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## **Neighborhood Watch Corner**

Neighbors... as we move into the Holiday Season, it becomes even more important to stay alert, be prepared, and watch your neighbor's back as well. In recent weeks, there have been some reported breakins of cars and garages as well as attempts on some homes in our area. We are fortunate that this type of activity is limited in Wortham; however we cannot afford to drop our guard.

Our neighborhood, according to Sherriff's department statistics, remains one of the safest neighborhoods in Harris County. And actually, the numbers are even better when you account for the way reporting is done throughout various departments in Harris County. That does not make us immune from occasional less than desired activity. Banding together as a community, we can continue to make a difference.

The best offense against crime is a good defense. Stay aware of your surroundings even when in the comfort of your home and neighborhood. Undesirables are looking for lapses in judgment and the least path of resistance. Many of the break-ins have occurred on unlocked cars, trucks, and garages. So, the first step is to keep your stuff under lock and key. The days of Leave It To Beaver are gone. Lock your doors. If you have an alarm, use it. If you do not currently have an alarm, consider the benefits they afford even reducing your homeowner's insurance. Most alarm companies provide a sign advertising that you are protected by "XYZ Company". This alone can deter criminals from further examination of your home.

Remember, undesirables are looking for the path of least resistance. A locked and alarmed home and/or car often provides enough resistance to move them along in search of an easier target. Our goal as a community is to have a reputation that makes Wortham 'not worth their time'.

Did you know that the Harris County Sherriff's Department has a FREE app that you can download to your smart phone?? It is called "iWatch Harris County". This free application allows you to turn in crime tips to the Sherriff's department using your mobile phone. You can send non-emergency tips via text messaging, anonymous email, or a completed form with attached photos or video. It also has a 911 button.

Armed with immediate access, the excuses are gone. There is no more remembering to call when you get home. You can take a picture and send it to them immediately! See something that isn't right... call, text, or email now. Please do not assume that someone

else has reported it.

When in doubt, always call the Sherriff's department. Not sure if it is an emergency? Call 911. In my opinion, it is better to error on the side of doing too much rather than not enough. After you have reported it to the Sherriff, please drop your block captain, Herman, or me a note so we can stay on top of it as well.

In that vein, if you do not know your block captain or if you don't know your neighbor, please make a point to introduce yourself. Haven't spoken to either in a while? What better time to reconnect than this time of year. There is strength in numbers and the more we know our neighbors and understand is "normal", the easier it is to recognize a problem. As a community, staying alert and staying involved will continue to keep Wortham one of the safest neighborhoods in Harris County regardless of our surroundings.

Shawn and Herman

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## Houston Repertoire Ballet Celebrates 10 Years En Pointe with The Nutcracker

Sell-Out Performances Set For December 10 & 11

Houston Repertoire Ballet (HRB), will be featuring guest artists from two of the world's premiere ballet companies: Jared Matthews, soloist with New York's American Ballet Theatre and HRB alum, and Karina Gonzalez, soloist with the Houston Ballet.

The premier pre-professional ballet company in Northwest Houston proudly presents the 10th annual The Nutcracker performance series. The program attracts and develops some of the finest young dancers in the greater Houston area, with many of the dancers advancing to professional ballet companies throughout the country. HRB graduates can be seen with New York City Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, Miami City Ballet, Pacific Northwest Ballet, Atlanta Ballet, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre and other prestigious companies. The performances will be Saturday, December 10 at 2 pm and 7 pm and Sunday, December 11 at 1 pm and 5 pm at the Tomball High School Auditorium located at 30330 Quinn Road in Tomball. For ticket information, call 281-940-HRB1 (4721) or visit www.hrbdance.org.

The dancers of HRB perform excerpts from each production and make costumed appearances at various nursing homes, libraries,

group events and at Arts & Education performances. Also, HRB brings two matinee performances to Tomball ISD third grade students, fulfilling the arts component of their curriculum. To schedule an outreach event for your organization, call 281-940-HRB1 (4721).

