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## A Message from the Village Creek HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This past fall the Village Creek Homeowners Association Board of Directors voted to change the property management company to improve the quality of service, reduce the risk of budget increases, and to better the working relationships of the Board, the residents, and the Management Company. After interviewing potential management companies, the Board of Directors selected Preferred Management Services because of their high level of customer service, competitive rates, and ability to serve our homeowners effectively.

Working together with Preferred Management Services over the last three months we have lowered our landscaping contract expenses by 28%, reduced our insurance premium, and paid off our Splash Pad loan. And most importantly we were able to keep our 2012 assessment dues the same as 2011!

Moving forward in 2012 our focus will be on the beautification of common areas, neighborhood improvements and better communication with the residents. Our intent is to use the new website (www.preferredmgt.com/villagecreek ) and our newsletter to communicate official information for our neighborhood. One of our goals is to work towards making the website a community forum and a valued resource - a place where residents can find information, exchange ideas, and post helpful information. We believe in and strive to be a fully transparent Board. In order to maintain this, Preferred Management Services will be the first point of contact when communicating with the Board. This is a common practice with neighborhoods that hire management companies to manage their property to ensure that all information delivered to the community is consistent, reliable, valid, and official.

You as a homeowner are always welcome to the monthly Board meetings to listen to the latest neighborhood updates provided. Or if you would like to discuss an issue with the Board you can send a request to Patti Tine at Preferred Management (patti@preferredmgt. com) to be added to the agenda. Please keep in mind that you have the option to request a meeting with the Board only (without the management company) if you feel it is necessary.

Going forward our new meeting location for the monthly Village Creek Board meetings will be Graceview Baptist Church located at 25510 Hwy 249, Tomball, TX 77375. Please check the website for dates and times of the upcoming Board meetings.

We look forward to working with you and for you as your Village Creek Board of Directors.

> Respectfully yours, Village Creek Board of Directors Tom Brogan - Sharon Gabbert Jeff Lev - Ken McCoy - Richard Moore



### HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY VILLAGE CREEK!

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Willow Creek Elem (K-4).	
Northpointe Int (5-6)	
Willow Wood Jr (7-8)	
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	281-357-3193

#### HOA MGMT

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Fax		
Mailing: P.O. Box 69026		
Village Creek Community Association Website:		
www.preferredmgt.com/v	illagecreek/home.asp	

#### SERVICES

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### NWHMOM

Northwest Houston Mothers of Multiples (NWHMOM) meets at 7PM, the third Thursday of every month, at Event with Elegance, 20320 Northwest Freeway, Suite 900

Houston, Texas 77065 (off 290 at Huffmeister). NWHMOM assists mothers of multiple birth children by lending them support; sharing information and relating experiences of the joys and struggles of raising multiples. We have playgroups for children newborn to school age, as well as weekend playgroups. We celebrate most holidays with family style get togethers and even have adult social gatherings for a night away from the kiddos. We welcome all expectant, newly delivered and seasoned (veteran) mothers of multiples. For more information please visit www.nwhmom.org or just come by one of our meetings! We would love to have you!



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## LANDSCAPE CORNER

Welcome to the Landscape Corner, a monthly column produced by Village Creek's Landscape Committee. Our purpose is to maintain and improve the beauty

of Village Creek's landscaping. Committee members are: Gordon and Sherry Watson, Josh Love, Laura Domangue, Joel Malito and Board Member liaison, Sharon Gabbert. Armed only with the power of suggestion, we will inform Board Members of important landscape issues, and will share information and hints to and from our residents in the Gazette. Information will be provided in a later Gazette explaining how to contact our Committee.

Growing plants and trees in Village Creek can be difficult. We hope by offering our suggestions it might make this task easier. We will also update you with any landscape improvements that have occurred within our development. You might have already noticed the addition of pet waste disposal bags around the lake. *Pet owners:* we appreciate your use of these bags to make everyone's lake experience more enjoyable. Thank you, HOA, for your quick response to our request to level a section of sidewalk near the lake bridge!

Where have all the trees gone? If you have lived in Village Creek for any length of time you probably are already aware that many of our trees have died or are in the process of dying. According to Josh Love, who has worked in the Landscaping business for many years, we are up against difficult conditions. Our heavy clay soil, the compacting of the soil by builders, plus harsh weather all are factors in their demise. One goal of the Landscape Committee is to see that our living trees are taken care of and dead trees are removed and replaced with new ones.

One thing homeowners can do for their trees is fertilize them. There are many ways to fertilize, but for the busy homeowner using fertilizer stakes is an easy way to get nutrients to your trees. Keep the soil around the base of your trees loosened and mulched. Mulch or soil should not touch the tree trunk above horizontal roots. Please continue to remove metal tree stakes around trees that no longer need support.

