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Colleyville Egg Hunts

Colleyville Candy-Free Hoppin' Good Egg Hunt

Hop on over to City Park. Join the fun as the Parks and Recreation Department hosts the annual egg hunt. The guest of honor has planned several activities for the entire family to enjoy. Pictures with the bunny will be available for a small fee.

Age: Infant to 12 (divided by age)
Day: Saturday
Date: March 15
Time: 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Price: FREE
Site: City Park

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Reflections and Insights

When the new Board started its term back in April 2007, we took a long hard look at the mission statements and objectives of the previous Boards. We discussed and evaluated the objectives that needed to be brought to a conclusion, what objectives needed to be tabled and what objectives we, as a new Board, wanted to pursue. Our Board had three new members who have never been members of previous Boards, two members who brought the experience, information and continuity from a combined seven years experience on the Board, and a very broad perspective and insight based on each Board members' years of ownership in the community (from its inception to only five years). Based on a very global retrospective of history and goals, the new Board adopted a Mission Statement that called for the revitalization of the Brookmeadows community, to reach out and become more inclusive of everyone in the community, to enrich our quality of life and to finally be a true Homeowners Association with all of the perks, governances and responsibilities that belong to each homeowner.

While we have not accomplished all of our goals for this term, we have managed to fulfill most, made headway on others, and had to table some do to time constraints and priorities. Unfortunately we have also been stalled on bringing closure on one major goal. The most exciting part of the

past 10 months has been the increased involvement from more members of our community and the enthusiasm that new members to the community are bringing to the process. Last month we had a record turn out for our "Last Tuesday" Social that included several new owners who wanted to meet, greet and be involved with their neighbors. We have a revitalized Landscape Committee that has done a great job on putting a new face to all of our entrances, updating the fountain area, and putting us on par with our surrounding Associations. We managed to put into place, the governances of an ARC process that has managed to keep the integrity of the community together without all of the dictatorships or big brother fears that had so many were afraid of. Our Welcoming Committee has taken a revitalized role in making new members feel welcomed and informed about Brook Meadows, which has been evident in their attendance at the "Last Tuesday" socials etc. These, along with other improvements, leave us with the belief that we have had a very successful year.

Our two disappointments were not being able to initiate the Block Captain project or to bring closure to the law suit regarding the mandatory Homeowners Association. The Block Captain project became a matter

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Social Reputation

Brook Meadows is developing a nice little "social" reputation around C-town, and there are some very appreciative merchants who have fared quite well in our Last Tuesday events. I am writing this on Feb 21st, due to our deadline; we are quite pleased to announce a large turnout for the January Last Tuesday at **62 Main** (30 or so), and we expect about the same at **Ruggeri's** on Tuesday the 26th of February. The next Last Tuesday event will be at **Boi Na Braza**, on March 25, at our usual 6:30 start time. Ya'll come! We don't bite, although we should!

Another first - **Hockey Night** at a Brahmas game, has happened on the 23rd of February, and a full report will appear in next month's newsletter. Bet we had fun.

Get your calendar out and plan for these two spring activities: The annual neighborhood **Garage Sale**, with a proposed date of Saturday April 26th, and the long awaited **Mayfest at the Aue's** on May 18th. Walter and Doris Aue have graciously offered to host this event, and we hope to have **The Grateful Dads** play for us under their new cabana. More on each of these events as they draw nearer.

Last but not least - People People People! (as Jimi Hendrix would say) - We need your email addresses. It is the only feasible way to contact the neighborhood quickly and easily. No email... no awareness of what is going on. This is the 21st century after all.

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 - Average Days on Market - 140

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of lack of time and hopefully can be reevaluated with next years Board. The Law Suit has been the true disappointment. We had hoped to have brought conclusion to this matter before a new Board convenes so that they could focus on moving forward and not have it hanging over their head. As stated in our original mission, we have reached out; we have acquiesced to their concerns, and attempted to resolve all of their grievances. We are waiting for a response from them and a final ruling from the courts.

