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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 Christmas Event
Saturday, December 16th

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

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 EVITE invitation and further details!

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!

NORTHLAKE FOREST

NLF COMMITTEES

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

ChairTBD
Board Liaison..... Russell McPherson

LANDSCAPE

ChairTBD
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

ChairTBD
Board LiaisonMaureen Cummings

NLF EVENTS / NEWSLETTER

ChairTBD
Board Liaison.....Rebecca Dessenberger

YARD OF THE MONTH

ChairTBD
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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TIS THE SEASON FOR CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY ARTS PROJECTS



Make this holiday season a festive one with creative arts activities that children can do at home. Kids will enjoy the fun and easy projects that they can use as decorations or give as gifts. "Nothing makes the season more special than spending

time with family," said John D. Kemp, CEO of Very Special Arts. "Fun arts projects that parents can do with kids add special meaning to the holidays and make gifts and decorations more special than any you can buy." Very Special Arts recommends the following holiday arts activities designed for young children:

- **ALL IN THE FAMILY!** Making puppets for holiday story games: Cut out and paste photos of family members on popsicle sticks and add other decorations to make puppets. Begin by telling a story about your family with the puppets. Encourage your child to tell their part of the story. Use stories of family celebrations and everyday activities. Encourage your child's participation by asking questions such as "What happened next?" and "What do you think the person did then?" Display the puppets with your holiday decorations.

- **WRAP UP THE SEASON!** Creating handmade gift paper and holiday cards: Provide your child with water-soluble markers, crayons or paint and large sheets of paper. Encourage your child to draw a self-portrait or paint a picture of his or her favorite holiday activity. Kids can also cut simple shapes out of heavy sheets of folded paper to create a stencil. Open the stencil, place over another sheet of paper and color in the designs using markers or crayons. Help children write their own holiday message on the paper to practice writing and spelling skills. Children can then use the paper to wrap gifts or fold to make their own greeting cards.

- **KEEPSAKES FOR KIDS!** Creating a holiday book: To capture special memories, help your child create a holiday book. Provide sheets of paper, colored markers, brushes and washable paints. Turn the paper sideways and fold in half to form a book. Join your child in drawing pictures of holiday memories or family events. Guide your children in writing simple words or sentences to describe the drawing and then read their writing aloud to practice verbal skills.

- **BELLS AND WHISTLES!** Drumming up the sounds of the holidays: Have kids pick a favorite holiday song and produce the rhythm to accompany the song using homemade instruments. Use pots, pans and coffee cans to double as cymbals and drums, and add pencils and chopsticks with their ends wrapped with rubber bands for the drumsticks. To simulate the sound of bells, try a variety of bottles, partially filled with water, and tap them gently with pencils. Kids can sing along, then talk about the sounds and why the song is special to them.



Betty Crocker Date-Filled Cookies

This recipe is from Betty Crocker's Picture Cook Book, Second Edition, 1956. My mom used Ethel's Sugar Cookie Recipe as the basic cookie.

MIX THOROUGHLY:

3/4 cup soft shortening (part butter)
1 cup sugar
2 eggs
1/2 tsp. flavoring (vanilla or lemon or a combination of the two)

Sift together and stir in:

2-1/2 cups sifted Gold Medal Flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt

Chill dough. Roll very thin (1/16"). Cut 3" rounds or squares. Place on lightly greased baking sheet. Place a rounded teaspoon full of cooled filling on each. Fold over like a turnover, pressing the edges together with floured fork tines.

Temperature: 400 degrees F

Time: Bake 6 to 10 minutes

Amount: About 4 doz. 3" cookies

DATE, FIG, RAISIN, OR PRUNE FILLING

Cook together slowly, stirring constantly until thickened...

2 cups dates, figs, or raisins, finely cut up, or 2 cups mashed cooked prunes (2-2/3 cups uncooked)

3/4 cup sugar

3/4 cup water

Add, if desired....1/2 cup chopped nuts

Cool.

Filling is sufficient for about 5 dozen cookies.



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