



# THE VILLAGES OF *Compass* NORTH POINTE

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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VILLAGES OF NORTHPOINTE HOA

JULY 2013

## 2013 Social Calendar

### 5TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

A SUCCESS!!! -- Contact Diane Whitney b.d.whitney@sbcglobal.net To help out next year or for questions and suggestions!

### SPRING GARAGE SALE

Contact Events Coordinator Karen Webster karengo@sbcglobal.net To help out next year or for questions and suggestions! A BIG Thanks to Patti Ardoin who put it together this year!

### ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Pool passes were handed out for 2013 -- Brought to you by our VNP Women's Club! To Volunteer Contact Events Coordinator Karen Webster, karengo@sbcglobal.net

### BIKE PARADE

**July 4th** -- Brought to you by our VNP Women's Club! To Volunteer Contact Events Coordinator Karen Webster, karengo@sbcglobal.net. Article inside the newsletter! Starts at 9:30am and we meet at the clubhouse!

### FALL GARAGE SALE

**October 9th** -- Brought to you by our VNP Women's Club! Contact Events Coordinator Karen Webster, karengo@sbcglobal.net

### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

**December 7th** -- Brought to you by our VNP Women's Club! To Volunteer Contact Events Coordinator Karen Webster, karengo@sbcglobal.net

### CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST

**December 6th - 9th** -- Winners will be mentioned in the Newsletter for January! To expand categories I am taking donations for gift baskets throughout the year starting NOW! Brought to you by VNP Compass Editor Jessica Rushing, vnpcompasseditor@gmail.com

### NIGHT OF THE CAROLERS

**December 7th** -- Sign up to have carolers come sing for you or to sing with us! Brought to you by VNP Compass Editor Jessica Rushing, vnpcompasseditor@gmail.com

### COOKIE EXCHANGE

December TBA

### COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

December TBA -- Brought to you by our VNP Women's Club! Contact Events Coordinator Karen Webster karengo@sbcglobal.net



## 4TH OF JULY BIKE PARADE

It is time for our fun annual July 4th Bike Parade! We will be meeting at the VNP clubhouse at 9:30am. Make this a fun time and decorate your bikes, trykes and person(s) with as much patriotic stuff you can find, there will also be balloons provided at the clubhouse! The parade will be lead by a fire truck like previous years. We will have snacks after the parade is over. We look forward to seeing you out there!

*The VNP Women's Group*

## Friendly Neighbors

I have been asked to write an article on how dangerous the toy guns are being used by several of our VNP kids. They are so much fun, I have a son as well and he loves them but there is a time and place for playing with these types of toys no matter how old your child is. Without stating the laws, please remember if you have them on your property you can't shoot into

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# THE COMPASS

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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### *Neighbors (Continued from Cover Page)*

someone else's yard/backyard etc. and these guns should be used only with adult supervision if your child is under the age of 18. Deputy Miller has explained to me that even pellet guns are considered a weapon and shooting through the fence at any animal is considered animal cruelty abuse which is committing a crime. Aiming it towards another or another's property is intent to harm which is also committing a crime. There have also been reports of children driving into yards and damaging trees, which falls under reckless driving and property damage which is also committing a crime. While any neighbor would hate to have to call the police on another neighbor's children, there are consequences to all actions. In some cases a few parents have been made aware of this but the children continued to disrespect and harm the neighbor's property. Next time, your child may be caught on camera, Deputy Miller has expressed to VNP neighbors to get video or photos anytime you are a witness to a crime being committed and to always call in when these things are happening. It is not right and respect comes in all forms and fashions. So again, thank you for your ear, we should all be friendly to our neighbors.



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## CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST DONATIONS

Hi everyone, we are expanding Christmas light categories for the contest this year so we need donations for prizes! A list of items are below and really anything you can think of which you might like in a gift basket or gift bag, donate it! I will be taking perishable items starting in November around Thanksgiving. If you or anyone you know owns a restaurant a discount coupon would be a great prize! E-mail Jessica at : [vnpcompasseditor@gmail.com](mailto:vnpcompasseditor@gmail.com) if you have items and I will arrange to pick them up from you or you can drop them by my house. Thank you for all of your support and for anything you can donate!

- Wine
- Cokes
- Popcorn
- Movie tickets
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- Summer sausage
- Bbq items
- Coffee Itemsj
- Tea Items
- Gift Cards
- Discount Coupons (make sure expiration dates are Jan 2014 or later if possible)
- Candles
- Bath items (salts, scrubs etc..)
- Snacks of any kind like pretzels, peanuts, chips, dips, cheese etc. . .



