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Easter Egg Hunt By Helen Sink



What a great time was had by all the little ones and adults too! There were nieces and nephews and grandchildren and all our smallest residents hunting for eggs on Saturday morning April 11th. Christie Kimbell did a great job organizing the hunt so that each child had the joy of finding lots of prizes and eggs.

The Easter Bunny was there for photos and was a terrific "helper" in spotting eggs with the children. Bigger kids helped with set up and sharing of eggs and prizes. It was a beautiful day for the hunt – especially since Easter Sunday was raining all day, we were really glad we attended this event with our grandson!

Plan on coming next year. It was quick and easy and the kids all had a great time! Thank you Christie!



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Egg Hunt Instructions



Patti Jones Helps Grandson Rhys Find Egg



Egg Hunters at the Prize Table

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Verizon FIOS Is Coming

By Helen Sink

Just what is FIOS, you ask? Well, it is a utility service like your power or existing phone service. I went to www.verizon.com/fios to look up more information for those of you who have asked me to explain a little bit. I'll quickly be in over my head, so please accept these very simple terms and descriptions.

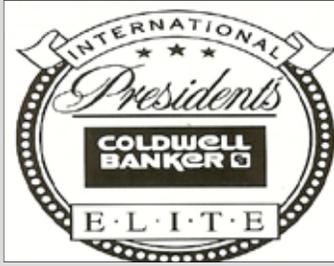
FIOS stands for Fiber Optic Service and uses glass cable and light to transmit data to your home instead of copper wiring or satellite signal to connect you to television or internet. Verizon is digging to place all new cable with this higher tech capability into our area. According to the Verizon Customer Service desk, Verizon is the only provider who is installing one fiber optic cable direct to each home, rather than junctioning new FIOS cable to existing copper cable technologies. Most of us have probably seen the Verizon trucks and personnel digging through the neighborhood to bring us this new service.

FIOS can provide internet, TV, land line services. Although it is offered through Verizon, it has nothing to do with your cell phone service. FIOS "service bundles" will be available so that you can package together whatever combination of services desired. Or you can elect to stay with whatever means you currently use to get your phone, internet and TV connected to your home. I am not suggesting that you need to take any particular action at all, unless you want to do so.

For internet services, FIOS should provide faster access and more bandwidth for data and video applications. Home Media services will use a DVR (Digital Video Recorder) to record up to 80 hours of SD (standard definition) or 20 hours of HD (high definition). You can record on one DVR and watch in any room in the house, with additional box sets. One thing that was important to me was that the DVR units should be new to new subscribers. My current DVR is not always reliable and getting it replaced means getting a refurbished unit that has its own new set of problems. I'm dreaming of getting a new DVR that actually works all the time.

One thing that was disappointing to me was being unable to determine just when we might be able to get FIOS. I looked on the web site and entered my address, but it referred me to the Verizon Customer Service phone number at 1 800-483-4000. After some hold time, I did speak with a helpful customer service agent who told me that they have no idea when service will be available to us. It could be months before we can get FIOS because Verizon needs to update the whole central system. The customer service agent assured me that once the service is ready to be made available to us, we will get plenty of advertisements and flyers announcing the new service. I believe that!





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Being the diplomatic parents we said "sure, we would consider it." Later that evening we agreed to host a student, Anne, from Germany. It turned out to be one of the most wonderful decisions of our lives (short of marriage and our own three children).

Anne was a wonderful student and brought her curiosity, enthusiasm and love of learning to our home. We learned so much about Germany, a country we had never visited. We loved Anne and over the years have had the opportunity to meet and stay with her parents and develop a much different appreciation for a culture we thought we understood. While it has been several years since we hosted Anne we are in regular contact with her and her family. This is a friendship that began with a simple question and the willingness to open our hearts.

Our success with Anne has motivated us to help other families have the opportunity to host a student. This can be a wonderful, even life changing experience for families. These students are motivated, curious and open to looking at new things. I can't imagine having our 15 or 16 year old student move to another country for 10 months, but these students understand how important an American exchange can be for their futures.

We have hundreds of students from around the world still anxious to connect with their future host family. Girls and boys from 15-18 are ready to come to American in August and spend one or two semesters with a welcoming host family. If you are interested in being a host family, please visit our website hosting page at: www.cci-exchange./host.htm or you can call me at 817-874-2459. You can also find us in the Woodland Hills directory.

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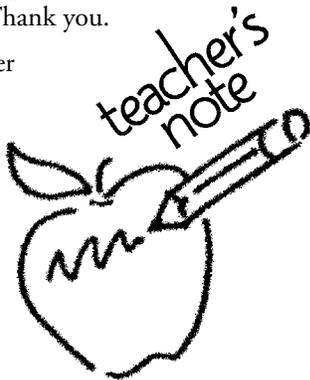
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Loujean Fuller
Secretary



Social Activities

Information from Christie Kimbell

May 2nd will be wine tasting at Kemal and Lynn Carr's home.

July 4th – Parade and picnic extravaganza

September 19th – next garage sale (we goofed in April, but from now on it is the third Saturday of April and September)

October – Neighbor Night Out (cooler than the National August date)

December – Holiday Party

Woodland Hills Homeowner Association Email Address

The Woodland Hills HOA has established an email box at hoa_woodlandhills@yahoo.com. Since the newsletter comes out only once a month, we needed a way to communicate more frequently with the neighborhood. Please feel free to email the HOA with any questions you might have, feedback, or concerns. In addition, if you just want to know what is happening, send an email with Update in the subject line and an automated response will go out with all of the latest HOA news. This should help tide us over between newsletters.



