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OCTOBER 2020

THE NEWSLETTER
FOR THE CITIZENS
OF SHAVANO PARK

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NOTE FROM THE MAYOR

Hon. Bob Werner

Go Blue. This year for our first responders, Council members, city staff and I are encouraging all the residents of our community to “GO BLUE” for our local police, fire and EMS. They represent the three legs of the stool protecting our community. In appreciation and recognition of their service, we encourage each member of our community to light up blue lights during the month of October on security lights, front porches, and in front windows. Blue lights are available at local hardware stores and big boxes as well as online from Amazon, Walmart and other online sellers.

Historically, we would be gathering at City Hall and at the numerous Neighborhood National Night Out gatherings to meet with our local first responders, shake hands and break bread. While City Manager Bill Hill and I encourage each of you to gather safely with neighbors on National Night Out at local homes, our police and fire personnel will not be joining us this year. Instead, they will be driving through our numerous neighborhoods with waves, lights flashing and periodic sirens.

Please Go Blue and join your neighbors in showing your support for our first responders. If you need help changing a blue light bulb or two, please give me a call, and I will swing by to help.

Police Officer Recognition. At a time when other communities fail to recognize the importance and breadth of service of local, state and national law enforcement officers, our community chooses to annually recognize members of our police force. Due to our interesting times, our annual recognition event has not been possible, but as a community, we want the friends and loved ones of those who serve to know of our appreciation. We hereby recognize –

- **Detective Stefani Wade – Employee of the Year** – For her dedication to duty in investigating open criminal cases, volunteering to assist in city sponsored events, and exceptional teamwork with employees and outside law enforcement agencies, Detective Wade is our Employee of the Year. She is consistently a positive employee and an asset to the SPPD, bringing over 15 years of experience and excellence.
- **Sergeant Richard Page – Merit Award** – Sgt. Page is recognized for his handling of a call with a “suspicious” person at a business. Sgt. Page determined that the person had suffered an earlier head injury, causing his radical behavior. He personally assisted two of the subject’s friends by purchasing gasoline for their vehicle, using his own money and ensured that they arrived safely home.
- **Sergeant Richard Page – Distinguished Service Award** – From October 2016 through December 2019, Sgt. Page has performed his duties as a night shift Sergeant with

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IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 3	CoSP Document Shred Event 9 a.m. – till capacity
Oct. 7	Planning & Zoning Commission Mtg 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 12	Water Advisory Committee Mtg 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	Early Voting begins* see shavanopark.org/CITY NOTICES
Oct. 15	Municipal Court 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 26	City Council Mtg 6:30 p.m.

CITY OF SHAVANO PARK INFORMATION

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HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

City Hall	493-3478
City Hall Fax.....	492-3816
Code Compliance	477-0962
DeZavala-Shavano Veterinary Clinic.....	699-3939
Emergency Fire/EMS, Police	911
Fire Administration.....	492-1111
Municipal Court.....	492-2607
Non Emergency Fire/EMS, Police.....	804-0110
Police Administration	492-9248
Public Works.....	492-2841
Republic Services Customer Service.....	304-2700

City Hall hours of operation are:

Monday through Friday
from
8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Municipal Court hours of operation are:

Monday through Friday
from
8:00 am to 4:00 pm

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exceptional leadership. During this period, he has volunteered for additional duty as SPPDs designated firearms instructor / range officer. Under his leadership, SPPD has increased our firearms training and proficiency to far exceed State minimums. He was instrumental in the evaluation/selection of SPPDs currently issued handgun and implementation of our less-lethal training program.

- **Sergeant Jaime Villanueva – Merit Award** – Sgt. Villanueva is recognized for his teamwork and willingness to cover additional shifts when staffing falls below minimums, often at the cost of cancelling his prior personal plans. Among his additional duties, he has assisted as an evaluator on our police officer hiring board. He provides exceptional leadership and support as a night shift supervisor.
- **Captain Gene Fox – Distinguished Service Award** – Capt. Fox provides exceptional leadership to our patrol staff, and he assists with our criminal investigation cases. He recently attended training on the Texas “Best Practices” program, and he has assumed oversight of the agency’s compliance. As a 20-year seasoned professional, Captain Fox’s leadership and skills are a valued SPPD asset.
- **Police Officer Jose Garza – Distinguished Service Award** – Ofc. Garza is recognized for his willingness to assist in training newly hired police staff. Although not specifically assigned as a field training officer, he has assisted the patrol staff with the procedures for processing drivers arrested for Driving While Intoxicated.
- **Corporal Keith Harper – Distinguished Service Award** – Cpl. Harper is recognized for his willingness to work extra shifts when needed and assisting with training. During 2019, he made 706 traffic stops, issued 1062 citations, wrote 175 reports and made 19 arrest.
- **Curtis Leeth – Certificate of Merit** – While titled as Assistant to the City Manager, Mr. Leeth is recognized for his long-standing assistance and knowledge in managing the police computer server and assisting in the development, acquisition and maintaining SPPDs electronic systems.

