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Quarterly Newsletter

# Katy Creek Ranch Newsletter

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## Katy Creek Ranch Important News:

*Keep all pets on a leash at all times. It's the law! Please pick up after them.*

*Trash days are Tuesday and Friday.*

*Keep trash cans and recycle bins out of public view.*

*Individual garage sales are against deed restrictions. Two community garage sales are held each year.*

## Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July



Independence Day is the birthday of the United States of America and is celebrated on the Fourth of July each year. Independence Day is the anniversary of the day on which the Declaration of Independence was adopted by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776.

In 1941, Congress declared July 4 a legal public holiday.

### Easy American Flag Cake

**Ingredients:** 2 pints of strawberries  
1 recipe of your favorite white or yellow cake mix  
1 1/3 cup of blueberries  
1 tub of whipped topping

**Instructions:** Mix up and bake your favorite cake mix or recipe. Let cool. Slice 1 cup of strawberries, set aside. Halve remaining strawberries, set aside.

Top cake (in pan) with 1 cup sliced strawberries, 1 cup blueberries and all of the whipped topping. Arrange remaining strawberry halves and blueberries on whipped topping to create a flag design. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

## Yard of the Month

How would you like to be the next yard of the month winner? All it takes is to keep your yard mowed, edged and free of weeds. A splash of color always helps! You could be the recipient of a beautiful yard sign for a month and a gift card to a local nursery.

**Will you be the next winner?**



### **How to Rid Weeds from your lawn**

When mowing the lawn, set the blade at high setting. A weed's worst natural enemy is thick, tall grass. Dense, healthy grass will largely keep weeds from growing. Weeds that do manage to sprout will have to compete with the grass system.

Spread weed-killing lawn fertilizer over all the grass. Water on a regular schedule twice a week early in the morning to enhance the dew. This gives your grass much needed water and stops weeds from reinfesting the lawn.



## **Ways to attract Hummingbirds**

1. Grow late blooming nectar sources - hummingers favor tubular shape blooms in bright red and orange.
2. Serve fast food. Sugar water is the equivalent of an energy drink. You can buy the nectar or make it by boiling the sugar water first and then cooling.
3. Offer shelter. It may seem like they never stop flying but they do rest. They prefer resting on hidden branches, preferably evergreens.
4. Provide moving water. Hummers drink and bathe on the fly as they dart in and out of sprinklers and birdbaths.

You can enjoy these beautiful little creatures for 4-6 months in the spring and summer time.

## **Numbers you should know**

Emergency	911
Fort Bend Sherriff	281-342-6116
Water/Sewer - Harris/Ft Bend Mud #5	713-405-1750
Gas - Center Point Energy	713-659-2111
Trash – Republic Waste	713-849-0400
Street Light repair/outage	713-207-2222 - Must have # on pole
Rylander Elementary	281-237-8300
Cinch Ranch Jr. High	281-237-7300
Cinch Ranch Sr. High	281-237-7000

## **Summer is here, some things to remember**

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1. Sunburn can occur in less than 15 minutes. Make sure you apply sunscreen every hour or so.
2. Stay hydrated, drink liquids before you get thirsty.
3. Follow pool rules and always listen to lifeguards.
4. Know the depth of the water and where the drop-offs are located. Enter the shallow end of the water feet first.
5. Anyone who is an inexperienced swimmer should wear an approved flotation device.
6. At the first sign of any kind of bad weather, everyone should get out of the pool.
7. The Red Cross offers swimming lessons for all levels of swimmers in many areas of the United States. Water safety should begin as early as possible. The safety rules should be gone over with children every year before swimming season.





**Did you know** ....? La Centerra hosts a Farmers Market every Saturday from 9:00 to noon. Some of the items for sale are local honey, free range eggs, grass-fed beef, herbs, seasonal produce and baked goods.

Individual garage sales **are against deed restrictions**. Katy Creek Ranch offers homeowners to have a garage sale twice a year.

**Some restaurants where kids eat free are:**

Denny's – Tuesday & Sat. 4-10 pm – 6920 Fry Rd or Katy Mills Mall – 10 and under  
Black Eyed Pea- Tues after 5:00 – 410 Mason Rd  
Fish City Grill – Mon – Tues in LaCentera behind Perry's  
James Coney Island – Wednesdays – 740 Mason Rd  
La Finca Mexican – Mon – Wed – 23930 Westheimer Pkwy  
Preston's Bar & Grill – Sundays 26440 FM 1093 Rd

**All free meals are with a purchase of an adult meal and MOST are for children 12 and under.**

Do you have too many of those plastic bags from the grocery store? You can take them to the bins inside Wal-Mart, Kroger and Target and they will be recycled.

Have a very safe and fun 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. Remember Fireworks are not allowed within the Community. You could be fined if you bring fireworks into the Community.

We would love to hear from you.....

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