

The Official Newsletter of the Villages of NorthPointe

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Letter from the Editor

I don't know about you, but I'm wondering what happened to 2007! Where did the time go? What I do know is that the Holiday Season of 2007 brought out some fine decorating skills from the Villages of NorthPointe residents. There were some outstanding efforts this year in holiday lights, greenery and yard art! This was my third year to celebrate the holidays in the neighborhood and it just keeps getting better.

Take note that some of our ongoing efforts to make our community even better are coming to fruition. For 2008, MUD 281 has agreed to add security for the Villages of NorthPointe to their budget. We will have regular Constable patrol going forward!

One request, however, has been denied by Harris County Pct. 4 Jerry Eversole's office. After a formal traffic study, it was determined that the stop sign we requested at the intersection of NorthPointe Blvd. and NorthPointe Terrace did not meet the minimum criteria for multi-stop signs. Eversole's office states that it will be looked at in the future if traffic criteria changes. With the coming of the new elementary school and increased traffic in fall 2008, this may be the change it needs to meet these criteria.

The Neighborhood Watch program is in the beginning stages, thanks to Debbie Parker. Please help us help you by reading the enclosed article and doing your part to make this a success!

We had some "rock throwing" vandalism by teenage boys in early November which caused extensive damage to vehicles on NorthPointe Boulevard which was featured on Channel 11 news. The Watch Program should help get the word out on such incidences and keep them in check. You are encouraged to keep checking the neighborhood website at www.villagesofnorthpointecai.com to keep informed. Once the Watch Program is in place, the Yahoo Group will also post any such incidences regularly.

During the first week of December, Tomball celebrated its 100-year birthday, complete with fireworks and a visit by former President George H. W. Bush as well as enough birthday cake to feed 7,000! By the time this is published, we should have seen the opening of the local Silverado Imax Theater with its western-themed 19 screens! Our community is definitely growing!

Again, thanks to all the contributors of the newsletter and to Chaparral for providing the means to publish it!

~Pam Ferguson



The Annual Community Association Meeting for the Villages of NorthPointe will be held at 7 pm on Monday,

January 28th at the Clubhouse. Representatives from the Development Company and Chaparral Management will be there to present the yearly budget, as well as answer your questions. This is your chance to learn about the future development of the Villages of NorthPointe, so please mark your calendars!

Community Courtesy Reminders

- Please be respectful of your neighbors and do not block the sidewalks or streets with your vehicles. If sidewalks are blocked, this forces children and parents with strollers to get on the streets when playing or walking in our community.
- Please do not allow friends visiting or workmen at your home to block the mailboxes during regular mail delivery days. Mail carriers will not leave their vehicles to deliver mail if the mailbox is not accessible.
- If you have any questions regarding the covenants and deed restrictions for the Villages of NorthPointe, there is a request form for a copy of this document from Chaparral Management company on our neighborhood website at www.villagesofnorthpointecai.com. The document is 41 pages and too large to post all pages on the website.
- We all chose to live in the Villages of NorthPointe, so let us all keep it a neat, clean, and safe community by following the covenants set up by the Association!



From Chaparral Management:

DOGS, DOGS, DOGS

While riding on the last deed restriction ride, a lot of dogs were roaming the neighborhood. This is against the leash law. All dogs and cats are to be confined to the owners' yard or on a leash. If pet owners continue to allow their pets to roam the area, Animal Control will be called to pick-up all loose animals. This can become expensive if you reclaim your pet, and you may lose an animal that you love dearly. Please be a responsible pet owner.



TRASH DAYS

Trash days in the subdivision are **Monday** and **Thursday**. Please do not place trash out before the night before the scheduled day. After the trash has been picked up, please bring all trash containers in and place them out of view. Do not leave the trash containers at the street. Thanks for your cooperation.



Newsletter Deadline & Contact Info

To submit newsletter articles, event information and for general information, please contact Pam Ferguson at 713-724-6978 or at pamelaferg@comcast.net.

The next newsletter deadline for submission to the editor is March 10th and the next newsletter quarterly will be issued in early April after Spring Break and Easter.

