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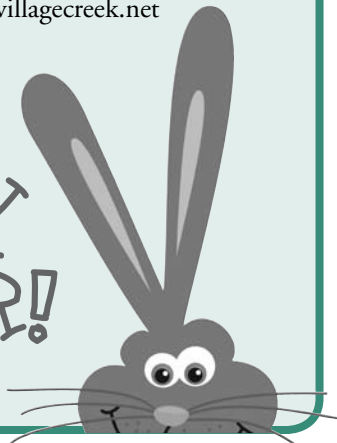
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Anticipates a Visit from the Easter Bunny

Spring is near; it's that time of year! The annual Easter parade and egg hunt is on Saturday, March 27. The parade will assemble at the Peddlers Court cul-de-sac at 9:50. So get out your ribbon, streamers, and balloons and decorate your bikes, strollers, wagons and scooters. This will not be a competition, just a chance to add to the parade fun and to see all the Easter colors and flair. And of course, don't forget your Easter bonnet. The parade will be led by the Easter Bunny and will make its way to the clubhouse where an egg hunt will follow. There will be separate egg hunts for ages 0-3, 4-6, and 7-12. After all the eggs are found, families can take pictures with the Easter Bunny and enjoy carnival style activities. The Mad Scientist will WOW us with his show at 11:00. So, mark your calendar, you wouldn't want to miss out on all the fun!

If you would like to volunteer on the social committee we'd love to have you! We meet the 1st Wed of the month at 6:30. Contact Caren Seal at social@myvillagecreek.net for more information.

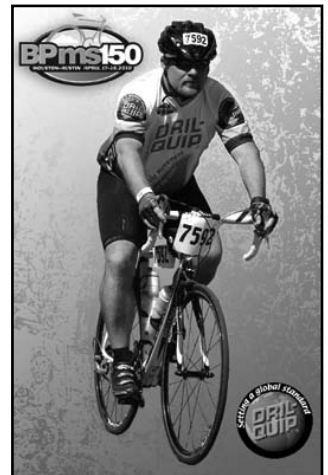
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EASTER!



VILLAGE CREEK RESIDENT

Seeks Donations for MS

My name is Stacy Hunter and I am a resident of Village Creek. I have signed up to ride in my second BP MS150 and my first Bike MS: Sam's Club. The BP MS150 is a 180 mile, two-day cycling event that runs from Houston to Austin to help raise money and awareness for Multiple Sclerosis. The BP MS150 is the largest cycling event of its kind in North America having 13,000 riders, 3000 volunteers and raising \$17 million in 2009. This year the event is being held on April 17th and 18th. The Bike MS: Sam's Club is also a two day event that runs 164 miles from Frisco to Fort Worth. The Bike MS: Sam's Club, which runs on May 1st and 2nd, has fewer riders, but the money raised is just as important in treating and finding a cure for MS. This event has about 3500 riders and raised over \$2 million in 2009. I'm asking for your help in raising money for the MS rides by making a donation.



To make a donation you can visit <http://www.nationalmssociety.org/raceMap.aspx> and click on "Sponsor A Rider". Fill in my First and Last name and select Texas as the state. There will be two rides to choose to donate to.

You may also email me at sw_h_cycling@yahoo.com or find me on Facebook using the same yahoo email address.

*Thank you for your help,
Stacy Hunter*

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Social Calendar

EASTER PARTY- MARCH 27
PET CLINIC- APRIL 14
SPRING GARAGE SALE- APRIL 16 & 17
4TH OF JULY- JULY 3
BACK TO SCHOOL- AUG 14
FALL GARAGE SALE- SEPT 24 & 25
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NOMINATE YOUR FAVORITE YARD FOR

Yard Of The Month

It's that time of year again, as the weather warms and spring approaches, we will be looking for the next Yard of the Month. Yard of the Month will be awarded April-September. One home will be selected during each month. The winner must be willing to have photos of the yard taken and published in the newsletter and website. Winners will be selected based on the attractiveness, maintenance, beautification, originality and creativity of their landscaping. A home cannot receive an award more than once a year. Winners will have a "Yard of the Month" sign placed in their front lawn as recipients of the month and will receive a gift certificate from a local plant nursery. So get digging and planting!

