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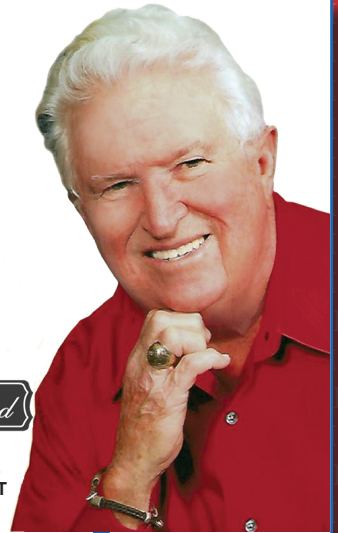
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Avg. Sq. Ft. Sold/Closed Price	\$186.01
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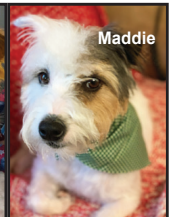


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WINTER IS COMING

December holds the first day of winter, holidays, cooler weather, the end of football's regular season, and family gatherings. It's a month of celebration with friends, coworkers, and loved ones. Enjoy the pages of this edition of Fairway magazine as we celebrate the last month of 2023.

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Let's have some fun! Somewhere in this issue of Fairway, there is a hidden golf ball for readers to find. Hint: It's on one of the advertisements. This ball doesn't play fair so you may have to search high and low.

When you think you have spotted the ball, send us an email with your answer. The deadline is 5 p.m. on December 10. No mulligans!

Email your guess and contact info to fairway@hcnews.com. Those with the correct answer will be entered into a random drawing for a \$100 gift certificate and four movie passes. Happy hunting!

Winners will receive a call from the DCBE office to notify them when the prize is ready for pick-up.



LAST MONTH'S SOLUTION: Berry Wealth Group, Page 28

LAST MONTH'S WINNER: Cheryl Elliott

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Eden met Granbury 36 years ago and is grateful to have moved here in 2000. She and husband "Hug" raise/raised their two natives here. Eden loves her semi-bohemian lifestyle of hanging out with artists, writers and photographers both young and not as young. Her passions include coffee dates, succulents and making new friends.



Eden Duncan Gilbreath



Darren Clark

A DCBE resident, Darren Clark can be found on the golf course, on the stage at the Granbury Opera House, or in his cubicle manipulating pixels into many of the Hyde Media Group's publications. Darren is a designer, photographer and occasional writer.



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Contact us at fairway@hcnews.com.

GOLF CALENDAR



MGA — Every Wednesday at 8 a.m.
 LGA — Every Thursday at 8:30 a.m.
 Saturday Gangsome at 12 noon
 Sunday Couples at 9 a.m.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 2 - Toys-For-Tots 4-person Scramble
- 8 - Pro Shop Christmas Sale
- 20 - MGA Family / Guest Day
- 27 - MGA Family / Guest Day



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December 2023

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2024 Golf Calendar coming soon Thank You for a Wonderful 2023 Golf Season					1	2 TOYS FOR TOYS Scramble
3 <i>Sunday Couples</i>	4	5	6 MGA	7 LGA Awards and Christmas Party	8 Pro Shop Christmas Sale	9 <i>Saturday Gangsome</i>
10 <i>Sunday Couples</i>	11	12	13 MGA Christmas Luncheon	14 LGA	15	16 <i>Saturday Gangsome</i>
17 <i>Sunday Couples</i>	18	19	20 MGA FAMILY/GUEST DAY	21 LGA	22	23 NO Saturday Gangsome
24 <i>Pro Shop Closed after 3pm</i> Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day <i>Pro Shop Closed</i>	26	27 MGA FAMILY/GUEST DAY	28 LGA	29	30 NO Saturday Gangsome
31 <i>Pro Shop Closed after 3pm</i> New Year's Eve	MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR'S From your Pro Shop Staff					

DCBE DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

With the influx of new residents in DeCordova Bend Estates over the past few years, many of you may not be aware of the DeCordova Bend Bridge Association. Formally founded in 1977, the purpose of our organization is to stimulate interest in and promote duplicate bridge at DCBE.

Before the DCBE Clubhouse closed in 2020 due to COVID, and remained closed during renovation, the DCBE Duplicate Bridge Club was very active, meeting twice monthly to play bridge and hosting annual tournaments. Sadly, we lost a number of members to COVID and relocations during the past few years, and are down to only 30 members.

Now that the Clubhouse renovations are complete, it's time to try to restart. We are seeking at least a dozen or more new members and hope to have enough to begin playing again in January 2024. Membership will be open to any person who is interested in playing duplicate bridge. Members are also encouraged to invite guests at any time. At present, we expect play days to be on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, beginning at 12:00 noon.

If you enjoy playing cards and are interested in learning how to play bridge, we can provide free lessons. Regardless of your level of expertise, if you would like to play bridge with us, or have any questions, please call, text, or email.



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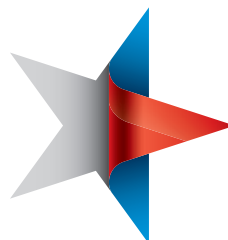
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December



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opera Guild Luncheon • Taco Tuesday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bingo • Half Price Wine 	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prime Rib Night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Live Music
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brunch with Santa 	11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taco Tuesday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half Price Wine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November Birthday Night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCBE Members Holiday Party • Christmas Lights Contest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Golf Parade • Christmas Lights Contest
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brunch • Christmas Lights Contest 	18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taco Tuesday • City Council Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half Price Wine 	21	22	23
24	25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taco Tuesday 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Half Price Wine 	28	29	30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCBE NYE Party 						

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November



ATTENTION ALL LADY GOLFERS

We play every Thursday and most of the members stay for lunch after. This is a great way to meet other golfers and make lifelong friends with your neighbors.

We have a group that plays 9 holes and one that plays 18 holes. There is a place for all skill levels.

Membership forms are available in the pro shop. Dues are \$35 annually or \$17.50 for remainder of this year.

Please come join us!