Reminder about the ACC process

Planning improvements... painting, roofing, a pool, building a fence or gazebo? As spring approaches, our thoughts and weekend projects usually lead us to hurry and get the improvement done. However, **before** starting your project, please be reminded you **MUST** contact the "ACC" for approval of your plans, color, material and timetable. If the ACC denies your project and the work has already been completed, the homeowner will have to remove the structure.



The Architectural Control Committee for the Association (the "ACC") is charged with the responsibility to grant or withhold architectural review approval of all changes in the design of a property after original construction. If you plan any modification, alterations or enhancements to your property, you must first submit written request to the "ACC." A copy of the form required is available at the Chaparral website, www.chaparralmanagement.com or a link is also provided on the Villages website at www.villagesofnorthpointecai.com.

Please submit your written requests to Chaparral Management. The average turn around time for review and approval is usually less than two (2) weeks. By following this simple procedure, the curb appeal of the neighborhood will continue to be an asset to the community. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Neighborhood Watch Program

The Neighborhood Watch Program is underway. We've had thirteen of our neighbors volunteer to be Block Captains. We would love to have more neighbors step up to watch over our neighborhood. Currently, the Block Captains are getting to know their neighbors and collecting information (i.e. names, address, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses). We will be using this information for 1) to build a Yahoo Group for our neighborhood, so that we can quickly disseminate information as needed and 2) provide our Block Captains with the ability to reach a neighbor quickly in case of an emergency.



Sections/Streets/Cul-de-sacs with Block Captains:

Arlington Meadows – Lisa LeBlanc/Roxanne Elmore
Austin Bluff Ln / Grove Section – Rachel Harris
Cascade Timbers Ln – Breck Thennes
Danbridge Ct – Lorie Moore
Emery Meadows Ln & Oxley Ct – Christine Metoyer
Magnolia Arbor Ln – Rhonda Harshbarger
Manleigh Ct – Stacy/Troy Jones
Rocky Briar Ln – Ann From
Summercliff Ln – Mary Ann Edwards
Shallow Oak Ct – George VerHoeven
Valley Cliff Ct & Lake Vista Dr – Debbie Parker
Village Meadows Ct – Paige Daniel

The new neighborhood e-mail Yahoo Group has been set up and the name is "NorthPointeNeighborhood". If you're interested in getting set up in this group, contact your Block Captain or send your name, address, phone numbers and e-mail address to me and I can set you up.

If you're interested in volunteering to be a Block Captain for a section/street/cul-de-sac not listed, please contact Debbie Parker at 281-255-2852 or ddparker39@comcast.net. This will take very little of your time once you have collected your neighbors' information. We are just asking that you keep your eyes and ears open and help out your neighbors.

Thank you for your help.
Debbie Parker

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COMPASS CORNER – Updates on development in and around VNP

By Paul Hicks

Hello neighbors...time again for another update on Real Estate happenings that affect you. Last edition I promised an update on the old Treeline Golf course development so here goes...



Many of you enjoyed the golf at Treeline and the food at Dilla's (memories of the fish tacos still make my mouth water!). Well, the glut of new golf courses in our part of the world forced Treeline to call it quits after many years of great times. Ryland purchased the property and is developing "Treeline" a 120 acre upscale community. Builders will be Ryland, Ashton Woods and yet to be determined custom builders for the largest home sites. Prices are expected to start from the \$270's and up. Home sizes will be from 2000 to 4000 square feet and will feature some of the most attractive amenities for each respective builder. To get an idea of the style of homes, go to Ryland's website at www.ryland.com and check out the homes in their "Terra Vista" neighborhood under the "Concerto" series. Additional information can be obtained by calling the new home advisor Jacqui Williams at 877-467-9526. An additional note, all the big trees that you saw being transplanted have been relocated to a storage site while the roads are being put in. Then many of them will be replanted at the entrance. Ryland's goal was to save as many of these oaks as possible which included moving them instead of just cutting them down. Nice touch, thanks Ryland!

