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MARCH REMINDERS



Help prevent Oak Wilt. Remember! No pruning oak trees until the end of June.



March is leaf drop season for many of our beautiful oaks. When bagging leaves please do not place leaf and yard litter on the street until pick up day. The regular pick up day for trash, recycling and compost/yard waste is Friday.



When placing your trash cans out for pick up, please be courteous to neighbors. Trash, recycling and compost receptacles should be placed no earlier than 6 pm on Thursday evening, and promptly put away by the end of the day on Friday. If you are out of town, please ask a neighbor to help put your cans out and bring them in timely. Thank you for keeping our streets safe and clear for pedestrians and traffic!



Are you noticing any nuisance moths hanging around your pantry this month? Be sure to check out the article about Indianmeal Moths in this month's edition courtesy of Texas A&M Agrilife Extension.

COURTYARD BOOK CLUB

TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020

1 P.M. 5612 N. SCOUT ISLAND CIRCLE

Don't sit around wondering how you can meet other interesting Courtyard women! Join us for stimulating conversation with your neighbors at the Courtyard Book Club. Even if you haven't read (or finished) the book of the month, you will find the conversation lively and relevant in this amazing group of knowledgeable, articulate, and well-traveled women from diverse backgrounds.

Hosted by our very own "Hostess with the Mostest" Lou Blemaster, the Courtyard Book Club meets at 1PM on the first Tuesday of every month at 5612 North Scout Island Circle. To receive Book Club emails, contact Lou at LouBlemaster@gmail.com.

In April, we will discuss *Pachinko*, by Min Jin Lee, an absorbing saga of 20th-century Korean experience, seen through the fate of four generations.

The tale begins in a village in Busan with an aging fisherman and his wife whose son is born with a cleft palate and a twisted foot. Nonetheless, he is matched with a fine wife, and the two of them run the boardinghouse he inherits from his parents. After many losses, the couple cherish their smart, hardworking daughter, Sunja. When Sunja gets pregnant after a dalliance with a persistent, wealthy married man, one of their boarders—a sickly but handsome and deeply kind pastor—offers to marry her and take her away with him to Japan. There, she meets his brother and sister-in-law, a woman lovely in face and spirit, full of entrepreneurial ambition that she and Sunja will realize together as they support the family with kimchi and candy operations through war and hard times. Sunja's first son becomes a brilliant scholar; her second ends up making a fortune running parlors for pachinko, a pinball-like game played for money. Meanwhile, her first son's real father, the married rich guy, is never far from the scene, a source of both invaluable help and heartbreaking woe. As the destinies of Sunja's children and grandchildren unfold, love, luck, and talent combine with cruelty and random misfortune in a deeply compelling story, with the troubles of ethnic Koreans living in Japan never far from view.

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2020 COURTYARD EASTER EGG HUNT



SATURDAY APRIL, 11TH STARTING AT 11 AM

Plan now to attend the 2020 Courtyard Easter Egg Hunt in the Community Park! Bunnies of all ages bring your baskets and hop on down for some Easter fun. Hunt for eggs, play games and win prizes! Hope to see you there!

Please call or email to let us know how many egg hunters will be in your group:
Joany Price, Social Committee Chair
512-775-8942 joanyprice@gmail.com

Egg stuffers and volunteers are needed! Contact Joany if you have time or ideas to share!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE SPRING 2020 PARK VOLUNTEER DAY

What:

Volunteers needed for the annual 2020 Park Spring Volunteer Day

When:

Saturday, March 28, 9AM - Noon

Where:

The Courtyard Park, 5905 Cone Circle

Activity:

We are going to be spreading Kiddie Cushion in the playscape area. All ages are welcome and we have activities for everyone. We are also going to be refurbishing the Picnic Tables and the BBQ pits, so if you ever wanted to be part of a HGTV makeover show, come and join us. Bring your gloves, shovels & wheel barrels if you have them. Snacks and water will be provided.

Contact: Contact Terry Edwards with any questions

Email: t.edwards54321@gmail.com

Phone: 214-392-4627

INDIANMEAL MOTHS



Probably the most encountered pantry pest by homeowners is the Indianmeal moth. These moths can be found in pet food, birdseed, cereals, dried fruit, nuts, powdered milk, candy, and more. Food can become infested while in fields, warehouses, or stores and

then brought into the home with infested products.

Indianmeal moth adults are small with grayish wings tipped in copper. Larvae are creamy-yellow to yellowish-green to pinkish in color with a dark brown head. Larvae tend to feed on the top of infested items and may produce silk that binds the food together. When larvae are preparing to pupate, they leave the item where they were feeding and crawl to corners or edges of walls, shelves, containers, or other items to spin a silken cocoon.

To eliminate a pantry pest problem, the first step is to locate and remove all infested items. Begin with oldest food items, usually in the back of the pantry, and inspect everything, including unopened food items since these may also be a source. When you find an infested item, do not stop your inspection, multiple items can be infested. Not all pantry pest infestations come from the pantry. Check rooms for items such as dried, decorative peppers, dried flowers, potpourri, natural supplements, make-up, or rice heating packs.

Infested items can be thrown away or treated with heat or cold. If you don't want to throw away food, either place infested food in a zip-top plastic bag and place it in the freezer for about 5-7 days or spread infested food in a thin layer on a baking sheet and bake at 250 degrees for 4-6 hours to kill any insects. Once all insects are dead, you can sift the food or pick out the insects. Another option would be to leave the insects in the food and get a little more protein with your meal!

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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