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Letter From The Editor

Many VNP residents' recent questions and concerns can be answered in this issue's Compass Corner and Constable's Corner articles. Pay particular attention to Compass Corner for questions regarding the expansion and widening of NorthPointe Boulevard toward the new high school. Sergeant Rouse gives advice for crime prevention and protecting your property in his article.

Thanks to everyone who submitted articles and photos for this issue!

~Pam Ferguson

Newsletter Deadline & Contact Info

To submit newsletter articles, event information and for general information, please contact Pam Ferguson at 713-724-6978 or at pamelaferg@comcast.net. Ideas are welcome!

The next newsletter deadline for submission to the editor is April 5th for the May newsletter.

WOMEN'S GROUP INFO

WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING – Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the third Monday of each month at the clubhouse, with changes in this schedule for holiday or school events. Please watch the neighborhood sign for the current monthly schedule. To be included in the newsgroup emails, please let Rhonda know at rhondakay2003@netzero.net and she can add you. For our March meeting, Victor Flaherty, owner of Plants for All Seasons, answered questions from many of us regarding local plants and how to keep them looking their best.

BOOK CLUB – Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month in rotating homes. Please contact Karen at 281-516-2395 or karengo@sbcglobal.net for more details. The April book selection is "Saving CeeCee Honeycutt" by Beth Hoffman. The meeting will be at Karen's house at 18830 Magnolia Arbor Lane on April 15th at 7 p.m.

If you would like to get a new subgroup started, such as a Moms & Tots Playgroup, Garden Club, etc., please send an email out on the Women's Yahoo group, come to a Women's Club meeting, or contact Pam at 713-724-6978.

BUNCO

We Have 2 Regular Groups

MONDAY BUNCO NIGHT – Meets each second Monday of the month. Please contact Lorie Moore at 281-255-4380 or email her at cinderlorie@hotmail.com for more information or to be placed on the sub list. Subs are always needed!

THURSDAY BUNCO NIGHT – Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month. Please contact Robyn Clark at 281-516-2655 or email her at robyn6020@yahoo.com to be part of this group. This group is always in need of subs as well!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- June "Celebrate School's Out" Pool Party – date TBD. Volunteers needed.
- July 4th Annual Cookout and Bike Parade – details TBD. Coordinator and volunteers needed.

Watch the May newsletter, the email group, and the neighborhood sign for details! Come to our April 19th meeting to offer suggestions and help plan the events, or contact Robyn or Elicia at robyn6020@yahoo.com or eve_ayla@hotmail.com to volunteer.

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Tomball High School..... 281-357-3220

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CONSTABLE'S CORNER

by Sergeant James Rouse

With the winter months coming to an end the weather will be more admirable for burglars. We usually have an increase in motor vehicle and home burglaries during this time.

Most vehicle burglaries occur during the night and can be avoided by simply locking your car door. Typical items stolen from vehicles: GPS, IPOD, Laptop computers, electronic games, tools and guns. If you do not want items stolen from your vehicle, make sure nothing is left inside to be stolen. Additionally, do not leave pressure washers, welders or any other tools in the bed of a truck.

Home burglaries are common but occur mostly during the daytime when no one is home and your neighbors are at work. Remember to set your home alarm, lock your door, windows and close your blinds when your home is left unattended. Most people store their valuables in their master bedroom; burglars know this and usually head straight for the master bedroom and leave the rest of the home untouched. I suggest you keep your valuables in a place that is not so common for the criminal mind.

Also, have someone check on your home while you are away for any extended period of time. It is a good idea to have that designated person pick up any newspapers or flyers left on your lawn or front door; otherwise your home is an easy target to get burglarized.

If you become a victim of a burglary, providing serial numbers for your property is very important, they can be added to our NCIC/TCIC system as "stolen", and MAY be recovered.

Take pictures of any other valuables such as jewelry, paintings or family heirlooms for identification and insurance purposes. Have this information ready for the police; without serial numbers or pictures the chances of recovering your property are slim.

Contact the police anytime you see suspicious activity.

