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Annual Spring Fling Picnic & Tractor Parade

The annual Spring Fling is swiftly approaching. That means it is time to clean up the tractor, grab a chair, and come have some fun! Reserve April 29 at 4pm to head over to 2505 Silver Maple.

Tractor Parade

Last year's fling was tons of fun. The tractor parade was definitely the highlight and we hope to have even more participation this year. Pick a theme, and decorate your riding mower accordingly. All decorated tractors get to participate in a short parade down the street. Prizes will be awarded for the most original tractor.

Raffle

Several items donated by neighbors and local businesses will be available for raffle at this year's fling. If you are crafty or own a business you are welcome to donate a raffle item.



Food

Come hungry and fill up on hot dogs, chips, and lots of yummy baked goods. A \$2 entry fee will help pay for food and enter you to win a door prize.

Fun

Last year's bounce house was such fun that we will have one again this year, with the addition of a super-slide. There will also be face painting and a variety of games and activities for kids.



How to Help

The Fling is still in the planning stages so volunteers are extremely welcome. If you would like to

donate time, food, raffle items, or supplies, please contact Kristy Hausman: (972) 461-2613 or Dori Reuscher: dori@reuscherfamily.com.

SMITH ELEMENTARY

Opening Fall 2007

The final attendance zones have been drawn, and we now know that all elementary students in our neighborhood (K-4) will be attending Smith Elementary. You can watch the construction on Country Club Road directly north of the Riverchase subdivision. The mascot will be the Bulldogs and the colors red and black. For more information, including a floor plan of the new school, go to www.wylieisd.net/rgsmain/default.htm.



PLAYDATES

If you have a little one who is not yet in school and who would like to do a little socializing, please come to a neighborhood playdate. The next one will be on April 20, from 10-12:30pm at Pirate's Cove (city park behind Wylie High). Bring a picnic lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole House at 972-429-3888.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

Story Time at the Library

Each Wednesday the Smith Public Library in Wylie has story time for preschoolers at 9 and 11am, and for wee ones at 10am.

Heard Museum

Native Plant Sale April 14 (9-5pm) & 15 (1-5pm)
Heirloom Plant Sale May 14-16
www.heardmuseum.org

Live Green in Plano Expo

May 5, 9-5pm, Plano Center Information and demos on environmentally-friendly lifestyles. Music, kids activities, & prizes.
www.livegreeninplano.com

Cottonwood Art Festival

May 5 & 6, Cottonwood Park in Richardson.
This is a fun festival with great art, music, food and activities.
www.cottonwoodartfestival.com

Scarborough Renaissance Festival

April 7-May 28, each Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the festival grounds, 2511 FM66, Waxahachie

Main Street Ft. Worth Arts Festival

April 19-22 (check web for times). More than 200 artists and 300 performances.
www.mainstreetartsfest.org

Vista Oaks Website

Now Online

Although it is still "under construction," the vista oaks website is up and running at www.vistaoaksneighborhood.com. You can find neighborhood news, contact information, events, and a forum. This is a great way for all of us to keep in touch and ask and answer questions. Please be sure to visit!

REMINDER

If you would like to be included in the neighborhood directory, or have an addition or update, please email your name and number to dori@reuscherfamily.com or call Dori at: 972-575-8651. Thanks!

Recipe

Easy Chicken Spaghetti

4-5 Chicken Breasts
Italian Seasoning (to taste)
1 Can Cream of Chicken Soup
1 Can Cream of Mushroom Soup
1 Can Cream of Celery Soup
1 Can Rotel Tomatoes
24 oz. Spaghetti Noodles
1-2 cups of Grated Cheddar Cheese
according to preference.



Boil Chicken with Italian seasoning. Remove chicken from pot and reserve cooking water. Cube chicken and set aside. Reheat water to boiling and cook noodles according to package directions. Drain noodles and return to warm pot. Add all soups and Rotel to noodles. Fold in chicken and then cheese into mixture.

Tips:

- The chicken spaghetti is ready to eat at this point. However, you can place it in a casserole dish, top with more cheese, and freeze or bake.
- If you like more spice, add a second can of Rotel.

CONTACT US

This newsletter is published by your friendly neighborhood Welcome Wagon. If you have questions about anything in this issue, or would like to contribute events or articles, please feel free to contact Kristy, Lisa, DianaJo, or Lynda; or send an email the editor to dori@reuscherfamily.com.