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MONSTER MASH IS COMING!

Fall is almost here! We start thinking about cooler weather, football, and fun holidays. Halloween is just around the corner and so is the Spring Trails Monster Mash! The Events Committee is adding a new twist to the event and your help is needed! Have you ever heard of a “Trunk or Treat”? It’s becoming very popular with schools, churches and neighborhoods and it is being added to this year’s Monster Mash. Those who participate will decorate their trunks with a fun Halloween theme and maybe even a game. They will gather together at the Monster Mash event and children and their families will go from trunk to trunk, playing games and getting treats from those passing out candy.

Still not sure what a Trunk or Treat is? There are literally hundreds of photos on Pinterest (just search “Trunk or Treat ideas”) to help give you inspiration! There are even super easy ideas for those who love Halloween but are not a very crafty or creative. Trunk or Treat kits are available on OrientalTrading.com if you are short on time to shop for items. Decorating a car trunk, truck bed, or van is fun for the whole family! And don’t forget your costumes. Even “empty nesters” who are still “kids at heart” will enjoy getting into the spirit and being a part of the fun!

The Monster Mash RSVP email will open soon. Anyone interested in participating in Trunk or Treat can register to reserve a space. A prize will be given to the best decorated Trunk or Treat vehicle!



**Monster Mash and Trunk or Treat
Saturday, October 26
6pm – 8pm
Broadway Elementary School**



Spring Trails National Night Out Picnic
October 1
6pm - 8pm
Broadway Elementary School parking lot

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT! YOU ARE INVITED!

Join the Spring Trails Annual National Night Out Picnic October 1 at Broadway Elementary School.

Enjoy a delicious fried chicken dinner (including sides from Pitmaster BBQ), Kona Ice, and bounce houses, and meet our very special guests, the Montgomery County first responders. Bring the kids and have their photos taken in Constable cars, fire trucks, and ambulance. Sign thank you posters for each department thanking them for their service to our community. The thank you posters will be presented to them at the end of the event.

The National Night Out organization describes National Night Out as “an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.

Millions of neighbors take part in National Night Out across thousands of communities from all fifty states, U.S. territories and military bases worldwide on the first Tuesday in August (Texas and select areas celebrate on the first Tuesday in October). Neighborhoods host block parties, festivals, parades, cookouts and various other community events with safety demonstrations, seminars, youth events, visits from emergency personnel, exhibits and much, much more.”

Visit the National Night Out website at <https://natw.org/> to learn how you can get involved.

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Call for Candidates

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

– Helen Keller

Calling all residents! Nominations for Spring Trails Board of Directors are now being accepted. This November the Association will elect 2 members to serve 3-year terms on the Association’s Board of Directors. Nominations can be submitted through the Spring Trails website at www.springtrails.com/nomination and will be accepted through September 31.

Not sure what to expect? You’re not alone. Community associations are unique entities, and the Boards of Directors that lead them fill unique roles. Community association board members are expected to anticipate issues, solve problems, meet member expectations, protect jointly owned assets, and establish and enforce policies involving finances, contracts, management and legal responsibilities. Simply stated, community association boards:

1. represent and protect the interests of the community;
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(We are still working Insurance claims for hail or wind damage in Spring Trails...)



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Back 2 School Bash

Labor Day on September 2nd was celebrated in style at the annual Back 2 School Bash! Nearly 350 attended the event! Everyone enjoyed the delicious hamburgers, hot dogs, and sausages grilled by the chefs of Tailgate U.S.A., and the ice cone treats by KONA Ice. The kids loved jumping around in the bounce house after eating their lunch in the shade of the trees.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who worked several hours to make the event possible! Our awesome volunteers were: Dolores and Ralph Jones, Al and Mary Nowak, Marcia and Jerry Rueschhoff, Leanne Kessler, Gerson Batres, Cindy King, Michael LaChapelle, Matt Call, Janelle and Robert King, Lisa and Sarah Miertschin, and events coordinator Ruth Hutyra. And to all those who stayed late to lend a hand with clean up, your help was much appreciated.

The Spring Trails Board of Directors would like to wish all students in Spring Trails a happy and successful new school year!



ARC Spotlight

Playground Equipment

Looking at adding a little excitement to your back yard? Check out these simple guidelines for household playground equipment (refer to Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions, Article VII, Section 21) .

All playground equipment on a Lot must be approved by the ARC and must be placed at the rear of the Lot a minimum of ten feet from the side and rear lot lines and behind a fence or otherwise screened from public view. No such equipment shall exceed twelve feet in height. Shade coverings on playground equipment which are visible from adjacent properties or any public area must be a color or colors approved by the ARC.

Communications

Thank you to this month's Newsletter Contributors: Mark Sudeth, Malinda Seger and Khara Mathews. 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

October 1st – National Night Out

October 1st – MUD 94 Board Meeting

October 10th – HOA Board Meeting

October 11th – Heavy Trash Day

October 26th – Monster Mash

November 5th – MUD 94 Board Meeting

November 8th – Heavy Trash Day

✦ **November 14th**

HOA Annual Meeting and Election ✦

November 16th – Turkey Trot Fun Run

November 21st – Family Bingo Night

Visit the Spring Trails Website, Calendar for event times and venues.

IMPORTANT: October Recycle Pick Up dates are October 2nd and 16th

Yard of the Month

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August 2019 Yard of the Month winners:



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27255 Monique Ridge – Whispering Oaks



28211 Kings Cove – Maple Glen

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Halloween Safety

Stay safe this Halloween

The National Safety Council offers the following tips to keep you and your children safe this Halloween season.