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Woodland Hills July 4th Parade Entry Form

Name of Your Float or Entry: _____

Group / Individual (circle one)

Organization Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Sponsor (if applicable) _____

Contact Phone _____

Contact Email: _____

Contact Address: _____

Select Category for entry: (circle one)

Animal

Walk

Ride

Patriotic

Group

Child/Family

Theme

of adults: _____ # of children: _____

Type of Vehicle (if applicable) _____

Other Information: _____

RETURN FORM to:

Helen Harvey Sink, 3007 Scarborough Ln. W. , Colleyville, TX 76034 (drop box at the house)

FAX: 817-358-0678, email helenharvey@att.net

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July 4th Parade and Picnic

It's not too early to start planning for the great patriotic, festive event of July 4th!! This was so well attended last summer that you just have to make plans to be part of this. Get your neighbors together for a watching party along the parade route and then come to the park for more fun.

Parade will start at 9am with short walk through the neighborhood to Melrose Park. There we will have fun things for kids to do again this year like face painting, balloons and bounce house. And the really great cookout was delicious and fun for everyone. Don't forget to bring your folding chairs to relax in the shade!

HERE ARE SOME AREAS THAT WE WILL NEED HELP WITH:

Floats – love to have each block enter a theme float. Get creative!

Parade music – can anyone contact local bands or music groups to march?

Picnic – we'll cookout again with hotdogs, chips and sodas. Grills anyone? Find donations of food and drink.

Boy Scouts/ Girl Scouts – or other groups. We will need a team who is willing to do community service by walking last in the parade to pick up any trash on parade route, helping to set up road blocks, and final dismantle of park setup. (it's really not hard)

Float Entry form is included in this newsletter. You can drop your form off to Helen Sink at 3007 Scarborough Ln. or fax it to 817-358-0678. Electronic versions of the form are available if you email helenharvey@att.net.

Please contact Parade Committee members to join in the planning. We need you!

Christie Kimbell – Event Chair

Helen Sink – Float Committee Volunteer 817-267-5278

Picnic/Food Volunteer – OPEN

Music Volunteer – OPEN

Park Activities – OPEN

Prizes and Awards – OPEN

Again – please call to volunteer. We need you!!

NEIGHBOR NEWS

We would like to publish YOUR news too! If you would like to announce births, graduations, weddings, military deployment, military return and such type of news, please send a note to helenharvey@att.net. We'd love to share the stories of the people who make up our community.

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Average Price per Sq.Ft. - \$120.35

Average Days on Market - 123

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Average List Price - \$472,500

Average Price per Sq.Ft. - \$129.05

Average Days on Market - 166

6 Properties Sold in the Last 6 Months

Average List Price - \$319,700

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AWESOME!

Link for ACC Requests

Submitted by Amy Edwards, Select Management

Summer will soon be upon us and many of you may be gearing up to make some improvements to your home. Please remember that before you begin any project such as adding a gazebo, fence addition, landscape feature, or other exterior structure to your home, you must have approval from the Woodland Hills Architectural Committee. The committee exists to maintain property values and to ensure the aesthetic harmony throughout the community. The Architectural Improvement Application is located on the community website at www.woodlandhills-hoa.com under "Resources", "Documents" then click on the Architectural Improvement Application link. Or you can call our office at 972-755-1063. Please submit your request as early as possible to allow the necessary time to process your request.

[A copy of the form is also included at the end of this newsletter.]

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Woodland Hills Homeowners Association, Inc. Request for Home Improvement Approval

SUBMIT PLANS TO:
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972-755-1067 Fax

This is an application for a proposed home improvement architectural approval. The Board Of Directors and Architectural Control Committee will review this information and will approve or deny the request. The homeowner will receive a written response within thirty (30) days following the receipt of this request by the committee.

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NAME _____ HOME PHONE _____
ADDRESS _____ OTHER PHONE _____
_____ FAX _____
EMAIL ADDRESS _____

This request is for: (check as applicable)

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Fence Replacement – new fence line, and/or height (including any changes in dimensions, color, material, or additions from original.) **

Patio Covers, Gazebos and/or Arbors **

Childs Play / Swing Sets **

Storage Buildings and/or Sheds **

Pool/Spa – without fence replacement/adjustments

Pool /Spa – with fence replacement/adjustments **

Flag Poles **

Roof Replacement *

Other – include full description below**

* Include shingle manufacturer and color

** These requests must be accompanied with full detail plans including showing placement in relation to existing residence and lot lines, structure heights, materials used, and/or stain/finish color where applicable. Requests submitted without these detail plans will be rejected.

Description of requested approval: (attach additional pages as necessary)

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Request for Home Improvement - (Continued from page 10)

Details of Work: *(Plans must be drawn to scale and provide structure dimensions, location on lot, materials to be used, product names and color to be used, contractor information).*

CERTIFICATION OF AGREEMENTS:

Homeowner certifies that all materials submitted for this application are true and correct. Homeowner understands and agrees that **no work may be performed prior to or in deviation from the terms of the permit approved by the Board of Directors.** Homeowner agrees to be bound by the Rules and Standards.

Homeowner Signature _____ Date _____

WOODLAND HILLS HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Request for Home Improvement Approval

COMMITTEE ACTION:

_____ Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Other

COMMENTS:

Hillcrest Lebanon Homeowners Association, Inc.

By: _____

Date of Action: _____

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