



# Northlake Forest

## HERALD

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## SNIPPETS FROM YOUR HOA

Hello residents. Our meeting in May was a lengthy one since we did not have a meeting in April. Sometimes I feel like a broken record {if anyone out there still remembers what a record is} repeating the same issues we have been addressing for months and months. However, there may be a light at the end of the tunnel with some of these projects now getting started.

The pool area was power washed, and looks so much better. The woodworking of the pergolas is really going to happen now that a contractor has been selected. The iron fence is on the back burner, except for some repairs that are necessary for security and safety reasons. It will be readdressed in the future as to the practical way of handling an aging, deteriorating fence. Landscaping in the pool area still needs a bit more work, and that is being taken care of.

The resurfacing of the basketball court is still being discussed.

Benches are being ordered to replace the ones that have deteriorated so badly. The Houston weather is not kind to anything that has to sit outside 24 hours a day!

Besides discussing the cosmetic issues of our wonderful neighborhood a rather grim item needed to be addressed, that of the horrific treatment of our beautiful goose and ducks.

I am sure all of you are aware by now that a few weeks ago one of the ducks was killed and some sick individual put an arrow through the neck of the goose. These acts are crimes and hopefully the culprit will be found and punished by the authorities. If you see any mistreatment of any animal: dog, cat, duck, squirrel, please report it immediately to the sheriff department. Your HOA has no control over the wonderful duck population we are so lucky to have, but we all care and want to see that the animals live in peace in NLF.

In the same area of total disregard for law and order is the issue of some misguided youths who are acting out and scaring residents by using their bikes as targets at cars. When an adult confronts them about their bad behavior the misguided youths spew out profanities to the adults.

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## Upcoming Events:

Please mark your calendars for the following dates/events:

**NLF Board Meetings**  
**3rd Monday of every month except December**

**NLF Back to School Event**  
**Saturday, August 26th**

**National Night Out**  
**Tuesday, October 3rd**

**Semi Annual Fall Garage Sale**  
**Saturday, October 7th**

**NLF Annual Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 5th**

**NLF Christmas Event**  
**Saturday, December 16th**

*Keep a lookout for more information via email and/or Evite.*

# NORTHLAKE FOREST

## NLF COMMITTEES

### FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

Chair .....TBD  
Board Liaison..... Russell McPherson

### LANDSCAPE

Chair .....TBD  
Board Liaison.....Paul Rath

### SAFETY/NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE

Chair ..... Kelly Moore  
Board Liaison..... Russell McPherson

### ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Chair ..... Fred Vasquez  
Board Liaison ..... Ken Amstutz

### POOL COMMITTEE

Chair .....TBD  
Board Liaison .....Maureen Cummings

### NLF EVENTS / NEWSLETTER

Chair .....TBD  
Board Liaison.....Rebecca Dessenberger

### YARD OF THE MONTH

Chair ..... Kelly Moore  
Board Liaison..... Russell McPherson

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

All of our committees are seeking volunteers to help continue making our community a fun place to be. Just a little bit of your time can go a long way. If you are willing to help, in any way, please fill out a "Contact Us" form on the website.

## NLF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**President**.....Ken Amstutz  
**Vice President**.....Rebecca Dessenberger  
**Treasurer**.....Paul Rath  
**Secretary**.....Maureen Cummings  
**Director**.....Russell McPherson  
**PCMI**.....Michael Quast

If you notice a problem or have a concern about something within NLF, please complete the form on our website and bring it to the attention of the management company or Board member so that the issue can be addressed.

#### MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Planned Community Management, Inc. (PCMI)

**Michael Quast**

281-870-0585 Michael.Quast@STServices.com · www.pcmi-us.com  
Northlake Forest HOA Website: www.northlakeforesthoa.com

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Poison Control ..... 1-800-222-1222

### NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Dept @ Telge Rd.... (281) 550-6663  
Harris Cnty Courthouse @ Cypresswood... (281) 376-2997

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..... (713) 439-6000  
R. Jack Cagle - Community Assistance Dept.  
..... (281) 353-8424  
Social Security Administration ..... 1- (800) 772-1213  
Department of Public Safety @ West Rd.... (281) 517-1333  
Department of Pubic Safety @ Grant Rd ... (281) 890-5440

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@ Regency Green Drive..... (281) 890-2665  
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If you witness this display of bad behavior please contact the non-emergency number for the sheriff department. The number is 281-290-2100. By reporting each and every incident the police then have a timeline pattern on file so that when the culprits are caught in action there is a history to back up the actions. However, if it is a true emergency situation please call 911.

