

## SILVERCREST NEWS

Welcome back students, teachers, administrators, and staff. We hope you enjoyed a safe summer and are prepared for a new school year. The PTA is working hard to get things ready, and we're looking forward to a fantastic year at Silvercrest. Go Stallions!

## JOIN THE PTA!

Now is the time to join your Silvercrest PTA! Join us in support of student success and building a strong Silvercrest community! You can now join our PTA online at [www.JoinPTA.org](http://www.JoinPTA.org) and pay by credit card! Get this crossed off your to-do list early! If you would like more information, please contact Emerald Korman at [Ekmah04@gmail.com](mailto:Ekmah04@gmail.com).

## LET'S TAKE PRIDE

### *In Our Community*

First impressions are so important, and the curb appeal of your home creates that first impression. There are simple things you can do to create an outstanding first impression. Here are just a few:

- Trim yard trees to at least six feet above the sidewalk area.
- Power wash the siding of your home to remove mildew and discoloring.
- Power wash sidewalks and driveways to remove excess dirt and stains.
- Refrain from storing trash cans, recycle containers, hoses and lawn chairs in the driveway.
- Trim shrubs so that address markers/numbers are visible from the road.

Let the HOA know if your neighbor is not doing their part in creating curb appeal with these simple steps. Silverlake should sparkle and we should all be proud of our community.

## CICADA KILLER WASPS



Cicada killer wasps are very large wasps reaching up to 1 ½ inches long and can be somewhat frightening if you see them flying about your lawn. These wasps have a reddish-brown head and thorax, a black and yellow abdomen, and wings with a rusty tinge.

Females are capable of stinging, the stinger is a modified egg laying structure, but are rarely aggressive. Males look similar to females and are territorial; they will buzz near you if you enter their territory. Once you leave the male's territory, the wasp will ignore you.

Cicada killers can be considered beneficial insects since they help to control cicada populations. Cicadas, common in Texas trees in the summer, are stung and paralyzed by female cicada killer wasps then carried back to a burrow dug in the ground by the female wasps. The female wasp pulls the cicada into the burrow where it is tucked into a side tunnel and has an egg deposited upon it. When the egg hatches, the cicada killer larva eats the cicada(s) provided.

Cicada killers usually do not warrant any control methods. If people are uncomfortable with large wasps flying over their lawn or do not like the holes caused by the wasps, then insecticidal dust can be sprinkled around the opening of the burrow. Tamp the dust around the opening with your shoe and as the wasps work on cleaning out the entrance to the burrow, they will pick up the dust on their body and eventually die.

Please note that cicada killer wasps are often mistaken for Asian giant hornets (AGH), also referred to as "murder hornets". AGH have not been found in Texas and have only been located in Washington state within the U.S.

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](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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Center Point Energy (street lights need 6 digit #)...713-207-2222  
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Brazoria County Mosquito Control.....281-331-6106 Ext. 1532  
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Brazoria County Road & Bridge (street & curb repairs) .....  
.....281-331-3197  
Call Before You Dig.....800-245-4545  
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Pearland Post Office.....281-485-5278

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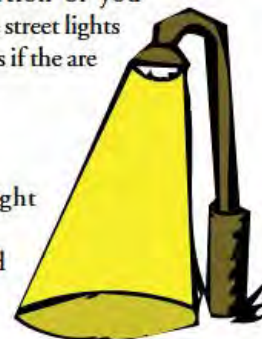
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The Silverlake News is mailed monthly to all Silverlake HOA residents. Residents, community groups, schools, etc., are welcome to submit information. Personal news is also welcome. All submissions will be reviewed for content and approved by the Board of Directors and Newsletter Committee Chair. The deadline for submission is the 8th of the month before publication.

