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By Chad Ellis

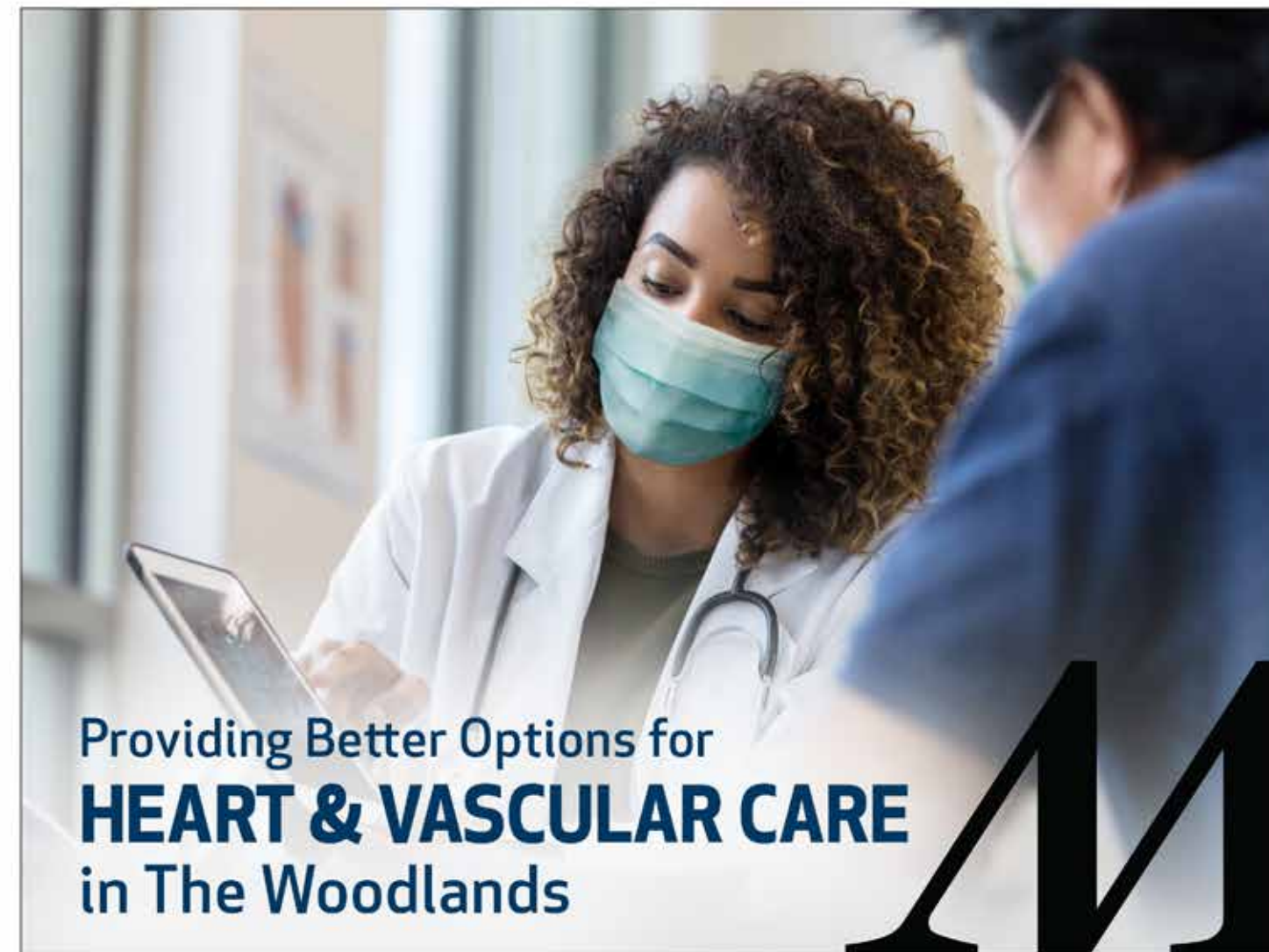
When we started working to launch *Life in the Preserve* one year ago, the goal was to provide a rallying point for our community. It was and is my hope that this magazine would bring Harper's Preserve closer together. At the very least, we can all meet right here every month...on these pages dedicated to our neighborhood. The goal is simple: Start getting everyone together in print and pictures, inspire some neighborhood acknowledgment of each other with a simple wave, and ultimately plan some Harper's Preserve get-togethers designed to connect with each other. COVID has certainly staggered part three but with Texas opening up a little, perhaps we can meet each other six feet apart and drop our masks briefly for a smile.

