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Hurricane Preparedness

Each year NOAA and the American Red Cross publishes a preparedness guide of tropical cyclones to help us prepare for such an emergency. You can download a copy of that guide at <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/hurricane/resources/TropicalCyclones11.pdf>. This guide gives great information on the metrological terms associated with tropical storms and what to expect from those storms. Most importantly, it lists critical information about how to prepare for an incoming storm.

Guidelines each year prior to hurricane season:

- Determine safe evacuation routes inland
- Learn locations of official shelters
- Check emergency equipment such as flashlights, generators and battery powered equipment such as cell phones and your NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards receiver.
- Buy food that will not spoil and store drinking water.
- Buy plywood or other material to protect your home if you don't have it.
- Trim trees and shrubbery so branches don't fly into your home.
- Clear clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Decide where to move your boat if applicable.
- Review your insurance policy.
- Find pet friendly hotels on your evacuation route.

During the storm and when Pearland is in the warning area, you should:

- Closely monitor radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards for official bulletins.
- Close storm shutters.
- Follow instructions issued by local officials. Leave immediately if ordered.
- Stay with friends or relatives at a low-rise inland hotel or at designated public shelter outside of the flood zone.
- DO NOT stay in a mobile home or manufactured home.
- Notify neighbors and a family member outside of the warned area of your evacuation plans.

• Take pets with you, but remember that most public shelters do not allow pets other than service pets for people with disabilities.

• Identify pet friendly hotels along your evacuation route.

If you are staying home to "hunker" out the storm:

- Turn refrigerator to maximum cold and keep it closed.
- Turn off utilities if told to do so by authorities.
- Turn off propane gas tanks.
- Unplug small appliances.
- Fill bathtub and large containers with water in case clean tap water is unavailable. Use water in bathtubs for cleaning and flushing only. Do NOT drink it.
- Stay away from windows and doors, even if they are covered. Take refuge in a small interior room, closet or hallway.
- Close all interior doors. Secure and brace exterior doors.
- If you are in a two-story house, go to an interior first floor room.
- If you are in a multi-story building and away from water, go to the first or second floor and stay in the hallways or other interior rooms away from windows.
- Lie on the floor under a table or other sturdy object.



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TWSC Invites Singers to Perform with them at Pavilion



The Woodlands Show Chorus (TWSC) will be participating in two patriotic performances during the week of July 4th: first as the opening act for The Houston Symphony's prestigious annual Star-Spangled Salute on Wednesday, July 3rd at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion, and second headlining at the Sunday Lawn Concert Series presented by Bernhardt Winery on Sunday, July 7th. To share the fun with more members of our community,

TWSC is inviting women singers to join them in singing at one or both of these shows.

Since performance standards are high, interested women of all ages should attend TWSC weekly Monday night rehearsals at The First Presbyterian Church (Family Life Center Building) at 2727 N Loop 336 W in Conroe (directly across from the McDonald's). Weekly rehearsals will be held between May 13 and July 1 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm to help newcomers learn the music and perfect their performance. The songs will be well-known patriotic numbers arranged in 4-part a capella harmony. Although it is helpful, there is no requirement to read music.

Since its beginning in 2012 as the largest and fastest chartering chorus in Sweet Adelines International (SAI), this prodigious chorus has won its first four regional competitions with exceptionally high scores, and they competed well internationally in Baltimore, Las Vegas, and most recently last fall in St. Louis. TWSC is now feverishly working toward their next international competition in Louisville, KY in October, 2020. If you ask any member of this exciting chorus why she sings, she will tell you it is for the JOY – the joy of striving for excellence through consistent education, training and performance. It provides a

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strong purpose for her life outside of her family, work and daily routine.

The nearly 70 members of the TWSC anticipate that both performances will be fun for all who attend and will give women in our community an opportunity to make friends

with others who enjoy singing as a hobby. Contact Shayna Stubblefield at info@thewoodlandsshowchorus.org or 888-246-2313 for more details.

After these performances, TWSC will present it's own annual show, "TWSC Live, A Casual Evening of Red Carpet Entertainment, July 13, at Sts Simon & Jude Catholic Church in The Woodlands. It features the fun and fabulous SAI international silver medalist quartet, Viva! and is a wine and cheese (plus other refreshments) event with silent auction, door prizes and more! Doors open at 4:00 pm for refreshments with the show starting at 5:00 pm. Tickets are \$25 adult, \$20 senior/children, and \$30 reserved. Group rates are also available by emailing tickets@TheWoodlandsShowChorus.org or calling 713.688.6509.

Attention Parents of Graduating Seniors!

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TWSC attracts international quartet for show!

The Woodlands Show Chorus is over the moon about the amazing SAI Silver Medalist Quartet, Viva's, agreement to perform on their July 13 show at Sts Simon and Jude Catholic Church in The Woodlands. The show is called "TWSC Live, A Casual Evening of Red-Carpet Entertainment" and is a wine and cheese event with other refreshments, a silent auction, door prizes, lots of four-part harmony, a cappella singing and more.