Costume Safety

Choose a costume that won't cause safety hazards.

All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant.

Avoid masks, which can obstruct vision.

If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks.

When buying Halloween makeup, make sure it is nontoxic and always test it in a small area first.

Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation.

When They're on the Prowl

A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds.

If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you.

Agree on a specific time children should return home.

Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car.

Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends.

Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home.

Children and adults are reminded to put electronic devices down, keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.



Local Halloween Events

Spring Trails will host a trunk-or-treat October 26th at Broadway Elementary. Visit www.springtrails.com Events calendar for details.

The Woodlands Township Trick or Treat Trail, October 26th, Northshore Park. Visit www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov/trickortreattrail for details.

Old Town Spring will host their Trick or Treat Family Event October 26th. Visit Old Town Spring Visitors Bureau Facebook page for details.



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Recycle Guide

Looking for ways to step up your recycling habits? Consider these local resources.

Montgomery County Pct. 3 Recycling Facility

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281-367-7283 (call ahead for hours of operation and applicable fees)

- Oil-based & latex paints, stains, pesticides and solvents
- Appliances (including freon)
- Packing Styrofoam (block-style only)

Local fire stations will properly dispose of old and damaged flags (United States and State of Texas).

Auto Zone and Byrd Automotive accept automobile batteries, oil, and fluids.

Text Alerts



Have you signed up for text alerts yet? Register through the Spring Trails website at www.springtrails.com. Existing users can click "Your Profile" at the top right of the home page enter a mobile phone number to the "Text messaging number" field and save your update. New users

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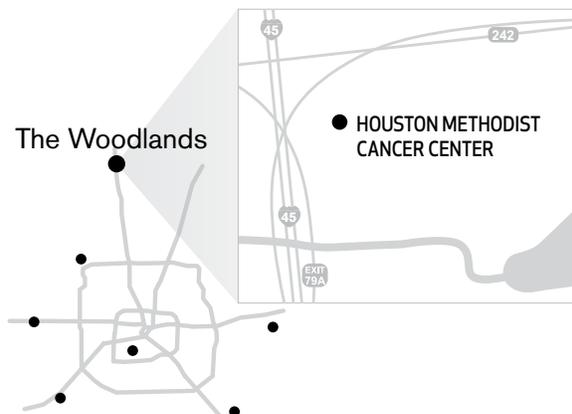
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Kick Off the Autumn Season

Summer can wreak havoc on lawns and flower gardens. Buchanan's Native Plants offers these tips for repairing and sprucing up your lawn and garden; visit www.buchanansplants.com for gardening tips by the month.

Clean out all the dead leaves and florals from your garden and flower beds.

Plant fall and winter color like pansies, dianthus, snapdragons, alyssum, ornamental kale and cabbage, dusty miller, etc.

"Plant bulbs by the Holidays"

- Between Halloween and Thanksgiving, plant crocus, anemones, freesia, ranunculus, alliums, lycoris, etc.
- Plant paperwhites in pots by November 11th (Armistice Day) for blooming in time for Christmas.
- Refrigerate tulips until New Year's Day, then plant every two weeks through Valentine's Day for longer bloom time.

Plant new trees, shrubs, rose bushes and perennials.

Move and divide existing perennials while they are dormant or growing slowly.

Plant wildflower seeds through November (bluebonnets, paintbrush, larkspur, etc.)

Mulch, mulch, mulch -- the mulch you applied last spring is long gone! Protect roots and maintain moisture while keeping weeds to a minimum with a 3-inch layer of the mulch.

Replace dead grass with St. Augustine sod.

Winterize your existing lawn with an organic, slow release fertilizer.

Spring Trails Neighborhood Watch News

Contributor Mark Sudeth



We hope that you had a wonderful summer, full of fun and making memories. With that said, the holiday season is coming up. We urge you to continue to be the eyes and ears of our community by watching for suspicious vehicles/people and reporting anything that looks/feels uncomfortable or out of place to the Pct. 3 Constable's non-emergency line (281-364-4211).

We are still in need of volunteers in different capacities. If you are interested in finding out more information, please email us at springtrailsnw@gmail.com.

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Halloween Candy Bark



Just in time for Halloween, brew up a batch of these colorful treats.

Ingredients

- 1-pound vanilla candy bark, candy melts, or white chocolate
- mini pretzel twists
- chocolate sandwich cookies with orange filling
- candy corn
- assorted seasonal sprinkles
- additional candies of your choice

Directions

1. Prepare a baking sheet by lining it with parchment paper; set aside.
2. Chop or break any larger candies, cookies, or pretzels; set aside.
3. Melt the vanilla candy bark (or white chocolate) as directed on package.
4. Pour about half of the melted chocolate onto the lined baking sheet, then spread about 1/4 inch thick.
5. Working quickly, add an assortment of pretzels, cookie pieces, and candy corn (or other candies) in a single layer.
6. Pour the remaining melted chocolate on top of the pretzels and cookies, then add additional toppings, including sprinkles.
7. Set aside and allow the chocolate to cool fully, or place the entire baking sheet in the freezer for 10 minutes to speed up the process.
8. Once the chocolate is fully set and cool, break the candy bark into pieces.
9. Store Halloween Candy Bark in an airtight container for up to a week.



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