



THE VILLAGES OF *Compass* NORTH POINTE

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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VILLAGES OF NORTHPOINTE HOA

APRIL 2011

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, but subject to change for date conflicts or school events/holidays. Please contact Karen at 281-516-2395 or karenko@sbcglobal.net for more details. The April meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, April 14th at Sally's house, 12838 Northpointe Bend Lane, and we will be discussing *A Reliable Wife* by Robert Goolrick. 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.

- **VNP EASTER EGG HUNT 2011** - Volunteers are needed to help with the Annual Easter Egg Hunt that will be held on Sunday afternoon, April 17th 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 Robyn at robyn6020@yahoo.com and let her know you're available! A separate article gives the details for the event.

- **APRIL PROGRAM!!!** On Monday, April 18th at 7 p.m., the Women's Group will have a guest speaker from CURVES. Kris, the manager/owner, will speak to the group about nutrition and exercise. Come join us at the clubhouse – everyone is welcome!

COMPASS CORNER

By Paul Hicks

Hello again neighbors...I have a new subject to discuss with you this month. At the MUD 281 meeting on March 7th there was extensive discussion on water usage in the district. Apparently due to our soil conditions in this area (too much clay) it requires much more water than normal to keep our lawns lush and green. In addition to that, the water requirements for the greenbelts and esplanades are significant as well. You all will remember the near draught conditions we experienced last summer and during that time our water usage was almost double the norm. As such, MUD 281 in conjunction with WDM and our engineering firm, is conducting a study of our water usage history with a breakdown on homeowner use versus common areas usage. When this study is done we will then begin to work on a conservation plan to work out these issues. Worst case scenario would be that the district in conjunction with surrounding MUD's would have to construct an additional water plant to supply our needs...a very expensive solution both in initial construction

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Chaparral Management Company (<i>HOA Issues</i>).....	281-537-0957
Waste Management (<i>garbage – paid through MUD #281</i>).....	
.....	281-376-8802
Centerpoint Energy (<i>street lights – get 6 digit # off lamp post</i>)	
.....	713-207-2222
Tomball Post Office.....	281-516-0513
Harris County MUD #281 (water and recycling).....	281-376-8802
Harris County Constable Precinct #4.....	281-376-3472
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Willow Wood Junior High.....	281-357-3030
Tomball High School.....	281-357-3220

TAX ENTITIES:

Tomball ISD Tax Office.....	281-357-3100
.....	www.tomballisd.net and follow the link to the Tax Office
MUD #281 & NorthPointe WCID	713-462-8906
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Harris County Appraisal District	713-957-7800
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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 April 5th for the May newsletter. Similarly, the deadline for the June newsletter will be May 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!

If you have any 'funnies' to send for future newsletters from the mouths of your little ones, please send to pamelaferg@comcast.net before the deadline.

- Julia Behrend – 2 ½ yrs old** - Julia do you have to go potty?
- answer 1: "No not today" answer 2: "No I'm dry", answer 3: "No I'll go on Monday".
- Alexis Dunnahoe – 4 yrs old** - While eating dinner, Lexi didn't want to eat what Mom had prepared. Mom said "Starving kids in Africa would love to have this food!" Lexi said, "OK, mom, let's go take it to them RIGHT NOW!"

VNP Third Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Hey parents and kids ages 0-10! The VNP Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 17th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Yes, we are doing things a little bit differently this year. To make it easier on you, you will not have to supply any pre-filled eggs for the event. This year, we will charge an admission per child of \$5.00, however a ticket is required purchased in advance. Your child's admission gets them the following:

- Train ride!!! Yes, their ticket gets them a train ride around one of our beautiful lakes. This will be a great photo opportunity!
- 12 candy-filled eggs
- Chances to win prizes playing games such as bunny bingo, egg races, three-legged races, sack races, cake walk and duckie grabs for the wee ones.

You don't want to miss this. We still need volunteers to help. We can't provide these events without it. Please contact Robyn Clark for tickets or to volunteer at 281-635-4926 or robyn6020@yahoo.com. See you there!

***Tickets must be purchased absolutely no later than April 10th, with no exceptions. We must know how many children for whom to purchase the eggs and prizes in advance.



