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A MESSAGE FROM THE HOA PRESIDENT

Welcome to Spring! The Houston area has recently received plenty of April showers to bring May flowers. Expect our lawns to green up and grow quickly. I love the burst of fresh new growth, blooming flowers and fruiting plants. There is still plenty of time to plant your gardens. Flowers, shrubbery and ornamental plants add value and curb appeal to your home while vegetable gardens provide fresh, tasty and economical food just steps from your back door.

Spring is also a time of new beginnings and deep cleaning. As you dive into those closets and drag stuff out of the attic, remember that donations to 501(c)3 organizations are tax deductible. Goodwill, the Salvation Army, Star of Hope and local churches are great examples of organizations that can make good use of your items while giving you a break on

your tax bill.

For those items that can't be salvaged, WCA Waste now offers curbside recycling in addition to our regular garbage pick-up. Recycle bins, which will be delivered in the coming days, should be at the street by 7 a.m. on Friday mornings. A complete list of acceptable items can be found on our website.

The next few weeks are going to be busy for our kids with prom, final exams and the beginning of summer break. While older kids are looking for their first job, younger ones will be playing outside and riding bikes. PLEASE be alert, come to a complete stop at intersections and maintain an appropriate speed. Our children's safety depends on you.

Tracy Jones, Clayton HOA Board President



Queen's Tears

Meet The 2013

Clayton HOA Board

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READY FOR THE POOL TO OPEN?

The pool will be open on Memorial Day Weekend May 25th, 26th & 27th from 2:00 P.M. to 8 P.M. Starting June 6th, the pool will be open Thursday, Friday, Saturday & Sunday for the remainder of the summer.

Visit the Clayton website for details about getting your 2013 pool tags.

http://claytonhoa.com/?page_id=188

A copy of the registration form can be found on the website. To save time, please bring completed form.

Recycle

Recycling is now included in our trash pick-up contract. Board President, Tracy Jones, negotiated with WCA and there is no additional charge and the monthly rate will remain the same.

<http://wcawaste.com/services/recycling>

A recycle bin will be provided by WCA. The pick-up day for recycled items will be on Friday's. Just sit

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the bin at the curb along with your other trash.

Additional bins can be purchased from WCA or a cardboard box can be used for additional recyclable items.

For additional information see:

http://claytonhoa.com/?page_id=974

Lawn Tips

(Randy Lemon)

<http://www.randylemmon.com/lawns.html>



Go Green & Save Money

How to Make Your Own Natural Homemade Laundry Detergent Recipes

Read more: <http://www.moneycrashers.com/how-to-make-the-best-homemade-laundry-detergent-recipes/#ixzz2RgKqzL6h>



What If!

What if, one day Google was deleted and we could not Google what happened to Google?

Useful Resources

911 Emergency

713-221-6000 Non-Emergency

For a more detailed list see:

http://claytonhoa.com/?page_id=43

CRIME WATCH

Make a Difference

Crimes in the Clayton Subdivision, that are reported to the Harris County Sheriff's Department can be found at www.CrimeReports.Com. Daily email alerts can be set-up.

Call 911 if you see or suspect any kind of criminal activity. For non-emergencies call 713-221-6000.

Donna Kinerd, Clayton Board Member, is the Crime Watch Coordinator for Clayton and is working with Crime Watch Coordinators in other area subdivisions to help the Sheriff's Department take criminals off the streets.

By working together we can make a difference. If you are interested in becoming a Crime Watch Volunteer in our subdivision please contact Donna Kinerd at:

CrimeWatch@Claytonhoa.com

Be aware of your surroundings at all times

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It's spring it's spring
Oh I just can't wait
To find fruits on the vases
And flowers on my plate

I want to hear the warm sun
And feel the robin singing
Watch the scent of the flowers
And smell the butterflies flying

Its spring its spring
I'm so full of glee
For the people will bloom
And the flowers will be happy

The gray fields shall be covered
With the magic of the meadow
And the brown sky shall be painted
With the blossoms of the rainbow

Its spring its spring
How can I be blue?
For it is the time of spring
And only the spring brings you

Arvie Calimlim

"In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt."

— Margaret Atwood, *Bluebeard's Egg*



Scholarship Strategy

Scholarship is a type of financial aid, which a student does not have to pay back. These funds cover expenses associated with college cost, such as, tuition, books, etc. Today, getting a scholarship means competing in a very competitive market. It is recommended that students have a strategic plan to increase their chances of securing scholarship funding. Here are a few tips to help students when applying for scholarships.

Document

1. Create a list of your personal assets (skills, clubs, groups, community service hours, religious affiliation, work experience, awards won, and hobbies).
2. Get organized by setting timelines for researching scholarships, getting references and start writing.

Search

1. Start searching for scholarships.
 - a. Internet
 - b. Printed materials at the library or check with your school counselor.
 - c. Networking with other students or teachers.
2. Sign up for scholarship search sites.
3. Create a tracking spreadsheet to keep up with deadlines and to check off completed applications.

Match

1. Review the scholarship criteria.
2. Evaluate the deadline.
3. Check the application requirements.

Apply

1. Fill out the applications.
2. Write essays.
3. Obtain Letters of recommendation.

Remember that applying for scholarship funding can be a complex process, but it is a great way to finance your education.

Plant Swap

(Barter don't Buy!)

A Plant Swap will be held at George Bush Park on Saturday, May 18th, 9:00 to Noon. For additional information, visit:

www.gmbac.com



Orchid Tree