Until next time, The Village Creek Landscape Committee



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## Northwest Flyers Track Club

The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host two free open house / registration sessions for all middle and high school athletes and their parents interested in joining for the 2012 season. The events will be held on Thursday, April 5, and Friday, April 20, from 7:00 - 8:30 PM at Cypress Creek High School, 9815 Grant Rd., Houston.

The Northwest Flyers is a youth (ages 6 -18) track organization, affiliated with USA Track & Field. The club provides a full program of "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin. It is an excellent "offseason" program for young athletes who currently compete on their middle school or high school track teams.

The club was founded 25 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the northwest Houston area. Last year, the Northwest Flyers sent 62 young athletes to compete at U.S. Junior Olympics National Championships in Wichita, Kansas and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Visit the team website at http://www.northwestflyers.org for registration forms and information prior to the session, or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442, or linette.roach@sbcglobal.net.

### March 23 & 24 Village Creek Neighborhood Garage Sale

The community Garage Sale will be March 23/24. The neighborhood sign will be posted the front of the neighborhood the Wednesday prior to the sale. There is no set time to start and end, each resident can decide for themselves and are responsible for removing any signs they make after the close of their sale. Also, The Salvation Army and Purple Heart provide at home pick-up service for anyone interested in donating remaining items. Contact the organizations for details and to schedule.

> A BIG Thank You to the Gabbert family for volunteering to maintain the Village Creek marquee. They do a great job at keeping the neighbors up to date on events in the neighborhood and community.



## NCMEC

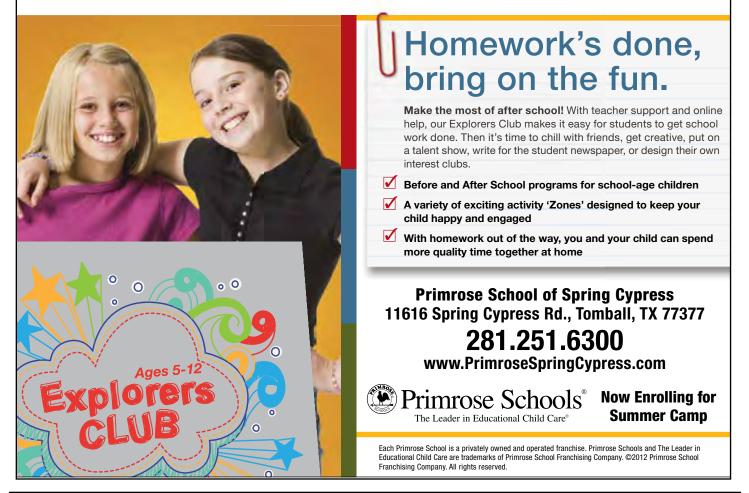
### The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, (NCMEC), is a private, (501)(c)(3) nonprofit organization which was created in 1984. The mission of the organization is to serve as the nation's resource on the issues of missing and sexually exploited children. The organization provides information and resources to law enforcement, parents, children including child victims as well as other professionals. For more information about keeping children safe visit http:// www.missingkids.com. Reports and tips about missing children or crimes against children can be make 24 hours a day, 7 days a week online at the Congressionally-mandated www. cybertipline.com or by calling 1-800-843-5678.

## The Village Gazette ANNUAL EASTER Parade & Egg Hunt

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 31

Spring is near; it's that time of year! The annual Easter parade and egg hunt is on Saturday, March 31. The parade will assemble at the Peddlers Court cul-de-sac and leave around 10:15. So get out your ribbon, streamers, and balloons and decorate your bikes, strollers, wagons and scooters. This will not be a competition, just a chance to add to the parade fun and to see all the Easter colors and flair. And of course, don't forget your Easter bonnet and basket. The parade will be led by the Easter Bunny and will make its way to the clubhouse where an egg hunt will follow. There will be separate egg hunts for ages 0-3, 4-6, and 7-12. After all the eggs are found, families can take pictures with the Easter Bunny and enjoy carnival style activities. So, mark your calendar, you wouldn't want to miss out on all the fun!



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Bianca has started to draw and color using hand-over-hand guidance by her caregivers. She receives occupational, physical and speech therapy at school. She requires 24 hour care and supervision due to her special needs. Bianca needs a family that will take care of her and love her forever.

For more information about Bianca, contact at the Adoption Coalition of Texas at (512) 301-2825 or info@adopttexas.org.

#### WWW.ADOPTIONCOALITION.ORG



#### COPPER CORNERS GIRL SCOUTS GIRL SCOUTS - A BETTER WORLD INSPIRED BY YOU!

Girl Scout troops around the world reach out to communities and inspire others every day. Being a Girl Scout is about changing the world and making it a better place. Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low assembled 18 girls from Savannah, Georgia, on March 12, 1912, for a local Girl Scout meeting, 100 years ago.

#### LEADERSHIP

Juliette believed that all girls should be given the opportunity to develop physically, mentally, and spiritually. She understood that dedicated and dynamic leaders were vital to helping girls develop their full potential. Today, the organization is led by the Chief Executive Officer, National Board of Directors, headquarters staff, and volunteers and professional staff in over 100 local councils across the U.S. With the support, vision, and commitment of these role models, girls have the opportunity to find—and become—leaders in their communities and the world.

