

THE MEMORIAL CREEK ESTATES

Bulletin



Board Corner

Over the last year since a new Board and President have been installed, it has been the goal of the board to do the following items in order to improve the community. We knew as a board we couldn't do all the items that were discussed at the time of election without the help of a committee, so we had a handful of home owner's volunteer to help with several items. I would like to give you a progress report on where we are. There are still some items that need to be addressed and completed that have not been but we fill we are moving forward in many areas.

1. Establish a Monthly news letter to get home owners involved in the community and to create an area of communication and information for all the home owners. (If you would like to help with the news letter or have items that could be considered for the news letter please contact Lauren McCarty – imccartyins@aol.com)
2. Recognize a "Yard of the Month" and two honorable mention properties , This was done to Recognize home owners for the consistent care and up keep of their properties and homes, we have been doing this for about 4 months and there are several homes that need to be recognized but you can only do so many in a short amount of time. There are several that could easily be meet the requirements but it is an ongoing process that we hope all home owners will have the recognition that is deserved. The goal is to improve the up keep of properties and to raise values along with a sense of pride for the home owner and the community. If you would like to be a part of the nominating committee please contact (Deborah Daley at dkdaley1027@yahoo.com) it is appreciated for all they do to help with the recognition of homes and for there on going participation.
3. Have a monthly Board meeting so all home owners can fill their voice is heard and they can have an out let to voice concerns and also to know of the ongoing issues in the community

along with the items being discussed. (This meeting is held the 3rd Thursday of each month at the fire station at 19920 Champion forest drive , this is in the Glenlock farms area) Please attend all home owners are welcome.

4. Replace the front fence and stain. The fence is completed and there has been a date set for the staining to be completed.
5. Have community events in order to mingle and to get to know your neighbors and to fill a part of the community, (we have held a summer kick off, Back to School, National Night out, and will be having a Jingle & Mingle event in Dec. (please contact Lauren or Deborah if you would like to help with any of the events. Also please attend and get to know your neighbors.)

There have been several other items that have been done to improve the common area and the community and other items not mentioned , but we will keep you updated as we move forward but for now this is just a few ,I want to thank everyone for their input and for all that they do to make our community a better place to live . We have great neighbors and live in a great area, thanks to all.



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Our Next Event will be



December 7th

Hot chocolate bar
Ugly sweater contest for adults and children
Best lights/decorations in the neighborhood 1st and 2nd place

Keep your eye out for more details next month. If you would like to help with any of our events please email Lauren McCarty at Lauren.mccarty7@gmail.com

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Memorial Creek Estates FAMILY OF THE MONTH



Beginning with this issue of the newsletter, the Memorial Creek Estates subdivision will feature one of our neighbors as the MCE Family of the Month in an effort to help us get to know each other and to further foster a community environment in our neighborhood. The suggestion was made to ask the Yard of the Month home to be the featured family each month and those homeowners in attendance at the last Board meeting at the Fire Station agreed to give this a try.

I must admit that this was a lot of fun for me as the FOM is a family that I would not have otherwise met as we live in different areas of the subdivision and only through walking around the area or at the community events do I have an opportunity to get to know other people in our neighborhood.

The following information is what the Pinzon family have shared with us.

From Gustavo...

He began by expressing how very excited he was to have been chosen for yard of the month. Gustavo said that he takes great pride in keeping their home well taken care of. The Pinzon's have lived in MCE since 2000 when their home was built.

Gustavo further stated that his family consists of six members: he and his wife, his son, daughter and son-in-law, and his mother-in-law who is 93 years old!

The Pinzon's love to travel and enjoy dining out, watching movies, bowling, and karaoke.

Additionally, Gustavo and his son-in-law enjoy hunting, and does his own taxidermy. And, when not busy with the previously mentioned activities, Gustavo also enjoys building model airplanes and flying them. Gustavo's son-in-law loves golfing and coaches a young boy's soccer team.

The Pinzon's said that what motivated them to purchase a home in this subdivision was that they loved the homes and that the area is well-known for its exemplary school system.

Please feel free to engage in a conversation with the Pinzon family when you meet them as they are all very friendly and engaging!

Congratulations to the Pinzons on the Yard of the Month award!



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Trees, Trees, Trees, Trees, and More Trees!



Oh, how we love our trees! Trees provide shade, serve as a home to birds and critters, allow kiddos to develop climbing skills, and enhance the appearance of our homes.

Now that fall is near (well, okay, our weather is not quite as “fall-ish” as many other parts of the country), it is time to prepare the flower beds and yards for upcoming cooler weather. One task that is

often overlooked is the care of the trees in our yards.

Additionally, trees can be a greater danger when the limbs of the trees are weak, damaged or diseased.

Wind or storms can cause limbs to come crashing down onto your roof. With all of the rain that we have had recently, many of the trees are already compromised, and add a strong wind or two, and branch

can easily break causing even more damage.

Fallen trees and broken branches damage structures, roofs, siding, windows, and cars. They can also topple power lines. And, although these branches may be healthy, they still pose a serious threat to the roof. Just one branch blowing in the wind and continually rubbing a roof will soon damage the shingles' protective outer layer. When the top layer of the roof is compromised, leaks can occur. In addition, the leaves from trees that are too close to your roof can clog your gutter system, allowing rainwater to accumulate and cause leaks in your attic or other moisture damage.

