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WELCOME TO THE

Official Newsletter of the Northlake Forest Homeowners Association

The Northlake Forest HOA Newsletter is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Northlake Forest residents. Each newsletter will be filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information, and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports team, social group, etc., and would like to submit an article for the newsletter, you can do so online at *www.PEELinc.com*, or you can send an email to *wendymccurley@gmail.com*. Personal news (announcements, accolades/ honors/ celebrations, etc.) are also welcome as long as they are from area residents.

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ARE YOU "THE BIGGEST LOSER"?

Join your neighbors and compete for the title of Northlake Forest's Biggest Loser! For the residents of Northlake Forest - coming in January: a 10 week "Biggest Loser" style fitness program at the park.

Please come to the Northlake Forest park once a week starting the week of January 15th to work out in a group with your friends and neighbors under the guidance of local fitness trainer: Susan Middleton-Waid. Beginners through seasoned fitness enthusiasts are all welcome; you will be able to proceed at your own pace.

Sign up for this 10 week course for just \$35. You can participate in a weekly "weighin" to help you track your journey towards wellness.

Yes! There are prizes !

1st = \$250, 2nd = \$150 and 3rd = \$50. Participation is limited to persons currently residing in Northlake Forest.

Please email Wendy McCurley if you are interested in being a participant.

Wendy McCurley, wendymccurley@gmail.com Event Coordinator - "Biggest Loser" - Northlake Forest

ASSOCIATION DUES

Please remember your association fees are due no later than January 31st. It is very important that you pay your fees and on time to prevent interest charges and further action. Remember, this money is used to maintain YOUR community. The Board is striving to use our funds as effectively as possible. Everyone's cooperation is greatly appreciated. If you are experiencing a hardship and are unable to pay the entire amount due, please contact Michael Quast at PCMI at (281) 870-0585 immediately to discuss and/or work out payment arrangements.

For 2011 your Board proposes to continue the 2 part fee payments:

\$650 due January 1st, 2011 \$284 due July 1st, 2011

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

All of our committees are seeking volunteers to help continue making our community a fun place to be. Just a little bit of your time can go a long way. If you are willing to help, in any way, please contact a board member with your interest.

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HOA Board Meetings

The Northlake Forest HOA meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Cypress Point Recreation Center located at 14415 Barker Cypress at 7:00pm. If you would like to address the Board regarding any issues or concerns, please contact Michael Quast/PCMI at MQuast@stes.com or 281.870.0585 with your request to be added to the agenda. Please schedule before the meeting date as the Board needs proper notification in order to address your concerns the day of the meeting.

Architectural Request for Improvements

JUST A REMINDER: Any changes or improvements to the exterior of your home (new garage doors, installing a pool, new

windows, covered patios/decks, walkways, painting etc) must have the approval of the Architectural Committee. The ARC has up to 45 days to approve plans so keep that in mind when hiring a contractor. Forms and instructions can be found on our website at www.northlakeforesthoa.com under NLF Forms.



Garage Sales

Garage Sales are neighborhood events that are held twice a year only. NO individual sales are allowed. This helps to ensure safety of our residents and children by reducing unwanted neighborhood traffic. Please be courteous to your fellow residents and only have garage sales on scheduled dates.

The first neighborhood garage sale is schedule for Saturday April

Safety Side Note...

Please remember to discuss safety at home with your family. Remind your children not to answer the door to strangers, male or female, at any time. It is best to let them know you are home but not interested in what they are selling.

Scoop The Poop!

Please be considerate and pickup your animal's feces from your neighbor's yard and any neighborhood common areas when you take them for walks. It is a simple task. You can purchase pooper scooper bags and items at your pet store. No one wants to have items left in their yard. Let's keep Northlake Forest a clean and beautiful place to live.

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Keep Busy

Members of Girl Scout Troop 14993 participated in a Daisy Petal Workshop at Black Elementary on November 12. They discussed the "Caring and Considerate" law of Girl Scouting and ways that they could be considerate and caring with their friends and families. These girls are in the first grade at Farney Elementary and are members of the Compass Rose Service Unit of the Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council.

Girl Scouting strives to build girls of courage, confidence and character. The Compass Rose Service Unit is open to new girl members from kindergarten through high school. Contact Amado Aguilar at AAguilar@Troop14253.org

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Northlake Forest Board of Directors

At press time the Board of Directors positions had not been established.