Harris County Constable Pct. 4
281-376-3472 or 911

Tomball Memorial High School Update

If you haven't recently driven down NorthPointe Boulevard past Canyon Pointe Elementary, you'll be amazed to see the latest stage of development of the new high school. The school is scheduled to open in Fall 2011 and it's really coming along! This picture was taken on February 20th.



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Compass Corner

by Paul Hicks

Hello again neighbors and countrymen,

Well I don't have to tell you that this new monthly format is taxing my abilities to the limit.

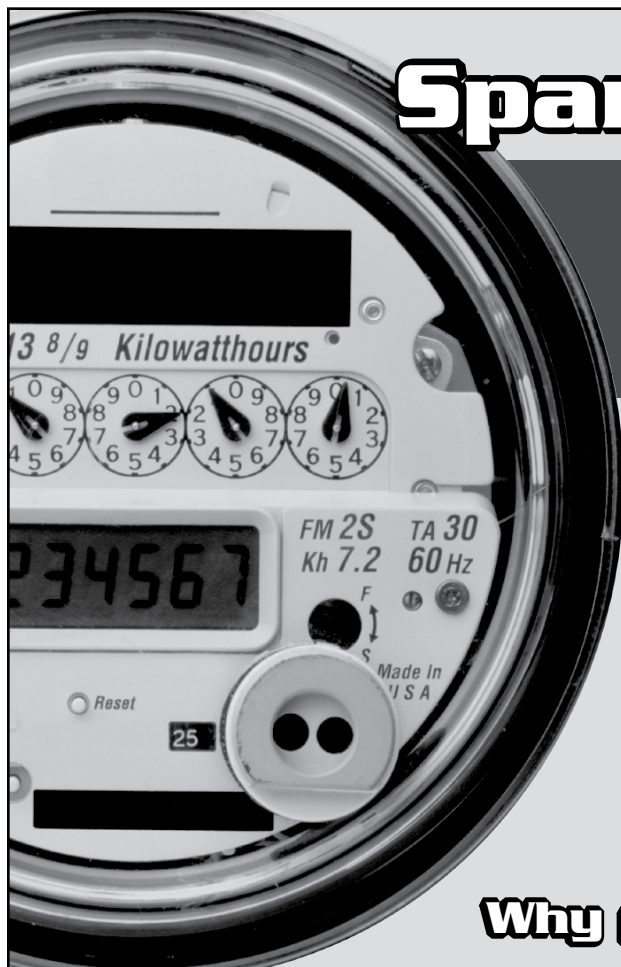
I do have some news for you on a new project coming into our MUD district. You've noticed by now that they are clearing a lot on Eganville right across the street from "Kids Laughing and Learning" (the street that runs from NorthPointe Blvd into the north side of Westbourne). The developer has put in an application for utilities to MUD 281 and the plan is to build a small, gated apartment complex. This will be a 42 units, three story structure on one acre. I know, it sounds rather odd to build such a small complex, but this is a new approach that is being tried in the multi-family market and it seems to work very well. Now you're thinking "ugh, not another apartment complex"...but hold your horses. At only 42 units it avoids the usual traffic, congestion, and 'strain on the schools' argument we all normally experience. And the silver lining is that it will add about \$2 million in taxable appraised value to the district and the more value we add, the less we will all have to pay in the long run as we share the burden.

On another note, I hear your cries for when or if they are ever going to begin the road widening process for NorthPointe Blvd as

it proceeds west from our neighborhood into NorthPointe West. As you have surmised, the traffic will be, shall we say, "busy" when the new high school is finished. Unfortunately, at this point, it is a county issue. The way the rules are, if a developer builds a road that is intended to be four lanes, divided, then they need only finish half. The county then builds the other half when it is deemed necessary. The upside is that the MUD does not have to bear the cost of finishing the road. The downside is that the county moves on a timetable known only to an ogre living somewhere in the bowels of a county office. Now, he is a very amiable ogre, but an ogre nonetheless and ogres don't use calendars. I can only imagine that writing your local state rep. or county official may yield some results, perhaps a petition is the ticket. I would spearhead an effort to lobby for same but at present my schedule is so packed that another "project" on the table would force my wife to take drastic measures. If anyone is interested in starting same, please let me know and we can use this format to push the scheme along.