9 A.M. START TIME

- November 2 Guest Day - 1 low gross, 1 low net-flighted
- November 9 Meeting-Durant - Scramble-ABCD
- November 16 Turkey Trot - Gross/Net-Flighted
- November 23 No Play - Thanksgiving
- November 30 Mystery 9 - Flighted - (last day to post score for EOY awards)

Congratulations to our 2023 LGA Championship Winners:

- Sonja Dildy - 18 Hole Winner
- Virginia Sanders - 9 Hole Winner

Save the Date

- December 7 Christmas Party/Awards-11:30 a.m.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT DCBE LGA

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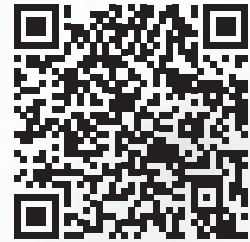
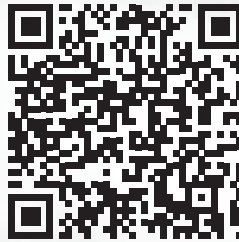
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KELLIE ROUTEN
BILL STEGLICH
KATHY VANDERZEE

December 2

JERRY CHAPPELLE
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HOLLEY MCLANE
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December 3

JAMES ALLEN
JILL BISHOP
JIMMIE CRAIN
JOE DAUGHERTY
MELVIN DOOLEY
ELLEN CHRISTINE EMMONS
JAY HEFFRON
CHRIS WIDNER

December 4

KYRIE AKERLEY
ANNE CUNNINGHAM
JASON DUDEK
DONICA SAWYER
KELLY REYNOLDS
CATHIE SHEPHERD
MAGGIE WIEST

December 5

AL BISHOP
PATSY BROWN
JEFFREY MIKEL CHARBONNET
KAROL FRENCH
GENE GREGORY
CYNTHIA JEWELL
JERRY LEE MOFFITT
DIANNE NELSON

December 6

PAULA MORRIS
BONNIE ODOM
JAMES RANDLE
TOM SHELTON
EARL WILLIAMS

December 7

VICKIE FIDLER
MARY HALL
NITA ROY
T.R. SARTOR
LAURIE SEYMOUR
BOBBY HICKS
JOSHUA WALKER

December 8

BRITNY CELLARS
DEAN CHUMBLEY
RICKEY DOWNS
DAVID HUETT
STACY MITCHELL
TAYLOR NUSSER
LISSA OLIVER
SUSAN TAMPLEN
RONALD WILLIAMS

December 9

ALAN COSBY
SONJA DILDY
DAMEN GAMEZ
MARY JANE MALONE
JENA PICKETT
BENNY THRONE

December 10

NATHAN BURGER
SHAWN CHINN
MELINDA HUNTER-RIFE
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December 11

DINA CELLARS
RANDALL RIFE
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December 12

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In addition to our monthly luncheon program, our special interest groups are here for you to connect with others who enjoy similar pursuits - these currently include walking, mah jongg, bunco, Texas Hold 'Em, games, movies, crafting and both an afternoon and an evening book club.

All the information for these activities is updated weekly on our Facebook page. Use the QR code on this page to connect.

If you haven't already joined us, we hope you will. We want to get to know you.



For the Woman's Club Board,
Lisa Sudbury

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We would like to announce the arrival of Todd Lettman, to our Food and Beverage team as the Executive Chef.

Todd joined us on Monday, November 6th.

Todd is a Veteran with the United States Marine Corp and a Graduate of the Art Institute of Houston.

He was the Executive Chef at the Renaissance Hotel in Richardson, managing 5 Kitchens and Staff. the Regional Executive Chef for American Dining Creations and Regional Director of Operations for NLPA Hospitality Services.

Todd and his wife plan to relocate from Dallas in the near future with their teenage son. Please help us welcome Todd Lettman to our Decordova Community.

We are very excited to have Todd with us and feel his leadership and culinary experience will take our club to the next level!

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EL NIÑO WINTER: WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Meteorologists are saying with some confidence that people should prepare for an El Niño winter in 2023-2024. Late summer water temperatures indicated a strengthening El Niño event. Many have heard of El Niño, but may not entirely understand what it signifies.

According to the National Ocean Service, El Niño and La Niña are climate patterns in the Pacific Ocean that can affect weather worldwide. Typically, these weather patterns last nine to 12 months, but sometimes can last for years. The weather events occur every two to seven years, but not on a regular schedule. El Niño is more common than La Niña.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) notes that, during normal Pacific ocean conditions, trade winds blow west along the equator, moving warm water from South America toward Asia. Cold water rises from the depths to replace that warm water. During El Niño, trade winds weaken and warm water is pushed east toward the west coast of the Americas.

South American fishermen are credited with discovering El Niño in the 1600s. They named it "El Niño de Navidad" because it typically peaks around December. During an El Niño, weather is affected, says the NOAA. Areas in the northern United States and Canada are dryer and warmer than usual, but the Gulf Coast and Southeast experience wetter conditions with more flooding.

La Niña has the opposite effect, with stronger trade winds that push more warm water towards Asia, and the cold waters in the Pacific push the jet stream northward. This causes

drought in the southern U.S. and heavy rains and flooding in the Pacific Northwest and Canada. During a La Niña year, winter temperatures are warmer than normal in the South and cooler than normal in the North.

However, all of these factors also are affected by the patterns' degree of severity. Fox Weather says strong El Niños produce warm signals across much of the Lower 48, while more moderate events can lead to warmth or extreme cold. Weaker El Niños tend to produce the coldest winters out of the three stages. There hasn't been an El Niño since the 2018-19 season, which was controlled by a weak El Niño pattern. Change is coming, though the extent of that change remains difficult to predict



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Hit 'n' Giggles Girls, a fun group of golfing women from DCBE, had a great golf clinic on Saturday, Oct. 14 at our Driving Range, with 24 attending.

Our instructors were the famous DCBE mother-daughter team: LPGA Life Master Member Doris Earls and LPGA Life Member Lisa Conley.

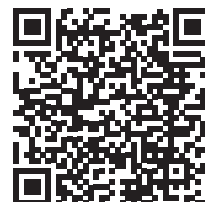
Doris instructed us on warm up exercises, how to hold our clubs and many tips to help our golf game. Lisa had us participate in a contest that helped us get acquainted with famous women golfers and each other. Then we hit the mats in groups of four where Doris and Lisa came by and personally helped each one of us with our golf swings. Their expertise was a fantastic help for everyone.

We thank Doris and Lisa so much!! We hope we can schedule another golf clinic again in the spring.

We invite all DCBE woman to join our fun Hit 'n' Giggles Girls golf group on Tuesdays and Saturdays at Durant Par 3 at 9:00 a.m.

Contact President Kathy Bowman for more information at (316) 691-7684.

Come and enjoy other beginning and intermediate women golfers with no stress and no judgement. We have a lot of fun, friendship and giggling.



DECEMBER IS A POPULAR MONTH FOR MOVIE RELEASES

Moviegoers may be familiar with summer blockbuster season, but winter, and December in particular, also is a popular time to release highly anticipated films. Over the last several year, a number of successful films have had December release dates and gone on to earn hundreds of millions of dollars at the box office. The following are the top 10 grossing movies that debuted in December in their respective years, and their total domestic box office revenue, courtesy of The Numbers, a data and research services company.

