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## Annual Spring Carnival

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Is your home equipped with a fire extinguisher? In the event of a fire would you know how and when to use it? You and your family should review the following tips.

There are several classes of fire extinguishers that are specifically designed to extinguish different types of fires. To ensure maximum safety, be sure your home has an A-B-C extinguisher that can be used for all fire types.

- ✓ **Class A** – combustible fires such as wood and paper
- ✓ **Class B** – flammable liquid fires such as gasoline, oil, grease and paint
- ✓ **Class C** – electrical fires such as fuse boxes, wiring and appliances

Should a fire occur, remember the P.A.S.S. system. Proper technique is important to properly contain and put out a fire.

- ✓ **P**ull the pin that locks the operating lever
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## Health & Safety

### Chicken Handling Tips

Chicken has become one of the most popular and nutritious meals around; however, proper handling is essential. Using common sense and these simple guidelines will ensure your meal is as safe as it is delicious.

Always keep raw chicken refrigerated. If you are not going to cook your chicken within a day, freeze it.

- Discard liquids used to marinate. If you intend to make a sauce from the marinade, boil it for five minutes before serving.



- Wash hands, utensils and equipment thoroughly. Carefully clean anything that comes in contact with raw chicken in hot soapy water to avoid cross contamination with other foods.

- Cook chicken until the juices run clear. A properly cooked chicken should have an internal temperature of 160° F for boneless pieces and 180° F for whole birds.

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## Inspecting for Termites

By Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas A&M University

Subterranean termites are the most destructive pest of wood in the United States, causing more than \$2 billion in damage each year. Termites are beneficial, breaking down wood materials that otherwise would accumulate, but when termites move into homes or other structures, they become a problem. A thorough inspection yearly can detect a termite problem and can be used to determine if treatment is required; this inspection may be done by the property owner or a professional.

### Outside:

- Inspect foundation for mud tubes  
Foundations should have 6-8 inches exposed for visual inspection
- Inspect around garages, porches, patios, sidewalks
- Check for standing water or moist soil next to the structure  
These areas should be corrected so moisture does not sit near the structure
- Check window and door frames; pipe penetrations
- Inspect roof eaves & gutters for leaks
- Inspect siding for decay or rot
- Check all wood to soil contact for termites or mud tubes
- If house on pier & beam, inspect crawl space area for mud tubes going up beams

### Inside:

- Inspect baseboards, wood floors, window & door facings
  - Check any known expansion joints or cracks in the slab
  - Look for blistering of paint or wall surfaces
  - Inspect plumbing, including the bath trap  
If there is no bath trap, cut an access to periodically inspect plumbing
  - Inspect attic for mud tubes, water leaks or wood rot
- For more information, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas Cooperative Extension agent- IPM at 512.854.9600.

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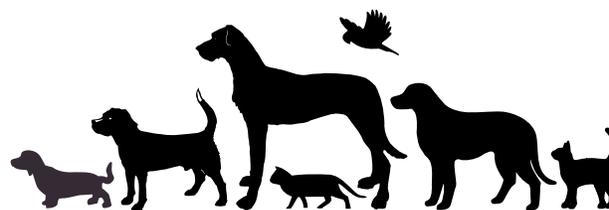
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## RESALE HOMES SOLD IN SUMMERWOOD IN FEBRUARY, 2005

STREET	SQ.FT	LIST PRICE	SALE PRICE	\$/SQ.FT	*DOM
Eastern Redbud	1966	\$159,900	\$159,500	\$81	32
Meredith Gate Cir.	2711	\$169,900	\$167,000	\$62	79
Lady Jane Ct.	2627	\$179,000	\$169,500	\$65	270
Barbstone	2489	\$180,000	\$183,500	\$74	63
Hartshill	3467	\$219,900	\$219,900	\$63	47

## RESALE HOMES PENDING CLOSING IN SUMMERWOOD

STREET	SQ.FT	LIST PRICE	SALE PRICE	\$/SQ.FT	*DOM
Meredith Gate	2197	\$141,500	Not Known	\$64	14
Oxham Falls	2263	\$169,000	Until Closing.	\$75	83
Eastern Redbud Lane	2330	\$169,990		\$73	142
Southern Magnolia	2576	\$194,000		\$75	71
Blisswood	3914	\$259,900		\$66	38
Wood Stork Lane	3080	\$279,000		\$91	111
Yaupon Holly	2244	\$179,900		\$80	40
Castlecombe	4476	\$274,900		\$61	212
Chartley Falls	3142	\$319,900		\$102	47