To that end, I am excited to announce we will hold a social event in June (see the article about us taking over the Conroe Aquatic Center). We are also working on some additional social events including private dinners for the neighborhood at local restaurants, a home show, and a giant party in September to celebrate the one-year anniversary of *Life in the Preserve*. If you have an idea for a social event, we would love to know about it.

Please allow me to express my appreciation to the many of you who have reached out with kind and supportive words. I am thrilled that you are enjoying the stories and making new connections. A resident recently asked me what they can do to support *Life in the Preserve* and to make sure it is in their mailbox every month. Here are some simple ways...

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- If you operate a business, become a neighborhood sponsor! You'll be in good company!
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- Share some stories, pictures, and ideas. This is your magazine and we want to feature you!
- Join the team! We are actively looking for residents to get involved in many areas of the magazine!

Keep in mind June will be here before you know it. Now's the time to start thinking about grads and dads! Email a short bio and photo of your favorite graduate-to-be and let us help with some shoutouts to the father of the pride! Don't wait, and don't be shy! Let's make them feel good! Everybody loves seeing their name in print!



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By Chad Ellis



*Life in the Preserve* is excited to be hosting a fun family evening at the new Conroe Aquatic Center! The new \$5.4 million water park features a children's wading pool with a playground and an older youth-adult pool with a basketball goal and five water slides. Three of the slides are three stories tall! It will be a great time relaxing with our families, socializing with friends, and giving back to our community.

*Life in the Preserve* has rented out the entire Conroe Aquatic Center on Saturday, June 12th from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Tickets are \$5 and all money from ticket sales will be donated to the Montgomery County Food Bank. Tickets are limited to 175 tickets total, so get yours today! You can get tickets by following the Eventbrite link on the *Life in the Preserve* Facebook Page. Thank you so much to Harper's Preserve resident, Maureen Shuttleworth, for this fantastic event idea!

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professional MMA fighter and has fought for the UFC, Pride and Strikeforce.

**Have you traveled anywhere related to BJJ?** We have traveled throughout Texas. I've competed in Dallas, Austin, and San Antonio. I most recently competed at Submission Hunter Pro 64, and hope to compete at IBJJF Worlds in California, in 2022.

**What awards or honors have you won?** I have won medals for tournaments with the following promotions NAGA, Jiu-Jitsu World League, Texas Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Federation, Grappling Industries, and Submission Hunter Pro.

**What have you learned from participating in BJJ?** I have learned that there are no shortcuts in life. In order to improve you have to put in the work and do so consistently.

**What do you like the most about BJJ?** The close relationship you build with your coaches and teammates, and the rush I get from competing in front of hundreds of people.

**What is your favorite moment?** My favorite moment was when I won Submission Hunter Pro 64 competition and the referee held up my hand. I put in a ton of work prior to this competition and it felt really good to have it pay off. Some of my family, teammates and friends came to the event, while others watched it live on YouTube.

**What do you plan on doing after graduating?** I plan on going to college. I'm not sure what I'll major in. I'm hoping to wrestle at the collegiate level.

**What's one tip you have for someone looking to get into BJJ?** Just don't stop the grind. The harder you work the better it gets and while you work you fall in love with it.

**How long have you participated in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu (BJJ)?** I started when I was 6 and trained for a year or so. I stopped when we moved to Conroe. I started back up when I was 10. My brothers and I trained for several months, but lost interest and started playing football. Then my dad's cousin, Tommy Alderete (we call him our uncle), opened a boxing/BJJ gym at the end of 2019, so we all started training again.

**What is your favorite teacher's name?** Currently, Tony Fitz is my primary coach. He is a brown belt under Raul Jimenez. Raul Jimenez is the professor I trained under when I started.

**Who do you idolize in BJJ?** Roberto Jimenez, who used to be one of my training partners when we were younger. He is the son of Raul Jimenez. He's won many IBJJF PAN American and World Championships.

**Where do you normally practice?** Next Level Training Center and MMA, this gym is owned by my uncle who is a black belt under Raul Jimenez. I also cross-train at Maozinha's BJJ with Professor Daniel Galvao.

