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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, with changes in this schedule for holiday or school events. Please watch the neighborhood sign for the current monthly schedule. To be included in the newsgroup emails, please let Rhonda know at rhondakay2003@netzero.net and she can add you.

BOOK CLUB

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month in rotating homes. Please contact Karen at 281-516-2395 or karengo@sbcglobal.net for more details. The July book selection is *Thunderstruck* by Erik Larsen. The meeting will be at Linda's house, 12902 NorthPointe Bend Ln., on Thursday, July 15th at 7 p.m. New members are always welcome and there's no need to read the book first if you don't have the time!

BUNCO

We have 2 regular groups.

Monday Bunco night – Meets each second Monday of the month. Please contact Lorie Moore at 281-255-4380 or email her at cinderlorie@hotmail.com for more information or to be placed on the sub list. Alternate contact is Pam at pamelaferg@comcast.net. Subs are

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CELEBRATE SUMMER PIZZA POOL PARTY

It Was A Great Success!

The VNP Women's Club recently sponsored the Celebrate Summer Pool party for the neighborhood kids and families on Saturday, June 5th. There were multitudes of families that came out to celebrate with LOTS of kids! Even though the pizza ran out, there was plenty of fruit, chips, cookies, etc. brought by folks to last through to the end!

Thanks to everyone who brought food and/or came to play! The smiles on the kids' faces were the reason for the event!



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Women's Group Info - (Continued from Cover Page)

always needed!

Thursday Bunco night – Meets on the fourth Thursday of the month. This group has recently gained some new members but always welcomes new visitors, members, and needs substitutes. For more information please contact Robyn Clark at 281-635-4926 or at robyn6020@yahoo.com.

If you would like to get a new subgroup started, such as a new Moms & Tots Playgroup, Garden Club, etc., please send an email out on the Women's Yahoo group, come to a Women's Club meeting, or contact Pam at 713-724-6978.

UPCOMING EVENT

July 4th Annual Cookout and Bike Parade – Starting on Sunday, July 4th at 12:00 p.m. All neighborhood children, parents, family members, and friendly pets on leash are invited to participate. Decorate your bikes, trikes, big wheels, scooters, wagons, and whatever you want to ride with anything in red, white, and blue to celebrate America's birthday! Walkers are also welcome – just decorate yourselves! The parade will begin at the clubhouse and go around the lake, followed by a hot dog BBQ and lifeguard sponsored games for the kids. Yes, it will be hot, but it will be fun!!! If you don't plan to participate, be sure to watch for the parade. These are the future leaders of our community and they are very proud to be waving their flags!

WOMEN'S CLUB COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

Once again, by request from Principal Valerie Petrazelka at Canyon Pointe Elementary, the Women's Club will be gathering new items of clothing for the school nurse's stockroom. They were so appreciative last year of our donations. Patti Ardoin, the Women's Club Community Service Director, says they are reportedly in need again of the underwear, socks, and t-shirts sizes 8-12 like we provided last year. She mentioned they could also use a few size 14, as well as smaller sizes.

The children will return to school Aug 23rd, please start looking for sales! Patti will be collecting at the July and August meeting, or you can contact her at plardoin@hotmail.com if you can't make it to the meeting. All donations welcome!

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BROWNIE SCOUT TROOP 15231



Brownie Troop 15231, which consists of 15 girls from Canyon Pointe and Willow Creek elementaries, celebrated an awesome year. Our neighbors here in VNP bought Girl Scout cookies from many of us this year and we really appreciate your support! The troop also conducted a spring pet food drive to benefit the SPCA as part of their Brownie Journey award. Other activities this year included: touring the new firestation, attending Chocolate Dreams service

unit event, Dance clinics, Touring HEB grocery store, Fashion show and clothes drive for a Women's shelter, nature hiking, Tryit workshops, touring Cici's pizza, and camping at Camp Misty Meadows near Conroe, where they got to groom the horses. They ended their year with a pool party at Lifetime Fitness. In all, they earned 12 patches, 8 Tryits and their Journey award this year! Congratulations to these outstanding young girls of whom we are very proud to be our neighbors!

For more information about this group, you can contact their leader, Kyla Bayang at kylabayang@att.net.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

The next newsletter deadline for submission to the editor is July 5th for the August newsletter. Similarly, the deadline for the September newsletter will be August 5th.

NEED HELP AROUND THE HOUSE?

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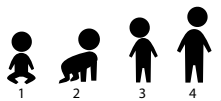


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Drowning occurs in as little as 2 minutes.



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Most children are out of sight or missing for less than 5 minutes and usually in the presence of 1 or both parents.



Most children die who are submerged for as little as 6-10 minutes.

Children who drown do not **scream, splash, or struggle**. They silently slip beneath the water, even with adults & lifeguards present.

