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SNIPPETS FROM YOUR HOA

The weather is heating up in Cypress, we hope you are making use of your community pool. The majority of the improvements are finished; there is still some staining of the new woodwork that needs to be done when the wood dries out a bit more. It all looks very nice, we now just need to replant some of the plants that were affected by the brief frost we had, and put plants in the new decorative pots.

In our June HOA meeting we welcomed several residents that came to voice their concerns and give their suggestions to the Board regarding the recent fire in the woody area at the far end of Chapel Lake Drive. Discussion included the need to retain the natural beauty, a sound buffer, safety concerns, accessibility, and the need for a cost analysis on the many options. Our Landscape Committee Liaison will be leading the inquiry into ways this area can be made acceptable to the community as well as the residents in the immediate proximity while being maintained safely into the future.

The residents had many other ideas to work with such as cameras at the pool and tennis courts, cameras in the wooded area, signs, etc., however, there is always money involved and that has to be weighted into the decision making.

Keep cool until the next report for July, there is a good possibility it may be warmer by then.

Maureen Cummings
NLF HOA Secretary



Upcoming Events:

Please mark your calendars for the following dates/events:

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

NLF Food Truck Thursday

July 13th, July 27th, Aug 10th, Aug 24th – 5-8 pm

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.

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NLF COMMITTEES

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Board Liaison..... Russell McPherson

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NLF EVENTS / NEWSLETTER

ChairTBD
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YARD OF THE MONTH

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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.

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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

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Northlake Forest HOA Website: www.northlakeforesthoa.com

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Harris Cnty Sheriff's Office @ HWY 249 .. (281) 290-2100
Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Dept @ Telge Rd.... (281) 550-6663
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..... (713) 439-6000
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..... (281) 353-8424
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@ Regency Green Drive..... (281) 890-2665
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SCHOOLS

Administrative Offices (281) 897-4000
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Cy-Woods High School (281) 213-1800

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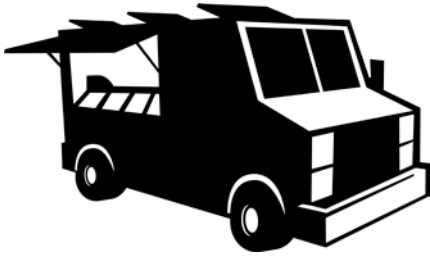
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Food Truck Thursdays!



Have you heard what's new this summer?? Northlake Forest is now enjoying "Food Truck Thursdays" thanks to the coordination and dedication of resident Stephanie Patterson who

came up with the awesome idea.

Our first Food Truck was on Thursday June 8th where residents enjoyed American and International Food from Foreign Policy. The second Food Truck one was held on June 22nd, where a taste of Vietnamese food by Nom Mi Street was loved by all.

Mark your calendars for the next one that will be held on Thursday, July 13th where we get to experience the taste of Greek from the Hangreek Food Truck. There will be 3 more to follow, see dates below.

July 13th - Hangreek Food Truck (Greek Food)

July 27th - Truck TBD

Aug 10th - Truck TBD

Aug 24th - Truck TBD (Last one)

All events will be from 5:00pm to 8:00 pm. Please keep an eye out for your EVITE to RSVP.

Yard of the Month Cancelled

We did not receive any volunteers to take over our Yard of the Month committee so we will no longer be holding this contest. If anyone is interested in resurrecting this event please fill out a Contact Us Form on our main website and select 'Community Events'.

We'd like to send out a special Thank you to resident Kelly Moore for all of her hard work these past years maintaining this activity.



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DID YOU KNOW THIS IS ILLEGAL?

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



Little did Ernesto Pulido know that he was breaking the law when he disturbed the nests of egrets and black-crowned night herons while trimming trees for the U.S. Postal Service in 2014. He was charged with a misdemeanor violation of the U.S. Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 and because he showed remorse, was only fined \$3,000 to cover the cost of rehabilitating the injured baby birds. He could have been fined \$15,000 and faced six months in jail.

Most people are totally unaware of the Act and that it is one of the oldest wildlife protection laws on the books. Simply stated it's a law that protects birds from people. In 1916 the United States entered into a treaty with Great Britain (acting on behalf of Canada) whereby the two countries agree to end the hunting of insect-eating birds and established hunting seasons for game birds. In order to implement the treaty, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act was passed in 1918 by Congress which makes it illegal to "pursue, hunt, take, capture, kill," or "sell" a migratory bird or any of its parts, including nests, eggs, and feathers except under the terms of a valid permit issued pursuant to Federal regulations. The Act mostly came about because birds were needlessly being killed for their feathers which made great fashion accessories. Entire birds were stuffed and attached to the tops of hats. Birds were also being served in restaurants.

