



**Don't forget the Easter Parade & Egg Hunt, Saturday, April 15, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**  
*The photo is from last year's event.*

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## Spring Garage Sale, Friday & Saturday, April 7 & 8.

The garage sale is a great time to clean out the attic, yard, and garage. If you don't like to haggle, put your treasures at the curb with a sign saying, "Free." People love free stuff.



## DON'T STOP ME IF YOU HAVE HEARD THIS ONE

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## The Minimalist Gardener

By Flint Sage

**Vegetables:** Warm weather has arrived, so get those warm weather plants in the ground as soon as possible. Plant okra. It is a star performer here. Include sweet potatoes (which also grow well and provide excellent color to the garden). Add some fertilizer for most plants this month.

**Perennials and Annuals:** Divide clumps and remove old growth now. Plant warm season perennials and annuals. Plant bulbs. Unless you are looking for a showy yard, minimize annuals and maximize perennials to save money.

**Trees, Shrubs, and Vines:** Those trees, shrubs, and vines that have been dormant have awakened for their spring, summer, and fall show. Lightly prune if required. Oaks probably shouldn't be pruned this month because of the potential for disease transmission.

Fertilize trees with inexpensive pure nitrogen such as ammonium

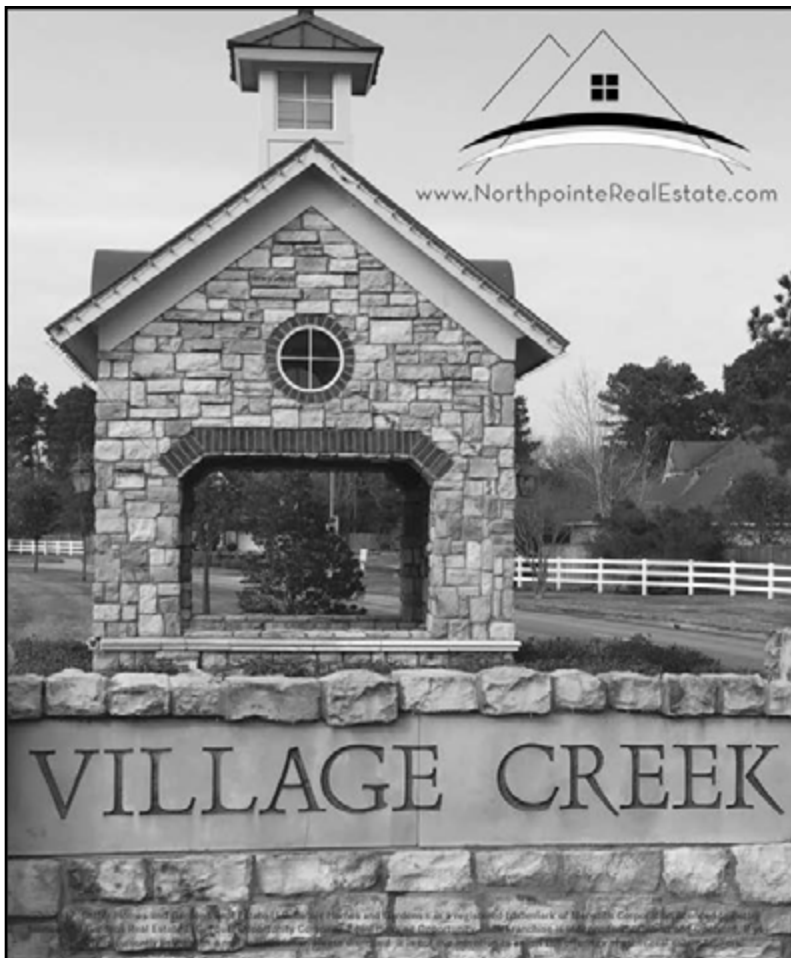
sulfate. Water deeply after fertilizing; 1 inch of water to drive the nitrogen down to the roots. Don't forget that trees in lawns compete with the grass. Professionals use separate bubblers for trees. Give them a bit more water.

April is the peak season for roses. When the rose flowers fade, do a light pruning (deadheading) to remove the old blooms. Add ¼ cup fertilizer to each plant soon after to encourage new growth.

**Lawns:** Healthy grass is your best defense against weeds. Apply lawn fertilizer after the second mowing and monthly after that during the growing season. Consider using straight nitrogen (such as 12-0-0)

lawn fertilizer now. Make sure you are getting sufficient water to those areas which tend to grow weeds rather than grass. If it doesn't rain, you will need to irrigate your lawn, trees, and other plants.

