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JULY 2012

2012 SOCIAL CALENDAR

Presented by: The Women's Group

Information can change so please check each newsletter, the Yahoo Group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NorthpointeNeighborhood/> and the club house sign.

Bike Parade - July 4th

Please check the Information Board at the Club House for more information. The details were not finalized in time for submission to this month's newsletter.

Fall Garage Sale - October 12th - 13th

Contact Deana Clark
at willowhousedc@gmail.com

Christmas In November

Details TBA - Volunteers needed.

Breakfast with Santa - December 1st

Details TBA - Volunteers needed.

Night of Lights - December

Details TBA - Christmas Light Contest

Cookie Exchange - December

Details TBA - Volunteers needed.

Community Service Project

December - TBA



Healthy Tomball Economy

Tomball's economy is the strongest it has ever been since the recession hit in 2008, a sure sign of this is seen in increasing sales tax revenues and many of the city's top employers are hiring and adding new jobs! A few facts for you... out of the nation's 20 largest metropolitan areas, Houston and Washington DC were the last to hit the recession and Houston has been the first to come out of it (not surprising to the native Houstonians who have lived here through other economical recessions in the past) and Tomball's economy has been reflective of this according to Patrick Jankowski, vice president of research for the greater Houston Partnership. What has helped us gain such a high status in our nation is the strength of our oil and gas industry, the housing market staying pretty stable and last but not least our population growth which has increased the need for health care services. Tomball's top employers are Baker Hughes, the hospital and the school district, this coming from the Executive Director of Tomball's Economic Development Corporation.

As for job growth, the health care industry never lost jobs during the recession based on Jankowski's findings. "There are two main factors influencing the growth in health care—65,000 people are born in this region every year, and the population over 65 grows by 15,000 people every year," Jankowski said. So if you are a nurse and need a job, TRMC has about 40 nursing positions open right now! Tomball College has over 100 students in its nursing programs and are still accepting more this Fall. Because the nursing programs have been to capacity for some time now the college is looking for other ways to expand the number of students in their nursing programs through possible options with clinical sites. It's surprising to hear that the number of student enrollments to Tomball College has increased by about 20% from Fall 2009-2011 partly because of returning adult students mainly just to update their skills which has helped them find new and better jobs over the last few years.

Some of the high demand fields these folks are getting their certifications in are veterinary medicine, residential/commercial electrical and computer networking technology. What I found interesting was the College had such a student population growth that they were taking applications at a job fair they held in order to employ more teachers in several different disciplines from the Arts to Physics! Another interesting morsel of info is TISD is hiring around 40-50 employees because of another school opening in August - Timber Creek Elementary, as well as the additional grade level they will be adding at our beautiful Tomball Memorial High School next year. On top of this TISD has been seeing about a 3%-4% enrollment growth year over year.

It is important to stay ahead of growth for the highest level of attention in education our kids need. Guess who else is hiring...if you guessed Baker Hughes Pressure Pumping

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Tomball High School 281-357-3220
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Technology Center, you are right! Formerly BJ Services, this global company HQ'd here continues to thrive and grow because of the high price of oil and technological innovations which has made it economically possible to drill in untapped reserves and different formations such as the Eagle Ford Shale. Because of the proliferation of hydraulic fracturing in places like the Eagle Ford Shale, the oil and gas industry lost the least amount of jobs and was the first to be able to recover its jobs.

So the other part to this healthy economy Tomball has is from sales tax reaching an all time high as major industries flourish right now. It is up 30% since 2010! Retail is starting to pick up considerably and if you look around you will notice a lot of construction going on. Major chains are opening stores such as Kohl's and Marshalls over the last six months along with new restaurants coming in to the area. In the Tomball Market Place not only do we have Kohl's and Marshalls but we also have Ross, Famous Footwear, Lane Bryant and The Children's Place. This is bringing in another 300 jobs and hundreds of thousands in sales tax revenue to the city. This economic impact is huge and definitely putting Tomball on the map. When you mention you live in Tomball people no longer ask that famous question – Where?