Your HOA has your best interests at heart. Some things are just out of our control, and all the neighbors must bond together to see that our lovely neighborhood is kept as clean and SAFE as possible. IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING. Please report any and all incidents to the authorities, they are here to serve us.

Maureen Cummings, NLF HOA Secretary

## DON'T WANT TO WAIT FOR THE MAIL?

View the current issue of the Northlake Forest Herald on the 1st day of each month at [www.PEELinc.com](http://www.PEELinc.com)



Any man can be a Father, it takes someone extremely special to be a Daddy. May your day be fun, bright and surrounded by love.

A large advertisement for Texas Direct Auto. The background is a light gray with a subtle sunburst pattern. In the center, the text "SELL US YOUR CAR!" is written in a very large, bold, black, sans-serif font. Several dogs are integrated into the text: a white dog is behind the "S" of "SELL", a small black dog is behind the "U" of "US", a small white dog is behind the "Y" of "YOUR", and a black and white dog is behind the "R" of "CAR!". At the bottom, there is a dark gray banner with the Texas Direct Auto logo (a stylized star and "TX" inside a circle) on the left, followed by the text "TEXASDIRECTAUTO.COM" in a white, serif font.



## FINGER LICKING GOOD BBQ CHICKEN WINGS



### Ingredients

- |                               |                                   |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 cup flour                   | 1 tsp chili powder                |
| 1 tsp kosher salt             | 1 tsp freshly ground black pepper |
| 1 tsp paprika                 | 1 tsp garlic powder               |
| 20 chicken wings or drumettes | 1 tbsp Mayonnaise                 |
| 1 cup BBQ Sauce               | ½ cup Honey                       |

### Instructions

1. Preheat Oven to 425F
2. In a large bowl, combine flour, chili powder, salt, pepper, paprika, and garlic powder – set aside.
3. In another large bowl, combine BBQ sauce and honey – set aside.
4. Lightly coat wings with mayonnaise and then drop a few at a time into prepared flour mix to coat, shaking off any excess.
5. Place the floured wings onto a parchment paper lined baking sheet and spread them out in a single layer.
6. Bake for 23 mins then flip them over.
7. Bake for an additional 23 mins, until skin is crispy and golden brown then remove from oven.
8. Preheat oven to 500F
9. Drop the wings into the large bowl with BBQ Sauce and Honey – mix around a few at a time to coat evenly then replace back onto baking sheet, spreading them into a single layer.
10. Bake for an additional 8 to 10 mins, until sauce is bubbly and caramelized. Cool then serve!

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## I Found a Baby Squirrel, Now What?

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



If you find a baby squirrel, check for the following:

- Is it bleeding, have an open wound, or a broken bone?
- Is it covered in fly eggs [they look like grains of rice]?
- Is it cold, wet, or crying?

If the answer is YES to any of the above, the squirrel is likely injured. Bring it to us as soon as possible.

If NO, the next step is to determine its approximate age to see if you need to intervene.

Does the squirrel have a fluffed-out tail [like a bottle brush]?

Is the body longer than 6" [not including the tail]?

If the answer is YES to these questions, this is likely a juvenile squirrel. You do not need to intervene. Even at the young age of 10 to 12 weeks, the squirrel is already independent and on its own.

If NO, this is an infant squirrel. You will need to help reunite the baby with its mother.

Baby squirrels at this age must be kept warm. Heat a towel in the microwave or place uncooked rice or bird seed in a sock and warm in the microwave for 20-30 seconds. Wrap the sock in a soft towel and place it with the baby in an open container like a small box or plastic container.

Place the box IN A SAFE PLACE OFF THE GROUND near where you found the baby or under the tree with the nest if you know which tree it is. You can also attach the container directly to the tree but MAKE SURE IT IS SECURE.

