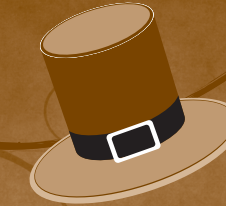
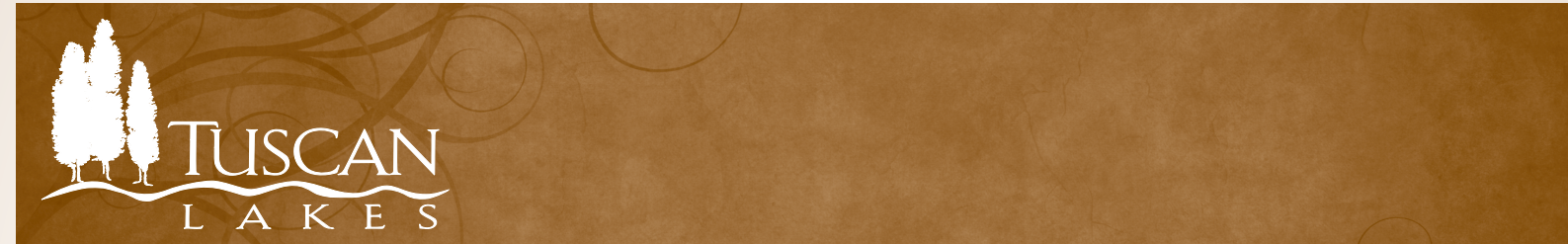


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KAYAK EXTRAVAGANZA

KO Sailing and Tuscan Lakes have teamed up to bring you a boating event featuring kayak demos, kids toy remote motor boat races, face painting, food and much more!

Interested in buying a kayak? Come out and test nearly ten different kayaks. Kids, bring your remote control toy boats for the boat races. Food vendors will be on site along with free face painting for the kids. Don't miss out on the Kayak Extravaganza!

Saturday, March 13th • 10:00 am- to 3:00 pm

Location: Austin Street at Port Rosa Lane (Backside of the 1 Mile Trail)

Kids Toy Remote Control Boat Races: 12:30 pm

Free Face Painting : Noon to 1:30 pm

Food • Kayak Demos

Information:

lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com or www.facebook.com/tuscanlakes



Shuttle Service:

Tuscan Lakes' residents can park at the Cypress Point Recreation Center. Shuttle services will be provided by AMOCO Federal Credit Union and will run from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Shuttle parking is located in the parking lots of LA Fitness and AMOCO Federal Credit Union on Highway 96.

March

	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1 Fitness Boot camp 6:30:7:30pm	2 First Tuesday Book Club @ 6:30pm	3 Fitness Boot camp 6:30:7:30pm	4	5	6
7	8 Fitness Boot camp 6:30:7:30pm	9	10 Fitness Boot camp 6:30:7:30pm	11	12	13 Kayak Extravaganza 10am-3pm
14	15 Fitness Boot camp 6:30:7:30pm	16	17 Fitness Boot camp 6:30:7:30pm	18	19	20
21	22 Fitness Boot camp 6:30:7:30pm	23	24 Fitness Boot camp 6:30:7:30pm	25	26	27
28 League City Parks & Recreation City Egg Hunt 1pm	29 Fitness Boot camp 6:30:7:30pm	30	31 Fitness Boot camp 6:30:7:30pm			



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TO SIGN UP, CALL ROBIN MITCHELL
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For community events' updates & to see photos from events, become a fan: Facebook.com/TuscanLakes

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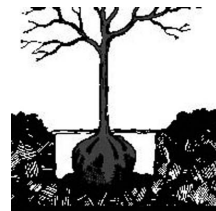
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BEAUTIFY YOUR HOME WITH TREES

By Douglas F. Welsh, Professor and Extension Horticulturist

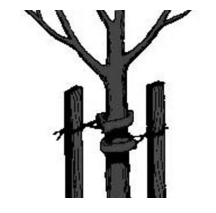
With Spring just around the corner, it's the perfect time to think about adding trees to your landscape. Here a few tips on planting trees to help make sure your investment grows:



Find the right spot. Select a site that is in full sun. Dig the hole twice as wide as the root ball (container), and no deeper than the height of the root ball. The soil that you dig out of the hole is what you use to backfill around the root ball. No soil amendments are recommended when planting a tree; therefore, no compost, peat moss, or shredded pine bark should be added to the backfill.



Create a barrier. After planting the tree, build a 4-inch tall berm around the edge of the hole. Fill the berm with a mulch (i.e. shredded bark or compost). The mulch and berm make it easier to water the tree and reduce weed competition.



Secure if necessary. For most trees, staking is not recommended; however, if the tree trunk is not sturdy enough to stand alone, use two stakes, one on either side of the tree, and give the trunk support for the first year only.

