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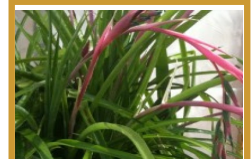
A Message from the HOA President

Kids are out of school...Temperatures are in the 90s.....families are planning vacations.....It's official: Summer is Here!!! With that said, we have a few gentle reminders for a successful summer: Please remember that kids are going to be outside playing. Make sure you come to a complete stop at all stop signs and observe posted speed limits. Ensure everyone drinks plenty of water to stay hydrated. Pay attention to safety rules when relaxing in or around water, whether

that be swimming in a pool, tubing on the river or boating on a lake. We want all our residents to be happy and healthy!

I am happy to report that attendance at our monthly homeowner's meetings has improved these past couple months. It is encouraging to see neighbors becoming more involved. We have gotten lots of suggestions for improvements in the neighborhood,

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Queen's Tears

Meet The 2013

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School is out! What to Do?

Now that school is out, it is time to make plans for a fun but productive summer.

There are lots of free or low cost activities available.

Edwards Theater at West Oaks Mall has dollar movie admission on Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 10 am.

First Tee of Houston at FM Law Park, has free golf instruction for kids ages 7 to 18 all summer.

Houston Parks and Recreation offers a summer enrichment programs. The hours are Monday through Friday, from 8am until 6pm, at the cost of \$30 a week.

Several area bowling alleys that are allowing kids two free bowling games a day. kidsbowlfree.com.

See next column for additional details on the above.

(Copy & Paste web address to your browser)

<http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/consumer&id=9100932>

Visit the **Houston Zoo** for free on the first weekend of each month if they're a Bank of America cardholder.

For additional details about visiting the Zoo and other Free Summer Activities click on link below.

<http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=news/consumer&id=9115987>

Find other summer activities at the local YMCA & Local Libraries. Check out a summer reading program in link below.

<http://textproject.org/students/summerreads>

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Clayton Community Service Projects

Community service plays an important role of enriching the lives of those performing the activity and those receiving the activity. The goal of Clayton's Community Service Projects is to create a win-win situation for the volunteers and our community. We are developing a list of adolescent volunteers (ages 12-17) to serve within our community.

There are 7 Benefits of Volunteering

- *Earn volunteer hours for college applications
- *Gain experience that can be used on employment application
- *Learn or develop skills
- *Make a difference in our community
- *Build self-esteem and confidence
- *Opportunity to share your skills and talents
- *Meet new people in our community

Thank you to the parents who added their child's name to the list. Parents and children (ages 12-17) who would like to add their names to the list, please email your contact information to:

jlus2help@yahoo.com

Our first volunteer planning meeting is June 15, 2013 @ 10:00am at Clayton's Community Park. Parents and children ages 12-17 are encouraged to attend.



**Family is the
most important
thing in the world.**

Princess Diana

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.

For information about crimes that have already been committed call Crime Stoppers at 713-222-Tips. www.crime-stoppers.org. You can remain anonymous.

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***

&

***Report all Suspicious
Criminal Activity!***

Loose Animals

There is a problem with dogs running loose in the subdivision. A pet has been attacked and severely injured.

"All dogs and cats must be kept under restraint while in the unincorporated areas of Harris County, Texas".

[http://www.hcpbes.org/vph/
Animal_Laws/index.html](http://www.hcpbes.org/vph/Animal_Laws/index.html)



Road Trips Games

Summer is near and Road Trip games are here. Five fun filled and engaging games for children and adults who are planning to take a road trip.

Find the Alphabet

Players have to identify alphabets, in alphabetical order, using billboard, road signs, restaurants, hotel signs or any reading materials outside the window of the car on the player's side of the road. The game ends when the first person gets to the letter Z.

BINGO! That's My Car!

The players have to decide which type of car will be the "Bingo! That's my car!" For example, a player may select a Camaro. Each time a Camaro is spotted, a player has to say, "Bingo! That's my Car!" The concept of Bingo! That's My Car is that players keep track of how many of that particular cars they can spot on the road. The first player that gets 10 points wins the game.