In the meantime we continue to look forward and ready ourselves for next years Board. April is the time that we will meet for our Annual Meeting for a "State of Brookmeadows" address, our plans for the future, and discussing the next steps, actions, responsibilities, and processes that we must take to finalize being a Mandatory Homeowners Association. We will also hold elections for two new Board members for two year terms. Howard Wixson, after five years on the Board, and Jim Tressler, after two years on the Board, have decided not to run for new terms. We are looking for new blood to assist with input and ideas for revitalizing our community. Here is your chance to be involved, to offer your input, ideas and skills that will help make Brook Meadows a better place to live. This is your chance to give back to YOUR neighborhood. We encourage you to 'step up to the plate' and be proactive in your community. Feel free to reach out to any Board member to ask questions on what being a Board member means and what is required. We look forward to your participation, involvement in our community, and interaction at the Annual Meeting.

Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

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Is Snoring Normal?

*From the Clinical Desk of Dr. Ronald S. Prehn
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Snoring is a normal part of the human sleep experience for most people. But there lurks a hidden danger in thinking it should not be evaluated. This danger is Sleep Apnea. Excessive snoring is a compelling symptom associated with Sleep Apnea and people who regularly snore should definitely be screened for this not so silent disorder.

Snoring has long been thought of as simply an irritant for the bed partner but in recent years much has been learned about the real dangers that snoring indicates. The actual sound known as snoring is caused by the vibration of the walls of the throat. Usually, this vibration occurs when the tongue falls back in the throat, prompted by loose muscle tone and weight gain, and the walls of the throat collapse. This results in a restriction of airflow and triggers the brain to make the chest work harder in order to get more air through the narrow airway. This generates a much greater speed of air than normal and causes the tissues of the throat and the back of the mouth to vibrate.

When a person suffers from Sleep Apnea this process can become deadly by constricting the airway so severely that the individual frequently stops breathing throughout the night. The decrease of oxygen caused by narrowing of the airway and the drop in pressure in the chest cavity caused by the collapsing airway often leads to heart problems, type2 diabetes, strokes and most often daytime fatigue. This fatigue is usually shrugged off by most as "just getting old" or "normal", but in fact daytime fatigue is a major cause of driving accidents on the road today and it is a huge contributing factor in the obesity epidemic that is overwhelming our society.

The good news is it can and should be treated. Snoring must be evaluated by a Medical or Dental Sleep Specialist and only a qualified practitioner can diagnose a sleep-related health threat, or determine if it is something that just needs to be watched for future changes.

The importance of consulting a doctor can not be overemphasized. It may very well save your life. In the very least, it will improve your quality of life and certainly make for a much happier bed partner!

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Make Fast Friends Over This Slow-Cooked Lamb

(NAPSA)-For many, cooler weather means it's time to gather family and friends together for a hearty meal.

Home-cooked meals, particularly recipes that rely on savory slow-cooking techniques, can leave the cook plenty of time to spend with the guests.

For example, this American Lamb Ragu Puttanesca combines rich American Lamb with seasonal herbs and vegetables in a slow cooker to yield delightful fall fare for everyone at the table. Serving fresh American Lamb can add variety and distinction to your menu, no matter the occasion.

American Lamb Ragu Puttanesca

Makes 4 to 6 servings

Prep time: 30 minutes

Cook time: 5 to 10 hours



- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 4 American Lamb shanks
- Salt and pepper
- 2 cups diced onion
- 2 tablespoons chopped garlic
- ½ teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 cup dry white wine
- ¾ cup pitted, quartered black olives (such as Kalamata)
- ¼ cup drained whole capers
- 1 tablespoon anchovy paste
- 2 cups beef stock or broth
- 2 cups canned crushed tomatoes
- 2 to 3 tablespoons tomato paste (optional)
- Hot cooked rigatoni
- ¼ cup crumbled feta cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

Heat oil in a large skillet over high heat. Season lamb shanks with salt and pepper. Brown on all sides in hot oil, remove from pot; set aside.

