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Lexington Glen Quarterly

Lexington Glen HOA, Flower Mound, Texas



Fall is in the air

At least in theory. But don't fret! Soon enough the days will stay consistently cooler and begin to get shorter. The leaves will begin to change and subsequently fall into your yard. Which you will then have to rake up on Saturday, not during the week. As there will not be enough time or light to do it by the time you get home from work. Verbal sigh. Well, look on the bright side. You'll have enough leaves to start that compost pile you've been talking about for the last few years!!!

Save the Date!

*Yard of the month:

The *YOM* committee will choose a random Saturday each month to judge. Be ready!

National Night Out

October 2, 2012
6:30 to 8:30 PM

Join us at our neighborhood park to celebrate NNO and help raise awareness for

crime prevention in Lexington Glen! Lock your doors, turn on your porch light and come outside to meet your neighbors!

Voice your opinion!

Letter (or really a plea) from the Editor:

For those of you who have not already, please, please go online and complete the summer survey. I am still gathering information from residents like how long you have been in the neighborhood, preferred method of contact, committees you are interested in and general feedback.

Now is the time for your voice to be heard! Plus, it is way too hot for me to keep going door-to-door hoping someone will answer. I don't blame you for not opening the door. I don't like to air-condition the neighborhood anymore than you do ☺

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PYRTXXR>



Fall Tricks and Treats

Here are some helpful tricks to get you through the fall and prepared for winter...

Family fun in the garden

Fall is a perfect time to get outside and enjoy the cooler weather with your loved ones. Fall is also an ideal time to plant new perennials, trees, shrubs and re-sod lawns. The cooler weather, rain and warm ground encourage strong root growth before winter comes, giving plants a head start in Spring before temps get too hot. Make yard upkeep a family affair! It is fun, fulfilling and great exercise! Little ones are usually the first to want to get their hands dirty!

Trim trees that encroach sidewalks

Fall is an ideal time to prune trees, as lower temps and fall rains have reduced the stress on our landscape. Trim branches that encroach sidewalks so your neighbors can freely use the sidewalks as they were intended. An 8-foot clearance is the recommended height for tree branches that overhang sidewalks.

Clean up that old garden

Remove spent flowers or landscaping that did not survive the summer heat! Replace with a splash of fall color to bring in the new season. If anyone has seen my ornamental sweet potato vines, they are getting a bit out of hand themselves. Anyone who is interested in planting these, I would be more than happy to share some cuttings with you!

Protect yourself and your family from mosquitoes

Remember the "Four D's":

- Dusk and dawn are the times of day you should try to stay indoors. This is when mosquitoes are most active and are considered major feeding times.
- Dress in long sleeves and pants when you are outside.
- DEET is an ingredient to look for in your insect repellent. Always wear repellent when outdoors, and choose products that contain up to 20 percent DEET.
- Drain standing water in your backyard and neighborhood



Lexington Glen gets social!!

Our neighborhood has it's own private website at Nextdoor.com called Nextdoor Lexington Glen <https://lexingtonglen.nextdoor.com/> Here's a few FAQ's from the site https://lexingtonglen.nextdoor.com/faq_nextdoor/#faq_0_0

What is Nextdoor?

Nextdoor allows communities to easily create private websites to facilitate communication among neighbors and build stronger neighborhoods.

Nextdoor was created based on the idea that the neighborhood is one of the most important and useful communities in a person's life. Nextdoor's mission is to use technology to help neighbors build stronger and safer neighborhoods.

How does Nextdoor work?

Nextdoor allows neighbors to create a private website for their neighborhood. On Nextdoor, members can find neighbors in the directory, view a neighborhood map, ask for advice, exchange local recommendations, and share neighborhood information with each other. Residents can choose to see and respond to updates via email, or only on the website.

Here are some examples of how people are using Nextdoor:

1. Giving an extra armchair to a neighbor
2. Getting introduced to a great new babysitter
3. Organizing a neighborhood barbecue
4. Learning more about upcoming construction projects

How much does Nextdoor cost?

Nextdoor is completely free for neighborhoods.

How is Nextdoor different from my neighborhood mailing list?

Nextdoor is designed from the ground up for the specific communication needs of a neighborhood. For example, Nextdoor websites include a neighborhood map and directory, so you can easily learn more about your neighbors. When a neighbor shares a recommendation for a favorite local service (e.g. gardener, cleaning service, tutor) it's cataloged so anyone can easily refer back to it at any time.

Unlike mailing lists and groups, Nextdoor makes it easy to stay informed without overwhelming people with too many emails. Members can choose to receive emails about each new post, see everything in a daily digest, or turn off emails and check the website from new posts from neighbors. In addition, Nextdoor archives and organizes all recommendations for easy use across the neighborhood.

How do I join my neighborhood's Nextdoor website?

If your neighborhood has already set up a Nextdoor website, you can join it by asking a neighbor to invite you, or by visiting Nextdoor.com and signing up.

So what are you waiting for?? Join now to ensure you stay in the loop.

