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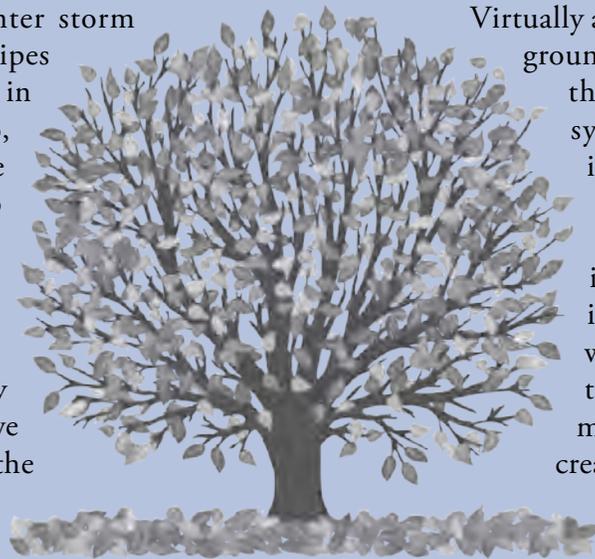
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ARE YOU ABOUT TO BLOW IT WITH FALLEN LEAVES?

If you've been blowing those annoying leaves into the street and down the storm drain for years – you've blown it! Leaves should never be blown or raked into storm drains. When leaves enter storm drains, they clog the pipes and cause street flooding in our neighborhood. Also, when leaves reach the waterway, they begin to decay. That means the leaves are turning to nutrients the same way they do in your compost pile. Nutrients may fertilize the garden, but we don't need to fertilize the waterways. Too much algae takes oxygen from



the water, and fish and other critters can't breathe. If you are blowing leaves into the storm drains, please consider where it all ends up. Our bayous and Galveston Bay - that's where.

Virtually anything that touches the ground can make its way into the storm water drainage system and flow directly into our bayous, streams and ultimately, into the bay. So, blowing leaves into the storm drains is not the way to deal with leaves. Please bag them, compost them, or mow over your leaves to create finely chopped mulch and then leave them in place.

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Easy Valentine Sandwich Cookies

Recipe by Laria Tabul, allrecipes.com

This recipe makes 17- 3 inch sandwich cookies and 17 - 1 1/2 inch heart shaped cookies. You'll need a 3-inch heart shaped cutter and a 1 1/2-inch heart shaped cutter. Frost with Pink Valentine Frosting (see recipe).

Ingredients

- 1 cup butter
- 1 1/2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract (optional)
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cream of tartar

Directions

In a large bowl, cream together butter and confectioners' sugar. Beat in egg, vanilla and almond extract. Mix well.

In a medium bowl, stir together flour, baking soda and cream of tartar; blend into the butter mixture. Divide dough into thirds and shape into balls.

Working with 1/3 of dough at a time, roll out dough into desired thickness on a lightly floured surface. For each heart sandwich cookie, cut out 2 3-inch hearts. Cut out the center of ONE of the 3-inch hearts with the 1 1/2-inch cutter.

Place each piece separately on an ungreased cookie sheet, 1 - 2 inches apart. Bake in a preheated, 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) oven until lightly browned (7-8 minutes for 1/4 inch thick cookies). Cool completely on wire rack. Frost bottom cookie with Pink Valentine Frosting and place an open centered cookie on top to form the sandwich. Also frost the small 1 1/2 inch hearts and serve as separate cookies.

Pink Valentine Frosting

Ingredients - makes 1 cup (approximately)

- 1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon water
- 2 drops red food coloring

Directions

Blend sugar, salt and flavoring. Add just enough water to make it easy to spread. Add 2 drops red food coloring and mix well.



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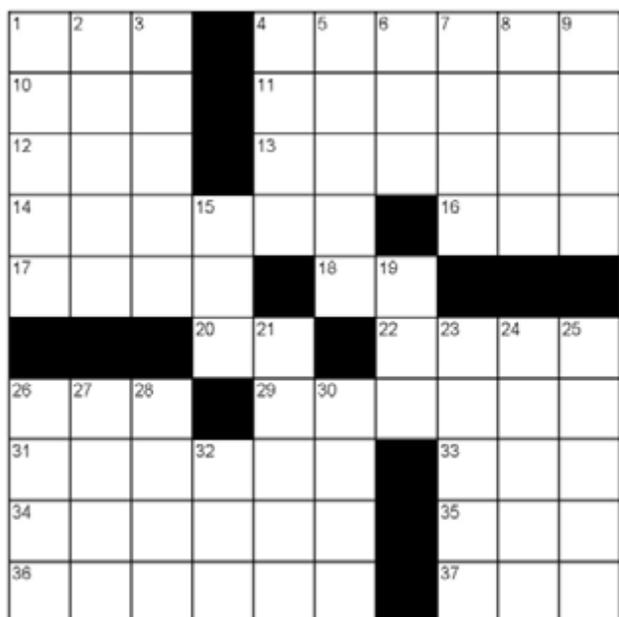


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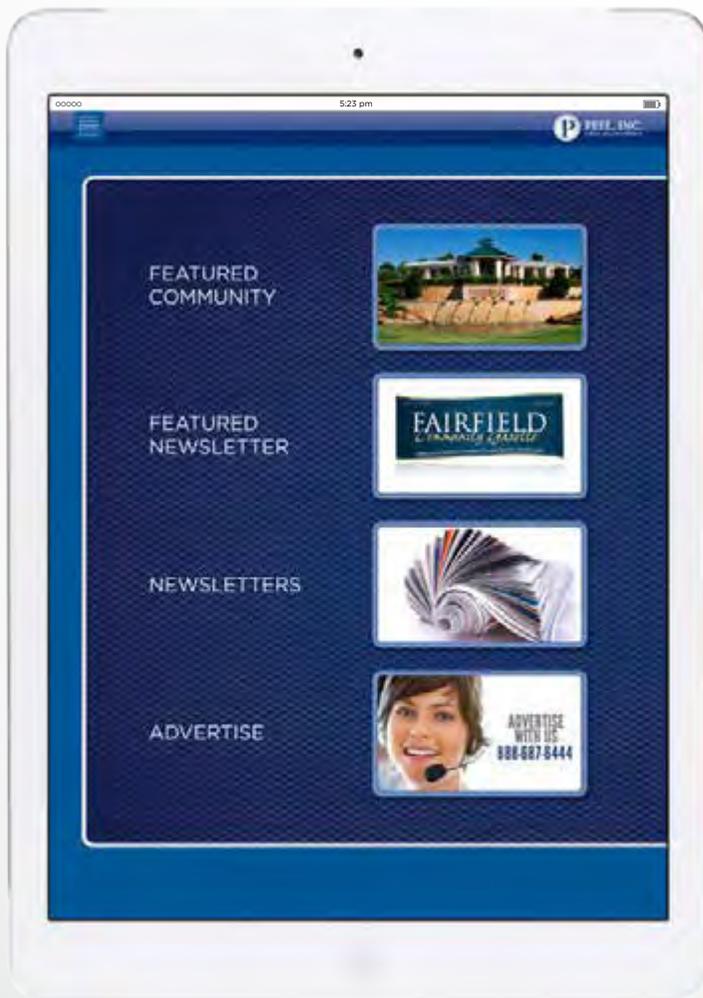
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