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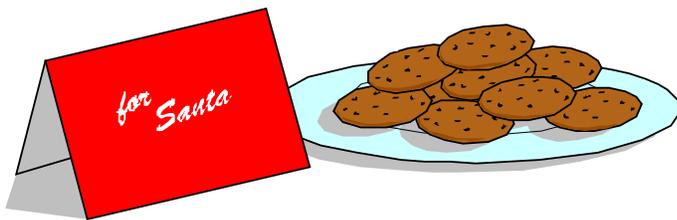
## COOKIES WITH SANTA

*You better be Good for Goodness Sake...  
because Santa Clause is coming to Village Creek!*

Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 11, from 10:00-12:00.

Avoid the mall lines and come to the clubhouse for a visit with Santa, cookies with Mrs. Clause and a holiday gift. And of course, don't forget to bring your camera!

The Village Creek Social Committee meets the 1st Wed of each month at 6:30. We'll be meeting in January to set a tentative schedule of events for 2011. We'd love your ideas and input! Please contact [social@myvillagecreek.net](mailto:social@myvillagecreek.net) for more information.



## TACKLE HUNGER IN TEXAS

*with the Souper Bowl of Caring!*

What would happen if every American that celebrates the Big Football Game donated one can of food or \$1 to fight hunger and poverty in their local community?

The result would be an astounding \$90 million in cash and cans to help feed the hungry, provide shelter to the homeless and help our neighbors in need.

With all eyes on North Texas this year as they host the Big Game, you can join the Souper Bowl of Caring and help make this vision a reality! For more than 20 years, groups all over the country have joined forces to demonstrate the power of caring. To date, more than \$71 million in cash and cans has been collected and 100% was donated in communities throughout the U.S. Every penny stays local and every collection matters!

Last year, 1,900 schools, churches, businesses and grocery stores in Texas

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## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The social committee is always looking for new members and new ideas. We meet the 1st Wed of the month at 6:30. If you'd like more information please contact [social@myvillagecreek.net](mailto:social@myvillagecreek.net)

Pictured left to right, Hope Myers, Ruth Verduzco, Caren Seal, Sharon Gabbert, Jennifer Fox, Amy Hyden



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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
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|                              |                                  |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
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|   |                        |
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| Harris County Animal Control .....                            | 281-999-3191           |
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### Tackle Hunger in Texas - (Continued from Cover Page)

collected more than \$4.5 million for local charities that fight hunger and poverty. The need is growing and we need your help!

#### Join the Team. Get started today!

1. REGISTER your school, church or business at [tacklehunger.org](http://tacklehunger.org) and designate an organizer for your Souper Bowl of Caring event. You'll receive a free Resource Kit!
2. COLLECT money and/or canned foods anytime January 17-February 6, 2011. Super Bowl Sunday is February 6, 2011.
3. REPORT the amount of your collection to the Souper Bowl of Caring so it can be added to the national tally.
4. DONATE 100% of your collection to the charity of your choice in your own community.

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## FINANCIAL FOCUS

### Still Time for Year-end Financial Moves

The holiday season is always a busy time of year, so you're probably pretty busy. But it is important to take some time now to evaluate year-end financial moves that may be beneficial in preparing for your financial future.

Which year-end moves should you consider? You will want to talk to your financial advisor and tax and legal professionals first, but here are a few ideas to get you started:

- **Boost your IRA contributions.** You have until April 15, 2011, to fully fund your IRA for the 2010 tax year, but the sooner you finish with your 2010 contribution, the quicker you can get started on your 2011 contribution — and the earlier in the year you fund your IRA, the more time you give your account the opportunity to grow.
- **Put more money into college savings plans.** If you have a 529 college savings plan for yourself or someone else, consider putting more money in before year-end. You can gift up to \$13,000 (\$26,000 per married couple) per person per year without gift tax consequences. However, this must be accomplished by year-end.
- **Be generous.** If you've been thinking of making charitable gifts,

don't put them off any longer. As long as you make a donation to a qualified charity before the year ends, you can claim a deduction on your 2010 tax return. For example, if you donate \$100 to a charitable group [either a religious organization or one that has received 501(c)(3) status from the Internal Revenue Service], and you're in the 25% tax bracket, you can deduct \$100 (with a tax benefit of \$25) when you file your taxes for 2010, providing, of course, that you itemize. If you donate stocks or other types of assets, you may also be able to save on capital gains taxes, because it will be the charity, not you, that eventually sells those assets.

