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5126 Carew



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5230 Grape



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Houston Mayoral Runoff

No candidate won the majority of votes in the mayoral contest in the election that was held on November 5, 2019. Consequently, the runoff election is slated for December 14. The runoff will be between Mayor Sylvester Turner, who received 47 percent of the votes, and Tony Buzbee, who received 28 percent of the votes. Early voting begins on December 2 - 10. If you did not vote in the November 5 general election, you can still vote in the runoff election. For more information please visit www.Harrisvotes.com.

Election Propositions Results

There were ten propositions on the November 5 election ballot and all but one proposition passed. Proposition 1, which would permit elected municipal judges to serve multiple municipalities at the same time received 66% "No" votes to 34% "Yes" votes.

The most contentious proposition on the ballot, Proposition 4, eliminates the possibility of Texas imposing an income tax unless the state changes its Constitution. Gov. Greg Abbott stated "Today's passage of Prop 4 is a victory for taxpayers across the Lone Star State. . . This ban on such a disastrous tax will keep our economy prosperous, protect taxpayers, and ensure that Texas remains the best state to live, work and raise a family". The vote was 77% "Yes" to 23% "No".

The other propositions that passed include:

Prop 2 – Additional Texas Water Development Board bonds (66% to 34%)

Prop 3 – Temporary property tax exemption for disaster areas (86% to 14%)

Prop 5 – Sporting goods sales tax to fund parks, wildlife, historical agencies (87% to 13%)

Prop 6 – Increasing bonds for Cancer Prevention and Research Institute (64% to 36%)

Prop 7 – Increases distribution to the state school fund (73% to 27%)

Prop 8 – Creation of Flood Infrastructure Fund (76% to 24%)

Prop 9 – Property tax exemption for precious metals in depositories (54% to 46%)

Prop 10 – Transfer of law enforcement animals to handlers or others (94% to 6%)



The graphic is a festive illustration for a 'Handcrafted Holiday Market'. At the top, the title 'Handcrafted Holiday Market' is written in a stylized font, with 'Handcrafted' in green and 'Holiday Market' in white on a red banner. Below the title is a green Christmas tree flanked by two red and white striped Christmas balls. Underneath the tree is a red and white striped awning with the text 'Held at the Evelyn Rubenstein JCC'. Below the awning is a red and white striped tent. To the left and right of the tent are stacks of wrapped gifts in various colors and patterns. The entire graphic is framed by a decorative border of colorful dots in shades of green, blue, and red.

December 6th & 8th

The inaugural Handcrafted Holiday Market will be held at the Evelyn Rubenstein JCC on December 6 and December 8. There will be over 20 vendors offering unique handcrafted wares including fine art, mixed media, jewelry, textiles, Judaic art, wood and pottery.

The event will be held indoors and is free to the public. There will be giveaways and raffle prizes. Additional information can be found at www.erjcchouston.org/adults/handcrafted-holiday-market/

