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News from the HOA...

The Village Creek HOA announces three new appointments to the Board of Directors: Nicole Morris, Mike Preiser and Don Rumsey.

A special thank you to newly retired Jimm Lubenow for all his time and energy that he devoted to Village Creek.

Muddy Lake

There have been several inquiries throughout the summer as to why our lake is muddy in appearance. As most of you know Treeline Golf Course was sold last year, and Ashton Woods Homes purchased the land and a new subdivision will be opening soon. As the developer began clearing the land and digging their retention lake, mud and excess water have been flowing into our lake. The process of their subdivision draining into our lake will always continue, but for the time being and to help stop the mud debris from flowing into our lake during the construction phase, they have blocked off the flow of water. We hope that over time this will return our lake back to its clearer state. Thank you for your patience during their construction phase. If you have any further questions regarding the lake, please direct them to Mr. Jim Burke, Operations Mgr for Mud #5, as the Mud district owns the lake area. Email: nwmud5@comcast.net

Lake Vista Clean-up

Many of you may have noticed that Friendswood Development did not complete our subdivision landscaping visually to appear as the rest of the neighborhood along Lake Vista running between the cross streets of Mossy Ledge to Opal Valley. After a long unproductive battle with Friendswood, the HOA decided to go ahead and landscape the area ourselves. The wild brush, trash and pencil thin trees have now been removed. We are in the process of receiving bids to fill in the low areas with soil and sod with grass. We hope that by the time you have received your newsletter this task will be complete.



Cookies with Santa

Santa is coming to Village Creek! Bring the whole family for a morning of fun with Mr. Claus himself. Come to the pool area Saturday, December 1 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. and enjoy the cookies, and even get your photo taken! Watch the sign for more details.

To volunteer, please contact Stacey Scoscio at sscoscio@sbcglobal.net.



Christmas

Block Decoration Contest

Let's get our neighborhood really shining for the Holidays! This year the block with the best holiday decorations will get a prize! So, don't skimp on the lights, garlands and wreaths - we want to see it all! Contact Stacey Scoscio for more information at sscoscio@sbcglobal.net or 281-467-4562.

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New Social Committee Chairperson

The HOA would like to give a big THANK YOU to, Stacey Coscio, the new Social Committee Chairperson. She will be organizing activities throughout the year for our children to enjoy around the various holidays.

This is not a one person show and helpers are needed at each event. If you have time to volunteer at all events or just one, your help is greatly appreciated. Cookies with Santa is coming up quickly. If you would like to help with any of the following, please contact Stacey Scoscio at sscoscio@sbcglobal.net.

1. Setup and take down of the Holiday decorations (just 30 minutes of your time)
2. Santa Claus for December 1, 2007, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. (HOA provides Santa outfit)
3. Santa's helpers for December 1, 2007, 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. (Pass out cookies)

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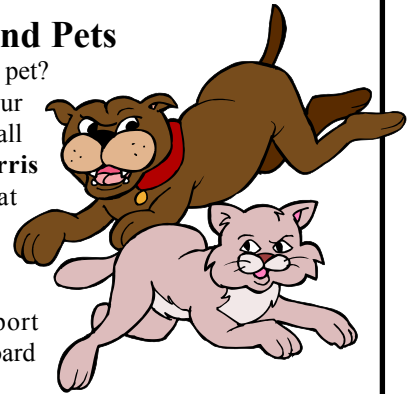
Tree Program Update

Due to an overwhelming response, we will be seeing some new trees go in this month. You will notice Live Oaks, Red Maples and Bald Cypress trees being planted throughout the neighborhood as Centerpoint Energy helps provide shade and improve the environment. For those who participated, you will be contacted with a plant date soon.

Thanks again for a great response!

Lost and Found Pets

Have you found someone's pet?
Have you lost your pet? If your answer is yes, we encourage all residents to please call **Harris County Animal Control at 281-999-3191**. The HOA offers their sympathy when one has misplaced a cat or dog, but please do not report lost or found pets to HOA Board Members.



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You're Invited!!!

Cypress Christian School invites you to very special events!

Love Music?

The CCS High School Choirs will hold their annual Christmas Concerts on November 30 and December 14.

Love to Read?

Buy a book at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore in Copperfield on the evening of December 5 and a portion of your purchase will benefit the school libraries for our K-12 students.

Love to Laugh?

Winter Banquet - Saturday, January 26 to be held at the Downtown Aquarium featuring Comedian David Ferrell and KSBJ Radio Personality, Susan O'Donnell. This year's event will be a "laugh a minute" with the two special celebrities set to perform.

Upcoming Forum

The Pearl Guild of The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts at Cypress Creek will hold their monthly meeting at the Forum at Cypress Creek Christian Church on Monday, November 26, 2007 from 9:30-11:00 a.m. Please join the Guild for a presentation on "Highlights of the Rienzi Collection" given by a docent of the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston Speakers' Bureau. A reception will follow the lecture.

