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Annual Meeting of Woodland Hills Home Owners Association

Mark your calendars the meeting will be held on Monday Feb. 4th 2008 at 7:30 PM in the Colleyville Center. Every member of WHHA should plan to attend.

- A review of 2007 activities
- Erosion Control What's happening in our Park
- Expectations What can be expected in 2008
- New development next door what will it look like
- Finally but not least (Who will be our new board members in 2008)

If you cannot attend please contact a current board member for information about proxy voting.

High Water

In case you haven't noticed, new poles have been erected at each end of the Martin Street Bridge. The Public Works Dept. can now observe when water is over the bridge and can initiate flashing lights to warn people of the street closure. They still will have to operate the gates manually but at least now they don't have to make a special trip to see if water is flowing over the bridge.

Also a camera has been mounted at the bridge, which will show when debris gets piled up against the upstream side of the bridge so they can plan for removal.

- John Gray

Update on Erosion Control

The gabion designs are completed and we will be sending them out for bids, hopefully the week of December 17th. - Darlene

Thank You – Christie

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank Christie Kimbell for all of her hard work this year as the social chairman. She has done an outstanding job! The Holiday party was wonderful and all in attendance had great fun. Christie from all of us in the neighborhood you deserve a huge pat on the back, for a job well done. - Delynn



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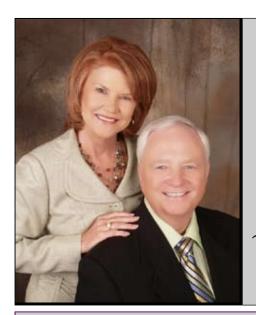
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The two primary reasons for metroplex outperformance:

Local economy doing much better than national economy
We have not had a big run up in home prices, so only negatives are in sub-prime (mostly below \$200,000).

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5 Easy Steps to Avoid the Flu And Colds This Year

Submitted by Dr. Jim Pollard, D.C.

With winter holidays comes the cold and flu season. What's so special about this time of year that has so many folks falling victim to the common cold or flu? The answer may not be what you think. Why is it that some get sick and others don't? The answer is simple. Some are better fit to fight off the attack than others. So, how do you stay fit and avoid catching the cold or flu? Here are five easy steps to help you and your family stay healthy.

1. Wash your hands often.

Contagious sick people unintentionally spread their "bugs" wherever they go. Wash your hands regularly and avoid touching your hands to your face. No need for chemically anti-bacterial hand gels; simple water and soap will suffice.

2. Get plenty of rest.

When you physically exhaust yourself from work and all of the extra activity that the holidays bring, you leave your body with less energy to fight off an attack. In addition, your body does much of its maintenance and repair while you sleep. The more rest that you get, the better your body is able fight off illness.

3. Support your immune system naturally.

Vitamin C, zinc and grape seed extract are powerful antioxidants. Silver ion is the most powerful natural antibacterial, antiviral and antifungal known. Probiotics, such as those found in live-culture yogurts and kefirs, are important in supporting immunity too, by protecting the "good bugs."

4. Maintain your exercise program.

I know, I know. It's difficult to maintain an exercise program routine this time of the year. There are only so many hours in the day. So abbreviate your usual routine. This is important because your body releases pent-up stress when you exercise. If left alone, this stress can lead to fatigue and physical breakdown. Exercise, also, releases beneficial hormones, improves immune response and helps you get a better nights sleep.

5. Maximize your immune response with Chiropractic.

A healthy nervous system is crucial to a healthy immune response. The nervous system is the

"road" that the immune system uses to respond to an attack. Many people don't realize that regular chiropractic adjustments keep your "roads" clear. Those visits that keep your spine flexible and healthy may help you avoid the cold or flu this year.

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Understanding Sciatica

Sciatica is a nerve-related condition that can have a major impact on your fitness program and your ability to perform simple, daily tasks with ease.

A relatively common form of back pain, sciatica refers to irritation of the sciatic nerve, which is made up of five branches of nerves that come out of your lumbar and sacral spine.

In many cases, sciatica is caused by a herniated disc that is putting pressure on the sciatic nerve. A herniated disc, which is often brought on by a sudden twisting motion or injury, is sometimes referred to as a slipped, ruptured, bulging or protruding disc, or a pinched nerve.

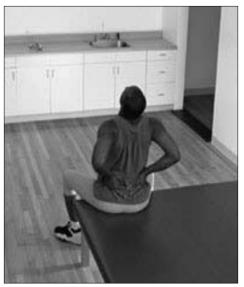
For others, sciatica may be caused by a narrowing of the spinal canal, or stenosis, which can be congenital or may develop over time. In this case, lesions can form and protrude into the canal and press on the nerves. Sciatic irritation may also be caused by slippage of a vertebral body in front of another, a condition known as spondylolisthesis.

Poor biomechanics, curvature of the back, weak abdominal muscles or pregnancy can contribute to this slippage, which can press on the nerve.

Symptoms of sciatica

As the longest nerve in your body, the sciatic nerve runs down from your lower back through the back of your thighs, where it divides into two branches just above your knees. It further branches out into the muscles below your knees, all the way down to your feet.