Please join your neighbors and show your support for our officers.

As always, I look forward to meeting with you and receiving your calls. If you ever have a care, concern or comment, please call me at 210-867-0441.

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National Night Out – Events Cancelled Promote Police-Community Partnerships

COVID-19 restrictions and cautions have recently been extended and will likely continue and the National Night Out City sponsored event will be cancelled. With the recent protests and violence against law enforcement, October would be perfect timing to promote our law enforcement officers and service, but protection of our Officers as well as our residents in response to COVID-19 must be our first priority. Residents may still hold their own National Night Out gathering as long as they comply with the Governor's executive orders (generally limits gathering of more than 10 persons with exceptions).

However, in encouragement to our Police and Fire professionals, we will provide you an opportunity to thank them as they "parade" through the neighborhoods from 5 to 7 p.m. on October 6th. The plan is to parade by neighborhood in the following order and at approximate times.

- Shavano Creek 5:00 – 5:15 pm
- Bentley Manor 5:15 – 5:30 pm
- Pond Hill Villas 5:30 – 5:40 pm
- Willow Wood 5:30 – 5:40 pm
- Huntington 5:40 – 5:55 pm
- Old West 6:00 – 6:15 pm
- The Estates 6:15 – 6:30 pm
- Old East 6:30 – 7:00 pm

According to the National Night Out (NNO) website hosted by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW):

"**National Night Out** is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community."

Traditionally, Shavano Park additionally uses the NNO event to include awareness of National Fire Prevention week and includes our Firefighters during the traveling rounds to NNO events hosted by residents.

Around the local neighborhoods, I've seen several expressions of support to law enforcement you may want to consider to include: blue porch lights; "I support the Blue" signs; and "Thin Blue Line" police flags.

Solicitation

Although most of us do not like it, solicitation in our neighborhoods is protected by 1st Amendment rights. If you don't want that knock on the door, our ordinance provides two ways to avoid peddlers all together: 1) You can post, at the entry to your property a "No Peddlers" or "No Solicitors" sign; or, 2) you may file a "No-Solicitation Registration Form" with the Police Secretary at City Hall. If you have filed a no-solicitation form, but still get visited by a solicitor, immediately call the "Non-Emergency Fire/EMS, Police number found on the inside cover of every Roadrunner (210) 804-0110. Some side streets may be driven.

COVID-19 Update

Bexar County stats are approximate as reported by San Antonio.

Date	7-Day Ave. New Cases	Hospitalized Patients	ICU	Ventilator
1 April	19	61	26	7
1 May	28	205	105	54
3 June	57	400	185	80
1 July	670	1019	324	175
22 July	1716	1113	429	287
25 Aug	177	473	207	139
21 Sep	102	226	85	45

Together we will Get Through This!

Bill Hill, City Manager

Recent Oak Wilt in Shavano Park

Bill Hill, City Manager

Late this summer, a single live oak tree was diagnosed with Oak Wilt in the 200 block of Fawn Drive. It is not known how the tree was infected, but it was likely a beetle infected from another tree spread it to the Fawn Drive tree. Once infected, Oak Wilt is spread primarily in live oak trees through the root system. The City, working with the property owners, the Texas A&M Forest Service and several Arborist, took immediate action to mitigate and to halt the spread. The tree, the stump and its main roots were removed down one foot. Because of the spread through root system, the Texas A&M Forest service outlined an area where a rock saw could trench (approximately 100 feet from the tree's outer overhang) in order to sever the roots from the infected tree to others who were determined to not likely be infected. The City hired a contractor to complete this task. Additionally, the City Public Works Department rock sawed an inner circle and an additional trench along Fawn Drive.

While no treatment is guaranteed, long-time experts on Oak Wilt were impressed by the speed and the extent of the work accomplished. Several predicted an extremely high probability that the oak wilt would not spread beyond the rock saw trench line. I know resident may be concerned because of the potential impact to the city and home values should oak wilt become more widespread, but I'm optimistic that we will succeed.

