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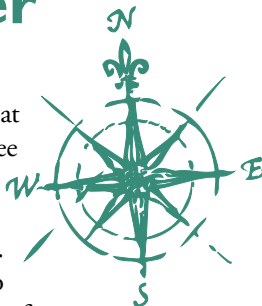
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Compass Corner

By Paul Hicks



OK neighbors, Mr. Paul is on his soapbox and that is a rare occurrence. And what, pray tell is the bee in his bonnet? A news article from early October that indicates that the 249 freeway project has just fallen off of the 20 year plan is the problem. In short, if you're tired of fighting traffic to get to Tomball and back, get used to it, as the main lanes for 249 are not even in the planning stages. How can this be you ask? Well I think we can look no further than our state rep. Allen Fletcher. He has decided that he will not support any toll roads in Texas and therefore will not get behind the plan to build the proposed toll road from NorthPointe Blvd to north of Tomball. Instead he stubbornly insists that TXDOT build the freeway as a non-toll road. Hey, I'm all for that if TXDOT has the money...unfortunately they do not. As a matter of fact, they are flat busted and thus no freeway will be built. Personally, I'm all in favor of the lesser of two evils and I think you are too...a toll road is better than nothing at all. But with Mr. Fletcher crowing about how he will not even consider supporting a toll road for 249, the Harris County Toll Road Authority has put us out to pasture. Ah...I remember those days when we had Corbin Van Arsdale as our Representative and he made special trips to NorthPointe Intermediate to actually talk to and help his constituents. There, I shall step down from my soapbox with one last exhortation – if you feel as I do, make it known by going to www.allenfletcher.net and leave your representative a respectful but pointed message about same.

On to bigger and better things...the commercial real estate powers that be are starting to go shopping again. We are hearing reports that several of the parcels around our neighborhood are ripe for the picking and will be developed very soon. This could be a shopping center, assisted living or other valuable, tax base boosting enterprise. Stay tuned.

WOMEN'S GROUP INFO

- **WOMEN'S GROUP MEETING:** – Meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. 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 contact Rhonda at rhondakay2003@netzero.net.
 - **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 November book selection is *The 19th Wife* by David Ebershoff. The meeting will be at Karen's house, 18830 Magnolia Arbor Lane, on Thursday, November 11th at 7 p.m. (Note - this is a change in the usual schedule). New members are always welcome!
 - **BUNCO**
 - **Monday night** – Meets each second Monday of the month. For info or to be placed on the sub list, please contact Pam at pamelaferg@comcast.net.
 - **Thursday night** – Meets each fourth Thursday of the month. For info or to be placed on the sub list, please contact Robyn at 281-635-4926 or at robyn6020@yahoo.com.
- If you would like to announce a new subgroup, please come to a Women's Club meeting or contact Pam at 713-724-6978 or pamelaferg@comcast.net.

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

• UPCOMING WOMEN'S CLUB SPONSORED EVENTS

• **Nov. 20th – CHRISTMAS in NOVEMBER SALES EVENT & BAKE SALE** – This year's neighborhood Women in Business Sales Event promises to be bigger and better than ever! It will be held on Saturday, November 20th at the clubhouse. This will be a great place to buy your Christmas presents and possibly get something for yourself as well! There will be a Bake Sale to get your Thanksgiving goodies, such as sweet breads, cakes and pies. Please see separate article in this issue for details.

• **Dec. 4th – BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** – All VNP children are invited to come to the clubhouse on Saturday morning, December 4th from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for Breakfast and a Picture with Santa! Deadline for R.S.V.P. is November 20th to Paige at 832-559-3124 or at paige4arbonne@yahoo.com. Paige is asking for volunteers for this big event as well. This has proven to be very popular with the neighborhood and many Santa's helpers are needed! Details will be announced on the Neighborhood Yahoo Group. This is another great reason to sign up for the neighborhood email group!

• **Dec. 10th – HOLIDAY PROGRESSIVE DINNER** – The Women's Group is planning a Holiday Progressive Dinner on Friday, December 10th. Progressive dinners are for both couples and singles, and the dinner courses are divided among several host homes, with a different course served at each home. Food preparation is shared among participants as well. Host homes are still needed, as well as participants. Please R.S.V.P. by December 3rd to Elicia at eve_ayla@hotmail.com or by calling 281-255-2854. Watch the Yahoo Group email for more details or come to the November 15th Women's Club meeting!

• **Dec. 12th – CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE** – The VNP Women's Group is hosting a 'women only' Christmas Cookie Exchange at 1 p.m. on Sunday, December 12th at Patti Ardoine's home. Each participant will bring homemade cookies of one kind on a tray, along with copies of the recipe and a large container to carry home your assortment! Patti's address is 12703 Arlington Meadows. We will also use this time to wrap the gifts for our sponsored families. This is a fun way to start your holiday baking!

• **DECEMBER COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT** – The VNP Women's Group will be sponsoring two families in need for the holidays. Some of the proceeds from the Christmas in November Bake Sale will be used for this endeavor, as well as donations. A separate article is provided in this issue with information for the organizations associated with the sponsored families.

Calling All VNP Bakers!

