

Breakfast with Santa

This year's annual Breakfast with Santa was another success! The community was able to once again come together, not only to help out two very worthy local charities, Brazoria County Women's Center and Pearland Neighborhood Center, but also to enjoy family time, visit with neighbors, and talk to the Jolly Old Elf himself!

Residents were treated to a pancake breakfast with all the

trimmings, and the kids got to ride on the Polar Express train, play on moonwalks, and decorate cookies.

This year's event was co-sponsored by Silverlake HOA and Southwyck Master.

Special thanks go out to everyone who made the event possible, and especially to our donors.

We look forward to seeing you all again next year!



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2013 Maintenance Fees

Just a reminder, the maintenance fees are due on or before January 1, 2013 and will be considered delinquent on January 31, 2013. In an effort to assist Homeowners, the Board implemented a Pre-Payment Plan for the annual assessment. If you chose this plan and sent in 25% of the total assessment in both November and December 2012, the balance is due in January 2013. Please indicate on each check "2013 Pre-Payment Plan". Please do not send post dated checks as the bank will process them upon receipt. Each check under the Pre-Payment Plan method should be mailed during the appropriate month. All checks should be made payable to and mailed to:

SILVERLAKE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.
PO BOX 219223
HOUSTON, TX 77218

If payment of the total assessment and any other charges are not received by PCMI on or before January 1, 2013, the account shall become delinquent. Interest at a rate of eighteen percent (18%) per annum and a late fee will be charged to each owner. A \$25.00 late fee will be assessed on January 31, 2013 for residential owners.

The Board is pleased to announce big improvements in the Association for the upcoming year. We hope that you will all agree that the new changes will only increase the property values within our community.

Have a safe and healthy New Year!
Board of Directors
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Silvercrest Elementary PTA News

YEARBOOK

It's time to order the yearbook. This year's book price will be \$25.00 each. Go to balfour.com and type in Silvercrest. Select Silvercrest from the drop down menu. You will then choose yearbook on the following page. You have the option to purchase a 1/8 page dedication for \$5 each. You must complete the ad at the time of purchase. You will also have the opportunity to donate a yearbook to a child that cannot afford one. This is the only way to do so this year. This may be the only chance to purchase a yearbook. We sold out last year very quickly! There will be very few yearbooks available to purchase at delivery in May. Please secure your copy buy purchasing online! If you have any questions please contact dawn@comeaux.org.

It's time to submit your 2012-2013 yearbook photos. A handout with all the guidelines was sent home in your child's folder & is also available on our website, www.silvercrestpta.org. If you have any further questions, please contact dawn@comeaux.org. The final day for submitting photos is March 5th.

REFLECTIONS CONTEST

The Reflections Contest has ended. The following students participated in the 2012-13 contest. The theme this year was "The Magic of a Moment". Here are the participants who's entries will advance to the local level:

- Catherine Bai, 2nd grade - Ms. Williams - Visual Arts category
- Catherine Bai, 2nd grade - Ms. Williams - Literature Category
- Catherine Jewell, 3rd grade - Ms. Vern - Visual Arts
- Emily Knight, 4th grade - Ms. Ware-Assad - Photography
- Elise Woodford, 4th grade - Ms. Burgess - Visual Arts

Students who advance at the local level will go on to State. Good luck Silvercrest Stallions!

PTA MEETING 8TH ANNUAL STALLION STAMPEDE

On Saturday, April 6th, the Silvercrest Elementary PTA will host its 8th Annual Stallion Stampede. We will have a 1 mile walk, 5K and 10K. We will also have a pancake breakfast, silent auction, DJ and children's activities to make it a fun- filled family morning. We are currently seeking sponsors and silent auction items for this exciting event as well as volunteers. Our success depends on the support of the local community. We cannot accomplish our goals without the generosity of people like you. If you have any questions please contact Stefanie Gilman at skgilman@hotmail.com.

COMMUNITY CLOSET / SWAP SHOP

Come and participate in our clothing swap/exchange program. The Community Closet will also allow parents to pick out clothes without swapping. For vouchers, please see your School Nurse / CIS rep / Counselor, Principal or talk to the PTA Community Closet Coordinator. It is located at Pearland Junior High West (2337 N. Galveston Rd.) in the gray building behind the school and across from PACE. The upcoming dates are January 29th & February 26th, 5-7 pm. Donations are always welcome.

WEBSITE

The best resource for Silvercrest Elementary PTA news can always be found on our website at www.silvercrestpta.org. The website includes all upcoming PTA events in a calendar format, flyers sent home with your child, helpful resource links to websites used for PTA activities, contact information for PTA officers, volunteer information and much more. Please check it out and save it to your bookmarks page so that you can refer to it for all PTA news and information throughout the year.