Well, the new elementary school is proceeding at a rapid clip. It will be open in time for fall of 2008 and as of this writing it looks like all of Villages NorthPointe's kids will be moving over to this new school. By the time you read this, the new school boundaries should be public. For a quick check, go to www.tomballisd.net and click the link on the left menu labeled "attendance zones". It does appear at present that Westbourne and the new apartments will be going to Willow Creek (but don't quote me on that as boundaries can and do change right up until a new campus opens). No word yet on what teachers, if any, will be moving from Willow Creek to the new school. Confidential sources tell me that Ms. Colson will remain as principal of Willow Creek. I would imagine that is a good thing for her as setting up a new school is quite an undertaking.

And finally, many of you have asked about the local market and all the sub-prime mess that seems to dominate the news. From a personal standpoint, the Real Estate business is still

plugging along. Anecdotally speaking, home sales have softened somewhat according to other agents in my local office. But on the whole, things aren't nearly as bleak as CNN would have you believe - at least not in the Houston market. As of press time, the federal government is working on a bail out of sorts for those that ended up in ARM's or adjustable rate mortgages. How effective this step is, only time will tell. As for home values in NorthPointe, they seem to be holding steady. There are some foreclosures in the neighborhood, but they are few and far between. We've had more in the past and that was before the mortgage hiccup. If you're thinking of selling and are concerned about the values, do yourself a favor and call your favorite agent and have him or her run a market analysis on the Villages of NorthPointe for the previous 6 months. There are more than enough comparables in the MLS to get a very accurate estimate of the value of your home. A quick canvas of the local builders, Weekley, Plantation, etc. reveals that they are holding fairly steady on their sales right through the end of 2007. The consensus amongst those much brighter than I, is that this "slump" if you want to call it that, is temporary and should bottom out early to mid 2008 and recover fairly quickly after that.


Well that's it for now and I'll continue to keep my ear to the ground for the latest scoop on all things Real Estate. Till then, since politics seems to be oozing from every available news source this primary season, a quote from our 40th president...*Government is like a baby. An alimentary canal with a big appetite at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other.* — [Ronald Reagan](#)



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Villages Of NorthPointe Women's Club

Women's Group Info

WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING – Meetings are held at 7:00 pm on the third Monday of each month at the clubhouse. New members are welcome! To be included in the newsgroup emails, please let Tracy know at tracyjohnson01@hotmail.com and she can add you. The group email is a wonderful way to find out the latest information. If you have any suggestions for a program or would like to contribute, please contact Rhonda at rhondakay2003@netzero.net.

Book Club – Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month. January's book is All Over But the Shoutin' by Rick Bragg. Please call Lisa McDonald at 281-516-2893 or email her at lmcdonald32@comcast.net for more details.

Friday Playgroup – Meets every Friday morning from 10 am to 12 pm in rotating homes, with some outings. For more info, please call Michele Taylor at 281-290-7639 or email at Mandm_taylor@sbcglobal.net.

Bible Study – Bible study will begin in January on a new book, but at press time, the study material wasn't determined. Please call Angie Kopesec at 832-216-5093 for suggestions or information or email her at akopesec1@yahoo.com.

Scrapbooking Group – Ann From is taking charge of this group and trying to gather interest. Ideas are to have crop sessions at the clubhouse or homes on various Sunday afternoons. Sunday afternoon, Jan. 27th will be the first session of 2008. Please contact Ann at 713-636-2156 or email at acallaham@yahoo.com for more information.

Garden Club – This group is trying to get organized. For suggestions or if you would like to lead this group, please call Breck Thennes at 281-357-8212.

BUNCO – We have 2 groups so far. If you haven't played before, don't let that stop you. If you can count to 21, you can play. It is truly a mindless game, but it does encourage socialization and is a wonderful excuse for gals to get together and gossip and share.



Monday Bunco night – Meets each second Monday of the month. Please contact Anne Jance at 281-516-3395 or email her at thekramster@sbcglobal.net for more information or to be placed on the sub list.

Thursday Bunco night – Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month. Please contact Robyn Clark at 281-516-2655 or email her at robyn6020@yahoo.com to be part of this group.

R.A.D. Training – The Constable's office is offering a free course in Rape Aggression Defense for any women who would like to commit to this course. R.A.D. is a program of realistic self-defense tactics and techniques for women, but is not a Martial Arts program. The R.A.D. System is a comprehensive, women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. Corporal Stu Fabian of Pct. 4 needs a minimum of 10-12 ladies (ages 13 and up) to commit to participate for this course and it will be sometime in the Spring in March or April. The course will be held at the clubhouse and will take 3 consecutive evenings for 3.5 to 4 hours, possibly 6 pm to 10 pm as it is a 12-hour course. For more information call Debbie Parker at 281-255-2852 or email her at ddparker39@comcast.net so we can get the course on the Precinct's schedule.