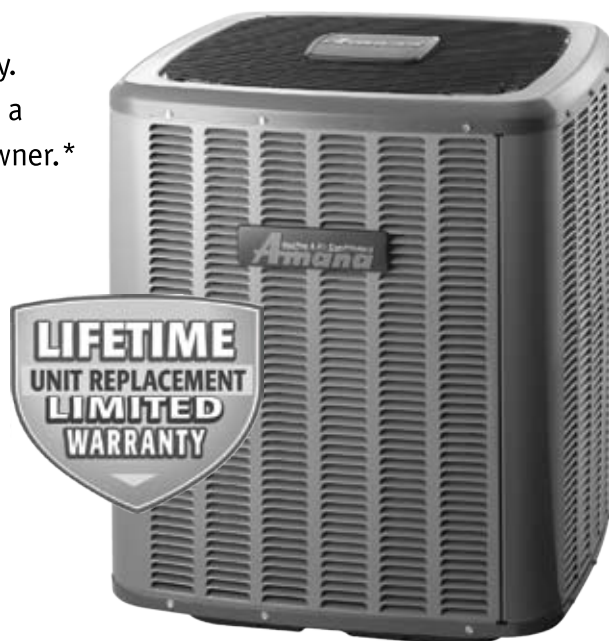
Drain off all but 2 tablespoons of fat from skillet, add onion, garlic and red pepper flakes. Sauté over medium heat for 6 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Add wine, olives, capers and anchovy paste; simmer until the liquid has almost evaporated. Transfer mixture to a large slow cooker; stir in stock and tomatoes, then add shanks. Cover and cook on high for 5 hours or low for 10 hours, or until meat is tender enough to fall off the bone. Remove shanks from braising liquid and set aside to cool. When shanks are cool enough to handle, shred the meat, discarding excess fat and bone. Add meat back to braising liquid, stirring to combine. Add tomato paste to taste to thicken sauce slightly, if desired. Warm gently over low heat and serve over rigatoni, garnished with feta and parsley.

Recipe and image provided by the American Lamb Board.

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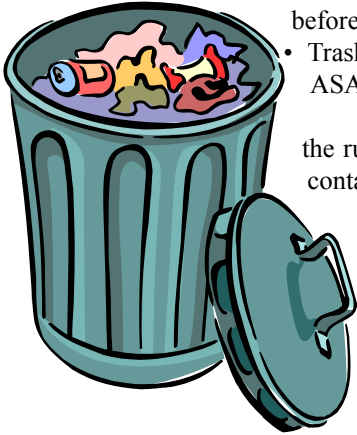
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Have you been to New York City lately? If you walk down virtually any street on any evening, the major problem you will have is dodging the garbage bags on the sidewalks. We do not want the streets of Brook Meadows looking like the sidewalks of Brooklyn. The Board has received numerous comments, bordering on complaints, from homeowners that some of our neighbors are not following the Colleyville rules on Trash Pickup. Please open the attached file and review the rules... Two important items that have been requested by your neighbors and the City of Colleyville:

- Trash to curb NO SOONER than 24 hours before pickup.
- Trash containers removed from street ASAP after pickup.

If you have any questions about the rules and pickup schedule you can contact IESI at (817) 222-2221 or go to the Colleyville website for a list of the rules: <http://www.colleyville.com/content/view/298/0/>

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



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1-23—DALLAS: Phil Collins, The World Won't Listen The Dallas Museum of Art presents the world premiere of British artist Phil Collins' international three-part video project. www.dallasmuseumofart.org 214/922-1200

1-30—FORT WORTH: Picturing the Bible: The Earliest Christian Art Drawing on new historical research and the latest archaeological discoveries, this exhibition tells the story of how the earliest Christians first gave visual expression to their religious beliefs in works of art. Kimbell Art Museum. www.kimbellart.org 817/332-8451

1-30—WACO: Steve McCurry: South Southeast: A Collection of Photographs Art Center Waco, 1300 College Drive. E-mail: info@artcenterwaco.org • www.artcenterwaco.org 254/752-4371

1-31—FLATONIA: Parade of Quilts Heirloom and contemporary quilts are displayed in the downtown area. www.flatoniachamber.com 361/865-3920

1-31—WEIMAR: Parade of Quilts Quilts of various patterns are displayed in store windows. Downtown Area. www.weimartx.org 979/725-9511

1-Apr. 27—DALLAS: Rubin Museum of Art The Crow Collection of Asian Art. www.crowcollection.org 214/979-6438

1-May 18—DALLAS: J.M.W. Turner This will be the largest and most comprehensive retrospective of Turner's career ever presented in the United States. Exhibition of about 140 works will include masterworks representing his extensive range of subjects. Dallas Museum of Art. www.dallasmuseumofart.org 214/922-1200

1-May 18—FORT WORTH: Martin Puryear This major exhibition features approximately 45 sculptures following the development of Puryear's artistic career during the last 30 years. Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth. www.mamfw.org