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| | # | Price | Price/SF | Days on Market |
|---------------------|----|-----------|----------|----------------|
| Active Listings: | 14 | \$263,079 | \$84.71 | 113 |
| Pending Listings: | 5 | \$272,769 | \$83.63 | 194 |
| Sold Since 12/1/09: | 9 | \$208,156 | \$70.19 | 210 |

*Average Data Used, Source: Houston Assoc. of Realtor MLS (February 9, 2010)

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NORTHWEST FLYERS YOUTH TRACK CLUB INFORMATION SESSION

Monday Evening, April 12th, 2010

The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host a free open house / registration session for all middle and high school athletes and their parents interested in joining for the 2010 season. The event will be held on Monday, April 12, 2010 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Cypress Room at the Methodist Willowbrook Hospital, 18220 Tomball Parkway, Houston, at the corner of FM 1960 and Highway 249. The session will begin with a very important program overview / orientation at 7:00 PM. All interested athletes and parents should report on time.

The Northwest Flyers is a youth (ages 6 -18) track organization, affiliated with USA Track & Field. The club provides a full program of “track” events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and “field” events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin. It is an excellent “off-season” program for young athletes who currently compete on their middle school or high school varsity track teams.

The club was founded 23 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the Northwest Houston area. Last year, the Northwest Flyers qualified 42 young athletes to compete at the U.S. Junior Olympics National Championships in Greensboro, NC.

Visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org> for registration forms and information prior to the session, or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442 or linette.roach@sbcglobal.net.

PET REGISTRY

Did you know that over a dozen Village Creek Pets have been returned to their happy owners over the last 8 months through the use of Village Creek website, “Lost and Found”, along with the help of our wonderful block captains using the “Neighborhood Watch Email Alert System”. We could not have returned all these lucky animals without their owners sending an email to: villagecreekpetline@yahoogroups.com and registering their pets. Please take a few minutes and register your pet including the pet owners name, address, phone number, pet’s name, breed, color, male/female, weight, disposition and a picture is also useful. One never knows when Fido will sneak out and decide to take themselves on an adventure throughout our community.

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|-------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------|--------------------|
| 2004 | 16 | \$231,237 | 71.86 | 65 | \$231,237 | 85.05 |
| 2005 | 17 | \$214,147 | 72.35 | 74 | \$319,000 | 84.26 |
| 2006 | 42 | \$216,259 | 74.75 | 62 | \$352,750 | 91.85 |
| 2007 | 60 | \$229,622 | 76.86 | 56 | \$333,000 | 99.29 |
| 2008 | 32 | \$236,039 | 74.51 | 78 | \$349,950 | 101.30 |
| 2009 | 42 | \$235,756 | 76.10 | 74 | \$352,000 | 101.72 |



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NEW HOA *Meeting Location*

The Village Creek HOA has recently changed meeting locations to make it more convenient for residents to attend the monthly meetings. The new location is located in the neighboring subdivision of Lakes at Northpointe just off Spring Cypress. We meet the third Monday of each month, unless otherwise noted on the website, at 6:00 p.m. If you have a specific question or concern to be addressed, please contact Kay Serventi at 281-537-0957 or via email kserventi@chaparralmanagement.com to be added to the agenda. The first 30 minutes of each meeting is dedicated to homeowner input and questions. We look forward to seeing you there.

DIRECTIONS: Lakes at Northpointe Clubhouse, 13502 North Pointe Ridge Lane, Cypress, TX 77429. Exiting Village Creek turn right onto Spring Cypress. Turn right into Lakes at Northpointe onto Northpointe Lakes Blvd. Go to stop sign and turn right onto Northpointe Ridge Lane. Clubhouse is located at the pool on the left.

Recipe of the Month

Easy Hash Brown Potato Soup

Submitted by: Madra Ford

- 1 (16oz.) bag frozen hash browns
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 (14oz.) can chicken broth
- 3 cups water (or less for thicker soup)
- 1 (10 3/4 oz.) can each, undiluted: cream of celery soup and cream chicken soup
- 2 cups milk or 1 cup milk and 1 cup half & half
- Salt and pepper to taste

Combine frozen hash browns, onion, chicken broth and water in Dutch oven and simmer 30 minutes. Stir in soups, milk, salt and pepper. Heat thoroughly.

