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# NORMANDY FOREST COMMITTEES

## THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

#### SECURITY COMMITTEE

In the event of an emergency please call "911" or for Precinct 4
please program your cell phone with the number below.
Precinct 4
Paul Diaz

#### **POOL MAINTENANCE & LIFEGUARDS**

Jeffery King28	31-655-8675
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#### **CLUBHOUSE RENTALS**

#### MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

John Nemec 281-651-8606	jnemec@normandyforest.org
Paul Diaz	281-687-2045

#### POOL TAG COMMITTEE

Sally Rodriguez	.832-788-4186
Chaparral Management	.281-537-0957

## **BLOCK CAPTAIN COORDINATOR**

Sally Rodriguez	
BLOCK CAPTAIN	
Sherri Cabrera	

# **Welcome Neighbors!**

Jolynn Garcia Kendall Leanos Shkelqim & Qazime Muskaj



# **IMPORTANT CONTACTS**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

John Nemec   President	
Paul Diaz   Vice President	
Judy Doll   Secretary	
Sally Rodriguez   Treasurer	
Lindsey McPherson   Director at Large	713-898-9878

## **BALLPARK RESERVATIONS**

John Nemec	Coordinator	
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## COMMUNITY SERVICES

Gas   Centerpoint Energy713-659-2111
Call Centerpoint for street light repair or outages
Electric   Reliant Energy713-207-7777
Phone   AT&T www.att.com
MUD #28 Meet 4th Tuesday of the Month @ 4 pm
Hayes Utility South (Water & Sewer)281-353-9756
Trash   Republic Waste
Heavy Trash2nd Friday of the Month
Fire Department   Spring VFD281-355-1266
County Commissioner   Jack Cagle713-755-6444

## MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Chaparral Management Company, AAMC 6630 Cypresswood Suite 100 | Spring, Texas 77379 281-537-0957 phone | 281-537-0312 fax Valerie Overbeck | Association Manager voverbeck@chaparralmanagement.com

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# Ways to Save Money on Veterinary Costs



1. Preventative action. Give your dog a monthly dose of heartworm, flea and tick prevention. This saves you from costly illnesses your pet can get from these parasites.

2. W h e n faced with expensive procedures, ask about alternatives.

3. Shop around for a Veterinarian. There are a wide range of prices depending on location and specialization.

- 4. Ask if the Vet can match the lowest on-line price for medicines that prevent heartworm. If they can't, ask for a prescription that can be filled on-line or at a pharmacy. Just be sure to purchase from a reputable U.S. pharmacy.
- 5. Keep your dog's ears and teeth clean. Ear infections can be costly and require several vet visits as well as antibiotics. Your vet can show you how to keep your pet's teeth clean. Ask about tooth brushing to prevent tarter and chew toys. Dental cleaning is expensive and requires anesthesia.
- 6. Watch what your pet eats. Some foods are toxic to pets, chocolate, grapes, and walnuts are just a few. Fatty foods can cause pancreatitis which is not only expensive to treat, but deadly.
- 7. Ask for a senior discount. Many offices will give seniors or AARP members a discount. It doesn't hurt to ask.

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# STS Foundation Seeks U.S. Families in Houston Area to Host High School International Exchange Students for the 2017–2018 School Year

STS Foundation a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to intercultural student exchange is looking for American families in the Houston area interested in sharing their America with international high school students for the 2017-2018 school year. Applications for interested Houston area host families are currently being accepted.

STS Foundation was founded on the belief that international student exchange promotes understanding, respect, and goodwill among people of all nations. Opportunities to increase intercultural awareness are offered to students, parents, host families, and communities who are all involved in the exchange experience.

STS Foundation foreign exchange students come from around the globe, are fully insured, bring their own spending money, and are proficient in English. Whether from New Zealand or Brazil, India or Sweden, Ukraine or Italy, France or Lebanon, foreign exchange students are a window into another culture and a great way to travel the world without leaving your home.

"I have been involved in foreign exchange for eight years now and have hosted twelve students so far." said Vicki Odom, Local Coordinator for STS Foundation, and the local contact for Houston area. "Our city is such a great place to host a student, it offers a great deal of attractions for both the student and the families. Families that have hosted students over the years have been changed by the experience and have gained new family members in their lives."

STS Foundation welcomes all interested families, with or without children, from both urban and rural communities, single parents or same-sex couples. Host families provide three meals a day and a bedroom (either private or shared). Each student is supported by a professionally trained STS Foundation Local Coordinator who works with the family and student for the entire program. All host families must pass a criminal background check and a home visit by an STS Foundation representative.

STS Foundation is a 501(c)3, and an official U.S. Department of State designated Exchange Visitor Program Sponsor. Families interested in learning more about hosting an exchange student can visit http://www.stsfoundation.org or contact Vicki Odom at 832-455-7881 or at vicki.stsfoundation@gmail.com.





Assassin and ambush bugs are predators and are considered beneficial insects. They are generalists that attack a variety of caterpillars, flies, and other bugs. These predators either stalk their prey or wait to ambush prey when they come to a plant. Prey is stabbed with tube-like mouthparts, paralyzed with a toxin, and body fluids sucked up.

Assassin and ambush bugs have 3 segmented piercing-sucking mouthparts. These bugs come in a variety of colors with assassin bugs usually being darker in color than ambush bugs. Assassin bugs also have a more elongated head compared to ambush bugs. Ambush bugs have thickened front legs used to capture and hold prey. Immatures, or nymphs, look similar to the adults but do not have fully developed wings. Eggs are usually deposited in masses and are cylindrical in shape.

While most assassin bugs are beneficial, the kissing bug or cone-nose bug is considered a pest. Kissing bugs feed on blood of mammals, including humans.

For assassin bugs that are feeding on insects, control is not required. For more information on kissing bugs see this site https://kissingbug. tamu.edu/

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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# **MUD Announcement**

Northwest Harris County MUD #28 meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 4:30. For the last few months we met at the MUD #36 location. We knew this was temporary. We are now going to meet at the preferred location, Meadowhill MUD building, 21219 Nottinghill Dr. Spring, TX 77388, starting with our March 28th meeting. A few reasons this location is preferred are, larger, closer, and no rental fee. We only have to pay half of the cleaning fee each month. The board of MUD #28 look forward to seeing you!

# Town Hall meeting

April 22,2017 Northwest Harris County MUD #28 will be having a town hall meeting. This is your opportunity to ask your questions, meet the board and the candidates for the upcoming election. There are a lot of questions about what your MUD does and we want you to be an informed voter with the true facts. The meeting will take place at the Meadowhill MUD building, 21219 Nottinghill Dr., Spring, TX 77388 in April 22,2017 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm.



# Cy-Fair Republican Women April Meeting

Tuesday, April 11th will be CFRW General Meeting from 10:30 AM - Noon.

Meeting is \$3 -- Meeting w/Lunch at Noon is \$23.

Hearthstone Country Club, 7615 Ameswood, Houston, TX 77095 All are welcome! Come and enjoy like-minded fellowship and relevant speakers. Our goals include educating our community about

the workings of all levels of government and each of us has a voice. RSVP to www.cfrw.net by April 4th. We look forward to seeing you there!

SAVE the DATE—November 3rd for High Heels & High Tea!



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Kids Chib Attention KIDS: Send Us Your Masterpiece!
Color the drawing below and mail the finished artwork to us at: Peel, Inc Kids Club 308 Meadowlark St Lakeway, TX 78734-4717 We will select the top few and post their artwork on our Facebook Page - Facebook.com/PeelInc. DUE: April 30th
Be sure to include the following so we can let you know! Name:(first name, last initial) Age:
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