Classic symptoms of sciatica often start out with back pain, which may improve over time. However, you may begin to feel pain in one of your hamstrings or calves, and some numbness or tingling in your toes.



For some people, the pain from sciatica can be severe and debilitating. For others, the pain might be infrequent and irritating, but has the potential to get worse. While sciatica can be very painful, permanent nerve damage is rare.

Fortunately, because the spinal cord does not extend through the lumbar (lower) spine, there is no danger of paralysis from a herniated disc in this area.

(Note: If your symptoms include progressive weakness in the legs or bladder/ bowel incontinence, this may indicate a serious condition called cauda equina syndrome, which requires immediate medical attention.)

Treating sciatica

How sciatica is treated depends on the severity of the problem. You should, of course, see your doctor for an evaluation and diagnosis if the pain is keeping you from everyday activities.

Nerve pain is caused by both pressure and inflammation on the nerve, and treatment

is concentrated on relieving both of these conditions.

For acute pain along the sciatic nerve, heat and/or ice packs can help relieve pain. Begin by applying heat or ice for about 20 minutes at a time, and repeating every two hours as needed. You can also alternate the two to see if this provides more relief.

For some people, taking oral steroids or an anti-inflammatory such as ibuprofen will help. If the pain is severe, your doctor may inject an epidural directly into the affected area to reduce the inflammation that is causing you pain.

Manual treatments, osteopathic or chiropractic, may help relieve the pressure. Your doctor may also suggest a physical-therapy program that includes back-strengthening or lumbar stabilization exercises.

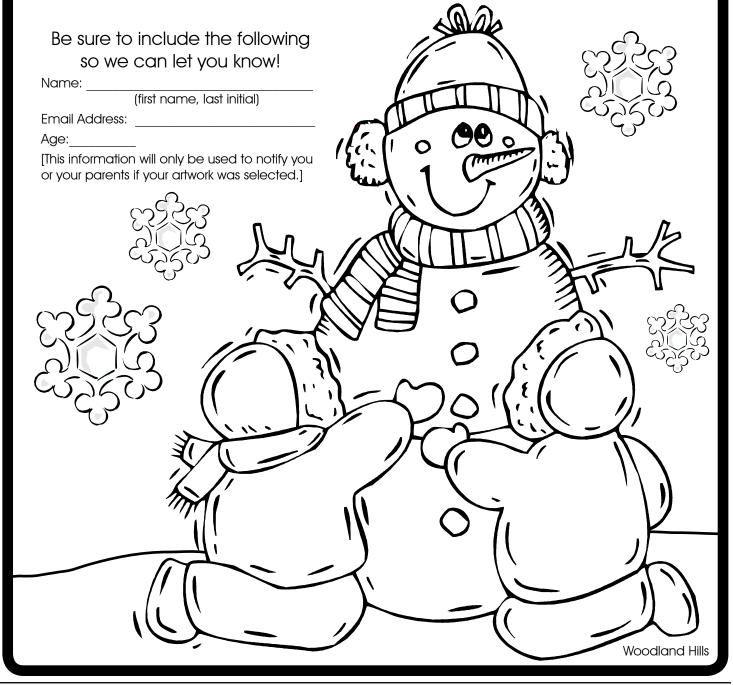
Fortunately, most people with sciatica can expect their symptoms to improve within a matter of days. For others, relief may come within two to three months.

In a small percentage of cases, where pain is severe and the combination of manual and medical treatments have not provided relief, surgery may be necessary to help relieve both pressure and inflammation.



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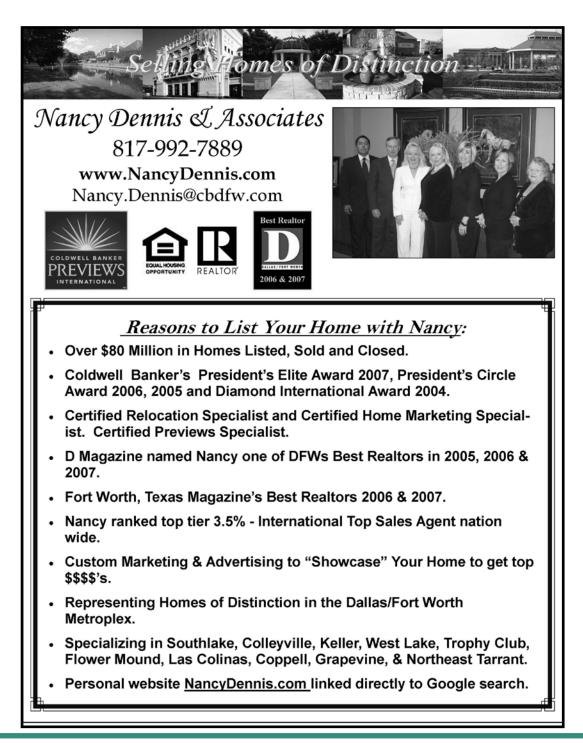
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