## Happy Anniversary June and July

Anniversaries are so very important! They mark the time spent with each other through thick and thin. They prove marriage is a blessed and wonderful gift. I want to apologize to David and Sharon Tinney for forgetting to put their announcement in the newsletter because it is that important and its important to me, your news and celebrations get noticed. So....

**Happy Anniversary** of 34 years on June 1st to a beautiful couple, David and Sharon! I hope you have another amazing year together full of health, spirit, love, and many celebrations, oh and of course friendship! VNP neighbors please join me in congratulating their 34 years of love!

**Happy Anniversary** mom and dad! 37 years on July 21st! You both have shown me what it means to be married and love one another so much. No one ever said marriage was a piece of cake but you guys sure make it look like it is! Love, Jessica, Sean, Ashton and Allydia!



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## CELEBRATE FREEDOM

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Neighbors – You are invited to join us at our home church of Faithbridge on July 4th for Celebrate Freedom. Come and enjoy a family-friendly event including food, games, moonwalks, face painting, live music by Buzz and the Blue Cats, a trackless train, gyroscope, giveaways and one of Houston's best firework shows. Parking is offsite located at both Klein and Klein Collins High Schools. Shuttles will begin running around 6:30pm. The firework show begins at 9:15pm. Shuttles will begin running promptly following the finale returning guests back to the parking lots.

The Celebrate Freedom event is Faithbridge's gift to the community to celebrate our country and to welcome people on our campus. It's all FREE - that's right, we don't charge a single cent, because we want to bless you!

Hope to see you there.

*Sincerely,*

*The Whitney Family*

*(Brian, Diane, Lance & Felicia)*

## SIMPLY SEEKING

- **Dog Sitting:** for anyone seeking a vacation without the family pet/s call me I am a trustworthy pet sitter here in the Villages of Northpointe. Hery Hetze 832 216 8132, [Hery.Hetze@hp.com](mailto:Hery.Hetze@hp.com)
- **SHALOM!** Hi Jewish Community. Let's get connected! To share Shabbat dinners...Chanukah parties...Passover Seders...or simply get together! Interested? E-mail us at [info@shalomcypress.org](mailto:info@shalomcypress.org). Or visit our website at [www.shalomcypress.org](http://www.shalomcypress.org)
- **Poker Anyone?:** Are there any VNP regular home games in that could use another player? Mainly Texas Hold'em, tourneys or cash games. Omaha is ok too. If so I would like to join in Rick Naremore [rsnaremore@hotmail.com](mailto:rsnaremore@hotmail.com)
- **Poker Tournament:** Texas Hold-Em' tournament every other Thursday to join call Jack..281-744-8636..or Don 281-256-8711
- **Senior Care:** for anyone seeking a "break" from their senior care responsibilities (if only for an hour to shop or attend Church, or for a day or evening out, or longer). I have a very flexible schedule as I am retired from a Human Resources position I held for 26 years and live in VNP. Contact Geri Ridley [geriridley694@yahoo.com](mailto:geriridley694@yahoo.com)

*If you need to change or remove any of your 'simply seeking' personals please contact the Compass Editor, Jessica Rushing, [vnpcompasseditor@gmail.com](mailto:vnpcompasseditor@gmail.com)*

## DROWNING IS PREVENTABLE



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**Ongoing:** Volunteers needed to distribute water safety packets [info@colinshope.org](mailto:info@colinshope.org)

**Ongoing:** Colin's Hope Athlete Ambassadors needed! <http://www.tinych.org/signup>

**July 21:** Colin's Hope Kids Got2Swim Pure Austin Quarry Lake. <http://www.tinych.org/got2swim>

**August 29:** Colin's Hope Got2Swim Lake Austin 10K/10 miler. <http://www.tinych.org/got2swim>

**September 8:** 5th Annual Colin's Hope Kids Triathlon <http://www.tinych.org/KidsTri>



ALERT: 18 Texas children have already drowned this year!