Keep children, dogs, and cats out of the area.

Observe the baby squirrel for the next six to eight hours of daylight. Reheat the towel or rice/birdseed bag every two hours. Has the mother returned to retrieve her baby?

If YES ... congratulations!

If NO, bring the box with the baby inside.

Continue to keep it warm until you can bring it to us.

**REMEMBER: DO NOT ATTEMPT TO FEED THE SQUIRREL OR GIVE IT WATER!**

*TWRC Wildlife Center is your resource for wildlife-related questions. They also serve as an emergency wildlife care facility should you find animals in need of help. If you have any questions, please call 713-468-TWRC. You can also find useful information at [www.twrcwildlifecenter.org](http://www.twrcwildlifecenter.org).*

## CYPRESS AREA FOOD PANTRY

Do you know of someone who has trouble putting food on the table? Maybe their employment was suddenly terminated; maybe it's a choice between medications or food; for whatever reason a family can find themselves in a situation where they need a little help.

Fountain of Life Church of God on Mueschke Road runs a food pantry on Mondays from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm and the only requirement is that the client should live in zip code 77433 and west of Skinner 77429. For more information, contact 281-373-9337.

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## Finding Yourself

*Wife. Daughter. Sister. Teacher. Friend.* These are some of the roles I play in life. They have become what define me. I have discovered the closer I adhere to each role, I lose a bit more of my identity; the “je ne sais quoi” that makes me unique. The mundane sameness of each day has trapped me into playing the roles I wear and forgetting who I really am. Most days I find myself on autopilot just trying to make it to the end of the day.

All too often, the roles we claim begin to take ownership of who we are as a person and we lose our sense of unique individuality. Don't you remember that feeling of knowing exactly who you were? I remember feeling strong, confident and comfortable in my skin. Now I just feel tired most of the time.

It's time for a change. It's time to take a step back to gain some clarity and fresh perspective. I need to know who I am now and what I want for my life. I don't know what that may be, but I am pretty excited to find out. I hope you will join me on this journey. It might be a little scary, but **Finding Yourself** might just be the best thing you ever do.

*\*\*If you find these things to be true in your own life, and would like to make a change, please visit our website at [www.fivehorses.com](http://www.fivehorses.com) to learn more about our new women's retreat, Finding Yourself, coming this June\*\**

# VBS

## Registration Now Open!

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Register at our website: <http://aidanschurch.org>

## Girl from Sweden Needs Host Family

Hi neighbors! As many of you know, I am a Local Coordinator for STS Foundation, a non-profit exchange student placement organization. I believe the exchange of cultures among high school students is so important. I am looking for host families for the 2017-18 school year.

Meet Emilie from Sweden....

*I'm a kind and happy person who always tries to see things from the positive side. I'm a helpful person with a good ability to work with others. My friends has described me as a social person and I have to agree with them. I really like to talk and meeting new persons. In general, I've always been very motivated and responsible over my school work. When getting an assignment I always want to perform as good as I can. I love to challenge myself and to try new things, that way I always develop as a person. This is one of my many reasons going on an exchange year. To do something totally out of my comfort zone and to try new things is something I'm so excited for.*

*My hobbies include hanging out with friends and family, listening to*

*music, dancing, working out, watch series, reading and baking. I love hanging out with my family and friends and do that every opportunity that I get. I start and end everyday by listening to music. Music is something that helps me to express how I'm feeling, while at the same time gives me energy. I also have a big interest for dance, especially tap dance which is the only thing that I dance right now. I love to move and jump around even though I may not be the best dancer in the world. I also read on a daily basis. My favorite kinds of books are teen fiction and fantasy novels. I also watch a lot of series- all different kinds of them. It's something that I love to do and makes me feel relaxed. As said, I also love to bake. When I was younger a used to bake every day after school but now I only bake to special events, like family gatherings.*

Emilie and others like her are looking for a host family for the year. If you are interested in hosting her or any other student, please give me a call at 832.455.7881 or email me at [vicki.stsfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:vicki.stsfoundation@gmail.com). I can answer any questions you might have. Remember on year of hosting leaves a lifetime of memories!

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