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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 Annual Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 5th

NLF Christmas Event
Saturday, December 16th

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

SNIPPETS FROM YOUR HOA

Happy Fall Days to all NLF residents. A little nip in the air is so refreshing.

The HOA meeting covered a lot of areas, among them, flooding, the wooded area, the rising cost of our water, and a few minor repairs needed at the pool. These items are all being addressed and will hopefully be resolved very soon.

We also discussed the upcoming yearly resident HOA meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, December 5, 2017** at 7:00 at the Cypress Point Recreation Center, 14415 Barker Cypress, Cypress TX 77433.

We were wondering what we could do to have a great turnout. Short of having a door prize that is very valuable to entice people to attend, we decided that we will instead be sending out emails to residents, posting the information on the NLF website, and for those who use NLF Facebook, it will be posted there also. We will be asking that residents please come to this important meeting where you will be voting for 3 board members. All positions are a 2-year commitment. There are 5 positions, 2 are still in their term of commitment, hence the need to fill 3 at this time for 2018. We also need resident volunteers who are able and willing to fill the 3 positions.

Working on your HOA board is fulfilling, and you meet a lot of your neighbors you may not have met otherwise.

The HOA meets at the Cypress Point Recreation Center the third Monday of each month, except December, when it is the first Tuesday.

If you would like to be involved, run for a position, or just have questions, please contact any of your current

Board members by using the NLF web site and someone will respond to you.

Candidate Nomination Forms are being mailed out to residents where they can put their name on the ballot, or the name of someone they would like to see on their board. Official Proxy/Ballot Forms are being mailed to each resident, as well.

We hope to see you at this important yearly meeting. By working together we are able to maintain our beautiful Northlake Forest.

Maureen Cummings -NLF HOA Secretary

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NLF COMMITTEES

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Board Liaison..... Russell McPherson

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Board Liaison.....Paul Rath

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NLF EVENTS / NEWSLETTER

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Board Liaison.....Rebecca Dessenberger

YARD OF THE MONTH

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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

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A HOA BOARD MEMBER?

This year at our Annual Board Meeting that will be held on Tuesday, December 5th, (at 14415 Barker Cypress) we will have (3) THREE Board positions up for election for a two-year term.

Interested candidates will be running for a position on the Board. During our first meeting we will vote for the positions and committees we would like to be in charge of.

If you would like to submit your name, or someone you feel would make a great addition as a candidate to join the Northlake Forest Residential Association, Inc. Board of Directors, please submit information to PCMI, Attn: Michael Quast, Michael.Quast@STServices.com or by mail to PCMI 2002 W. Grand Parkway N, Suite 100, Katy, TX 77449.

Nominations will also be taken from the floor during the annual meeting.

Hope to see you there!



SANTA IS COMING TO NORTHLAKE FOREST!

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 16th from 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm** at the NLF Playground area.

Santa will be here to meet our little angels so be sure to bring your cameras and smiles!

Don't be late or you'll miss an exciting magic show!

Bring your singing voices for caroling!

Please bring a dessert to share with your fellow neighbors.
(Hot chocolate will be provided)

Let's join together and enjoy the Christmas spirit!

Keep your eye out for your
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details!



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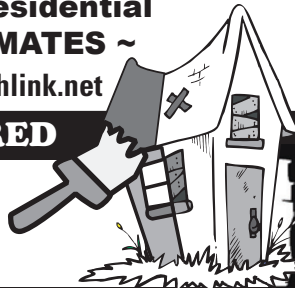
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THANKSGIVING CORN CASSEROLE

I'm not an expert at cooking though I'd love to be, but this casserole is so very easy to make and very yummy, my husband's co-workers always ask for it during potlucks so it makes me feel like I can cook LOL

9 x 13 pan
2 cans cream corn
2 cans sweet corn (drained)
16 oz sour cream
2 sticks butter (melted)
2 packs of 6oz Texas Style Honey Sweet cornbread mix (you can find it at Kroger's in the baking section)
1 teaspoon of sugar

Heat oven to 350

The easiest and fast clean up way is to mix all ingredients in the pan. Start with the cornbread mix then add the melted butter, cream corn, sweet corn (drained), sour cream and sugar. Mix it all up until it has a creamy whipped look.

Place in the oven for about 60-90 mins or until golden brown all over. It will have a slight firm but creamy texture to it, not cake or cornbread like and not runny either.

I normally cover with foil and let it continue to cook/settle on the counter while I make other side items. For a smaller batch, just use half of the ingredients; you can still use the same size pan.

Hope you Enjoy! Happy Thanksgiving!

ST. PETER'S RUMMAGE AND BAKE SALE

St. Peter's Anglican Church Festive Rummage and Bake Sale, Friday, November 3 & 4, 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM, 19915 Cypress Church Road, Cypress, Texas 77433

We will offer decorative accessories, books, toys, baby items, Renaissance costumes, household items and much more. Plus lots of homemade baked goods, such as cookies, nut breads, pies and cakes. Buy now and freeze for the holidays.

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THE HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING AND ITS CELEBRATIONS

Throughout history mankind has celebrated the bountiful harvest with thanksgiving ceremonies. Before the establishment of formal religions, many ancient farmers believed that their crops contained spirits which caused the crops to grow and die. Many believed that these spirits would be released when the crops were harvested and they had to be destroyed or they would take revenge on the farmers who harvested them. Some of the harvest festivals celebrated the defeat of these spirits. Harvest festivals and thanksgiving celebrations were held by the ancient Greeks, the Romans, the Chinese, and the Egyptians, to name a few.

