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*A Newsletter for Villages of
Northpointe*

The Villages of Northpointe Compass is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Villages of Northpointe residents. Each newsletter will be filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information, and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports team, social group, etc., and would like to submit an article for the newsletter, you can do so online at www.PEELinc.com. Personal news (announcements, accolades/honors/celebrations, etc.) are also welcome as long as they are from area residents.

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Timely Tips for December Gardeners

Working in your garden is an excellent escape during the holidays. It's a great time of year to do some of the heavy work in the landscape as opposed to sweating it up in the heat of the summer.

Don't put up the mower yet. Although turf grasses have stopped growing, you can use the mower to chop up and recycle the leaves back into the lawn or for a compost pile. Prepare gas-powered engines for winter. The owner's manual is the best guide to winterizing a lawn mower, tiller, garden tractor or other equipment.

Drain and store garden hoses and watering equipment in a readily accessible location. Lawns and other plants may need an occasional watering during prolonged dry spell.

In general, once the weather gets and stays cold, pruning of deciduous plants (ones that lose their leaves) can be safely done. Evergreen hedges can be sheared or cut back in the winter also. Wait until February to prune your roses. Remember – Do Not Top your Crapemyrtles! Simply prune to remove seed heads and shape.

Prepare for the cold weather before it hits! One of the best things you can do for your landscape plants is to provide a 2 to 3 inch layer of mulch. Mulching is necessary year round but during the colder periods it provides a layer of insulation for the roots. Water your landscape well before

a cold spell. A drought stressed plant is more susceptible to freeze damage. For more tender plants, purchase frost cloth for extra protection. Cover the plant completely allowing the edges to come all the way to the ground, utilizing the heat which radiates from the ground.

December is a perfect time to plant trees and shrubs so they can develop a strong root system for next Spring. Cool weather color such as Pansies, Snapdragons, Cyclamen, Flowering Cabbage and Kale add splashes of color to your landscape. Spring flowering bulbs can be planted now once they have been properly chilled. Make your home beautiful for the Holidays with a stunning assortment of floral quality Poinsettias, Cyclamen, freshest greenery and Christmas Trees. Add a mix of new indoor and tropical plants to energize your home.

Remember to provide food and water for the birds this winter. You can attract just as many birds with a bird bath as with food, especially during the dry spells. To draw a diversity of birds provide a variety of seeds, like sunflower, thistle, safflower and millet; plus suet. Once you begin putting out bird food, continue feeding them through the spring time.

Information is courtesy of Calloway's Nursery at www.calloways.com.

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Advent Concert With Healing Prayer

Friday, December 16, 2016

7-10pm

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church

13131 Fry Rd.

Cypress, TX

Shellee Coley is a Texas-based singer-songwriter with three studio projects under her belt and a fourth on the way. Her songs often bring light to the not-so-celebrated parts of life and walk people through them, into growth and change. There is a clear spiritual undertone to her music that sets a listener up to experience their own faith while listening to her songs. She says, "I want to write music and create spaces that encourage people to see themselves in my stories and hopefully get to know themselves a little more. Because how can you truly know God, if you don't even know yourself?"

Tickets are \$15 and St. Aidan's Clergy will be available for prayer during and after the concert.

Register at our website: <http://aidanschurch.org/action/shellee-coley/>



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Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club

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Come join us, on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30 pm. at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive, Houston, Texas. This fun-filled Aggie evening is a great way to meet other Aggie Moms, find out about upcoming events, and enter for a chance to win a door prize! We will have our Christmas party and ornament exchange at this meeting – feel free to bring a gift wrapped Aggie Christmas ornament to exchange!! We are looking forward to meeting all Aggie Moms, whether of freshman Aggies, current Aggie students or former Aggies. Whoop!

Albion Hurricanes FC Soccer Spring Evaluations December 2016

Albion Hurricanes FC (AHFC), established in 1989, is leading the way in South Texas youth soccer by inspiring and developing young men and women through world class coaching and innovative techniques, as well as instilling the proper framework, self-esteem, confidence and sportsmanship within our athletes.

AHFC has multiple campuses in and around Houston. The club invites all interested players from the ages of 7 to 18, to the Player Evaluations and to become part of our success. We ask that all interested players pre-register before coming out to the fields. Please visit albionhurricanes.org for details about your particular campus.

AHFC offers JHSL (a recreational program for 5 - 10 year olds) at our Cy Fair and Central locations and offers additional training at Katy Friday Night Academy and New Territory Thursday Night Academy.



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7th Annual Houston Methodist Cy-Hoops Invitational



The Houston Methodist Cy-Hoops Invitational will be here before we know it:

December 8, 9, & 10, 2016. The championship game will be played at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, December 10, 2016 at the Berry Center.

The Cy-Fair Educational Foundation in partnership with Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital and Houston Methodist West Hospital will host the 7th Annual Houston Methodist Cy-Hoops Invitational.

Wainwright Dental & Associates, P.C., Underwood Orthodontics, Spradley Endodontics and Spring Creek Oral Surgery and Implant Center have teamed up as a Premier Sponsor for this elite high school basketball tournament. The Cy-Hoops Tournament looks to engage the community, promote the sport of basketball, and foster community spirit, while raising funds for student scholarships and innovative staff development programs for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD.

The Houston Methodist Cy-Hoops Invitational was established seven years ago. The tournament is loaded with talent including some of the top teams in the state of Texas and showcases the 10 Cy-Fair ISD boys' varsity basketball teams. Beaumont Ozen, 2014 and 2015 tournament champion, returns to defend its title. They are ranked 5th in the 2016-2017 preseason rankings by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches for Boys Class 5A basketball. Austin Westlake

is ranked 1st in the 2016-2017 preseason rankings for Boys Class 6A basketball by TABC.