2015: "Star Wars Episode VII: The Force Awakens," December 18th, \$936,662,225

2021: "Spider-Man: No Way Home," December 17th, \$814,115, 070

2009: "Avatar," December 18th, \$785,221,649

2022: "Avatar: Way of Water," December 16th, \$684,075,767

1997: "Titanic," December 19th, \$674,396,795

2017: "Star Wars Episode VIII: The Last Jedi," December 15th, \$620,181,382


2016: "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story," December 16th, \$533,539,991

2019: "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker," December 20th, \$515,202,542


2017: "Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle," December 20th, \$404,508,916

2003: "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King," December 17th, \$379,021,990

Some highly anticipated films scheduled for release in December 2023 include "The Color Purple," "Spider-Man: Convergence," "Power Rangers: Origins," "Rebel Moon," and "The Iron Claw."



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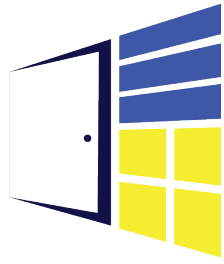
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By Eden Duncan Gilbreath

Though I married a native Texan, and my husband and I have parented two native Texans I am the outsider among them. Born in Missouri, I moved from Colorado at the age of twelve. As the saying goes, I got here as fast as I could. My husband says I am a Texan by osmosis. And man, do I love Texas, but here's the rub, I was stunned by the Texas cold. When Texas gets cold it gets really cold. Mean cold. Wet, icy, and dangerous.

When my family moved to Texas in fall of 1981 I was not prepared for the weather that first winter. The junior high I attended insisted we go outside after eating lunch, regardless of temperature it seemed. I had a darling red puffed jacket with the batting sewn into small squares. Really puffy, that was one cute jacket, worthless in the Texas winter but cute.

Standing outside in the wet cold I felt every degree the temperature dropped. I came home from school complaining to my parents that they had moved us to Texas for us to freeze. Of course we had yet to meet Texas summer, but that at least we expected. We had watched on the evening news from Colorado the ice dropped in swimming pools in Texas during summer of 1980.

Nearly every year in Hood County there are at least a few ice days where many roads are unsafe to travel, school is canceled and most folks stay home from work. The storms of February of 2021 caused a severe drain on power sources causing shortages and outages. This seemed to make us more aware going forward of the soundness of our domiciles and making sure they are as efficient as possible.

For the purposes of informing the readership we sought the advice of experts in the field to help us literally weather the storm. Both DT Roofing and Daffan Cooling and Heating stressed preventative measures to best face inclement weather.

"Some tips we recommend include insulating your attic. Poor insulation can cause your heater to work harder than necessary all winter, spelling higher electricity bills. Poor insulation can also cause the formation of ice dams along the valleys. A properly insulated attic can help the inside and outside of your home," shared Morgan Farris, marketing with DT Roofing.



On the note of insulation and keeping the cold out Stacie Howell, marketing with Daffan agreed, “Make sure your seals are good, or are replaced if needed. Often dogs will ruin seals at the back door as they scratch to come inside.”

Clearing clogged gutters and downspouts to prevent water from backing up and impacting underlying materials on your roof was another tip offered.

“Another good idea is to have your trees trimmed before winter, ensuring that weak or old branches do not become overloaded with the weight of ice accumulation, falling on your roof, and causing damage. You can call DT Roofing anytime and we will be glad to provide a free inspection to make sure your home is ready for the inevitable,” shared Farris.

Farris went on, “There are many good and familiar tips to prepare your home for winter; from wrapping your exterior faucets to tuning up your HVAC, all are helpful. But when a Texan thinks of preparing a home for winter, the roof is often the last thing we think about. The truth is your roof could have secrets you won’t even notice until after the winter thaw. If ice or snow accumulates on an area of your roof, any weak spots will most certainly begin leaking the moment the ice begins to melt. A proper inspection before the weather strikes is key to preventing surprises down the road.”

A similar tune was heard when seeking advice from Daffan Cooling and Heating,

“The last thing you need is for your heating system to go out during sub-freezing temperatures when the snow is piling up outside. Take care of any issues before winter arrives. Daffan Cooling and Heating can help you with complete heating services in Granbury, Texas. Contact us today to schedule an in-home assessment.”

DT Roofing, “At DT Roofing, every new roof we install comes with ice and water shield, an extra layer of protection against ice accumulation in your valleys. When you get a new roof from DT Roofing, we take every existing roof off down to the decking, making sure there are no weak spots or places where problems can develop. That way, when a Texas winter storm strikes, the last thing you’re worried about is your roof. And that’s what we like to call a roof as Tough as Texas.”

DT Roofing offers a link website that goes into detail about winterizing your roof at every layer: dtroofing.net/can-you-winterize-your-roof/

Daffan Cooling and Heating offers articles on their website on preventative maintenance and the services they offer at daffanmechanical.com under news and services.





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De Cordova Bend Estates							
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	Current	Current Mo.		Year	YTD		Total Yr
	Month	Budget	Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable)	To Date	Budget	Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget
TOTAL REVENUE	646,680	612,088	34,592	3,920,250	3,725,213	195,037	7,333,402
TOTAL COST OF SALES	68,752	64,446	(4,306)	547,825	396,686	(151,139)	732,468
GROSS PROFIT	577,928	547,642	30,286	3,372,425	3,328,527	43,898	6,600,934
TOTAL SALARIES & WAGES	325,395	312,209	(13,186)	1,981,413	1,853,724	(127,689)	3,536,723
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	196,781	145,403	(51,378)	1,261,612	1,063,386	(198,226)	1,929,784
NET INCOME(LOSS) BEFORE DEPREC	55,752	90,030	(34,278)	129,400	411,417	(282,017)	1,134,427
TRANSFER TO RENOVATION CIP	(26,095)	(27,040)	(945)	(182,563)	(162,240)	20,323	(324,480)
TRANSFER TO GENERAL CIP	(24,944)	0	24,944	(49,888)	0	49,888	0
TOTAL NET INCOME(LOSS) BEFORE DEPRECIATION	4,713	62,990	(10,279)	(103,051)	249,177	(211,807)	809,947

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Operating Funds	\$336,382
Contingency Reserve	\$304,938
Capital Reserve	\$779,280
Renovation Retainage to be paid	\$0
Total Cash Funds	\$1,420,600

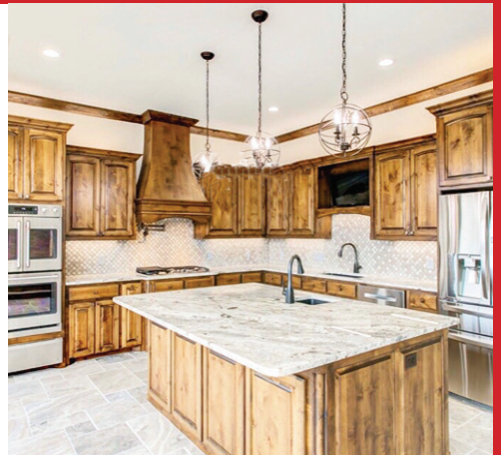
Capital Summary - August, 2023

Current Capital Funds Available	\$779,280
Total Approved Capital Projects Remaining	\$91,775
Capital Funds Remaining	\$687,505



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PREPARE YOUR LAWN FOR WINTER

By Eden Duncan Gilbreath

By taking these proactive steps to prepare your lawn for winter, you're setting the stage for a thriving and vibrant landscape come spring.