In 2015 we treated an Oak Wilt breakout on Bobcat Bend. This was a much more complex and potentially threatening situation, but I'm happy to report that the Oak Wilt has been contained within the that trench line. With luck it will remain contained



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SHRED EVENT

City of Shavano Park will be hosting a paper shredding event on **Saturday, October 3rd, 2020** at City Hall, 900 Saddletree Court from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. or until the truck reaches capacity.

Identity theft and fraud crimes continue to be of great concern for all of us. The City of Shavano Park would like to help you avoid becoming a victim of identity theft and fraud, by keeping your personal information away from the hands of identity thieves. One of the methods identity thieves use to steal your information is combing through recycling and garbage for sensitive information that has been thrown away.

For this reason, the City of Shavano Park recommends and encourages citizens to use a shredder (preferably cross-cut) for sensitive documents, such as credit card statements, financial statements, pre-approved credit card offers, old IRS tax forms, bank checks, household bills, and other documents that may contain sensitive information.

Community Shred event will be on site with one commercial-sized shredding truck for this event. Items no larger than staples and paper clips may be attached to the papers. Because of the popularity of this event each vehicle will only be allowed eight (8) standard size Banker style boxes of documents to be shredded.

This event is not for business documents. It is for personal documents only that contain personal information that if thrown out could lead to identity theft.

Service will be on a first come, first served basis and limited to the capacity of the commercial-sized shredding truck. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause should the capacity be reached.

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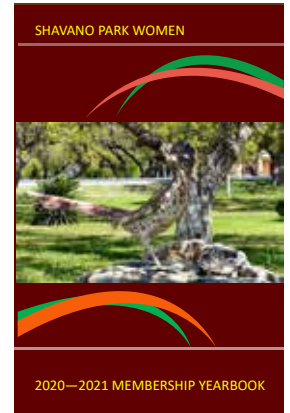
By Diane Struve

Shavano Park Ladies,

The 2020-21 Yearbooks were mailed to each Member this year – a uniquely Covid event. Normally we hand them out in person at our September opening Brunch and Business Meeting. This year continues to be different – no September meeting and personally delivered yearbooks – in abbreviated format.

Plans continue to resume our normal activities at the first possible event. Our fingers (and toes) are still crossed that the October Pinspiration event can be rescheduled to late October, but it might have to be deferred. But hope continues for our plans for the rest of the Shavano Park Women's Year.

So continue to stay tuned, keep healthy, and safe until we can meet again. Be sure to wash your hands, social distance, and wear your mask as needed. And in the meantime enjoy the upcoming Fall.



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POLICE BLOTTER

Police Administration: 492-9248

157 Total

Police Department Calls
for service in August 2020

73 Total

Officer Initiated Citizen
Contacts



Ray Lacy
Police Chief



Darrell Dover
Fire Chief

FIRE BLOTTER

Fire Administration: 492-1111

67 Total

Fire Department Calls
for August 2020

23	Criminal Calls
1	Assault
1	Burglary of Building
1	DWI
3	Fraud / Forgery
1	Harassment
5	Narcotics (class C)
1	Robbery
7	Theft
3	Theft of Mail
134	Non-Criminal Calls
1	Accidents (minor)
32	Alarm Calls
6	Animal Calls
27	Assist Fire Department / EMS
1	Assist Other Agencies
4	Assist Public
3	City Ordinance Violations
5	Criminal Trespass Warning
3	Deceased Persons
7	Disturbances
3	Emergency Detention
5	Information
12	Suspicious Activity
1	Traffic Hazards
1	Welfare Concern
23	911 Hang-up Calls
73	Officer Initiated Contacts
54	Community Policing Contacts / Crime Preventions
19	Out of Town / Patrol By

