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FIREWORK SAFETY!

With recent drought conditions, Fireworks may be prohibited in our area. Please be sure Fireworks are permitted before purchasing and setting off fireworks in Northlake Forest.

Fireworks are fun to watch, exciting to hear, and a wonderful way to mark a special occasion. Most people have fond memories of watching a dizzying display of starburst fireworks light up the night sky. Others, unfortunately, may recall a trip to the hospital emergency room because of a fireworks-related injury.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, approximately 9,200 people are treated annually for injuries caused by fireworks. More than 45 percent of injuries are to the head, while 37 percent of injuries are to the hand or finger. The majority of fireworks injuries, 55 percent, are burns, and 30 percent are bruises and cuts. Children under the age of 15 account for one-third of people injured by fireworks. The types of fireworks most likely to cause an injury include firecrackers,

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Fireworks Safety- (Continued from Cover page)

sparklers, Roman candles, reloadables, and bottle rockets. Sparklers may be pretty to look at, but they are not appropriate for children. This popular firework accounts for one-third of injuries to children under five years old. Water boils at 212 degrees Fahrenheit, wood burns at 575, and glass melts at 900. The tip of a sparkler, however, burns at 1200, which is hot enough to cause third-degree burns.

The safest way to watch fireworks is at a professional show, not by setting off fireworks at home. When viewing a fireworks display, respect the safety barriers and select a safe viewing distance of at least 500 feet away. If you know someone who is planning a fireworks show of their own, you may want to share these safety tips:

- Make sure fireworks are legal in your area
 - Children should not be allowed to play with fireworks
 - Watch children closely when setting off fireworks
 - Only adults should light fireworks
 - Keep a fire extinguisher, hose or bucket of water nearby
 - Do not light fireworks inside or near dry vegetation
 - Do not pick up a firework that has not gone off
- Do not try to relight it. Douse it with water and dispose of it.
- Read the instructions on fireworks before setting them off

- Stand several feet away from lit fireworks
- Do not light more than one firework at a time
- Do not wear loose-fitting clothing when lighting fireworks

In addition to potential personal injury, fireworks can cause physical damage as well. Fireworks are associated with approximately 1,800 structure fires and 700 vehicle fires each year. More fires in the United States are reported on Independence Day than any other day of the year; fireworks cause half of these fires.

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Maintenance Around the Neighborhood

Upcoming maintenance or improvement projects

- Installation of "Duck Crossing" signs
- Replacement of the metal fencing around the pool
- Replacement of lake pmup (water well)
- Installation of secondary sanitation to the splash pad to comply with new regulations for public swimming facilities

This year's projects completed to date:

- Installation of a concrete pad under the shade canopy at the park
- Repainting of all metal fencing in the neighborhood
- Installation of new kiddee mulch at the park
- Fertilization of all new crape myrtles
- Clean up along Spring Cypress, north and south of Indian Harbor
- Repair to splashpark pump at the pool
- Repairs to pool fill line at the pool.
- Installation of extractor fans in the pool room / chemical room.
- Fountain pump repair / rebuild - Diamond Rock
- Replacement of corroded security doors at the pool
- Replacement of waterfall fountain pump and motor
- Lake wall repair - main lake (MUD project \$25,000)
- Replaced wooden fences around Northlake Forest Dr. pump station

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- **The Artist Within** also has some great Summer Camps—www.artistwithin.net
- **Painting with a Twist** on Barker Cypress has cool paintings for the kiddos to do---www.paintingwithatwist.com
- **1960 Playhouse** has camps as well for some cool kids plays this Summer- www.ph1960.com
- **Broadway Center of Houston**, right here at Spring Cypress and Huffmeister has Summer Workshops for June, July and August. www.broadwaycenterofhouston.com
- **Home Depot and Lowes** both have Saturday morning workshops for kids.
- **Cy-Fair/ Lonestar College** on Barker Cypress has a great program in their library that is free for kids...including Movie Day and a Book Club for kids.
- **Barnes and Noble** has a reading program.
- **Cinemark** has 10 movies for \$1 each on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 9:30.
- **Champions Skate and the Aerodrome** have public skating hours available all summer.
- **ITZ and Mountasia and Chuck E. Cheese** also have different specials throughout the summer.
- **The Cypress Creek YMCA** has weekly summer camps and day drop-in rates available for members and non-members—great pools and canoeing, different theme each week.
- Further away, but also cool is the **Houston Zoo** has weekday camps that are vary for all ages. They have half day and full day camps. And of course our neighborhood pool and park are great places to enjoy a picnic!

Thank you to Michelle Mickelson for submitting this article for the Newsletter!

