

# NORMANDY FOREST

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Thank you to all of our families for participating in our National Night Out Event held at our park on October 2nd.

We had over 437 residents attend! We are so thankful for all the volunteers who worked so hard to make it possible, Thank you!

We also would like to thank our local Volunteer Firefighters from station # 75 for coming out and taking pictures with residents as well as showing off their engine.

Most of all we would like to extend a big thank you to our own, Officer Chris Wilkerson who is always vigilant in keeping our neighborhood safe and for spending the evening with us, taking pictures as well as sharing ways to make a safer community for all of us. I look forward to our next event."

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## HOUSTON F-BODY



*Come join us...*

Houston-F-Body's First Anniversary is coming up soon, so to celebrate we are going to have our biggest and best meet ever!

When: Saturday, November 17th, 2012 2:00-6:30

Where: Tom Bass Park, Pavilion #5, at the Sam Houston Tollway and 288

<http://hcf1.net/Portals/0/ParkMaps/TBassIII.pdf>

There will be food, prizes, lots of F-Bodies and more!  
There is parking for about 70 cars, two BIG BBQ pits, bathrooms, a playground and plenty of room to bring the whole family.

There will be a small admission fee of \$10 (\$15 on site) to reserve your registration. Please send your donations via PayPal to: [PayPal@Houston-F-Body.org](mailto:PayPal@Houston-F-Body.org).  
(Please mark it as a gift.)

One paid admission entitles you to enter one car in the car show and receive two raffle tickets and two food tickets.

We will provide food (Burgers, dogs and soda) to those who register. If you would like to bring something else, there will be an additional BBQ pit available.

*Come and be a part of HFB History!*

## Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club Registration on February 2nd

The Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club will celebrate its 26th Anniversary Season by hosting its annual free information / registration breakfast on Saturday, February 2nd, 2013, for all boys, girls and their parents who are interested in joining for the 2013 track season. The breakfast starts promptly at 8:30 AM at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center Forum located at 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX, 77379.

The free breakfast is the opportunity for youth athletes to register for the club's 2013 spring/summer track season, and to meet the Northwest Flyers coaches, staff, and other new and returning athletes. The event will be highlighted by a special presentation from a member of the USA Track & Field Olympic organization. All new parents and athletes interested in joining the Northwest Flyers must attend.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a youth (ages 6 -18) track club, affiliated with USA Track & Field (USATF), that provides a full program of sanctioned "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and sanctioned "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put, discus and javelin. The Northwest Flyers has approximately 285 members. The club was founded 26 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the Northwest Houston area.

The Northwest Flyers is a member of the "Win with Integrity" program, a partnership between USATF and the American College of Sports Medicine. "Win with Integrity" brings elite track & field athletes and school-aged kids together to promote healthy lifestyles, keeping active, and living with integrity through the sport of track & field.

For additional information on the Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org> or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442 or [linette.roach@sbcglobal.net](mailto:linette.roach@sbcglobal.net).

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## Importance Of A Home Heat System Check Up

After having been in the AC and heating business locally for over 20 years, I have noticed that homeowners jump to get their cooling systems checked out in the summer, but are less likely to have the heating system checked. The truth is that although cooling systems check ups can help the efficiency and lifespan of a cooling system, heat system check ups can also prevent health, fire and safety issues. Some folks believe that they use the heater so little, that it must be fine. It is a machine though. If you had your car in storage for 8 months, would you jump into it and drive across state without checking it out?

Modern homes have heat generated from electric heat elements, gas furnaces, or sometimes heat pumps, which are air conditioners that essentially run in reverse to heat in winter. In our area, gas furnace heat is by far the most popular, and economical heat source. If your home has gas service to it, you are 95% sure to have a gas furnace. Electric heaters have elements that glow red hot. Both require all safeties in operation, and all mechanical systems in proper order. Both systems can produce temperatures high enough to start a fire. Heat pumps do not produce high temperatures, but do not work well at lower outdoor temperatures, and are "backed up" with the same electrical heat elements as a straight electric heater.

Gas furnaces are safe and effective if installed properly, but can force dangerous combustion gases into your home if the heat exchanger has failed, or the vent system is damaged, or incorrect. If you had your home re-roofed, there is a good chance the vent through the roof has been jostled out of place. The gas line should be checked for leaks, and the burner flame adjusted. All safety cut-offs must be operating.

Electric heats consist of multiple elements, and each has a set of safeties. The elements and safeties must be checked. You also may be running on 2/3 or 1/3 capacity, and not know it until the first really cold day when it can't keep up! Sometimes the relays stick on, and the elements stay running even when turned off. They glow red, will shut off on an over limit safety and cool down until the safety kicks it on again. Temperatures can exceed points of combustion for paper or wood.