Jessica Rushing, VNP Editor and Realtor

Women's Group Monthly Meeting

(All Villages of Northpointe Women Welcome)

7PM at the Club House on July 16th

We will be discussing the up and coming events.

July Bunco Nights

(All Women of the Villages of Northpointe Welcome!)

Monday July 9th – contact Debbie Parker
at DParker39@att.net

Thursday July 26th – Contact Robyn Clark
at RobynClark613@gmail.com

Villages of Northpointe July Book Club

“The Postmistress” by Sarah Blake for the July book.

It will be at Pam Ferguson's house at 18726 Summercliff Lane
on **Thursday, July 19th at 7 pm.**



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Neighbors, countrymen, partisans, back by popular demand... me. I did my best to run away from the VNP newsletter after five years of fascinating articles (insert sarcasm here) but to my humbled surprise I have been summoned back to the keyboard. Oh the demands of my adoring public!...(well, at least a couple of bored shut-ins who have pulled me back into the fray.) This go 'round I'm thinking that we will shift our focus to all things MUD. Hence the new bylines title "The MUD bath". This connotes either a soothing soaking in life refreshing therapeutic mud...or, a free for all. I'll leave that up to you the reader.

As residents of the MUD district and associated local entities it is incumbent upon us to be involved in our neighborhood. As VNP approaches full build out we are seeing signs of maturity develop. One of those signs is our very own fully fledged swim team. Since we live just across the street from the pool complex, we have been awakened on Saturday mornings by the soothing sounds of LM_AO and Lady Gaga announcing the arrival of goggled youths ready to win "gold". This new team has had its challenges, working out parking issues, logistics, etc... but on the whole it has been a huge success.

This is just the kind of activity that makes our neighborhood desirable to families. As VNP continues to grow, I ask that we all consider the big picture that these kinds of activities affect. Involved parents, neighbors, other close neighborhoods and schools all working together to create a livable milieu. We are in a fantastic location with a host of amenities that many larger master planned communities only dream of. Your patience and support of these activities is critical to our continued success. Finally, I want to thank those two shut-in's (you know who you are!) who dislodged me from my all too brief retirement.

And since they were so persuasive, I will add a trio of punny witticisms for all to chew on...to wit:

I relish the fact that you've mustard the strength to ketchup to me.

I decided that becoming a vegetarian was a missed steak.

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Till next time...Paul Hicks

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Happy Birthday

Brylan Elmore is turning 15 on the 8th of July.
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*We all hope you have a fun filled day
making lots of great memories!*

July Anniversaries

Jason and Julia Brockway are celebrating their
20th Wedding Anniversary on July 25th!
Have a fun loving day filled with happy memories & laughter!

My mother & father, David & Gwyn Vonheeder, are
celebrating their **38th Wedding Anniversary on July 23rd!**
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News from the NorthPointe Shockwaves!



A BIG THANK YOU!

The Shockwaves swim team would like to thank the residents of Villages of NorthPointe for hosting us and being so incredibly supportive of our swimmers! Without your generosity, this swim team would not be possible. This year we have experienced tremendous growth with one of largest 6 and under age group participation ever as well as many teenage swimmers who have returned to the sport for the first time in years. This is such a fun and healthy way for kids to get exercise and be involved with a terrific sport and we are already making exciting plans for next year. Registration for the 2013 season will open in March 2013 and we hope to see more NorthPointe swimmers join and help us grow!



Thanks again to our wonderful neighborhood!
Watch our website, www.npshockwaves.com for more details!