NEIGHBORHOOD E-MAIL GROUP

As a reminder, we'd like to get everyone in the neighborhood on the Villages of NorthPointe Yahoo Group so we can quickly communicate to you when necessary. We currently have ~400 neighbors on the group. We are using the Yahoo Group to communicate information as needed concerning issues, problems, requests and events that affect our neighborhood. We have a VNP Facebook page set up for casual chit-chat, as this Yahoo Group is not intended for such.

- Your email preferences can be set up to receive individual e-mails, Daily Digests, or no e-mail with access only to view when you choose. For those of you with Blackberrys, or for those that don't want to get multiple emails per day, the Daily Digest works wonders. All emails that are posted to the group for the previous day will be compiled into one email sent between 7 and 8 a.m.

You must be a Villages of NorthPointe resident to be in the group. Please contact Debbie Parker at dparker39@att.net, your Block Captain, or make a request through the Yahoo Group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NorthpointeNeighborhood>.

CALLING ALL GARAGE SALERS!

For the past three years, the Villages of NorthPointe has had a community-wide garage sale in October with tremendous success for many of you. Our organizer Breck Thennes, needs to pass the torch, has made several calls for help, but had no response to date. This is a call for an organizer or committee to step up and take charge. For those of you new to VNP, the garage sale isn't in one central location, but simply takes place on the same Friday and Saturday at any neighbor's home who chooses to participate. Signage is used to direct traffic throughout the neighborhood and publicity will be used to bring in shoppers. Breck will be glad to offer tips and suggestions if you'll give her a call at 281-357-8212 or breckthennes@sbcglobal.net.

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LOCAL DOG LOVERS!

By Tiffany Moore

You can help bring a dog park to the 1960/Willowbrook area!

If you have ever taken your dog to a dog park you know how much fun they are for people and dogs too. You probably also know there is not one in our neck of the woods if you live in far NW Houston. The nearest off leash public dog park is Bill Archer Park in the Bearcreek Park area on Hwy 6 near I-10. If you have not ever been to a dog park you may soon get a chance to do so here in our own back yard. The Houston Dog Park Association (HDPa) is proud to be partnering with sponsor Barks 5th Avenue to bring a public dog park to our part of town. Land next to the Barks 5th Avenue facility on 1960 near Jones Rd. will be donated by the land owner to HDPa to build a public dog park. HDPa will design, construct and manage the dog park. The plan is in preliminary stages now and more details will be shared at the Kick Off and Fund Raising event to be held October 2nd in the parking lot of Barks 5th Avenue at 10620 FM 1960 West, Houston, TX 77070.

The event details will be announced soon on the web site, but you can mark your calendar for Oct. 2nd now. Leashed pets will be invited to the event and there will be lots of fun for people and

doggies including a dog and car wash, frisbee dog demonstrations, doggie costume contest, and lots of local vendor tables with freebies and goodies to give away and win. The dog park organization is seeking vendors and will also need volunteers to help setup and work at the event from washing cars and dogs, to entertainment and set up/clean up. HDPa is also seeking sponsors and vendors as well as entertainment for the event; contact HDPa to offer your services or reserve your space.

You can donate to the NW area dog park construction fund right now on their web site under Programs via Paypal or you can donate at the event. Dog park donations are tax deductible. HDPa has already raised over \$1000 for the NW area dog park. HDPa will be forming a "Friends of the NW Area Dog Park Committee" to help them plan and develop this new dog park and the event. If you'd like to help them make this dream a reality for NW Houston dog owners email tiffany@houstondogpark.org to learn how you can help. HDPa is a 501c3 non-profit volunteer organization that advocates for dog parks and supports dog park patrons through education. Learn more about HDPa, how you can help, and what HDPa is doing to support

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Sold Since 12/1/09:	4	\$189,916	\$66.86	314

*Average Data Used, Source: Houston Assoc. of Realtor MLS (March 6, 2010)

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- When the pet is within a fully enclosed vehicle; or
- When it on the premises of the pet's custodian, and the animal does not have access to a sidewalk or street.

Pet owners are responsible for their pets. Whether or not your pet is well-behaved is irrelevant and under no circumstances should they be allowed to roam freely in the common areas or in the front yard.

As part of being a responsible pet owner, carrying a disposable bag to pick up your pet's waste is also a must. Carrying the bag after its becoming necessary can be unpleasant, but is simply a matter of common courtesy. When you find yourself walking down the street with bag in hand, and dog on leash, you may even find yourself getting a smile or 'thumbs up' from other neighbors!

Let's try to be mindful of all the VNP residents. Everyone doesn't love pets, some are even fearful, so let's please respect others in the neighborhood, and at the same time – follow the law!

Local Dog Lover's -

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dog parks all around Houston on their web site. For a map of all the dog parks around Houston visit www.HoustonDogPark.org. See you at the dog park!

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