## Street Light Out?

If you notice a street light out Please report it to Centerpoint Energy. Please be aware that a portion of your maintenance assessments pay for all of the street lights in the subdivision, every month, regardless if they are illuminated or not! Follow these steps:

- Dial (713) 207-2222
- Choose a language preference
- Selection option "4" (for street light outages)
- Provide the 6 digit number (located approximately 5 feet up the pole), street name and closest address




## Thinking Of Doing A Home Improvement?

Before making any improvements/repairs or additions to your home you must have A.R.C. Approval. Please visit [www.silverlakehoa.com](http://www.silverlakehoa.com) to obtain a home improvement form and A.R.C. Guidelines. As a reminder Silverlake CCR's prohibit stained or painted fences and portable basketball goals.

## Gingerbread Village Holiday Market



The St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's Ladies Auxiliary is holding their annual Gingerbread Village Holiday Market again this year. It will be held on October 24th, 2020 from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. at 6646 Addicks Satsuma Road, Houston. If you would like an opportunity to be a vendor, please email [gingerbreadvillage@gmail.com](mailto:gingerbreadvillage@gmail.com) for the application and any information you may need. We hope to see you all there.



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AND THE SILVERLAKE HOA**

**CONTACT CREST at 281-272-6376  
SILVERLAKEHOA@CREST-MANAGEMENT.COM**

## 2020 HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS TIPS

HURRICANE SEASON OFFICIALLY BEGINS ON MONDAY, JUNE 1.  
THERE ARE SEVERAL THINGS YOU CAN DO TO PREPARE:

Check your insurance coverage. Homeowner's and renter's insurance policies may not cover wind and water damage caused by hurricanes. Keep in mind one inch of water in your home can cause up to \$25,000 in damages. Without flood insurance most residents have to pay out of pocket or take out loans to repair and replace damaged items. Federal assistance is not always available and is not enough to get you back to your pre-disaster condition.

Contact your insurance agent to purchase a policy, in the amount of coverage you can afford, from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Coverage is available up to \$250,000 for your home and up to \$100,000 for your home's contents. For non-residential properties, you can secure coverage up to \$500,000 for the building and \$500,000 for the building contents.

Remember, there is usually a 30-day waiting period from the date of purchase until your flood insurance policy goes into effect. For those with a flood insurance policy, FEMA is extending the grace period for policy renewals from 30-days to 120 days for policies that have an expiration date between February 13, 2020, and June 15, 2020, due to the COVID-19

Pandemic. Visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) to find other resources to help you prepare for the Hurricane Season.

Make a plan. Decide where you and your family will go if you need to evacuate. Decide on a meeting place if you and your family get separated. Designate an out of town contact so you can let your family know where you are and that you are safe. Make sure everyone in your family knows and understands the plan. Practice your plan.

Make a kit. Your kit should contain at minimum a gallon of water per day for each member of the family for a week, non-perishable food, a manual can opener, extra clothes, gloves, heavy shoes, cash, and extra medication and eyeglasses. Put in a hand cranked or battery powered radio and a flashlight. Don't forget extra batteries. Don't forget food, water, and medication for your pets. For more preparedness tips go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). FEMA's mission is helping people before, during, and after disasters. Follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/femaregion6](https://twitter.com/femaregion6) and the FEMA Blog at <http://blog.fema.gov>

## VISITOR



## ALERT!

**HELP KEEP CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)  
OUT OF OUR FACILITY**



**IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING  
FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS SUCH AS  
A FEVER, COUGHING,  
AND SHORTNESS OF BREATH**

**DO NOT  
VISIT TODAY**



## COVID-19 WARNING

- The danger of exposure to coronavirus that causes COVID-19 exists.
- Use of this facility is at your own risk.
- All persons using this facility should take all precautions recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and local health agencies.
- Do not use this facility if you or anyone in your household has been sick in the past two weeks.
- Do not use this facility if you or anyone in your household has been exposed to someone who has been sick in the past two weeks.
- You are responsible for disinfecting the area you use before and after use.
- Maintain at least 6 feet between you and other people who are not a part of your household.
- It is recommended that you wear a face covering when you are in the facility unless you are exercising or in the water.
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## SKUNKS

### ARE THEY GOOD FOR ANYTHING?

*By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center*

Actually, yes, they are. For most people, the only thing they know about skunks is that they stink but they are very beneficial to farmers and homeowners. They eat garden and agricultural pests in large numbers. They feed on larvae, worms, fruit, eggs, reptiles, small mammals, bees, wasps, and fish.