SHOCKWAVES TESTIMONIAL

*"A Love of Swimming,
Fellowship and Exercise"*

Over the past three years since we moved into the neighborhood, every summer we wondered what would possess anyone to wake up at the crack of dawn on a Saturday morning to bare the Texas heat and humidity for swimming. It wasn't until this year when our oldest daughter showed interest in joining the swim team did we realize what an amazing experience we were missing. The Shockwaves swim team has been a joy to be a part of the past couple of months. At a time where children are more likely to be inside playing video games it is nice to see so many out enjoying such a healthy physical and social activity. We have met so many new people and made quite a few new friends in the community that would have never been possible without the fellowship of the swim team. More importantly it is amazing to see so many young children so excited about exercising, competing, and visiting with their friends at the meets. My only wish is that there were more events like this in the neighborhood year around. So on behalf of our family we would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to the neighborhood, instructors, and all of the volunteers which make it possible for there to be a Northpointe Shockwaves swim team. You all are a blessing to the community.

- The Sokol Family, VNP Neighbor



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Look Who Just Retired!



After 38 years of service to the federal government (Federal Aviation Administration), Richard Clark officially retired on Friday, June 1st. He started on March 4, 1974, installing radar equipment and worked up to an Airways Transportation Systems Specialist. Congratulations from your wife and son who are very proud of you.

**Congratulations
Richard from your
VNP Neighbors!**

Villages of Northpointe Kids in the Spot Light

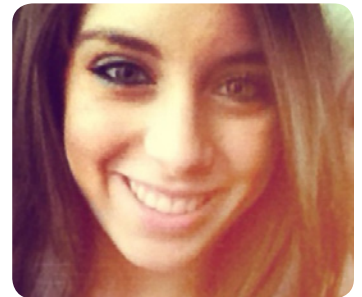
Brylan Elmore, (pictured right) 14, was chosen for the Banditos 15 Houston Showcase Team which will be traveling to Fort Worth (TCU Invitational), College Station (A&M Invitational) and Atlanta, Georgia (Perfect game-Wood Bat) for baseball over the Summer. Proud Dad!

– Andy Elmore



Jordan Elmore tried out and made the Varsity Cheer Team at Tomball High School for the 2nd straight year. To cap it off, she was chosen as next year's Team Captain. Proud Dad!

– Andy Elmore



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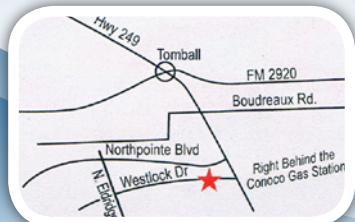


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WELCOME TO TEXAS!

By Kristi Naude – age 14

One of our very own VNP neighbors, The Naude Family's 14 year old daughter wrote this cartoon for her dad on his first trip here to Texas from Canada. This young lady has talent and a funny sense of humor!



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Tomball Memorial High School UIL One Act Play Honors

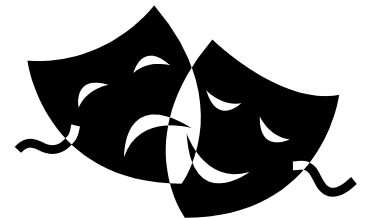
At the end of the last article, they had advanced past Area to District. At District (held in Magnolia), this awesome group of kids earned the following:

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From there they advanced to Regional competition. At the Regional competition in Brenham, they received the following awards:

BEST ACTOR • BEST ACTRESS

Unfortunately they were not selected to advance to State. All in all, a wonderful inaugural year! Your neighbors and family are all very proud of your achievements this year, you have all gone so very far! We can't wait to hear about the awards you will win next year! Have a wonderful Summer!



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"Girls Best Friend" Take Action Journey project by some of Troop 15231. They collected newspapers and requested items for a month from neighbors and local newspaper offices to take to the Abandoned Animal Rescue Shelter in Tomball and visited with the animals. (pictured above)

"National Lemonade Day" - the troop sold lemonade at the clubhouse for 4 hours and collected \$96 that they donated to Texas Children's Hospital. (pictured right)



