

Woodlake Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

LAKE LEVELS PORTEND FUN ON THE WATER... IF YOU CAN GET TO IT

The publication of this newsletter is unofficial and does not express any opinion, directive, or policy of the Woodlake Property Owners Association members or Board of Directors.

The primary purpose of the newsletter is to convey information designed to assist us to reduce or prevent crime in our community.

The information presented is available through various public access sources, personal interview, or observation. Your comments as to how we can improve this effort are welcome.

The *Temple Daily Telegram* has reported that more boat ramps were opened yesterday. So, check your local listings to enjoy a day on the lake; but do it safely!

BELL COUNTY SHERIFF TIP LINE:

WANTED AS OF JULY 31st, 2015 -

http://71.6.170.26/revize/bellcounty/departments/cscd/adult_probation/most_wanted.php, and/or; <http://bellcountycrimestoppers.com/>



Alberto Mario Reyna is a 32 y/o, W/M with BRO eyes and BRO Hair. Reyna stands 5'6" and weighs 155 lbs. and is Wanted For: Aggravated Assault w/Deadly Weapon; His was last known to live in Temple.

FROM AUSTIN:



The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) Reward is increased up to \$12,500 for tips received on this Fugitive -

Omar Cruz, during the month of Aug 2015.

Race: W, Sex: M, DOB: 6/8/1984, Ht: 5'4", Wt: 140 lbs., AKA: Omar Camacho Cruz, SMT: Tattoos of Chinese letters and "Marina" on right leg. Scars on back, right hand, and left wrist. Wanted For: Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child Under 14 (2 counts), Forgery of Financial Instrument. CCH: Agg. Sex Assault Child, Burg. of Habitation, Credit/Debit Card Abuse, Parole Violation (Burglary of Habitation), Evading Arrest/Detention, Unauthorized Use of Vehicle, Unlawful Carrying Weapon, DWI, and Possession of Marijuana. LKA: 902 Gardenia Street, Amarillo, TX.

Details: Cruz is a violent criminal fugitive wanted on two counts of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child Under 14. He has ties to Amarillo, the Rio Grande Valley area, and Mexico.

He has served time in TDCJ prison in the past for felony convictions of Burglary of a Habitation and Credit Card or Debit Card Abuse. In May 2013, Cruz was discharged from TDCJ.

On January 8, 2014, the Potter County Sheriff's Office issued a warrant for Cruz's arrest for Forgery of a Financial Instrument. Then on July 23, 2014, another warrant for Cruz's arrest was issued for 2 counts of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child Under 14.

Cruz has previous work employment at restaurants and in landscaping. Caution: Subject should be considered Armed and Dangerous!

IS HARKER HEIGHTS GIRL VICTIM OF SEX TRAFFICKING?

One Central Texas mother is reaching out to the community for help after her daughter disappeared and may have been forced into sex trafficking.



Kamrion Broussard, 16, disappeared on June 2 from the Harker Heights High School.

Harker Heights Police are investigating her disappearance, but have no leads.

The girl's mother, Lakesha Edwards, said on the day her daughter disappeared, she received a Facebook message from her saying that someone was trying to take her.

She hasn't heard from her daughter since, but she doesn't believe she ran away (because) all her clothes were left, and none of her shoes were missing.

Broussard has run away in the past. The last time she did, Edwards found her on an online sex site and Killeen Police later located her in a hotel with others.

"The police told me she had been a victim of sex trafficking and that the friend met them on Facebook," Edwards said and fears the same people who advertised Broussard are the ones who abducted her.

Sex trafficking prevention experts with UnBound, a nonprofit helping women escape the sex trafficking industry, say the Internet is the main place predators find their victims. Online recruitment through Facebook or social media platforms are the most prevalent recruitment and the kind of the common denominator in most of the cases with teenage girls.

The best tool to fight the sex traffickers is education.

If you have seen Kamrion or know anything about her disappearance please call 911 or your local police. (Source: KWTX)

WILL YOU SURVIVE THE NEXT "BLACK OUT"? THE POTENTIAL FOR LOCALIZED ELECTRICAL POWER FAILURES ARE A REAL AND LOOMING AGRAVATION

Much is made about preplanning and preparing for natural disaster and survivability but, what about being able to cope with the aftermath of a severe storm, earthquake or a wildfire?