Mornings with the Mayor

Flower Mound Mayor Tom Hayden invites residents to join him from 8 to 10 a.m. every first Saturday of the month for “Mornings with the Mayor” and share their thoughts about the community. In an effort to hear from all residents, Mayor Hayden will host this informal event in different neighborhoods each month.



MORNINGS
WITH THE MAYOR

“Accessibility is one of the keys to local government and ‘Mornings with the Mayor’ will provide the opportunity for our citizens to share their views, talk about issues, ask questions, voice concerns, and offer comments or suggestions in an informal and comfortable forum,” said Mayor Hayden. “I look forward to interacting with our residents on a personal level during these events.”

“Mornings with the Mayor” will also offer a way to gather feedback about Flower Mound amenities and residents’ vision for the future of the community. Please check back for future date/location information.

Future dates and locations are as follows:

Oct. 6 - Thrush Park, 950 Sun Ridge Dr.

Nov. 3 - Northshore Park, 3100 Wood Park Blvd.

<http://www.flower-mound.com/index.aspx?NID=996>

Did you know?

October 13, 2012 is national costume swap day! This is a great way to get rid of old costumes and pick up something new from a neighbor or friend. Halloween is right around the corner, so what better way to get in the *spirit* than to have a costume swap?

The most recent code enforcement updates from the Town of Flower Mound website

<http://www.flower-mound.com/index.aspx?NID=309>

Town Codes – Property Maintenance Standards

“Abiding by the Town’s Code of Ordinances helps all of us to be good neighbors and encourages pride in neighborhoods and the Town. The codes are in place to establish and maintain standards for the health, safety, and aesthetics of the community. Town staff periodically reviews the ordinances to ensure the regulations are functioning effectively. If improvements can be made to the existing regulations, amendments are proposed by Town staff for consideration by the Town Council. Once the amendments or new regulations are approved by the Town Council, these ordinances become law and are enforced by Town staff.

Placement Time of Waste and Recycling Receptacles

This ordinance requires the waste and recycling receptacles to be placed out for collection and removed following collection within a forty-eight hour timeframe. Residents are required to place the waste or recycling receptacle at the appropriate location no earlier than 8:00 a.m. prior to the designated collection day and remove the receptacles no later than 8:00 a.m. on the day following the designated collection day. Residents in violation of this ordinance would be subject to notification and possible citations. (Section 34-81 of the Code)

Placement Time of Bulk Waste

This ordinance is similar to Section 34-81 and addresses placement of brush and bulk waste items for trash collection. Brush and bulk waste items are typically placed out for collection the day prior to collection or the day of collection, but on occasion the items are placed out too soon and may encroach into the street or sidewalk. The nuisance that is created by placing bulk waste out too early is now addressed by the ordinance that requires bulk waste placement no earlier than 8:00 a.m. on the day prior to the designated collection day. (Section 34-82 of the Code)

Private Swimming Pool or Spa.

This ordinance addresses stagnant swimming pool and spa water. Stagnant or unwholesome water in pools and spas represents a health and safety concern due to the potential for mosquito breeding grounds to occur, as well as the hazardous condition associated with a pool or spa in which the drain or bottom is not visible. Swimming pools and spas would be required to be maintained so that unwholesome water does not exist on the property and an unhealthy, unsafe, and/or unsightly condition is avoided. (Section 34-74 of the Code)

Perimeter Fence Standards

New regulations relative to fence construction established standards for perimeter fences in our Town. These standards generally include the requirement for steel poles which must be placed on the inside of a fence so they do not face the street, and specifications for the allowable type of fencing materials.

Questions about perimeter fence construction and the required permits can be directed to the Building Inspections Division at 972-874-6355. (Section 14-542 of the Code)

To report or discuss a concern you may either contact us at 972-874-6340 or you may email us at emily.chapman@flower-mound.com or mike.zapata@flowermound.com.

You may also utilize the Town’s online code violation report form located at <http://www.flower-mound.com/forms.aspx?FID=62>.”

Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

Residents can now have their Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste collected right from their front door! Please review the eligible materials list below. Please note some restrictions may apply and pickup schedules may vary depending upon demand.

It is **FREE** and easy.

Examples of Acceptable Items

Solvent
Batteries
Aerosols
Garden Chemicals
Thermometers
Auto Batteries (Up to 4)
Oil-based & latex paints
Fluorescent Bulbs (Up to 10)
Pool Chemicals
Metal Polishes
Televisions (1 each)
Cleaners
Adhesives
Antifreeze
Computer Monitors (1 each)
Used Motor Oil
Poison
Pesticides
Consumer Circuit Boards (No limit)
Sharps – placed into a sealed rigid plastic container

NOTE: You may need to contact ahead of time to receive a bag or special instructions.

To schedule a pick up, please call [1.800.449.7587](tel:1.800.449.7587) or email atyourdoor@wm.com.

Final thoughts

*Yard of the Month is sponsored by J & J Landscaping

Winners receive a \$50 gift certificate towards a future
J & J lawn service of their choice



Questions, comments, want to get involved or chair a committee?

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