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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VILLAGES OF NORTHPOINTE HOA

MAY 2014

2014 SOCIAL CALENDAR

SPRING GARAGE SALE

SEE NEWSLETTER FOR DETAILS!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Pool Passes were handed out for 2013 and will be done again this year- Contact Rhonda Harshbarger for 2014 info. rhondakay2003@netzero.net

BIKE PARADE

July 4th -- To Volunteer Contact Rhonda Harshbarger for 2014 info. rhondakay2003@netzero.net

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Date and time to be determined (Typically in October)
-- Brought to you by Andy Elmore Andy.Elmore@hts.com

FALL GARAGE SALE

Contact Rhonda Harshbarger for info. rhondakay2003@netzero.net To help out next year or for questions and suggestions!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

December TBD -- Brought to you by our VNP Women's Club! To Volunteer Contact Rhonda Harshbarger for info. rhondakay2003@netzero.net

NIGHT OF THE CAROLERS

December 6th -- Sign up by Sunday, November 30th to have carolers come sing for you at your home or to come sing with us! This is a 'FREE' service in the spirit of Christmas! Brought to you by VNP Compass Editor Jessica Rushing vnpcompasseditor@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST

December 12th - 14th -- Winners will be mentioned in the Newsletter for February due to newsletter deadline. Check the newsletter for details on judging and what we need to keep this going every year! We need prize donations... Brought to you by VNP Christmas Contest Committee - Jessica Rushing vnpcompasseditor@gmail.com

COOKIE EXCHANGE

December TBA -- Brought to you by our VNP Women's Club! To Volunteer Contact Rhonda Harshbarger for info. rhondakay2003@netzero.net

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

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Fighting With Christina - Family Benefit

She is battling ALL (Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia). She is a mother to three and married to one of our Harris County Arson Investigators.

Date: Sunday May 18th 1:00 – 5:00

Location: The Southern Villa
14331 Alice Road Tomball, TX 77377

Activities: Live Auction, Silent Auction
Music/Dancing, Children's Activities

BBQ plates will be available for purchase.

Christina's story can be found at
www.gofundme.com/7fqz4

All prayers and donations are appreciated.

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Centerpoint Energy (*street lights – get 6 digit # off lamp post*)
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Harris County MUD #281 (water and recycling) 281-376-8802
Harris County Constable Precinct #4
24-hour Dispatch 281-376-3472
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Deputy Miller 281-370-9106

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NorthPointe Intermediate 281-357-3020
Willow Wood Junior High 281-357-3030
Tomball High School 281-357-3220
Tomball Memorial High School 281-357-3230

TAX ENTITIES:

Tomball ISD Tax Office 281-357-3100
www.tomballisd.net and follow the link to the Tax Office
MUD #281 & NorthPointe WCID 713-462-8906
..... www.wheelerassoc.com
Harris County Appraisal District 713-957-7800
..... www.hcad.org
Electric Company Choices 866-7974839
..... www.powertochoose.org

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landscape along NorthPointe Blvd. to:
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<http://www.teakwoodlandscaping.com>
marisa@teakwoodlandscaping.com

WEBSITE

www.villagesofnorthpointecai.com

Contact Brian at bformear@mail.com to request information
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May Birthdays!

Please join me in wishing this cute and sweet little guy a happy birthday! Carter Hughes will be the big 3 on May 11th! Carter your family loves you very much and all of us in the neighborhood hope you have the best birthday and a fun happy year 3! Happy Birthday Carter!



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Texas Events in May 2014

Pasadena, Texas | Strawberry Festival | MAY 16,17 & 18, 2014

This multi-cultural event draws a crowd of more than 56,000 to enjoy the strawberries, entertainment, food, activities and fun! The free continuous entertainment presented for your enjoyment offers something for everyone's taste. Come enjoy a Texas tradition. Proceeds benefit Scholarships, Local non- profits, and Pasadena and Texas Historical projects associated with the San Jacinto Day Foundation.

www.strawberryfest.org

Richardson | Wildflower! Art & Music Festival | MAY 16,17 & 18, 2014

Richardson's Wildflower! Arts & Music Festival is the City of Richardson's award-winning, multi-day festival featuring live music, arts and crafts, children's activities, interactive exhibits, and strolling acrobats www.wildflowerfestival.com

Texas Crab Festival May 9, 2014 - May 11, 2014 CRYSTAL BEACH This 29th-annual event features a boatload of Gulf Coast food, music and activities, including crab races, a gumbo cook-off, carnival games and wiener-dog races. Gregory Park, (Texas 87 at Barbados Drive). texascrabfestival.org

General Sam Houston Folk Festival May 2, 2014 - May 4, 2014 HUNTSVILLE Celebration of the life and times of General Sam Houston. Life-skill demonstrations, authentic 19th century dress, continuous entertainment and hands on children's activities.

jmatthews@huntsvilletx.gov

Fort Chadbourne Days Living History Event May 3, 2014 BRONTE See artillery, cavalry and infantry drills, and watch demonstrations of frontier skills such as blacksmithing, hat making, chuck-wagon cooking, black powder shooting, sewing, spinning and flintknapping. Fort Chadbourne, [[651 Fort Chadbourne Road]]. www.fortchadbourne.org

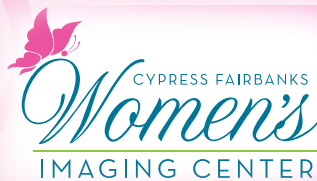
Rails and Tails Mudbug Festival May 3, 2014 - May 4, 2014 TOMBALL Enjoy two days of spicy crawfish, boudin, gumbo and craft beer with the sounds of live Cajun, rock and country music. Also includes boudin ball and hush puppy eating contests, crawfish racing and vendors. Hours are 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m. [[201 S. Elm St.]] www.tomballtx.gov