Summers are harsh in Texas. It seems we need the rains of the fall and winter to make it part way into summer before the scorching heat begins. This summer was literally one for the record books with this summer being one of the hottest on record. Drought covered more than 80 percent of the state.

Fall rains have brought some relief but yards in Hood County suffered substantially. Dead trees, bushes and plants were removed from yards as the hottest days finally started to subside.

Winter in Texas can be as harsh as summer with ice typically a yearly visitor. As we prepare for colder temperatures we sought the advice of P.J.'s Lawn Care on how to best prepare our lawns for the next season.

P.J.'S LAWN CARE TIPS

As the temperatures begin to dip and the first signs of winter make their appearance, it's essential to give your lawn the attention it deserves. With the right preparations, you can ensure that your outdoor space stays healthy and vibrant throughout the colder months.

MOW AT THE RIGHT HEIGHT

One of the first steps in preparing your lawn for winter is to give it a proper trim. Set your mower to a slightly lower height than usual, but be cautious not to cut the grass too short. This helps prevent matting and disease during the winter months.

AERATE THE SOIL

Allow your lawn to breathe! Aerating the soil involves

creating small holes to help air, water, and nutrients reach the roots more effectively. This is crucial for maintaining a healthy lawn, especially during the winter season.

OVERSEED BARE PATCHES

Fill in the gaps! If you notice any thin or bare areas in your lawn, it's a good idea to overseed with cool-season grass. This will help your lawn maintain its lushness even in cooler temperatures.

CONTINUE WATERING (BUT ADJUST FREQUENCY)

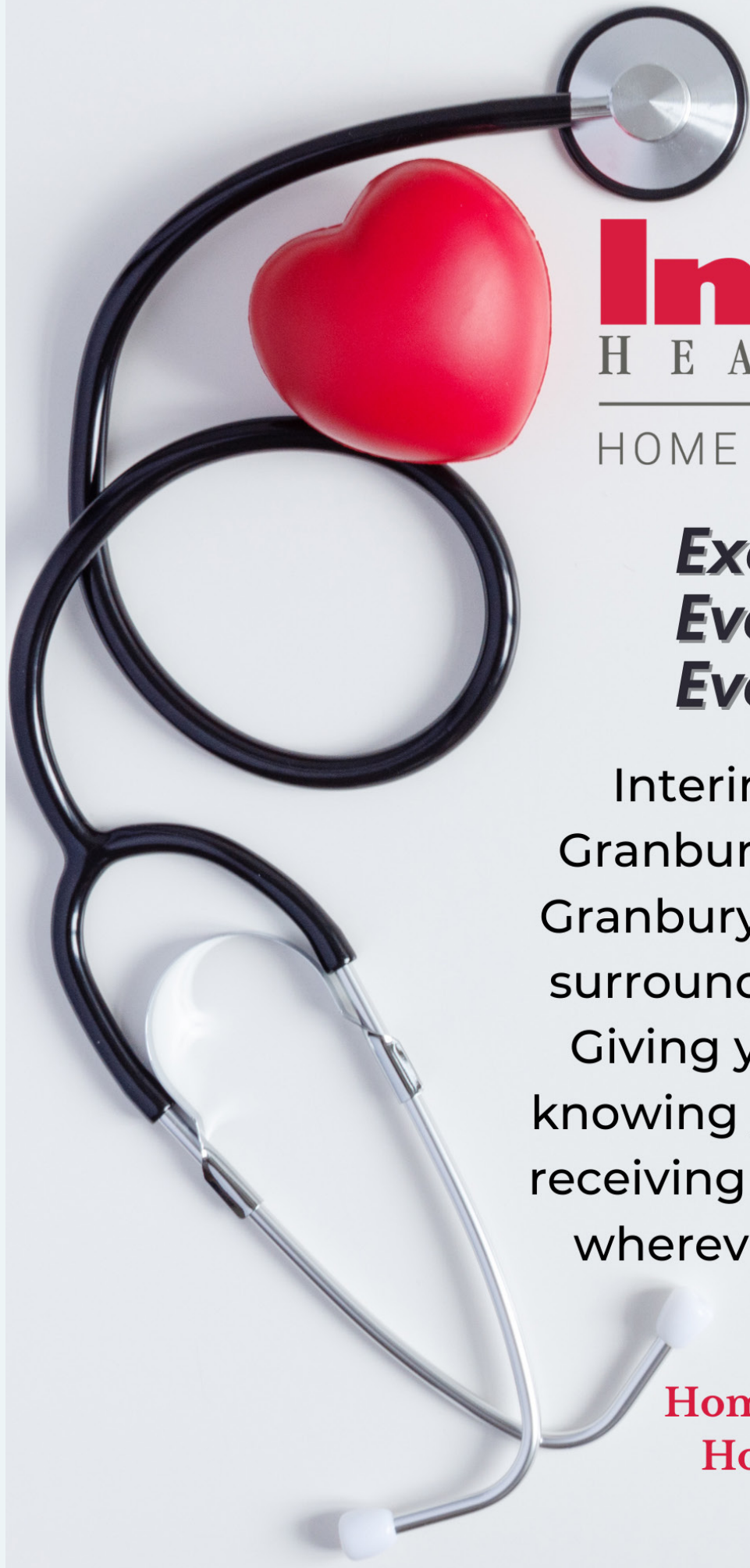
While North Texas winters are generally mild, your lawn still needs hydration. Adjust your watering schedule to account for reduced evaporation. Deep, infrequent watering is key to keeping your grass healthy.

LIMIT FOOT TRAFFIC

During winter, the grass is more vulnerable to damage. Minimize walking on your lawn, especially if it's frost-covered. This will help prevent compaction and preserve the health of your grass.

By taking these proactive steps to prepare your lawn for winter, you're setting the stage for a thriving and vibrant landscape come spring. Remember, a well-prepared lawn in the fall ensures a beautiful and healthy outdoor space in the months ahead.