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**FOR SALE:** Player Piano and Antique Piano Bench \$200: comes with an assortment of piano rolls. close to 100 years old. It is in need of repair, but all the parts are readily available. Buyer is responsible for moving the piano. I will be happy to lend some muscle to assist in the move. Contact Maynard Sawyer at 832-534-8431 maynardlsawyer@yahoo.com

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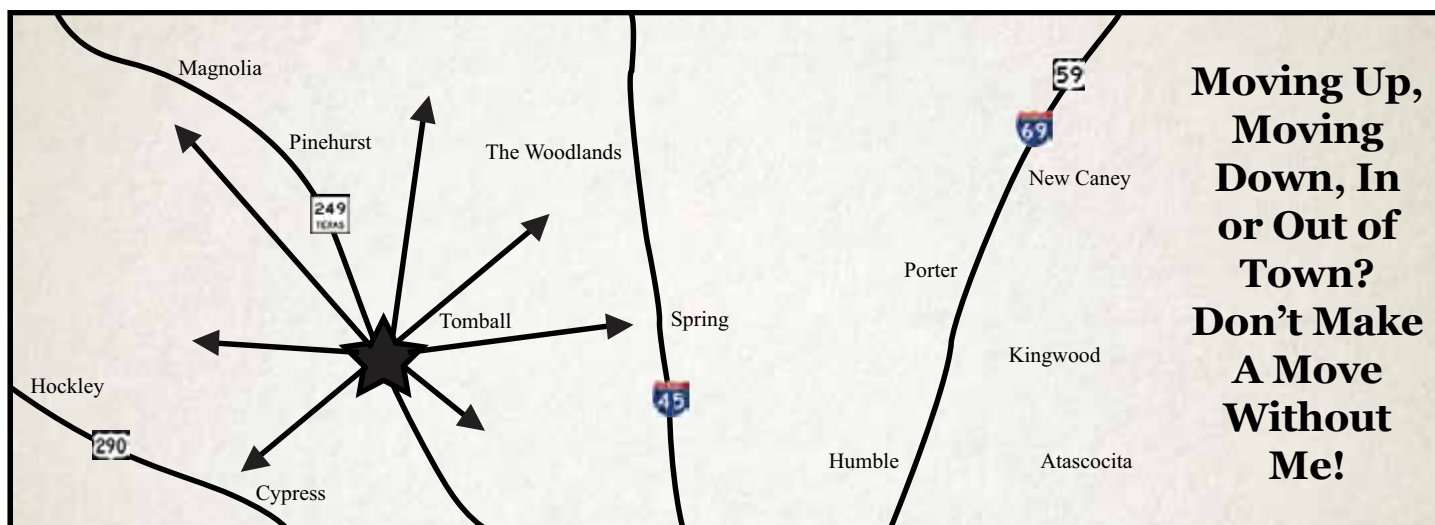
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*In Our Cypress-Fairbanks Isd Schools*

### WHAT IS BUS BUDDIES?

Bus Buddies is a partnership between the Cy-Fair community and Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District to provide assistance to elementary students helping them get off the bus at the correct location. The program requires one "Bus Buddy" per elementary bus the first three days of school.

The approximate time commitment is from 2:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. on August 26, 27 and 28. You may choose to volunteer one, two or all three days. Your job is to simply assist the bus driver with making sure the children get off the bus at their correct stops.

### WHAT IS REQUIRED?

- (1) Attend one of the training sessions, if not previously trained.
- (2) Arrive and sign in at your assigned school where campus staff will assist you.
- (3) Enjoy helping the kids and driver!

### WHEN AND WHERE IS THE 1 HOUR TRAINING?

Training is held at our Berry Center located at 8877 Barker Cypress

Rd., Cypress, TX.


August 19th - 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

August 20th - 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (evening session)

August 21st - 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

The Partners in Education (PIE) department is looking for the same strong Bus Buddy support we have enjoyed in the past. Making sure that all of our elementary children get off the bus at the correct stop is an important responsibility. The Bus Buddy Program requires 400+ volunteers in the Cy-Fair community to ride buses to assist the nearly 9000 elementary riders and their drivers. We do encourage all Bus Buddy volunteers to wear a shirt indicating the business or organization they are representing so that our employees, parents, and the community will be aware of your organization's support of CFISD. Volunteers wear many hats! We are asking YOU to wear the very important "Bus Buddy Hat" and support our number one priority goal – the safety and security of our students! Please ... Register for a training session and choose your school by visiting <http://www.cfisd.net> and selecting "Bus Buddies". For additional information about the program, please contact the CFISD Partners in Education Department at 281-894-3949.