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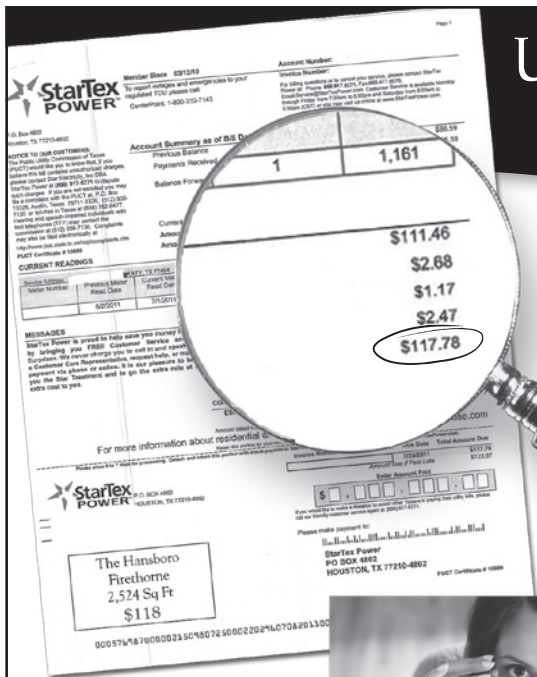
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Fathbridge July 4th Celebration

Our church, Faithbridge, is hosting a 4th of July Celebration. They have put on a pretty awesome firework show in years past that has been recognized in the Houston Chronicle as being one of the best fireworks displays in town. It's definitely family friendly and best of all FREE.

Join us for our annual family-friendly fireworks celebrations! Celebrate Freedom is our gift to the community to celebrate our country and to welcome people to our campus. Come early for food, festivities and live music. Stay for one of Houston's best fireworks productions -- all for free!

Everyone is welcome, so bring your whole family with you. Feel free to bring your lawn chair or blanket, but please keep coolers, fireworks and pets at home

In order to provide enough space for all the on-campus fun, all parking is off-site only. We've secured plenty of event parking at both Klein HS and Klein Collins HS. Air conditioned shuttle buses will run from the remote lots from 6:30-8:45. Return shuttle buses will start immediately following the fireworks grande finale!

Learn more at www.faithbridge.org/july4

Brian and Diane Whitney - Villages of Northpointe Neighbors

Lakewood United Methodist Church FREE CONCERT

JULY 8, 2012 AT 5:00PM

Mr. Ken Medema will be performing a musical concert of happy, family music guaranteed to bring a smile to your face. The concert features Mr. Medema accompanied by the Lakewood Chancel Choir. The music is for the whole family. Mr. Medema has been blind since birth but performs his own compositions. He has over 100 performances a year in universities and at corporate events. The date is set at July 8, 2012 at 5:00PM. Open to the public. No tickets are required. The price is right (FREE). The concert will be performed at the Lakewood United Methodist Church, 11330 Louetta Road, Houston TX 77070. Mark your calendar!

Carol, Villages of Northpointe Neighbor

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GARDENING TIPS FOR JULY

Look at your Azaleas to see if they are getting enough sun during July and August when they are setting their buds. High branches are okay, lower ones will inhibit flowering. Water well. Water bulbs with greenery showing. Some perennials go dormant now through August, such as Columbines, Maiden Hair Fern and Amaryllis. Don't give up on them. Mulch helps retain moisture and keeps soil cooler. It needs to be replenished from time to time, especially as it gets hotter.

Cut off rolled up Cannas Leaf at the base and destroy it to kill the insect larva inside. It's normal for Oleander leaves to yellow and drop off at this time of year. Except for vegetables, it's too hot for serious fertilizing. July is the last month to plant vegetables like Egg Plant, Tomatoes and Peppers. Prepare beds for fall vegetable garden to be planted in late August and September. Seeds can be started in flats. Try Ornamental Okra in areas that receive lots of sun. A relative of the Okra vegetable plant growing only 2ft tall with beautiful red flowers.

Hummingbirds will be arriving late this month looking for plentiful nectar-rich blooms from Tropical Salvias. Pinch tips of Annual Salvia, Begonias, Coleus, Copper Plant, Impatiens, Petunias, and other multi-branched annuals to encourage flowering. Scarlet Begonias are the only Begonias that can be planted in Full Sun. Don't over water Copper Plant, Gomphrena Melapodium, Moss Rose, Purslane, Vinca, Zinnias, or other drought tolerant summer colors.