Recognize Our Stars!

The Villages of NorthPointe Compass wants to recognize our Stars! Let us know about the special events and people in our neighborhood. Please drop off, email your information or send a letter to the Compass Editor, Pam Ferguson, 18726 Summercliff Lane or pamelaferg@comcast.net. Send the news about your family member by March 10th to be included in the April edition of the Compass. We love pictures sent in JPEG format by email!

Garden Club

The Villages of NorthPointe Women's Club has several people interested in participating in a Garden Club, however, we are still looking for someone to lead our group. If you are someone who has knowledge of basic gardening skills that are relevant to our area & you would like to share your knowledge with others,



please contact Breck Thennes at 281-357-8212.

Travel Club?

If you have any interest in helping to form or participate in a travel club, please give Brian a call at 281-255-0425. The idea is to meet and discuss members' trips and perhaps do presentations. It's also an idea to potentially have local travel agents do presentations.



1st Annual VNP Community-Wide Garage Sale

Lots of money was made and spent at our garage sale in October! It was great fun getting out and meeting our neighbors. Yes, there was traffic...but let's try to be patient for 1 day each year. We'll make our best effort to keep traffic moving next year and not block some streets.



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**Chaparral Management Company
Deed Restriction Enforcement Policy & Procedure
Inspections are made monthly from a vehicle -
No property is entered**

- Watch** Complete inspection of the subdivision is made with all violations noted. If a violation appears to be temporary, the violation may be put on a watch until the next inspection.
- Courtesy** Complete inspection of the subdivision is made with all violations noted. A courtesy letter is sent regular mail to notify owner and tenant, if applicable, of violation and request to correct. This letter is included in the base contract.
- 1st Letter** Complete inspection of the subdivision is made with all violations noted. A letter is sent regular mail to notify owner and tenant, if applicable, of violation and request to correct. Owner is advised that further correspondence will result in additional charges to their account.
- 2nd Letter** Complete inspection of the subdivision is made with all violations noted. If previously existing violation still exists, a 2nd letter sent regular mail and certified mail. In accordance with the hearing requirement, the owner will be notified of their option for a hearing and of the intent to turn over to association attorney if not corrected.
- Force Mow - If the violation is yard maintenance related, at this stage, the Board may wish to force mow the property and will be able to recover any related fees. If a force mow is done earlier than this phase of the process, the Association will not have the ability to recover the cost to force mow. This is a decision to be made by the Board.
- Board** Complete inspection of subdivision made with all violations noted, and if violation still exists, a picture of the violation will be taken. At the next Board meeting, upon the recommendation of the Deed Restriction Chairperson and/or management company, the Board will make a determination whether to turn the violation over to the association attorney for a demand letter. If special circumstances exist requiring special handling, it is at this stage that the Board may intervene and make contact with the homeowner.
- Attorney** The violation is referred to attorney for a demand letter. The violation will remain on the inspection list until final resolution of the violation. A photograph may be taken of the violation on each inspection thereafter, depending on the instructions from the attorney and the violation.
- Lawsuit** When the deed restriction case is set for trial, a representative of the Association, the deed restriction inspector and neighbors of the violator may be called to testify on behalf of the association.

Politics Anyone?



Well, like it or not, it's that time of year when elections are on everyone's mind. Whether you are planning on voting in the primary, or general election, it certainly is something to be thinking about if we want to make a difference. How often do we hear our peers or coworkers complain about how the government is run, yet we find out they didn't vote in the last election!?!

The Villages of NorthPointe is in Municipal Utility District (MUD) 281, which is part of the North Harris County Regional Water Authority District #2. Many of us have spoken at length about having representation in MUD 281 to get our interests noticed regarding water quality, recycling and other issues. There are two board positions coming open in May 2008, for which we hope to be able to elect a local official. At press time, our own resident Paul Hicks, is researching the opportunity to be placed on the ballot for one of these positions. At this time, it is unknown how or when these elections occur, but please watch this space for more information. We should have details in the April newsletter.

