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ATTENTION RESIDENTS!

Do you receive community emails regarding events? If you do not, sign up on <http://eepurl.com/zAsF1>. Don't forget to like us on Facebook, the Official Tuscan Lakes Facebook is a great source for community information, fitness information, event photos, and more.

Nature Sightings

What type of wildlife have you seen in Tuscan Lakes? Share your story at [lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com](mailto:lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com).



**RED-BELLIED WOODPECKER**


Male red-bellied woodpeckers are medium sized birds that have red caps and hind necks, black and white barred backs and tails. Their belly feathers are off white with a reddish tinge. Females are similar to males but lack the red hind neck.

It takes only 7 to 10 days for a pair of red-bellied woodpeckers to carve a home in a dead tree. Red-bellied woodpeckers will occasionally use bird houses. These woodpeckers have been known to store food in hollow trees. Their diet consists of insects, nuts, fruits, and berries. You can attract red-bellied woodpeckers to bird feeders by providing them with peanuts.

In the spring, woodpeckers are especially attracted to any sound that resonates, including aluminum shed roofs and even the hoods of cars, much to the annoyance of their human owners.

Red-bellied woodpeckers are found in eastern Texas and U.S.

Source: <https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/wild/species/redbelliedwoodpecker/>



TO GET INVOLVED IN TUSCAN LAKES COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, CALL ROBIN MITCHELL  
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For community events, updates & to see photos from events, become a fan: [Facebook.com/TuscanLakes](https://www.facebook.com/TuscanLakes)



APRIL 2015  
IN YOUR  
BACKYARD

TUSCAN LAKES TOUCH-A-TRUCK

The Tuscan Lakes Touch-a-Truck community event will provide families the opportunity to learn about and explore trucks, work vehicles, and public safety equipment. Each truck will have a driver present to answer questions, help kids sit in the truck, and let kids honk the horn. Bring your camera for lots of fun photos of your kids!

CLIMB, EXPLORE & LEARN!

Friday, April 17th  
6:30pm-8:00 pm.

Cypress Point Recreation Center



NATURE EXPO IN TUSCAN LAKES

Enjoy the beauty of the wildlife up close and in person! Celebrate nature with Tuscan Lakes with an interactive educational exhibit relating to the nature around us. It will focus on native plants and vegetation, native wildlife, water education interactive exhibit, and a local face-painting artist. Learn from the Green Grove Group experts as they educate you on the native vegetation and wildlife. Giveaways will include live plants and materials. Interactive portion of the exhibits will include live animals handled by professionals including a falcon, owl, alligators, non-venomous snakes, and many more.



Friday, April 24 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm • Cypress Point Recreation Center  
For more information email: [lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com](mailto:lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com).

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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

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# LIFESTYLE MERIT PROGRAM

**LIFESTYLE MERIT PROGRAM**  
Comes to Tuscan Lakes!

The Lifestyle Merit program is one that encourages youth ages 5 - 12 years old in Tuscan Lakes to explore areas that interest them, learn valuable skills, earn rewards, and — as always — have fun!

**How Does the Program Work?** Each month, beginning in March, one Lifestyle Merit Program will be offered by the Lifestyle Director. There will be a total of 10 activities in 2015 where kids will earn a merit badge. Participants completing all 10 programs and earning their associated badges will earn a unique Lifestyle Merit Badge Award at the end of the year ceremony.

**COST:** \$24.00 Per Child

**INCLUDES:** All 10 programs and their associated badges and a drawstring bag to display badges.

**DATES & TIME:** All participants will be emailed event information. Each program will be approximately one hour, and will be announced in the Tuscan Lakes Newsletter, Tuscan Facebook site, and by Tuscan Lakes E-news.

**REGISTRATION:** Email Robin Mitchell, at [lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com](mailto:lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com) to sign up.

**2015 PROGRAM**

March: Gardening	June: Safety & First Aid	October: Yoga
April: Community Cares	July: Culinary	November: Camping
May: Kayaking	August: Geo-Caching	December: Painting
	September: Archery	

**TUSCAN LAKES** NFC AMENITY MANAGEMENT

## KIDS JOIN FOR THE UPCOMING MERIT PROGRAMS.

### April 11th: Do It Yourself Watch It Grow!

Merit program participants will learn all about starting a vegetable garden. The kid's vegetable garden is all theirs to experiment with and develop gardening skills that will be useful for life.

10:00am-11:00am at the Tuscan Lakes Information Center

### April 24th: Living with Nature

Merit program participants will have to complete a scavenger hunt to earn their community cares badge at the Nature Expo. At the end of the hunt, kids will learn the importance of nature in Tuscan Lakes and in everyday life.

6:00pm-8:00pm at the Cypress Point Recreation Center

### May 9th: Kayaking

We will have a special educational water safety demo and then afterwards enjoy kayaking on the lake.

10:00am-11:00am at Lago Siena, backside of the one mile trail.

Parents are always welcome to join in the fun. If your kid has to miss a program, don't worry, we will have other opportunities for the kids to make up a program.