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Silverlake Elementary January events

JANUARY 3

Classes resume

JANUARY 4

December birthday bash (during lunch)

JANUARY 8

PTO Executive Board Meeting 7 pm

JANUARY 16

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night

JANUARY 21

No school (MLK Day)

JANUARY 21-25

2nd grade CogAT Testing

JANUARY 25

January birthday bash (during lunch)

JANUARY 28-29

4th grade 2-day Writing Simulation for STAAR test

JANUARY 30

3rd grade music program 9am

JANUARY 31

3rd grade music program 7:30 pm



Massey Ranch PTA will host its annual spring fundraiser with a theme of "Campfire Adventures: A Night Under the Stars" on Friday, February 22nd at 6:00p.m. We welcome the entire community to join us for an evening of fun at the Ranch! If you are interested in more information or in sponsoring the event, please contact Karen Webster at websterkaren@yahoo.com

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK!

Make sure to GUARANTEE your student will receive this year's Massey Ranch Yearbook by sending in your order form and payment by 10am on Friday, January 27! It's our deadline to confirm our final number of yearbooks to order and only a very limited number of extras will be ordered (available on a first-come, first served basis). It is also your last chance to order any personalization, for an additional fee, available online only. Avoid disappointment and reserve your child's copy today. Order online by credit card at jostensyearbooks.com or return an order form with a \$25 check or cash payment in an envelope marked "PTA Yearbook" in your student's MACK binder... paper orders MUST BE RECEIVED in the PTA box no later than Friday, January 27 at 10am.

FROM THE COMMUNITY CLOSET/SWAP SHOP

Pearland Council of PTA and PISD working together for all our students

Due to very high demand in October and November, The Swap Shop's supply of dress code clothing is low! We are in immediate need of the following items:

1. Dress Code Shirts - solid color polo shirts, short or long sleeves - All Sizes

2. Blue Jeans - All Sizes, especially children's size 8-14

Items MUST be new or very gently used - please no holes, tears, stains or obvious wear-and-tear.

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TALK UP Pearland Toastmasters: Select Distinguished Club

By Kim Walker

Congratulations Pearland Toastmasters for achieving “Select Distinguished Club”. Toastmasters District 56 is the 2nd most successful district in the World and Mr Paul Potter , Pearland’s Area Governor, was given the prestigious award of “ Area Governor of the Year” (pic) at the District 56 Fall Conference.

Pearland Toastmasters officers and several members attended the Toastmaster Leadership Training (TLI) and participated in a FUN team project involving spaghetti, string, tape and a marshmallow. “We were encouraged to be creative and work together to build a structure that would hold up a marshmallow with spaghetti”, says Kathy Ritz. Pictured Benjamin Wong-Treasurer, Gevenia Bradford, Al Stryk-Secretary, Kathy Ritz-VP of Public Relations.

In addition to the Club becoming Select Distinguished, several members are recognized for their educational achievements in Pearland Toastmasters.

Educational Awards:

Tracey Peterson, Competent Communicator, Advanced Leader Bronze

Kim Walker, Competent Leader

Arzella Miller, Competent Leader

Gevenia Bradford, Competent Communicator

Robert Cardini, Competent Communicator

Josef Miller, Competent Communicator

Kim Walker, President of Pearland Toastmasters says, “Pearland Toastmasters is such a positive supportive club and welcomes visitors interested in developing communication and leadership skills”. Pearland Toastmasters has weekly meetings on Wednesday Mornings at 7am. Join us at the Pearland’s Vic Coppinger YMCA , 2100 YMCA Drive, Pearland, TX 77581.

For more information, visit www.PearlandToastmasters.com

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THE GREEN GARDENER

January is the slowest month for “green” gardeners along the Texas Gulf Coast, but there are still things we can do. If an overnight freeze is predicted, water well early in the day, and lightly cover with breathable fabric during the freeze (old sheets work best – never use plastic). January is a great time to add soil, compost and 2-3” native bark mulch to beds. This protects plants, trees and shrubs, and letting fresh soil mellow for 30-60 days before spring plantings of new additions is a good thing!

January is a perfect time for bulb enthusiasts! Most bulbs require refrigeration before sprouting, so plant tulips, hyacinths and crocus, along with others you enjoy (add bone meal when planting for fertilization). Extend the life of poinsettias from the holidays by transplanting to larger pots, keeping the soil moist and in 60-75 degrees (inside or out!). Herbs should still be healthy in containers too; use them in cooking or cut and freeze them into ice cubes to be used later.

As for flowers, pansies and cyclamens should be doing well. Cut back perennials after they freeze; they will grow again in the spring. Fertilize established trees and shrubs. Wait until early spring to

fertilize your St. Augustine grass. Do water your yard and beds if things get dry (early mornings always the best time for watering).

If you don’t yet have a raised vegetable garden bed, start researching to start one this spring! Check out or buy books, or check online for tips for our Gulf Coast area (Pearland is in Zone 9). Our gardens are blessed year-round, and spring is the best time to get started with a raised bed!

Happy Gardens & Trails, Everyone!



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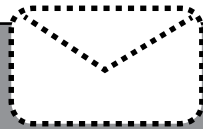
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