Twice in the past 12 months, electrical power was interrupted for more than 12 hours.

As the demand grows on an aging infrastructure, the greater is the likelihood that, even minor interruptions can cause peripheral localized power outages for several hours.

The causes of frequent, and often, long-term interruption on specific groups of houses may be high wind blowing down older trees or limbs that have grown too close to power lines, ice or snow weighing down and breaking off limbs onto power lines in zones that are not readily accessible to repair crews or water intrusion into older transformers causing them to short-out, explode or catch fire thus shutting off power to dozens or more homes.

Slight or limited losses (less than 6-8 hours) create minor inconveniences but are not consequential. Nonetheless, there have been 3 blackouts in the past couple of years that affected Woodlake; two have occurred within the past 6 months. Each extended much longer than 12 hours creating higher risk of food spoilage, loss of communications and septic system interruption.

Several residences have purchased generators of various power output and size. Your own individual needs and preferences will determine size, model and type of auxiliary power to purchase. Whatever you decide, make sure you understand the wattage draw on each of the appliances you intend to use and how much load that's going to demand.

The attached chart provides details on wattage demands of a number of appliances and equipment. Your choices will be narrowed once you've determined the maximum wattage required when equipment and appliances must operate simultaneously. For example, if you think a space heater will be necessary while a refrigerator is running the minimum wattage generator output demanded will be 2.5 - 3.0 Kw.

Before the lights go out, determine how much and what type of power cords will be necessary to accomplish the tasks, then practice setting up

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the array in the daytime to workout the glitches.

Also, take into consideration of having extra fuel available and lubricants for routine servicing the equipment.

Probably the first priority is power to operate the refrigerator and freezer.

Unless an electrician has installed an emergency power circuit, you'll need a couple of shop-duty extension cords and power surge protectors with multiple outlets.

Instead of having to pull the refrigerator(s) away from the wall with enough clearance to be able to reach behind it to unplug and re-start the appliance for every power-out event, install a pigtail extension to the wall outlet. Don't use just any cheap, household rated cord. You'll need a wire with at least the capacity of the cord that connects your 'fridge. A good shop-rated extension cord isn't available in the short lengths you'll need, so for a few extra dollars, you can make 3 pigtail extensions from 1 - 15', 15 Amp, 14 gauge cord, (about \$18.00 at Lowes) by adding 2 female and 2 male replacement plugs (\$3 - \$5 for 15 amp, 3 wire replacement plug; male and/or female) to the cut ends, and check the polarity. Before the next time you have to use auxiliary power, pull the 'fridge out away from the wall, plug the pigtail into the wall outlet and the 'fridge's power cord to the pigtail and push the 'fridge back to the wall while holding the cords off to the side and accessible.

Next, think about the means for cooking and meal preparation that's available. When planning your power requirements/management, the microwave oven will require between 600-1,200 watts. Larger microwaves will tend to have a higher wattage. That strongly influences performance but, in general, the higher the wattage, the faster and more evenly your food will cook.

If you're anxious about cooking everything on the grill, have a gas stove top or happy using the microwave, you may want to consider a hot plate, camp stove or a single burner gas bottle-fueled cook stove, (neither recommended for use indoors).

Whatever your preference, make sure your supply of fuel: propane, white gas or gas bottles, is adequate.

Thirdly, food - If you don't have a generator, keep your menus simple and use the stocks from your pantry and the perishable fruits first. This will prevent having to open the refrigerator or freezer. Prior planning is key; your emergency provisions should be durable and kept in the original packaging. Dry goods: grains (rice, oat meal, etc.) stored in a dry, cool space, will keep for years. Consume the items marked "use by" or "best if used by" dates, first. Unless the can is swollen or the packaging is damaged, don't be too concerned being past this date.

You may consider having a few days of provisions to eat, at least some water, pre-positioned inside your "safe room/shelter".