Join the community in cheering on our teams at the Berry Center, Cy Springs High School, Cy Ranch High School and Cy Lakes High School Thursday through Saturday, December 8-10, 2016. Game times will be posted after Thanksgiving.



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The Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club


The Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club will celebrate its 30th Anniversary Season by hosting its annual free Registration/Orientation breakfast on Saturday, February 4th, 2017, for all boys and girls who are interested in joining for the 2017 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 event is an opportunity for youth athletes to register for the 2017 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 (USATF). All athletes and parents who wish to join the Northwest Flyers must attend the orientation.

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.

For additional information on the Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit the team website at www.northwestflyers.org; contact Linette Roach at linette.roach@sbcglobal.net; or "Like" the club on Facebook.





VILLAGES OF NORTHPOINTE
MARKET REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2016*

RESALE


Homes SOLD	36
Avg Days on Market	38
Avg Sales Price	\$252,994
Average List Price vs Sales Price Ratio	99%
Homes Active on the Market	20
Price Range	\$189,900 - \$390,000

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Homes SOLD	7
Avg Days on Market	154
Avg Sales Price	\$388,969
Average List Price vs Sales Price Ratio	97%
Homes Active on the Market	5
Price Range	\$375,642 - \$401,799

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The Houston Choral Society Announces Open Auditions for Spring 2017 Concerts

The Houston Choral Society (HCS), directed by Artistic Director Dr. Kevin M. Klotz, announces open auditions for its two concert 2017 Spring Concerts.

AUDITION DATES AND TIMES

Auditions will take place on Saturday, January 7, 2017, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon, and Monday, January 9, 2017, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM by appointment at Foundry United Methodist Church located in Northwest Houston at 8350 Jones Road, Houston, TX 77065.

GENERAL AUDITION INFORMATION

Singers can make an appointment for an audition time slot by emailing Penny Nelson at pennynelson@gmail.com or calling her at 281-578-3127. Please include your vocal part, preferred email address, and best contact number in your request. Singers will receive a phone call and an email response with an assigned time slot. Auditions will be performed in front of an audition panel, including the artistic director, section directors, and board members.

HCS is looking for strong singers ages 18 and over who have

previous choral experience. Auditions are open to the community. HCS always welcomes new faces!

Auditions will consist of the following:

- Vocalization.
- Repetition of short melodic patterns.
- Short sight-reading excerpt.
- One song selection of your choice (accompanist will be provided).

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Rehearsals are held at Foundry United Methodist Church and begin on Monday, January 9, 2017. Rehearsals are from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. There are occasional sectional rehearsals that start at 7:00 PM. The week of a performance there is an additional Thursday rehearsal from 7:30 to 10:00 PM. One or two rehearsal conflicts can usually be accommodated with the exception of two weeks prior to a performance. There is one choral workshop on Saturday, January

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28, 2017, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

The two concerts are:

Americana: Saturday, March 11 at 7:30 PM and Sunday, March 12 at 3:00 PM

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Music Fit for a King: Saturday, May 6 at 7:30 PM

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Shield Bearer, a 501c3 nonprofit charity and a lead agency in the movement for healthy marriages, families, and communities, provides counseling, education, and prevention programs to thousands in the community each year. Executive Director Roy Wooten stated, "Our work with human trafficking survivors, victims of crime and abuse, and veterans and their families is only possible because of support from the community. Many individuals and families are in desperate need of services and cannot afford to pay for them. When you support Shield Bearer, you give hope and healing to these families."

Event sponsors included Halford Busby Construction Consultants, Klein Funeral Homes and Memorial Parks, Insurance One, and Community Impact Newspaper. Associate Director Melissa Rotholz stated, "This event would not have been possible without our sponsors and the many local individuals and businesses that donated auction

items. Every donation furthers the mission of strengthening and uniting families here in Houston and surrounding areas."

Shield Bearer currently has five locations in the Houston area including Cy-Fair, Tomball, Cypress Station, and Montgomery County. Interested volunteers are encouraged to attend an upcoming free community breakfast held on the first Tuesday of each month at 12340 Jones Rd. Ste 290, Houston, TX 77077 at 9am. Find out more at shieldbearer.org or contact volunteer@shieldbearer.org or (281) 894-7222.



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Thursday, December 15, 2016

Networking 11a.m.; Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.

Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd.,
Houston, TX 77095

Costs \$25 with advanced reservations; \$30 at the door

At the December 15 Cy-Fair Express Network Luncheon, attendees will enjoy a festive celebration during the annual Holiday Luncheon and Gift Exchange Event. As always, guests are welcome and encouraged to join in and network. Please join us and be a part of the fun.

West Houston Church of Christ

West Houston Church of Christ (17100 West Road, Houston) will once again offer its unique representation of the Christmas season, Celebrate Jesus, on Dec. 9 and 10 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. This free drive-through drama performance is one the whole family can watch from your vehicle or church-provided hayrides.

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- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup white Karo
- 1 dash salt
- 1 cup shelled raw peanuts (or pecans, walnuts, sunflower seed, etc.)
- 1 tablespoon butter or more. With peanut brittle, more is better.
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

DIRECTIONS

- Line baking sheet with wax paper.
- Spray wax paper, spoon, and anything else the brittle touches with Pam.
- Combine sugar, salt and Karo in a 3 quart microwave safe glass bowl.
- Stir in peanuts.
- Microwave on high until light brown (8 to 10 minutes) stirring at least 2 times during cooking.

Remove from microwave and stir in remaining ingredient adding baking soda last (mix will be foamy).
Stir quickly and pour onto wax paper.
Spread thin for brittle candy.

Note: You can use any type nuts you prefer or even sunflower seeds (which is my favorite).



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