Explore pjslawn.com/pjsblog for even more detailed insights on winter lawn care.



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DCBE BOARD BRIEFS

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Meeting held October 23, 2023

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GOLF COMMITTEE

Chairman, Larry Cordell

817-909-9122

lawcordell@sbcglobal.net

Larry Cordell reported that the committee and club management are reviewing information for replacement of our rental cart fleet. All were in agreement that the number of carts can be reduced from previous contracts.

FOOD & BEVERAGE COMMITTEE

Chairman, Secretary Cathy Permenter

(254) 718-8685

cathypermenter@gmail.com

Updates were given on TABC review of private club memberships. Cathy Permenter stated that with current licensing only DCBE members may pay for alcoholic beverages at the clubhouse. All guests and reciprocal members will be required to purchase a temporary membership, is under review, from the club good for their use at our facilities for up to three consecutive days from the time of purchase.

MEMBERSHIP & NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairman, Vice President Bennie Hudgins

817-917-7414

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The Board of Directors approved by recommendation of the committee to change its name to the Membership & Board Search Committee; with all in favor the motion carried. The committee is discussing how to increase attendance and participation at the in-person orientations. It was suggested an evening meeting time be considered or one on one meetings with Membership Director Stephanie Garner, if they are unable to attend at the current scheduled meeting time. Bennie Hudgins reported that the Ad-Hoc Events Committee held it's Fall Bazaar which had a great turnout and really good vendors this year.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Chairman, Secretary Kellen Zawadzki

717-275-3991

KellenZawadzki@gmail.com

Kellen Zawadzki delivered updates for each of the recreational amenities.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- **BOARD MEETING**
5:00 p.m. Dec. 18
at the DCBE Clubhouse Board Room
- **CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
Clubhouse Ballroom Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman, Treasurer David Zunker
817-79-3559
Zunker10@yahoo.com

David Zunker informed the Board of Directors that the committee would be meeting the week following the Boards meeting and reports will be delivered to all via email and at their next scheduled meeting.

FACILITY MAINTENANCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Chairman, Sean Grizzell
817-219-1591
Griz1212@me.com

Sean Grizzell reported that the committee is looking into next year's fiscal facilities budget. Major identified projects include but are not limited to at this time: the clubhouse roof, repairs to the clubhouse pool, a replacement maintenance and golf course truck, road maintenance, the course pump-station housing and golf course irrigation.

SECURITY COMMITTEE

Chairman, Scott Mitchell
817-219-9198
Smitch1995@yahoo.com

The Board of Directors have requested written policy and procedures defining the role of an appeal council for member suspensions and fines. Scott Mitchell updated the Board of Directors on review of potential gate entry systems. The committee will continue discussion at their next monthly meeting.

LEGAL BY-LAWS COUNCIL

Chairman, Cathy Permenter
254-718-8685
CathyPermenter@gmail.com

Cathy Permenter informed the Board of Directors on discussions with Association legal counsel regarding Texas Property Code updates that are to be presented for review and approvals.

ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE

Chairman, Cody Garrison
817-736-5386
cody@codygarrison.com

BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

Chairman, Rick Phillips
817-726-6130
RPInsurance1@gmail.com

An update was given by Matt Fleming on the Associations listed lot 904 sale. Rick Philips spoke of the committee's recent review of property compliance to include DCBE owned lots.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COUNCIL

Chairman, President Doug Jones
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No minutes recorded for inclusion at this time.



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**ADDITIONAL MEETING NOTES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- Sarah Ligon introduced Executive Chef Todd Lettman to those attending. New menus for the 19th Hole and Cove Restaurant were presented for review.
- Doug Jones presented organizational charts and employee head counts for all departments.
- Department heads have been asked to prepare their FYE 2025 budgets for review.
- The General Manager Search Committee will be presenting search firm quotes and qualifications to the Board of Directors for discussion.
- Brief review of speaking topics for the upcoming November Semi-Annual Open Board of Directors Meeting to be held in the Clubhouse Ballroom, Saturday Nov. 18 at 6 p.m.
- The Board of Directors were all in approval for lots 106/107 to proceed with survey and re-plot for presentation to the Board and City Council for signature and filing.



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10 NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY POINTERS

Many people consider New Year's Day the unofficial end of the holiday season. That often means that New Year's Eve is an opportunity to socialize, gather and party one final time before returning to the routines of daily life.

The first known instance of New Year's celebrations can be traced to around 2,000 B.C. in the region of Mesopotamia. Celebrants were gathering in March, rather than January, as this was the time of the vernal equinox, when the darkness of winter subsided and agricultural life could begin anew.

As individuals count down the days until New Year's Eve festivities, these planning tips can make the celebrations occasions to remember.

CONSIDER A THEME

Everyone who is anyone is having or attending a NYE party. Let your event stand out from the throngs of others with a theme. Guests can come dressed as dynamic duos (like Mario and Luigi) or the party can evoke a bygone era, such as the roaring 1920s. Let guests know what they can do to play the part.

START LATE

You do not want guests wiped out by the time midnight arrives. Therefore, start the party at around 9 or 10 p.m. and anticipate it lasting into the wee hours of the morning.

TAILOR DRINKS TO THE SEASON

Utilize seasonal ingredients when crafting drinks, or serve drinks that are expected this time of year, such as a boozy eggnog or cranberry Moscow mules.

PROVIDE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES

Plan fun activities during the party. Offer card games or board games to give guests something to do. Karaoke or group activities like trivia also can spread out the fun.

BEVERAGES SHOULD BE ACCESSIBLE

Unless you are hiring a bartender who will be on call to pour drinks, having drinks ready to go is a smart idea. In addition to cans/bottles of beer or malt beverages, have ready-to-go mixed drinks available by selecting a signature drink and preparing a bulk batch.

CURATE A WINNING PLAYLIST

Ask guests to submit a list of their favorite tunes so you can create a collection of songs that will ebb and flow with the evening's events. Be sure to include some sing-a-long favorites like "Don't Stop Believin'" or "Tiny Dancer."

OFFER SELF-SERVE FOODS

Much like having drinks ready to go, make foods accessible as well. Finger foods and bite-sized morsels will not require guests to carry plates, reducing the chances for spillage. Sliders, miniature quiches and dessert shooters should suffice.

TIE DECORATIONS INTO THE THEME

Classic New Year's Eve decorations include balloons, streamers and confetti. Think about a very festive balloon arch or backdrop that also can serve as a place to pose for photo opportunities.

OFFER TAKEAWAY GIFTS FOR DESIGNATED DRIVERS

Encourage guests to stay sober and volunteer for designated driving duties by offering prizes. Ideas include gift cards to coffee shops or restaurants.