Viva! is a hugely entertaining women's quartet hailing from Florida, North Carolina and our own Houston area! They keep the airlines busy getting them together for rehearsals, performances and coaching sessions, especially by the world renowned Betty Clipman of Conroe, TX, who also is the Master Director for The Woodlands Show Chorus. Each member of this exciting quartet is an accomplished and award-winning singer, and although the quartet has only formed a short time ago, it has won its region's competition as well as their second place win internationally last fall.

The chorus is currently working toward the next international competition in Louisville, Kentucky, [Fall 2020] for which they recently qualified regionally, but first they will perform as the opening act for the prestigious Houston Symphony's Star-Spangled Salute on Wednesday, July 3 at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell

Pavilion. Additionally, the chorus is the second headlining at the Sunday Lawn Concert Series presented by Bernhardt Winery on July 7. They have invited women singers in the community to join them on stage for these two patriotic shows just by attending weekly Monday evening rehearsals at the First Presbyterian Church in Conroe in May and June. More information can be obtained by calling 888-246-2313 or visiting their web site at www.thewoodlandsshowchorus.org.

TWSC has competed admirably in three international competitions in Baltimore, Las Vegas and this past October in St. Louis, even winning a top ten placement in 2016. This group of tenacious, goal-driven singers hails from many areas of southern Texas and believes in the joy of hard work, dedication and education. Their talent and work ethic attract coaches from all over the US to help facilitate their goals. They work vocal production and performance skills with vocal teachers, assistant directors and Betty weekly and a few specialized weekends.

Tickets for their show July 13 range from \$20 for senior/students/children, \$25 adults and \$30 reserved seating and can be obtained by emailing tickets@thewoodlandsshowchorus.org or calling 713.688.6509.



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The deposit for rental is \$500.00 (refundable pending inspection of facility/no damages)

- \$25.00 Admin Fee (non-refundable)
- \$20.00 per hour during business hours
- \$40.00 per hour after business hours and weekends

Splash Pad Rental: The Splash Pad is available for rental on a first come first serve basis. Renters will have access to one cabana of choice during their contracted time. No more than 15 guests will be allowed, including adult supervision. Pool access will not be permitted.

- \$25.00 Admin Fee (non-refundable)
- \$75.00 Rental Fee (3 hour window of your choice between 9am – 6 pm)
- \$100.00 deposit

Other rules may apply. Please contact your onsite manger Lisa Walker for more information at 281-441-9955 or via email at lisa.walker@sterlingasi.com

- You are permitted to book an event 3 months in advance but no less than 2 weeks prior to your event.

- All deposit/rental checks will be held by the office personnel until the time of the event.

- All events would be pending approval by the board prior to event date.

In order to book one of the areas for an event all HOA dues must be in good standings and all fees must be paid in advance**

- No holidays.

STREETS

STREET SIGNS: When driving the community look at all signs. Look for graffiti, missing signs, faded signs, damaged/bent signs or poles. Gated section can be repaired or replaced by Onsite Facilities Manager. The non-gated section can be reported to Harris County for repairs or replacement.

STREET LIGHT OUTAGE: To report a street light out you will need to provide the street name and six digit pole number and report to <https://slo.centerpointenergy.com/>

TRAFFIC ISSUES: When a resident reports that someone has run a stop sign or is speeding, refer them to the local police department's non-emergency number. We can't control the way people drive but we can be understanding of the residents concern and listen. Referring them to local law enforcement is the only suggestion we can make.

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Please note that assessment payments and correspondence to Park Lakes P.O.A. after September 1, 2017, should be directed to our office address below:

Corporate Office:
6842 North Sam Houston Parkway W.
Houston, TX 77064
832-678-4500

On-site Office:
9730 Park Lakes Canyon Terrace,
Humble, TX 77396
281-441-9955

ParkLakes@sterlingasi.com

Along with the financial support mentioned above, Sterling's services will include enforcement of the deed restrictions, processing architectural improvements, contract administration, day-to-day operations and directives, as well as providing support to the members as it pertains to Park Lakes. Your community will be serviced by our dedicated and professional management team which consists of Aly Long, General Manager, aly@sterlingasi.com, Lisa Walker, Onsite Manager, lisa.walker@sterlingasi.com and Susan Marshall Accounting Associate, susan@sterlingasi.com.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact your management team via any of the mediums provided. To receive community emails or to review and update your account, please log in to www.sterlingasi.com.



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Bird Bath Bliss

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

The heat is on! Just like us, birds enjoy and need a clean drink of water and a cooling bath. You can do birds a great service by providing a birdbath where they can drink, bathe and preen. Here is some helpful information regarding birdbaths.

- Birds aren't going to swim in it so it doesn't have to be deep. They only partially submerge their bodies so the optimal depth is from 1 to 3 inches.