10	Fire Alarms
3	Residential Fire Alarm in Shavano Park (nothing found)
1	Commercial Fire Alarm in Shavano Park (nothing found)
1	Responded for a order of gas
3	Responded to assist Bexar Bulverde with a commercial building fire
1	Responded to assist Leon Valley with a commercial building fire
1	Responded to assist Leon Springs with a residential building fire
34	Rescue/EMS Calls
31	EMS Calls – not involving a motor vehicle collision
2	Motor Vehicle Collision
1	EMS Standby for Camp Bullis
7	Service Calls
1	Standby (Commercial Activated Fire Alarms, Leon Springs)
1	Standby (Commercial Activated Fire Alarms, Hollywood Park)
3	Standby (Commercial Activated Fire Alarms, Bexar-Bulverde)
2	Standby (Residential Activated Fire Alarms, Bexar-Bulverde)
15	Good Intent Calls
2	Assist Hollywood Park (cancelled en route)
4	Assist Leon Springs (cancelled en route)
8	Assist Bexar-Bulverde (cancelled en route)
1	Assist Camp Bullis (cancelled en route)
1	Public Service Calls
1	Assisted Police Department
0	Hazardous Calls

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Shavano Park Event Calendar

**Be sure to mark your calendar for
upcoming City events!**

Holiday Event

December 5, 2020 • 2:30 p.m. – dusk

CITY COUNCIL NEWS

The City of Shavano Park City Council recently adopted the following ordinances at the City Council Meeting:

O-2020-014 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHAVANO PARK EXTENDING A DECLARATION OF LOCAL DISASTER AND PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY ISSUED ON MARCH 23, 2020 BY MAYOR BOB WERNER, AND THE CORRESPONDING ADDENDUMS ISSUED ON MARCH 30, 2020, APRIL 27, 2020, JULY 27, 2020 UNTIL AUGUST 24, 2020 TO CONTINUE ACTIVE PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE FOR COVID-19 CONTINGENCIES.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of Shavano Park this the 27th day of July 2020.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING EXHIBIT I OF ORDINANCE NO. 100-12-03 AND THE CITY OF SHAVANO PARK CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTERS 36 - ZONING, TO CORRECT A SCRIVENER'S ERROR IN THE SIDE SETBACK REQUIREMENTS OF THE WILLOW WOOD PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT; PROVIDING INDEMNITY FOR THE CITY; PROVIDING REPEALING AND SAVINGS CLAUSES; PROVING A TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT CLAUSE; PROVIDING CODIFICATION; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

To view the ordinances, please visit the City's website at www.shavanopark.org and click on Code of Ordinances (Quick links - lower right side) or you may request a copy from the City Secretary.



National Wildlife Federation

By Vicky Maisel

Congratulations to the City of Shavano Park!! We have received recertification from the National Wildlife Federation as a Community Wildlife Habitat. This year was a little more difficult than usual, due to COVID-19 we could not have an Arbor Day celebration or our annual Backyard Habitat Party. But the National Wildlife Federation took that into account and other projects got us recertification. If you walk the trail on the Municipal Tract you will see some small water tanks. If you look closely, we have made the tanks not just for the deer but small animals too. And we have a ramp inside the tanks in case a small animal falls in they can easily get out. Special thanks for those tanks to Mayor Bob Werner and Alderman Mike Colemere.

Our annual spreading of wildflower seeds and winter grasses will be happening again this year. This year we are going to spread the seeds along the sunny areas of the walking trail. This way we can get some exercise and easily social distance. We will be spreading grass seeds along De Zavala. So come on out on Saturday, October 10th at 9 am and join us. We will be scattering and taking in the seeds. If you have a rake - please bring it. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

We, as always, are still looking for folks to sign up their homes as Backyard Habitats. All you need to do is provide food, water and shelter for animals. This can be a bird feeder, a water bowl and bird house. Any home in Shavano Park would be able to easily qualify. If you are interested feel free to contact me at vickymaisel@yahoo.com or go to nwf.org Backyard Habitat. You can help start qualifying for 21-22 recertification by signing up your yard if you haven't signed up already.

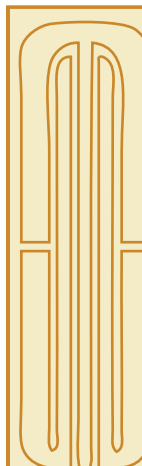


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Tues., Oct. 13 thru Fri., Oct. 16

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Martes 13 de octubre hasta el viernes 16 de octubre de 2020

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 17, 2020

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sabado 17 de octubre de 2020

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 18, 2020

12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.

Domingo 18 de octubre de 2020

12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 19 thru Fri., Oct. 23

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Lunes 19 de octubre hasta el viernes 23 de octubre de 2020

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sat., Oct. 24, 2020

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sabado 24 de octubre de 2020

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 25, 2020

12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.