For other important state voting issues in our Texas House District 130, please see Corbin Van Arsdale's website at www.corbin130.com. The Texas state primary will be on Tuesday, March 4th, so it will be here before we know it!

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Holiday Event Recap

Progressive Dinner – As mentioned in the October newsletter, the Villages had its first Christmas Progressive Dinner on December 1st. It was a very enjoyable evening for all who attended! We gathered at the home of Lisa and Chad Twaddle for appetizers and beverages at 5:00 pm. We then all went to the home of Paige and Jeremy Daniel for lasagna, salad, and bread, with an assortment of wines. To top off the evening, we drove to Rhonda and Ed Harshbarger’s home for desserts, coffee and after-dinner drinks. All the participants provided their special recipes for the dinner, and we all used the “holidays excuse” for eating too much!

There were 18 attendees, which was a good number for having only one main course home. The Tomball 100-year birthday celebration kept many from attending as their children were involved in the event. Others wanted to attend, but other holidays events kept them from coming. We would like to have more of these dinners in future, but perhaps at different times of the year to allow more participants. Keep watching the newsletters for announcements.

Thanks Paige for organizing this event!



Adopt-A-Family – The VNP Women’s Group adopted a family through the T.E.A.M. organization in Tomball. **TEAM (Tomball Emergency Assistant Ministry)** is a nonprofit organization formed in 1985 by 13 local Tomball churches. They serve the Tomball ZIP code, Tomball Schools, or member churches with short-term assistance. In emergency situations TEAM helps clients with food, clothing, rent, utilities, medical treatment prescriptions, eyeglasses, etc., on a limited basis. In our case, we participated in the Christmas Adopt-A-Family program. Our family was a single mother with 3 children who needed some assistance in providing her children with Christmas gifts and warm clothing. T.E.A.M. is an ongoing ministry who can use help all year. They have a resale shop and a food pantry at all times. You may call 281-351-6700 for more information. Thanks to Rhonda for finding this worthwhile cause!



Christmas Cookie Exchange – The VNP Women’s Group had a Christmas Cookie Exchange at Christine McKay’s home on Sunday afternoon, December 16th. Each participant brought 3 dozen homemade cookies of one kind on a tray, along with copies of the recipe. We also each brought a large container. While we all sampled the cookies, and enjoyed the party, we still had enough left to each carry an assorted supply home of everyone’s cookies. This event helped everyone to get their holiday baking started and have an excuse for getting together! Thanks Christine for organizing this – it was a great idea!



A Lot of History and Fun – The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo!!!



Although rodeo has existed as a professional sport for more than 100 years, the professional rodeo cowboy has only recently begun to emerge into genuine athlete status. Ranked as the world’s largest rodeo, RODEOHOUSTON invites only the top cowboys and cowgirls in the sport to compete at Reliant Stadium. At the 2007 Show, champion cowboys and cowgirls competed for a total rodeo purse of \$1.275 million.

The Houston Livestock and Rodeo is coming and is something you don’t want to miss! If you’re new to Texas or not, this is a tradition that’s some of the most fun for your family you can find anywhere. The Rodeo Events are from March 3rd to March 22nd. Leading up to the Rodeo begins with the Trail Rides at the end of February. Last year, we could watch the Sam Houston Trail Riders and the Texas Cattlemen’s Trail Riders at the end of NorthPointe Boulevard as they rode down Highway 249 into Houston. Watch the website at www.hlsr.com for updates and specific dates and times you can see the riders. It’s like stepping backwards in time to see the covered wagons and cowboys riding down the highways. It’s truly an awe-inspiring site and makes one proud to be a Texan, even a “transplanted” one. You’ve probably seen this bumper sticker – “I wasn’t born in Texas, but I got here as fast as I could”.

During Rodeo, there will be world class Concert Stars entertainment for adults and children, Carnival and a Kiddie Carnival, BBQ cook-offs, pig races, pony rides, and too much to name here!

