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# **Holiday Tips**

### Tip: How to Care for Live Christmas Trees

Here's a simple tip. When you buy a cut Christmas tree for your Christmas celebrations, you need to check it for firmness. Gently grab a handful of needles and see if any fall off. If they do, then you need to water the tree. Cut off an inch or so from the bottom and make sure that the tree is suspended in a suitable container of water. Also, when the season is over, take it to a recycling center, cut it up for firewood, or find another way to dispose of it properly.

### Tip: Shopping for an Artificial Pre-Lit Christmas Tree

Here are a few tips when considering your tree:

Number of lights

Number of tips

Pole and branch system—the weight of the branches is distributed to the strongest part of the tree, the support pole.

Pole- the interior pole locking system is designed fro superior stability increasing the ease of storage and installation.

Foliage- lifelike foliage, made of fake and crush resistant PVC needles, the dense foliage appears fresh cut.

Safety- the tree should be made from flame retardant materials

### Tip: Keep Wrap from Unrolling

To keep wrap from unrolling and getting crumpled, save empty toilet paper or paper toel rolls. Cut it open with scissors and slide this around the tube of wrapping paper. The paper won't unroll anymore and you just slide the cardboard toilet paper cuff off when it is time to use the wrapping paper.

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### Tip: What to do with the "broken ornaments"

Tree ornaments that are missing hooks or caps can be put together in a glass bowl and used for a center piece.

### Tip: How to store little ornaments

Use egg cartons to store your small ornaments safely.

### **Tip:** Gourmet Coffee

Make your own gourmet coffee by adding a few drops of almond, mint, chocolate, cinnamon, or other tasty flavoring to the coffee grounds.



# Willow Creek Dates To Remember

### **December** 1-7 **Book Fair Continues** 1 Family Reading Night Papa John's Night 1 5 PTO Mtg 6:30 Donuts with Dads 730am 6 9 Last day to order yearbooks for \$20 16 Winter Parties / Early Dismissal 19-Jan 3 Holiday Break

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Windwood Presbyterian Church invites you to **Born A Savior**, **Born a King, The Prophecy Fulfilled** on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. and again at 7 p.m.

There will be free childcare for children up to age 5. Reservations will be required for childcare.

Windwood Presbyterian Church is located at 10555 Spring Cypress

For more information, call 281-378-4040.

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# **Christmas Facts**

**Mistletoe** - Mistletoe has long been a symbol of love, peace and goodwill. In the ancient Druid society, warring clans would stop their battles and claim a temporary truce when they would chance upon mistletoe. It may be that this embrace of goodwill among enemies may have eventually led to the traditional kiss under the mistletoe. Some cultures say that if a man kisses a woman while she is standing under mistletoe, it is a proposal of marriage! Most cultures around the world however, now just view a person standing under mistletoe as being available for a kiss!

**Christmas Carols** - Christmas caroling began as an old English custom called Wassailing, toasting neighbors to a long and healthy life.

Yule Log - During the ancient 12-day Christmas celebration, the log burned was called the "Yule log." Sometimes a piece of the Yule log would be kept to kindle the fire the following winter, to ensure that the good luck carried on from year to year. The Yule log custom was handed down from the Druids.

**Yuletide** - Yuletide-named towns in the United States include Santa Claus, located in Arizona and Indiana, Noel in Missouri, and Christmas in both Arizona and Florida.

**Christmas Stocking** - The Dutch introduced the Christmas Stocking to America. During the 16th Century children in Holland would leave their clogs by the hearth. They would fill them with straw for the reindeer

or "donkey" as the reindeer were called. A treat for Santa was left in the house near the warm fire. In return "Sinterclass" would leave the children treats. Later the clogs would become stockings and the Saint known to all as Santa Claus.

**Christmas Cards -** In 1843, the first Christmas card was printed in England for Sir Henry Cole. He was busy man who wanted to save time on his own Christmas letters, but was also interested in encouraging the expansion of the postal system. 1000 copies of the card were sold at one shilling each. It was not until the 1860s that the production of cards accelerated, with cheaper printing methods. Then in 1870, the Post Office introduced a half penny stamp for sending cards.

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High	\$385,000
Median	\$234,989
Low	\$154,900
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# Pending Sales	7
Average List Price	\$245,071
High	\$329,833
Median	\$252,838
Low	\$149,900
# SOLD PROPERTIES	
# Closed Sales	7
Average Sales Price	\$187,307
High	\$204,500
Median	\$183,000
Low	\$169,000
Average Days On Market	43
Median Days On Market	45
Sales Price/List Price Ratio	96.1%

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# Texas Events - December

**1-15—HOUSTON: Exhibition of Works by Cuban Artist Kcho** Since his first exhibition in 1986, Kcho — Alexis Leyva Machado — has taken the iconography and items from everyday life in Cuba and molded them into an artistic statement. New World Museum. www.newworldmuseum. org 713/426-4544

**1-24—SPRING: Home for the Holidays** www.oldtownspringtx.com 800/653-8696 or 281/353-9310

**1-Jan. 8—HOUSTON:** *The Surreal Calder* Upon close examination, it is clear that Alexander Calder had strong surrealist origins. The exhibition consists of nearly 60 objects created between 1932 and 1947. The Menil Collection. www.menil.org 713/525-9400

