



ILOA NEWSLETTER

P.O. Box 808 Smithville Texas 78957

December 1, 2024

December is the twelfth and final month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars. Its length is 31 days.

December's name derives from the Latin word *decem* (meaning ten) because it was originally the tenth month of the year in the calendar of Romulus c.750 BC, which began in March. The winter days following December were not included as part of any month. Later, the months of January and February were created out of the month less period and added to the beginning of the calendar, but December retained its name.

Birthstone for December is Turquoise:



Turquoise is a very efficient healer stone. It provides comfort and solace for the spirit and support for the physical body.

It has been used in amulets for protection for millennia and is said to change color to warn the wearer of any infidelity in their partner.

Turquoise is an attractive stone with a distinctive blue-green appearance as it is often made into jewelry pieces of striking beauty.

Mail HOA Payments to:

Indian Lake Owners Association

P.O. Box 808

Smithville, Texas 78957

Phone # 512-237-8500

Current Board Members

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Doug Wilson-Vice President

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Architectural Committee

Christopher Robbins, Bobby Williamson, Cynthia Prudhomme



****Important Announcement****

The ILOA Board will begin accepting payments via credit card starting January 2025, if you would like to pay your HOA dues by credit card or ACH bank draft, please call the ILOA Office at 512-237-8500 to make arrangements, there will be a 5% surcharge for paying by credit card and 2.5% surcharge for ACH bank draft.



[The Hudson Wildfire Update](#)

Hudson Fire in Smithville ruled accidental, results in no loss of homes or human lives

The 400-acre wildfire, known as the Hudson Fire, caused no damage to structures or human lives as a result of quick-acting first responders and community preparedness, Bastrop County officials said.

What happened: Schroeder said the blaze started near the 100 block of Hudson Road in Smithville on Nov. 3 at 1:46 p.m. following a nearby barn fire that spread due to high winds and elevated fire conditions. Evacuations of nearby residents began within five minutes. By the morning of Nov. 4, the fire had spread to 400 acres, and Texas Gov. Greg Abbott deployed nearly 100 emergency personnel and 60 assets, such as bulldozers, helicopters and fire engines, to Bastrop. Officials worked around the clock, and, by the evening of Nov. 7, the fire was extinguished. Always remember, when there is a Burn Ban in place, do not perform any burning no matter how minimal it may be, wildfires can start from the smallest spark.