License Plate Game

You locate license plates and call out the letters in alphabetical order. The first one to Z wins. You can also build words or phrases using the letter sequence in the plates. Older kids can collect the out of state plates and name the capital of each state.

The Road Trip Game

This is a memory builder game. One player says, "I went on a road trip and I brought..." then says a road trip favorite item that begins with the letter "A": "I brought an Apple". The second person repeats what the first person said and add one item that begins with B: "I went on a road trip and I brought an Apple and Baseball." The third person repeats the opener, adds the first two players item and adds something that begins with C. The object is to remember what each person is taking on the road trip and keeping it in alphabetical order.

7 In this State

To play this game, a player starts by identifying a state or identifying the state they are currently in. The first player, name a city in this state. For example, you are visiting the state of Texas. The starting player names Houston and the next player names Dallas. Then the next person has to name another city in this state. The game continues until one person successfully name 7 cities in this state. You can mix it up by using museums, restaurant, etc.

Are You Prepared for a Hurricane?

The Atlantic hurricane season lasts from the beginning of June until the end of November and this year's season is expected to be an active one.

Officials advise to not wait until a storm is already in the Gulf to gather supplies and make a plan for your family.

"Build a supply kit, have a supply of water, non-perishable food items, some extra cash, also medicines and things like that," said Dan Reilly with the National Weather Service. "Get that ready now because storms can form right off the coast and move in really quickly."

The Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management website gives you the tools to get informed, get prepared, and get involved.

Visit <http://www.readyharris.org> for details.

What Do You Think?

The Clayton Board would like to have your suggestions as to what we can do to improve the curb appeal and quality of life in our Subdivision. Please send your suggestions to ClaytonBoard@ClaytonHOA.com

The Board will vote on each recommendation based on the feasibility, cost & benefit to the community.

The Board voted to approve a Beautification Project. A Free Orchid Tree Seedling will be given to each residents who wants one. The date of the "Free Tree Event" will be announced at a later date. If over 100 residents want one, a second date will be set.

For and details on this drop dead gorgeous fast growing Orchid Tree see:

http://claytonhoa.com/?page_id=1064.

There should be blooms within 3 years of the time you plant the tree.



Clayton Nextdoor.com

Clayton Nextdoor.com is a social network for Clayton Residents only.

The residents that are already members share information such as criminal activity, post classified ads, special announcements, etc.

Members do not have to show their exact address, street name only, or personal information.

The more residents that participate the more information will be shared.

Clayton Nextdoor is not sponsored or a part of the HOA. It is neighbors supporting neighbors.

<https://claytontx.nextdoor.com>



Put your car keys beside your bed at night.

If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies.

It works if you park in your driveway or garage.

If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar/rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds, all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that.

Also remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.

Free Children's Museum Family Pass

Each Family Pass admits up to four people to the Children's Museum

<http://www.cmhouston.org/>

The passes expire June 30, 2013.

If you are interested in have a free family pass, please contact the Clayton Board at

ClaytonBoard@Claytonhoa.com

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now we just need some volunteers to help put them into action.

The open portion of the meeting begins promptly at 7 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month.

Unfortunately, we have also gotten lots of complaints lately. Please be courteous to your neighbors and make sure you put your trash out on your own lot and not next door. When you or your guests park along the street, make sure you do not block traffic. Emergency vehicles such as fire trucks and ambulances must be able to pass. Vehicles blocking access may be issued a ticket by the sheriff or constable.

Finally, please control your pets. Dogs that are not in a secured area should be on a leash at all times. Harris County Animal Control has received numerous complaints from our subdivision and will be increasing patrols in the area. Loose dogs are subject to impoundment.

Please visit our website at www.claytonhoa.com and click Contact Us to give your input or to volunteer.

Tracy Jones,

Clayton HOA Board President

Useful Resources

911 Emergency

713-221-6000 Non-Emergency

For a more detailed list see:

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