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How to Safely Manage Door-to-Door Solicitors

Despite neighborhood “No Soliciting” signs, door-to-door soliciting is not illegal in our area. Fortunately, residents have the right to decide whether to listen to or buy from a solicitor. Below is a summary of consumer protection information titled “Door-to-Door Sales & 3-Day Right of Rescission.” This information is located on the webpage for the Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton. Visit texasattorneygeneral.gov for more information.

As per Texas Business and Commerce Code Chapter 601, certain types of door-to-door sales transactions grant consumers special rights. These laws apply when: 1) a merchant solicits sales outside of their place of business, 2) you agree to buy from the solicitor at a place other than their place of business, and 3) you are buying more than \$25 worth of goods or services or buying more than \$100 worth of real estate.

Should you choose to listen to the solicitor’s sales pitch, know your consumer rights:

- Ask for a company ID, business address, and references. Check the information before you buy via the Secretary of State’s Office, or the Better Business Bureau.
- Don’t be persuaded into signing a contract or giving money unless you are certain that you want the product/service being solicited.
- You have the right to comparison shop. Ask the solicitor for contact information so that you can make an informed decision.
- **Once you decide to purchase or go into contract**

with the solicitor, Texas law requires merchants to provide you with: a contract stating the date of sale, the name and address of the merchant, and a statement of your 3-day right to cancel the contract including an address for sending your cancellation notice. All documentation should be in the language used during the interaction (i.e. if the buyer and the solicitor spoke in Spanish during the sale, the contract must be in Spanish).

- **To cancel the transaction:** sign the form “notice of cancellation,” date it, and mail it back to the salesperson **AFTER** you make copies for your personal records. This must be completed before midnight of the third business day after the sale. The salesperson has 10 days to refund your money.

Other safety tips when managing solicitors:

- If you choose not to open your door, acknowledge the solicitor’s presence and advise them to leave the information at the door.
- Do not invite the solicitor into your home, especially if you are home alone.
- If possible, alert your neighbors of the solicitor in the area.
- Shady door-to-door solicitors are common practice after natural disasters. Be cautious, patient, and wise when seeking help with roof repairs, tree limb removal, and clearing debris.
- If the solicitor appears suspicious, or refuses to leave after being told to do so, call the Harris County Precinct 4 Constable at 281-376-3472.

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NORMANDY FOREST COMMITTEES

THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

Cecil Mixon 832-663-5200
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The Association has an active Architectural Control Committee (ACC) that approves or denies all construction and any improvements. You may request an ACC form by contacting Associa Management 713-329-7100 or the association website. Please keep in mind that the Association has thirty days (30 days) to approve or disapprove any ACC and verbal approvals or disapprovals are not given.

SECURITY COMMITTEE

In the event of an emergency please call “911” or for Precinct 4 please program your cell phone with the number below.

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MUD #28 Meet 4th Tuesday of the Month @ 6:30pm

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Trash & Recycle | Republic Services 281-446-2030

Heavy Trash 2nd Friday of the Month

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 8:30AM – 5:00PM

Happy Valentine's Day, Normandy Forest!

February, 2020 NF Events

05 – Recycling pick-up

14 – Valentine's Day & Large-trash collection
(Sorry, heart-breakers will not be collected)

17 – Presidents Day

19 – Recycling pick-up

25 - MUD 28 Meeting at NF Clubhouse 6:30 p.m.
(Visit <http://www.nwhcmud28.org/> for current information).

29 – Happy birthday, Leap Year Babies!

Upcoming Events: HOA Meeting - Wed. March 18th;
Easter Egg Hunt - April

HOA Meeting Day Has Changed

During the November 2019 HOA Meeting, the board voted to change the meeting day from the third Tuesday of every other month to now the third Wednesday of every other month. The next meeting will take place at the clubhouse on Wednesday, March 15, 2020 at 6:30PM.

Rent the NF Clubhouse

**Don't forget the Clubhouse
is available for rent!**

Great for birthdays, get-togethers, receptions, family reunions, or game nights. Please call Amy Ballard at 713-329-7144 or Katelyn Arroyo 713-329-7160 or email at aballard@pmghouston.com



Connect, Collaborate and Stay Up to Date

Normandy Forest and PMG have partnered with Town Sq., a user-friendly app designed to help residents interact with neighbors, manage their accounts, and access the resources they need for better community living. Please sign up for Town Sq. today at www.townsq.io. You will need your PMG/Associa account number and zip code for the registration. If you don't know your account number, please call Principal Management

Group at 713-329-7100 or email aballard@pmghouston.com with your name, address and request. We look forward to seeing you all on Town Sq.

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LOCAL FUN!

Harris County Precinct 4 offers a FREE quarterly calendar called "Happenings". It features events and activities happening within our community. Visit www.hcp4.net/publications to subscribe and receive the quarterly issue of "Happenings". Below is an example of some upcoming events found within "Happenings" that will help us find new ways to fall in love with where we live.

NOTE: Online registration maybe required. Visit www.hcp4.net/tap/ events for additional event information.

February, 2020

13th - "First Shot Archery" - Carter Park; Ages 7+

Located at 7221 Treaschwig Rd., Spring. From 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Beginner archers can learn to shoot a bow and arrow safely. All equipment is provided. Registration required.

