

# SPRING TRAILS

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## MEMORIAL DAY

This month we pay tribute to those who served and sacrificed in defense of America's freedoms and liberties. Current events have limited our ability to honor our fallen soldiers and police officers in the traditional style, but we can never forget their service and sacrifice.

*Peace Officers  
Memorial Day*  
May 15th

*Memorial  
Day*  
May 25th



"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter the words, but to live by them."

*John F. Kennedy*

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## Mark Your Calendars!

May 5th – MUD 94 Board Meeting

May 6th – Recycle Day

May 8th – Heavy Trash Day

(COVID-19 restrictions may apply)

May 14th - Spring Trails HOA Board Meeting

May 20th – Recycle Day

June 2nd – MUD 94 Board Meeting

June 3rd – Recycle Day

June 11th – Spring Trails HOA Board Meeting

June 12th – Heavy Trash Day

(COVID-19 restrictions may apply)

June 17th – Recycle Day

*Community events are temporarily suspended in accordance with federal, state and local social distancing guidelines.*

## HOA Updates

### Park Rules

Updated rules for the newly renovated Cardinal Park courts have been adopted. New signs are being printed and will be posted within the respective courts.

TENNIS COURT HOURS: Daily 6:00am – 10:00pm

1. This facility is for the use and enjoyment of Spring Trails Residents and their guests.

2. Tennis courts are for tennis play only.

3. Only tennis or rubber soled shoes allowed.

4. Prohibited:

Bicycles, skateboards, skates, hoverboards, rollerblades, scooters, etc.

Pets except for task-trained service animals (Americans with Disabilities Act)

Drugs, liquor, tobacco, smoking/vaping, drug use

Profanity, disorderly conduct, loud and / or aggressive language

Glass containers

Leaning, jumping or climbing over / on nets, gates or fencing

5. Children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a resident adult at all times.

6. Guests must be accompanied by a resident adult at all times.

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7. Tennis courts are on a first come first serve basis. Play must be relinquished on the hour when other players are waiting for the tennis court.

8. Residents will be held responsible for any damage caused by family members / guests.

9. Personal belongings left unattended are not the responsibility of the Association.

10. Place trash in provided waste receptacles.

### SPORTS COURT HOURS: Daily 6:00am – 8:00pm

This facility is for the use and enjoyment of Spring Trails Residents and their guests.

1. Only activities specifically provided in the sports court are allowed at the designated areas except for the play diamond which allows for exercising, child play area and similar activities.

2. Shoes must be worn at all times.

3. Prohibited:

Bicycles, skateboards, skates, hoverboards, rollerblades, scooters, etc.

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Residents are reminded that failure to abide by these rules or others set forth in Association documents may result in restricted use of amenities. Use of park facilities is at your own risk.

Thank you to this month's Newsletter Contributors: Stanley Ruggerio and Junior Reporters Samantha R. and Kylee. 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.

## Home Improvements and Repairs

Are you planning home improvements or repairs this Summer? Applications for Approval to Modify Home or Property, more commonly known as an ARC Request, are required for any change or addition to a home or property which would affect the exterior appearance. It's easy and painless. Simply go to the Documents tab on [www.springtrails.com](http://www.springtrails.com) and click Architectural Review Committee. A list of resources will appear including the ARC request form. Please allow up to 45 days for the review process.

If expedited review is needed for emergency situations, please contact the Board of Directors through Request Manager to alert them of the pending application. Questions regarding the architectural review process may be directed to the Board through Request Manager as well.

## Spring Trails Architectural Guidelines

Updated architectural guidelines were adopted by the Board of Directors and filed with the Montgomery County Clerk's Office in April. The updated guidelines replace the 19 section-specific Builder Guidelines instituted during the development phase of Spring Trails. Residents are encouraged to review the updated guidelines when considering exterior home improvements. Go to the Documents tab on [www.springtrails.com](http://www.springtrails.com) and click Architectural Review Committee.

Special thanks go out to the resident volunteers of the Policy Review Committee for the significant time and effort dedicated to this initiative. *Policy Review Committee volunteers: Jeff Anderson, Tim Chandler, Lane Davidson, Tracie Nutt, John Rigsdell, Brenda Tolbert, Genette Wilbanks.*



## How Does Your Garden Grow?

*Contributed by Stanley Ruggerio*

So, your lawn is doing pretty well now with all the rain but you want to add some low cost color to your garden. Plant some of these in your garden then sit back and watch the show!! These plants bloom in our Texas Gulf Coast summer:

Bee Balm	Coreopsis	Hydrangea	Periwinkle	Sunflower
Begonia	Cosmos	Impatiens	(Vinca)	Thunbergia
Bougainvillea	Crape Myrtle	Iris	Petunia	Torenia
Butterfly Bush	Daisies	Jasmines	Phlox	Tuberose
Butterfly	Daylily	Lantana	Pinks	Turk's Cap
Weed	Duranta	Liriope	Plumbago	Verbena
Caladium	Four o'Clock	Lobelia	Porterweed	Wildflowers
Catnip	Gaillardia	Marigold	Roses	Wisteria
Clematis	Geranium	Mallow	Rudbeckia	Zinnia
Coneflower	Gerbera	Morning	Sage	
Confederate	Gladiolus	Glory	Salvia	
Rose	Hibiscus	Penta	Spiraea (Bridal	
Coral Vine	Honeysuckle		Wreath)	

If you don't have a large garden or just want a small amount of color, consider container gardening. Every type and size of plant can be planted in appropriate containers. Also consider hanging baskets. Remember to understand how much sun each plant needs.

Native Plants – “Plants which are native, adapted, naturalized, or indigenous to the area in which they are found growing are virtually self-reliant, requiring less fertilization, less watering, less spraying for pests, LESS ATTENTION, thereby reducing the use of water and chemical substances.” (A Garden Book for Houston and the Texas Gulf Coast). Reputable nurseries such as Plants for All Seasons, Nature's Way Resources, Buchanan's, etc. in the Houston/Spring vicinity can acquaint you with plants that are native or adapted to our area. You can also see pictures of native plants by typing Texas A&M Plant Database into your browser. Then look for “Water University”.

To attract birds, ‘hummers,’ and butterflies, a garden must provide them with food and fresh water daily, as well as a place to call home, and security from their enemies - the same elements people want! In return they will repay us with their beauty and song which we all need in these trying times. Care for your part of the “Forest of Possibilities” here in Spring Trails and it will repay you many times over.

Malcom C. Shurtleff, the renowned University of Illinois phytopathologist once observed: “All animals on our planet (including us) are guests of the plant kingdom. No plants = no people or animals. It's that simple.”

## Yard of the Month

The annual Yard of the Month program kicks off this month. Three yards will be selected each month, May through August. Winners will receive a gift card and their yards highlighted on the Spring Trails website and newsletter. Good luck and happy landscaping!

## THANK YOU

**The Spring Trails Community Association extends our deepest thanks and gratitude to local healthcare workers, law enforcement, fire and EMT forces for your selfless service to our community and neighbors during the COVID-19 pandemic crisis.**

## Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations Spring Trails 2020 graduating seniors! Graduation is a special milestone. It marks both an end to one journey and the beginning of another. It's warm memories of the past and big dreams for the future. Whatever endeavor you choose to pursue, be confident, be determined, and enjoy your journey.



Celebrate your high school graduate in the June Spring Trails Newsletter. Submit his/her name, high school, future plans, and/or photo, by May 10th, through the Spring Trails Request Manager.

<https://www.springtrails.com/requestmanager.php?view=usersubmit&cat=10>

Enter “2020 Graduate” in the Subject line and your graduate's information in the Details field. A photo can be attached if desired.

# JUNIOR REPORTER

## WHAT IS HAPPENING AND HOW TO AVOID THE CORONAVIRUS

*By: Samantha R. 4th Grade*

The Coronavirus that causes COVID-19 targets weaker immune systems and can spread with every person that gets it. It will keep spreading until we find a cure or Vaccine unless we are careful to stay away from other people. The coronavirus could also mutate. If it mutates, it will be able to target stronger immune systems like kids, teenagers, and younger adults.

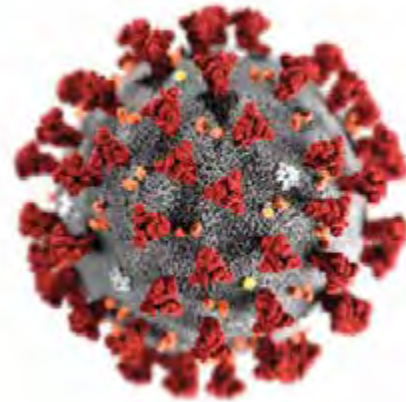
If you want to avoid getting the Coronavirus or COVID-19 try the C.C.A.A.P. (pronounced CAP)- Clean Constantly And Avoid People. When Cleaning Constantly I mean by Cleaning light switches, doorknobs, and hands. Besides cleaning constantly, try Avoiding People, so that means don't have parties, playdates, and hugs with non-relatives. I hope this answered some of your questions. Please do the C.C.A.A.P. to avoid getting the Coronavirus.



**Spring Trails is seeking young reporters and photographers to contribute to the community's newsletter. Topics and areas of interest include school news (Broadway, Cox, York, Grand Oaks), nature, local events, kids and kindness, and special interests. Submit articles to [STJuniorReporter@gmail.com](mailto:STJuniorReporter@gmail.com).**

## THE CORONAVIRUS AND ITS LIES

*By: Kylee*



Coronavirus is currently one of the most feared, misunderstood topics today not only the U.S., but everywhere in the world. There are many myths and rumors being spread, believed by many to be true, but did you know that half of it isn't even real?