**1-Jan. 14—HOUSTON:** *Klee & America* Exhibition comprises about 80 works. Explores the reason's behind the German-born artist's enthusiastic reception in the United States, especially during the 1930s and 1940s. The Menil Collection. www.menil.org 713/525-9400

**1-Jan. 22—HOUSTON:** *Robert Gober: The Meat Wagon* The Menil Collection. www.menil.org 713/525-9400

**2—HOUSTON:** *Jubilee of Dance: A Celebration of Movement* Showcases the depth and range of the Houston Ballet company in a program of premieres and excerpts from signature works and beloved classics. Wortham Theater Center. www.houstonballet.org 713/227-2787

**6-18—HOUSTON:** *Cats* Create a new holiday memory with this Andrew Lloyd Webber classic. Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby. www.tuts.com 713/558-TUTS or 888/558-3882

**7-Jan. 15—HOUSTON:** *Baby: A Musical* Three couples react differently to the news that they will have a baby. www.stagestheatre.com 713/527-0123

**9-11, 16-18—HOUSTON: Winter Wild Festival** Features music of the season, delicious holiday treats from Ms. Claus' Kitchen, unique "Sea Lions in Winter" show and more than 500,000 spectacular twinkling lights. Houston Zoo. www.houstonzoo.org 713/533-6500

**10-11, 16-18—HOUSTON:** Christmas Revels **2005** This annual celebration of the winter solstice travels back to the 18th century to follow the journey of the "Voyageurs" as they canoe the Trois Rivieres of French Canada. Moores Opera House, University of Houston. www.revelshou. com 713/669-9528 or 713/668-3303

**10-23—HOUSTON:** *The Toys Take Over Christmas* Tells the story of Sunny, a rag doll, who comes to life when the Toymaker sprinkles her with magic dust. The Toymaker refuses to part with any toys, preferring to keep them to himself. Sunny makes an astonishing discovery that divides the loyalties of her newfound friends and jeopardizes the Toymaker's claim to be the "greatest toymaker in the world." www.stagestheatre.com 713/315-2525

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# Free Support Groups At Kindred Hospital Houston Northwest

Better Breathers Support Group meets the  $4^{th}$  Wednesday of each month at 10:30 am -11:30 am in the hospital cafeteria. Better Breathers is a support group for individuals who suffer from chronic lung disease. The next meeting will be earlier in the month due to the upcoming holiday.

**Diabetes Support Group** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm in the hospital cafeteria led by Sylvia Kircher, RN, CDE, CPT. The next meeting will be December 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Diabetes Teaching Classes**

These 3 classes will be given the 1st Saturday of each month. They can be taken all at once, one at a time or whatever is most convenient for your schedule. Our 1st Saturday is December 3rd in the hospital cafeteria. All classes led by Sylvia Kircher, RN, CDE, CPT.

 $\begin{array}{lll} 8:30 \text{ am} - 10:30 \text{ am} & \text{Introduction to Insulin Pumps} \\ 10:30 \text{ am} - 12:30 \text{ pm} & \text{Basics of Carb Counting} \\ 1:30 \text{ pm} - 3:30 \text{ pm} & \text{Getting the most out of your insulin} \\ \text{pump} \end{array}$ 

Kindred Hospital Houston Northwest is located at 11297 Fallbrook Dr. For more information or to RSVP please contact Tere Kelly @ 281-517-1008

# Hear Ye-Hear Ye! The Prince Is Giving A Ball!

The Classic Rodgers & Hammerstein Fairytale, **Cinderella** will be presented by the Fine Arts Department of Cypress Community Christian School on December 2, 3, & 4.

Cypress Community Christian School's Choir, Art and Drama programs are proud to announce their first joint production since *Scrooge*.

Don't miss this outstanding musical to be held at Cook Junior High Theater located at 9111 Wheatland off of West Rd. between Jones & Beltway 8. Performances will be held on Friday, December 2 @ 7 p.m., Saturday, December 3 @ 2p.m. and Sunday, December 4 @ 3 p.m.

To purchase advance tickets, contact Mrs. Lisa Matranga in our Drama Department at <a href="matranga@cccs-hou.org">lmatranga@cccs-hou.org</a> or 281-469-8829 ext. 456. In addition, tickets may be purchased at the door! Also, you may access information on the school web site at <a href="https://www.cccs-hou.org">www.cccs-hou.org</a> - Upcoming Events Section.

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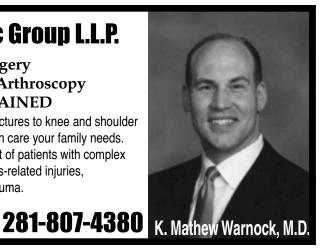
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Messiah Lutheran Church is a grace place, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Messiah is located at 11522 Telge Road, ½ mile north of Highway 290. Regular worship times are 6 PM on Saturday evenings (a casual service of song and sacrament), and traditional worship at 8 and 10:30 AM on Sundays. The Education Hour is 9:15-10:15 AM on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or <a href="www.messiahlc.org">www.messiahlc.org</a>. All people are welcome at Messiah.

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