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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VILLAGES OF NORTHPOINTE HOA

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COMPASS CORNER

By Paul Hicks

Well neighbors, the holidays are upon us and if you are like my family things are moving so fast you may just pass ole Santa up! I do have some good news to report in that the real estate markets are showing some signs of life again. As of this writing, the employment figures are looking better by the day and the phone is starting to ring again in my office as well as other Realtors around the area. In the immediate NorthPointe VNP area, it does look like the property just west of Eldridge along NorthPointe Blvd is going to be sold very shortly. The new owners are looking at either a shopping center or perhaps an over-55 apartment complex. Details are sketchy for now, but either of these would provide a welcome boost to the tax base and the shopping center in particular would add some needed retail establishments...cleaners, donuts, café...what more do you need? Also, I wanted to give you all an update on our neighbors in NorthPointe West...if you will recall the developer went into bankruptcy and the banks took over same. The builders continued to build, although on a limited basis, but word has it that a sale is pending for a new developer to purchase the project from the banks and get it kick started again. With the new high school set to open, the prospects are very good for this to get done. And while NorthPointe West is not in our MUD district (they are in 280) we share water and sewer infrastructure and a healthy neighbor is always a good thing. That about does it for 2010...here's hoping you all have a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. And now for a few "if's" in life to ponder...

- If a vegetarian is someone who eats vegetables, what does that make a humanitarian?
- If a person told you they were a pathological liar, should you believe them?
- If people from Poland are called Poles, why aren't people from Holland called Holes?
- If the cops arrest a mime do they tell him that he has the right to remain silent?
- If I have lived through the sixties, seventies, eighties and nineties. Am I now living through the noughties?

The above brilliance is courtesy of www.oneliners-and-proverbs.com.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS!

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in the Villages! Thanks to Debbie Parker for organizing and putting up the decorations this year! Our neighborhood continues to grow and ideas for new events are always welcome. Come to a Women's Club meeting or contact Angela at angela0922@sbcglobal.net if you have an idea for any future event.

- Dec. 4th BREAKFAST WITH SANTA All VNP children are invited to come to the clubhouse on Saturday morning, December 4th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for Breakfast and a Picture with Santa! Deadline for R.S.V.P. was November 22nd however at this time Paige is asking for volunteers. The cost is only \$2.00 plus a canned good for the Food Pantry. This has proven to be very popular with the neighborhood and many Santa's helpers are needed! Please contact Paige at paige4arbonne@yahoo..com.
- Dec. 10th HOLIDAY PROGRESSIVE DINNER The Women's Group is planning a Holiday Progressive Dinner on Friday night, December 10th. Progressive dinners are for both couples and singles, and the dinner courses are divided among several host homes, with a different course served at each home. Food preparation is shared among participants as well. Please R.S.V.P. by December 3rd to Elicia at eve_ayla@ hotmail.com or by calling 281-255-2854. More information will be forthcoming on the Yahoo Groups.
- Dec. 12th CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

 The VNP Women's Group is hosting a 'women only' Christmas Cookie Exchange at 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 12th at Patty Ardoin's home. Each participant will bring homemade cookies of one kind on a tray, along with copies of the recipe and a large container to carry home your assortment! Patti's address is 12703 Arlington Meadows. We will also use this time to wrap the gifts for our sponsored families. This is a fun way to start your holiday baking!

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Holiday Happenings - (Continued from Cover)

• **DECEMBER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT** – The VNP Women's Group will be sponsoring two families in need for the holidays. The proceeds from the Christmas in November Bake Sale will be used for this endeavor, as well as donations. We will provide gifts and needed items for a family from T.E.A.M., as in past years, as well as a family from the local area from Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Family Alliance. This is a project not only for women in the Women's Club, but the request for needed items is open to the entire neighborhood.

Thanks to Patti for coordinating this community service effort. For ways to help the Women's Club provide for their sponsored families, please contact Patti at 281-290-0432 or plardoin@hotmail.com.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT!

Cade Jayce Barksdale was born to VNP residents Keith and Brandi Barksdale on October 21st 2010. Brother Chase and sister Chaney welcomed him home.

ATTENTION NW HARRIS COUNTY TRI DELTA ALUMNAE

Mark your calendars to join your Tri Delta sisters for their annual holiday gathering - an "Ornament and Holiday Recipe Exchange" – on Tuesday, December 14th at 7:00 pm. The group meets on the second Tuesday of every month September - April. They 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@vahoo.com.