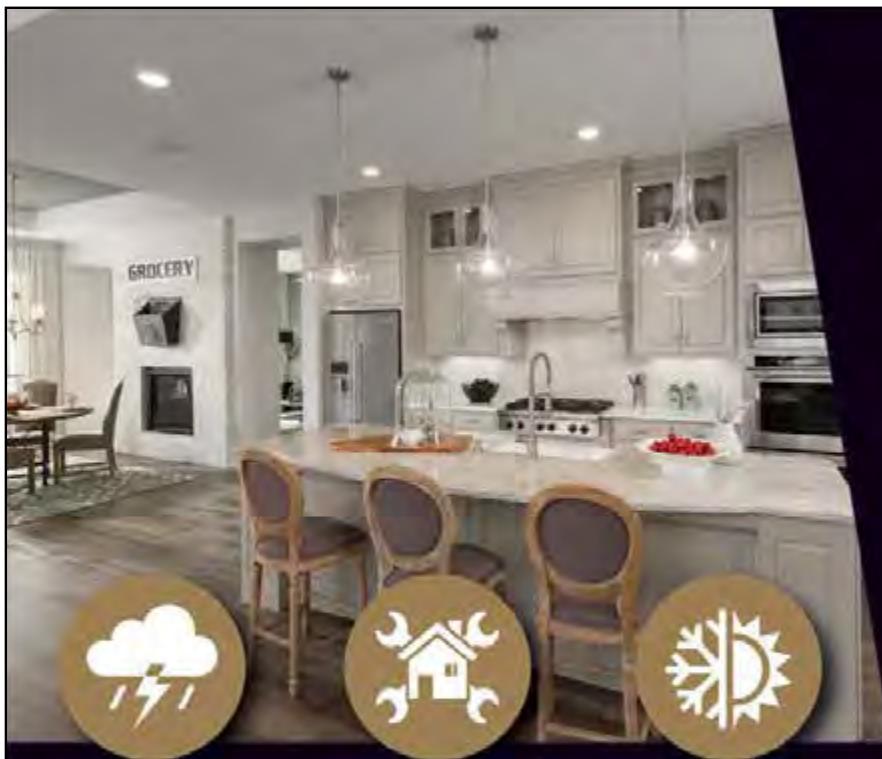
Trash/Recycling Schedule

December, 2019						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
1	2	3 Trash	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 T/R	11 Junk	12	13	14
15	16	17 Trash	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 T/R	27	28
29	30	31 Trash				

January, 2020						
Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 T/R	8 Tree	9	10	11
12	13	14 Trash	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 T/R	23	24	25
26	27	28 Trash	29	30	31	

MCIA Deed Restriction Rules: Weekly - Put garbage and recycling containers, as well as yard trimmings, etc., on the curb no earlier than 6:00 p.m. the evening before pickup. Remove containers no later than 10 p.m. on trash pickup day. Monthly - Put heavy junk/tree waste at the curb no earlier than Friday 6 p.m. before the 2nd Wednesday heavy junk/tree waste collection.

Changes to the holiday schedule will be reported in the *Houston Chronicle* as well as on our website, meyerland.net.



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Monthly Board Meeting

Reminder – All residents are invited to attend the December MCIA board meeting to be held on Thursday, December 12, 7:30 p.m. at Pilgrim Lutheran School. The meeting agenda and any change in the date will be posted at www.meyerland.net.



Christmas Poinsettia

By Joyce Young



The Poinsettia is one of the most frequently sold and delivered Christmas decorations in America. Its origin is from Central America and it was once used to treat fevers. The plant made its way to North America via Joel Roberts Poinsett who was appointed as the first US Ambassador to Mexico by President Madison. Poinsett had graduated from medical school and was a dedicated botany enthusiast. (Mr. Poinsett was one of the founders of The Smithsonian Institution.)

While on a trip to Mexico in 1828, Poinsett became enthralled with the brilliant red blooms of the “Cuetlaxochitl” plant (named by the Aztecs). He immediately sent some plants home and began propagating and sending them to friends and botanical gardens. The Poinsettia name became the accepted name in English speaking countries as it was Poinsett who first brought the plant to America. The Christmas Poinsettia is known as such because it blooms and grows for a short period of time around Christmas in Mexico. National Poinsettia Day is celebrated on December 12, the anniversary of Poinsett’s death.

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A festive Christmas decoration featuring pine branches, red ornaments, white lights, and orange slices.

WINTER PLANTS IN TEXAS

By Joyce Young



Pansies



Snapdragon



Sweet Alyssum

Houston is located in Zone 9 of the Plant Hardiness Zone map. The zones are used to determine what plants are best suited for the different climates. The system is based on a 30-year study of the average annual extreme minimum temperature and are broken into 10-degree brackets.

Winter flowers that are suited for the Houston area include Pansies, Snapdragons, Sweet Peas, Sweet Alyssum and

Dianthus.

Pansies are the most popular winter flowers in Texas. They grow well in sun to partial shade in rich, well-drained soil.

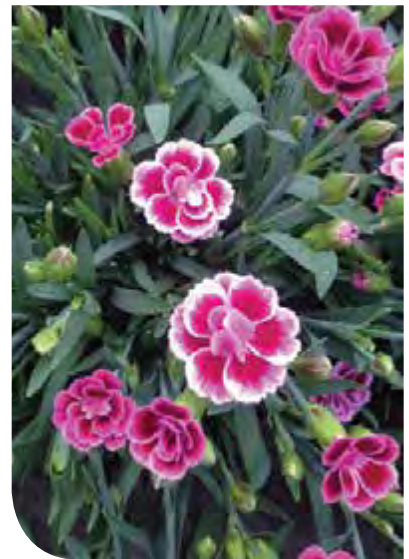
Snapdragons range in height from 6 to 24 inches and grow best in full sun. They can be started from seeds or transplants and will attract hummingbirds and butterflies to the garden.

The bright colors and sweet

fragrance of the **Sweet Peas** make it a garden favorite. They are available in two types – climbing vine or bush varieties. The vine type will need a trellis or some other support to grow on. They make excellent cut flowers and grow best in well-drained soil in full sun.