So, y’all get your shoppin’ done – you’ll see more cowboy hats, boots, and big belt buckles in March than the rest of the year! It’s called the “Go Texan Spirit” and it’s hard not to get the fever! ~PF



News From NorthPointe Intermediate School

Market Day Dates – Hurry & order online by noon on January 15th and you will automatically be entered for a chance to win a Walt Disney World vacation or other prizes! It's easy to do – just go to www.marketday.com. If you have any questions, please contact Kiersten Mason at masonfamily1996@comcast.net or 281-655-1552.

Orders Due	Pick up date/time
Jan. 15	Jan. 24; 2:30-3:30
Feb. 11	Feb. 21; 2:30-3:30
Mar. 10	Mar. pick up date TBA

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Fun Run/Walk - Please come participate in the 2nd Annual Fun Run/Walk, the spring fundraiser for NorthPointe Intermediate School on Saturday, February 23, 2008. There is a 5K course & a 1K course in which to participate.

Participants help to raise funds for the PTO, benefiting NIS, by acquiring pledges for their participation. Flat donations are also welcome. If you have any further questions, please contact Mary Moore at 281-320-9409.



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School Directories are still available at the NIS front office for \$10. You can pay by cash or by check made out to NIS PTO.



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Show your school spirit! Hoodies are still available to order for \$20. Contact Kiersten Mason at 281-655-1552 or masonfamily1996@comcast.net if you are interested.



Tyson Foods Project A+ - We are taking part in an exciting national fundraising program sponsored by Tyson Foods, Inc. called Tyson Project A+. Through this program we can raise as much as \$12,000 for our school this year! The money we raise can go towards buying books or computers, making improvements to our building, etc.

All we have to do to participate is clip & save the entire Project A+ label from participating Tyson products. Each label we collect is worth 24 cents for our school. A collection site has been set up at the school where you can drop off your redemption labels. If you would like more information about this program, please visit <http://ProjectAPlus.tyson.com> or contact Beth Rowe at 281-357-3020.

Thank you, in advance, for your support!

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NorthPointe Intermediate School is asking for your support in collecting General Mills “**Box Tops for Education**” logos. These logos are worth 10 cents each and can be redeemed through our school for up to \$10,000 cash annually! Box Tops can be found on your favorite products like: Cheerios, Fruit Roll-Ups, Betty Crocker desserts, Hamburger Helper and Yoplait Multi-pack yogurts, to name just a few.

Also, help us recycle by contributing to the paper retriever bin on the North Eldridge side of our building. The following items can be placed in the bins: Newspapers, Magazines, Shopping Catalogs, Office & School Papers, Mail
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You can also bring your ink jets & laser cartridges & used cell phones to the front office for recycling.

Tomball ISD January Calendar

Tues, Jan 1: New Year's Day
Wed-Sun, Jan 2-6: Winter Holidays
Mon, Jan 7: No School, Staff Development
Tues, Jan 8: School Resumes, WWJH National Jr. Honor Society Mtg. @ 2:30 pm
Wed, Jan 9: WWJH Yearbook Club Mtg. @ 2:30 pm
Mon, Jan 14: TISD Board Workshop @ 5:30 pm at Administration Offices, WWJH Report Cards Mailed
Mon-Fri, Jan 14-18: WWJH Yearbooks on Sale
Tues, Jan 15: TISD Board Mtg. @ 5:30 pm at Administration Offices, WWJH Student Council Mtg. @ 2:30 pm
Wed, Jan 16: NIS report cards
Fri, Jan 18: WWJH spelling bee @ 1:30 p.m.
Mon, Jan 21: No School, staff development, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Wed, Jan 23: NIS Class Pictures, WWJH Yearbook Club meeting @ 2:30 p.m.
Sat, Jan 26: WWJH Choir auditions @ Twin Creek Middle School
Mon, Jan 28: 1:30 pm – NIS 6th Grade Awards (Callon, Walton, Sewell, Jeggle, Ploucher, Landgraf, Fehrmann, Lucas)
Tues, Jan 29: 1:30 pm – NIS 6th Grade Awards (Ancy, Snell, Stoyak, Durham, Youngblood, Mayfield, David, Keen)
Wed, Jan 30: NIS Spelling Bee
Thurs, Jan 31: 8:30 pm – NIS 5th Grade Awards (Lackey, Hiller, Burke, Warren, McShan, Jebousek, Banks, Phillips, Frank)