**Are you on a team?** BJJ is an individual sport, but we consider our training partners our teammates and represent our gym at competitions.

**Have you met anyone famous in this BJJ?** Raul Jimenez, Roberto Jimenez and Jorge Luis Patino (Macaco). Macaco is a



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## featured family

By Christ Adamick

Two years ago, Jerrell and Patience Scott made one of their long-time dreams come true when they moved into their home in the East Village of Harper's Preserve. After getting married in 2015, the Scotts chose to live in Montgomery Creek Ranch. Patience grew up locally and knew it would be a great area to start a family. Their family began to grow and needed more room. They had watched Harper's Preserve flourish and knew they wanted to be a part of this community. Patience and Jerrell love the trails, the manicured yards, and the peaceful atmosphere of the neighborhood with all the lakes and trees. The prime location and good schools were also huge draws for the family of five.

Jerrell and Patience are the textbook definition of a "long-term" couple. The pair met as children when Jerrell's cousin brought her best friend, Patience, to most family gatherings. The friendship lasted through many backyard BBQs and birthday parties, but they fell out of touch during their college years. In 2012, Jerrell used Facebook to reach out to his

childhood friend. They met and quickly began a whirlwind courtship. Jerrell planned a surprise wedding proposal on the Woodlands Waterway, including a balloon release with their families in attendance. According to Patience, their wedding held at the Woodlands Resort was "perfect" and "everything they had wanted." A fairytale honeymoon cruising the Caribbean followed their nuptials. The couple agrees that "St. Martin was a favorite" and they can "hardly wait to go back soon with the kids!"

Patience is a 2008 graduate of the University of Houston with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance and Minor in Sales degree. Jerrell is a 2011 graduate of Texas Southern University where he earned a degree in Biology. Currently, Jerrell is a toxicology and Molecular Lab Manager for MedTech Laboratory. This lab started out small, running basic medical tests for doctor's offices and hospitals. However, the explosion of COVID-19 forced them to include a coronavirus test/results option to their offerings.



Jerrell says "it's been a very busy time - unfortunately." Patience is a Senior Underwriting Assistant at Arch Insurance Company and work in the Middle Market Energy department. She supplies insurance coverage for several oil and gas companies, their employees, and their assets and fleets.

Patience and Jerrell share three amazing children together. The oldest son Christian is twelve and is 7th grade at Irons Jr. High School. He is an avid computer gamer, especially enjoying Minecraft and Fortnite. Christian is on the track team at school and is looking forward to joining the Hawks on the football field next season as cornerback. The Scotts also have a set of 4-year-old twins, one boy and one girl, named Parker and Landon. It was a huge surprise for them since there is no history of twins on either side of the family tree! Patience was in total shock and literally did not understand what the doctor was trying to tell them. When two heartbeats were found at that first ultrasound appointment everything became twice as nice! The twins are attending Prescolaire Learning Academy in The Woodlands. They love arts and crafts and hope to start soccer soon.

The Scott family enjoys taking walks around the neighborhood, riding bikes, and spending time at the park. They often watch movies together. Since "not cooking" is her favorite meal, the family loves to go out to eat. Pappadeaux is always Jerrell's vote. However, Patience does say that she does make a ...



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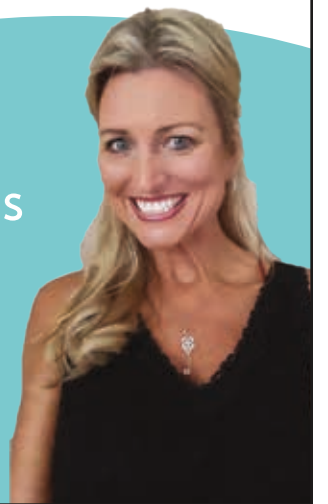
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••• “pretty good” salmon and asparagus meal that gets high marks from the family. Jerrell is a big Marvel fan, both the movies (his favorite is Infinity War) and the TV shows (he loved WandaVision). He is also a big fan of watching Texans football and Astros baseball, and even occasionally plays in a Men’s softball league. Patience loves dabbling in interior decorating. She’s always hunting for something new to decorate the house, usually in Kirkland’s or Target. Of course, she loves HGTV. She’s an artist at heart but doesn’t often have time to paint.