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## It Really is a Small World After All

By Vicki Milana

This past school year has been an eventful one for twenty-two Houston area Ayusa families. In August 2012, these families opened their hearts and their homes to foreign exchange students from around the world. During the 2012-2013 school year, we had eleven countries represented in our area, some of the countries included were Germany, Brazil, Italy, Lebanon, China, Japan and Tunisia. The Ayusa foreign exchange student program is a great way to enrich not only the lives of your family members, but that of the folks in your community and the student themselves. "Both my wife and I have been hosting for the past five years and have enjoyed every minute of it!" says Theodore Odom of Pearland, Texas. "My wife and I have no children, so we are able to bring the students in for the full year and be their Host Parents. We believe it's a way of giving back. This year's student, Ina Zyfi of Albania has had a great time meeting new people, making new friends and volunteering her time to a local dachshund rescue."

"We welcome host families of all shapes and sizes – families with young children, families with no children, empty nesters whose children have left home, single parents and non-traditional families," says Connie Coutu, Regional Manager of Ayusa, a 501(c)(3) not for profit organization. "The key requirements for a host family are to provide a safe and nurturing home environment, genuinely love children, and have a desire to learn more about a different culture."

"Our students really love giving back to the community", says Heather Wells, the Houston area Senior Regional Director. "One of our students, Nesrine Mbarek of Tunisia, participated in over 300 hours of community service. She was actually one of three students who won a trip for her community service and also attended a US Department of State "Teaching English as a Second Language" conference in April for her hard work. Other students have worked in food banks and have given presentations on their home countries in their schools."

This year, Ayusa is sponsoring over 900 students from 60 different countries in the United States. Volunteer host families are needed in our area to house these students for the 2013-2014 school year. The families need only provide foreign exchange students a nurturing environment, three meals a day and a bedroom (either private or shared with a host sibling of the same gender). Each host family and student is supported by a professionally trained community representative who works with the family and student for the entire program.

If you are interested in hosting an exchange student, please visit the Ayusa website at [www.ayusa.org](http://www.ayusa.org) and complete the on-line application. You can view the students that are available for placement by clicking on the View Student Profiles on the home page. Help make this a memorable year for both your children and the prospective students. You'll be glad you did!



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# THE COMPASS

## PROTECT EYES THIS SUMMER

Take precautionary measures to protect your eyes during the summer to prevent long-term damage to eyesight, said a Baylor College of Medicine ophthalmologist.

"Ultraviolet light, or UV exposure, has been linked to the development of macular degeneration, cataracts and other vision-loss problems," said Dr. Elizabeth Baze, assistant professor of ophthalmology at BCM.

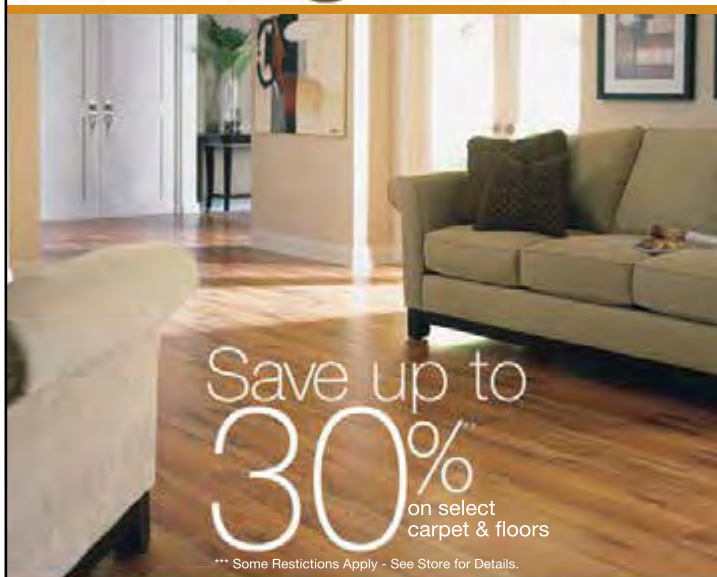
Baze offered tips you can practice to help protect your eyes from sun damage this summer.

- The more the sunglasses wrap around and shield your eyes and the skin around the eyes, the more protection you have.
- Sunglasses need to provide 99 to 100 percent UV protection.
- Sunblock is a must, including the skin around the eyes.
- A broad-brimmed hat can add extra protection.

If you have an existing eye condition like macular degeneration or cataracts, protecting your eyes from the sun should be a top priority during the summer, she said.