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LAWN CARE TIPS

February/March - Post-emergent weed killer for broadleaf weeds (apply when daytime temperature is above 70 degrees)

April 1 - Sharpen lawn mower blade, mow lawn short (1 and 1/2 to 2 inches) the first time ONLY, and ONLY while the lawn is dormant before spring greenup; catch clippings; apply second application of pre-emergent weed preventer

April 15 - Fertilize with fast release 15-5-10 fertilizer (1 pound N per 1000 sq. ft.) after second mowing (if lawn is very shady, decrease fertilizer amount by one half; or wait until fall to fertilize); mow at 5 to 7 day intervals at a height of 3" (use a mulching blade, and drop clippings); begin watering 1 inch per week, April through June

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| Average Price | \$267,007 | \$254,607 | \$234,384 |
| Avg Price/sq.ft. | \$84.02 | \$79.75 | \$75.51 |
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PERSONAL FINANCE

The Year of the Roth IRA

This year rings in a new era for Roth IRAs. In 2010, anyone with an eligible rollover distribution from a company plan or IRA can convert that distribution to a Roth IRA, regardless of income or tax filing status. The \$100,000 income ceiling for Roth IRA conversions is permanently repealed, so "high-income" clients can now convert their IRAs. Married individuals filing separately can also now convert.

It's true that contributions to Roth IRAs still face income caps. But you can make nondeductible contributions to traditional IRAs, which can be immediately converted to Roths (the pro rata rule will apply).

Who can convert? Traditional IRA owners (individuals with SEP IRAs and SIMPLE IRAs) can do Roth conversions. Just watch for the early distribution penalty from a SIMPLE IRA, in the first two years. Plan participants in 401(k)s,



403(b)s and 457 plans can also do Roth conversions as long as they're eligible to take a distribution from the plan, and the funds are eligible for rollover to an IRA. See if a plan allows in-service distributions, so funds can be converted now instead of after a client stops working. Spouses who inherit IRAs have special rules.

But the big question is: Should you convert? Here are some questions which need answers to help you make the decision: First, how long will you intend to keep the funds in the Roth once converted? Since the power of the Roth is its ability to grow the funds tax-free, less than 10 years is not worth it.

Next, will you need the funds in retirement? Roth IRAs have no required minimum distributions (RMDs). So if you won't need their

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IRAs for living expenses in retirement you can leave these accounts untouched, passing their income tax-free Roths to beneficiaries. Also, do you believe future tax rates will go up? If tax rates will be increasing, it pays to convert now at lower rates. Moreover, some account values are still depressed, adding to the tax savings on a Roth conversion. If you believe you'll be in a lower tax bracket in retirement, you might want to stay put and not convert. Lastly, can you pay the tax? Even if conversion makes sense, you still must have the money to pay the income tax on the conversion.

If you're still not sure, consider a partial conversion. The Roth conversion isn't all or nothing. You can convert part of an IRA or plan to a Roth. Another way to hedge bets is to undo the Roth conversion. It's called a recharacterization, which is a reversal of all or part of the conversion. Check with your financial pro or CPA before converting.

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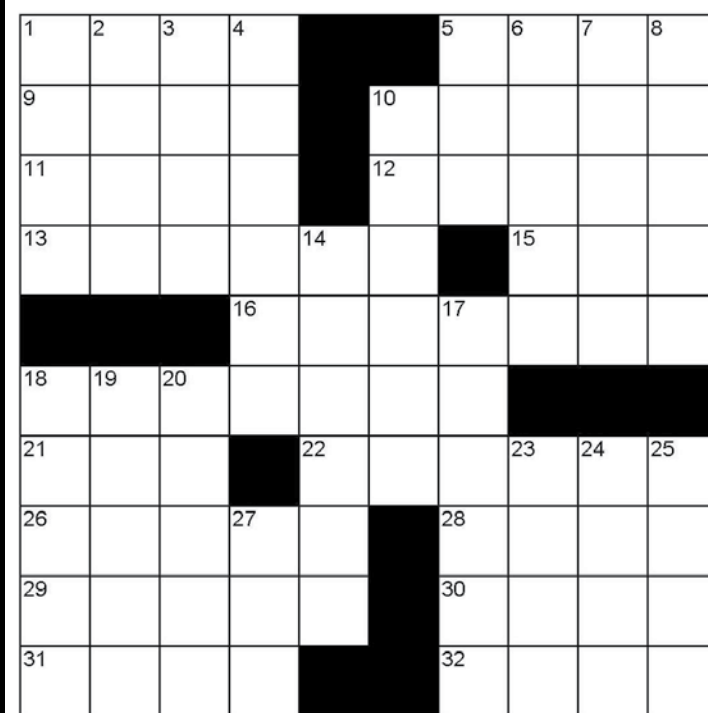
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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Squeeze
5. Lovers
9. Women's magazine
10. Special case only (2 wds.)
11. Lemony
12. Passes at the bull
13. Of this
15. Feign
16. Long scoldings
18. Tutee
21. To be
22. Band instrument
26. __ cotta (clay)
28. Too
29. Append (2 wds.)
30. Worker
31. Honker
32. University (abbr.)