Bastrop County enters 4th month of burn ban

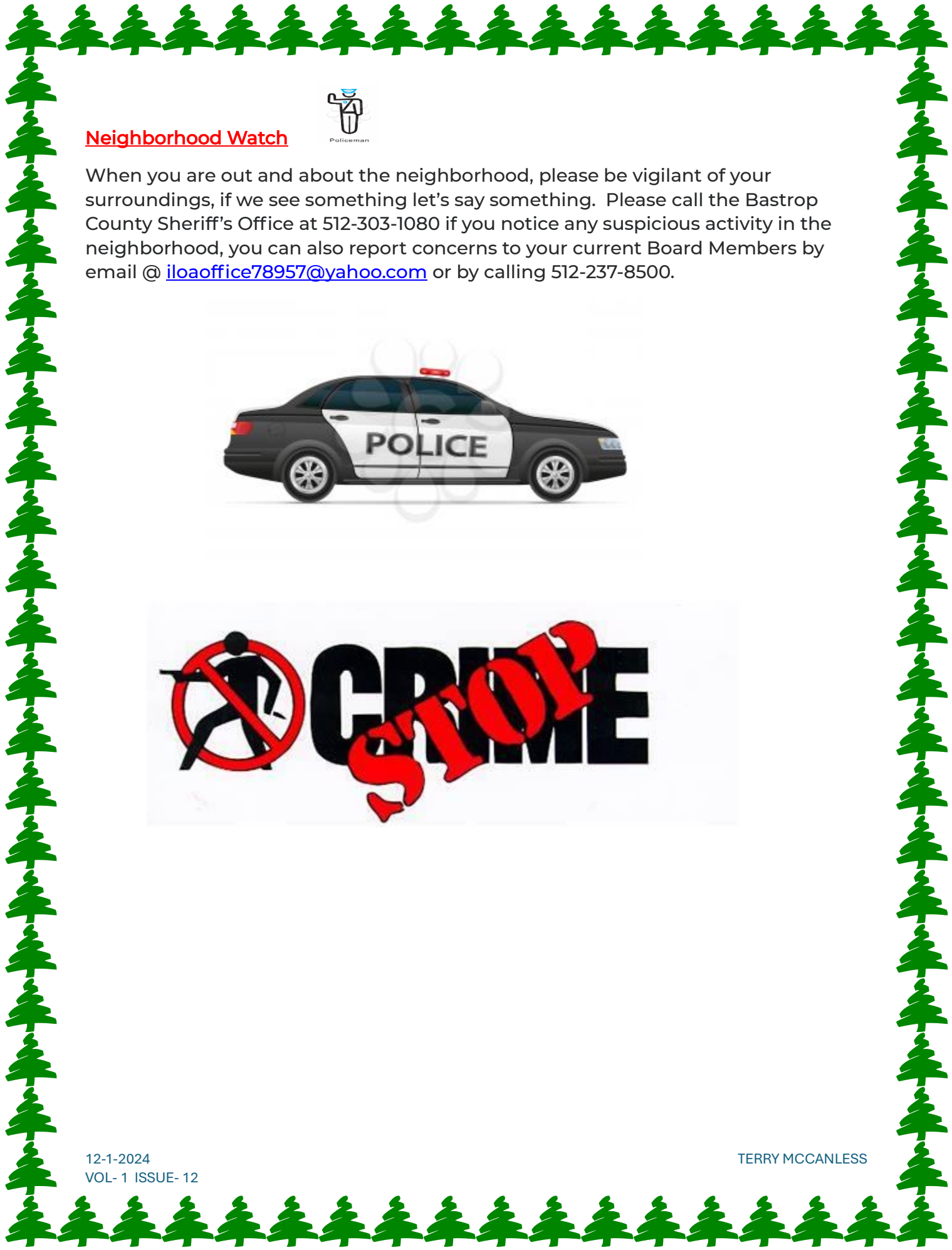
The Bastrop County burn ban continues into its fourth month, following approval from the Commissioners Court on Nov. 25. [Officials plan to re-evaluate the order Dec. 9.](#)

Who is affected? Residents living within unincorporated areas of the county are prohibited from any outdoor burning until the order is lifted.

What you need to know: According to the burn ban order, enforcement for outdoor fires includes:

- Response from the fire department to extinguish the fire
- An investigation into the nature of the fire, which can result in a citation for violating the burn ban
- A fine of up to \$500





Neighborhood Watch



When you are out and about the neighborhood, please be vigilant of your surroundings, if we see something let's say something. Please call the Bastrop County Sheriff's Office at 512-303-1080 if you notice any suspicious activity in the neighborhood, you can also report concerns to your current Board Members by email @ iloaoffice78957@yahoo.com or by calling 512-237-8500.



Neighborhood Events / Happenings



Mark Your Calendar

Indian Lake Holiday Social

Caroling Party

Friday, December 13

6pm

Come families, young and old to the pavilion where there will be a hayride and decorated golf carts to take us around the subdivision to sing simple carols (cue cards provided). Ending back at the pavilion for holiday refreshments and socializing. Please call us at 970-689-0347 for more details. Santa will be present at the Pavilion, please bring your children to see him.

(This will be a community organization and not an association of the ILOA Board.)





[New ILOA Website](#)

Please go to our new website and register by clicking on the Contact tab at the top of the page <https://indianlakeowners.net> . You can enter your personal information there, by sharing your email address with us you will receive notifications from time to time. Please share this information with your neighbors so that they can sign up also.



We need more members to go to the ILOA website and register on the Discussion board, we need more member topics participation going:

<https://indianlakeowners.net/topics/>



Brush Pile

The Brush Pile is open for ILOA residents the first Saturday of each month with weather permitting. When dumping, please pull to the back of the pile before dumping your brush/debris. **Members must have their dues paid in order to use the Brush Pile.**

Open from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon





Volunteer Your Time

The ILOA Board Members are always looking for volunteers to assist with things to do in our neighborhood, please send your information to iloaoffice78957@yahoo.com if you would like to volunteer your time.