Domingo 25 de octubre de 2020

12:00 noon – 6:00 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 26 thru Fri., Oct. 30

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Lunes 26 de octubre hasta el viernes 30 de octubre de 2020

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**Main Early Voting Location:
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**Early Voting Locations –
City of Shavano Park Site Added**

Shavano Park City Hall located at 900 Saddle Tree Court, Shavano Park, Texas 78231 has been added as a Voting Site for the 2020 November Elections in Bexar County.

**See the next page for
additional locations. →**

For more information contact the office of the Bexar County Elections Administrator, Jacquelyn F. Callanen, at (210) 335-VOTE (8683)

(Para mas informacion comuniquese con oficina del Condado de Bexar Administrador de Elecciones, Jacquelyn F. Callanen, al telefono (210) 335-VOTE (8683))

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CODY LIBRARY 11441 Vance Jackson
COLLINS GARDEN LIBRARY200 North Park
OLD CONVERSE CITY HALL.....405 S. Seguin Rd
COPERNICUS COMMUNITY CENTER 5003 Lord Rd
CORTEZ LIBRARY2803 Hunter Blvd
ENCINO PARK LIBRARY.....2515 East Evans Rd
FAIR OAKS RANCH CITY HALL (Council Chambers)7286 Dietz Elkhorn
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JOHNSTON LIBRARY6307 Sun Valley Drive
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KIRBY CITY HALL 112 Bauman St
LAS PALMAS LIBRARY515 Castroville Road
LEON VALLEY CONFERENCE CENTER6421 Evers Rd

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MCCRELESS LIBRARY.....1023 Ada St.
MEMORIAL LIBRARY3222 Culebra
MISSION LIBRARY 3134 Roosevelt Ave.
NORTHSIDE ACTIVITY CENTER7001 Culebra
NORTHWEST VISTA COLLEGE (Mountain Laurel Hall).....3535 N. Ellison Dr.
OUR LADY OF THE LAKE UNIVERSITY411 S. W. 24th St.
PALO ALTO COLLEGE (Performing Arts Center)1400 W. Villaret Blvd.
PARMAN LIBRARY @ Stone Oak 20735 Wilderness Oak
ST. PAUL COMMUNITY CENTER1201 Donaldson Ave.
SAN ANTONIO COMMUNITY COLLEGE (Victory Center).....1802 N. Main
SCHAEFER LIBRARY6322 US Hwy 87 E
SHAVANO PARK CITY HALL (Council Chamb)900 Saddletree Ct
SOMERSET CITY HALL7360 E. 6th, Somerset
SOUTHSIDE ISD ADMIN BLDG (Board Room).....1460 Martinez-Losoya
SOUTHWEST ISD ADMIN BLDG 11914 Dragon Lane
THOUSAND OAKS/EL SENDERO LIBRARY4618 Thousand Oaks
TOBIN LIBRARY @ OAKWELL4134 Harry Wurzbach
UNIVERSAL CITY LIBRARY100 Northview Dr.
UTSA1 UTSA Blvd.
WINDCREST TAKAS PARK CIVIC CENTER.....9310 Jim Seal Dr.
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October 24, 2020

Digital Virtual Pre-Party 7:00 p.m.
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Call'n all Cowboys and Cowgirls, the 2020 Cattle Baron's Gala is set for Saturday, October 24, 2020. Get ready to kick up your heels "cause we're makin' a big deal as we digitally "ILLUMINATE THE PATH TO A CURE"! Round up your guests for a stompin' good time, an evening of gourmet Texas cuisine, live and silent auctions and great entertainment.

Together, we are committed to achieving our vision of a world free from the pain and suffering of cancer.

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RANCH CHIC FASHION SHOW

Join us for the 15th Annual Ranch Chic Fashion Show! An exciting fashion show featuring cancer survivor models and showcasing the latest western attire as inspiration for what to wear to the 42nd Annual Cattle Baron's Gala.

Saturday, October 24, 2020

Virtually premiering during the Cattle Baron's Gala
Event Starts at 7:00 p.m.

For more information and registration, visit <https://hpd.ejoinme.org/SanAntonioCBB>. Registration closes October 18, 2020.



The Right Way to Wash Produce

You can't wash away all pesticides. The chemicals can stick to soft skins, wax coatings can trap certain pesticides, and some are systemic, meaning they get into the flesh of fruits or vegetables. In fact, the Department of Agriculture pesticide testing on which Consumer Reports based ratings occurs after produce is washed, and if appropriate, peeled. Yet some still have pesticide residue.