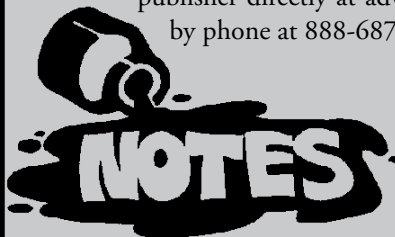
The Women of Villages of NorthPointe will sponsor a Bake Sale at the Christmas in November event at the Clubhouse on November 20th. The proceeds of the bake sale will provide needed items for the families the Women's Club is sponsoring for their December community service project. Since this bake sale is the weekend before Thanksgiving, we are requesting more large baked goods such as pies, cakes, breads, etc. so the buyers can have these items for their holiday family events. If you provide cookies, bars, or smaller items, please package your items for sale in a larger quantity, rather than 2 or 3 cookies per baggie as in the past. Please have your baked goods at the clubhouse on Saturday, November 20th by 8 a.m. If you cannot make this time, they can be dropped off at Pam's house on Friday evening, Nov. 19th. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to work the bake sale booth, please call Pam at 713-724-6978. Your response will ensure the sponsored families will have a wonderful holiday season this year. For information on the community service project, please see separate article.

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 November 5th for the December newsletter. Similarly, the deadline for the January newsletter will be December 5th.

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Christmas in November Sales Event!



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Women from VNP and surrounding areas
will have tables set up with products
from their home businesses such as:

Usborne Children's Books & More,
Personalized Gift items, Willowhouse Home
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2011 Women's Club Election Results

After voting, the officers who will take over in January are as follows:

Voting Board Members

President: Angela Dunnahoe
VP: Pam Ferguson
Secretary: Jennifer Levy
Treasurer: Deana Clark
Community Service Director: Patti Ardoin

Chairpersons

Program Chair: Sally Dresche
Publicity Chair: Pam Ferguson
Historian Chair: Elicia Moody
Hospitality Chair: Stacy Jones
Auditor: Patti Ardoin

PLEASE SLOW DOWN!!!

Drivers - please remember this is a neighborhood with children and to SLOW DOWN! Parents with teen drivers – please remind your teenage drivers to slow down as several residents are resorting to taking down their license plate numbers and calling the police. Let us respect others and be safe!

ORGANIZED?

Ladies Night Out Event:
"wine, cheese & clutter-free"
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with New Leaf Organizing Company

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Holiday Community Service Project

The Women's Club of VNP is sponsoring families this holiday season from two separate organizations. We will provide gifts and needed items for a family from **T.E.A.M.**, as in past years, as well as a family from Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Family Alliance. The request has been made to sponsor a Tomball area family for Candlelighters. Both these families will be identified in late November or early December.

T.E.A.M. is an acronym for **Tomball Emergency Assistance Ministries**. **T.E.A.M.** is a nonprofit organization formed in 1985 by thirteen local Tomball churches to help needy, low-income families of the Tomball area with short-term assistance. The **T.E.A.M.** center operates a food pantry and a clothing distribution facility at 300 West Main, Tomball. For more information on T.E.A.M., please see their website at www.teamtomball.com or call 281-351-6700.

Candlelighters is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide emotional, educational and practical support to children with cancer and their families. In addition, Candlelighters desires to promote childhood cancer awareness, and the need for childhood cancer education and research in the Houston community. Candlelighters helps ease the burden for families with newly diagnosed children with cancer in so many ways:

- For the thousands of dollars that a family will spend on parking, meals, and groceries while their child is undergoing treatment.
- To help so many families who would not be able to celebrate the holiday season if it were not for their Adopt-A-Family program.
- The Candlelighters' Parent Consultants provide countless hours by sitting with families listening and providing solace during their time of need.
- The stories are endless, as are the needs of the families who have children battling cancer. Candlelighters thanks you for your awareness that..... **No family has to face childhood cancer alone.**

Candlelighters offer all of their services free of charge to the families and therefore rely heavily on the generosity of the Houston community. Please visit their website at www.candle.org or contact their office at 713-270-4700 for specific sponsorship or volunteer information.

Thanks to Patti for coordinating this community service effort. For ways to help the Women's Club provide for their sponsored families, please contact Patti at 281-290-0432 or plardoin@hotmail.com.

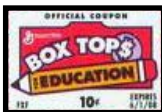
LOCAL SCHOOL NEWS

Canyon Pointe Annual Food Drive is November 8-12th. Items can be dropped off at the school any day that week. All food goes to help our school families in need and NAM (Northwest Assistance Ministries). Please donate to help the Food Drive beat last year's record and help those in need! Most needed food items:

- Tuna Fish or other canned fish or meat
- Beef Stew, Meat Soups, Chili, or Hearty Soups
- Canned Spaghetti or Pasta
- Canned Veggies or Fruits
- Beans (kidney, pinto, green, yellow, refried or black beans)
- Ensure or other nutritional supplement drinks
- Rice, Dried beans or Pasta
- Powdered Milk
- Pancake or Baking Mixes
- Cereal/Oatmeal or Granola Bars
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly (in plastic jars)

Thanksgiving Holiday is November 24-27th

Canyon Pointe School Library Collects Boxtops. All proceeds go towards purchasing new books for our school Library. Boxtops can be dropped off at any time to the front desk or can be sent in a baggy in your child's folder and the teacher will turn them in to the library. Your clipping does make a difference, as last year over \$800 was raised! This year we would like to earn \$1000 for new books. Thank you for your support! Canyon Pointe Elementary has a Facebook page to keep parents updated. Go to www.facebook.com/CPESPTO and click "like" to receive instant updates.



September NAM Food Drive

Thanks to the Villages of NorthPointe for opening their pantries on September 11th this year. Thanks also to the volunteers from the neighborhood who collected 418 pounds of food from area homes. The food was delivered to the Northwest Assistance Ministries and was greatly appreciated.



Neighborhood E-Mail Group & Facebook

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 are using the Yahoo Group to communicate information as needed concerning issues, problems, requests and events that affect our neighborhood.

- 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 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.
- Facebook account – Villages of NorthPointe HOA. The Facebook account is set up for casual chit-chat or discussions.

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

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