BE READY FOR MIDNIGHT

Have a large television at the ready to show the midnight countdown and start pouring champagne roughly 20 minutes before midnight to ensure all glasses are full when the clock strikes 12.

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4 FUN FACTS ABOUT DECEMBER

December is arguably the most festive month of the year. The holiday season and all the gatherings with family and friends make the final month of the year a busy time. But a peek under the proverbial hood reveals that there's more to December than the holiday season.

1. Armchair linguists might know that the Latin word "decem" means "ten," which is a little curious given that December is the twelfth month of the year. So why isn't December the tenth month of the year? Like other months on the modern calendar, including October and November, December once occupied a different place on the calendar, namely the Julian calendar that was used prior to the adoption of the Gregorian calendar. Back then, December was the tenth month on the calendar. Though its position changed when the Gregorian calendar was adopted, its name remained the same.

2. It's easy to overlook in a month populated by holidays like Chanukah, Christmas and Kwanzaa, but the winter solstice is a significant day on the calendar as well. According to the Farmer's Almanac, the 2023 winter solstice occurs on December 21 at 10:27 p.m. EST for the northern hemisphere. The winter solstice might not be sun worshippers' favorite

day of the year, as it's the day with the least amount of sunlight all year long. However, one positive to keep in mind is that, once the winter solstice occurs, each day thereafter experiences a gradual increase in daylight. That should give anyone yet another reason to celebrate in December.

3. December has historically been a month of firsts, particularly for women and politicians. On December 1, 1919, Lady Nancy Astor became the first woman to serve in the British House of Commons. Exactly 69 years later, Benazir Bhutto was nominated for the role of prime minister of Pakistan. Bhutto ultimately became the first woman to be elected as head of a democratic government in a Muslim-majority country. Political firsts in December are not limited to events involving women. A year after Bhutto was nominated, Russia's Mikhail Gorbachev became the first Soviet Russian leader to visit the Vatican and meet the Pope.

4. January might be the month people most associate with efforts to change their fortunes, but the birthstone of December also is considered a symbol of good fortune. The Farmer's Almanac notes that one of the birthstones of December is turquoise, which some believe is symbolic of good fortune and success.

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Moussaka is a classic dish served in Eastern European countries like Greece and Turkey. There are many variations, but moussaka often is made with eggplant and a creamy white sauce called béchamel. As a layered casserole similar to lasagna, it can be made in advance and then served to a crowd. It's hearty, tasty and filling, and likely something that will appeal to most guests this Christmas. Hosts interested in preparing "Moussaka" can try the following recipe, courtesy of "Throw a Great Party" (iUniverse) by Mary Bartlett, Antonia Hoogewerf and Catherine Monnet.

Moussaka **Serves 25**

6 pounds eggplant
1 cup olive oil, approximately
1 pound onions, chopped
2 tablespoons garlic, finely chopped
6 pounds ground beef or lamb
1 can tomatoes (29 ounces)
1/2 bottle red wine
1/2 bunch parsley, chopped
1/2 bunch dried oregano
2 tablespoons cinnamon
2 teaspoons nutmeg
1 teaspoon salt and pepper

Béchamel
8 ounces butter
1 cup flour
2 quarts milk
Nutmeg
Salt and pepper

Slice the eggplant into 1/2-inch round slices and sprinkle with salt. Let the eggplant rest about one hour to draw out the liquid. Pat dry, brush each slice with olive oil and arrange overlapping on baking sheets. Bake about 20 minutes or until soft. Set aside. This step may be done in advance.

If you prefer to grill the eggplant, brush both sides with olive oil or cooking oil and cook on a hot grill about two minutes per side.

Using one or two large skillets, heat about 1/4 inch of oil and sauté the onions and garlic until softened and set aside. Do this in batches, as necessary.

Using the same pan, add additional oil and sauté the beef or lamb until lightly browned. As each batch browns, place it in a very large pot.

Add the cooked onion and garlic mixture, tomatoes, red wine, parsley, oregano, cinnamon, and nutmeg to the browned meat. Simmer slowly about 30 minutes. Season with salt and pepper.

While the meat mixture simmers, prepare the béchamel sauce. Melt the butter in a large pot until it is bubbling. Whisk in the flour gradually and continue to stir for about 8 to 10 minutes over low heat without browning the mixture. Heat the milk in a large pan or in the microwave. Gradually add the hot milk to the flour mixture, stirring continuously. Add the nutmeg, salt and pepper to taste. Bring to a boil, lower the heat, and whisk a few minutes until thickened. Taste and correct the seasoning.

Oil two 9 x 13-inch baking pans or one large roasting pan. Using half of the eggplant slices, distribute them on the bottom of each pan. Top with meat mixture followed by remaining eggplant. Spread the sauce evenly over the eggplant. Bake in a moderate oven (325 F) for about one hour. The béchamel should be lightly browned. Let the moussaka sit about 10 minutes before cutting into squares. It may be served at room temperature.

Serve with rosé or a medium-bodied white wine.