## RESALE HOMES LISTED FOR SALE IN SUMMERWOOD

STREET	SQ.FT	LIST PRICE	STREET	SQ.FT	LIST PRICE
Chalfield Circle	2016	\$142,500	Cambridge Eagle	2404	\$147,900
Eastern Redbud	2127	\$158,900	Wadlington	2173	\$159,900
Eastern Redbud	2084	\$159,900	Red Mulberry	2404	\$164,400
Southern Magnolia	2177	\$164,900	Yaupon Holly	2360	\$165,000
Lady Jane Ct.	2748	\$170,000	Lady Jane Ct.	2585	\$173,000
Meredith Gate	2542	\$174,900	Kings Head	2545	\$175,000
Blisswood	2737	\$179,900	Red Mulberry Lane	2860	\$179,900
Parsons Glen	2410	\$188,990	Kings Head	2869	\$189,900
Eastern Redbud	2428	\$189,900	Summerwood Lakes	2710	\$208,000
Summerwood Lakes	2660	\$218,500	Ryaneagles	2829	\$229,900
Blisswood	3176	\$234,000	Sandhill Crane	2980	\$238,800
Hartshill	3582	\$244,900	Chartley Falls	3082	\$259,900
Tealstone Falls	2975	\$269,900	Jessica Falls	2796	\$270,379
Sandhill Crane	3166	\$285,000	Rock Dove	3410	\$285,000
Blisswood	3324	\$295,000	Jessica Falls	2796	\$305,012
Coopers Hawk	3200	\$307,950	Barbstone	4070	\$334,900
Chartley Falls	2905	\$339,000	Winding Manor	3335	\$341,870
Windy Stream	3902	\$359,000	Stone Gables	4279	\$389,000
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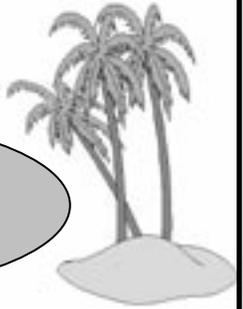


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**For Juicy, Flavorful Burgers, The Secret's Out**

(NAPSA)-A juicy and flavorful burger never goes out of style. Keeping the patty moist, however, can be the challenge. Grills and ovens often dry out the burger and frying can get too greasy. But if you're looking for an easy way to make your family a restaurant quality burger, the secret is finally out. It's kosher salt. Kosher salt has been an ingredient prized by professional chefs for years, and is now being discovered by home cooks everywhere.

Its ability to flavor and lock in moisture works culinary magic. Morton, America's trusted authority on salt for more than 150 years, suggests the following Luau Burger recipe to brighten your day.

The recipe is fun to prepare for the family or when entertaining because of its unique presentation. The burgers are placed on a bed of kosher salt and baked in the oven to allow the kosher salt to lock in the moisture and preserve the meat's natural flavors. The salt also helps to soak up the grease, while not leaving a salty taste. Pineapple slices, sweet-and-sour sauce and green pepper give this burger a touch of island flair. No grass skirts necessary.

For more mouthwatering recipes, visit [www.mortonsalt.com](http://www.mortonsalt.com).

### Luau Burgers

#### Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground beef/pork mixture (8 ounces of each)
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 teaspoon and 1 1/2 cups Morton(r) Kosher Salt
- 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup prepared sweet-and-sour sauce, divided
- 1/8 teaspoon hot mustard powder, if desired
- 4 slices canned pineapple, drained (reserve 1 tablespoon juice)
- 4 slices green pepper, cut into thin strips (or mixed red and green)
- hamburger buns, split and lightly toasted
- 1/3 cup water



Preparations: Mix ground meats with onion, 1/2 teaspoon Morton Kosher Salt, pepper and three tablespoons sweet-and-sour sauce. Shape mixture into 4 patties; set aside. In small bowl, combine remaining sweet-and-sour sauce with hot mustard; set aside.

Pour water into a shallow baking pan (preferably a 9 1/2 x 10 3/4 x 1-inch baking pan), and evenly sprinkle the remainder of the Morton Kosher Salt over the water. Place patties on wet salt.