This month, the Scott family will be celebrating the mothers in their lives by spending quality time with them. There will be food, flowers, love and laughs all around for everyone to enjoy. Later, Memorial Day will bring another round of BBQs to kick off the summer in style. The family is hoping to start traveling again this summer. Costa Rica and Disney World are on the horizon as soon as it’s safe and their passports are ready!



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# EMPOWERING Ladies who Love Evolving

By Lauren Dowell

this stigma that women who do not have rock-hard abs should be fully covered and certainly not show their midriff. I thought to myself, “No. My girls are not going to grow up staring at themselves critically in the mirror because they are not the same size as the Victoria Secret models or the actresses on the TV. They certainly are not going to learn that from me.” It was then that I decided to pave my own lane.

After almost a year of researching and sampling fabrics and factories, I birthed Elle Athletix. Choosing a name that fit with my goals of having a brand that included all women, regardless of age or size, was so important to me. That’s how I came up with the name, “Elle Athletix.” It stands for, “Empowering Ladies who Love Evolving.” It was perfect because that is who we as women and mothers are. We’re constantly evolving, from our bodies after having children, to growing and transitioning from the workforce to home and back again, or even out into the entrepreneurial world. As women, we must stay adaptive to keep up and reign over our homes, families and lives. I made it point to choose pieces that showcase women who look like me. A real woman, perfectly imperfect, with curves, cellulite, and a mom tummy. I wanted to accentuate those curves and bodies, to

kickstart and boost confidence to become our best selves. Not skinny, or calorie deficient, but active and healthy. As the owner, I also wanted to instill self-love and encouragement, not only for myself but other women who may have lost some of it after having children. We put the entire world onto our shoulders with zero complaints as women. It’s nice to feel seen, respected, and loved. I encourage self-love all over my brand, from the inserts providing self-love mantras that you receive with every package, to daily motivational posts and stories to remind you of how wonderful you are.

Here in this woman-owned, minority-owned space, I have found my groove. I have found my confidence, and ultimately, I have found myself again. So many people tried to discourage me by saying how saturated the athletic wear realm is, saying that I would never succeed. To that, I say, “There is no other me! I will sprinkle my kindness, magic, self-love, and light wherever I go, and it will shine and stand out.” If you are reading this and have been on the fence about starting your own business, I want to encourage you to do it! Start today! You are never too old, you are never too busy, and you are always enough! Your passion will take you further than you ever dreamed of.



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As a stay-at-home mother to young toddlers, I continually stumbled trying to find my own path. Before I had children, I worked in the finance world. I was the one who always accepted the overtime projects, always met my deadlines and quotas, and I had no major responsibilities when I got home. My work life was where I received a major part of my achievements and accolades. It was my identity. When I had my first daughter, my husband and I decided I would stay home with her. My world instantly changed, and I’m sure many of you can relate. As my second daughter came along, the busy work of parenting took over. My days consisted of cleaning up messes, breaking up fights, and making snacks and meals all day. It felt like every day was Groundhog Day. I lost myself somewhere.

Do not even get me started on the weight I put on. Being at home, snacking, not being as active as I used to be, covid and everyone staying at home social distancing took its toll. I was not ready and willing to jump in front of the camera and pose with my toddlers. I did not want my daughters to grow up and ask why I was absent in their photos as children. I decided to start my health and fitness journey. In that journey, I found there was an enormous lack of cute and stylish workout attire for fuller figured women. To add to that, there was also

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By Shirley Locke

What Did You Do While Staying Home In 2020? Knitting a Weather Scarf kept Shirley Locke busy, while also bringing awareness to climate change.

In January 2020 when Shirley decided to knit a Weather Scarf, she didn't know that her concerns for keeping up with it would be assuaged by all the extra time she had at home beginning in March due COVID-19. Weather or Temperature Scarves are actually quite common and often used as teaching aids in classrooms. Shirley learned about them from an NYT article and purchased her yarn and a pattern from "The Yarnery," a small business that has been a Saint Paul, Minnesota fiber arts institution for over 45 years. Every day she knit two rows matching the color to the daily high temperature listed by AccuWeather for our 77385 zip code. The texture of the scarf varied based on whether the actual high temperature was higher, lower, or the same as the historical average. This was accomplished by the type of stitch used in that day's row. Not surprisingly, Shirley used the stitch that indicated "higher than historical average" more often over the course of the year.