Historic Homes Tour May 3, 2014 - May 11, 2014 GALVESTON Steeped in history, rich in style and standing as a testament to survival, 10 historic island homes are featured on this annual tour. Tickets required. www.galvestonhistory.org

Houston Art Car Parade Weekend May 8, 2014 - May 11, 2014 HOUSTON More than 250,000 spectators line downtown streets to view this parade, which showcases Houston's most outlandish folk art creations on wheels. The Fruit Mobile, a 1967 Ford station wagon, started the craze in 1986. Along Allen Parkway. www.thehoustonartcarparade.com

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Villages of Northpointe

SPRING 2014 COMMUNITY WIDE GARAGE SALES

The Villages of Northpointe Spring 2014 Community Wide Garage Sale will be: Friday, May 2 from 8 am to 3 pm and Saturday, May 3 from 8 am to 12 pm. For those new to this event, the community garage sale is organized by residents in the neighborhood & supported by the Villages of Northpointe Women's Club. The sale of your items takes place at your own place of residence. Each participant can be open both days or one day and stay open longer or shorter than scheduled. We will be responsible for putting up the Villages of Northpointe's large garage sale banners at the entrances to the subdivision to draw traffic into Northpointe. If you wish to direct traffic to your location in the subdivision you are responsible for putting up signs directing traffic to your address. You are also responsible for removing any signs you use after the garage sales is over.

We are planning to have Purple Heart come to Villages of Northpointe Saturday, May 3 to pick up any items you want to donate to them at the end of your driveway. When it gets closer to May 2 and 3, you will need to give us your address if you want to have Purple Heart come to your house.

If you have any questions, please email us at jrpivonka@yahoo.com or phone No. 832-698-2055.

Thank you. Janice and Franklin Pivonka

Together, We Save Forests

Together, we are saving forests from Austin, Texas. This Earth Day, we want to share with you how we are doing this right here in Austin.

Rainforest Partnership, an Austin-based international nonprofit organization, has expanded the environmental passion of this city to a globally focused, locally relevant issue just as our city started its transition to its current global significance and attention.

Founded in December 2007, Rainforest Partnership (RP) was formed with the idea that the way to protect the "lungs" of the planet is to help the people who live in those "lungs" make a living that allows them to protect their forests. Forest communities know that sometimes the easiest option to earn an income is to cut down their trees. By selling the timber, planting a cash crop, or having cattle, they can eke out an income to pay for health care or education for their children. But, more than anyone else, the people who live in the forests know the damage this does. They know it takes generations for a forest to come back after it's cut down. They know that destroying the forest will destroy their way of life. They're looking for an alternative.

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That's where Rainforest Partnership comes in. Using a bottom-up approach, we work with local communities to find their needs and desires and adapt it to their culture, knowledge, and skills. These are then matched to the business opportunities created by each individual rainforest to create a sustainable, workable alternative to slash and burn. It all begins when a community asks for our help.


Although they seem far away, tropical rainforests are an important part of our lives and our community. What was once over 12 percent of the landmass of our planet in just a hundred years is now less than 5 percent. These forests play a crucial role in storing carbon, regulating water cycles and temperature, and providing biodiversity. We all directly benefit from the many rainforest plants used in modern medicines and for food. Currently deforestation—the cutting and burning of forests—is responsible for more than 17% of carbon dioxide emissions worldwide. What happens to these forests affects us all everywhere.

Besides directly partnering and working with indigenous rainforest communities, we partner with local governments, local nonprofit organizations, and businesses. Our work is based on a replicable model that is collaborative and results-driven, and facilitated by these partnerships – international, U.S., and Austin-based. From brooms made from sustainably and legally sourced

palm fibers from the rainforest, to artisan products made from forest plants, to an ecolodge for birdwatchers eager to catch a glimpse of the elusive Andean Cock-of-the-rock – we have helped our partner communities create sustainable livelihoods, while saving their forests and their way of life.

We are very proud of all our partner communities, but we are especially inspired by the women of Sani Isla, Ecuador. When we first met them in 2009, they were too shy to speak or even meet anyone's eyes. In Summer of 2010, during their first workshop as part of our project working with them, they barely spoke. That is, until they did. When they started talking, they told us why they had been silent all morning: Nobody had ever asked them what they thought, what their vision was. But they had a vision: To recover the lost arts of making artisan products like jewelry and bags and baskets from seeds, vines and fibers from forest plants. We helped them set up relationship with nearby ecolodges to sell their goods to visiting guests in their Amazon community, and established connections with hotels in Quito for selling their goods. The older women began training the younger women. We helped them work out a plan for sustainably harvesting the raw materials they would need. They used them to create goods of startling beauty. And the goods sold, beyond anyone's expectations.

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In four years, the women of Sani Isla went from never having made an income to making a steady and growing income. And today the same women who were too shy to talk to any outsiders have become the strongest voices in their communities against the oil drilling that threatens to destroy their forest. For the first time, these women are at the forefront of protecting their forests – and their future.

Today, communities all over Ecuador and Peru are rejecting the old model of forest destruction. They're asking for Rainforest Partnership's help in coming up with a new way, and we want to help because it's always a joint effort. Not one community has asked for a handout.

Rainforest Partnership's projects represent the real-life execution of its working model. By working with forest communities to help them bring their skills, traditions, and values to the marketplace, we have begun to overcome the most powerful driving forces of deforestation. Go to www.RainforestPartnership.org to learn more.

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