Compass Corner - (Continued from Cover)

costs and ongoing maintenance. As such, we are looking at alternatives. One of the ideas we are floating is the possibility of xeriscaping the common areas much like The Woodlands has done. This would virtually eliminate the watering needs of the common areas while maintaining the look that defines the Villages of NorthPointe. We are seeking your input in this matter...if you have ideas, please forward them to me at paul@paulhicksrealtor.com and I will take them to the next MUD meeting. Thanks all. Paul.

Oh...did you think I forgot to include something droll this month?...not possible. To wit:

So, these two antennas were getting married. The wedding was great, but the reception was terrible!

Two muffins were sitting in the oven. One turns to the other and says, "Wow it's hot in here!" The other muffin says, "Whoa! A talking muffin!!!" Tell me you didn't laugh!...till next time. Paul



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News from the NEW NorthPointe Shockwaves!

Starting 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.

2011 Registration is HERE!

Registration Dates

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION at the NorthPointe Clubhouse
SATURDAY, APRIL 2 10AM-2PM

(Members of the Shockwaves board will be available to answer questions.)

ONLINE REGISTRATION AVAILABLE MARCH 15 - MAY 6TH at www.npshockwaves.com

See website for all details of costs and swim requirements.

2011 Practice Schedule

All practices/home events are at the NorthPointe community pool.

ROOKIE CAMP - APRIL 14 & 15

AFTER-SCHOOL PRACTICE (April 19th - June 2nd)

Swimmers MUST practice with their assigned age group.

TIME AGE GROUP

4:00-5:00	13 & Up
5:00-5:30	6 & Under
5:30-6:15	7-8
6:00-7:00	9-10
6:45-7:45	11-12

Please try to attend at least 3 sessions each week.

SUMMER SCHEDULE (June 3rd - July 1st)

Swimmers MUST practice with their assigned age group.

TIME	AGE GROUP
7:30-8:30	11 and Up
8:20-9:20	9 & 10
9:10-10:10	7 & 8
10:00-10:30	6 & Under

Please try to attend at least 3 sessions each week.

2011 Swim Schedule

DATE	TIME	EVENT
April 2	10 am - 2 pm	In-person registration at NP Clubhouse
14, 15	4:30 pm - 5 pm	Rookie Camp (<i>New Swimmer Evaluations</i>) 6 & Under

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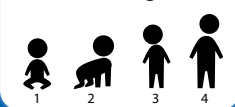


COLIN'S HOPE

Increasing water safety awareness and standards

FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DROWNING

Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death in children ages 1-4



Drowning is the 2nd leading cause of unintentional injury-related death ages 1-14.

DROWNING WILL AFFECT YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW

DROWNING CAN STILL OCCUR EVEN IF YOU KNOW HOW TO SWIM

NO ONE is "drown proof" - no matter their level of swimming ability.

Falls, entrapments, and injuries lead to drowning regardless of swimming level.

A majority of people overestimate their own and their child's ability to swim, especially in a panic event.

DROWNING IS QUICK AND SILENT



Drowning occurs in as little as 2 minutes.



Irreversible brain damage occurs in as little as 4 minutes.



Most children are out of sight or missing for less than 5 minutes and usually in the presence of 1 or both parents.



Most children die who are submerged for as little as 6-10 minutes.

Children who drown do not **scream, splash, or struggle**. They silently slip beneath the water, even with adults & lifeguards present.

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News from NorthPointe Shockwaves (Continued from Page 4)

DATE	TIME	EVENT
14, 15	5 – 5:45 pm	Rookie Camp (<i>New Swimmer Evaluations</i>) 7 & Older

19	<i>See practice times</i>	Regular after-School practice begins
29		Sponsorship Deadline

May

9	5 – 6:30 pm	Team Pictures (Individual Photos)
9	6 pm	Team Pictures (Group Photo)
14		Time Trials at NorthPointe Pool
20	6 – 7:30 pm	Season Kick-Off Pep Rally & Picnic
21		Dual Meet #1 – HOME vs. Lakewood Forest
28		Dual Meet #2 – AWAY vs. Raveneaux