Water - FEMA recommends you have at least 3 days of water available for emergencies, equivalent to approximately 1 gallon per person, per day, for drinking and hygiene. Don't forget about your pets! Storage for what could add-up to a lot of water, may be problematic. The container must at least be sturdy and portable. Whatever you decide, rotate and replenish the supply frequently, and the better the container is sealed the longer it will stay fresh. Despite that, it's always a good idea to boil or properly disinfect water you plan on drinking.

Sanitation - Residents with aerobic septic systems installed should check their owners' manual, installer or manufacturer not to overtax your system before using your toilet when the power is out. Contrary to anaerobic digestion septic systems that use natural enzymes to breakdown the waste matter; aerobic septic systems rely on an infusion of oxygen by an electrical pump. Usually there are three tanks: trash tank, aeration chamber and chlorination compartment and a pump tank which dispenses the treated wastewater through sprayers or through a leech field.

You might consider having alternative methods of sanitation and waste disposal before the next "blackout".

What do you plan to do with the table refuse and eatable garbage? If you can plug you disposal into the electrical power from the generator, great! Otherwise, all that eatable garbage (peelings, cores, scrapings, etc.), will have to be discarded - but, unless you want a real stinky mess - NOT IN THE TRASH BIN!

If you haven't already started a compost pile, this would be a good time to do so. Everything, from food scraps of all sorts, grass clippings to newspaper (shredded into strips), will decompose into usable compost.

There are commercially produced containers designed to hold biodegradable plastic bags to collect the refuse destined for the composter. In the interim, Zip-Lock bags work well but a coffee can (plastic preferred), with a tight fitting lid will suffice as a basin-side container.

If you're offended by the stench of decomposing flesh, then avoid meat products. However, meat products will invite more parasites to enhance and speed-up the process. Unless you intend using your matured compost only on your flowerbeds, it is not recommended to add canine or human feces to the pile.

The pile can be in the open but a good composter should a ventilated container. A Rubber Maid medium sized trash bin (or like product) with 3 or 4 holes made around the circumference on the bottom for drainage and 4

or 5 holes (1 1/2" diameter) along the circumference at the top for ventilation works well. Place a medium grid wire mesh screen on top of a couple of rocks or bricks in the bottom to raise the level of the first layer of refuse. This will give some "breathing room" to promote better ventilation. The first layer should be grass clippings or leaves. This will help retain moisture and when the decomposition process begins that will generated heat which will promote the growth of the micro-organisms to produce the nitrogen, ammonia and all the other great stuff for healthy garden soil.

Comfort & Convenience:

Lighting - Having ample number of flashlights and spare batteries is academic, but what about for convenience and security? There are a number of battery operated security lights to choose from but I recommend "Beams". Their 3-D cell battery powered self-contained motion-sensor activated lights can be mounted in or outdoors. I have several indoors that illuminate the path without fumbling with a flashlight to see where I'm going. These lights have a circuit installed that will cause the light to stay on continuously alerting you to change the batteries, which have a very long-life.

Cooling - Have a few window screens available and a fan or two placed where cross ventilation can be created.

Space heater - Use space heaters only when absolutely necessary and always where it can be monitored. In terms of wattage, almost all 120-volt space heaters are rated up to 1500 watts at the maximum setting, and there is a 10/1 ratio of watts to square feet heated.

NATIONAL NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT EVENING APPROACHING!

The National Neighborhood Night Out Is a Night Designated For Communities To Get Together In Solidarity Fighting Crime.

In most of the country's towns and cities, this event is observed annually on the First Tuesday of August. Texas and other southwestern states, however, like to wait until October. The obvious advantage is to enjoy the camaraderie outdoors in cooler temperatures. The unfortunate disadvantage is there are much fewer hours of daylight to work with.

Nonetheless, this year's event is scheduled for October the 6th, and moved up from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. allowing some daylight for clean up.

The theme this year is introduction to CERT: Community Emergency Response Team. A representative from the Bell County Emergency Council is scheduled to attend to provide insight on "911" and other emergency services available, along with SVFD and Cpl. Nichols (BCSD).