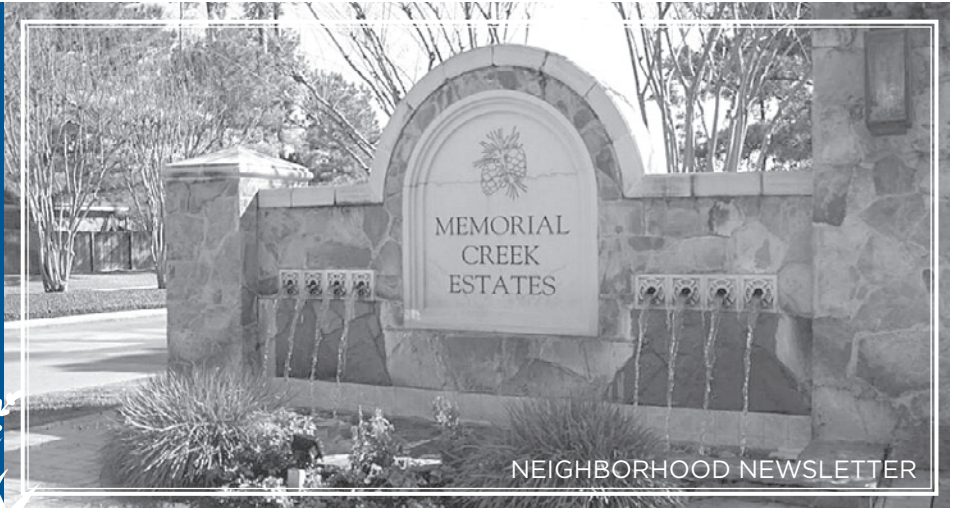


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## Bulletin



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

# Memorial Creek Estates Residents,

As the summer draws to a close we'd like to thank you all for keeping up with your yards during the blasting heat and dry stretches as well as fixing your fences, clearing out brush and all the other tasks that are not exactly the most fun activities during the summertime. and hopefully taking some time to spend with one another. While it can certainly be a challenge to get out during the day, we're blessed to live in a neighborhood where we can walk around during the evening and pass one another along the way. As usual we always ask drivers to be mindful of people taking evening walks and keep the speed down as you're driving through the neighborhood.

We'd like to thank the management company for getting the fence done as well as getting the lights in the pool fixed. One unintended consequence of the underwater lights working is that it's tempting to stay later but please remember that the pool closes at 10pm and is also closed on Mondays for cleaning. The keypad will sometimes let you in anyway but remember that Mondays are a time for the pool chemistry to get back in balance etc.

Our end of year pool party on the 18th was a smashing success. Well, as of this writing it hasn't happened but knowing the residents here I can only assume it will go off without a hitch. We'd like to give a

big thanks to the new committee members who have been doing such a great job getting these activities together. During our previous Board meeting there was a lot of discussion on having more social events and we're making that effort. Please take the time to send us your feedback on what you liked and as we have these activities in the future please make an effort to attend if you're available as we all want to get to know each other.

As school is back in session we'd like to remind everyone about driver/pedestrian safety as our bus riders will be out during the morning commute again. We understand there may be some changes to the bus routes/drop-off locations so please be on the lookout for children who may not be standing in their normal location. Also, if you're available please take the opportunity to volunteer at our local schools as they can always use our help.

Thanks again for all the efforts on your yards and fences, as home sales are in a bit of a slump it's very important that we keep the neighborhood as attractive as possible so that we all have a great place to live, realize the maximum value in our homes and attract more people that want to live in a well kept environment.

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*Monthly HOA meetings on the 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm*

*6900 Crescent Clover, Spring, TX 77379*

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## Memorial Creek Estates Yard of the Month

The following are the Memorial Creek Estates August 2018 Yard of the Month selections.



Congratulations to Linda and George for the August 2018 MCE Yard of the Month award! Linda and George's home on Memorial Crest is a great example of the use of shape, size, and proportion of a variety of bushes and plants that complement the style of their home and the area of the yard.



The second YOM – Honorable Mention is Abimeleth's home. Here is a great example of how the use of flowers can create a very appealing yard. There is a variety of flowers along the driveway, front of the home area, and a plant island closer to the street area. Beautiful color and upkeep of maintaining a weed-free flower bed!

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**Memorial Creek  
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Did you know we have a Facebook Page! We are the "Unofficial Memorial Creek Estates" Stay in the know between newsletters.



