
Gran Forest News

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Gran Forest 2012 Event Calendar

Saturday June 23rd - Adult Summer Social, 7:00 p.m. at the pool. Wings and fixing will be provided. Join in and play Corn Hole & Water Volleyball. Bring your own beverages and a dish to share!

Wednesday July 4th - July 4th Parade, 10:00 a.m. Meet at the corner of Redbud and Longleaf. Decorate bikes, cars, scooters, riding lawn mowers, pets, etc. The parade finishes up at the pool area and there will be ice cream for the kids. Come and join the fun!

Friday August 10th - Back to School Pizza Party, 5:30 p.m. at the pool.

Saturday August 18th - Adult Party, 7:00 p.m. at the pool. Rain date is Saturday August 25th.

Sept TBD - Pool Closes.

Saturday Nov 10th - Our Annual Canned Food Drive

Monday Nov 12th - Annual Homeowners meeting, 6:00 p.m. at Mashburn Elementary.

Neighborly Reminders

- **Please observe the 25 mph speed limit and stop signs.** We have children playing, people walking or running, and we want to ensure the safety of all. Help keep our neighborhood safe by slowing down and coming to a full stop at stop signs.
- Please put down the pool umbrellas when you leave the pool area. One of our new umbrellas has already been damaged by strong winds.
- Remember to keep the roadway and curbs clear from grass clippings and overhanging trees and shrubs. Homeowners with corner lots, please make sure shrubs do not obstruct the view from side streets.
- When walking your dogs, please have them on leash and remember to pick up after them.

Congratulations to our 2012 High School Graduates!

Welcome New Neighbors

- The Gates family at 1560 Loblolly Lane
- The Crews family at 1725 Redbud Way
- Shannon Bigley & Ghassan Al-Araji at 1750 Redbud Way

Do you have a new neighbor? Please contact April Yungel (770-888-0062) from our Welcoming Committee. We want to be sure that they receive a friendly southern welcome and a basket full of goodies!

Yard of the Month

Congratulations to the yard of the month winners, who received a \$50 home improvement card!

- Patti Columb at 1520 Gran Forest Dr for May's yard of the month.
- George Booth at 1830 Hawthorne Terrace for June's yard of the month.

Recipe Corner

New Newsletter feature! Send your favorite recipes to Patti Columb at pacolumb@att.net.

Creamed Spinach Supreme (from April Yungel)

2 - 10oz. packages of chopped Spinach (thawed and squeezed dry)
1 ½ tubs of Onion and Chive flavored cream cheese (place in microwave about 30 seconds or so to soften)
1 cup Parmesan Cheese (plus 2 Tbs. to sprinkle on top of spinach when done)
1 cup Mozzarella Cheese
2 Tbs. melted Butter
½ tsp. ground Nutmeg
1 tsp. salt
Few turns of fresh cracked Black Pepper
1 sleeve Ritz Crackers
4 Tbs. melted Butter

In a large bowl, add all of the ingredients up to the Ritz crackers and mix well with a hand held mixer. Put into a greased 7 X 9 baking dish. Sprinkle with 2 tablespoons parmesan cheese. Crush one sleeve of Ritz cracker on top of spinach mixture and drizzle melted butter over crackers. Cover with in foil and bake for 30 minutes. Uncover and baked 5 minutes more to brown cracker crumbs. Serve. *Double ingredients for a 13 X 9 pan.*

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To make an announcement in the newsletter, email pacolumb@att.net

Neighborhood Garden Advice

New Newsletter feature! Send your gardening advice to Patti Columb at pacolumb@att.net for inclusion in the Gran Forest newsletter.

Excerpt from... Green gardening secrets: How to eliminate bugs and pests without using poison (www.NaturalNews.com)

Preventing pest problems before they start is the best way get ahead of the problem. You can do this by following some commonsense guidelines, such as pulling out any weak or already infected plants, building healthy soil to nurture strong plant growth, disinfecting tools after working on infected plants and minimizing breeding grounds for pests by getting rid of non-essential areas of the garden that might serve as a habitat. It is also useful to interplant and rotate crops because it will stop spreading or re-infestation of the many pests that are specific to one type of plant.

Fight nature with nature

Naturally attracting beneficial insects to your garden is one way to fight pests. These insects will prey on plant-damaging pests or their larvae and promote a healthier environment for your crops. Different predator species have different prey, so the type of predator insect you want to promote in your garden will depend on the type of pest problem you are dealing with. Two commonly used predator insects include ladybugs and lacewings. Ladybugs eat whiteflies scale, mites and aphids and are attracted to tansy, members of the daisy family and yarrow. Lacewings are also attracted to yarrow as well as goldenrod, asters and black-eyed susan. They eat aphids and their larvae eat aphids as well as other varieties of insects.

Annual flowers to encourage beneficial insects:

Spring: alyssum and buckwheat.

Early summer: coriander, dill, yarrow and buckwheat

Mid-summer: coriander, fennel, dill, caraway, black-eyed susan, yarrow and dwarf sunflowers.

Late summer: coriander, dill, black-eyed susan and dwarf sunflowers.

Fall: alyssum, buckwheat and dwarf sunflowers.

Homemade pest deterrents

If pests are still problematic homemade pesticides may provide the solution (<http://www.motherearthnews.com/Organic-Gardening/1994-02-01/Guide-To-...>). Ants, for example, are deterred by vinegar and coffee grounds, aphids by garlic and cayenne pepper, and slugs by eggshells. There are as many different home pest concoctions as there are pests. Using garlic and onions, according to Mother Earth News, is just one way to kill aphids and apple borers, for instance. All you have to do is grind up raw onions or garlic into a puree, soak it warm water overnight and strain. The liquid can then be sprayed on roses, fruit trees, and flowers.

Our Gran Forest Web Site

Please visit www.granforest.com. Sign up for the community email list to be notified via email of any important neighborhood announcements. There are links to join Facebook and Twitter Gran Forest pages for up-to-the-minute neighborhood information! Contact forsale@granforest.com or services@granforest.com to advertise items for sale or services offered. If you have any comments or suggestions, please email webmaster@granforest.com.

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No one cares more about our neighborhood than you!