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A NEWSLETTER FOR VILLAGES OF NORTHPOINTE

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Reminder: Villages Of Northpointe Spring Garage Sale

The Villages of Northpointe Spring 2019 Community Wide Garage sale will be: Friday, March 29 and Saturday, March 30 from 8 am to 3 pm. Rain or Shine.

If you do not want to take your leftover garage sales small items to Goodwill, Salvation Army, churches or any other charity donations, you may call (713/685-4000) or go on line to schedule for a pickup at your house usually on Wednesday at https://www.donatestuff.com/ Click on the "Donate Now" button to schedule a FREE donation pick up in your area. DonateStuff can only take items that one man can carry (No large furniture pieces, large appliances, mattresses, box springs, etc.)

We will need help on the Sunday before the garage sale dates to put up the 3 banners. Any help be appreciated. Call 832-698-2055 to volunteer.

Thank you for your continued support of our Villages of Northpointe Community Garage sales.

If you have any questions, please email us at jrpivonka@yahoo. com or phone No. 832-698-2055. Janice and Franklin Pivonka.



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Harris County Constable Precinct #4 24-hour Dispatch	
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Canyon Pointe Elementary	
NorthPointe Intermediate	
Willow Wood Junior High	
Tomball High School	
Tomball Memorial High School	

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See A Live Butterfly Release!

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH BUTTERFLY FAMILY FESTIVAL SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019 11:30 AM-3:00 PM 11522 TELGE RD., CYPRESS,TX 77429

Come see a LIVE butterfly release, have some great food, and enjoy some family fun! Messiah Lutheran Church is hosting its annual Butterfly Family Festival on Sunday, March 31, 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM.

The event will include a BBQ lunch, silent auction, raffles for adults and children, games, and activities for all ages. Activities include an inflatable slide and basketball, cake walk, book walk, train on wheels, music with a local DJ, and an egg hunt for children ages 1 to 5 and another one for ages 6 to 10. Raffle items include a Ring Doorbell security system and a basket full of gift cards from local businesses. Tickets for all activities can be purchased that day. Craft booths are available for vendors; please call 281 807 0764 for details.

The day's events will benefit Chrysalis, A Grace Place for Children, by providing scholarships to families that attend our school and improvements to the playground. Chrysalis features a Christian preschool, after school, and summer camp programs. Chrysalis Christian Preschool admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin. Call 281-807-0764 or go to www.messiahlc.org/ events for further information.

Messiah Lutheran Church is a grace place, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Messiah is located at 11522 Telge Road, ½ mile north of Highway 290. Regular Sunday worship times are: 8 am—Traditions; 9:30 am—The Gathering; and 10:45 am—The Crossing. The Discovery (education) Hour is 9:15-10:30 am on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or www.messiahlc.org. All people are welcome at Messiah.





JOIN US FOR A FREE DIGESTIVE HEALTH EVENT

Our digestive health experts from Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital will discuss managing disorders, including:

- Acid reflux or chronic GERD
- Chronic constipation
- Colon issues

Our Presenters



Arturo Bravo, MD Gastroenterology



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Todd A. Worley, MD Bariatric and General Surgery

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Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital 18220 State Hwy. 249 Conference Center, 1st Floor Houston, TX 77070

Refreshments and giveaways

To register, visit houstonmethodist.org/events or call 281.737.2500.



TAL Art Show & Sale 2019

Join us for The Tomball Art League Art Show & Sale! A fine art show featuring talented artists and amazing art for sale! Oils, watercolor, pastel, pottery, experimental, acrylics, photography, fiber, digital, mosaics, and more. Visit with the artists and learn about their individual techniques, what inspires them most, and purchase original art.

> Thursday, March 7, 2019: 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM Pre-Show & Sale

Friday, March 8, 2019: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM Art Show & Sale

Saturday, March 9, 2019: 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM Art Show & Sale

Judging and critique by renowned wildlife artist Doug Hiser. Come for critiquing 1:00 PM, Saturday, March 9th and learn from the eyes of an expert!

A portion of the proceeds will go to the Friends of LSC-Tomball Community Library to support library programming!

Admission is free and open to the public. Plenty of easy parking and an ATM machine is on site.

Hope to see you there!



Aeration Now Can Help Your Spring and Summer Irrigation



In order to prepare your lawn for a healthy spring growing season, you should employ basic lawn care practices at this time of year, which includes aerating your yard. It is important that nutrients reach the soil beneath your grass, and aeration can help you get that done.

Aeration involves making small holes in the soil to allow air, water and nutrients to get to the grass roots.

This helps the roots grow deeper and produce a stronger, more vibrant lawn.

Aerating helps alleviate soil compaction. Compacted soils have too many solid particles in a space, which prevents proper circulation of air, water and nutrients within the soil. Excess lawn thatch or heavy organic debris buried under the grass surface can also starve the roots from these essential elements.

So when is the right time to get this aeration done? These next six to eight weeks leading up to the spring season, when grass begins to grow again, is a good time to aerate.