To learn more about The Pearl and upcoming events, visit us at www.pearlmfa.org.

HOA Meetings

The Home Owners Association (HOA) meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. to discuss general business and special concerns. The meetings are held at the Fairwood club house, located at 14701 Spring Cypress. All residents are encouraged to attend.



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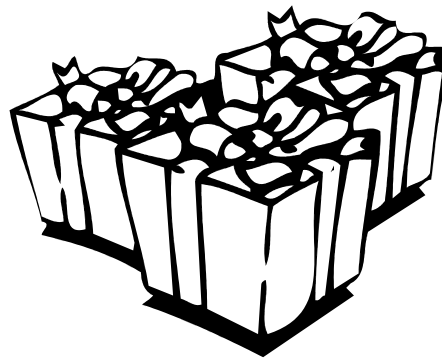


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How to Avoid Stressing Out Over the Holidays

- Establish a limit on money spent on gifts with your family and friends.
- Create a budget for your gifts and buy one or two each week so you don't have to rush in the last week or pay for them all out of your holiday paycheck. Try to shop at stores that will gift-wrap for you.
- Write cards early. Better yet, order cards online with a pre-typed message that lets everyone know how you're doing; then just add a one-line personal message by hand.
- Decide in advance how much work you can reasonably manage for a get-together. Once that is established you may want to look into options for those tasks you won't be able to get to. For instance, you may want to schedule a maid service for house cleaning or focus your cleaning on just the main rooms people will use.
- Have a couple of special dishes that you make from scratch and buy the rest pre-made or arrange for relatives to bring a dish to your gathering.
- Sit down several times a day and focus on your breathing. Empty your mind of everything else.
- Get out of the house for some exercise; it's a proven mood-booster.
- For parents – make sure you have enough activities to keep your kids busy. If they are old enough, enlist their help with some chores and entertaining and then reward them with a new activity.
- Don't set your expectations too high. If something doesn't go according to plan just laugh it off.



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\$300,000 - 349,999	0	0	0	1	0	0
\$250,000 - 299,999	0	2	2	3	4	0
\$200,000 - 249,999	1	2	4	2	2	0
\$160,000 - 199,999	0	1	2	1	1	1
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TOTAL	1	5	8	7	7	1
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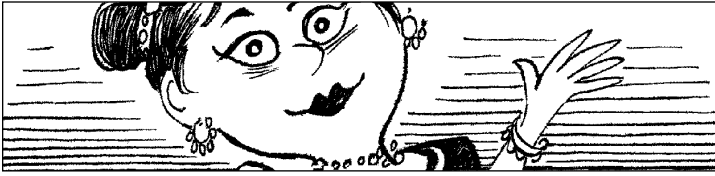
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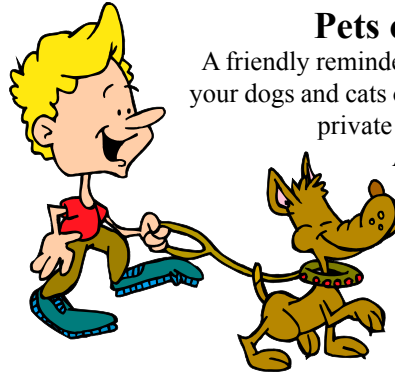
Audrey Hepburn's given name originally was Andrey. Andrey is a feminine form of Andrew. Belgian-born Hepburn changed the n to a u to become Audrey.



The words to the Battle Hymn of the Republic were written by Julia Ward Howe in 1861 after visiting army camps around Washington.

Pets on a Leash

A friendly reminder to our neighbors, please keep your dogs and cats on a leash when outside of your private fenced area....this is the law.



Another friendly reminder is to please scoop up after your dog. An easy way to do this is to bring along a plastic bag tied to your dog's leash. Thank you for helping keep our neighborhood clean.

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	9					5	6	3
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Recipe of the Month:



Strudel

2 cups flour
1 C oleo
½ pt. sour cream or half & half
canned apple pie filling
1 C powdered sugar
slivered almonds (optional)

Cut oleo into flour, stir in sour cream. Refrigerate overnight. Cut in half; roll each half out to a 16x10" rectangle. Fill center with canned pie filling. Fold over sides & ends. Bake in 350° oven 50 minutes. About 15 minutes before taking out of oven, sprinkle with almonds if desired. Combine powdered sugar & 3 T water to make icing. When cool, drizzle with icing. Any flavor pie filling may be used.

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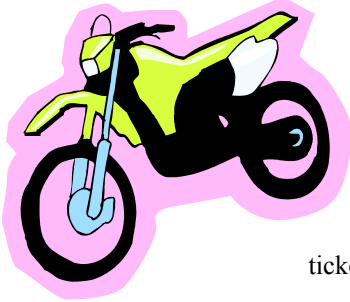
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