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Butterfly Festival

FOR FAMILY FUN

Messiah Lutheran Church is hosting its annual Butterfly Family Festival on Sunday, April 10th, 12-3:00 PM at 11522 Telge Road in Cypress. The event will include a barbecue lunch, a silent auction, a raffle, a live butterfly release, and games and activities for all ages. Lots of free activities, including two free shows with a professional magician and a chance to meet a clown and her chimpanzee friend! The day's events will benefit Chrysalis, A Grace Place for Children, featuring a Christian preschool, after school, and summer camp programs. Chrysalis Christian Preschool admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

Bring the whole family to see the butterfly release, eat some great food, and have some fun! Craft booths are invited. Call 281-807-0764 or go to www.messiahlc.org for further information.

Messiah Lutheran Church is a grace place, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Messiah is located at 11522 Telge Road, ½ mile north of Highway 290. Regular worship times are at 8 and 10:30 AM on Sundays. The Education Hour is 9:15-10:15 AM on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or www.messiahlc.org. Everyone is welcome at Messiah.

COMPASS CORNER

By Paul Hicks

Well neighbors, back again for another thrilling installment in the world of Real Estate...well, at least some tidbits around the neighborhood. First of all let me say that the light switch has been thrown back "ON". The last half of 2010 was the slowest Real Estate market I have ever witnessed. Literally nothing was moving for old Paul and he wasn't liking it. Then, January 3rd it's like someone turning on the lights...the phone started ringing, I am now having almost 1 showing per day on my properties, contracts at the title company and buyers are looking. Now it may be a fluke, but being the eternal optimist, I am going to call this a turnaround. More good news for you if you can stand it...the MUD 281 Board will be considering at the February meeting placing "over 65" and "disability" exemptions in place on our MUD taxes. No promises..but if the numbers look good (and I'm thinking they do) then we will be able to put this in very quickly. It may not be much, but in this economy every little bit helps. I will get back to you with details in the next article. And now...the obligatory haha's...and this time they are most fowl.

Why did the chicken cross the road?

- **Darth Vader** : Because it could not resist the power of the Dark Side
- **Dr. Seuss** : Did the chicken cross the road? Did he cross it with a toad? Yes! The chicken crossed the road, but why it crossed it, I've not been told!
- **Ernest Hemingway** : To die. In the rain.

*The above highbrow missives are courtesy of
www.whydidthechickencrosstheroad.com.*

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Canyon Pointe Elementary 281-357-3122
NorthPointe Intermediate..... 281-357-3020
Willow Wood Junior High..... 281-357-3030
Tomball High School..... 281-357-3220

TAX ENTITIES:

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www.tomballisd.net and follow the link to the Tax Office
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VNP 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.

- 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 with smartphones, or for those 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. With this option you will only receive one email per day from the neighborhood!

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>.

Newsletter Deadline

I am looking for someone to take the responsibility as editor of this monthly newsletter. If you think you may be interested and have the time commitment, please contact me for details. 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 March 5th for the April newsletter. Similarly, the deadline for the May newsletter will be April 5th. For published information, it's necessary to plan at least a month in advance!

If you have any advertising questions, please contact the publisher directly at advertising@peelinc.com or by phone at 888-687-6444.

Northpointe Kids Say the Funniest Things!

Introducing a new article from our very own little ones! If you have any 'funnies' to send for future newsletters, please send to pamelaferg@comcast.net before the deadline.

Blake – age 5

Blake told his mom he didn't want any dirty rice with his dinner, he wanted "clean rice".