Tomball ISD February Calendar

Fri, Feb 1: 8:30 pm – NIS 5th Grade Awards (Allee, Gray, Eddlemon, Sharp, Becker, Downing, Whitley, Hart)
Mon, Feb 4: 100th Day of School
Wed, Feb 6: District Wide Spelling Bee
Thurs, Feb 7: WSEC Dinner at the Creek
Mon, Feb 11: TISD Board Workshop @ 5:30 pm at Administration Offices
Tues, Feb 12: TISD Board Mtg. @ 5:30 pm at Administration Offices, NIS PTO mtg @ 11 a.m.
Wed, Feb 13: Bilingual Spelling Bee
Thurs, Feb 14: WCES Valentine Parties, 1:30–3:30
Tues, Feb 19: NIS – 5th grade TAKS Reading, WCES – TAKS Reading/Writing
Thurs, Feb 21: NIS Spring Pictures
Sat, Feb 23: Second Annual NIS Fun Run/Walk Spring Fundraiser

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Did You Know About Clean Water Clear Choice?

As spring approaches, we will start to think about rains and possible flooded streets. How can we not think about this in the Houston area when it is on the news every time we get hard rains? Did you ever think about where all that water goes after it starts to recede?

One major cause of flooding is the blocked flow of runoff rainwater that results when debris and landscape wastes are allowed to wash down neighborhood storm drains. This water flows directly to bayous, then to Galveston Bay, with no treatment whatsoever. The diagram from the Clean Water Clear Choice website www.cleanwaterclearchoice.org explains.



One easy thing each homeowner can do is to recycle grass clippings and plant waste to prevent the clogging of storm drains and contaminating the bayous and Galveston Bay. Thus, the “Bag It! Don’t Blow It!” campaign, which urges homeowners to rake and bag leaves and grass instead of blowing them into the street to wash down the drains. Even though yard trimmings and soil are natural debris, when put in the storm drain they flow to our bayous, rivers and Galveston Bay where they can ruin the natural balance of the ocean and harm fish.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What is the purpose of a storm drain system? Its purpose is to prevent flooding of streets and highways by quickly and efficiently transferring rainwater into our bayous, creeks, rivers and Galveston Bay.

What’s the difference between a storm water drainage system and a sewer system? The sanitary sewer system collects household wastewater from toilets, showers and sinks. The wastewater is sent to a facility where it is first treated before discharging to a stream or bayou. In contrast, storm water is not usually treated and may carry contaminants directly into our waterways.

Where does storm water go after it drains into a storm drain? Storm water that enters the storm drains flow untreated into our channels, bayous and rivers before it goes to Galveston Bay.

What contributes to storm water pollution? Anything that is thrown into a storm drain or that is left on the street and is picked up by storm water contributes to storm water pollution. More specifically, pollutants include car oil, pesticides, fertilizers, animal droppings, trash, food wastes, automotive by-products and other toxic substances. Industrial and commercial activities with uncovered outdoor storage or process areas, loading docks and equipment maintenance and washing areas may also contribute pollutants to urban runoff.

Living so close to Galveston, let’s pay attention and help the environment by doing our part. There are many suggestions we can all do on the Clean Water Clear Choice website. It’s easy and will make a much brighter future for our children and grandchildren.

~PF

Tomball ISD March Calendar

Sat, March 1: DI Regional Tournament

Fri, March 7: WCES Spring Pictures

Sun, March 9: Daylight Savings Time

Mon, March 10: TISD Board Workshop @ 5:30 pm at Administration Offices

Tues, March 11: TISD Board Mtg. @ 5:30 pm at Administration Offices, NIS PTO mtg @ 11 a.m.

Mon-Fri, March 17-21: Spring Holidays



Carrot Cake for Easter

Cake:

- 2 cups plain flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- Pinch salt
- 1 ½ cups chopped pecans
- 2 cups grated carrots
- 2 tsp. vanilla flavoring
- 1 cup cooking oil
- 15 oz. can crushed pineapple
- 3 eggs, slightly beaten

Icing:

- 1 lb. box powdered sugar
- 1 stick margarine
- 1 – 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1 tsp. vanilla flavoring
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 cup flaked coconut

Preheat oven to 350°. In large bowl, add cake ingredients as listed, mixing slightly after each addition. Add eggs last and mix well. Pour into greased and floured 9 x 13 inch pan. Bake for 35 – 45 minutes checking with toothpick to ensure done.