The year 2020 was unpredictable in many ways - from the emergence of the global pandemic to protests and social unrest, from wildfires to floods. Shirley found that working on her Weather Scarf was an oddly comforting way to channel her anxieties and feel a sense of control over each day. It also allowed her to gain more insight into how climate change was having a marked effect on our temperature, plants, watering needs, and wildlife decline. During the many 95-degree and above days of "Firebrush Red," Shirley looked forward to the days of "Admiral" and "Rainier" blues when being outdoors would require a light jacket. Regrettably, Shirley did not start a 2021 scarf, but had she done so, a special stitch and color would have been in order during our snowmageddon this February!

It's not too late to start one if anyone is interested. Shirley would be glad to share her pattern and advice.



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## LAWN CARE AND LANDSCAPING

By Christi Adamick

A beautiful lawn doesn't happen by itself. Many homeowners often struggle to create the yard of their dreams because they are unsure of how to start, what to buy, and where to go for materials. We all have an image of our own personal paradise, we just need someone to build it for us and turn our dreams into reality. Luckily, Zach Thompson of Thompson Lawn Care and Landscaping is at the ready to work with you to achieve your vision. If you can dream it, he can do it!

Thompson Lawn Care and Landscaping started as a service that Zach provided in addition to his regular 9-to-5 job, and quickly grew into a full-time career change. For many years, he worked for a landscaping company in his hometown of Springfield, Illinois, before he moved to Houston in 2013. Currently, the company has grown and flourished to the point where his brother has joined him here in Houston in order to keep up with the demand. Zach loves being outside and creating high-quality, high-end,

lush landscapes customized to any budget. He emphasizes that to achieve the yard you want, "You can't expect results overnight. You have to stick with the process to get the best results."

Zach is a real family man. He and his wife Taylor have an amazing, blended family that includes seven children. They range in ages from 11, to just a few weeks old, as they recently welcomed their newborn son to the family! Zach and his family love the freedom his job affords them. They enjoy being outside and can often be found at the park, the beach, or the zoo. Of course, the older kids are involved in various activities and sports that the whole family enjoys attending. Zach says that one of the reasons he loves his job so much is because it allows him to focus on his family. He says, "Kids grow up fast and I don't want to miss any of it." Of course, when he does have any free time, he likes riding motorcycles and has recently become interested in dirt car racing.



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When you begin working with Zach, he feels like it is imperative to establish a good line of communication. As he says, "I want my customers to feel free to call or text me to ask questions. It's important they feel comfortable and know we care for them." For Zach, your lawn is his calling card. He refuses to be associated with anything that isn't quality work and works hard to provide that to his customers. Zach has a good head for creating and designing landscaping, but ultimately his inspiration for your yard comes from you. He wants to understand your expectations, how you want your yard to feel, and what you are going to use your yard for. Thompson Lawn Care and Landscaping is currently in the process of integrating new software to help customers "see" the potential for their yards. Zach says the software is an "absolute game-changer," especially for customers who have trouble imagining what the end result can be. He offers as little or as much help as you need. Zach also emphasizes that "starting a project doesn't have to be scary or expensive!" He says there are so many ways to spruce up your landscaping without breaking the bank. In the end, a great yard isn't a big mystery. It's about consistency. It's about knowing what to do and how to do it. That's where Zach comes in. He makes achieving the yard of your dreams a seamless process for you. ●●●



When asked about his biggest professional success, Zach says he's most proud of taking a leap of faith, leaving a comfortable job with guaranteed benefits, to pursue his dream. He doesn't think back and wonder what might have happened. He realized life wasn't all about money and wanted something to call his own. Something that he could be proud of. Zach says that the measure of his success is making certain that his customers are happy. He walks you through the entire process and makes sure you get the best possible product for the price. He ensures that you understand what is going to happen and how long it is going to take. Zach's motto is, "The job isn't done until you are happy." In addition, Zach offers maintenance services for your yard. That way, your yard continues to be your dream yard! He also provides lawn care for those who may not be quite ready to take on a full yard renovation. No job is too big or too small. It's all part of the comprehensive services that Thompson Lawn Care and Landscaping provides! You can find Zach on Facebook or contact him directly at 346-213-0473 to get started on creating your backyard oasis.