The Chinese Fringe tree (photo) is a spectacular performer in Spring.



### VILLAGE CREEK

#### MARKET REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2017\*

Homes SOLD in February	3
Avg Days on Market	85
Avg Sales Price	\$321,233
Average List Price vs	99%
Sales Price Ratio	

\*Data is from HAR for 2-1-17 through 2-28-17

#### As of March 1, 2017:

Homes Active on the Market	10
Price Range	\$199,500 - \$392,500

#### Homes Under Contract 6

Option Pending	3
Price Range	\$229,900 - \$254,950
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Price Range	N/A
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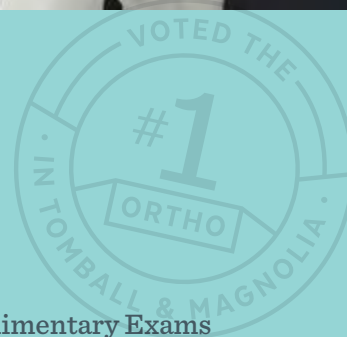
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## The Voice Cooks up some Vittles

### CHICKEN TETRAZZINI

(MAKES FIVE OR SIX SERVINGS)



Submitted by Bev DeLost of Village Creek. This recipe and photo are from Mable Hoffman's Crockery Cookery. It has been taste tested as excellent by the House Detective and his secretary. Do you have a great recipe to share? Send it to us.

#### Cooking Directions

In a slow cooker, combine chicken, broth, wine, onion, salt, thyme, pepper and parsley. Cover and cook on LOW 4 to 5 hours. Turn control to HIGH. Add mushrooms. In a small bowl, dissolve cornstarch in water; stir into slow cooker. Cover and cook on HIGH 20 minutes. Stir in half-and-half, cooked spaghetti, and half the cheese. Cover and heat on HIGH 5 to 10 minutes. Spoon into serving dish; sprinkle with remaining cheese.

Brown meat in oil, stir in soup, water, tomato paste, basil, salt, and pepper. Simmer covered 1-1/2 hours. Add all vegetables, reheat to boiling, simmer covered 30 minutes or until vegetables are tender. Stir in cheese. Serves eight.

#### Ingredients

4 boneless skinless chicken breast halves, cut into 2 x 1/2-inch strips.  
1 cup chicken broth  
1/2 cup dry white wine  
1 onion, finely chopped  
1/2 teaspoon salt (Cook's option: add more salt)  
1/4 teaspoon dried thyme  
1/4 teaspoon pepper  
2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley  
6 to 8 mushrooms, sliced  
3 tablespoons cornstarch  
1/4 cup water  
1/4 cup half-and-half  
(Cook's option: Land of Lakes fat free 1/2 x 1/2)  
8oz. spaghetti, broken into 2 in. pieces, cooked & drained  
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese  
1 16 oz. can green beans or wax beans (drained)  
1/2 c. parmesan cheese



## New Landscaping at Spring Cypress Front Entrance

The new landscaping at the Spring Cypress Entrance, costing \$40,000, was installed by Land Crafters. There was one other bidder, HouScape, the company that currently holds Village Creek's landscaping contract. The care and irrigation of the new plants will be by our current contractor, HouScape. The one year warranty is by Land Crafters. A Board Member volunteered that they didn't get a third bidder because not many contractors do this sort of work.

Editor's note: More than one bid, particularly with a landscaping under the care of a trusted contractor, is neither standard nor required.

HELP WANTED

## Two Village Creek Board Member Positions Open in July

There will be two Board positions open in July. If you are a good listener (but willing to speak up when needed), fiscally responsible, thoughtful, open, honest, an independent thinker, and have a sincere interest in keeping existing Village Creek landscaping and infrastructure beautiful; please consider running. Contact the editor at [Watson.g@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Watson.g@sbcglobal.net). "The Voice" and [VillageCreekCommunity.Com](http://VillageCreekCommunity.Com) will actively support two suitable candidates.



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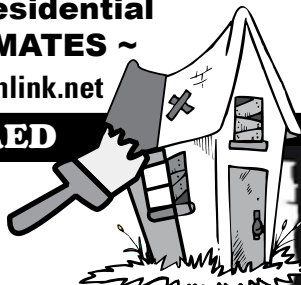
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