In 1936, the USA signed a similar treaty with Mexico. Japan and the Soviet Union were added in the 1970s. In 1972 an amendment to the Act added protection for an additional 32 families of birds including eagles, hawks, owls and corvids. Since then more species have been added to include almost every native species in the USA with a few exceptions like the House Sparrow, the European Starling and the domestic pigeon. Some of the birds don't actually migrate but are still protected under this Act. For a complete listing of protected birds go to:

<https://www.fws.gov/birds/management/managed-species/migratory-bird-treaty-act-protected-species.php>

It wasn't until 2013 that the Department of Justice enforced the Act for the first time by penalizing a wind farmer for killing Golden Eagles and other birds at two sites in Wyoming. The farmer was fined \$1 million. A second wind farmer was penalized a year later and fined \$2.5 million.

So what does all of this mean to you? Let's say a bird builds a nest above your front door and drops poop everywhere. Can you remove the nest? NO—it's illegal. Can my son take bird

eggs to school for show and tell? NO—it's illegal. We collect bird feathers. Is this okay? NO—it's illegal. I found a nest and I brought it in the house. ILLEGAL. We found a dead Blue Jay and we want to have it "stuffed" for display. Guess what? ILLEGAL. We live on a farm and randomly shoot birds for fun. Is this legal? NO, NO, NO. In July 2007, a man was sentenced to six months in a federal halfway house, five years probation with no contact with firearms, and a fine of a \$65,000 fine for killing protected birds on his property.

Although this law may seem a little silly to the average person, it does serve a purpose. It reminds us that we must learn to live in harmony with wildlife and not purposely disrupt or cause harm to other living beings.

TWRC Wildlife Center serves a great purpose as well. We help wildlife that has been injured, orphaned or displaced and return them to the wild. Your donations help us keep the doors open and allow us to provide this service to the public free of charge. Please see our website for more information on what we do and how you can help. www.twrcwildlifecenter.org

Scoop Your Dogs Poop!

Have you ever found yourself out enjoying a nice stroll on the walking trails and suddenly come across an unsightly blob. Or are walking to get your mail and see presents your neighbors dog left behind. Have you ever woke up one morning to find though you do not have any animals, you have evidence all over your lawn that there is one around. Did you know that people have witnessed their very own neighbors not picking up after their favorite pet as they take them for a stroll.

Please be considerate and pickup your animals feces from your neighbor's yard and any neighborhood common areas when you take them for walks or to do their business. It is a very simple task and a responsibility every animal lover/owner should be oblige to do.

Your association has set up pooper scooper bag stations along the walking trails for your convenience. As a reminder to yourself, put a few bags by your leash so you have them available when you are going out the door. Remember, just as you may not like your animal to go in your own yard, your neighbors also do not like to walk into unexpected poops while getting mail or walking on their own private lawns.

Please be courteous and don't get caught on someone's camera.

Let's keep Northlake Forest a clean and inviting place to be. Your cooperation and consideration is greatly appreciated. Thank you!!



NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY AGGIE MOM'S CLUB

Calling all Aggie moms!!! We would love to see you at one of the Aggie Mom mixers this summer, hosted by the Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's club. This is a great opportunity for you to meet other Aggie moms, and to meet members of the NWHC Aggie Mom's Club, in a fun & casual get-together! The dates for the mixers are: June 29, July 13 & July 16. Come alone or bring another Aggie Mom with you! Please check our website (above) for details on locations.

And please mark your calendars for Tues, August 8th at 6:30 pm. at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive, Houston, Texas!! This is our annual Howdy party, and a great way to meet other Aggie Moms, find out about upcoming events, and enter for a chance to win a door prize! We welcome all Aggie Moms, whether of freshman Aggies, current Aggie students or former Aggies. We'd love to meet you!



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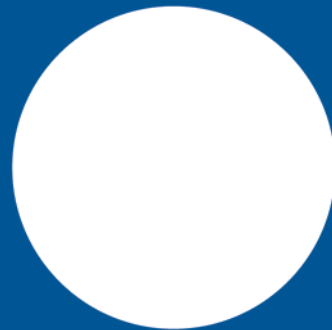
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