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MOWING

A great yard starts with a great lawn. You may have noticed how nice the plantings in our common areas are looking as well as our large grass areas. Our neighborhood landscaper is Palma Landscaping. They have been doing a great job for us for a while now and they would also like to help you with your yard. The Beautification Committee and Palma Landscaping are working together to offer our neighbors a weekly front and back lawn cut for \$18. If you think you would be interested in getting in on this deal and making sure your yard looks great all summer please email the Chairperson of the Beautification Committee at secretary@chelseaharbourhoa.com.



What Can You Do

To Help Keep Our Lake Free From Pollution?

The number one source of the water pollution in our area is pet waste. Thank you to our neighbors who always pick up their pet's waste. All pet waste must be picked up and disposed of with the garbage. When it is left on the grass at the curb or in your backyard it is washed into our lakes. When you water your yard or it rains and you have not picked up your pet waste it adds fecal coliform bacteria and fecal streptococci bacteria to the water. Either can make you sick if you come in contact with the polluted water. Waterborne diseases linked to these microorganisms include fever, intestinal disease and hepatitis A. This is serious stuff! The Beautification Committee is working to get the pet stations emptied on a regular schedule. Please either use the pet stations or dispose of the waste in your trash. But either way, please don't let the waste get into the lake. If you don't like to pick up the waste you can hire a pet waste removal service like Houston-based Doody Calls. Thanks for doing your part!



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The Texas weather is warming up. Summer is almost here. Pools will soon open and the cool water will be calling your name. You can almost hear your kids laughing and the playing in the pool. Your family deserves to have many Best Day Ever moments in the water this summer. Please do not let those moments be ruined by the sound of a life guard whistle blast or the need to do CPR in order to save your child's life. Most families love a trip to the swimming pool, the lake or the beach during the summer...but the water can be deadly for a child.

Did you know that drowning is a leading cause of accidental death for children between the ages of 1 and 14, with kids under the age of 5 at even higher risk?

Colin Holst's parents did not know either. Sadly, June 13th marks the 5 year anniversary of his drowning in a public, lifeguarded pool in Austin. Since Colin's drowning in 2008, Central Texas-based Colin's Hope has become a nonprofit leader in water safety and drowning prevention.

My name is Alissa Magrum and I am the Executive Director of Colin's Hope. But I am also a parent to 8 year old Ella. So, from one parent to another, please listen to this message. It is simple but filled with purpose: DROWNING IS PREVENTABLE. YOU can help protect your children. Following a series of simple water safety tips creates multiple layers of protection. These layers WILL keep children safer in and around the water and CAN prevent drownings.

THE FIRST 3 OF THESE TIPS ARE KEY.

Practice constant visual supervision. Always assign an adult "water guardian" whose ONLY responsibility is to watch children who are in, near and around the water. If that water guardian needs to take a break, they must transfer their "watching" duty to another adult.

Learn to swim. Enroll children (and adults too) in formal swim classes. For kids under the age of 4, taking formal swim lessons reduces the risk of drowning by 88%.

Wear life jackets. Children who cannot swim should ALWAYS wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket when in and around the water.

You can see additional tips, as well as more information on water safety and drowning prevention, on our website at www.colinshope.org.

Each year, Colin's Hope volunteers stuff and distribute 75,000 water safety packets to families in zip codes that have been targeted due to the high number of near drownings and drownings in recent years. This life saving information along with a Peel Inc. ad campaign, a Reagan National Advertising billboard campaign and a presence at many community events is helping to raise water safety awareness to prevent children from drowning.

WE ALSO NEED YOUR HELP. PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION with family, friends, neighbors, teachers, babysitters...everyone! We have seen the difference that being aware and being prepared can make. Communities that have received our water safety information in prior years have seen child drownings and near drownings in their areas reduced to zero!

Please visit www.colinshope.org to find out how you can get involved in your own community. Find us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, subscribe to our monthly newsletter or even support our efforts with a donation.

We envision a world where children do not drown. Please share that vision and together we will get there.

*Wishing you the SAFEST AND BEST SUMMER EVER,
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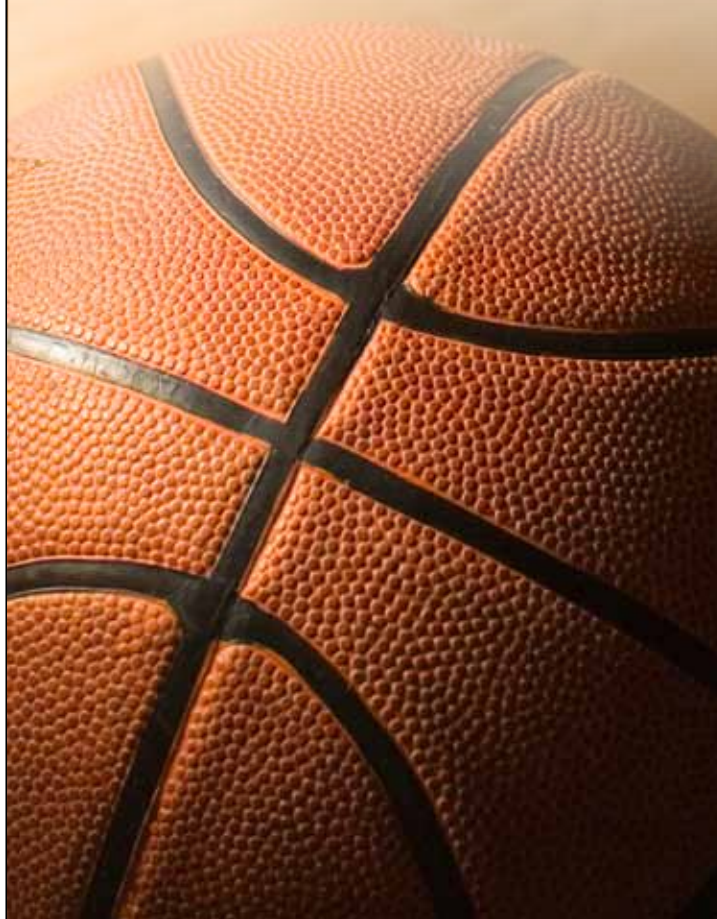
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Water Safety Alert: 74 Texas children drowned last year.

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