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Meet Adrian Bustillios, a familiar face within our community, and an esteemed member of The Meadows at Chandler Creek Municipal Utility District (MUD) Board of Directors. Adrian's journey is one of dedication, family values, and a deep-rooted commitment to enhancing our neighborhood.

Born and raised in the city of El Paso, Texas, Adrian's work ethic blossomed early on. At just 16, he ventured into the restaurant industry, igniting a passion for service and leadership that would shape his future endeavors.

Adrian's journey into parenthood began soon after graduating high school, with the arrival of his first son, Damian, in October 1993. In October 1995, he tied the knot with Claudia, his partner in both life and business. Their love story began at Peter Piper Pizza, where Claudia was—and still is—his boss.

In April 2002, Adrian and Claudia welcomed their second son, Julian, further enriching their lives with love and laughter. Their journey led them to Austin in 1998, where Adrian joined his current company, overseeing six local franchises of a fast-food chain.

Moving to The Meadows at Chandler Creek in 2001, Adrian's passion for community improvement ignited. Eager to create a better environment for his family and neighbors alike, he enthusiastically embraced the opportunity to serve on the MUD Board of Directors.

Despite his busy schedule, Adrian prioritizes quality time with family and friends.



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DIRECTOR SPOTLIGHT

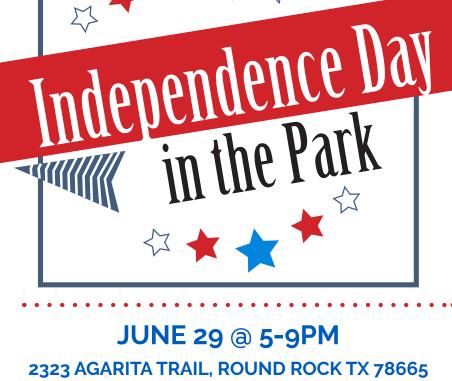
Whether it's a round of golf or indulging in his love for BBQ as part of a cook team, he values every moment spent with loved ones.

Adrian's dedication to community extends to his sons' involvement in sports within the Round Rock area. Through their activities, he has fostered numerous friendships and connections, further enriching the fabric of our neighborhood.

As we continue to progress and evolve as a community, it's individuals like Adrian Bustillios who serve as the bedrock of our neighborhood. His unwavering dedication to family, community, and improvement is an inspiration to us all.



#### **Upcoming Events**



The Meadows at Chandler Creek MUD invites you to join us for an Independence day celebration!

Fireworks show starts at 9:15pm

FOOD GAMES RIDES FIREWORKS





### Annual Clean Up Day April 27th

It's time again to toss out items that have been taking up space and are too big to toss in the regular trash. Meadows at Chandler Creek MUD Residents can place old furniture and other bulky items at the curb for pickup. It's easy and it's free. Simply place acceptable bulk items neatly at the curb, by 7 a.m. on Saturday, April 27th.



\*Non-Freon appliances such as washers, dryers, stoves, dishwashers and hot water heaters can be placed curbside during Spring Clean-Up, however they are not recycled. These can be recycled at the City's Recycling Center during normal business hours.

\*\*Freon appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioner units or other appliances that at one time contained Freon, are not accepted curbside.

Water Conservation Typs

Water is a precious resource, yet it's often taken for granted. Conserving water can reduce our utility bills and contribute to the sustainability of our planet. Here are some practical water conservation tips that you can implement at home:

#### Fix Leaks Promptly

Even small leaks in faucets, toilets, or pipes can waste significant amounts of water over time. Regularly check for leaks and repair them promptly to prevent water wastage.

#### Install Water-Efficient Fixtures

Upgrade your faucets, shower heads, and toilets to water-efficient models. Look for products labeled with the WaterSense label, which indicates they meet water efficiency and performance criteria set by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

#### Insulate Pipes

Insulating hot water pipes can reduce the time it takes for hot water to reach your faucet, saving water and energy.

#### Collect Rainwater

Set up a rain barrel to collect rainwater from your roof. You can use this water for watering plants, washing your car, or other non-potable uses, reducing your reliance on treated water.

#### Water Wisely

Water your lawn and garden during the early morning or late evening to minimize evaporation. Adjust your sprinklers to avoid watering sidewalks and driveways, focusing instead on the plants that need it most.