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October 2023

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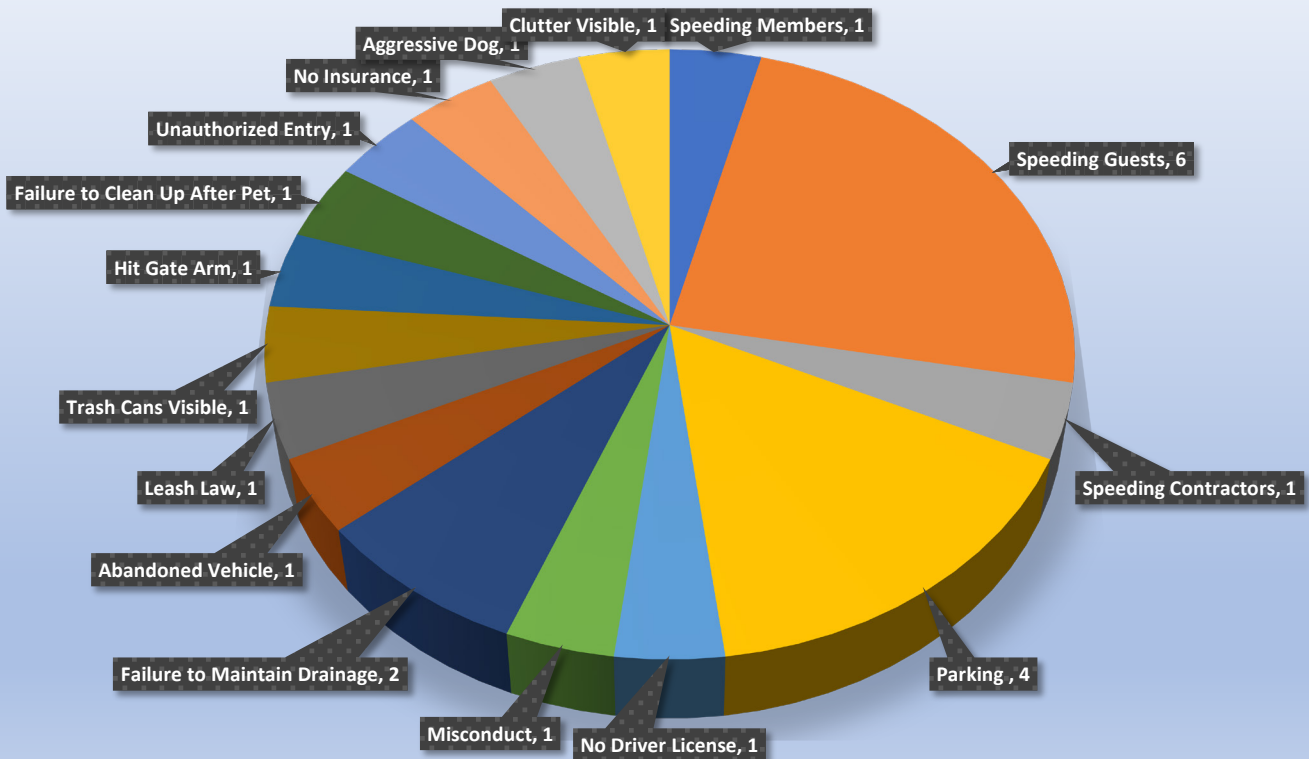


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	Reports	NORV'S	Reports	NORV'S	Reports	NORV'S	Reports	NORV'S	Reports	NORV'S	Reports	NORV'S	Reports	NORV'S	Reports	NORV'S	Reports	NORV'S	Reports	NORV'S
Traffic																				
Speeding		4	1	10	3	6	3	7		7		7		7		5		3	1	8
Misc. Traffic/Accident	1				6		3		1		2	1	2		2		1	3	2	5
Hit/Broke Gate Arm	2	3	2	3	2	1	2	1	1	3	5	6	3	3	3	2	3	3	2	1
Parking/Temp. Parking			2		4		6	6		6	1	2	1	7	3	4		3	3	4
No Driver's License/INS.	2	1	1	1		1		3				2	2	2	1	1	1	1		2
Underage Driving		1		1		1			1	1	1	1	1	1						
Failure to Stop											1	1	1	1		1				
Suspicious Vehicle					3							1	1	1	1					2
Reckless Driving			1		1		1	2						1			1	1		
Animals																				
Barking Dog	3		3	1	5		1						3		1		3		7	
Leash Law					2										3		2		1	1
Aggressive Animal	1	1	2				1	1						3					2	1
Incidents																				
Curfew Violation			1																	
Misconduct/Disorderly	1	5	2	2	1	1	4	4	1		2	2	3	1		1			1	1
Failure to Provide ID																				
Dmstic. Disturbance																				
Disturbances	1																			
W Being Chks	1		1		3		3						1		2		1		1	
Member Assists	27		8		15		24		42		42		40		31		33		25	
Theft							1						1		2				1	
Burglary																				
Medical Assists	11		15		9		21		29		6		6		10		11		9	
Misc. Rules Violations	2		3	2	3		1	7	1	6		8	6	6	6	6	13	3	2	8
Vandalism																				
Noise Complaint	1				3						1		3							
False Alarm	1		2		2		3						2		1				1	
Failur to Comply	1	1							1	2	2	1	1	2	2					
Assault																				
Unauthorized Entry	5	2			3	1	4	4	6		4	4	2	2	2	2	4	2	1	1
Misc. Complaints	8		3		6		7		5				8	1	8		12		9	
Fireworks/Firearms	2												3	3						
Mischief	2				1		1						2						1	
Fire	1		2																	
Burning on Property	1	1																		
Suspicious Person	1		1		3		1				1		1		1		1			
Lost Child																				
Totals:	75	19	50	20	75	11	87	35	87	24	68	36	86	36	81	24	86	16	74	27

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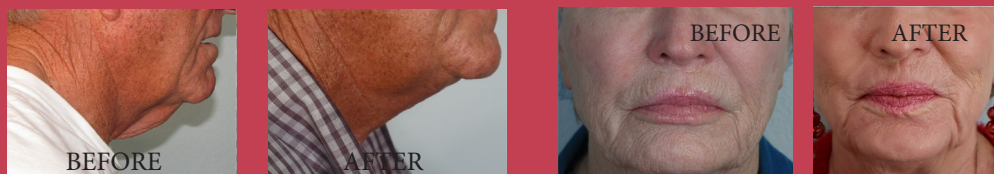
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ACROSS

- middle name of "Lady Bird" Johnson
- repair socks
- get ready for publication
- TXism: "a shy dog don't get ___ biscuits"
- TXism: "old as ___"
- late TX actress and model, Fawcett
- "against" prefix
- TX Leon Jaworski became Watergate prosecutor after this Cox was fired
- TXism: "that's a fine how ___"
- (something irritating) where Moses got the commandments
- TXism: "___ of arrows in his quiver" (capable)
- tear in a sweater
- sell door to door
- TXism: "useless as perfume ___"
- TXism: "___ a whipped pup"
- Austin band: "Asleep ___ the Wheel"
- TX Cooley is known for his work in ___ surgery
- Granbury historic hotel: "___ House"
- nickname of president born in Denison
- TXism: "attracted like ___ a magnet"
- male fowl (2 wds.)
- "black gold"

DOWN

- Texas city meaning "the pass" (2 wds.)
- many Texans have played on the PGA ___
- Astros former leag.
- chain-___ fence
- marching cadence word in Texas, cars must have a registration ___
- "___ in the face" (an insult)
- ___ Ocean, Texas
- word before a woman's maiden name
- big cell service provider
- TXism: "cream ___ top" (good quality)
- young man
- Groveton is the seat of this county
- TX Woodward was the walking boss in "Cool ___ Luke"
- TXism: "if he's ___ bark"
- Eve's mate in Eden
- TX Shaquille won 3 titles as this (city abbr. + team)
- calorie counter
- the family ___
- TX Jim Reeves hit: "He'll Have to ___"
- Lennon's widow
- Palo ___ Canyon
- Metroplex mexican eatery: "___ Fenix"
- TXism: "___ some gravel" (fell)
- TXism: "lapped ___" (believed)
- "___ grapes"
- "The Leaning Tower of ___"
- TXism: "numerous as ___ dead worm"
- a "Corps" member at Texas A&M
- military kitchen duty (abbr.)

