

# SPRING TRAILS

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## We ♥ Spring Trails!

One does not have to look very hard to find examples of the many unique features Spring Trails has to offer. With hundreds of acres of nature areas and gardens, miles and miles of hiking and biking trails, beautiful parks and amenities, direct access to a nature preserve and fishing, and an abundance of wildlife, Spring Trails' commitment to preserving and promoting nature and outdoor enjoyment is evident everywhere you look.

But what stands out the most is the strong sense of community. Residents coming together to achieve a common goal, to help each other, to improve our way of life. Most of the natural improvements accomplished by Spring Trails would not have been possible without the time and talents of resident volunteers. Many of the activities enjoyed by Spring Trails families would not have been offered without the efforts of resident volunteers. And **it's this simple but ever so important philosophy that will sustain Spring Trails for decades to come.**

Spring Trails is planning a variety of events, activities and volunteer opportunities for 2021. The first to be announced is a bi-monthly trash pick up effort along the sound wall. Starting in March, on the first Saturday of the month, resident volunteers can join forces to clean up the easement between Riley Fuzzell Road and the sound wall along the north boundary of Spring Trails. For safety reasons, volunteers should be at least high school age. Each scheduled month 3-4 villages will be highlighted. Challenge your neighbors to join the fun. But don't be shy, everyone is welcome whenever you are available. (As a reminder, all clean up events are eligible for high school community service hours.)

**March 6** (Hidden Pines, Holly Heights, Willow Glen, Magnolia Chase)

**May 1** (Elm Creek, Sweet Bay Crossing, Laurel Brook, Redbud Creek)

**July 3** (Hawthorne Trails, Dogwood Chase, Whispering Oaks)

**September 4** (Pecan Crossing, Birch Ridge, Sycamore Springs, Chestnut Falls)

**November 6** (Mulberry Park, Cedar Ridge, Maple Glen, Cypress Park)

Save these dates and check the community website for other volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

Happy  
Valentine's Day

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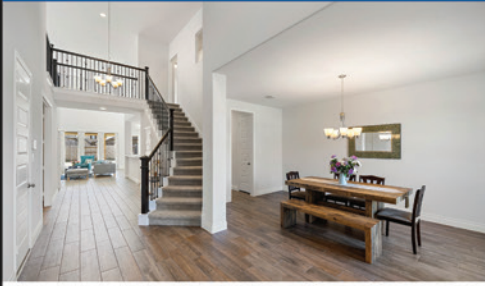
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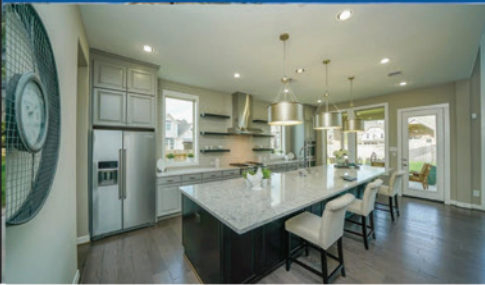
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## Technology Recycling Event



Do you have old computers, laptops and printers piling up in the garage or storage unit? Is your junk drawer full of outdated cell phones, chargers and cords? Well help is here. Spring Trails and **Texas PC Recycling** have partnered up to offer a free, onsite collection event for residents to responsibly dispose of those old, outdated, or broken electronics.

### TO DO:

- Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 6th
  - Gather up all those unwanted/unneeded electronics. computers, laptops, printers, cell phones, chargers and similar electronics (no televisions or CRT monitors please)
  - Load the devices in your trunk or back seat and drive to the **Visitors Center parking lot March 6th between 9:00 am and noon.**
  - Staff with Texas PC Recycling will be onsite to unload your electronics while you wait safely in your car.
- Visit [www.texaspcrecycling.com](http://www.texaspcrecycling.com) for a list of accepted items and exceptions.

## Mark Your Calendars!

February 2nd - MUD 94 Board Meeting

February 3rd - Recycle Pick Up

February 11th - HOA Meeting

February 12th - Heavy Trash Day

February 17th - Recycle Pick Up

March 2nd - MUD 94 Board Meeting

March 3rd - Recycle Pick Up

March 6th - Community Clean Up (9:00 am)

March 6th - Technology Recycling Event

March 11th - HOA Meeting

March 12th - Heavy Trash Day

March 15th-19th - Conroe ISD Spring Break

March 17th - Recycle Pick Up

## Frequently Asked Questions

Spring Trails offers a variety of shortcuts to requesting or reporting information. These shortcuts are available under the Requests menu of the Spring Trails website. Many questions received by the Board of Directors and property management are referred to the Requests page of the website. See below the options available to homeowners and tenants through this website feature:

Contact the **HOA Board** – Contact any member of the Board of Directors with questions, suggestions, ideas, or remarks involving Spring Trails policies, events, projects, volunteer opportunities, etc.

Contact Inframark (**property manager**) – Contact the property manager with questions or information regarding private and common properties, accounts, violations, policies, etc.

**Amenity access** request – Request a new or replacement access card/fob to community amenities (pool, tennis courts, multi-sport court).

**Gated community access** request – Request an access card/fob, call box code or toll tag activation to a gated section (Laurel Brook, Sweet Bay Crossing, Whispering Oaks). This is limited to homeowners/tenants of those sections.

**Maintenance** request – Report non-emergency situations involving common property (parks, nature areas, broken sprinkler head, fallen tree) requiring repair or attention.

Potential **Deed Restriction Violation** – Report a potential deed restriction violation to property management. All reports will be verified by property management prior to any action taken.