DO NOT WATER BETWEEN 8:30AM – 4:30pm!

You will burn your grass and your flowers. Make sure and water in cycles. Each section should get 20min of watering at a time and if your garden and grass need another drink wait an hour and do it again.

- **July 01 -Oct 01, 2012 - Chisholm Trail Steak Challenge** - Decatur, Texas - Joe Wheeler Park Road Festival will include sampling appetizers, desserts and steaks from each cook team. Estimated attendees-2500; 214-683-1766
- **July 03 Cowboy Capital Opry** – Bandera, TX - Grand Old Opry Style Entertainment at the Silver Sage Corral Senior Center beginning at 7:00 PM hosted by Gerry and Harriet Payne. Refreshments and Door Prizes. \$5.00 Adults; \$12 Family. 830-796-4969
- **July 4th – HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!**
 - **VILLAGES OF NORTHPOINTE BIKE PARADE**
Watch Info Board at the Pool for details.
 - **Tomball 4th of July Celebration** starts at sun down.
Watch the Tomball website <http://www.ci.tomball.tx.us/>
 - **Faithbridge 4th of July Celebration** – SEE NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS
 - **Freedom Over Texas** - a fireworks extravaganza set to a perfectly timed bed of patriot and current musical selections. Eleanor Tinsley Park on Buffalo Bayou. 6 hour event.
- **July 7th – July 8th Bandera TX Rodeo** - free for kids 5 & under Weekly rodeo at the BR Lighting Ranch featuring bull riding, steer riding, calf roping, barrel racing, mutton busting, and more, plus high-diving aqua mules. Call Jerry to enter 830-796-0031. 818 FM 1283 Pipe Creek, TX 78063 830-535-4096
- **July 09 To July 11 Taste of Dallas** - Dallas TX Taste of Dallas is readying it's biggest event ever to celebrate it's 25th anniversary. The best chefs, restaurants, artists, sports teams, kids' activities and bands in North Texas are gearing up for the biggest Taste yet in Dallas' own Fair Park
- **July 11th 9am-12:30pm – The Arbor Gate** - Have your child join us for a morning of fun and gardening where they will learn about attracting birds to their back yard and which birds might nest in a birdhouse gourd! Each child will paint and decorate a birdhouse gourd to take home, learn about growing gourds, pumpkins and squash, and take home seeds for planting! Plus play fun games and enjoy a picnic lunch! 9:00am-12:30pm Ages 6-12 min: 10 children / max 18 Fee (space is limited) - \$50 per child (includes supplies) What to bring: Water, A sack lunch and drink for a picnic under the tent!, This is an outdoor camp so please send your child with sunscreen and comfortable clothing.
- **July 12th – 28th Ringling Bros. & Barnum and Bailey Circus** - Phone: 713-629-3700 an extraordinary show in store for this edition of The Greatest Show On Earth! This Circus will take you on a journey filled with imagination, dreams come true and circus-sized spectacles. Packed full of surprises, this performance breaks circus tradition with high-speed action, cutting-edge technology, and an interactive adventure that is sure to keep you talking for generation
- **July 14 -July 15, 2012 - Eagle Ford Bash** - Pleasanton , Texas - 101748 IH 37 - Kevin Fowler, Charlie Robison, JB and the Moonshine Band, Sammy Fox and the Intervention Estimated attendees-5000; 325-665-5899
- **July 14, 2012 - Parker County Peach Festival** - Weatherford, Texas - Historic Courthouse Square 200+ art, craft, food and produce vendors, live entertainment, lots of peachy Estimated attendees-35000; 888-594-3801
- **July 26 -July 28, 2012 Great Texas Mosquito Festival** - Clute, Texas 32nd Annual, Entertainment nightly, Arts & Crafts, Food, Carnival and many events. Estimated attendees-13000; 800-371-2971



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