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Happy New Years
POMONA!

Our beautiful pool will be opening this March and we will be issuing pool access cards in February.

Additionally, in order to better serve the community, we will staff an Onsite General Manager on property Monday – Friday for your convenience. Please check back www.pomonahoa.com for additional information as it becomes available.

Looking forward to an amazing 2017!



POMONA is an Award Winning Community

On October 1, 2016
Pomona was awarded the
Best Model Park and Best
Marketing Campaign from
the Greater Houston
Builders Association.

Alvin ISD

is seeking individuals that would like to be a part of Elementary 18 located in the Pomona Subdivision. Positions will be posted at www.alvinisd.net under the Career tab. All types of positions will be available.

Upcoming Opportunities for Residents to Gather:

Feb. 3rd at 6:30pm
Movie Night
at Event Lawn

Feb. 11th at 12pm
Kite Flying Festival
at Fish Camp

Feb. 4th at 12pm
Pomona's Polar Bear Plunge
at Camp Pomona

Feb. 22nd at 5pm
National Margarita Day
at Camp Pomona

Save the Date

04.01.17
12-4p.m.

Kayak on Lake Pomona



WHAT ARE LIVE SMART Principles:

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The Live Smart principles bring people together in meaningful ways for a happier, healthier lifestyle!

Education & Enrichment

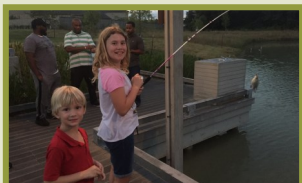
Education w/ H-E-B



Wreath Making



Fishing w/ Texas Parks and Wildlife Department



Healthy Living

Zumba



Camp Gladiator



Julia's Organic Food Truck



Sense of Community

Breakfast w/ Neighbors



Manvel Fire Department & Rodeo Palms Junior High



Caroling at Orchard Park Retirement Home



Back to School Event



The Incredible Egg Hunt



Trunk or Treat



Astros Night



Breakfast w/ Santa



Finger Painting



Cool Whip Painting



Kite Flying



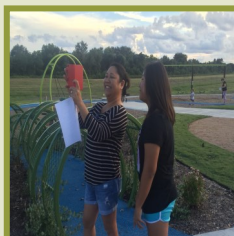
Environmental Stewardship

Gardening by the Moon



Sense of Technology

Scavenger hunt with cell phones



BBQ cook-off with HomePro



STAND AGAINST CRAPE “MURDER”

Many of you have crape myrtle trees growing in your yard and you need to know that now is the time to **NOT** commit crape “murder”. Crape murder is when you cut the tree back from the top just leaving stubs (see picture below). During the winter is the best time to prune crape myrtles. Crape myrtles are best grown as trees and should be pruned as trees. Follow these guidelines when pruning crape myrtles: remove low hanging branches that interfere with walkways; remove broken and dead branches; remove crossover or rubbing branches; remove sucker growth off the base of the trunk or on the trunk; and remove any branches growing into your home structure. Old seed heads do not need to be pruned. They will fall off naturally. Crape “murder” will shorten the life of your tree.



Crape myrtle trees have many overwintering insects and diseases that can be controlled by spraying thoroughly until runoff with Neem Oil. This product is a safe, non-toxic pesticide for your garden and landscape that is also friendly to the environment and still effective. Neem Oil is your friend and a good answer for all these concerns and you can use it on all trees, shrubs, ground cover and even in your garden. It means you can keep only one product in your garage for control of most insects, some diseases and mites. **This information is especially important now, because if you will treat with Neem Oil during the dormant season, you will reap benefits throughout the spring and summer!!**

What is Neem Oil? It comes from the seed of the Azadirachta indica tree, a common ornamental shade tree in South Asia and India. You can find Neem Oil in wax, oil and soap but for gardeners, it has anti-fungal and pesticide properties.

Is it safe for humans and animals? The highest concentration currently sold on the market is 3%. When used properly it is non-toxic but I don't think you want to drink it! If you use it in your garden, I recommend washing any produce before consumption, but I know you do that anyway.

Is it safe for the environment? Studies have shown that if used appropriately, beneficial insects such as bees, butterflies and ladybugs are safe since Neem Oil does not target bugs that do not chew on leaves. No residue is left in the soil.

Is it effective? This is the good news. Neem Oil works as a systemic insecticide when used as a soil drench. It will control aphids, mealybugs, scale and whiteflies and many more insects. It can be used as a fungicide to control powdery mildew, root rot, black spot and sooty mold. It also controls mites and has some effect on nematodes in the soil. I encourage you to spray all trees, shrubs and ground cover in the winter with Neem Oil for the control of overwintering insects, mites and some diseases. This treatment will greatly help you next spring and summer in your landscape and garden. When applying, follow label instructions and be sure to coat the surface of all leaves.

So plan now to prune your crape myrtles correctly and treat your crape myrtles and other trees, shrubs and ground cover with Neem Oil for optimum health in the spring.

Home & Color Trends *You'll LOVE in 2017*

Pantone just announced that its Color of the Year for 2017 is Greenery. It's a fresh, leafy green meant to conjure up images of springtime and new growth. The color is a medium hue with a hefty dose of yellow—more like Kermit the Frog than a brooding forest shade. This color adds a pop of energy and vitality to your decor, but it's probably easiest to use it as an accent, as a full room in this bold, grassy green could be overpowering.



In keeping with the back-to-nature theme highlighted by Pantone's new Color of the Year, the materials used in furniture and accessories are also moving toward more natural finishes and interesting textures. To choose a piece that's timeless while still being on-trend, opt for high-quality construction and a neutral color for any upholstery.



Looking for smaller ways to bring your home decor up-to-date? Check out accessories in mixed metals such as brass, gold and even rose gold. In 2017, expect to see a lot more metal in everything from lighting fixtures to place settings and even accent furniture. The shine of metal will offer the perfect contrast to the natural textures trending in furniture to create a harmonious overall look.





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Developer's CORNER

We are off to a great start with Camp Pomona opening in January. By Lake Pomona, we have added a sidewalk from Fish Camp to the trees and included a bench area to relax on. Also, uplighting has been added to many of the treed areas along Pomona Parkway before you get to the model court to illuminate the natural beauty in our community. Winter rye was spread over the community to enhance the winter landscaping and some no-mow areas were converted and will be mowed on a regular basis. We are also maintaining the areas behind the fences adjacent to American Canal. Last but not least, phase 2 lot development is well underway with new models opening in the spring. We anticipate this is going to be an amazing year for Pomona!



Cheddar Cauliflower SOUP

INGREDIENTS

2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
2 large leeks, white and light green
parts thinly sliced and rinsed
4 cups chopped cauliflower florets
(from 1 medium head)
2 1/2 cups low-fat milk, divided
2 cups water

1 bay leaf
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon white or
black pepper
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 1/2 cups shredded extra-sharp
cheddar cheese
1 tablespoon lemon juice

DIRECTIONS

1. Heat the oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Add the leeks and stir until very soft, about five minutes.
2. Add cauliflower, two cups milk, water, bay leaf, and salt and pepper. Bring to a boil over medium-high heat, stirring often.
3. Reduce heat to a simmer, cover, and cook, stirring occasionally, until the cauliflower is soft, about eight minutes.
4. Meanwhile, whisk the remaining 1/2 cup milk and flour in a small bowl.
5. When the cauliflower is soft, remove the bay leaf and stir in the milk mixture. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring, until the soup has thickened slightly, about two minutes more.
6. Remove from the heat. Stir in cheese and lemon juice.