Water, water, water! Right after planting, water the tree in by filling the bermed basin with water. This will settle the existing soil around the root ball. For the first week after planting, lightly water the tree every day (about one pint to one quart of water each day). The second week, water every other day with about one to two quarts of water. During week three, water every third day with two to three quarts of water. Week four and beyond, water once a week if needed. The goal is to wean the tree slowly off of supplemental irrigation, and produce a root system large enough for the tree to thrive on natural rainfall.

REMEMBER: These are just basic guidelines. Use your index finger to check the soil moisture under the mulch often. If the soil is cool to the touch, do not water. If it is warm and dry, then water. More plants are killed by over-watering than by under-watering. And, don't forget to apply for ARC approval before you purchase and install any landscape improvements.

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Saturday, April 17th • 8 am – 1 pm

Stop by the Information Center to reserve your spot for the garage sale.

Cost: \$20 per slot

FITNESS AND FUN AT TUSCAN LAKES

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First Tuesday Book Club



Relax and join us for a lively discussion with the Tuscan Lakes' First Tuesday Book Club. Group members are required to provide their own copies of the book. Come every month, or as often as you like!

March 2nd: Book Discussion and Book TBA
The Book Club is FREE and open to all ages!

Contact Joy Bechtold at joymariebechtold@yahoo.com for more information.

Spring Arts & Craft Show at League Park

The League City Parks Recreation Department celebrates the spring season with their Spring Arts & Craft Show. Activities include arts and craft booths – great for shopping – and plenty of food and beverages. The show will be held at League Park located at 200 North Park Ave. on Saturday, April 10th from 9:30 am to 4 pm. Booth spaces are \$40. Contact William Morris for more information at 281.554.1195 or william.morris@leaguecity.com.

TUSCAN LAKES ADDS SECOND BUNCO GROUP



Tuscan Lakes' first Bunco Group is a huge success! In fact, if you would like to join our Bunco Group, it's not too late. Spots are now available in our second Bunco Group, so come join the fun! Contact Robin Mitchell at lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com to sign up, and if you are interested in hosting a Bunco Night, let us know.

DO YOU KNOW A RESIDENT WITH AN INTERESTING OR INSPIRING STORY?

Do you have a unique hobby or have you recently received special recognition for a career or community service activity? If so, we want to shine the **SPOTLIGHT** on you! You or your neighbor could be featured in an upcoming issue of the Tuscan Lakes newsletter. Send your ideas to jaimdev@johnsondev.com today!



THE HUNT IS ON!



Join the League City Parks Recreation Department and the Knights of Columbus for their Annual Egg Hunt. The hunt begins promptly at 1:00 pm on Sunday, March 28th at the Chester L. Davis Sportsplex. This event is free for children ages toddler through 12 years – just bring a bucket to collect your eggs. Contact William Morris for more information at 281.554.1195 or william.morris@leaguecity.com.

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THROUGHOUT THE YEAR?



Then you need to join Tuscan Lakes' newest club – the Tuscan Lakes' Garden Club. We're looking for volunteers to get the dirt moving with this new group. The Garden Club will select the winners of the **Yard of the Month** award beginning in April. If you're interested in botanical adventures – and keeping Tuscan Lakes beautiful – contact Robin Mitchell at lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com and join the Garden Club today!

BASKETBALL

The League City Parks Recreation Department will offer summer basketball for children ages 5-16. Basketball will have the following age divisions:

Place: CCISD Gyms and Local Church Gyms to be determined
Date: May 3 - June 28, 2010
Times: Games on Weeknights
Fees: Residents \$65/Non-Residents \$80
Walk-in Registration: Takes place March 2-30, 2010, or until all slots are filled. Call Albert for more information at (281) 554-1186, or email him at albert.smith@leaguecity.com.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TUSCAN LAKES!



Did you know that Tuscan Lakes is turning five years old in June? That's right! We're celebrating five fantastic years of outstanding community events, fun, family-oriented activities and great neighborhood organizations that you – and your family – have been a part of. In celebration of our fifth birthday, we want to know about your family and your life in Tuscan Lakes. Send us your story – why you moved to Tuscan Lakes, what you like best about your community or share your favorite neighborhood memory. Send your story to Robin Mitchell at lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com and don't forget to include a photo of your family!

TASTE OF THE BAY AREA



Is trying the local cuisine one of your special interests? You can do just that - experience all of the flavors of the Bay Area - with the Tuscan Lakes' Dinner Club. This social group meets once each month at local restaurants where they feast on the local fare and enjoy visiting with neighbors and friends. If you are new to the area, the Tuscan Lakes Dinner Club is a great way to make new friends and learn more about League City and the surrounding Bay Area. Can we make reservations for you? Contact Dianne Robinson at dianne.l.robinson@nasa.gov or Robin Mitchell at lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com. Bon appetite!



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