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The August 2018 YOM – Honorable Mention is the home of Shelly and Joe. As is evident in the landscaping, there does not need to be an abundance of flowers to

present an attractive yard. Well-trimmed bushes and trees goes a long way in enhancing the appearance of a home and in being in compliance with the HOA bylaws.

Each of the August 2018 homes are great examples of how regular yard maintenance can improve the appearance of your home. You may consider getting together with your neighbors to work out advantage pricing with vendors when it is time to mulch, trim trees, or perform some other type of yard maintenance.

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### TIME:

- Have waste ready for collection no later than 6:00 am

### HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE:

- Waste must be placed in personal containers between 20 and 95-gallons or bags
- Cans or bags cannot exceed 50 pounds

### HEAVY TRASH:

- Two heavy items collected EVERY service day
- Heavy trash/bulk waste includes waste that is not generated on a regular basis, including:
- Furniture (couch, table, mattress, box spring, desk, dresser, etc.)
- Appliances (washer, dryer, dishwasher, etc.)
- Hot Water Heaters
- Fencing/Decking/Siding (please remove nails, cut into lengths 4' or less, and tie and bundle under 50 pounds, limit eight bundles per service day)
- Trampolines (broken down, please place metal with recycling if possible)
- Basketball goals (broken down into sections 4' or shorter, no concrete in base or poles)
- Carpeting/Flooring (please cut into lengths 4' or shorter and tie and bundle under 50 pounds, limit eight bundles per service day)

### YARD WASTE:

- Place grass clippings in cans or bags under 50 pounds
- Branches should be placed in CLEAR, INDIVIDUAL piles measuring no larger than 3' x 3' x 3', or tied and bundled and under 50 pounds. Limit eight bundles per service day.
- Unacceptable placement of branches: piles is larger than allowed and not tied and bundled
- Acceptable placement of branches: individual piles that crews can wrap their arms around to load easily.

### EXCESS VOLUME

If you have a larger than usual amount of household waste, bulk waste, or yard waste, contact us in advance and we can provide you with a quote for disposal or direct you to resources that can properly assist your disposal needs.

### ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED FOR REGULAR COLLECTION

The following items can be collected for a negotiated price. Please contact Texas Pride Disposal to have a representative provide you a quote for collection services.

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| • Dirt               | • Pesticides/ | • Paint (liquid) |
| • Waste generated by | Insecticides  | • Fertilizer     |
| a private contractor | • Gasoline/   | • Concrete       |
| (remodeling,         | Kerosene      | • Tires          |
| landscaping)         | • Bricks      | • Pool           |
| • Rocks              | • Tile        | Chemicals        |
| • Motor Oil          | • Batteries   | • Cooking Oil    |

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## MAIL BOX HACK

Have you noticed how some mailbox "flaps" don't stay shut? The mail is exposed and available to thieves, weather, and critters. A very simple fix is to apply one of the two parts of a Velcro dot to either the inside of the top of the mailbox flap or on the underside of the metal piece that snaps over the mailbox flap. If both sides of the Velcro dot are used you may not be able to close the mailbox flap at all! Try it out before removing the sticky side of the one half of the dot to make sure it will work for you.



## DRIVEWAY HACK

One sure way to increase the value of your home is through routine maintenance, as your HOA President, Jeff Crook, has previously mentioned. An easy peasy way to increase value and appearance of your home is to pressure wash the driveway and walkways in your yard.

Just look at the difference between these two driveways: one pressure washed, and sorely in need of attention. If you do not own a pressure washer, you may consider renting one or reaching out to your neighbor(s) to negotiate a good price with a pressure washing vendor. The more homes that you are able to join in the group effort, the better price you will be able to get for each homeowner.



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The average person will spend a total of 3,680 hours, or 153 days of their life, searching for misplaced items.\* Typically, the only time many of us think about decluttering our homes or spaces is when we're getting ready to move. Whether you're moving or just want to save time and space, this easy five-bin approach is a great way to start simplifying your living environment.

## The 5-bin approach

Decluttering the home can be overwhelming. However, applying the five-bin approach to reorganizing and discarding items may help you feel less anxious and more in control of the process.