8-9, 22-23—STEPHENVILLE: Chicken House Flea Market Hundreds of vendors sell antiques, crafts, furniture, glassware and more. Hwy. 377. E-mail: allenscrafts@erath.net 254/592-6674

8, 29—POINT: All Gospel Nite Begins at 7:30 p.m. Cotton Pickin' Theatre, Downtown Point, Hwy. 69. www.ruralamericans.org/CPT/index.htm 903/598-2571

8-Apr. 13—DALLAS: Dallas Blooms Theme is The Star of Texas, and the best things about the state will be highlighted throughout the festival. Includes music, food, celebrities, poetry, history, blooming bulbs, annuals and perennials. Southern Artisans Market will kick off the festival March 8-9. The Dallas Arboretum. www.dallasarboretum.org 214/515-6500

10-Apr. 5—GREENVILLE: Bunny Hop Includes tours and special displays. Giant bunnies and huge Easter eggs make this a great time. Mary of Puddin Hill. www.puddinhill.com 800/545-8889

16-23—FRISCO: 2008 Dr Pepper Dallas Cup XXIX Soccer players from all over the world compete. Pizza Hut Park. 214/705-6700

21-22—BONHAM: Second Annual Spring Break in Bonham Bluegrass Festival Fannin County Multipurpose Complex, Hwy. 56

and FM 87. 903/367-7229

21-22—DALLAS: Amy Grant & Dallas Symphony Orchestra Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center. www.dallassymphony.com 214/692-0203

21-22—LOCKHART: Tolbert Texas State Chili Cook-Off City Park. www.lockhartchamber.com 512/398-2818

21-23—SALADO: Easter Pageant at Tablerock Presented by the First Baptist Church of Salado. Begins at 8:15 p.m. Tablerock Festival at Salado. www.fbcshalado.org 254/947-5465

22—DALLAS: Bancroft Family Concerts Offers free public concerts of classical chamber music, performed by professional musicians from the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, Dallas Opera Orchestra and others. Dallas Museum of Art. 214/922-1200

22—EUSTACE: Easter Egg Hunt Bring Easter baskets and join in the fun. Hunts for three age groups: 0-5, 6-9 and 10-13. Begins at 10:30 a.m. Purts Creek State Park. 903/425-2332

22—EUSTACE: Full Moon Canoe Tour Paddle down Purts Creek then enter the swamp and see nocturnal animals. Begins at 6:30 p.m. Reservations required. Purts Creek State Park. 903/425-2332

22—GAINESVILLE: Breakfast with the Easter Bunny Includes an 8 a.m. check-in, 8:15 a.m. egg hunt and 8:30 a.m. breakfast at the Leonard Park Pavilion. Visit with the Easter Bunny and some of his friends. Frank Buck Zoo. www.frankbuckzoo.com 940/668-4539

22—PALESTINE: 23rd Annual Cars of Palestine Car Show First and second places are awarded in 17 classes, plus 6 extra awards. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. www.carsofpalestine.com 903/729-8183

22—POINT: Rural American Music Revue Features Rural American Idol Competition and special guest performers. Cotton Pickin' Theatre, Downtown Point. www.ruralamericans.org 903/598-3809

22-23—GLEN ROSE: Miniature Horse Show Horses 34 inches and smaller from all across Texas and the surrounding states compete in halter and driving classes. Somervell County Expo Center. www.glenrosetexas.net 254/897-3081

22-23, 29-30—PALESTINE: Texas Dogwood Trails Celebration Includes a kickoff parade and festival with arts & crafts booths, food, live music and children's activities on March 22. Includes live theater, Old Time Music and Dulcimer Festival, bike race and much more. Downtown, Old Town Palestine and various other venues. www.visitpalestine.com 800/659-3484 or 903/729-6067

22, 29-30—PALESTINE: Once Upon a Mattress Comedy production is presented by Palestine Community Theater. Texas Theater in Downtown Palestine. www.visitpalestine.com 800/659-3484

23-Jul. 20—DALLAS: Julian Onderdonk: Bluebonnets & Beyond Exhibition presents the first critical re-examination of Onderdonk's works. He is one of Texas' most important painters and one of the most overlooked landscape artists of the early 20th century. Dallas Museum of Art. www.dallasmuseumofart.org 214/922-1200

24-29—DECATUR: Wise County Youth Fair Includes a youth stock show and rodeo. Wise County Sheriff's Posse Grounds. www.wcyouthfair.org 940/627-3341

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