## LOOK AT YOUR FINANCIAL SITUATION HOLISTICALLY

To achieve all your financial goals, you need to take a "holistic" approach, bringing in all the elements of yourself.

Think about your family. How much can you put away for your children's college education? When they're young adults, can you help them make a down payment on their first home? These questions are relevant to your investment plans.

Your personal beliefs will also factor into your overall financial strategy. How much do you want to contribute to charitable groups during your lifetime and in your estate plans?

And when you retire, you'll want to reevaluate your purpose in life. Will you travel to broaden your horizons or stay close to home, volunteering your time to help improve your community? Whatever path you choose has financial implications, such as the amount of money you'll need to withdraw from your retirement accounts.

Even your health is part of your financial outlook. For example, if you ever need some type of expensive long-term care, you'll need to plan for it.

Look at your situation holistically - when creating a lifetime's financial strategy, every part of your life matters.

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# MEET LITTLE (FOR NOW) SAMMY

By Hope Balinas

**FAMILY MEMBER NAMES:** Matt, Hope, Conner, Skylar-Beth  
**PET'S NAME:** Sammy  
**BREED:** Sheprador (German Shephard & Labrador Retrieve mix)  
**MALE OR FEMALE:** Male  
**PET'S AGE:** 3 months

### WHERE AND WHY DID YOU GET YOUR PET?

Conner has been asking for a dog for a long time, and we promised him that when we moved into our home, we would begin looking for one. We got Sammy from a family friend in Louisiana. We picked Sammy out of a litter via a FaceTime call. He was the only puppy to actually look at the phone during the call and when we said "hey" he turned his head sideways. It was then that we knew that he was the one.

### IS THERE A STORY BEHIND YOUR PET'S NAME?

James is Conner's middle name, and he wanted to share a name with the dog, so Sammy James Mullins is our pup's full name.

### WHAT SPECIAL TALENTS OR QUIRKS DOES SAMMY HAVE?

The minute I turn on the spa music playlist on my phone, Sammy goes to sleep. Part of his nighttime routine includes turning this playlist on for him. When we get down on the floor with Sammy to play, he will run over to sit in your lap. If you throw a toy, he will go get it and then climb straight back into your lap to play with it. If you happen to lay down, he will grab a toy and then climb onto your back or chest and then begin to chew on his toy.

### WHAT DO YOU LIKE BEST ABOUT SAMMY?

He is always a happy little guy.

### WHAT FUNNY STORIES DO YOU HAVE ABOUT SAMMY?

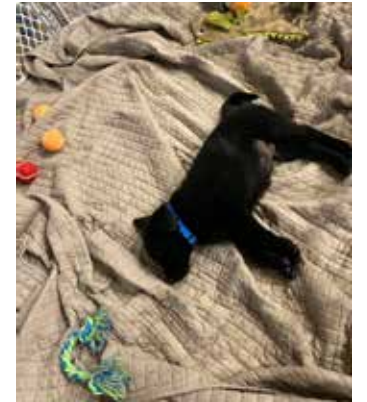
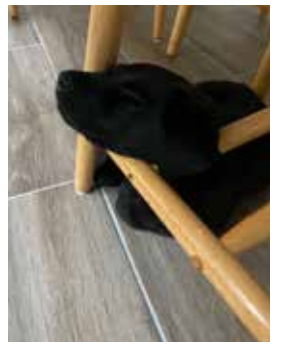
Sammy will walk around in circles trying to get his food out of the maze from the slow feed bowl and it is always hilarious to watch. We have a neighbor that has a Corgi named Baylor. One time Sammy went to the iron fence to say hi to Baylor, all it took was Baylor yipping one time, and Sammy was out of there. We always laugh because Sammy will one day be bigger than Baylor, but will probably still be scared of him.

### HOW SPOILED IS SAMMY?

EXTREMELY! For a long time, Sammy would sleep in a mesh pet carrier in the middle of our bed. Someone would have to put their arm around the bed as if they were holding him and turn the spa music playlist on low, in order for him to sleep. We all love to spoil him, and we can't seem to go to HEB without bringing home a new toy.

### WHAT ELSE SHOULD WE KNOW ABOUT SAMMY?

Sammy is the perfect addition to our family that we didn't know we were missing. He is a listening ear that provides a special type of therapy and he is a best friend that is always excited to greet us when we walk by. He makes the void spaces in our home feel a lot less empty, and he is our first dog. We couldn't have picked a better fit for our family.