Texas is home to five species of skunks—the eastern spotted, striped, two types of hog-nosed and the hooded skunk. The hooded skunk is considered a Mexican species and can only be found in a few Texas counties near Mexico. The striped skunk is the most common skunk in North America. It has a white stripe on either side of its back that extends over the head and down the sides of the tail. The spotted skunk can only be found in eastern Texas, the Panhandle and the eastern United States. It gets its name from having a small white spot on its forehead and a spot in front of each ear. The American hog-nosed skunk is the largest skunk in the world. They have one broad white stripe from the top of the head to the base of the tail and a long, bushy white tail. They can be found in southern and central Texas.

The eastern spotted skunk is small and unlike the other species of skunks, its movements are similar to that of the squirrel. They are very active and can even climb trees. Due to threats such as habitat loss, pesticide use and vehicle strikes across the spotted skunk's entire range, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is evaluating the species' status and will determine if it should be listed as threatened or endangered. It plans to make a listing recommendation in 2023.

Skunks are very docile animals and they will warn predators before releasing the oily substance from their anal glands that contains the active ingredient, n-butyl mercaptan. They'll do a little dance, stomp the ground, slap their tail on the ground and may even stand on their back legs. They're giving you fair warning. Once they spray, they are unable to do it again for ten days. If you encounter a skunk, stop immediately and slowly back away.

If your pet gets sprayed, here's what the American Kennel Club recommends. It may not completely remove the smell but it'll get rid of most of it.

1. Check the eyes. If affected, flush with cool water or purchase an eye wash from your vet and keep on hand if you live in an area with a high population of skunks.
2. Mix 1 quart of 3% hydrogen peroxide solution (found at any pharmacy or supermarket), 1/4 cup of baking soda and 1 teaspoon of liquid dishwashing soap.
3. Wear rubber gloves and thoroughly wash your pet. Don't leave the solution on too long. You may have to repeat the process.
4. Use a regular pet shampoo, and wash your pet again to remove any residual solution.
5. Towel dry your pet.
6. If you need to wash your clothes, use 1/2 cup of baking soda with your regular detergent.

DO NOT STORE solution for later use. If kept in a covered container, it can explode. Do not get the solution in your pet's eyes. Don't use a peroxide solution stronger than 3%.

TWRC Wildlife Center is available to answer your questions and guide you through the rescue process should you find an animal needing help. Sometimes animals don't need help and are better left alone. We will help you make that determination. Call us at 713-468-8972 or check our website for helpful information: [www.twrcwildlifecenter.org](http://www.twrcwildlifecenter.org).

## PET WASTE TRANSMITS DISEASE



**THANK YOU!**

## SAINT AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH 7TH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL AND HOLIDAY MARKET

**VENDOR REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

Are you crafty? Are you a distributor for a specialty item? Saint Aidan's Episcopal Church has opened vendor registration for our 7th Annual Fall Festival and Holiday Market! The market and festival will be held Sunday, October 25, 2020 from 10-4. We will have both indoor and outdoor booths. Saint Aidan's is located in Cypress at 13131 Fry Road – just south of Hwy 290. Our festival features Market Booths, Children's Area, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Food Vendors, Silent Auction, Music, Cake Walk, and a Trunk N Treat. For more information and to register online, visit our website at <http://aidanschurch.org> and click on the Fall Festival icon or if you prefer to mail in your registration, you can obtain a Booth Reservation form by contacting us at 281.373.3203, or email [fallfest@aidanschurch.org](mailto:fallfest@aidanschurch.org).

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