The safety check up is inexpensive, and must be done by a licensed contractor. A small price to pay for the comfort and assurance that you are in good shape for our brief heating season. Don't wait until the first cold day, when all the contractors are getting calls endlessly from those whose units won't heat at all. Too late by then!

PS. If your heat or AC suddenly quit the same day you were in the attic (I.E. getting Christmas decorations) there is a good chance you turned off the furnace by accident on the way out. The furnace power is usually on a regular light switch in the attic, that only sometimes is labeled. Check it before you call a service company!

## Ways to Add Curb Appeal



If your home's curb appeal makes a great first impression, everyone -- including potential homebuyers -- will want to see what's inside. Check out these simple, low-cost improvements that you can do in a day, a week, or a month.

### Replace old hardware

House numbers, the entry door lockset, a wall-mounted mailbox, and an overhead light fixture are all elements that can add style and interest to your home's exterior. If they're out of date or dingy, your home may not be conveying the aesthetic you think it is. These elements add the most appeal when they function collectively, rather than as mix-and-match pieces. Oiled-bronze finishes suit traditional homes, while brushed nickel suits more contemporary ones.



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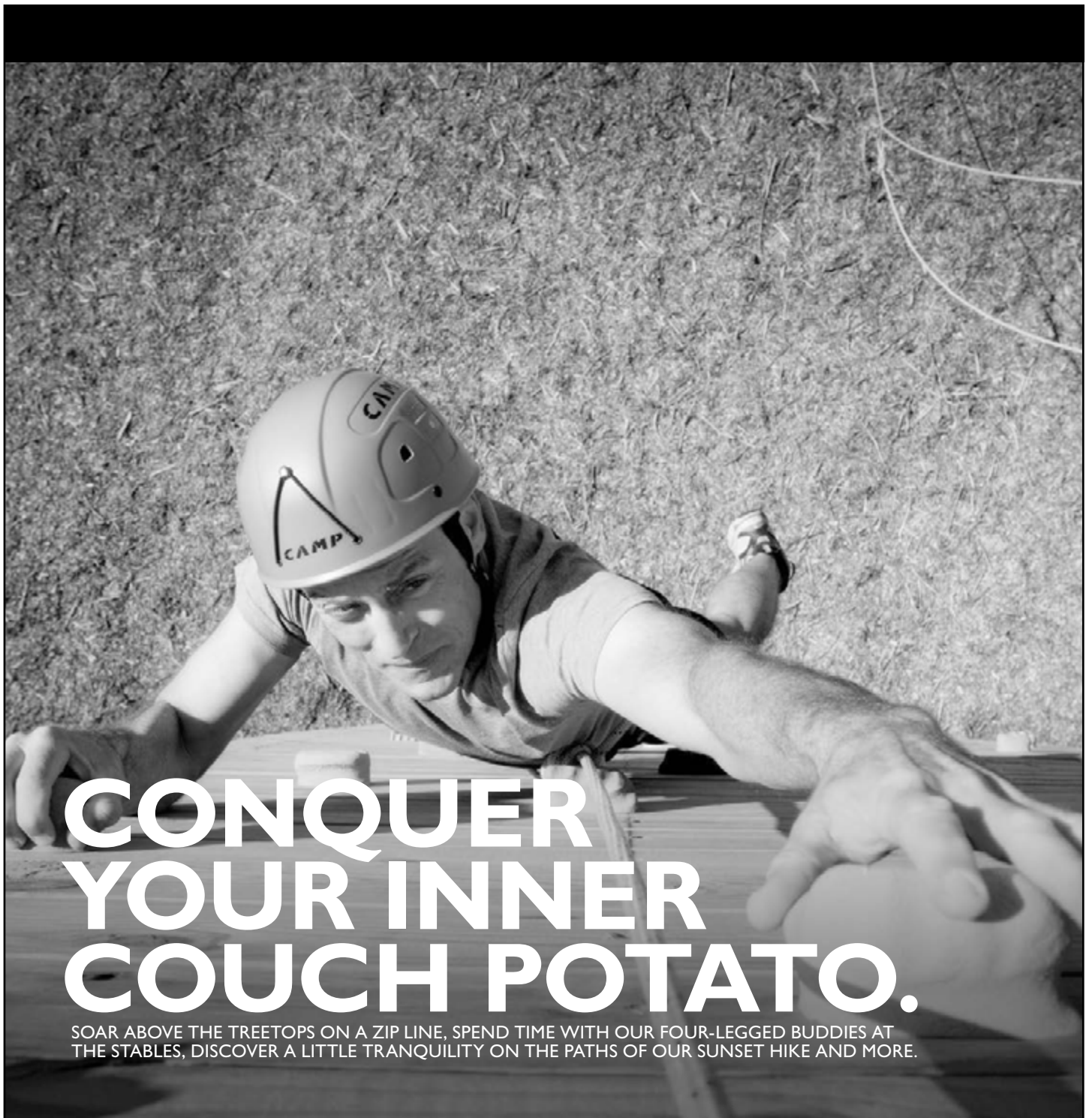
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## Zoning in Klein ISD

Klein ISD typically realigns attendance boundaries when a new campus opens.