- The bottom of your birdbath should not be slippery. If it is, you can add small rocks to the bottom.

- Birds are attracted by moving water so if you want to attract a larger number of birds, you should consider purchasing one with that feature. If you already have a birdbath, you can purchase a piece to attach to it. There are also misters available for purchase.

- Your birdbath need not be fancy. Trust me, birds don't care. The color, shape and style is of little importance

- A dirty birdbath is hazardous to birds. Stagnant water can harbor unhealthy concentrations of bacteria that cause diseases. Stagnant water can also attract mosquitoes that may carry diseases dangerous to both humans and birds. There are numerous soaps and cleansers on the market but the best solution to keeping your birdbath clean is to mix nine parts water to one part vinegar. Chemicals found in commercial cleaners can strip birds of essential oils in their feathers. Scrub your birdbath with the solution and a brush and rinse, rinse, rinse. Be sure to refill the birdbath every couple of days. There are self-cleaning, self-filling units on the market, too, although you can expect to pay considerably more for those.

- In our part of the country, it doesn't get extremely cold in the winter but you can add a heater to the birdbath if you wish. Just search for birdbath heaters on the web.

TWRC Wildlife Center is admitting hundreds of baby birds right now and some are coming to us needlessly. When baby birds are old enough, they will leave the nest before they are able to fly. They will spend several days on the ground until their flight feathers develop. These birds are called fledglings. Before picking up the fledgling, wait and observe. In most cases you'll see Mom watching over them and feeding them. If you don't see Mom after a period of time, it's okay to rescue the bird and bring it to us for care. Do not attempt to feed it or give it water! Keep in safe and warm in a box and get it to us as quickly as possible. If you have any questions, you can call us at 713.468.8972. Hours are Monday-Thursday, 10am to 7pm. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 2pm.



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Millipedes

Millipedes are often mistaken for worms. While millipedes have elongated bodies similar to worms, they have lots of legs which worms lack. Millipedes have a long, cylindrical body, a pair of antennae and two pair of legs on each segment of their body. They often curl into a spiral as a way to protect themselves when threatened.

Millipedes live in moist environments such as soil, leaf litter, and compost piles, under mulch, rocks or wood. Millipedes most often feed on decaying organic matter, though some are carnivorous. They are not typically thought of as pests, but more of a nuisance although they may occasionally damage seedling plants by feeding on stems and leaves.

Large numbers of millipedes may move into structures after heavy rainfall or during periods of drought. If millipedes do wander indoors, they usually die quickly due to lack of moisture.

Tips to prevent millipedes from moving indoors:

- Move objects providing harborage (compost piles, firewood, stones) away from structures
- Create a band of gravel between the home foundation & landscape beds
- Adjust watering schedules if overwatering
- Turn mulch so it dries out
- Seal accessible areas where millipedes can move into the home-around doors & windows; pipe penetrations, etc.
- Ventilate crawl spaces to allow for air flow

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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10 Easy Ways to Make Your Home Safe

A home should be a sanctuary and a safe haven. You can ensure that you and your loved ones remain out of harm's way in the precincts of your homestead.

To avoid all kinds of accidents you should make it an accident-proof dwelling. It's really simple if you observe specific steps to keep mishaps at bay.

Here are 10 easy ways to make your home safe and secure. These will help you take care and protect yourself, family members and house-guests. Employ these effective tips:

1. Keep interiors and exteriors well lit. This is important at nighttime and also in winters when daylight is not very effective. Critical areas that need to be illuminated are the stairs, outdoors and foyers.

2. Never leave electrical problems pending at any point. The slightest fluctuation should be attended immediately. Make it a cardinal rule to switch off appliances after use.

3. Smoke alarms are a necessity and you must have the very best. Practice regular safety drills with your family to ensure awareness of procedures.

4. Keep ordinary appliances safely as they could be dangerous. Especially with kids around. Make electrical outlets safe by safety plugging and child proofing them. Keep sharp objects like scissors, knives, weapons and match boxes out of reach.

5. Ensure locks and bolts on doors and windows are in order and tamper-proof. Keep an eye out for suspicious characters and never invite strangers into your home. Teach your children not to entertain queries from strangers.

6. Do not share information about working or school hours. Teach family members to avoid telling people about schedules and routines. Do not put personal information online and never respond to voicemails.

7. The risk of accidents goes up when you are getting maintenance or repair work done. Ensure safety and precaution and be prepared to react quickly to accidents or injuries.

8. Do not attempt repair work of appliances involving undue risk. Many home accidents are the result of improper tampering with tools like lawnmowers and trimmers.

9. Maintain caution when driving vehicles in or out of your home. If you are backing the car up, watch out for children and pets on the road.

Make sure you don't leave stuff on stairs that may cause people to trip and fall. Be watchful when clearing snow from pathways that you do not heap it up in areas where people might walk.



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