Moving into a retirement community is often an emotional decision, especially when the reasoning behind your decision is due to life changes. The financial aspect of making the move can also be challenging. Many people think it will cost them a lot more to live in a retirement community. However, if you calculate the cost of living in a house, you’ll likely discover that living in a community is actually a bargain. You no longer have to pay for homeowner’s insurance, HOA dues, property taxes, lawn care, maid service, home repairs and more. Roofs, appliances, A/C units, paint and plumbing don’t last forever and can be very expensive hits to your budget.

When you own a house, you’re subjected to economic forces beyond your control. If you wait until you “have” to move, the timing might not be right to sell your home for the most financial gain. If you live in an older, larger home that requires an ample amount of upkeep, you might find it more expensive to stay. Check your current bills!

Compared to the monthly expenses and upkeep of a house, many Independence Hill residents have found that they actually spend less and gain countless additional benefits by having moved into a retirement community. This is a great choice for seniors who need more socialization and less residential upkeep. And while it may be tough to say “goodbye” to a home you love, a property that doesn’t strain your budget or cause stress to maintain might make the most sense for your future memories.

If you take into account the additional services available at a retirement community such as meals, transportation, and fitness programs there are likely even more savings. The simple fact is: you may not prepare well-balanced meals every day, or want to fill a shopping cart full of groceries, or even have to cook. There are so many benefits of having your meals included. Not only will you reap great savings on your grocery bill, you can also be a much healthier senior with the variety of tasty and well-balanced daily meal options available.

Your automobile insurance can also significantly decrease if you rely on community provided transportation. Many seniors even sell their cars and rid themselves of this responsibility once they see how easily their transportation needs can be met. And as far as fitness goes, there are no additional gym costs since there is an array of fitness opportunities available to you every day.

Another special benefit that Independence Hill Retirement Community offers is a social and golf membership at The Club at Sonterra. Wow…talk about financial savings! What a great retirement this will be! You have worked your whole life…why not enjoy a life free of home maintenance and full of social opportunities? Call one of the Independence Hill Lifestyle Specialists at (210) 209-8956 to see how you can experience all that this retirement community can offer you.

Independence Hill Retirement Resort Community is located at 20450 Huebner Rd., San Antonio, TX 78258. For more information, call (210) 209-8956 or visit www.independencehill.com.
With spring just around the corner, the PTA at Lopez Middle is working hard to prepare for the school’s annual Pantherama. Usually held during the fall, this year’s 2019 Pantherama will instead take place on Friday, March 29, 2019 from 4-7 p.m.

Pantherama features attractions including a rock wall, hamster ball, velcro wall and more. Food, games and music can be enjoyed by all! All access wristbands can be purchased for $10 and will be sold during the different lunch periods.

Pantherama is a family-friendly event with fun for all ages and a great evening for students to connect with their peers and make new friends. The proceeds from the wristbands go directly to Lopez Middle School and are used to fund various academic programs and student activities.

The whole community is invited to attend! The more the merrier!

For more information, visit the school website. See you at Pantherama!

Submitted By Cindy Cardenas

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Carolyn Crawford, Activity Coordinator at Independence Hill Assisted Living for 13 years goes above and beyond to make each day a special one for the residents. She has dressed up as Mrs. Claus each year, as the Easter Bunny, a Leprechaun, you name it she has probably done it. She will do anything to make each celebration a memorable one! Her extensive hat collection, dating back to the early 1900’s is just something else she loves to wear sparking memories and conversation. As Carolyn always expresses, “I love my residents and my job! I can’t wait to come to work each day and I never want to leave!” Thank you Carolyn for your creativity, upbeat attitude and ongoing willingness to be the life of the party!