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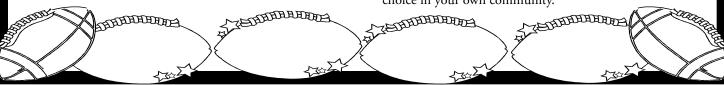
The result would be an astounding \$90 million in cash and cans to help feed the hungry, provide shelter to the homeless and help our neighbors in need.

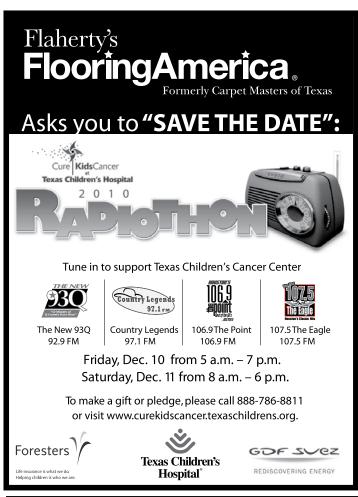
With all eyes on North Texas this year as they host the Big Game, you can join the Souper Bowl of Caring and help make this vision a reality! For more than 20 years, groups all over the country have joined forces to demonstrate the power of caring. To date, more than \$71 million in cash and cans has been collected and 100% was donated in communities throughout the U.S. Every penny stays local and every collection matters!

Last year, 1,900 schools, churches, businesses and grocery stores in Texas collected more than \$4.5 million for local charities that fight hunger and poverty. The need is growing and we need your help!

JOIN THE TEAM. GET STARTED TODAY!

- 1. REGISTER your school, church or business at tacklehunger. org and designate an organizer for your Souper Bowl of Caring event. You'll receive a free Resource Kit!
- 2. COLLECT money and/or canned foods anytime January 17-February 6, 2011. Super Bowl Sunday is February 6, 2011.
- 3. REPORT the amount of your collection to the Souper Bowl of Caring so it can be added to the national tally.
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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. There is no December book club meeting due to the holidays. The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 20th at Rhonda's house, 18835 Magnolia Arbor Lane, and we will be discussing A Scattered Life by Karen McQuestion. New members are always welcome!

BUNCO

Monday night – Meets each second Monday of the month. For info or to be placed on the sub list, please contact Pam at pamelaferg@comcast.net.

Thursday night – Meets each fourth Thursday

of the month. For 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 announce a new subgroup, please come to a Women's Club meeting or contact Pam at 713-724-6978 or pamelaferg@comcast.net.



The Women's Club welcomed Tim Novak, Executive Director from the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts at their October meeting. Mr. Novak gave an interesting, interactive talk about the offerings of The Pearl MFA and encouraged everyone to come, bring your families, and experience firsthand the world-class exhibitions. It's a very family friendly atmosphere. Two exhibitions – British and French portraits from a Texas Collection and British Watercolor Artists at Home and Abroad – will be at the museum only through December 19th. The museum is located nearby at 6815 Cypresswood Drive next to the Barbara Bush Branch Library. Stay in touch with the schedule of events at www.pearlmfa.org.

HOSPITALITY - One of the functions of the Hospitality Chairperson of the Women's Club is to acknowledge those neighbors who have any major events in their lives or have needs that may be provided by the women in the neighborhood. Recently, the women prepared and delivered a variety of dinners for the Barksdale family who had a new baby in their home. If anyone knows of a neighbor who could use a little extra help or 'hospitality', please contact the new Hospitality Chair, Stacy Jones at tsjones5@sbcglobal.net.

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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 welcom! At this time, I am looking for someone to carry the Editor torch for me. If you think you may be interested and have the time commitment, please contact me.

The next newsletter deadline for submission to the editor is December 5th for the January newsletter. Similarly, the deadline for the February newsletter will be January5th. If you have any advertising questions, please contact the publisher directly at advertising@peelinc.com or by phone at 888-687-6444.

LOCAL SCHOOL NEWS

Canyon Pointe Elementary Annual Toy Drive is December 6-10th! New, unwrapped toys for all ages can be put under the Christmas tree in the front lobby. They will also be accepting donations of gift cards, gift wrap, gift bags and tape. All donations benefit our local community's children in need. Thank you for supporting the school's efforts to bring joy to a child this season!

Holiday Schedule for CPES:

Early Release 12/17 at 12:40 pm. Winter Break 12/20 - 1/4. School resumes Wednesday January 5, 2011.