The two main aeration tools are the spike aerator and a plug aerator. The spike aerator poke holes in the ground with a solid piece of metal. Plug aerators remove a core or plug of grass and soil from the lawn. Most landscaping companies and horticulturists recommend the use of the plug aerator. The machines can be rented or you can have a lawn care service aerate for you. After aerating, it's always a good idea to apply about a half-inch of compost over the aerated yard. The compost fills in the holes left by the plug aerator and brings organic materials into the root zone.

If you have noticed that your turfgrass isn't looking its best or that water has difficulty penetrating through the soil surface, it may be time to aerate your lawn. Lawns with clay soils that get a lot of foot traffic typically require aeration more often as they become compacted over time. Here's a great tip to check to see if your yard needs to be aerated.

Using a shovel, dig a square-foot section of grass about six inches deep and take a look at it. If the grass roots don't extend further than two inches deep into the soil, your lawn would benefit from aeration.

If you plan to aerate your own yard, here are a few helpful tips to get the job done. *(Continued on Page 6)*



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• Before you get started, make sure the soil is moist enough. There's nothing more frustrating than trying to aerate soil that is bone dry. Aerating the day after a rain shower or watering your lawn the day before is advised.

• Most aeration machines cover only a small percentage of soil surface per pass, so make multiple passes over the most compacted areas. Save resources (and your energy) by leaving unaffected areas alone.

• The soil plugs can be left on the ground after aeration and allowed to decompose. Or, you can rake them into piles to throw in the compost bin. However, this isn't necessary as it should take about two to four weeks for the soil cores to break down naturally. Sprinkle compost (sand or peat moss can be used instead of compost) over the lawn to fill in the holes.

• An aeration myth is that if you apply a pre-emergent herbicide on your lawn in the spring, aerating your lawn will destroy the herbicide "barrier." This is not true — research shows that aeration will not affect crabgrass control or weed prevention.

After aerating, it's important to continue appropriate lawn care practices.

Aerating will help you save water over the spring and summer seasons. Instead of running off or only penetrating a few inches, water will be better absorbed in an aerated yard. That makes your entire landscape and your water bill happier.

Did you know...

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, outdoor water use varies greatly depending upon geographic location. In dry climates such as that in the Trinity Glen Rose District, a household's outdoor water use can be as high as 60 percent. Some experts estimate that as much as 50% of that irrigation water is wasted due to inefficient watering techniques, wind and evaporation.





8TH ANNUAL WINE FAIR CY-FAIR CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL FLAIR WITH LOCAL RESTAURANTS, WINE, ART AND CRAFT BEER

Celebrating Cy-Fair by celebrating Sponsors, Restaurants & Vendors - Raising Funds for Deserving Organizations



The eight annual Wine Fair Cy-Fair presented by H-E-B, Tom Peacock Cadillac, Animal ER of NW Houston, is returning to Cypress Village Station on Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. This year's Wine Fair Theme is "International Flair" and will celebrate cultural diversity and how it translates to wine and food.

Wine Fair Cy-Fair celebrates Cy-Fair businesses and residents with a vast array of food and beverage selections, fun engaging features, sponsor displays, home zone exhibitions, vendors, local artisans as well as the Bridgeland live music stage featuring local favorite The Sound Advice Band which will keep the crowd dancing throughout the event.

This year's event will also honor local resident and wine aficionado, Vince Foligno, as Honorary Chairman. Vince is a much beloved Wine Steward and has served at H-E-B since the year 2000 as Wine and Beer Manager, and is currently serving at the Vintage Market location.

Attendees enjoy the festival atmosphere as they sip, savor and meander through the displays featuring over 200 wines, 35 restaurants, the H-E-B Culinary Corner, and more. Getting ahead of the crowd is easy with an upgrade to the All That Sparkles pre-party sparkling hour. Only 100 people can start the evening sipping on champagne and bubbly wines at Hanan's Café for a \$20 upgrade. Limited tickets are available to both the pre-party and the Mercantil Bank VIP Premium Lounge, featuring premium wines and culinary fare. VIP ticket holders walk away with a swag bag full of surprises and an upgraded keepsake wine glass.

General admission tickets are \$40 per person, and include access to unlimited food samples, wine tastings, and interactive displays. Five dollars from every general admission ticket will benefit Reach Unlimited. Reach Unlimited will also host a wine pull and silent auction. VIP tickets are \$75 per person, and include early entrance to the festival with a VIP lounge offering elevated food selections by Groupo Herrero. Groupo Herrero's international offerings will feature upscale VIP tastings by Alicia's Mexican Grille, Dario's Steakhouse & Seafood, Marvino's Italian Kitchen, and Galiana's Bakery & Café.

Wine Fair offers a robust Beer Garden for craft beer enthusiasts presented by The Nest Wisely Realty Group and America's ER. The Beer Garden will feature host and beer expert, Chad Pilbeam, Certified Cicerone[®], Host of What's On Tap Radio and Founder of Beer Logic Conferences and Events, will be the resident craft brew specialist. Scores of cold craft beers include local favorites such as Karbach, 11 Below, and Cy-Fair's newest brewery Klaus Brewing. Wine Fair's Beer Garden will also offer an expansive beer list and interactive display.