The low maintenance of the **Sweet Alyssum** makes it a winter favorite. It is a cool season annual that provides low-growing mounds of small white flowers that will attract butterflies to the garden. They grow best in sun or partial shade.

Dianthus are carnation-like flowers. They grow from seeds or transplants and bloom nearly all year long. They thrive in partial shade in a well-drained alkaline soil.



Dianthus



Sweet Pea

5 Tips to Ward Off Cold Weather

Colder weather brings plenty of changes, especially in the ways you take care of your home and self. Especially when the temperature drops, extreme winter conditions can play havoc not only with your skin and health, but also your family's comfort.

Take steps to protect your family and household as the weather starts to cool this season with these practical tips:

Take steps to help prevent the flu. As temperatures drop, the chances of getting sick rise. That's partly because certain germs and viruses thrive in colder temperatures, and because the cold puts extra strain on your immune system. When it is cold outside, people are also more likely to spend time indoors (and in closer quarters) where germs are more easily spread. Do your part to help prevent the flu by washing your hands often and covering your mouth or nose when you cough or sneeze. Also be sure to stay home if you're sick and avoid exposing others to your illness.

Prepare your wardrobe. Colder weather outside means more skin sensitivities and dryness. Long pants and sleeves don't just add warmth; they also protect your skin from harsh outdoor elements. When you haul your winter wardrobe out of storage, start the season on a comfy note by washing everything with an option like 'all Free Clear Liquid Detergent or Mighty Pacs. It's the No. 1 laundry detergent brand recommended by dermatologists, allergists and pediatricians for sensitive skin due to its hypoallergenic formula.

Dress in layers from head to toe. Bundle up with winter accessories to

match the daily weather forecast. For chillier mornings and nights, cover exposed areas such as your head with a hat, neck with a scarf and hands with gloves. To accommodate warmer weather during the day, layer flexible clothing options to accommodate temperature shifts.

Stay active. Physical activity naturally warms your body in the short term. In fact, shivering is your body's natural physical response to generate body heat when you're cold. Aside from the immediate benefits, keeping active during the colder months can help in other ways, too. A healthy cardiovascular system keeps your blood flow steady and strong, and a good circulatory system plays an important role in keeping your body, and especially your extremities, warm when temperatures take a dip.

Nourish your body and skin. Preventing painful dry cracks and itchy, scaly skin is a job that requires attention inside and out. Externally, moisturize shortly after showering to trap in the water lingering on your skin, use extra lotion throughout the day on areas prone to drying and reapply lotion after washing hands. Remember to protect sensitive spots like your lips that can easily chap and crack. You can also prevent dry skin by ensuring you're drinking plenty of water and eating a healthy diet with plenty of essential vitamins and healthy fats.

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- 8 ounces soft peppermint candy
- 1 chocolate cookie crust
- crushed peppermint candies, for garnish

Soften gelatin in water; set aside.

In small saucepan over low heat, cook 1/2 cup whipping cream with candy until candy melts.

Add gelatin; mix well.

Whip remaining whipping cream. Let gelatin mixture cool and fold in whipped cream, reserving 1/2 cup for garnish.

Pour into crust. Chill.

Before serving, top with reserved whipped cream and crushed peppermint candies.

Whether you're huddled around the fireplace, gathered at the table or strolling through a winter wonderland, the holidays are all about enjoying pure and memorable moments with family and friends. With all of the seasonal gatherings, you can certainly expect that almost any host or guest will attempt to provide a classic holiday treat for everyone to enjoy.

This year, you can give your traditional holiday bake a refreshing twist sure to spread all kinds of holiday cheer with this Enjoyment Peppermint Pie topped with Homemade Whipped Cream, which can be easily whipped up with less than 10 ingredients total.

From pumpkin pies to gingerbread cookies and everything in-between, an option like DairyPure Heavy Whipping Cream can be a must-have kitchen staple this season, one you can feel good about knowing it's sourced from trusted dairies.

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Homemade Whipped Cream



2 tablespoons granulated or confectioners' sugar

2 cups DairyPure Heavy Whipping Cream

1 teaspoon vanilla extract or liqueur

In chilled glass bowl, add sugar to whipping cream. Using whisk or hand mixer, incorporate sugar into heavy whipping cream until it begins to thicken, leaving visible trails. Continue to whip until soft peaks start to form.

Fold in vanilla extract or liqueur. Serve immediately or refrigerate and remix 1-2 minutes before serving.

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