Roofing contractors recommend that you trim all branches that come within six feet of your roof. Not only will you protect your roof from potential tree damage caused by severe weather, you will also prevent small animals from scampering across your roof to try to gain access to your home for spring nesting. You should also look at trees that are near your home. As a general rule, you should have about a 10-foot radius around your house that's clear of any branches. A qualified professional can provide you guidance on the health of your trees, which ones need to be trimmed, how much trimming is needed, and, as a last resort, whether any trees should be removed altogether.



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Memorial Creek Estates *Yard of the Month*

The Memorial Creek Estates Yard-of-the-Month awards for October 2018 are the following homeowners.

As you can see in the pictures, each yard features a specific aspect of yard appearance, whether is it through the use of color in flowering plants, or through a variation of plants and shrubs trimmed in a way to present a uniform symmetry and design, or through the use of positioning plants in such a way to accents certain parts of the yard.

Yard-of-the-Month: Gustavo and Blanca. Be sure to read about their family in another section of the newsletter!



The Honorable mentions are Ahsan and Frough, the below picture. Ahsan and Frough have been homeowners in MCE for short time so please be sure to make them welcome when you see them!



And the next honorable mention is the following home. The homeowners elected not to have their names published and MCE Board and Committee respect the homeowner's request.



KIDS CORNER

Tabletop Turkey Craft

1. Paint a paper cup brown. Turn the cup upside down and glue a pom-pom to the top of the cup for the head.
2. Cut nine 4-inch leaf shapes from different colors of construction paper. Fold a 1-inch-square piece of orange construction paper in half; cut a triangle shape out of the folded paper for the beak. Using a 2-inch square of red paper folded in half, cut a heart shape to create the turkey's wattle.
3. Glue the beak and wattle to the pom-pom. Add googly eyes. Glue on the "feathers."



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Pumpkin Pie Spice Dip

INGREDIENTS

- 1 15 oz can Pumpkin
- 1 Container Cool Whip
- 1 1/2 tsp Pumpkin pie spice
- 1 4 oz pkg vanilla instant pudding
- 1 regular or Cinnamon sugar Graham crackers

DIRECTIONS

- Mix all ingredients together in a medium size bowl and serve.
- To add cuteness serve in a carved out small pumpkin.



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3 Tips for Keeping Your Family Safe From a Home Fire This Winter

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Parts of [Texas] are soon expected to experience their first real bout of cooler weather. While a cool front will eventually move on, the promise of colder temperatures might have you prepping your home for the winter months. However, an important aspect of winterizing your home that is often overlooked is being aware of the hazards that might lead to structure fires during this time of year.

The United States Fire Administration estimates 905 people are killed each year by winter home fires. Additionally, property losses of over \$2 million have been recorded due to homes burning during the colder months. Below are three tips from the administration that can help you keep your family safe this winter and for many winters to come.

1. BE AWARE OF PROPER PLACEMENT OF HEATERS AND FIRE SCREENS

One of the most basic ways to prevent house fires is to be aware of the objects nearest to your heating source. A few specific tips regarding space heaters and fireplaces are:

- Keep all flammable items at least three feet away from your source of heat.
- It is hazardous to use extension cords to plug-in space heaters, always plug electric heaters directly into the wall.
- For added safety, only utilize heaters with automatic shut-offs, just in case yours accidentally tips over.
- When using a fireplace, always make sure there is a screen covering the opening. This ensures embers cannot land on flooring or furniture, thus leading to a structural blaze.

Sources of heat in the home are the second leading cause of family dwelling fires. In fact, 45,900 house fires were caused by a heat-related source between 2013 and 2015. Following the above steps will ensure your family stays warm, and safe, this winter.

2. USE CAUTION WHEN DECORATING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Whether it be a spooky jack-o'-lantern glowing in the dark or a beautiful pine tree with lights entwined around its branches, holiday decorations can be a great way to celebrate this time of year, but there are a few things to keep in mind as you gather your decor.

- Battery operated light sources are always preferable to candles if you want to illuminate a spooky pumpkin face.
- Extension cords should be replaced if they are showing any wear and tear such as cracks or exposed wires.
- If you do choose to use candles, keep them at least a foot away from flammable objects.
- When using a live Christmas tree, be sure to water it daily.

3. CHECK YOUR SMOKE ALARMS

A final step in protecting your family and home this winter involves something very simple; checking your smoke alarms to ensure they are in proper working condition. This elementary process can literally be the difference between life or death in the event of a house fire. The following information provides specific guidelines for smoke alarm use:

- Every floor of your home, from the basement to the attic, should have a smoke alarm.
- Alarms should be tested once a month to ensure they are functioning properly.
- If the alarms in your home are over 10 years old, they should be replaced with newer models.
- For the utmost safety, place alarms inside each sleeping area as well as the outer areas such as the living room and kitchen.

The use of smoke alarms has been shown to reduce your chances of dying in a house fire by 50 percent. When winterizing your home, do not forget this simple, but critical step.





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