Congratulations to Russell McPherson and Wendy McCurley. They will be joining Kelly Moore, Paul Rath and Dan Daus as your Northlake Forest HOA Board of Directors.

If you notice a problem or have a concern about something within NLF, please complete the form on our website and bring it to the attention of the management company or Board member so that the issue can be addressed.

Management Company

Planned Community Management, Inc. (PCMI) Michael Quast (281) 870-0585 mquast@stes.com www.pcmi-us.com

Northlake Forest HOA Website

www.northlakeforesthoa.com

Newsletter Articles

The Newsletter Editor gathers articles worthy of information for publication in our Northlake Forest newsletter. The publication goes out every month. If you would like to submit an article for publication, please send them in no later than the 8th of each month to wendymccurley@gmail.com.

Bunco Anyone?

There is a fun Bunco group in NLF. We generally play on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00pm. We do take a break in March and over the summer. We invite new players to join us; you can be a monthly player or be a substitute, whichever fits your schedule. Please call

Maureen Cummings at 281-304-1109 or email her at mgqueen02@yahoo.com if you are interested or have any questions. We would love to have you join us.



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Our Community.... Fiving Back

At cheer competitions across the country, you can find Texas Lonestar Cheer Company sporting red, black and blue, but for October they traded in their team colors for PINK! The group spent the entire month of October promoting Breast Cancer Awareness from local community activities to fundraisers of their own.

Their support began on October 2 when Team Texas Cheer participated in the Susan G. Komen Race for The Cure in Houston. The cheerleaders collected donations online and walked and ran the race with their coaches, friends, and family members. To show

their true spirit for the cause, they wore Texas Cheer gear, complete with pink accents. All month, the gym's goal was to turn their entire practice facility completely pink. To do so, the cheerleaders purchased pink sports bras, specially designed with their team logo and the pink awareness ribbon. They are

proudly wearing their sports bras to each October practice, and all sales have been donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Kelly Wimberly, a Northlake Forest resident and co-chair of The Red, Black and Blue Club of Texas Cheer, is extremely proud of the teams for getting so involved in such a positive

cause that touches so many. She is even more grateful for the money the program raised. She says, "Through the Race for the Cure and the sports bra sales, we donated a total of \$3,959 to Susan G. Komen. The cheerleaders are so proud that TEXAS CHEER THINKS PINK!" (Continued on Page 7)



Community...Giving Back - (Continued from Page 6)

And not only do the athletes at Texas Cheer give back to their community, but they are also a force to be reckoned with on the competition mat as well. On Saturday, November 20th, the athletes participated in their first competition of the season at Athletic Championships held at the George R. Brown Convention Center. They walked away with nine 1stplace titles, four 2nd place titles & the Highpoint Grand Champion Award!

Fine Arts in Cypress Play

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THINGS TO DO...

Family Attractions

Visit the Houston Zoo in the New Year! The Houston Zoo has a new African exhibit which is said to be quite spectacular. Get the New Year off to a good start and visit your local zoo. There is so much to see and do in Houston.

SEND US YOUR

Event Pictures!!

Do you have a picture of an event that you would like to run in the Northlake Forest Herald? Send it to us and we will publish it in the next issue. Email the picture to <u>wendymccurley@gmail.com</u>. Be sure to include the text that you would like to have as the caption. Pictures will appear in color online at www.PEELinc.com.



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SYSCO is Coming to Cypress!

Good news for those of us who live Cypress and want a shorter commute in the near future. Sysco Corporation purchased the former Hewlitt-Packard call center at the corner of Skinner and Hwy 290. This will serve as a customer service call center. Sysco plans to move in and open with a crew of about 50 employees at the end of this year but they hope to employ between 1,500 to 1,800 more!

Sysco is a distributer of food and other products to places where food is prepared and/or served. The Cypress facility will serve as a point of contact for many Sysco distribution centers around the country. For more information or to inquire about job opportunities at Sysco, visit www.sysco.com.

Block Captains

Please visit the Neighborhood Watch page on our website at www. northlakeforesthoa.com. Click the link to view the Block Captains by Zone and verify that the information is correct. If you are listed as a block captain but are no longer able to perform the duties of a block captain, or if you are interested in becoming a block captain and would like information email Kelly at kelful@gmail.com.