For one thing, everyone thinks that Coronavirus is the next deadliest thing, as well as your death sentence. Sure, it is good to keep alert and aware about the situation, but we shouldn't be stressing over something like this whenever we have way bigger problems on our hands. Flu and Pneumonia both kill around 450,000 people each year, surpassing Coronavirus's death toll by hundreds.

Many also believe that this virus was created in a lab, but that is completely proven to be false. Coronavirus is a virus like SARS and MERS, all three originating from the consumption and contact with bats. These infected bats can transfer the virus to humans and other animals, infecting them as well.

There are plenty of more myths that people believe, but all that matters from this moment forward is that you stay healthy, keep proper hygiene, and stay home when sick. Coronavirus can be slowed as much as possible if we do this, and that's all that matters in these frantic times.



## *Junior Art and Writing Contest*

The Spring Trails 1st annual Junior Art & Writing Contest kicked off in April. All community youth aged 0-18 are welcome to participate. To enter, submit an original work of art or creative writing on or before May 31st to [STJuniorReporter@gmail.com](mailto:STJuniorReporter@gmail.com) or drop it off at the Visitor's Center any Tuesday between 9:00am-6:00pm.

### **Contest Rules:**

- Contestants must be residents of Spring Trails
- Contestants must be 18 years or younger. Contest age groups are:
  - o 0-4 years
  - o 5-8 years
  - o 9-12 years
  - o 13-15 years
  - o 16-18 years
- Contestant may submit up to 2 entries of art and/or writing (limit 1 per category).
- All submissions must be original.
- Submittal deadline is May 31st.

### **Types of Work:**

Writing: Poem  
Writing: Short Story  
Art: Original Painting  
Art: Original Drawing or Sketch  
Art: Original Sculpture  
Art: Original Photography

### **Contest Categories:**

Writing/Art: Spring Trails/Nature Theme

Writing/Art: Texas Theme

Art: Sports Theme

Other: Submit your proposed theme to [STJuniorReporter@gmail.com](mailto:STJuniorReporter@gmail.com) for guidance.

Registration forms are available at

[STJuniorReporter@gmail.com](mailto:STJuniorReporter@gmail.com) or at the Visitor's Center and must be submitted with your writing or art entry.

Resident volunteers will be accepting art and writing entries between April 1-May 31st. Winning entries from each age group will receive awards and be included in the Spring Trails newsletter for all to enjoy.



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## Welcome to Spring Trails!

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**Welcome to Spring Trails,  
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# Stain Solutions

Try as you might to prevent them, spills, drips and splatters in your house are inevitable. Whether you, your family or your guests are the culprits, stains happen. Most, if not all, are treatable, especially if you act quickly and use the right stain-removing technique.

If there's an accident on your carpet or a rug, start by scooping up any solids and soaking up any unabsorbed liquids. Then, blot the stain with a white cloth or paper towel. You should work from the outside in so you don't spread the spill, and dab at it instead of rubbing or pressing hard.

You also can try spot cleaning with a soapy water mix. Dilute a ¼ teaspoon of clear hand-dishwashing soap with 1 cup of lukewarm water. Spray the solution on the stain, and mist the area with clean water or blot with a wet towel. Then blot the area with a dry towel. Repeat this process until you get as much residue out as possible.

Follow these specific instructions for cleaning up the more stubborn stains and sticky spots on your floors:

- Red wine: Begin with the same three steps—blot, apply soapy water and rinse. Then, dribble very hot water from a sponge onto

the spill. Continue to blot with a clean towel, and repeat until the carpet no longer shows any red.

- Soft drinks and coffee: Begin with the same three steps—blot, apply soapy water and rinse. Then dab on hydrogen peroxide. Wait one hour before repeating the process. Hydrogen peroxide bleaches a stain without breaking down carpet dyes. Use a 3 percent solution, which can be found at a drugstore, and apply at full strength.

- Candle wax and chewing gum: These are easiest to remove when hot or cold. For the cold method, harden the spot by rubbing it with an ice cube inside a plastic bag. Then, carefully scrape off the residue with a dull knife or a plastic card, such as an expired credit card. For the hot method, apply paper towels over the waxy area, and then use a clothes iron on low heat to soak up the wax. Replace the paper towels until all the wax is removed. Use a hair dryer to heat gum. Then with a plastic bag over your fingers, pull the goo off.

So the next time your carpeting endures a nasty spill, rest assured that it doesn't have to become a permanent stain. With these simple tips, you can keep your carpets and rugs looking great for years to come.

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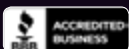
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