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WOMEN'S GROUP INFO

Women's Group Meeting – Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. 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 contact Rhonda at rhondakay2003@netzero.net.

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 September book selection is *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by MaryAnn Shaffer and Annie Barrows. The meeting will be at Deborah's house, 20310 Mammoth Falls Dr. (off Boudreaux), on Thursday, September 16th at 7 p.m. For directions, call her at 281-351-4085. New members are always welcome!

Monday Bunco night – Meets each second Monday of the month. For info or to be placed on the sub list, please contact Lorie at 281-255-4380 or at grammymoore@hotmail.com or Pam at pamelaferg@comcast.net.

Thursday Bunco night – Meets each fourth Thursday of the month. For more info or to be placed on the sub list, please contact Robyn at 281-635-4926 or at robyn6020@yahoo.com.

If you would like to get a new subgroup started, 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.

UPCOMING WOMEN'S CLUB SPONSORED EVENTS

Christmas In November Sales Event – Plans are underway for another Sales Event on Saturday, November 20th at the clubhouse for the neighborhood Women in Business. Please contact Angela at angela0922@sbcglobal.net for more information if you would like to volunteer or participate. This will be a great place to buy your Christmas presents and possibly get something for yourself as well!

WOMEN'S CLUB ELECTIONS - NOW!

The election process for the 2011 Women's Club Board began with nominations in August and the election process is underway. If you're on the Women's Club email list, then you are a voting member. Be sure to watch the emails regarding nominees and cast your vote before the deadline. New officers will be finalized and announced at the September 20th meeting. The new officers will be effective January 2011.

The following positions are up for vote: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, & Community Services Director. These other non-elected positions are also needed: Program Chairperson, Publicity Chairperson, Historian, Audit Chairperson, & Hospitality Chairperson. These positions can be shared, so if you would like one of your friends to help, this is a perfect opportunity to get involved in the Women's Club events. At press time, the nominations were not complete (and possibly are still looking for certain committee chairs).

If you are interested in learning more about any of these positions, please contact Elicia at eve_ayla@hotmail.com. More information to follow on the Women's Yahoo Group.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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 September 5th for the October newsletter. Similarly, the deadline for the November newsletter will be October 5th.

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NEIGHBORHOOD E-MAIL

Group & Facebook

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 are using the Yahoo Group to communicate information as needed concerning issues, problems, requests and events that affect our neighborhood.

- Your email preferences can be set up to receive individual e-mails, Daily Digests, or no e-mail with access only to view when you choose. For those of you that don't want to get multiple emails per day, the Daily Digest works wonders. All emails that are posted to the group for the previous day will be compiled into one email sent between 7 and 8 a.m.
- Facebook account – Villages of NorthPointe HOA. The Facebook account is set up for casual chit-chat or discussions.

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

TREES IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

By Brian Fornear

I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree – Joyce Kilmer (1886-1918).

One of the most precious resources in the Villages of NorthPointe is the trees that are a part of our community. Preservation, and replacement when necessary, is a key component in keeping our community beautiful to us and to prospective residents. Our commitment as a community to preserve and maintain our trees was to add a line item in our annual budget.

Chaparral Management Company, working with our developer, contracted with Teakwood, our landscape company, to replace over seventeen (17) dead or dying trees in the common areas. The identified trees were around the NorthPointe Terrace lake and along the path in the common area in Section 12. Twelve (12) new oaks and five (5) forest pansy redbuds were planted in these two areas.

A contract was also let to remove the dead or dying pines throughout the common areas. Six (6) trees were removed from NorthPointe Terrace and NorthPointe Bend in mid April and twenty-four (24) more dead or dying pines were removed from various common areas around the subdivision in August. Unfortunately, this is going to have to be a continuous process over the coming years due to age of the pines and infestation of the pine bark beetle.

Take a walk around the community some evening and see if you can spot the new trees. The redbuds should put on quite a show each Spring and Fall!

**Editor's note – thanks Brian, for spearheading this tree campaign and keeping us informed!

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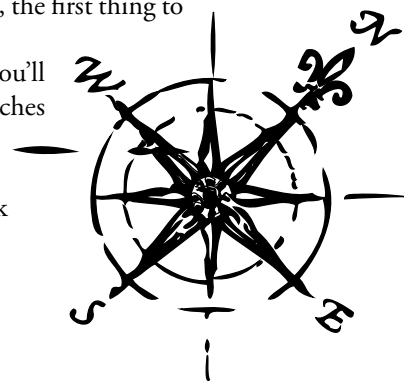
By Paul Hicks

Hello again friends and neighbors! Well, looks like another summer is in the can. And what a summer we had...rain, heat, more heat and heat. As for the local markets, things are still somewhat slow on the Real Estate front but improving. David Weekley reports that new home sales are averaging between 4-6 per month which isn't great, but it's still progress. Section 15 of Villages of NorthPointe is starting to shape up as the roads go in, so homes will start very soon. This is the section over on the north side of the new lake and should be open for "bidness" in the first quarter of 2011. Update on the little apartment complex by "Kids Laughing and Learning"...final approval is being given on permits so construction should start soon. If you will recall, this is a modest 42 unit complex on Eganville.