Pool/Pavilion Playground Area

Brush Pile Area

Lawn Care

Lake/Fish

Architectural Committee Member



Welcome to the Neighborhood



We would like to welcome the following new neighbors to Indian Lake.

1. Nothing to report





Smithville/Bastrop/La Grange Events 2024

December 7th, 2024

Make plans to be in Smithville Texas for the 33rd Annual Festival of Lights our theme this year is "Polar Express" in Smithville!

It will be a day full of fun and activities including pictures with Santa, food, vendors and much more! 40,000lbs of real snow will be blown that morning in preparation for snow tubing and friendly snow ball throwing in the kid zone!

Plus, you don't want to miss the Indoor Arts & Crafts Expo at the Rec Center, the famous Ann Powell Express train will be providing complimentary rides throughout the day and we will end the evening with our Lighted Holiday Parade!

Here is the schedule:

The day starts with our Gingerbread Trot, a 5K Fun Run/Walk with Music, Costume Contest, Giveaways, Swag Bags... more details to come. The race will start at Smitty's Court, with registration beginning at 7:30AM, Race will start at 8AM. (more information to come, including registration/waiver forms)

9AM - 4PM

Outdoor vendors will set up along Main Street, and the vendors for the Indoor Arts & Craft Show will be at the Rec center. (train rides to the Rec Center and back to Main will be going on throughout the day)

9AM - 5PM

Snow Tubing and Friendly Snowball Fights in the Kid Zone (next to the chamber office and gazebo), Hot Cocoa, Food, Pictures with Santa and more!

10AM - 12PM and 3 - 5PM

Pictures with Santa at the Gazebo

6:30PM

Lighting of the Gazebo & Art Contest Winners will be announced

6:45 - 7:00PM

The streets will start to clear, and we will get ready for the Festival of Lights Parade. The Parade will begin at 7PM (registration forms for the parade will be available soon)





Attention: Hazardous Waste Announcement

**Tire and Electronics Recycling
Saturday, January 18th – 9am-Noon
109 Taylor, Smithville**

Participating Bastrop County residents ***must get a voucher***, beginning December 28. online at: [Bastrop County Texas](http://www.co.bastrop.tx.us/page/ds.household_waste) (www.co.bastrop.tx.us/page/ds.household_waste) or in person at Smithville City Hall.

Bring proof of address (utility bill or driver's license) to drop off on 18th.

Limit 10 items per vehicle. (NO commercial or AG tires)

Volunteers? If you have a pickup and would be willing to haul up to the 10 items (tires or electronics) of yours and/or a neighbor's, please contact me at 970 689-0347

If you need help hauling tires or electronics away, please call me at 970 689-0347

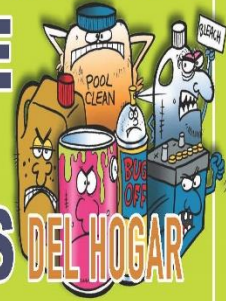
See flyers below:



BASTROP & LEE COUNTY RESIDENTS:
**HOUSEHOLD
 HAZARDOUS
 WASTE CLEAN UP**



RESIDENTES DE LOS CONDADOS DE BASTROP Y LEE
**LIMPIEZA DE
 RESIDUOS
 PELIGROSOS DEL HOGAR**



SAVE THE DATES!

¡GUARDE LAS FECHAS!

**COLLECTION 24
 EVENTS FOR -25**

ALL EVENTS: 9am - Noon and require Voucher*

OCT
12TH

PAINT ONLY

Paints & Stains, Aerosol Paint Cans, Preservatives, Strippers and Thinners

SMITHVILLE @ 109 TAYLOR ST

JAN
18TH

TIRES/ELECTRONICS

Computers, TV's, printers, etc. Limit 10 per vehicle. No commercial or ag tires.

SMITHVILLE @ 109 TAYLOR ST

MAR
15TH

FULL HHW

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE. See complete list on our web page (below)

SMITHVILLE @ 109 TAYLOR ST

VOUCHERS



FOUND ONLINE
 SCAN the QR CODE
 or visit the link below

www.co.bastrop.tx.us/page/ds.household_waste

ADDRESS VERIFICATION WILL BE REQUIRED
 Show proof at time of drop off with Utility Bill or Valid ID.

