

# NORTHLAKE FOREST

## Herald

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## 2010 Christmas Lights Contest Winners!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Christmas Lights Contest. Our neighborhood was very nicely lit up during the holidays... what a festive and fun place to live!

### **BEST MULTICOLOR**

14419 Anada Bay

### **BEST SINGLE COLOR**

14430 Light Falls Ct.

### **BEST NATIVITY**

14223 Marin

### **MOST CREATIVE/UNUSUAL**

15914 Reston Bridge

### **BEST OVERALL**

14202 Smoke Creek Ct.

### **HONORABLE MENTION**

Multicolor - 15922 Reston Bridge

Single Color - 15507 Amber Hollow

Nativity - 15603 Clear Point

Most Creative/Unusual - 16202 Diamond Rock

### **MOST ORIGINAL HONORABLE MENTION**

"Highest Star" - 14214 Chapel Hollow Ln.

"Ditto" - 14206 Smoke Creek

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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 scheduled for Saturday April 2nd, 2011. Our Fall garage sale will be announced at a later date.

## For Your Information

To report any issues that need HOA attention, please visit [www.northlakeforesthoa.com](http://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](mailto:CustomerCare@PCMI-US.com).

*Happy Valentine's Day!*

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### NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

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### EVENTS COMMITTEE

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Team Lead .....TBD

### ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Chair .....Dan Daues  
Team Lead .....Paul Rath

### 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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## Upcoming Events...

**Attention NW Harris County Tri Delta Alumnae** - Mark your calendars to join your Tri Delta sisters for our social gathering "Chicks, Chocolates, and Crescent Moons" Tuesday, February 8th 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](mailto:trideltanews@yahoo.com)



**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.momsintouch.org](http://www.momsintouch.org).

**Cypress Tomball Democrats Club** - This new club was formed after a summer of planning and networking. Establishing a new Democratic club was truly a grassroots effort. "In June, four of us sat at my kitchen table in Northlake Forest," explains Susan Woodyard, one of the group's founders. "We knew starting a club would be the perfect way for Democrats in our area to connect and get involved." The theme for the club's inaugural year is "You are Not Alone," according to Olga Moya, the club's co-chair. In addition to helping elect Democrats, the club will provide a forum for educating and informing members about issues important to the community. Meetings will take place on the third Wednesday of the month at Luigi's Ristorante beginning at 6:30. All interested persons are invited to attend. For more information, contact Olga at [olga10422@yahoo.com](mailto:olga10422@yahoo.com).

**Cypress Fellowship Craft Show** - Spend the day with us shopping with your girlfriends on March 25th and 26th from 10am to 4pm at Cypress Fellowship 15014 Spring Cypress! We will have local vendors and concessions! A limited number of booths are still available for vendors. Proceeds benefit the Cypress Fellowship building fund! Please contact Erica Ryan for more information at 713.632.4265.

**Cypress Oil & Gas networking group** - We will start our 2011 monthly meetings on the 1st Monday of every month in February. We will meet at IHOP (In the glass room) on 290 & Fry road between 6:30 am - 7:30 am the 1st Monday of every month. In 2010 we had a total of 52 people in our data base and look to grow it more in 2011. If you work in any aspect of the O&G Industry come stop by, meet your Industry neighbors, and have a cup of coffee. Network with us as we share Industry news, job openings, event happenings, and much more. Please feel free to call me @ 832-623-2419 or Email me at [Kevin.kays@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Kevin.kays@sbcglobal.net)

## Safety Side Note...

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- Never use charcoal in a fireplace because of the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Keep a screen or glass enclosure around a fireplace to prevent sparks or embers from igniting flammable materials.

## 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](http://www.northlakeforesthoa.com) under NLF Forms.



## 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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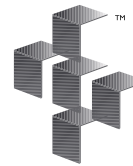


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## Our Community.... Giving Back!!