To remove as much pesticide residue as you can, follow the method used by the USDA. Wash all produce—even those that will be peeled—in cold running water for 15 to 20 seconds. Do so as soon as you bring it home. The longer pesticides sit on fruits and vegetables, the deeper they're absorbed, and the harder it is to remove them. For hard produce with tough skins, like apples and potatoes, use a vegetable brush or rub with your hands. You can time yourself by singing the "Happy Birthday" song twice or any 20-second refrain of a favorite song. That's it. There's no evidence that special washes remove more pesticides.

Avoid soap and especially bleach. Concerns about the ongoing coronavirus pandemic have led many people to think that using those cleaners on produce can help prevent the spread of the disease. But it's far more likely that even after rinsing, soap or bleach left on food can make you sick.

If you want to take an extra step, consider submerging your produce in a solution of one teaspoon of baking soda and two cups of water for two minutes or more (the longer you soak, the more chemicals you get rid of).

Rinse in tap water again before eating.

*Adapted from article by Catherine Roberts
August 27, 2020 Consumer Reports*

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Fall Landscape Maintenance

By Mark Peterson, SAWS Garden Style San Antonio

There are a few activities you can do in your yard over the next two or three months that will benefit your landscape now and help prep it for next year.

Firstly, now is the time to reapply mulch to our perennial beds and beneath our trees and shrubs, between one and two inches is a good amount. Mulch can be many products, both organic and inorganic, but for our purposes in South Texas, it is hardwood chips and shreds or pine bark chips.

Mulch has many fine attributes that bear repeating: it reduces moisture loss, soil temperature, weed competition and soil compaction, and it increases soil structure and water infiltration. But mulch's most important attribute is the carbon energy it provides to all organisms and plants in the landscape.

If you have a lawn, there are a few tasks to tackle.

- **Watering.** Once a week is sufficient and best done at dusk or dawn. How much water to apply will vary depending on your irrigation device and amount of shade.
- **Weed prevention.** Spot treat with glyphosate or with orange oil and vinegar.
- **Fertilization.** Grass requires a lot of nitrogen but not as much as you may have heard. Add a ½ pound of slow-release high nitrogen fertilizer in mid-October and leave the clippings on the lawn throughout the year.
- **Aeration and compost.** In South Texas, core aerate every other year and apply compost every fall and spring.



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10 Tips

Get Ahead of the Winter Freeze

It's not too early to begin preparing for the heating season. Check these 10 tips off your list and get ahead of the winter freeze.

- ☐ Our **furnace has been inspected and serviced** by a qualified professional during the last 12 months. *(A furnace should be serviced at least once a year.)*
- ☐ Our **chimneys and vents have been cleaned and inspected** by a qualified professional. I have checked for creosote built-up. *(Not cleaning your chimney is the leading cause of chimney fires from built up creosote. This service needs to be done at least once a year.)*
- ☐ Our wood for our fireplace or wood stove is **dry, seasoned wood**.
- ☐ Our **fireplace screen is metal or heat-tempered glass**, in good condition and secure in its position in front of the fireplace.
- ☐ We have a **covered metal container** ready to use to dispose cooled ashes. *(The ash container should be kept at least 10 feet from the home and any nearby buildings.)*
- ☐ Our children know to stay at least **3 feet away** from the fireplace, wood/pellet stove, oil stove or other space heaters.
- ☐ Our portable space heaters have an **automatic shut-off**.
- ☐ Our portable space heaters will be **plugged directly into an outlet** *(not an extension cord)* and placed at least three feet from anything that can burn; like bedding, paper, walls, and even people. *(Place notes throughout your home to remind you to turn off portable heaters when you leave a room or go to bed.)*
- ☐ We have **tested our smoke alarms** and made sure they are working. *(You need smoke alarms on every level of the home, inside each sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. For the best protection, the smoke alarms should be interconnected so when one sounds, they all sound.)*
- ☐ We have **tested our carbon monoxide alarms** and made sure they are working. *(Carbon monoxide alarms should be located outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home.)*



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Carbon Monoxide Safety Tips

Source: www.nfpa.org

Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.



- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.

- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.

- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure

everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel declare that it is safe to re-enter the home.

- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

HOME HEATING EQUIPMENT:

Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.

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11	12 Water Advisory Committee Mtg 6:30 p.m.	13 Early Voting begins* see shavanopark. org/CITY NOTICES	14	15 Municipal Court 4:00 p.m.	16	17
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