

#### THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE SPRING TRAILS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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## **Local Scout Making Spring Trails a Better Place**

This past February one of our residents sought an opportunity to make Spring Trails a better place to live. From Scout Troop 876, Chandler Lewis met with our Home Owners Association (HOA) Board of Directors and proposed a project that would enhance one of the many amenities we enjoy. The Scout's plan resulted in him and fellow scouts building and installing a park bench at Redbud Pond which resulted in improving our community with a place to sit and enjoy the natural beauty we have here in Spring Trails.

Chandler did not accomplish this project alone and readily shares credit for this project with his fellow scouts and mentors. Also with this project, he hopes this will meet one of the many requirements for him to be nominated and awarded the distinction of Eagle Scout.

With his demonstrated leadership, I had to ask him a few questions. The first, what did you learn during this project? Chandler took a moment and responded eloquently by saying, "I learned how to work with a Board of Directors to navigate the processes governing the HOA." He also emphasized that regardless of the size of the project, cohesive coordination with community involvement is imperative to a successful project.

I then asked Chandler what advice he would give to other young people about public service. Chandler replied, "Look for opportunities to go and ask for input of others to make a difference."

Spring Trails is grateful to have caring residents who want to make a difference in the place we call home. We also wish Chandler all the best as he pursues the Eagle Scout Award and future endeavors.



# **HOA Updates**

**Community Pool** - Renovations to the community pool were completed in March including resurfacing of the family and kiddie pools, cleaning of the water level tile, coping and deck, and new decorative pool tiles. DS Recreational Services has been contracted to maintain and clean the pool and pool equipment, and provide lifeguards during the 2019 swimming season.

Swimming season begins the first weekend of May and is closed Mondays for cleaning. Residents who wish to use the pool during off-season must sign an indemnity waiver and submit it to Inframark. The indemnity waiver, pool hours and rules are available on the Spring Trails website, under the Amenities menu.

**Cardinal Park** - The restroom at Cardinal Park has re-opened to members and residents only. An amenity access card will be required to gain entry to the facility.

Several trees were planted within Cardinal Park during the

Spring Trails Tree Planting Day in March. The Association recognizes Trees for Houston and Silversand Services for their contributions.

Members and residents are reminded the tennis courts are for tennis playing only. Bicycles, skateboards, skates, rollerblades, pets and other non-tennis activities are not permitted on the tennis courts. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult while on the tennis courts and guests must be accompanied by a member or resident at all times.

A complete list of park rules can be viewed on the Spring Trails website, under Amenities.

**Tree Trimming** - Trees by Frank was contracted to prune and thin trees along Spring Trails roadways and common areas. The canopy over roadways was raised to 12-14 ft, and within common areas to no more than 8 ft.



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### **Spring Trails Shred Event**

The shred event held the morning of February 23rd was a huge success. Representatives of Republic Services and Shred-It kept busy receiving boxes and bundles of paper products from a steady stream of cars. Ms. Barbara Nussa with Republic Services reported approximately 2 tons of paper were received and shredded on site.

On behalf of the Spring Trails Community Association, the Board of Directors wants to thank residents for the positive feedback received, and the Montgomery County MUD 94 Board of Directors and Republic Services for arranging and providing this service.

Front Row: Barbara Nussa, Byron Worley, and Doneil White Back Row: Derold Lewis, MUD Director Eric Lugger, Jerold Lewis, Leary Darby (Shred-It), MUD Director Merry Leonard, Robert Miller, MUD Director Jason Schultz and Jacob Schultz.



# **Committee Updates**

The Spring Trails Board of Directors is establishing new committees and opportunities for members to get involved. The focus of these committees will be review of the Association's governing documents, and prospective capital improvements to community parks and facilities. Outlines of these committees will be posted to the Spring Trails website. Members and residents interested in participating in committee activities are encouraged to contact the Spring Trails HOA Board of Directors through Request Manager on the Spring Trails website.

#### **Communications**

Thank you to this month's Newsletter Contributors: Ian Grain, Genette Wilbanks, Malinda Seger, Eric Lugger, John Kessler and Jessica Hansen. Residents interested in submitting stories or articles for inclusion in the newsletter can do so online at https://peelinc.com/index.php/submit-an-article/. Articles are due by the 10th day of the preceding month.

#### **Beautification Committee**

Pollinator (Butterfly) Garden Eagle Scout Service Project by Christian Hansen, Scout Troop 876



Christian Hansen, family and friends planted forty containers of wildflowers in the pollinator garden located at the end of the walking trail. Christian started the garden last Fall as part of his Eagle Scout Service Project. Over the winter Christian potted seeds donated by The Woodlands Wildflower Festival and cared for them until they were ready for transplant.

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The plants added to the garden include Lemon Mint, Dill, varieties of Cosmos, Sweet Alyssum, Phlox, Catchfly, Cornflower, Baby's Breath, Blackeyed Susan, California Poppy, Baby Blue Eyes, Scarlet Sage, Frog Fruit and Crimson Clover. Milkweed, considered a must for any pollinator garden, will be added once seedlings are ready.

On behalf of the Spring Trails Community Association, the Board of Directors thanks Christian Hansen, his family and friends for their hard work and contributions to Spring Trails.