22nd - "Willow Wattles" - Legacy Trees Project

Located at 709 Riley Fuzzel Rd., Spring. From 9:30 a.m. - noon Work to restore the banks along Spring Creek with natural logs created from willow branches. Bring gloves, water, and closed-toe shoes. Registration required.

29th - "Heritage Festival" - Spring Creek Park

Located at 15012 Brown Rd., Tomball, From 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Normandy Forest Newsletter Team

All neighbors are welcome to submit articles, suggestions, pictures, art, poetry, favorite recipes, etc. If you have an idea that will positively impact our Normandy Forest Community, please send it to struexcabrera@gmail.com. Thanks!



Harris County Precinct 4 Encore! Offers Day Trips for Ages 50+

The Harris County Precinct 4 Encore! program offers a wide variety of ongoing programs and events for participants ages 50+. Events and services range from: bridge tournaments, dances, discount tickets, transportation to sporting venues, fine art performances, museums, festivals, and special attractions in and around the greater Houston area.

For more information, please call the Precinct 4 Encore! at 713-274-4050 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. or email to encore@hcp4.net.

Calling All Normandy Forest Youth!

Do you have a special talent, volunteer for an organization, or participate in an activity that you think other NF youth might enjoy? If so, we would like to feature you in an upcoming newsletter!

Write a short article (250 words or less) about:

- why you love what you do
- any recognition or awards that you've received
- information on how other youth can get involved
- Be sure to include your name, age, and a picture of yourself doing the activity that you love.
- Send it to Sherri Cabrera at struexcabrera@gmail.com

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Sweet, Luscious Snacks for Loved Ones

Valentine's Day Eats and Treats

(Family Features) Valentine's Day naturally brings thoughts of hearts, flowers, sweetness and love. Because it also occurs during American Heart Month, it's a perfect opportunity to start taking care of your own heart and the hearts of loved ones.

Part of the charm of the day's celebrations is in giving family and friends flavorful foods to enjoy from chocolates and candies to other sugary treats. However, the festivities don't have to be completely focused on unhealthy bites in order to make someone feel special.

This year, it can be easy to share in the fun of Valentine's Day by serving those you love with sweet, seasonal treats. For example, these Frosted Watermelon Cutouts make for ideal snacks for children and adults alike whether it's an after-school treat or a sweet dessert with just three ingredients, heart-shaped cookie cutters and minimal time spent in the kitchen.

If you're really looking to impress that special someone, this Watermelon and Chocolate Dessert Board calls for creativity and plenty of tasty morsels like berries, cashews, almonds and dark chocolate. Without any baking or cooking required, simply spread out the ingredients for a platter that's just as visually appealing as it is appetizing.

Both recipes include the benefits of watermelon, which boasts plenty of vitamin C to boost the immune system's defenses as a cholesterol-free, fat-free and sodium-free food. Plus, watermelon draws its red color from the powerful antioxidant lycopene (12.7 mg per serving), which may help protect cells from damage, and the healthy treat is American Heart Association Heart-Check Certified with just 80 calories per serving, making it the perfect centerpiece for Valentine's Day recipes.

Find more Valentine's Day inspiration and recipes at watermelon.org.

FROSTED WATERMELON CUTOUTS

- 1 seedless watermelon, cut into 1/2-3/4-inch thick slices
- 4 brownie bites
- 1 cup frosting (any flavor)

Using heart-shaped cookie cutters, cut shapes out of watermelon slices or simply use cut watermelon wedges, if desired. Top heart shapes with brownie bites and add frosting as desired.



WATERMELON AND CHOCOLATE DESSERT BOARD

Servings: 6-8

- 1/2 medium seedless watermelon, cut into wedges and cubes
- 1 cup fresh raspberries
- 1 cup fresh red cherries
- 1 cup coconut chips
- 1 cup strawberries, trimmed and halved
- 1/4 cup dried cranberries
- 1/3 cup roasted, salted cashews
- 1 cup chocolate covered almonds
- 1 bar dark chocolate, broken into squares

On serving board, arrange watermelon in center and surround with raspberries, cherries, strawberries, cranberries, cashews, almonds, chocolate and coconut chips. Scatter mint leaves around board for garnish.



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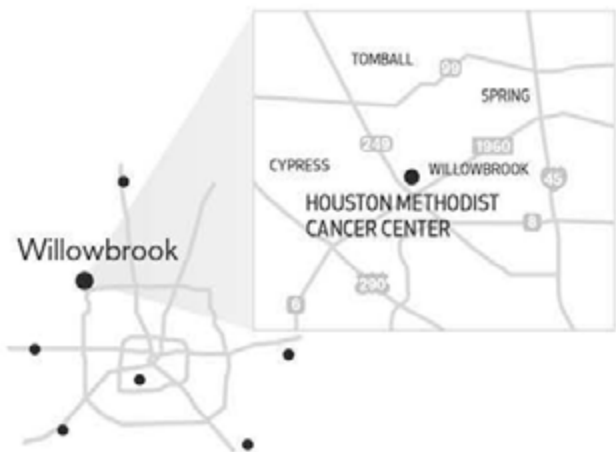
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