June

3	<i>See practice times</i>	Morning practices begin
4		Dual Meet #3 – HOME vs. Champions Park
11		Dual Meet #4 – AWAY vs. High Meadow Ranch
12, 13		Summer Thunder Invitational Meet
18		Dual Meet #5 – HOME vs. Huntwick

DATE	TIME	EVENT
19		Pentathlon Invitational Meet
24		Divisional Pep Rally
25		DIVISIONALS at TOMBALL H.S. Aquatic Center
Week of 26th		End of Season Awards Banquet – Location TBA

July

1-3		Red, White & Blue Invitational Meet
1-3		Ponderosa Invitational Meet

*We're looking forward to swimming with you!
For further information, or to register online,
visit our website at www.nps shockwaves.com*



**SOMETHING OLD,
SOMETHING NEW...**

Join us for Ladies' Night at Flaherty's as we prepare for the Royal Wedding and learn about the latest wedding and bridal trends.

April 6, 6:00 p.m.
Cypress Showroom
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April 13, 6:00 p.m.
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Events Around Town

Tomball Garden Club Annual Plant Sale

Did your garden/landscaping suffer from the winter weather? Does your garden lack "personality"? If yes, attend the Tomball Garden Club Annual Plant Sale on Saturday, April 9th from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm for replacements and/or additional plants. A wide variety of plants, garden art, bird houses and other garden related items will be available at 305 Market Street, between N. Pine and N. Cherry.

For more information, contact Sheila at 281-356-8504, or Teresa at 281-259-9159. Proceeds benefit garden related community outreach projects.

Tomball Cougar Cheerleaders

We would like to congratulate the Tomball Varsity Cheerleaders who competed in Georgia on February 19th and 20th. They brought home the big prize - their National Championship! Way to go, girls!



Tomball Cougar Cheerleaders

Spring Statesmen Barbershop Chorus

The Spring Statesmen Barbershop Chorus will be presenting their Good Time Show on Saturday, April 9th - Matinee @ 2:00 p.m. (\$10/tickets) and Evening performance @ 7:30 p.m. (\$20/tickets). Location at Christ the Good Shepherd Catholic Church (18511 Klein Church Road, Spring, TX). Call Larry Dresch @ 281-255-9414 for further details.

Cypress Christian School – Local Student Wins Award

Cypress Christian School hosted the TAPPS 3A District 4 Academic/Speech Meet. CCS placed second as a team in the district, swept the Poetry competition, and had three district champions. Sixteen students also qualified in twenty events to continue on to the TAPPS State Competition on April 1-2 at Concordia University in Austin. Our own Villages of NorthPointe resident Amanda Swanton qualified to move to the State Competition by placing in Poetry Interpretation. Congratulations Amanda!

HEALTHY KIDS DAY at Cypress Creek Family YMCA - FREE EVENT!

Saturday, April 16th from 10 am – 1 pm. Join us for FREE, fun, healthy family activities. Activities to include; interactive games,

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information from vendors dedicated to kids health, FUN program demonstrations, FUN prizes and more! Open to the community. Start your day at our 3rd Annual Healthy Kids Day 1 Mile Family Run and Walk at 9 am, advanced registration required.

Cypress Fellowship offers Coupon Class

Learn to save serious money on groceries, at restaurants, and even at clothing stores. The Women's Ministry of Cypress Fellowship will offer a class on "couponing" to the community on Sunday, April 10 2-4 pm. The cost is only \$5 and includes class materials and refreshments! Contact Erica Ryan at eriry3@sbcglobal.net for more information!

Women's Group Speaker from Plants for All Seasons

The VNP Women's Group were excited to have Mr. Victor Flaherty, owner of Plants for All Seasons, to tell us all about some of the latest flowers, shrubs and tree varieties available in our area at our February meeting. He brought many plants to demonstrate their uniqueness and let the women draw for free give-aways. Linda Dempsey was the lucky winner of the Harry Lauder's Walking Stick. None of the women had ever seen this plant previously and it is known for its unusual branching pattern. It was the conversation piece of the evening!

Mr. Flaherty graciously answered many questions regarding problem landscaping, heat resistant plants, as well as the unique soil conditions we have in our area. The women came away from the meeting enthused about spring planting!



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