The Houston Repertoire Ballet (HRB) is a non-profit 501(c)(3), founded by Victoria Vittum and Gilbert Rome, both nationally acclaimed teachers and choreographers who served as its co-artistic directors. Today, Ms. Vittum oversees training and programming with an equal eye to serving the needs of the community. Although Mr. Rome is now retired, he maintains his interest and affiliation with HRB, performing as Drosselmeyer in The Nutcracker and as a guest teacher.

Since 1994, HRB has contributed to the cultural fabric of Harris and Montgomery Counties by providing excellent dance training to the area's young ballet stars and dance educators of tomorrow, while also presenting two high-quality productions annually at affordable prices. The Nutcracker and a Spring Program, introduce area children

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#### Houston Repertoire Ballet (Continued from Page 4)

and their families to the world of classical and contemporary ballet. Today, HRB is considered to be the premiere pre-professional ballet company in the Houston region, and is recognized for sharing its gifts with the community and beyond.

The Nutcracker's brilliant blend of costumes, sets and choreography creates a magical storybook world enjoyed by children and adults alike. With a cast of more than 100 HRB dancers and area children, HRB's masterful production is the highlight of the holidays!

HRB's mission is dedicated to providing the finest classical ballet instruction, education and performance experience to local gifted students, and to preparing them for a professional career in the world of dance. HRB also is committed to serving the suburban Houston region with high-quality theatre productions that educate, engage and entertain residents of all ages and perpetuate their appreciation of dance as an art form.

Kaylin Sheppard of Wortham Villages will appear in the Houston Repertoire Ballet's The Nutcracker on Saturday, Dec 10 and Sunday Dec 11.

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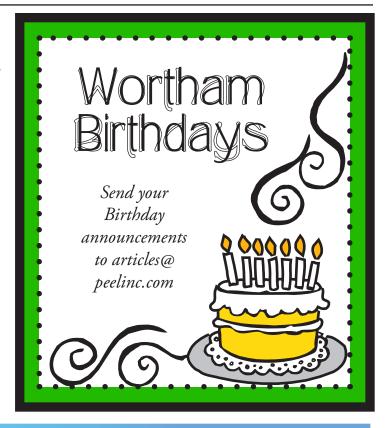


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- ½ C oleo, softened
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 C chopped pecans
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 2 C peeled, finely
- 1 tsp. soda
- chopped apples

Preheat oven to 350°. In large bowl, blend flour, brown sugar, and oleo until crumbly. Stir in pecans. Press 2-3/4 C of the crumbs into an ungreased 9x13 pan. To the remaining mixture, add cinnamon, soda, salt, sour cream, vanilla, and egg, blending well. Stir in apples. Spoon evenly over first layer. Bake 25 - 35 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Cut into squares and serve with whipped cream if desired.



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## FOLLOWING ARE SOMETIPS TO ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD IS RIDING SAFE:

- ALWAYS Buckle Up no matter if the trip is long or just a quick ride into town.
- Keep your child in the back seat at least through age 12.
- The best car seat is the one that fits your child, vehicle and budget.
- Read car seat and vehicle instruction manuals to ensure proper installation.

- Safety seats should move no more than 1" from the car seat's belt path.
- Harnesses should be snug with the retainer clip at chest level.
- Booster seats are highly recommended for fourth to seventh graders who are under 4'9 tall and may not fit the adult seat belt.

Keeping these simple tips in mind may not reduce backseat sibling squabbles, but will help increase peace of mind when it comes to your child's safety.

Texans In Motion is an injury prevention program sponsored by the Trauma Center at Scott & White Healthcare, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation. The program serves 11 Central Texas counties and focuses on child passenger safety. Our mission is to increase child passenger safety restraint use and reduce

the number of deaths and injuries to children in motor vehicle crashes through educational programs, activities and check-up events. Staff is certified under part of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's National Standardized Child Passenger Safety Training Program.

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