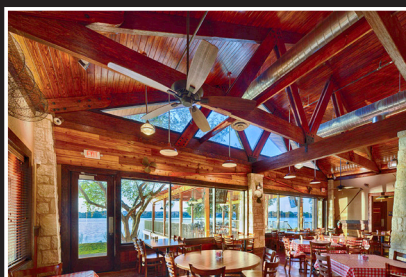
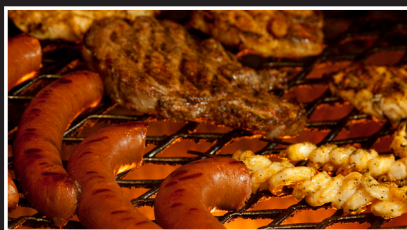
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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "in _____ neck of the woods"
- 5 TXism: "that dog _____ hunt"
- 6 Texas Ranger pitcher, Glen
- 7 expression of relief
- 8 TX Farrah Fawcett film: "Somebody Killed _____ Husband"
- 9 doctors' org.
- 12 seat of Callahan County
- 17 racing team rowing guys
- 19 blood vessel
- 21 _____ sonnets (poems)
- 22 peanut
- 23 TXism: "quick _____ in church"
- 28 TX-born Roger Miller 1964 hit: "_____ Me"
- 29 gunfighter skill in early Texas: "quick _____"
- 30 Lake Ray Roberts area: "Isle _____"
- 31 TXism: "wipe the slate clean"
- 35 "_____ Space" will build first industrial space station
- 36 TX Simone Biles was "_____ of the Year" in 2014
- 42 TX NFL Hall-of-Famer Forrest Gregg was drafted _____ in 1956 by the Packers
- 44 Bastrop was named for one

- 46 _____ will in Texas requires an addendum or a codicil
- 48 TX Farrah's character Jill on "Charlie's Angels"
- 49 "_____ or nay"
- 50 "The sun never _____ on Uncle Sam"
- 51 in Hidalgo County on highway 107
- 52 CFA soldier: "Johnny _____"
- 53 "_____ but sure"

- 54 "house of prayer" in Sarita, Texas: "_____ Shomea"
- 56 sheep sound
- 57 in southern Texas: groove-billed _____
- 58 this Lazenby refined Dr Pepper formula (init.)

DOWN

- 1 TXism: "just _____ holler away" (near)
- 2 a person who might have "road rage" in Houston? (hyph.)
- 3 buried
- 4 place in storage
- 9 Apollo 11: "one small step for _____"
- 10 Teddy Roosevelt recruited Rough Riders in this San Antonio site (3 wds.)

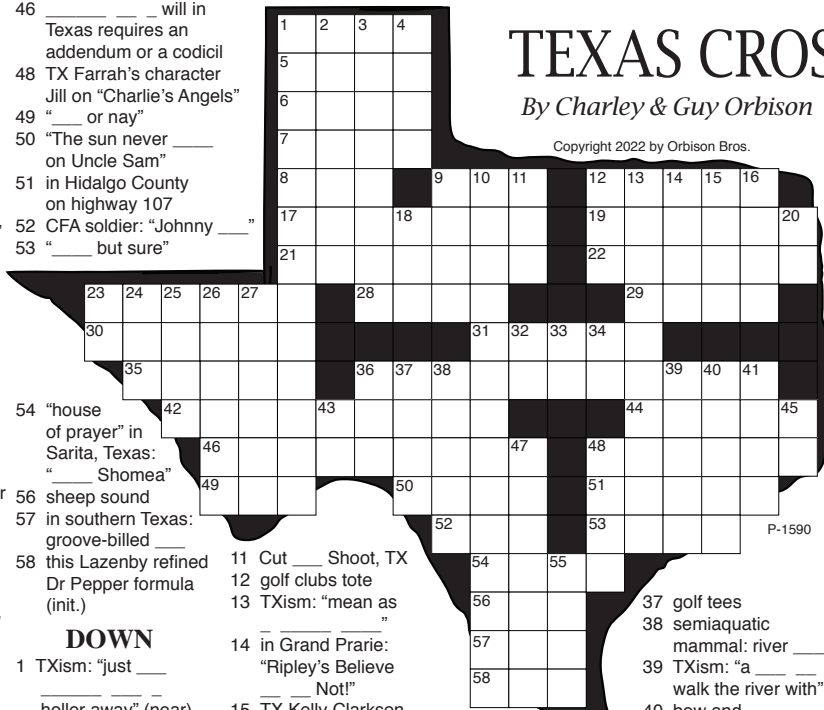
- 11 Cut _____ Shoot, TX
- 12 golf clubs tote
- 13 TXism: "mean as _____"
- 14 in Grand Prairie: "Ripley's Believe _____ Not!"
- 15 TX Kelly Clarkson is daughter-in-law to this McEntire
- 16 this former Cowboy, Pearson, is now in NFL Hall of Fame
- 18 fed. retire. agcy.
- 20 2022, e.g. (abbr.)
- 23 business info. in a Texas newspaper
- 24 Texas "soccer mom" vehicle? (abbr.)

- 25 "blind as _____"
- 26 the capital city of this country is Oslo
- 27 _____-camp
- 32 TX actor Torn (init.)
- 33 TXism: "honest _____ the day is long"
- 34 dir. from Canyon to Hereford
- 36 TXism: "old as _____"
- 37 golf tees
- 38 semiaquatic mammal: river _____
- 39 TXism: "a _____ walk the river with"
- 40 bow and _____
- 41 classic western: "High _____" (1952)
- 43 Texas electronics corp.
- 45 dir. to Cameron from New Braunfels
- 47 "bland _____ without salt pork"
- 48 sour _____
- 55 TXism: "jump _____" (escape)

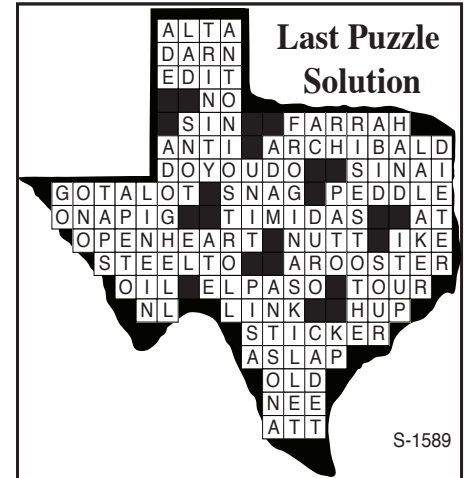
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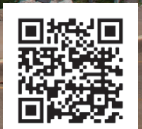
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