clear our overworked minds and recharge our bodies to give us that next big push.

After all, time management is really life management.



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