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Address: **Property Management Solutions Office**
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Everyone Welcome!
We encourage you to come get involved with your community.

Westmont Tree Care

Some of our trees in Westmont are turning colors and appear to be dying in some areas. We had an arborist look at them that is very familiar with the trees in Westmont and does a lot of work for the HOA. He says the trees are not dying but are struggling with a lack of iron and from a high PH in the soil because of the heavy use of city water.

Here are his suggestions for all lawns and tree care in Westmont.

1. Apply sulfur at a rate of 1 lb per thousand each year in early November. If applied in the summer or spring it can burn the lawns. This will lower the PH over time and even give us greener lawns in the spring. The recommended PH is 6.8-7.
2. Use a fertilizer that includes trace elements such as iron, magnesium and boron. You need to ask for these in the fertilizer as they are not in all varieties.
3. Get a soil sample done on your yard. You can get one from A&L Laboratories <http://www.allabs.com/> Telephone # 800-264-4522. The cost is \$8.00 per sample that will get you the PH of your yard and the most common minerals in the soil. They will recommend a fertilizer that is best for your yard. I would suggest that you call them to work out the details of payment etc
4. If you don't want to bother with the soil samples you could apply a standard 14-14-14 slow release fertilizer that includes trace elements from John Deere in Keller. Telephone # 817-490-0330 and address: 4733 Keller Haslet Road. The fertilizer is \$40 per 40 lb. bag. The sulfur can be purchased at any lawn and garden center like Home Depot for about \$20 per bag.

HOA Website

www.WestmonthOA.com

Please utilize our HOA website to find Westmont events, community and area events, meeting minutes, contact information and much more.



Curb Address Painting

Due to lack of interest, Nationwide Curb Service will not be providing curb address painting at an HOA discounted rate.

Be On The Look Out

A person posing as a maid, knocking door to door is requesting money—be on the look out.



How much do you know about Thanksgiving..... Thanksgiving Trivia

- The Plymouth pilgrims were the first to celebrate Thanksgiving.
- The wishbone of the turkey is used as a good luck charm on Thanksgiving Day.
- Puritans used to love drinking beer.
- The official Thanksgiving Proclamation was signed on October 3, 1863 by Abraham Lincoln. According to this proclamation, the last Thursday of November was to be celebrated as Thanksgiving.
- It was Sarah Joesph Hale, a magazine editor who persuaded President Lincoln to declare Thanksgiving a national holiday.
- In 1941, the Congress passed an official proclamation and made Thanksgiving a national holiday which would be observed on the 4th Thursday of November every year.
- The state of New York made Thanksgiving an annual customary holiday in 1817.
- The pilgrims crossed the Atlantic Ocean to reach North America.
- The great Benjamin Franklin wanted turkey to be the national bird of the United States.
- Thanksgiving is also considered the busiest travel day in the United States.
- Almost 280 million turkeys are consumed during Thanksgiving celebrations in the United States.
- Since 1947, the National Turkey Federation presents a live turkey and two dressed turkeys to the President on Thanksgiving. The President pardons the live turkey and it is sent to a historical farm where it lives the rest of its days.

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Timely Tips for November Gardeners at Calloway's and Cornelius:



This is the perfect time to plant bulbs for Spring, they should be in the ground before the first frost and planted while the soil is still easy to work with. Some of the most popular bulbs are tulips, hyacinth and daffodils. Iris, daylilies and gladiolas should also be planted at this time of year, although they are not "true" bulbs, but; rhizomes, tubers and corms, respectively. Yet all of these, like bulbs, require the cooler soil of winter to generate healthy new growth in spring.

Transform your landscape with the addition of fresh, colorful blooms! Pansies are by far the most popular Winter color. The 'Matrix' Pansy has been outstanding for our Texas weather. It will not "stretch" during bouts of warm temperatures and is bred to grow out, not up. This compact grower offers shorter stems to support large colorful blooms. Dianthus (also known as "Pinks"), Snapdragons, Cyclamen, Violas and the fragrant Alyssum are also good choices for cold tolerant annuals. Ornamental Cabbage and Kale provide interesting texture in the landscape as well as color. For best effect, limit your planting to two or three colors per bed.