For icing, have margarine and cream cheese at room temperature. Mix well, add powdered sugar a little at a time until all is mixed well. Add a little milk if needed. Add vanilla, nuts, and coconut and ice the cake when cooled. Store in refrigerator.

Very moist and good!

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(association issues)
281-537-0957

Waste Management
(garbage – paid through MUD #281)
281-376-8802

Centerpoint Energy
(street lights – get 6 digit # off lamp post)
713-207-2222

Tomball Post Office
281-516-0513

Harris County MUD #281
(water and recycling)
281-376-8802

Harris County Constable Precinct #4
281-376-3472

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www.tomballisd.net

Willow Creek Elementary 281-357-3080
NorthPointe Intermediate 281-357-3020
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Tomball High School 281-357-3220

Tax Entities:
Tomball ISD Tax Office
281-357-3100
<http://dnntomballisd.spindlemedia.com/>

MUD #281 & NorthPointe WCID
713-462-8906
www.wheelerassoc.com

Harris County Appraisal District
713-957-7800
www.hcad.org

Electric Company Choices
866-797-4839
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Crest Management
(NorthPointe Boulevard Landscape Issues)
281-579-0761
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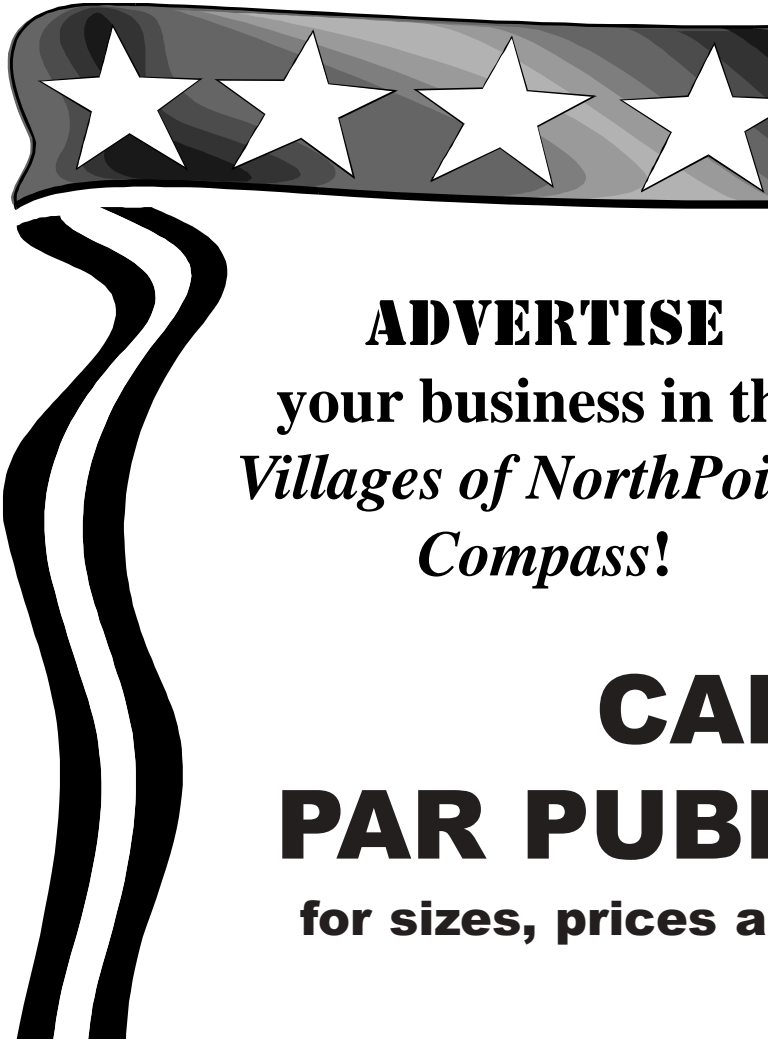
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