The Greeks

The ancient Greeks worshipped many gods and goddesses. Their goddess of corn (actually all grains) was Demeter who was honored at the festival of Thesmophoria held each autumn. On the first day of the festival, married women (possibility connecting childbearing and the raising of crops) would build leafy shelters and furnish them with couches made with plants. On the second day they fasted. On the third day a feast was held and offerings to the goddess Demeter were made - gifts of seed corn, cakes, fruit, and pigs. It was hoped that Demeter's gratitude would grant them a good harvest.

The Romans

The Romans also celebrated a harvest festival called Cerealia, which honored Ceres their goddess of corn (from which the word cereal comes). The festival was held each year on October 4th and offerings of the first fruits of the harvest and pigs were offered to Ceres. Their celebration included music, parades, games and sports and a thanksgiving feast.

The Chinese

The ancient Chinese celebrated their harvest festival, Chung Ch'ui, with the full moon that fell on the 15th day of the 8th month. This day was considered the birthday of the moon and special "moon cakes", round and yellow like the moon, would be baked. Each cake was stamped with the picture of a rabbit - as it was a rabbit, not a man, which the Chinese saw on the face of the moon. The families ate a thanksgiving meal and feasted on roasted pig, harvested fruits and the "moon cakes". It was believed that during the 3-day festival, flowers would fall from the moon and those who saw them would be rewarded with good fortune. According to legend, Chung Ch'ui also gave thanks for another special occasion. China had been conquered by

enemy armies who took control of the Chinese homes and food. The Chinese found themselves homeless and with no food. Many starved. In order to free themselves, they decided to attack the invaders. The women baked special moon cakes which were distributed to every family. In each cake was a secret message which contained the time for the attack. When the time came, the invaders were surprised and easily defeated. Every year moon cakes are eaten in memory of this victory.

The Egyptians

The ancient Egyptians celebrated their harvest festival in honor of Min, their god of vegetation and fertility. The festival was held in the springtime, the Egyptian's harvest season. The festival of Min featured a parade in which the Pharaoh took part. After the parade a great feast was held. Music, dancing, and sports were also part of the celebration. When the Egyptian farmers harvested their corn, they wept and pretended to be grief stricken. This was to deceive the spirit which they believed lived in the corn. They feared the spirit would become angry when the farmers cut down the corn where it lived.

The United States

In 1621, after a hard and devastating first year in the New World, the Pilgrim's fall harvest was very successful and plentiful. There was corn, fruits, vegetables, along with fish which was packed in salt, and meat that was smoke cured over fires. They found they had enough food to put away for the winter. The Pilgrims had beaten the odds. They built homes in the wilderness, they raised enough crops to keep them alive during the long coming winter, and they were at peace with their Indian neighbors. Their Governor, William Bradford, proclaimed a day of thanksgiving that was to be shared by all the colonists and the neighboring Native American Indians. The custom of an annually celebrated thanksgiving, held after the harvest, continued through the years. During the American Revolution (late 1770's) a day of national thanksgiving was suggested by the Continental Congress. In 1817, New York State adopted Thanksgiving Day as an annual custom. By the middle of the 19th century many other states also celebrated a Thanksgiving Day. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln appointed a national day of thanksgiving. Since then each president has issued a Thanksgiving Day proclamation, usually designating the fourth Thursday of each November as the holiday.

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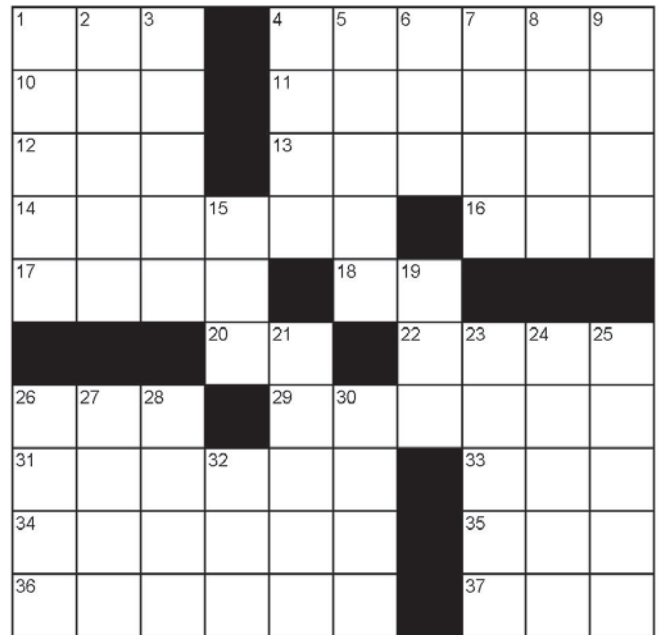
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10. Monkey
11. Author of "Sense and Sensibility"
12. Gross national product (abbr.)
13. Plan
14. More humble
16. Swab
17. Retired persons association (abbr.)
18. Education (abbr.)
20. Headquarters (abbr.)
22. Cool
26. Poisonous snake
29. African country
31. Penzance is this (2 wds.)
33. MD
34. Build
35. Kimono sash
36. Walk quietly
37. Misty

DOWN

1. Lava
2. Sleep disorder
3. Biblical outcast
4. Casing
5. Money
6. Tree
7. Detail
8. Business note
9. Metal fastener
15. Kilometers per hour
19. Cell stuff
21. Capital of Ecuador
23. Give
24. Mud brick
25. Inferred
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