### CY-WOODS KEY CLUB CONTINUES TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY

Boasting over 300 official members, the Key Club of Cy-Woods High School is proud to say that 2010 was yet another successful year in helping out in the Cypress community. From local churches to elementary schools, neighborhood events to community service projects, sports' concession stands to after school tutoring; the members of the Cy-Woods Key Club are looking forward to another great semester of volunteering! Some of our recent events included the Sampson Elementary Reading Night, Coles Crossing's Christmas at the North Pole, and the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church's Bethlehem Village. If you are aware of a community service event in the Cypress area that could need some extra volunteers (be it 1 or 300!), please don't hesitate to email us at [cywoodskeyclub@gmail.com](mailto:cywoodskeyclub@gmail.com). We look forward to all types of projects, and we can't wait to start off another great year!

### CYCLING FROM AUSTIN TO ALASKA TO FIGHT CANCER

My name is Will Ragan and I am from Floresville, Texas, a small town just south of San Antonio. I am writing to you today because this summer I am cycling from Austin, Texas to Anchorage, Alaska

to fight cancer. Yes, you read that correctly. I am not crazy, but am a member of the 2011 LiveSTRONG Texas 4000 for Cancer team. We are a group of fifty-six students from the University of Texas at Austin who is working hard to raise money and awareness for the fight against cancer. Next summer, my team and I will embark upon a 4,500 mile trek across North America in hopes of inspiring communities across the nation to help in the battle against cancer. Starting June 4th, 2011, we will cycle through various communities, make cancer awareness presentations, and educate people on cancer prevention and early detection. By sharing our experiences and enthusiasm, we will work to foster hope among those who are personally suffering from this disease. Additionally, we hope to contribute over \$400,000 to cancer research with the American Cancer Society and MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Each rider is responsible for raising \$4,500. Please consider being a part of our group and sharing in our enthusiasm by making a much appreciated donation. Besides helping in a meaningful cause, your donation will be entirely tax-deductible as we are a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The proceeds from our event will go towards research for finding a cure for our nation's second

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## 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](mailto:wendymccurley@gmail.com).

## Cy-Fair Storm *fundraising event*

The 8U Cy-Fair storm is hosting a fundraising golf tournament on March 4, 2011. We would like to invite you to join the Cy-Fair Storm in this incredible experience. Cy-Fair Storm is a non-profit 501C organization and all proceeds from this event will be used to offset the cost of our trip to the Softball World Series in Panama City, FL. Please contact [cfstorm2001@yahoo.com](mailto:cfstorm2001@yahoo.com) for more information. We are in need of players as well as sponsors. There are several sponsorship opportunities available. Hope you can help make this event a success.

## 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](mailto:mgqueen02@yahoo.com) if you are interested or have any questions. We would love to have you join us.



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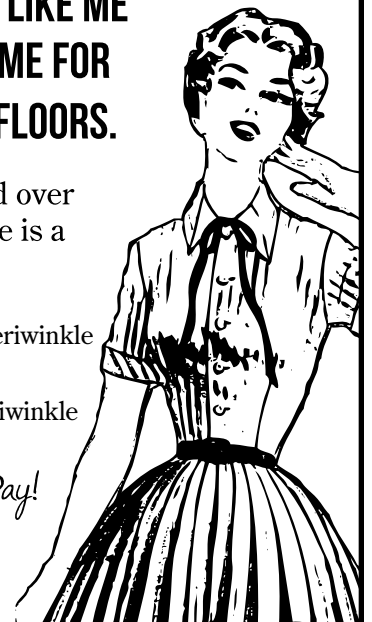


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Happy Birthday to Maureen Cummings, who will have her annual 39th birthday on February 10.

Congratulations to residents Mark & Christy Hansen on their purchase of Rosehill Storage! Please take a look at their website at [www.rosehillstorage.com](http://www.rosehillstorage.com) for valuable information or contact them directly at 281-351-8590 for special rates for Northlake Forest residents.



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### Family Attractions

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\$130,000- \$159,999							1				
\$160,000- \$189,999				1						1	
\$190,000- \$219,999		1	1	1	2	2					1
\$220,000- \$249,999									1	1	1
\$250,000- \$279,999		1	1			1					
\$280,000- \$300,000					1						
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Highest \$/sq ft</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$72.60</b>	<b>\$87.32</b>	<b>\$85.05</b>	<b>\$87.95</b>	<b>\$80.55</b>	<b>\$53.42</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$71.42</b>	<b>\$88.87</b>	<b>\$92.87</b>

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