Aj Gotham – age 4

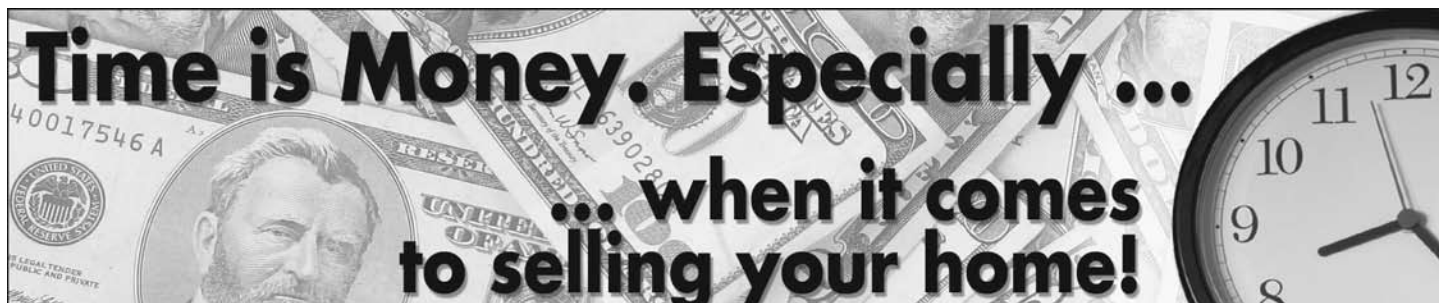
Aj sneezed and mom asked him if he was getting a cold. He responded, "No Mommy, I just had a Bless you!"

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 Jennifer at jenna1008@hotmail.com.
- **BOOK CLUB** – Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month in rotating homes. Please contact Karen at 281-516-2395 or karenko@sbcglobal.net for more details. The March meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 17th at Kimberly's house, 13226 Brantfield Park, and we will be discussing Room – A Novel by Emma Donoghue. 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.
- **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. If anyone knows of a neighbor who could use a little extra help or 'hospitality', please contact the Hospitality Chair, Stacy Jones at tsjones5@sbcglobal.net.

- **VNP EASTER EGG HUNT 2011** - Volunteers are needed to help plan the Annual Easter Egg Hunt that will be held on Saturday, April 23rd for the Villages of NorthPointe children. You do not have to be a member of the Women's group to help. All that is needed to be involved is to contact Angela at angela0922@sbcglobal.net and let her know you're available!

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Local School News

Willow Wood Junior High Wildcats

The Boys' Willow Wood Junior High Wildcat Basketball teams finished their season on Monday, February 7th, with victories over the Tomball Cougars 7th and 8th grade A and B teams. The season began in November, and the Wildcats showed tremendous growth over the season gaining several victories and claiming consolation prizes in two 7th grade tournaments. The big standout was the 8th grade A team that maintained an undefeated season in District play. The players are looking forward to the opening of the new High School where they can continue the Wildcat winning tradition. Several NorthPointe residents play for the basketball teams, including Matt Metoyer, Tyler Moore, and Sam Twaddle to mention a few.

Canyon Pointe Choir

Canyon Pointe Elementary School HandBell and Vocal Choirs hosted a holiday music concert in December where they showcased a diverse range of songs and celebration. They continue to practice Tuesday and Thursday mornings before school in preparation for their Spring Music Concert and the Fine Arts Festival held by Tomball

ISD. Third and Fourth graders work together in the choirs and are directed by CPES music teachers, Mr. Nolde and Mrs. Heckencamp. Students enjoy this wonderful extra curricular opportunity as they prepare to move into NorthPointe Intermediate.

Tomball Cougar Cheerleaders

Jordan Elmore and her family are residents of the Villages of NorthPointe. She is a cheerleader for Tomball High School and we would like to congratulate Jordan and her Varsity RED Squad for coming home with the 1st Place and GRAND CHAMPION title at their National Competition on January 29th and 30th, 2011 at Reliant Arena. We would also like to congratulate the Varsity WHITE team on their 1st Place National Title win. Way to Go Tomball Cougar Cheerleaders!

Canyon Pointe Recycling

Canyon Pointe Elementary has paper retrieval bins for recycling paper behind the school. The school earns much needed funds from this endeavor and your support is greatly appreciated!

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Events Around Town

Local Resident Performing in "Hairspray"!

Nicholas Merrill, a resident of VNP is performing with HITS Theater in the hit musical "Hairspray" at Miller Outdoor Theater on April 8, 9 and 10th, and again on April 14, 15 and 16th, 2011.

This is a ticketed event for the covered seating area. Free tickets are available (4 per person over age 16 while they last) at the Miller Outdoor Theatre box office the day of the performance between the hours of 10:30am - 1pm. If tickets remain at 1pm, the box office will re-open one hour before show time to distribute the remaining tickets. As always, open seating on the hill! Take a look at their website at <http://www.milleroutdoortheatre.com>.