Report **feral hogs** – Report feral hog activity or damage to property management.

**Volunteer** for a community event – Volunteer for community events, activities, projects, or committees.

Report a **street light outage** – Redirects to CenterPoint Energy's Report a Street Light Outage webpage where a map and street light numbers are easily identified, selected and reported.

**Vacation Watch** request – Redirects to Montgomery County Constable Precinct 3 Vacation Watch Request webpage.

## Safety Tips for Dog Owners

*"Where oh where can he be?"*

How many times have you come home to find your dog missing...or found another dog wandering around the neighborhood? It happens all the time. Protect your beloved pet by following these few simple rules.

Avoid leaving your dog alone in the yard for any period of time. Dogs crave companionship and become easily bored if left alone. They may find a weak spot in the fence, jump or climb the fence, dig out from under the fence, or worse they could be stolen.

It may be tempting to let your dog run off-leash, but don't. Even well-trained dogs may run from you under the right circumstances (distracted by a small animal or startled by a loud noise).

Your dog should wear a collar with an ID tag at all times. Find a collar that fits properly and check for wear and tear. Check the ID tag to ensure it is legible and accurate. Microchipping is a great option too. Just be sure to update your contact information if you move or change telephone numbers.

A solid foundation of training is essential for many reasons. Well-trained dogs are more likely to obey simple commands like stay or wait and can help you keep your dog from taking off. Keep some treats handy, just in case you need an incentive.

Register with the Spring Trails Pet Directory. Here you can list your pet's name, a description, your contact information and a photo. In the event your dog becomes lost, neighbors can quickly check the listing for your contact information and return your dog safe and sound.



## How Does Your Garden Grow?

*Contributed by Roger Olsen*

### Rose Rosette Disease

February is typically the time for pruning your roses, especially "knock out" varieties. Look online for a number of videos on how to do this effectively. You will be glad you did. But another issue to be aware of is **rose rosette disease**, a lethal rose disease with no known cure. Rose rosette disease is on the rise in Texas. Lots of you who grow and enjoy roses are probably already concerned about seeing curled leaves and other indicators on your "knock out" or other roses last year. Well, February is the time to prune your roses AND should be a decision point about what to do with already diseased roses.

What are the indicators? Here are the common ones: malformed flowers and leaves (shriveled, small, not "normal" looking), discoloration of plant tissue (dark to black), abnormal elongation of side branches, enlarged or thickened stems. Be careful with that last one...older roses have thicker canes near the bottom of the plant because they've been there a while.

Now you're asking what causes rose rosette disease. There are a number of causes: mites, bacteria, fungi and believe it or not, viruses. All of these causes can be treated EXCEPT... viruses. So how do you know if the cause is a virus? Treat for fungi, bugs, etc. and if the rose still exhibits symptoms, it's likely a virus. Testing is expensive and sometimes inconclusive. It's cheaper to get new roses unless you are growing rare or "show" roses where the cost of testing may be worth it.

Sadly, the best way to manage rose rosette disease is to remove confirmed or symptomatic plants. If you plan to replant the area with roses, make sure you remove all roots from the soil before planting. Current research is demonstrating it is unlikely the virus would spread this way but better safe than sorry. A good way to prevent future issues is to ensure you periodically treat your roses with rose fertilizer and includes a systemic disease preventative. IMPORTANT: Don't let water from popup sprinklers or hand watering sit on your roses. Water early in the morning which will allow water to evaporate from the leaves and stems. Better yet, use soaker type irrigation which places moisture right at plant roots. You'll need to water in granular type fertilizers by hand but if you till in the fertilizer, the soaker water should reach it.

Check the Texas A&M website for general advice on how to care for your roses and for details on how to identify, treat, and prevent rose rosette disease.

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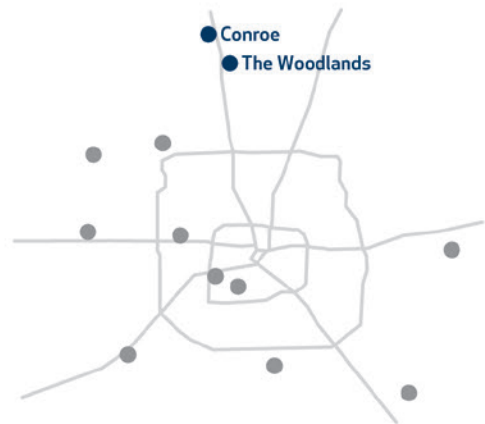
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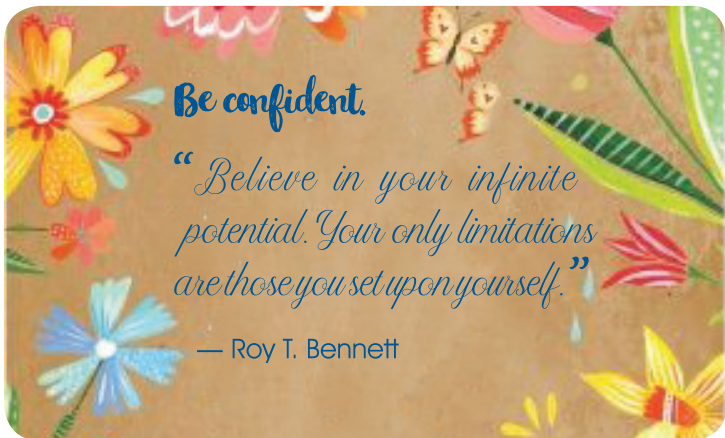
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