#### Use a Dishwasher

Contrary to popular belief, using a dishwasher is more water-efficient than hand washing dishes, especially if you run it only when it's fully loaded.

#### Reuse Water

Collect water used for rinsing fruits and vegetables or leftover drinking water and use it to water plants or fill pet bowls.

#### Shorten Shower Time

A long shower can use a substantial amount of water. Consider taking shorter showers or installing a low-flow shower head to reduce water usage without sacrificing comfort.



Choose native plants that require less water and are well-suited to your climate. Mulch your garden beds to retain moisture and reduce the need for frequent watering.



Encourage everyone in your household to be mindful of water usage and to adopt watersaving habits, such as turning off the tap while brushing teeth or shaving.

ing Planting Tip

As the frost thaws and the sun begins to shine a little brighter, it's time to dust off your gardening gloves and get ready for spring planting! Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, a well-organized plan can make all the difference in ensuring a beautiful garden throughout the season. To help you get started, here's a comprehensive spring planting checklist to guide you through the essential tasks:

#### 1. Assess Your Garden:

Take a walk around your garden and assess its condition after the winter months. Look for any signs of damage, such as broken branches, soil erosion, or pest infestations.

#### 2. Clean Up:

Remove any debris, fallen leaves, or dead plants from the garden beds. Clearing away old vegetation helps prevent the spread of diseases and pests, and it also allows for better air circulation and sunlight exposure for new growth.

#### 3. Plan your Garden Layout:

Decide which plants you want to grow and where you'll plant them. Take into account factors like sunlight exposure and spacing requirements.

#### 4. Planting:

Follow the spacing and planting depth recommendations on the seed packets, and water the seeds gently after planting.

#### 5. Pruning and Maintenance:

Prune shrubs, trees, and perennial plants as needed to promote healthy growth and shape. Remove any dead or damaged branches, and thin out overcrowded areas to improve air circulation and sunlight penetration.

#### 6. Watering and Fertilizing:

Keep newly planted seeds and seedlings consistently moist but not waterlogged. Once plants are established, water deeply and infrequently to encourage deep root growth.

By following this spring planting checklist, you'll be well on your way to creating a vibrant and thriving garden that brings joy and satisfaction throughout the season. Happy gardening! Houston's climate is characterized by hot and humid summers, mild winters, and occasional heavy rainfall, making it suitable for a wide range of plants. Here are some plants that thrive in Houston gardens:

#### **Tropical Plants**

With its warm temperatures and high humidity, Houston provides an ideal environment for tropical plants. Consider adding palms, hibiscus, bougainvillea, bird of paradise, and ixora to your garden for a lush, tropical feel.

#### **Drought-Tolerant Plants:**

Drought-tolerant plants like agave, yucca, lantana, esperanza (Tecoma stans), and Mexican feather grass (Nassella tenuissima) are excellent choices for conserving water and maintaining a beautiful garden.

#### **Native Plants:**

Native plants are well-adapted to our climate and soil conditions, making them resilient and low-maintenance options for gardeners. Consider incorporating Texas sage (Leucophyllum frutescens), Gulf Coast muhly grass (Muhlenbergia capillaris), Turk's cap (Malvaviscus arboreus), and inland sea oats (Chasmanthium latifolium) into your garden for a natural look.

#### **Heat-Loving Annuals and Perennials**

The hot summers are perfect for growing heat-loving annuals and perennials. Zinnias, lantana, pentas, salvias, and verbena are just a few options that will thrive in Houston's warm climate and add vibrant colors to your garden.

#### **Vegetables and Herbs**

Houston's long growing season allows for yearround vegetable and herb gardening. Tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, squash, basil, rosemary, mint, and cilantro are popular choices that will flourish in Houston's gardens with proper care.

#### **Shade-Loving Plants**

In areas of the garden with limited sunlight, shade-loving plants can thrive. Consider planting hostas, ferns, caladiums, impatiens, and Japanese maple trees to add interest and texture to shaded areas of your garden.

#### **Fruit Trees**

Our climate is well-suited to growing a variety of fruit trees. Citrus trees like oranges, lemons, and grapefruits, as well as figs, peaches, plums, pears, and persimmons, can thrive in Houston's warm temperatures and occasional frost.

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