The key to growing beautiful annual flowers is soil preparation. Work Calloway's Flowerbed Mix into the soil, or organic compost, to a depth of 6" to 8". Adding Calloway's Flower Food to the soil at the time of planting will provide the extra nutrients for growth and blooms. Remember to add 2 to 3 inches of mulch to all beds to reduce moisture loss, prevent weeds from germinating and to insulate the soil from the cold.

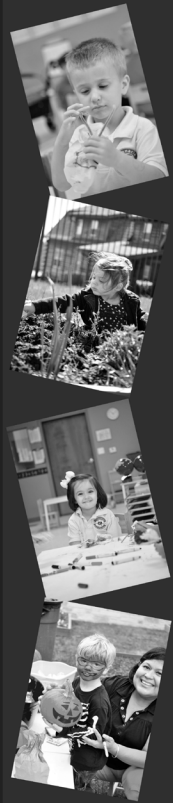
These same annuals can be used in patio containers. Fill your container with fresh potting soil and plant food. Keep them watered as necessary and remove faded flowers to encourage repeat blooming.

If want beautiful Bluebonnets in the Spring, sow the seed in early November!


Please remember the birds. Texas is a haven for birds. No other state in the United States has more species within its boundaries. There are currently over 620 species documented in Texas, which is almost 75 percent of all bird species recorded in the continental United State. To attract the widest variety of wild

birds, you should consider placing a wide variety of bird feeders and food around your yard. Probably one of the single most important elements to include is water.

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Don't know what to do with your leftover Turkey??

Southwestern Turkey Bake

Ingredients

- 2 large onions, chopped
- 2 jalapeno peppers, seeded and chopped
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 6 cups cubed cooked turkey
- 2 cans (10-3/4 ounces each) condensed cream of chicken soup, undiluted
- 2 cups (16 ounces) sour cream
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen chopped spinach, thawed and squeezed dry
- 2 cups (8 ounces) shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 package (12-1/2 ounces) nacho tortilla chips, crushed
- 4 green onions, sliced



Directions

- Preheat oven to 350°. In a Dutch oven, saute onions and jalapenos in butter until tender. Stir in turkey, soup, sour cream and spinach. In a greased 13x9-in. baking dish, layer half of the turkey mixture, cheese and tortilla chips. Repeat layers.
- Bake, uncovered, 25-30 minutes or until bubbly. Let stand 5 minutes before serving. Sprinkle with green onions. Yield: 12 servings.

Christmas Tree Safety Tips

The carolers are out and the holiday decorations are everywhere. The joy of the season should not be dampened by the risk of fire. In recent years, nearly 600 fires per year have been started by ignition of Christmas trees in the United States, causing an average of 33 deaths, 112 injuries and \$21 million in direct property damage per year.

Christmas trees add a special touch to the holiday season, but they also can be a fire hazard. Here are some helpful tips to reduce the risk of fire:

- Check your tree lights for broken or frayed wires and loose connections.
- Replace non-working light bulbs.
- Avoid decorating Christmas trees with candles.
- Make sure live Christmas trees are fresh. Don't buy trees with brown needles or dry limbs.
- Consider having the tree sprayed with a Fire Marshall-approved flame retardant chemical.
- Give the tree plenty of water. Never let the base holder dry out.
- Don't place the tree near a heat source, open flames and room exits.
- Keep light strings and other electrical decorations out of children's reach.
- Always unplug the Christmas tree lights when you leave or go to bed.
- Don't burn the Christmas tree or package wrappings in a fire place or wood stove.

Keep this holiday season full of life, laughs and memories — remember to have a fun and safe time.



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