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What it is, what it does, and what it means to homeowners

The Spring Trails Residential Architectural Review Committee ("ARC") is a committee mandated by the Spring Trails Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CC&Rs), for the purpose of protecting and promoting property values, and preserving a harmonious design for Spring Trails. The committee, made up of five members appointed by the Board of Directors, has exclusive jurisdiction over all modifications, additions, or alterations made on or to residences and lots.

All modifications, additions, or alterations made on or to residences and lots require applications prior to the commencement of work. This includes, but is not limited to:

- House modifications, such as room additions, roofs, patio covers, garage doors, exterior painting or staining
- · Permanent structures, such as fencing, patios, arbors or pergolas, in ground swimming pools or ponds, spas, outdoor kitchens, storage sheds, play structures and tree houses
- · Major landscaping changes, such as tree removal or replacement, driveways and walkways, flower beds and borders

The application process and form for approval to modify a home or property is available under "Architectural Review Committee"



property management company. Complete applications are then submitted to the ARC for review and determination.

In some cases where permanent structures are involved, such as swimming pools, patio covers, room additions etc., a deposit is required. This is to cover the cost of repairs should damage occur to common property. In the event it is not needed, the deposit check is returned. Details are on the application form.

The ARC evaluates applications by referring to the Builder Guidelines and CC&Rs, which are available under the Documents menu on the Spring Trails website. Referring to these guidelines is therefore a necessity when completing an application. An ARC determination (approved or denied) can be expected fairly quickly, but the committee is expected to respond within thirty days. Homeowners are urged to consider this timeline when considering residence/property modification.

A modification that is started or completed without ARC approval will still require an application for approval. If the application is denied, remedial action will be prescribed, which can include removal or alteration of the modification. As this could prove very costly, it is in the homeowner's best interest to obtain approval before undertaking a project.

All homeowners are bound by the Spring Trails governing documents. These governing documents are available on the Spring Trails website. Homeowners who have not signed up to the website are highly encouraged to do so. It is a valuable resource for all Spring Trails homeowners.

Remember, ARC approval is needed for any exterior modification, and a project without approval could prove very costly!



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#### **SPRING TRAILS**



The Adult Bingo Night on March 7th was the "kick off" to a funfilled year of events in 2019! Those in attendance enjoyed a pasta and pizza dinner as well as playing over 30 games of bingo.

Many thanks to Spring Trails resident and Realtor, Lisa Carnley Benoit, for donating many of the prizes, and to event volunteers Mary and Al Nowak, Dolores and Ralph Jones, Dylan Benoit, and Events Coordinator, Ruth Hutyra.

Spring Trails events are successful and sustainable primarily due to the hard work and dedication of resident volunteers. Get involved and join the fun! Discuss opportunities or volunteer for upcoming events through the Spring Trails website, under the Residents menu, Boards & Committees.



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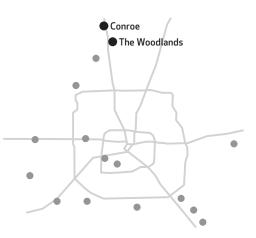
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> April 12th Heavy Trash Day

April 13th Spring Trails Easter Egg Hunt

April 27th Spring Trails Gone Fishin' Tournament

> May 7th MUD 94 Board Meeting

May 9th Spring Trails HOA Board Meeting

> May 10th Heavy Trash Day

May 18th Spring Trails Family Fun Day

Visit the Spring Trails Website, Events tab for event details and to register.

# Fencing

- 1. Maximum height of any fence shall be six feet unless otherwise approved.
- 2. Pickets must be #2 grade or better Western Red Cedar with #6 galvanized nails.
- 3. Posts must be 4"x4"x8' pressure treated yellow pine, set 24 inches below the vegetation line with a job mix concrete and 8 feet on center.
  - 4. Rails must be 2'x4' treated pine.
- 5. Internal wood fence pickets should be installed using the "good neighbor" style with pickets on alternating sides of each 8-foot long panel, unless any portion of the shared fence is visible from the street.
- 6. All fencing visible from the street should have all pickets on the side facing public view.
- 7. Front yard fencing of any kind which extends beyond the most forward portion of the dwelling is not permitted. Side fences must be set back from the front of the dwelling 15 feet or 25 percent of the depth of the residence.
- 8. Wood fences may not be altered or fashioned to incorporate artistic designs or cut-outs.
  - 9. Painting or staining of fences requires prior approval.

Check out these and other residential guidelines at www. springtrails.com, under the Documents menu.

# **Gardening Tips for April**

- Planting Plant new shrubs early before the heat arrives. Plant summer blooming perennials and annuals.
- Clean-up Live oaks should be finished dropping their catkins and leaves. Rake and add them to compost, or apply mulch over them. Remove leaves and weeds from flower beds.
- Mulch Mulch beds to discourage weeds, keep roots cool and conserve moisture.
- Pruning Prune spring blooming shrubs after flowers fade such as azaleas, wisteria, forsythia and quince. Pinch tips of coleus to avoid flowering and encourage bushier and compact growth. Remove spent blooms on spring annuals to promote new blooms.
  - Fertilizing Fertilize azaleas, hibiscus, and containers.
- Water Maintain watering on newly planted seeds and transplants. Deep root watering on trees, lawns and shrubs is best. It encourages roots to move down into the soil where they will be less susceptible to moisture changes. Avoid frequent short periods of watering.
- Pests Keep an eye out for pests as well as beneficial insects in your vegetable garden. Pick off pests by hand. Check for snails and slugs early in the morning, when they are active.
  - Birds Fill bird baths and keep water fresh.





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