Nick has performed with HITS Theater in "Fame" and "Into the Woods". As a dancer, Nick performed in Houston Ballet's "The Nutcracker", and "Manon", and in Houston Repertoire Ballet's "The Nutcracker". Nick is in 8th grade at Willow Wood Junior High, where he is president of the Choir and Student Council.

VNP Resident Eagle Scout Project

Sam Merrill, of BSA Troop 1157 is asking for volunteers to help with his Eagle Scout Service Project. The project will be a Spring

Cemetery Clean up at Historic Olivewood Cemetery, and will benefit the Descendants of Olivewood. www.descendantsofolivewood.org. Please consider helping for a couple of hours on either Sat. April 9th, or Saturday, April 16th, 2011. Sam will gladly email you more information, including maps, photos and carpool information. Email: sammerrill56@yahoo.com.

2011 Annual Boy Scout Mulch and Fertilizer Sale

Boy Scout Troop 382 is selling mulch and fertilizer with delivery on March 12th. If you would like to place an order, please call RYAN SACCO at 713-594-7773 or email to Rsacco5@sbcglobal.net for a form. For orders of 12 bags or more combined, they will deliver to your house in the Klein & Gleannloch Farms area. Otherwise, these can be picked up March 12th at 9333 Spring-Cypress Road across from Gleannloch Farms Subdivision.

50# bag of spring fertilizer 15-5-10 is \$21.00. Cedar, Red or Black mulch and landscape mix is \$4.50/2 cu ft bag. Thank you for supporting Troop 382. Visit at www.t382.org.

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The NEW NorthPointe Shockwaves making a SPLASH in spring 2011!



This spring the Villages of NorthPointe will offer a community summer league swim team--the NorthPointe Shockwaves. NP Shockwaves is an NWAL (Northwest Aquatic League) sponsored team and will compete throughout May and June against other area teams. Shockwaves is open to all swimmers 4 through 18 years-old, regardless of previous experience or ability. Our youngest swimmers will need to be "water-safe" as determined by our coaching staff. If concerned about a young swimmer's ability, see our website for helpful information to determine readiness.

5 TOP REASONS TO JOIN THE NEW NORTHPOINTE SHOCKWAVES

(Adapted from <http://sportsgirlsplay.com/5-reasons-to-join-a-summer-swim-team/>)

1. Just about anyone can do it! The only pre-requisite for joining is the ability to swim (in any way) across the pool.
2. Affordable. Summer swim team fees tend to be relatively inexpensive compared to other youth sports. NP Shockwaves 2011 registration fees*

Swimmers ages 4-14 years

- 1st registered swimmer - \$85
- 2nd registered swimmer - \$80
- 3rd registered swimmer - \$75
- 4th + - free

Swimmers ages 15-18 years – FREE

*Non-NorthPointe families will be required to pay an additional \$25 per family membership fee to use NorthPointe facilities during swim season/events.

A \$150 volunteer DEPOSIT per family is also required at registration. Upon completion of family volunteer hours, deposit is returned un-cashed. All youth sports require parent volunteers in order to be successful.

NP Shockwaves does not participate in fundraisers –there are no "hidden" costs. In addition, we offer incentives programs for team sponsorships and new officials. Your child could swim with us for FREE. (See website for details.)

Equipment? You will only need a team swim suit and a pair of goggles to get started.

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The New NorthPointe Shockwaves (Continued from Page 6)

3. Social. It is easy to make friends with kids you train with just about every day! Plus, there's tons of cheering for each other, writing sayings like "eat my bubbles" on each others' backs, and relays! Swimming is a community-centered experience.
4. Fitness. Whether your child plays soccer in the spring, basketball in the winter, or gymnastics all year long, swimming for an hour a day 4-5 days a week improves their overall fitness level. Cross training is excellent for any athlete.
5. Self Esteem. Regardless of the skill level at which your child starts the summer, he or she will improve as the summer progresses. Even children who start the summer afraid to jump off the blocks or swim a length will end the season with ribbons in their hands and smiles on their faces.

Make some memories this summer! Get your kids involved with the new NP Shockwaves swim team and watch them flourish!

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION AT THE NORTHPOINTE CLUBHOUSE

FRIDAY, MARCH 25 6PM-8PM

SATURDAY, APRIL 2 10AM-2PM

For further information, or to register online, visit our website at www.npshockwaves.com.

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