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Common Summer Turf Insects and Diseases*

1. Chinch bugs prefer hot, dry weather and open sunny areas. They suck juices from the grass, causing a bleached look in the leaf blade that rapidly turns brown and dies. Chinch bug damage produces irregular patches of dead or dying grass surrounded by a halo of yellowing dying grass. Treatment with an insecticide is usually required to control chinch bugs

2. The most common type of grub worm is the larvae of the June beetle. Grub worms feed on the roots of warm season grasses, especially St. Augustine. Lawns damaged by grub worms will have only a few roots and can be rolled up like a carpet. Lawns will have irregular-shaped areas of weakened or dying grass. Several insecticides can reduce grub worm populations. Irrigating lawns before applying the insecticide can improve the effectiveness.

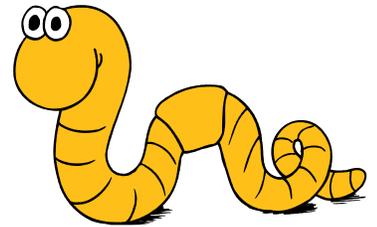
3. Sod webworms are caterpillars that feed at night on most warm season grasses. They construct a small column of silk and soil at the base of a grass plant. Damaged grass blades first appear notched and ragged as tissues are removed from the edge. Affected turf generally appears in patched, but areas enlarge as caterpillars migrate in search of more food. Biological insecticides such as *Bacillus thuringiensis* are control options.

4. Take-all patch is a serious fungal problem in St. Augustine grass. The first symptom of take-all patch is yellowing of leaves, usually in large circular or irregular shaped patches. The grass gradually thins within the patch. Although there are fungicides labeled for control of this disease; these chemicals should be applied on a preventative basis, generally in the fall.

5. Dollar spot is a fungal turf grass disease that attacks most turf grasses grown in the south. The disease gets its name from the development of small, circular brown to straw-colored spots, roughly the size of a silver dollar. Control dollar spot by removing excessive thatch, fertilizing properly and avoiding light, frequent watering. Several fungicides are recommended to prevent dollar spot and should be applied during moist, warm periods in the spring and fall.

**Information gathered from Ornamental and Turf Plant Pest Control*

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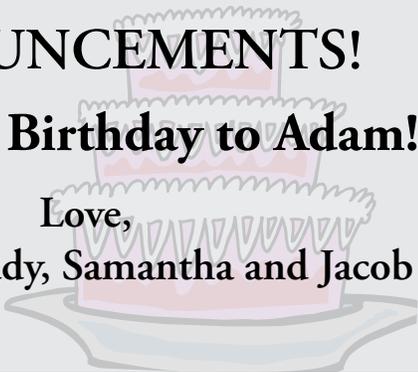
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Pick Up the Pile

Canine waste is full of bacteria. When left behind in parks, campgrounds, and yards, it threatens our water supply. When it rains, it runs into rivers, streams, and wells. It only takes one irresponsible pet parent to infect an entire area's natural source of H₂O. That's because different types of bacteria like fecal streptococcus, fecal coliforms (E. Coli), campylobacter, and salmonella which is found in pet waste can make humans sick.

Being prepared to pick up your dog's pile each and every time he or she feels nature call is one way to remedy this growing problem. It's the right thing to do for a number of reasons as explained by Tracy Johnson, Founder of the Pick Up the Pile Campaign. The concerned Austinite was alarmed to see just how many pet parents let this issue go despite city efforts to eliminate public waste. She routinely encounters piles on the sidewalks and recreation areas of the parks that she visits. Rather than keep quiet any longer, she decided to address the problem one pet parent at a time.



Her nationwide campaign is set to go into effect June 1st. Cities around the country will take part in educating the public about the dangers of canine waste. Johnson notes that it's never been easier to safely conceal and discard piles. A number of products have been designed to help remedy this problem. Even the most squeamish pet parent will have no trouble being responsible once they are introduced to the items Johnson has found online and through pet supply stores.

Johnson believes that education is key to shedding light on this problem. She also thinks the next generation of pet parents will show greater concern for the issue. As a way of introducing young people to the Pick Up the Pile Campaign, she is offering a fun Scavenger Hunt consisting of different Tasks, Trivia, and Finds. Find out how to participate by visiting www.pickupthepile.com.



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YIELD: 4 servings

HANDS-ON: 20 MINUTES

TOTAL: 20 MINUTES

COURSE: Salads, Side Dishes/Vegetables

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 medium zucchini
- 2 medium yellow squash
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons thinly sliced fresh mint
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- 1 teaspoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

- 3 thin slices prosciutto (1 ounce), chopped
- 1/4 cup (1 ounce) crumbled ricotta salata or feta cheese

PREPARATION

1. Shave the zucchini and squash into thin strips using a vegetable peeler. Discard seeds. Place zucchini and squash in a medium bowl, and toss with salt.

2. Combine mint and next 4 ingredients (through pepper) in a small bowl; stir with a whisk. Pour over zucchini and squash; toss.

3. Heat a small nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add prosciutto; saute for 2 minutes or until crisp.

4. Place 3/4 cup salad on each of 4 plates. Top each serving with 1 tablespoon cheese; sprinkle evenly with prosciutto.

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