- ▶ **Bin 1: Items that need to be put away.** Place items that belong somewhere else in the home in this bin. Eventually, you'll put them away; the intention is to put them somewhere while you're clearing the room.
- ▶ **Bin 2: Items to be fixed.** Place items that you plan to fix or that need to be washed or cleaned in this bin, such as toys, dirty clothes or scuffed shoes.
- ▶ **Bin 3: Items to donate.** Items in this bin are in good condition, but you no longer need or use them. They can be given to friends or family, sold online or donated to a local charity.
- ▶ **Bin 4: Items to be recycled.** This is where you'll place items made of paper, plastic or glass that you don't want to keep. Add all empty drink bottles, food containers, and magazines or newspapers.
- ▶ **Bin 5: Items to discard.** Place expendable items in this bin that you can't recycle or donate.

\*Source: Becoming Minimalist

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## What about sentimental items?

Many of us have items we can't bear to part with because there's a memory or other sentimental feeling attached. Here are a few tips for handling sentimental items that may start to create clutter.

**Decide if it's worth keeping.** If you use or enjoy the item, hang on to it. However, you may not need to retain every piece of artwork your children created. It can be helpful to ask a relative or friend when deciding which to keep.

**Choose a few items that remind you of a loved one.** If you've inherited many heirlooms, see if other members of your family would like some, too. Donate the rest.

**Keep in mind; you can get rid of an item without getting rid of the memory.** Take a photo of the item to place in a journal or scrapbook and write why it means so much to you.



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## Texas Wine and Art Festival

Sat, Oct 6, 2018, 10:00 AM -  
Sun, Oct 7, 2018, 11:00 AM CDT  
435 Spring Cypress Rd  
Spring, TX 77373

Celebrate Wine and Art! The Annual Texas Wine and Art Festival will take place in Historic Old Town Spring featuring two days of Texas-based wineries showcasing local white, red & sweet wines and southern-style blends along with local art and artisans. October 6 & 7 2018. Wine and art enthusiasts are invited to attend this Texas-style event featuring more than 10 local wineries showcasing top award winning Texas wines and original art work and exhibitions from local artists, local food products from various vendors.

The event is open to all ages and is family-friendly event; Rain or Shine with the exception that weather is not life threatening!

General admission to the festival is FREE on Saturday and Sunday and provides access to viewing of the art vendors.

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This event is being put on by Texas Wine & Art Festival

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## Organization tips for each room of the house

### Kitchen

The kitchen is the hub of the home, and it tends to collect the most clutter from other parts of the house. Start clearing one area of the kitchen at a time, beginning with storage spaces, including the pantry, cupboards and drawers.

- In the pantry: Throw away stale or expired items and donate canned goods that you know will go uneaten but are still edible.
- In the cupboards: Remove chipped dishware, as well as utensils, pots, pans and bakeware that are damaged beyond repair.
- Keep the kitchen clutter-free: Put items where they belong and leave a small bin to collect items that don't belong there.

### Living room

Too much clutter makes it difficult to relax. The mantra for this room is, "A place for everything; everything in its place."

- Create easily-accessible, permanent storage space for items you use most often, such as the remote control.
- Fold throws and place in a decorative basket within reach of the sofa.
- Sort through your electronics to determine what works and if you still use it. Store your frequently used electronics where you tend to use them.
- Recycle back issues of magazines and newspapers you've already read. Donate books you don't want to keep and categorize the others in your library.

### Bathroom

Create more space in your cabinets, linen closet and on the counter.

- Clean out the medicine cabinet and discard outdated medications, skincare and makeup.
- Organize the drawers and shelves so the items you use the most are readily available.

### Bedrooms

In the bedroom, clutter seems to center around storage areas, such as closets, drawers and nightstands.

- Clear out dressers, wardrobes and closets by removing non-seasonal clothing you haven't worn in more than six months and items that no longer fit. Sell or donate pieces that are still in good condition.
  - Organize your drawers by function: undergarments, activewear, t-shirts, etc.
  - Depending on your bedroom, purchase a hanging storage unit or floor shelf for shoes.
  - Separate anything that should go to the cleaner or a tailor.
- Remove everything from the nightstand and place items that belong elsewhere in Bin #1.



### Mudroom/Foyer

This is where we tend to drop things when we get home.

- Clear items off of entry tables and decide what to put away, recycle or toss.
- Place keys in a pretty bowl or on hooks so you don't have to waste time searching for them.
- Remove coats, shoes and boots that are out of season, don't fit or need to be repaired.





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