- **Sell your "losers."** If you own investments that have lost value since you purchased them, you can sell them before 2010 ends and then use the tax loss to offset capital gains you may have earned in other investments. If you don't have any capital gains, you can use up to \$3,000 of your tax losses to offset other ordinary income. If your loss is greater than \$3,000, you can "carry over" the excess and deduct it from your taxes in future years. However, if you then want to repurchase the investment you sold, you'll need to

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|----------------------|----|-----------|----------|-------------|
| Active Listings:     | 24 | \$246,254 | \$80.77  | 169         |
| Pending Listings:    | 1  | \$275,000 | \$84.23  | 94          |
| Sold since 8/1/2010: | 8  | \$256,388 | \$77.15  | 109         |

\*Average Data Used - Source: Houston Assoc. of Realtor MLS November 6, 2010



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|                          | ACTIVE                 | PENDING   | SOLD Last 6 Mos        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| <b># of Listings</b>     | 25                     | 1         | 29                     |
| <b>Price Range:</b>      | \$165,000<br>\$384,900 | \$275,000 | \$170,000<br>\$362,000 |
| <b>Average Price</b>     | \$245,203              | \$275,000 | \$240,550              |
| <b>Avg Price/sq.ft.</b>  | \$80.87                | \$84.23   | \$80.56                |
| <b>Avg DOM</b>           | 82                     | 94        | 60                     |
| <b>High Price/sq.ft.</b> |                        |           | \$108.43               |
| <b>Low Price/sq.ft.</b>  |                        |           | \$67.48                |



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## Financial Focus - (Continued from Page 3)

wait at least 31 days to avoid violating the IRS' "wash sale" rules.

- **Take capital gains.** In 2011, the tax rate on long-term capital gains is scheduled to increase to 20% for most investors, up from the 15% rate it's been the last several years. If you have stocks or other appreciated assets that you were thinking of selling in the near future, you might want to do so before the year comes to a close. However, it's generally not a good idea to make investment decisions strictly because of tax consequences. If your appreciated assets are still a part of your overall financial strategy, you may be better off holding them for the long term, even with a higher capital gains rate.

Considering these moves before the year ends may help you better prepare to address your financial picture in 2011.

## AGGIE MOM'S CLUB

### *A Festive Holiday Social Evening*

The Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club invites you to join other Aggie moms for a festive social evening on Tuesday, December 14th. All current, future, and former Aggie moms are welcome to join us at 7 pm for some holiday fun in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. The event will be held at the Houston Distributing Center conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the corner of Cutten Road and 7100 High Life Drive. Come and learn more about Aggie student activities, purchase great Christmas gifts from the Aggie boutique, win door prizes and book money for your students, and learn about upcoming scholarship opportunities. During the December celebration, we will have an "Aggie" Christmas ornament exchange. Please bring a wrapped Aggie tree ornament to exchange with other Aggie moms.

One of the main goals of the Aggie Mom's Club is to give scholarships to Aggie students. The NWHC Aggie Mom's Club is now accepting Scholarship Applications for the 2010-2011 school year. Complete applications and eligibility requirements are available at [www.nwhcaggiemoms.com](http://www.nwhcaggiemoms.com) and also at the general meetings. The application must be postmarked no later than Monday, Feb 7th, 2011. Last year 6 scholarships totaling \$6750 were awarded to area Aggie students. Please contact Vickie Hamley at 713-466-4494 or check out our website for more information!



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## Recipe of the Month

### Christmas Punch

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 can concentrated white grape juice
- 1 can concentrated cranberry juice
- 3 liter bottle 7-up

#### DIRECTIONS

Combine. Garnish with fresh black cherries.



## Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   | 7 | 1 |   |   |   | 3 |   |
|   |   |   |   |   | 5 |   |   |   |
| 4 | 6 |   |   |   |   | 8 |   | 7 |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 2 |   |
|   | 5 |   | 9 | 1 | 3 |   |   |   |
|   |   |   | 7 |   |   | 3 |   |   |
|   |   |   |   | 6 |   |   |   | 8 |
|   |   | 5 |   | 8 |   |   | 1 |   |
|   | 2 | 3 |   |   |   |   |   |   |

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*Wishing all my friends and neighbors a happy holiday season and a special welcome to all those who chose Village Creek as their home in 2010.*

### 2010 Summary of Village Creek Sales (1/1/10 – 11/2/10)

Min. \$/sq.ft sold – \$61.25  
 Max. \$/sq.ft sold - \$108.43  
 Avg. \$/sq. ft sold –\$79.07  
 Avg days on market – 97.5 days  
 Sales Price \$166,000 - \$362,000



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