Girl Scouts of the USA has a membership of over 3.2 million girls and adults, a significant growth from its modest beginnings nearly a century ago. We invite you to learn about our robust organization and its rich history. From our willingness to tackle important societal issues, to our commitment to diversity and inclusiveness—Girl Scouts is dedicated to every girl, everywhere.

Girl Scouts Counsels challenge girls to reach out into their communities and inspire others every day; they need your help! You don't have to be a Girl Scout. What can you do?

#### Fifth Grade Junior Girl Scout Troop 16176 has offered a few ideas. They continue to work on community service projects and will bridge to the next level, Cadettes, in May.

#### DONATE

Donate toys, books, games, computers, paint, art/craft supplies, clothing, coats, house hold items, furniture and CD's can be donated to day cares, homeless shelters, military troops and families, schools, libraries, churches, YMCA, Club Rewind, neighbors & families in need. Towels, hand towels, newspaper, trash liners, pet care items, can be donated to animal shelters or pet stores around Houston. They are always in desperate need of these items. Google, pet shelters, to find one near you.

#### VOLUNTEER

Volunteer your time at your school by reading or helping students with math or science during your recess break. Volunteer time at a homeless shelter, library, museum, church, summer camps, animal shelter, hospital, art class, reading to others at a day care or retirement home or helping an elderly neighbor or one with younger children. Now is the time to start scheduling summer volunteer jobs.

#### **RECYCLE & CONSERVE**

Recycle paper, plastics, computers and more. Use reusable water bottles and plastic containers. Visit the City of Houston website for recycle centers around Houston. Don't forget to recycle by donating items mentioned above. Conserve Earth's resources, like water, electricity and energy. Work with your school, church and day cares to promote conservation by speaking and/or placing posters in the hallways and/or classrooms.

#### STRESS LESS

Take care of yourself! Relax, read a book, exercise, rest, find a quiet place, turn off the computer, practice Yoga, take a walk, play with your pets or talk to someone about something that is bothering you. You will release stress, be happier and live longer.











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## ORAL HEALTH UPDATE

IT MAY NOT BE "JUST A TOOTHACHE".

Going to the dentist may not be on the top of your To Do list, but if you're experiencing dental pain, a trip to the dentist may be just what you need. If you have a toothache that lasts more than one or two days, you notice swelling around a tooth, bleeding, or experience severe pain or fever, it's time to make an appointment with the dentist as soon as possible. A thorough examination and diagnosis is important to prevent more serious complications to your teeth, jaw, and gums. Dental decay and gum disease are progressive in nature. Early diagnosis is essential to a quicker and easier treatment.

#### THERE ARE SEVERAL CAUSES OF DENTAL PAIN, INCLUDING:

- Tooth decay affecting the enamel and the dentin, or inner layer of the tooth
- Tooth abscess caused by severe tooth decay or a trauma causing an infection at the root of the tooth or between the gum and tooth
- Damage to existing fillings due to pressure from chewing, grinding, or clenching
- Teeth grinding that causes fracturing, loosening, and excessive wear
- A fractured tooth from a traumatic dental injury
- Infected gums as a result of gingivitis or gum disease (periodontitis)



During your exam, your dentist will typically ask about the nature of your dental pain, when it started, and if anything makes it better or worse. Then, your dentist will conduct a physical examination of your mouth, teeth, gums, jaws, tongue, and throat. X-rays and other tests may be recommended, depending on what the dentist suspects is causing your toothache.

Once your dentist has determined the cause of your dental pain, you will be presented with treatment options. If a cavity is causing your pain, a simple filling may do the trick. However, if there is an infection that has spread to the tooth's nerve, a root canal may be necessary. An antibiotic may also be prescribed if you have swelling of the jaw or a fever.

#### **DENTAL PAIN IS PREVENTABLE!**

Because most toothaches are caused by decay, practicing good oral hygiene is the easiest way to prevent dental pain. This includes brushing and flossing every day and visiting your dentist for professional cleanings and checkups on the schedule determined by the Dental Hygienist. In addition, eating a healthy, balanced diet that is low in sugar will not only help you prevent cavities but will improve your body's overall health.

Submitted by Dr. Flury





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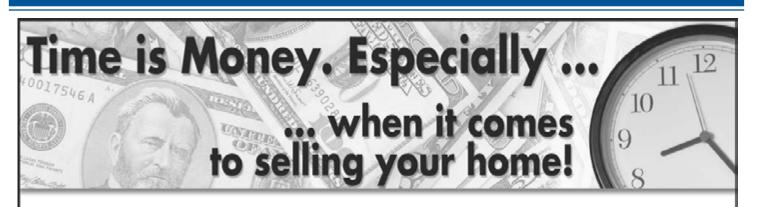
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