Also, just to let you know, MUD 281 has received a preliminary request on utility capacity for yet another apartment complex. This would ostensibly be located directly across NorthPointe Blvd from the Verde apartments adjacent to CVS. The request shows a 200 unit complex...and quite frankly, while the MUD could certainly use the additional tax base, as a resident I am really not interested

in seeing this project take place. I think we'd all rather see a Kroger/HEB/Randall's center go in that location instead. Unfortunately our desires don't always mesh with reality. I would like your feedback on this issue as it will be up to the MUD district to work out the infrastructure details and it is imperative that everyone be in the loop. Please contact me with your comments/ideas/critiques at paul@paulhicksrealtor.com. Before I go, I leave you with the following "Cowboy wisdom"...enjoy!

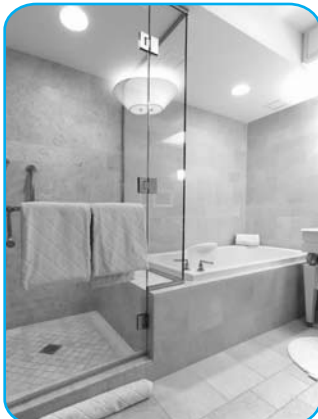
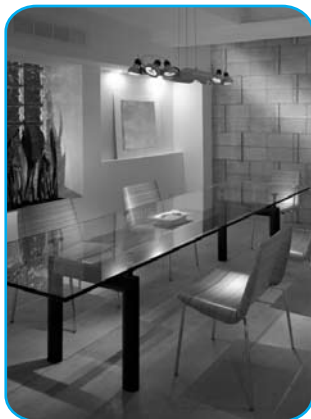
- Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a rain dance.
- If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'!
- The biggest troublemaker you'll ever have to deal with watches you shave his face in the mirror every morning.
- And finally...always drink upstream from the herd!



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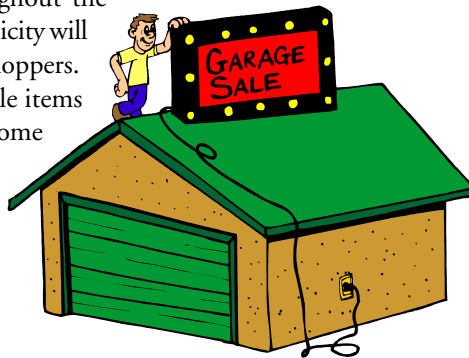
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For the past three years, the Villages of NorthPointe has had a community-wide garage sale with tremendous success for many of you. The event will be held this year on Friday, October 8th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, October 9th from 8 a.m. to Noon. Deana Clark has graciously offered her services to head up this event. For more information, you can contact her at deanaclark2009@yahoo.com or phone at 281.706.6894. For those of you new to VNP, the garage sale isn't in one central location, but simply takes place at your own home if you choose to participate. Signage is used to direct traffic throughout the neighborhood and publicity will be used to bring in shoppers. Start gathering your sale items and get ready to make some Christmas shopping money!



Reminder - National Night Out 2010 - Texas!

National Night Out is a nationwide annual event that promotes crime prevention education. It has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer nation.

For 2010 Texas NNO will take place on Tuesday, October 5th. Contact your neighbors to get an event planned, even if it's only to set up a table and chairs on your driveway with ice cream, drinks, chips or cookies! It's a great time to get to know your neighbors.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting with Deputy Miller

Please save the date for a Precinct 4 informational meeting on Thursday, September 16th at 7 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Deputy Miller will offer information on the neighborhood Constable patrol and answer any questions you may have. This is your chance to find out what is going on in the Villages and other surrounding areas regarding criminal activity and crime prevention. If you are concerned about home safety or protecting your home, this is a meeting for you!

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TIME for FOOTBALL!

By Pam Ferguson

As I sit here writing this in early August, my husband is watching reruns on TV of past season College Bowl games. It's time for FOOTBALL – too many months without, and withdrawals have set in! Between my neighbor Bob and my husband, the Houston Texans have some super fans. My husband and I went to the Houston Texans Training Camp last weekend and if you've never been, it's truly a fun experience – and free tickets are available on the Texans



website. For two hours, fans sit at field level “up close and personal” to the team watching them run through plays and getting to see the old and new talent in action. All I can say is, even without their full pads on, those guys are impressive!