Cooking: Bake at 350 F until desired doneness. Do not turn patties. Transfer burgers to plate and keep warm. Discard salt bed. In skillet, saute pineapple slices and green pepper in reserved tablespoon of pineapple juice. Stir in sweet-and-sour sauce/mustard mixture; heat through with pineapple and peppers. Place one pineapple slice on bottom half of bun, then burger. Top with peppers/sweet-and-sour sauce mixture. Cover with top half of bun; serve.

## Loop the Lake 5k Run

The 2nd annual Loop the Lake 5k and kids 1k will be held on Saturday, April 30th at 7:30 a.m. in the Wortham Villages neighborhood near US 290 and FM 1960.

Please go to <http://www.worthamweb.org> and click on events for a race application and more details. For questions, email [loopthelake@houston.rr.com](mailto:loopthelake@houston.rr.com) or call Blake Walker at 281-970-0564.



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## Kid's Health Briefs

### Toddler is the boss at potty time

HOUSTON – Persistent parents do more harm than good when it comes to toilet training.

“Children should have complete control during toilet training,” said Dr. Teri Turner, assistant professor of pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine. “Problems can arise when parents forget who’s in charge.”

Toilet training can begin when the child is able to stay dry for several hours and can communicate the need to use the toilet. At this point, the child will be looking for independence and will want to please.

“The most common reason for resisting toilet training is that the child has been lectured or reminded too much,” she said. “To the child, the reminders are pressure.”

Turner, also an attending physician at Texas Children’s Hospital, offered these suggestions for successful toilet training:

- \* Teach a boy to sit to urinate before standing.
- \* Keep the child in loose, easy-to-remove clothing.
- \* Read age-appropriate books with your child about toilet training.
- \* Don’t punish or criticize for accidents.

“Parents should not be overly concerned about when a child is able to use the potty and should not expect perfection,” Turner said. “Setbacks are to be expected.”

### No prescription needed:

#### Many ear infections clear up without antibiotics

HOUSTON – Children with ear infections are now being sent home from the doctor’s office without a prescription for antibiotics.

“Antibiotics are not necessarily the answer to ear infections,” said Dr. Ellen Friedman, professor of otorhinolaryngology and pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. “In many cases, the infection clears up on its own.”

Because overexposure can cause resistance, less exposure to antibiotics is better.

“Studies have shown that many ear infections improve without any treatment and with no complications,” said Friedman, also chief of pediatric otolaryngology at Texas Children’s Hospital. “We’re finding that a pain reliever to control fever and discomfort is all that’s needed.”

Although ear infections are a common problem in infants and young children, they generally stop occurring as a child gets older.

According to Friedman, fluid left after an ear infection can cause the most problems. To prevent complications, she recommends that a child who has been diagnosed with an ear infection be seen again by a doctor six to eight weeks after the diagnosis to determine that all the fluid is gone.

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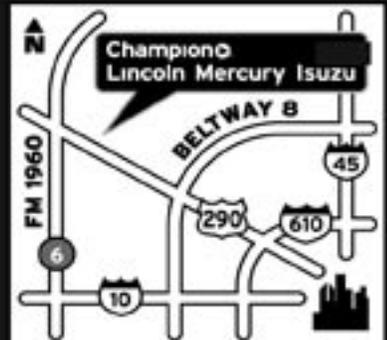
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“Behavior problems are often the first sign of an underlying developmental problem,” said Dr. Sherry Vinson, an assistant professor of pediatrics at BCM. “Before they blame it on behavior, parents should check out other possible concerns.”

Behaviors that can signify developmental problems include tantrums, self-aggression, aggression toward others, destructiveness, hyperactivity, inattention, immaturity, food refusal and withdrawal.

The subtleties of learning disabilities are difficult to distinguish, said Vinson, also a developmental pediatrician at Texas Children's Hospital and a former elementary and middle school teacher.

Developmental problems range from difficulty in one area, such as mathematics or reading, to attention deficit hyperactivity disorder or autism.

When behavioral problems appear, parents should see their pediatrician and arrange for psychoeducational testing. This testing can be done for children 3 years old and above through the local school district and for children under 3 through the Early Childhood Intervention Program, found at [www.nectas.unc.edu](http://www.nectas.unc.edu).

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