**Make sure you kids are signed up for the Merit Program today!**  
**To sign up: Email Robin Mitchell, at [lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com](mailto:lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com).**

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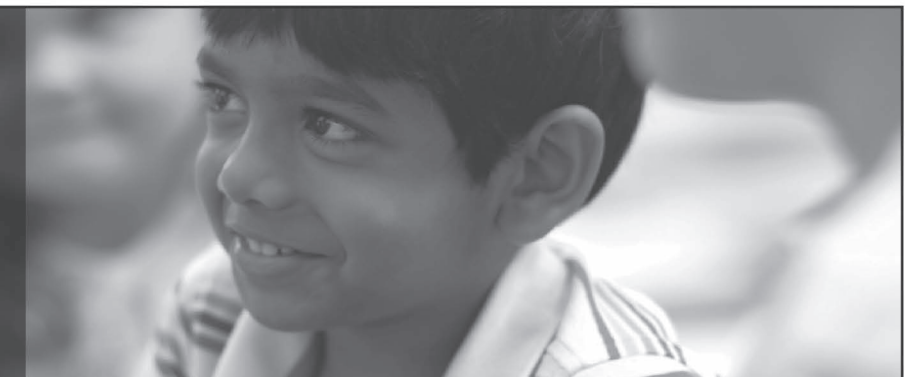
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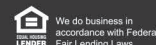
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Need a break from your ordinary routine? Then, come read with us! Join in a lively literary discussion with the Tuscan Lakes Page Turners Book Club. Group members are required to provide their own copies of the book, and can attend every month, or as often as you like. And, the Tuscan Lakes Book Club is more than just books. The club participates in field trips to the movies and various museums to compliment the book of the month.

**Date:** April 14th at 10:00 am

**April Section:** *Mean Streak* by Sandra Brown

**Upcoming Books:**

**May's Book:** *The Light Between Oceans* by M.L. Stedman

**June's Book:** *Homecoming* by Belva Plain

**July's Book:** *All The Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr

**For more information, e-mail Lynn Smith at [jelissa4@gmail.com](mailto:jelissa4@gmail.com).**

## Taste of the Bay Area Tuscan Lakes Dinner Club

Everyone loves dinner. But you know what everyone loves even more than dinner? Dinner with friends! Join us monthly as we try out some of League City's and the surrounding areas best kept restaurants.

For more information email Robin at [lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com](mailto:lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com)

## TUSCAN LAKES' RUNNING & WALKING CLUB



Still thinking about joining the Tuscan Lakes Running & Walking Group? Stop thinking and get moving with us. Members of the Running & Walking Club are strutting their stuff along the one mile trail and surrounding areas around Tuscan Lakes. So, dust off those sneakers and get moving with us!

**Wednesdays, April 8th and 22nd: 5:15pm**

**Saturdays, April 4th and 18th: 9:00 am**

The Tuscan Lakes Running/Walking group meets at the Cypress Point Recreation Center.

**For more information on the Tuscan Lakes Running/Walking Club, email: Robin Mitchell at [lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com](mailto:lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com) or Diana Gonzalez at [dia2205@gmail.com](mailto:dia2205@gmail.com).**





# ANNUAL COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

May 16th 8:00 am-12:00 pm

Clean out your garage or that closet you have been putting off all winter, and join neighbors in the Tuscan Lakes Community Garage Sale on Saturday, May 16th from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. All garage sales will take place at your residence, but be sure to get on the Tuscan Lakes Community Garage Sale Map so the bargain hunters can find you and your treasures!



Be a part of the garage sale by emailing your address to [lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com](mailto:lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com). **The deadline, to be listed on the Community Garage Sale Map, is May 8th.** Garage Sale Maps will be emailed to the community, available at the Tuscan Lakes Information Center and on the [www.tuscanlakes.com](http://www.tuscanlakes.com) May 13th.

## HOA FRIENDLY REMINDER:

It's Almost Pool Season! Make sure you have your Tuscan Lakes pool access card. Admittance to the pool requires a pool access card. Don't have your access card or have misplaced them, email Rebecca at [Rebecca.henke@fsresidential.com](mailto:Rebecca.henke@fsresidential.com).

Please contact FirstService Residential at 713-932-1122 in the event that your pool card is not working or you need to order additional pool cards which cost \$12 per card. There will also be a \$12 charge for the replacement of lost pool cards. These are permanent access pool cards and are good season to season.

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# COMING TO TUSCAN LAKES Yard of the Month

Tuscan Lakes Yard of the Month has been established to promote goodwill and reward exemplary lawn care in the community. The purpose of the program is to recognize neighbors who demonstrate above-average efforts in maintaining their property, thereby contributing to the overall appearance of the community at large. The program is administered entirely by volunteers from the Tuscan Lakes Landscaping and Garden Club. Starting in May, the Tuscan Lakes Garden and Landscaping Club will be picking the "Yard of the Month".

## Tuscan Lakes has been divided into four sections for Yard of the Month judging.

- Judging will take place May through October.
- Each section will have a minimum of a two person judging team.
- Each section winner will display the sign of the month, have a picture on the web, listed in the eblast and next newsletter, and receive a \$25 gift card.
- The judging teams will rotate sections they are judging each month – giving a new set of eyes each month – and will not judge the section in which they reside.
- Judging will be done prior to end of the month delivering as close to the first of the month as possible.
- A YOM winner can only win once a year.



## WHAT IS NEEDED FROM OUR RESIDENTS?

- Additional team members for judging.
- Nominations from residents will be welcomed by the club! If you see a yard worthy of "Yard of the month" email [lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com](mailto:lifestyledirector@tuscanlakes.com).

# RESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

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