Vouchers must be COMPLETED prior to event

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



**COLECCIÓN 24
 EVENTOS PARA -25**

TODOS LOS EVENTOS: 9AM - 12PM & REQUERIR VALES*

OCTUBRE
12

SOLO PINTURA

Pinturas y tintes, latas de pintura en aerosol, conservantes, decapantes y diluyentes

SMITHVILLE CALLE TAYLOR #109

ENERO
18

LLANTAS Y ELECTRONICOS

Computadoras, televisores, impresoras, etc. Límite de 10 por vehículo. No se permiten llantas comerciales o agrícolas.

SMITHVILLE CALLE TAYLOR #109

MARZO
15

TODOS ELEMENTOS

RESIDUOS DOMÉSTICOS PELIGROSOS. (Vea la lista completa en nuestro sitio web (a continuación))

SMITHVILLE CALLE TAYLOR #109

VALES*

ENCONTRADO EN LÍNEA:



Escanea el código QR o visita el siguiente enlace:

www.co.bastrop.tx.us/page/ds.household_waste

VERIFICACION DE DIRECCION REQUERIDA
 Mostrar prueba al momento de presentarse utilizando una factura de servicios públicos o una identificación válida. Deberán ser completados antes del evento

GRACIAS A NUESTROS PATROCINADORES



Commercial waste or any item deemed unsafe or unidentifiable by staff will not be accepted. For a complete list, visit www.co.bastrop.tx.us/page/ds.household_waste

Household Hazardous Waste includes latex and oil-based paint, household cleaners and other chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides, pool chemicals, etc.

Residuos Comerciales o algún producto considerado inseguro o no identificado por el personal NO SERA ACEPTADO.

Residuos Peligrosos incluyen pintura de látex y a base de aceite, limpiadores domésticos y otros químicos, fertilizantes, pesticidas, productos químicos para piscinas, etc.

Smithville: Community Christmas Party. December 21, 2024, from 4 - 10 pm.
Smithville Recreation Center. Formal/Semi-formal sponsored by the children and youth department at Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church in Smithville.
Tickets are \$10 per person. RSVP: Via CASH APP: 5123602777 For more information call/text Pastor Ramona Blackmon at 512-360-2777 or email: Rblackmon1971@yahoo.com

Mt. Pilgrim Children & Youth Department
Presents a COMMUNITY
Christmas Extravaganza Party
December 21, 2024
FREE Giveaways Starting @ 4pm
\$10.00 per person
Semi - Formal/formal
\$25 Gift Cards
65' SMART TV
Free Food
Gift baskets

Smithville Recreation Center
106 Royston Street, Smithville, Tx 78957
For further information: Pastor Ramona Blackmon
RSVP: Via: **CASH APP 5123602777**
call/text@ 512.360.2777
Email: Rblackmon1971@yahoo.com

You can purchase a ticket by call/text above. **DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN.**
EVERYONE IS INVITED. \$10 PER PERSON OR \$15 AT THE DOOR
Semi-formal. We are ask no jeans, tennis shoes or t shirt.

Let's always support our Local Business's in the area, this helps our Merchants grow by leaps and bounds.



Wednesday, 25 December 2024

Christmas is a religious, cultural, and commercial holiday, a day when most Americans spend time with family and friends, exchanging gifts and sharing meals. It is a federal holiday so most shops and businesses will be closed.

This festive season is a time for celebrating love, togetherness, and the spirit of giving. From the twinkling lights adorning every street corner to the scent of freshly baked cookies filling the air, Christmas brings a unique blend of warmth and excitement.

Whether it's decorating a tree, exchanging thoughtful gifts, or gathering around the table with loved ones, Christmas invites us all to embrace the wonder and joy that make this holiday so enchanting!





ESD No. 3 to be established after Bastrop County voters weigh in

The majority of Bastrop County voters in the Nov. 5 elections were in favor of creating Emergency Services District No. 3.

The cost: ESD No. 3 will be funded through property taxes at \$0.10 per \$100 of a property's valuation—the same amount used for other ESDs in the county. This equates to an increase of \$200 per year in property taxes on a home with an assessed value of \$200,000.

What's next: Officials said ESD No. 3 should be up and running in 12-18 months.

Texas to see lowest number of opioid overdoses since 2020 as the U.S. sees 15% decline

An increase in the distribution of fentanyl-laced substances is among the deadliest drug threats for Texans right now, said Wendell Campbell, a drug intelligence officer with Houston High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas, a federal agency focused on reducing drug trafficking.