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## VNP NOVELETTES JULY 18TH

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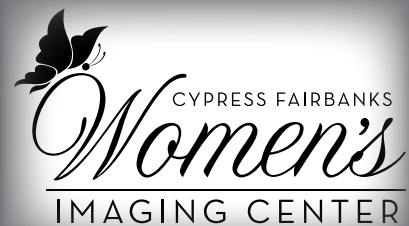
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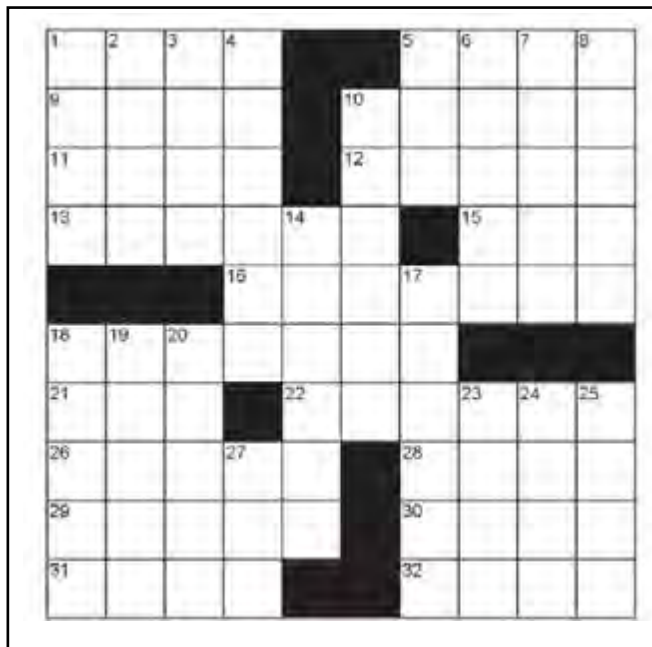


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# THE COMPASS

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

1. Curse
5. Glasses
9. Charge card
10. Japanese dish
11. Pear type
12. Type of alcohol
13. Mete out
15. Deer relative
16. Mountains
18. Sin
21. Fawn's mom
22. Rain shoe
26. Angry
28. Sole
29. Whoop
30. A spinning toy (2 wds.)
31. Plateau
32. Former magistrate of Venice

### DOWN

1. Baby's "ball"
2. Famous cookies
3. Loch \_\_ monster
4. Levy
5. Jag
6. Direct
7. Animal kingdom division
8. Soft materials
10. Member of an American Indian people
14. Dancer Rogers
17. Put more ammunition in
18. Abhorrence
19. Skill
20. Heroic actions
23. Upon
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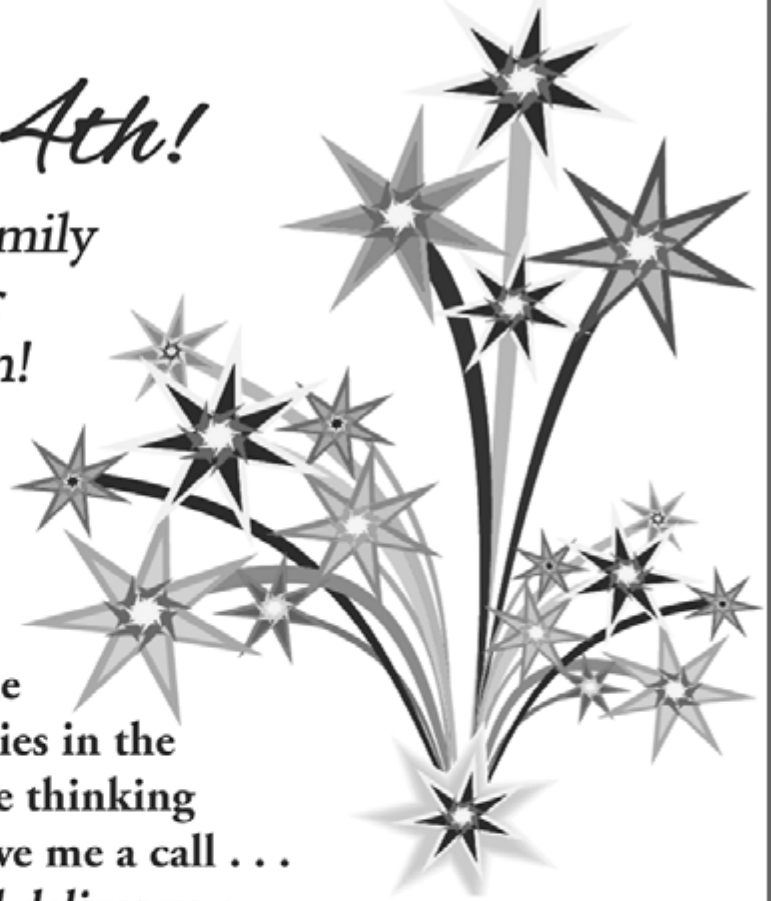
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