Occasionally there is a need to rezone during a year when there is not a campus opening. This could occur when one or more campuses are overcapacity and others nearby are under capacity.

### **ZONING PROCESS:**

#### **Zoning Committees**

The district welcomes community input when planning new zones and wants the community to be informed every step of the way. In the fall prior to the year a new campus opens, a committee of parents, community members, teachers, principals, central office and administrative staff is formed and meets on multiple occasions. These meetings are always open to the public.

#### **Creating New Attendance Zones**

The process for creating new attendance zones is driven by data related to new home construction, campus growth, and other trends. We then use this data to develop multiple scenarios for committee consideration. The committee typically has additional ideas for scenarios that are then created and studied at subsequent meetings.

#### **Online Comments and Zoning Forum**

At the December Board meeting, district administration presents a report on the zoning process and shows the draft proposal to the Board of Trustees. The draft zoning proposal is then posted online for public review and comment. Additionally, a zoning forum is held in January for parents to meet with district administrators regarding the draft zoning proposal, ask questions and make comments regarding the plan.

#### **Board Approval**

After reviewing the online dialogue, all community input is reviewed and administration may revise the draft proposal as best fits district needs. This final preferred zoning plan is then recommended for approval at the February Board meeting.

#### **Other Zoning Scenarios**

Occasionally there is a need to rezone during a year when there is not a campus opening. This could occur when one or more campuses are overcapacity and others nearby are under capacity. The zoning process would be similar to when a new campus opens. High school rezoning follows the same process, but may occur on a different timeline to give families more advanced notice due to University Interscholastic League (UIL) regulations, extracurricular activities and other matters involved.

## Klein ISD News For November Newsletters

Please consider the following Klein ISD news items for publication in your November neighborhood newsletters. You can also find more in the "In the News" section of the district's website, [www.kleinisd.net](http://www.kleinisd.net).

### **2013 National Merit Semifinalists Announced**

The Klein ISD had seven high school students named to the 2013 National Merit Semifinalists list by the National Merit Scholarship Program. In its 58th year of the program, approximately 16,000 high school seniors will compete for nearly 8,300 National Merit Scholarships announced in the spring of 2013. The 2013 Klein ISD semifinalists are: Wesley Cossick, Diana Evans, Matthew Shirk (Klein High); Matthew Ching and Ryan Fahmy (Klein Collins); and Lauren Beccue and Hira Chaudhary (Klein Oak).

### **Klein ISD Students Excel on ACT Exam in 2012**

Students across Texas are now taking the ACT college admissions test in record numbers, and the same holds true for Klein ISD students. The Klein ISD graduating class of 2012 had 77 more students, 858 total, who chose to take the ACT than did the previous class. Studies show that when more students take a national test that scores typically tend to drop, but this was not the case for Klein ISD students. The composite score for the district was 22.9, which surpassed the state mark by 2.1 points and the national average by 1.8. Additionally, Klein ISD students exceeded state scores in English, math, reading and science by at least two points. For more of the story, [click here](#).

### **Class of 2012 SAT Scores Above Average in Reading and Math**

The Klein ISD Class of 2012 maintained a strong showing in the latest release of the SAT data by the College Board. Of the 1,995 who took the exam, Klein ISD students scored above the state and national average in critical reading (497 points) and math (527 points), and above the state mean in writing (476 points). In fact, the district saw a three-point increase in math from last year, and surpassed the national mean of 514 in math by 13 points. To read more, [visit here](#).

### **Klein ISD Offers a 2nd Chance for High School Dropouts**

Klein ISD staff members, administrators, Superintendent Dr. Jim Cain, counselors and community volunteers joined together for the annual Reach Out to Dropouts Walk sponsored by the City of Houston. For the fourth year in the district, 64 volunteers went door-to-door to nearly 77 homes to provide high school dropouts a second chance at earning a diploma. As a result of the walk, 11 students committed to returning to school or to participate in the Klein ISD 2nd Chance program. For more of the story, [click here](#).

### **Board of Trustees Named 2012 TASA Honor Board**

Five school boards from across the state were selected on Aug. 31, 2012, as Honor School Boards in the Texas Association of School Administrators' (TASA) annual School Board Awards Program. For the first time since 1996, the Klein ISD Board of Trustees was among the prestigious list.

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