NEIGHBORHOOD E-MAIL GROUP & FACEBOOK

As a reminder, we would 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. The Facebook account, Villages of NorthPointe HOA, 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.



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RECIPE ROUNDUP – APPLES!

There isn't much that can make your house smell better than baking apples while the air is turning crisp and cooler outside, and your house is decorated for the holidays. Holiday baking isn't all about cakes and cookies! Try one of these easy apple recipes and you're sure to be the star in your home!

Broiled Apples

6 sweet, firm apples - peeled, cored, and cut into 8 to 10 wedges

1/3 cup fresh lemon juice

4 tablespoons butter, melted

3/4 cup sugar

1/3 cup rum or 1/2 cup maple syrup

2 pints vanilla ice cream

Turn on broiler. Toss the apples with the lemon juice, butter, and all but 2 tablespoons of the sugar. (Can be made to this point up to 1 day ahead. Store in a resealable plastic bag and refrigerate.) Arrange on a baking sheet in a single layer. Broil the apples about 8 inches from the heat for 8 to 10 minutes or until tender. Sprinkle with the remaining 2 tablespoons of sugar and broil until melted. Meanwhile, heat the rum or maple syrup in a small saucepan over low heat. Serve the apples warm with vanilla ice cream. Drizzle with the warm rum or syrup.

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AGGIE MOM'S CLUB

A Festive Holiday Social Evening

The Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club invites you to join other Aggie moms for a festive social evening on Tuesday, December 14th. All current, future, and former Aggie moms are welcome to join us at 7 pm for some holiday fun in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The event will be held at the Houston Distributing Center conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the corner of Cutten Road and 7100 High Life Drive. Come and learn more about Aggie student activities, purchase great Christmas gifts from the Aggie boutique, win door prizes and book money for your students, and learn about upcoming scholarship opportunities. During the December celebration, we will have an "Aggie" Christmas ornament exchange. Please bring a wrapped Aggie tree ornament to exchange with other Aggie moms.

One of the main goals of the Aggie Mom's Club is to give scholarships to Aggie students. The NWHC Aggie Mom's Club is now accepting Scholarship Applications for the 2010-2011 school year. Complete applications and eligibility requirements are available at www.nwhcaggiemoms.com and also at the general meetings. The application must be postmarked no later than Monday, Feb 7th, 2011. Last year 6 scholarships totaling \$6750 were awarded to area Aggie students. Please contact Vickie Hamley at 713-466-4494 or check out our website for more information!

Come Join Us For The Festive Fun!

Recipe Roundup - Apples!

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Maple-Walnut Apple Crisp

1/3 cup all-purpose flour

1/2 cup packed light brown sugar

1/3 cup regular oats

1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/4 cup chilled butter or stick margarine, cut into small pieces

3 tablespoons chopped walnuts

7 cups sliced peeled Rome apple (about 3 pounds)

1/4 cup maple syrup

1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Preheat oven to 375°. Combine flour, sugar, oats, and 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon in a medium bowl; cut in butter with a pastry blender or 2 knives until mixture is crumbly. Stir in walnuts.

Combine apple and remaining ingredients in a large bowl; toss well. Spoon apple mixture into an 8-inch square baking dish. Sprinkle with crumb mixture. Bake at 375° for 45 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm, with vanilla ice cream if preferred.

U.S. TRACK OLYMPIAN TO SPEAK AT NORTHWEST FLYERS TRACK CLUB

The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host its annual free information / registration breakfast on Saturday, February 5, 2011, for all boys, girls and their parents who are interested in joining for the 2011 track season. The breakfast starts promptly at 8:30 AM at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center Forum located at 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX, 77379.

The breakfast is the annual opportunity for youth athletes to register for the 2011 spring/summer track season, and to meet the Northwest Flyers coaches, staff, and other new and returning athletes. The event will be highlighted by a special presentation from a member of the USA Track & Field Olympic team.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a youth (ages 6 -18) track organization, affiliated with USA Track & Field (USATF), that provides a full program of sanctioned "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and sanctioned "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin. The Northwest Flyers has approximately 275 members, boys and girls. The club was founded 24 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the Northwest Houston area.

The Northwest Flyers is a member of the "Win with Integrity" program, a partnership between USATF and the American College of Sports Medicine. "Win with Integrity" brings elite track & field athletes and school-aged kids together to promote healthy lifestyles, keeping active, and living with integrity through the sport of track & field.

For additional information on the Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit the team website at www.northwestflyers.org or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442 or linette.roach@sbcglobal.net.

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