“About seven out of 10 pills that we seize off the streets and send to the [Drug Enforcement Administration] lab ... are all fake pills,” Campbell said.

The background: This year, Texas is expected to see the lowest number of opioid-related deaths since 2020, according to the CDC. Drug overdose deaths decreased in Texas from 5,643 in May 2023 to 5,549 in May 2024—a 1.67% decrease.

The approach: In 2023, Gov. Greg Abbott launched a \$10 million multimedia awareness campaign as a part of his “One Pill Kills” initiative to combat the fentanyl crisis. The initiative through the Texas Health and Human Services Commission educates Texans on how to prevent, recognize and reverse fentanyl poisonings.

Parents, please educate your kids, especially young children about this, it can save a life, the manufacturers of this deadly drug are making it look like yummy candy for children these days.



Sprouts Farmers Market to plant roots in Bastrop

The specialty grocery retailer will be nestled within the soon-to-come Burluson Crossing East near Kohl's Bastrop.

What they offer

Sprouts Farmers Market offers a variety of fresh produce, meat and seafood. According to a previous news release, Sprouts encourages healthy eating by stocking its stores with farm-to-table foods from local producers with organic, plant-based and gluten-free options. Planned opening, late 2025.

Other options include:

- Natural body care and household cleaning supplies
- Bulk food items like nuts, dried fruit and vegetables
- Vitamins and supplements
- Baked goods



Jersey Mike's Subs heads to Bastrop

Local franchise owner Michael Jordan will bring Jersey Mike's Subs to Bastrop.

What to expect: The fast-casual sandwich shop offers nearly 30 hot and cold sub sandwiches, with vegetarian and gluten-free choices available.

In the Pearl River development near the intersection of Hwy. 71 W. and FM 969. Planned opening scheduled for mid 2025.



Jeremiah's Italian Ice to scoop sweet treats in Bastrop

Local couple Jack and Aly Plimpton will open an ice cream shop near the upcoming Chipotle in 2025.

In a nutshell: Jeremiah's Italian Ice offers dozens of flavors for its house made Italian ice, ice cream and the brand's "jelati"—a combination of the two.

- Opening mid-2025
- 707 Hwy. 71, Bastrop





Recipe of the Month:

Christmas Spiral Sliced Smoked Baked Ham

Ingredients:

- 1 Fully Cooked Spiral Cut Ham
- 1 c Brown Sugar
- 3 Tbsp Mustard or Dijon Mustard
- 1 sm Can of Crushed Pineapple

Directions:

Preheat oven to 325. Remove all packaging material from ham. Place ham into pan at least 1" deep.

Add at least 1/2 cup water. It won't hurt to add a cup. Your preference! Cover tightly with aluminum foil.

Heat approximately 6 minutes per pound or to an internal temperature of 120 F. Do not overcook or your ham will dry out.

Ham Glaze:

Start with a cup or so of brown sugar. Add a big squirt of mustard (about 3 Tbsp). Add a little bit of that can of crushed pineapple (about 1/3 cup). Don't make it watery because you want it to stick to the ham. Another glaze option is 1 cup brown sugar, 3 Tbsp Dijon mustard, 1/2 cup honey and 1 tsp cinnamon. or you could use the pineapple rounds and use toothpicks to stick the toothpick to the ham. Use a little of the juice with the brown sugar mixture. It's pretty that way, but it will be good whatever you do.

Cook on the stovetop over medium heat, stirring until it thickens, for about 10 minutes.

With 15 minutes left, remove the ham from the oven. Take your foil off and brush the glaze over the ham. Let it kind of get crusty.

Put the ham back in the oven and let cook for the remaining 15 minutes.

I think the main thing about the ham is the time you cook it. Remember for a pre-cooked ham, only 6 minutes for every pound! And LOW heat!



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Inspirational Quote:

December is here — bringing with it the end of the year and a festive energy that makes us want to revel in every moment of winter's charm!

It's a month of joyful celebrations, reflective moments, and the warmth of time shared together by the fireside.

Enjoy Christmas Day with family and friends as you reflect on the past year.

Roll into the New Year with plans for a bright future that awaits you.