There will be 35 tasting stations from a diverse restaurant scene serving international treasures to delight your taste buds and satisfy any appetite. Designated driver tickets are available for a reduced amount.



Other sponsors to date include Mercantil Bank, Wonder Pet Rehab & Recovery, Crowned Regent Productions, America's ER, Nest Wisely Realty Group, Cypress Village Station, The Tippit Dental Group, Encompass Health, Bridgeland, Celebrity Cruises, VillaSport, Team Tooke Martial Arts, Banfi Vintners, Constellation Brands, Llano Estacado Winery, Palm Bay International, The Wine Group and PGA Superstore. Also, special thanks to Acme Party and Tent, All About Katy, Artistic Experiences, Balloon Décor, Chad Gaulding Kwik Kopy Business Solutions, Cypress Lifestyle Magazine, Genesis Photographer, Hanan's Café, Hometown Social, JPL Entertainment, Kelley Sweet Photography, Lindsay Lakes, Linens and Events, Lunalux, SpeedPro Imaging, and Zero Point Organics.

Sponsorship, restaurant and vendor opportunities are still available. If interested in participating in Wine Fair Cy-Fair, visit www. winecyfair.com or call Food & Vine Time Productions at (713) 557-5732 or the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce at (281) 373-1390.

Cypress-Tomball DEMOCRATS MEETING

The Cypress-Tomball Democrats will hold its next monthly Tuesday, February 19, at Rudy\'s Grill and Cantina, 11760 Grant Road, Houston. There is a meet and greet at 6:30 p.m., and the general meeting begins at 7:00pm

All are welcome to attend and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month.

For more information, contact Undrai Fizer, at cytomdems@ yahoo.com or visit the club's Facebook page.



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A Night at the Oscars

Jack and Jill of America Associates to Host \"A Night at the Oscars" Gala

The "Awesome, Amazing, Associates" of the Jack and Jill of America, Inc., North Houston Suburban Chapter will host a glamorous "A Night at the Oscars" charity gala on Saturday, March 23rd, 2019. The event will be take place from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the Northgate Country Club, 17110 Northgate Forest Drive, Houston, Texas 77068. Tickets are \$75 each, and the suggested attire is \"red carpet formal\".

"A Night at the Oscars" will benefit the Jack and Jill of America Foundation, which supports education, literacy, scientific and charitable projects that benefit children. The evening will feature dinner, dancing to live music and a raffle. For information, tables, and ticket requests contact Dr. Kyrel Broxton or Shirley Carter at jjnhsassociates@gmail.com.

Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is a non-profit family organization which is dedicated to nurturing future leaders by supporting children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving and civic duty. More information about the Jack and Jill of America Foundation can be found at www. jackandjillfoundation.org



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TWRC Wildlife Center



The Houston toad was discovered in the late 1940's but wasn't named until 1953. John Wottring, an amateur herpetologist, heard an unfamiliar, high-pitched trillsounding nighttime call in South Houston and it was discovered that the toad

belonged to an undescribed species and it was then named the Houston toad.

The Houston toad is a native Texan and it was thriving in the Houston area before a severe drought in the 1950's and urbanization destroyed much of its habitat. Sadly, the toad is no longer a resident of the city and what's especially disturbing is that it's now listed as critically endangered by both the US Fish and Wildlife Service and Texas Parks and Wildlife.

So, what exactly does the classification of endangered mean? Endangered means the species is on the brink of extinction. The few that are left in the wild are scattered across nine Texas counties but Bastrop County seems to have the highest concentration of them. So just how many are left? No one knows for sure but according to the Houston Toad Association, there are only 300 left. E & E News estimates the population to be around 2,000.

So why should you care if they become extinct? Because they are part of an ecosystem. The dictionary's definition of an ecosystem is "all the living things, from plants and animals to microscopic organisms that share an environment." They all play an important role. Think of an ecosystem as a spider web. If one part of the web gets destroyed, it weakens the rest of the web.

The Houston Zoo is on a mission to save the Houston toad from extinction. They maintain a facility for captive breeding of the toad. Just last year 1,082,000 toad eggs were released into the wild.

Another important measure being taken to save the toad from extinction is the Houston Toad Safe Harbor Agreement. The agreement encourages landowners within the area where toads are known to live to take specific steps to benefit the toad. Some of these actions include pond management, invasive species control and reintroducing the toad on their property.

In addition to the Houston toad, the state of Texas and the US government list an additional 200+ Texas species as threatened or endangered. By listing them as threatened or endangered, this legally protects the animal and its habitat and hopefully will prevent the animal from becoming extinct.

TWRC Wildlife Center understands the devastating impact that human interactions, urban sprawl and weather events have on wildlife. That's why the work we do is so important. We are here for the animals that get injured from dogs and cat bites, get hit by cars, or have their nests destroyed from cutting down trees. These are just a few of the many types of injuries we see.

We care for about 4,000 animals every year. If you'd like to help give these animals a second chance at life, go to our website at www. twrcwildlifecenter.org and click on "Volunteer". We need you and they need you. race Care Center at Northpointe

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