I leave you with this thought...Curiosity killed the cat, but for a while I was a suspect. – Steven Wright.

That's all for now. See you next month. Paul.



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Carnival at The Pointe

The 2nd Annual Carnival at the Pointe on February 27th was a tremendous success! The weather turned out to be perfect for a fun family day of games and activities. We would like to thank everyone that helped support our school, Canyon Pointe Elementary!



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Picture Captions (from left to right)

- Kids playing 'Lucky Key' game.
- The event not to miss, Canyon Pointe Principal riding the mechanical bull!
- Kids playing cake walk game to win their choice of desserts!
- 6 year old VNP resident reaches top of rock wall.

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SHOCKWAVES SWIM TEAM

Listed below are the tentative dates for the 2010 SHOCKWAVES Swim team season. Residents of the Villages of NorthPointe can be on the swim team. It's past the normal registration process with the April newsletter publication, but participation is still possible. **SEE CONTACT AND SCHEDULE DETAILS BELOW:**

April 3 - Parent Meeting

April 19 - Practice Starts

May 8 - Time Trials

May 15 - Home Meet vs. Prestonwood Forest

May 22 - Away Meet vs. Spring Creek Forest

May 29 - Away Meet vs. Ravenaues

June 5 - Home Meet vs. Kleinwood

June 12 - Away Meet vs. Wimbledon

June 19 - Divisional Meet at Tomball High School

INVITATIONAL MEETS (TENTATIVE):

June 5-6 Summer Thunder @ Klein Oak HS

June 12-13 Pentathalon @ Klein Forest HS

June 25-27 Red, White, Blue @ TBD

June 25-27 Ponderosa @ Klein Collins

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Neighborhood E-Mail Group

As a reminder, we'd like to get everyone in the neighborhood on the Villages of NorthPointe Yahoo Group so we can quickly communicate to you when necessary. We currently have ~350 neighbors on the group. We are using the Yahoo Group to communicate information as needed concerning issues, problems, requests and events that affect our neighborhood. We have a VNP Facebook page set up for casual chit-chat, as this Yahoo Group is not intended for such. You can be set up to receive individual e-mails, daily digests, or no e-mail with access only to view when you choose.

You must be a Villages of NorthPointe resident to be in the group. Please contact Debbie Parker at dparker39@att.net, your Block Captain, or make a request through the Yahoo Group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NorthpointeNeighborhood>.

Recipe Roundup

Here is a quick and easy dessert that should make you popular with your family!

Brownie Pie

- 1 stick margarine (melted)
- ¼ cup cocoa
- ¼ cup flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 eggs
- Frozen 9 inch pie shell, unbaked and thawed

Mix dry ingredients. Add others and pour into unbaked pie shell, making sure to prick the shell in several places with fork first. Bake at 350° for 25 minutes. Good served warm with scoop of vanilla ice cream on top – it's like a delicious Brownie a la mode!

This recipe is good for a last minute dessert. The ingredients are usually on hand and it takes only about 5 minutes from start to oven. It only has to cool for a short while before cutting.

CY-FAIR DRAGONS BASEBALL

Golf Fundraiser Event!

The Cy-Fair Dragons baseball team is sponsoring a golf fundraiser to benefit the young boys of the 2010 Cy-Fair Dragons Baseball Team and to aid in offsetting costs for their trip to the World Series. Several of our Villages of NorthPointe residents are participants in this baseball program. The event will be held on Saturday, May 8th at the beautiful Longwood Golf Club in Cypress.

Entry deadline is May 1st and all participants must be at least 12 years old. The cost is \$110 per player and includes 18 holes of golf, range balls, dinner following the golf event, door prizes and awards! **Each participant in the tournament will receive a gift certificate for four (4) FREE rounds of golf (valid M-Thurs). One (1) each for Longwood, Southwyk, Tour 18, & Bear Creek Golf Courses.** If unable to attend the event, hole sponsorships can be obtained at \$100 minimum, or donations are appreciated to help the boys' expenses to the World Series!

For more information, please call Christine at 281-290-8299. GO Dragons!



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