This is for Bob – GO TEXANS! They have one of the toughest schedules in the NFL this season, and we would like to see another winning season! Their first regular season game is Sunday, September 12th at 12 p.m. in Reliant Stadium against the Indianapolis Colts.



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From the Editor

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Thanks, Pam Ferguson

Tomball Garden Club

The Tomball Garden Club meets at 1:00 pm the first Monday of each month in the Amegy Bank meeting room on Tomball Parkway. The program focuses on a topic related to gardening and/or plants. The club takes 5 – 6 field trips during the year to area nurseries, organic gardens, Master Gardens, and other places of interest. Membership dues are \$10 annually. If you wish additional information on the Tomball Garden Club, contact Shelia Higginbotham, 281-356-8504, or Flora Tiedt, 281-290-0932.

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School News

School is underway for the new year and time once again to be more aware of pedestrian and school traffic! There's not much to report yet, however there are two school holidays coming up soon for Tomball students. Students will be out Monday, September 6th for Labor Day, and Monday, October 11th for a school staff workday.

Remember, since June 2009, it is against the law in Texas to operate a cell phone within school crossing zones. The exception to this is hands-free phone devices are acceptable if two hands can remain on the wheel while driving.

I welcome any parent or representative to provide school news for publication to me before each newsletter deadline. ~PF

Girls Cy-Fair 8U Softball

The Cy-Fair Storm 8U had a successful first year 8U season and we are looking forward to an aggressive second year 8U season. We will be looking for several dedicated young ladies to compliment our core group of returning players. Good athletes who are willing to work hard, play hard, learn the game of softball and improve your skills are encouraged to tryout. All positions are open. We are a part of the very successful CFGAA Organization out of Dyess Park in Cypress. Contact Dan LeDoux at 713-204-0274 or cfstorm2002@yahoo.com for more information.

Cy-Fair Storm 8U Softball team is holding their 1st Annual Golf Tournament at Longwood Golf Club on October 1st. We are looking for players as well as sponsors. For more information, please contact: cfstorm2002@yahoo.com.

Planning Home Projects or Improvements?

Planning improvements...painting, roofing, a pool, building a fence or gazebo? Before starting your project, please be reminded to contact the "ACC" for approval of your plans, color, material and timetable.

The Architectural Control Committee for the Association (the "ACC") is charged with the responsibility per the Association By-Laws to grant or withhold architectural review approval of all changes in the design of a property after original construction. If you plan any modification, alterations or enhancements to your property, you must first submit written request to the "ACC." A copy of the form required is available on the neighborhood website at www.villagesofnorthpointecai.com.

Please submit your written requests to Chaparral Management. The average turn around time for review and approval is usually less than two (2) weeks. By following this simple procedure, the curb appeal of the neighborhood will continue to be an asset to the community. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

NAM Needs Food Donations *Pantry Depleted*

Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM) is in urgent need of donated food for its Food Pantry. As of August 5th, the Pantry's shelves were depleted, as well as the organization's reserve of non-perishable food items. VNP will hold a Good Drive on Sat. September 11th to help replenish their pantry. Have your food items on your porch by 8 a.m. and VNP resident volunteers will pick them up. To volunteer, call Stacy at 281-770-8664 or just meet at the clubhouse at 9 a.m. All ages welcome! The Food Pantry provides groceries to individuals and families living in NAM's core service area. Last year, the Pantry served 36,456 people. NAM relies on community donations to keep the Food Pantry well-stocked.

Food donations may be dropped off at NAM's main office at 15555 Kuykendahl, at NAM Resale at 3645 E.M. 1960, or at Second Chance Community Store at 10505 Jones Road. If you need information about conducting a food drive, contact Linda Fullerton at 281-885-4609 or lfullerton@namonline.org.

NAM is a nonprofit, community-based social service agency that is supported by over 50 congregations, 18 Service Partner organizations and more than 160 business Community Partners.

St. John Lutheran Church *Hosts Dave Ramsey Simulcast Event*

St. John Lutheran Church (Cypress) will host Dave Ramsey's EntreLeadership live simulcast event on Friday, November 5, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. This event focuses on ways that owners and leaders can take their businesses and organizations to the next level. Throughout this 1-day experience, attendees will learn directly from Dave as he teaches critical business lessons about growing an organization and leading a team. If you are a leader in your business, community, or church, this is the event for you! For registration, tickets, or additional information, contact the St. John Lutheran Church office at 281-373-0503 or send an email to StJnSteward@gmail.com.

Attention NW Harris County Tri Delta Alumnae

Mark your calendars to join your Tri Delta sisters for our annual "Salad Social" to kick off the year on Tuesday, September 14th at 7:00 pm. Our group meets on the second Tuesday of every month September - April. We have a diverse group of women of all ages from a variety of colleges. For more information, please contact Christina at 281-855-6893 or Karen at trideltanews@yahoo.com.

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