For Your Information

To report any issues that need HOA attention, please visit www. northlakeforesthoa.com and use the Contact Us feature. You can contact our management company directly by sending an email to PCMI at CustomerCare@PCMI-US.com.



Upcoming Events...

Attention NW Harris County Tri Delta Alumnae

Mark your calendars to join your Tri Delta sisters for our upcoming meeting at "The Pearl Fincher Museum" on Cypresswood Tuesday, January 11 at 7:00 pm. We will have the opportunity to tour the current exhibit and there will be a nominal fee to attend this meeting. 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

Boy Scouts of America

Boy Scouts of America will be doing their annual canned food drive in January 2011. After the Christmas holidays many food banks are depleted, but there are families still in need. Fliers will be put out on doors January 29, 2011 and canned food will be picked up February 5, 2011. Please continue the Christmas spirit into 2011 by donating. All canned food items go to local food banks. For more information go to http://sedbsa.com/scouting%20for%20food.htm

Moms in Touch

Attention Moms! Do you have days when you worry about your children? Come join us in Moms in Touch and experience how to replace worry and anxiety with peace and hope. Moms in Touch international gather moms' together to pray specifically and spiritually for our children and schools. We have two groups meeting in Northlake Forest, one for college students, and one for Cy-Woods High School. Won't you join us in prayer for this next generation? For information about the groups in our neighborhood contact Laurie Tamez at 281-256-4954 or Kathleen Smith at 713-698-9781. For more information about Moms in Touch International visit www. moms intouch.org.

Valentines Open House

Saturday January 22, 2011 from 10am to 2pm at the Cypress Point recreation center -14415 Barker Cypress Rd. Please stop by for some specials, great gift ideas and prizes. There will be representatives from Mary Kay, Premier Designs Jewelry, Scentsy, and Homemade Gourmet just to name a few. For more information and specials please contact Becky Dessenberger at 281-793-5019.

Street Lights Out?

As homeowners, you are paying for the lighting of the streets in your neighborhood. Billing is based on the number of poles within the subdivision. If the lights are not working, we are wasting money. If you see lights that are out, get the number on the pole and the nearest street address and either call Centerpoint Energy at 713.207.2222 or use the online form: http://cnp.centerpointenergy.com/outage At no time will any source be allowed to use the Northlake Forest Herald's contents, or loan said contents, to others in anyway, shape or form, nor in any media, website, print, film, e-mail, electrostatic copy, fax, or etc. for the purpose of solicitation, commercial use, or any use for profit, political campaigns, or other self amplification, under penalty of law without written or expressed permission from Peel, Inc. The information in the Northlake Forest Herald is exclusively for the private use of the Northlake Forest HOA and Peel, Inc.

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Recipe Corner

With busy schedules and back-to-school activities, it's oftentimes hard to get the whole family around the table at the same time. Set aside one night each week for family Night. Gather everyone, and cook, eat, and share

Paula Deen's Chicken Spaghetti

INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 (14-ounce) can chicken broth
- 1 (10.75-ounce) can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 (10.75-ounce) can cream of chicken soup
- 1 (10-ounce) can diced tomatoes with green chilies drained
- 1 (4.25-ounce) can chopped black olives drained
- 1 (4-ounce) jar sliced mushrooms drained
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 31/2 cups chopped cooked chicken
- 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 (16-ounce) package angel hair pasta cooked according to package directions
- 3/4 cup panko (Japanese bread crumbs)
- 1 tablespoon butter melted

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350°. Spray a 13x9-inch baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.

In a medium skillet, melt butter over medium-high heat. Add onion and celery; cook for 4 to 5 minutes, or until vegetables are tender.

In a large bowl, combine onion mixture, broth, soups, tomatoes, olives, mushrooms, sour cream, and salt. Stir in chicken and cheese. Add pasta, tossing gently to coat. Spoon mixture into prepared baking dish.

In a small bowl, combine bread crumbs and melted butter. Sprinkle evenly over casserole. Bake for 30 to 40 minutes, or until hot and bubbly. Serve immediately. Yield: serves 12



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\$160,000- \$189,999					1						1		
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Total	1	0	2	2	2	3	3	1	0	1	2		
Highest \$/sq ft	\$53.61	-	\$72.60	\$87.32	\$85.05	\$87.95	\$80.55	\$53.42	-	\$71.42	\$88.87		

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