DOWN

1. Fit together
2. Healing plant
3. Speak indistinctly
4. To this document
5. Food and drug administration (abbr.)
6. Leading
7. Time being
8. Beats it!
10. Wrangle
14. What the Tin Man needed
17. Naval fleet
18. Devil
19. Doctrine
20. Tends sheep
23. Group of nations
24. Afloat
25. Noble
27. Fish eggs

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Meet Devion (7/02)

Devion is only little in physical size. He is convinced he is the biggest kid around and that he can do anything anyone else can do. This little man lights up any room he enters with his smile and personality. Devion loves attending church and enjoys singing in the children's choir. Devion loves playing with other people of any age but he plays in the manner of a child age 4 to 6. He is showing progress in being able to play independently. Devion loves to do almost anything outside. He loves to swim, ride bikes & scooters, play baseball, basketball & football and has even recently tried to water ski! Devion has played 4 seasons of t-ball and one season of basketball since living in our home and loves telling everyone about it. While Devion has wonderful gross motor skills he struggles with his fine motor skills. While Devion has made much progress emotionally he continues to receive weekly therapy to work on social skills and impulsivity.

Devion is very loving and affectionate. He enjoys being with others and would do well in a loving, structured, active home of any ethnic make-up as an only or youngest child.

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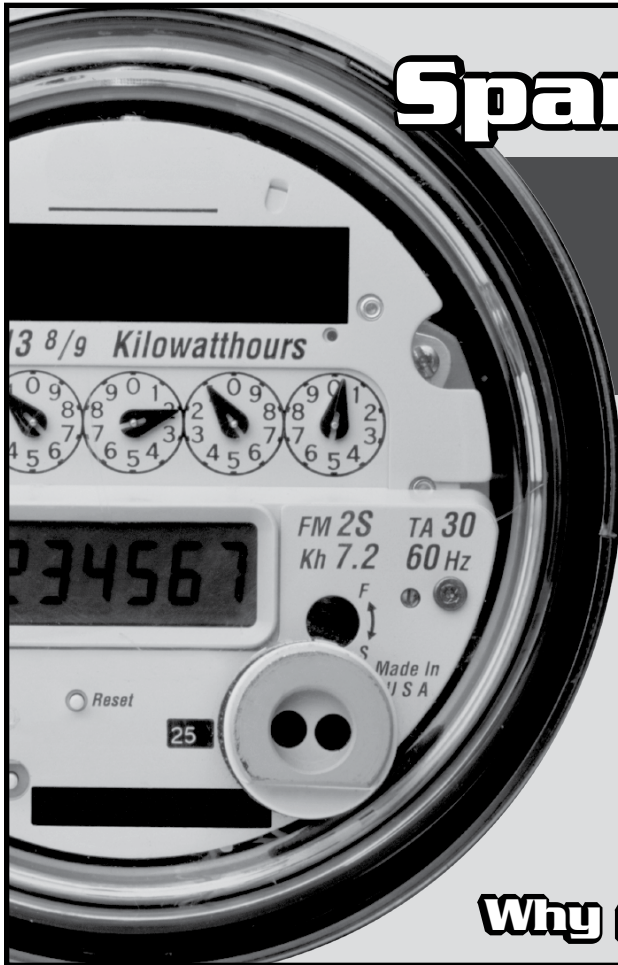
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