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# NO BAKE KETO COCONUT BALLS



## INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup almond flour
- ½ cup raw sunflower seeds
- 1 lemon zest
- 2 tbsp lemon juice
- 2 tbsp coconut oil (melted)
- 1-2 tbsp sugar-free "maple syrup" (e.g. Lakanto)
- 1 cup unsweetened Coconut Flakes
- ½ tsp lemon extract

## INSTRUCTIONS:

- GRIND.** Grind the sunflower seeds and coconut flakes for a few seconds, until they have a flour-like texture.
- MIX.** In a bowl mix together the almond flour, sunflower seeds, coconut flakes and lemon zest. In a separate bowl mix the lemon juice, melted coconut oil and sugar-free maple syrup.
- COMBINE.** Add the dry ingredients into the bowl of the wet ingredients. Stir all ingredients together until thoroughly combined.
- ROLL INTO BALLS.** Using wet hands, roll tablespoons of mixture into balls (approximately 14 balls).
- CHILL.** Place balls into the refrigerator for a minimum of 20 minutes to set before serving.

The balls will last up 1 week in the refrigerator (sealed container) or up to 1 month in the freezer.

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## PROPERTY TAXES



By Kelli McNees

Every year in the fall while the kids are looking forward to dressing up for Halloween, the adults are dreading the arrival of the annual Montgomery County Appraisal District Notice of Value forms. This year is no different than previous years except for one little thing...Almost everyone's home value increased. If you are one of the fortunate few whose value stayed the same or decreased, then breathe a sigh of relief and know you got off easy this year.

Home values are based on the previous year's sales in your precise neighborhood CODE, not your subdivision or city, but your neighborhood code. MCAD assigns codes to a set of homes. Usually, these homes are all within a block or two. For instance, in West Village Floating Heart Court and Parts of Harper's Way share a neighborhood code with Threadtail and Spreadwing (code I4492.0). If you are familiar with the streets, then you know the values of these homes vary. When updating the value each year, the appraisal district can only compare homes within the same neighborhood code. This being said, that does not mean that is exactly what they do.

### Why You Should Protest

In Texas, if this is your primary home you are living in, then you have something called a Homestead Exemption. Not only does this exemption lower your property tax rate, but it also protects you from the amount of value increase that can happen in one year. The appraised value of a homestead home is limited to a 10% increase max per year. If you think of this as a growing number then you will understand the need to keep this value as low as possible, as the 10% max increase next year is based on this year's final result. The appraisal district is not perfect and often uses information that is not correct to value your home. That wrong information could be the wrong neighborhood code, wrong square footage, or any number of things that may not actually pertain to your home. The appraisal district counts on you to assume they are correct and therefore, do nothing about protesting the value of your home.

In addition to comparing your home to the other homes in your code that have sold, there are other factors that can affect the value of your home that the district may not know about. Did you have a renter that had caused damage prior to moving back into it? Did you have damage during the "Snowpocalypse" and

need a temporary disaster exemption? Or maybe you had a grocery store built behind your house. There are various reasons that your home may not be worth as much as a neighbor's home, but the appraisal district just does not know about it. Doing nothing about the rising value of your home tells the appraisal district you agree with their value and sets this new value for the starting point next year.

Not only does protesting your value save you money but by protesting you are asking the appraisal district to provide you the proof and valuation method of how they came to the value they did. This is called the House Bill 201 evidence packet or HB 201 for short. They only provide this upon request after a property tax protest has been filed.

### Why You Should Not Protest

Yes, you read that right! Why would you not protest based on what you just read? One simple answer: you just bought your home the previous year and the appraisal district still has the house value at the lower previous value. Each time a home is sold, the value of the home is supposed to be reset to the purchase price. This is because, if that is the value that you were willing to pay, then that must be the home's real value. However, the appraisal district is not

perfect, and sometimes they do not catch this sale, or maybe it was a For Sale by Owner and not disclosed to the district. Either way, the value is set to whatever that notice of appraised value has you at.

Hopefully, this short tutorial has helped you to determine what your best course of action will be this year. Feel free to contact me with any additional questions you may have, or if you need help protesting your taxes!



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