

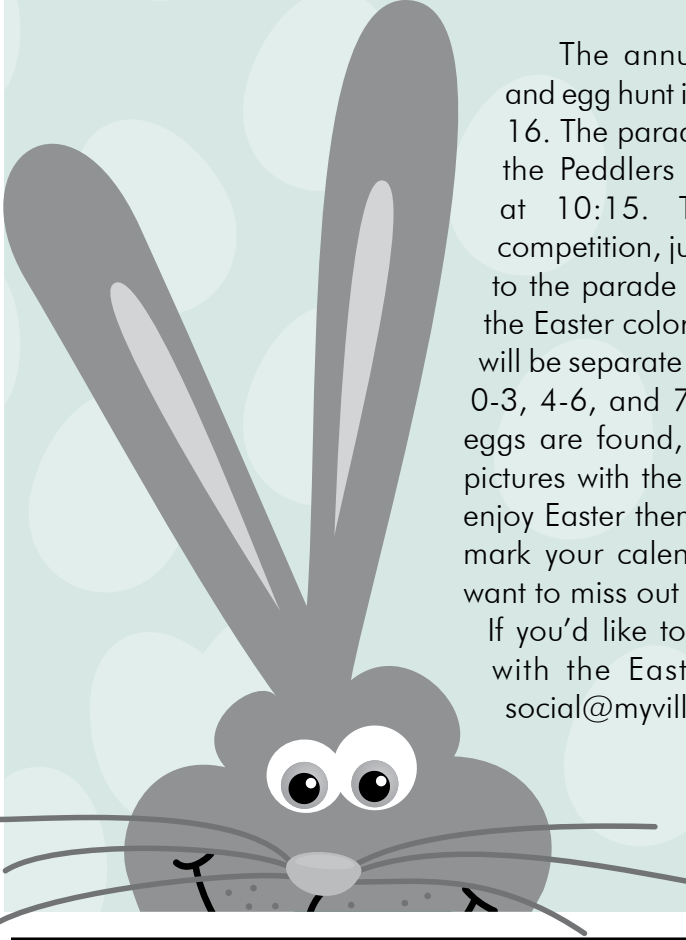


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## Annual Easter Parade and Egg Hunt



The annual Easter parade and egg hunt is on Saturday, April 16. The parade will assemble at the Peddlers Court cul-de-sac at 10:15. This will not be a competition, just a chance to add to the parade fun and to see all the Easter colors and flair. There will be separate egg hunts for ages 0-3, 4-6, and 7-12. After all the eggs are found, families can take pictures with the Easter Bunny and enjoy Easter themed activities. So, mark your calendar, you wouldn't want to miss out on all the fun!

If you'd like to volunteer to help with the Easter party contact [social@myvillagecreek.net](mailto:social@myvillagecreek.net)

## ATTENTION TEENAGERS

Teens who would like to submit their information for the 2011 list of teen job seekers can submit their information through [newsletter@myvillagecreek.net](mailto:newsletter@myvillagecreek.net). You must be age 13 to 19 to be on the list. Please include any certifications, training, and what type of job you would like to do.

Teenagers in Village Creek subdivision have an opportunity to acquire community service hours by volunteering to help the social committee. Any teen who would like to help out with any of the community events please contact [social@myvillagecreek.net](mailto:social@myvillagecreek.net) to get involved.

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## Village Creek Community Activities 2011

### *Calendar of tentative events*

Spring Garage Sale; March 25 and 26

Easter; April 16

4th of July; To be determined

Back to School/Luau; Aug 13

Fall Garage Sale; Sept 23 and 24

Fall Festival; Oct 15

Christmas; Dec 10

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## Village Creek On-Line

Village Creek has a great website to keep residents informed about neighborhood news. The website is full of helpful numbers and information for Village Creek residents. Information from the HOA meetings, safety reports, and community events are added regularly. Go to [http://www.myvillagecreek.net/Home\\_Page.php](http://www.myvillagecreek.net/Home_Page.php) to learn more about your community today!

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## VILLAGE CREEK PET HOTLINE

Did you know that Village Creek has a Pet Hotline? Teresa Dutt, a Village Creek resident, started the Pet Hotline in May 2009. To date 90% of all lost and found pets that reside within Village Creek have been returned to their owners.

Email the following to [VillageCreekpetline@yahoo.com](mailto:VillageCreekpetline@yahoo.com) and your pet will be added to the database.

- Picture of the pet (this really helps)
- Pet's name
- Sex
- Breed
- Owner's name and address, phone numbers and email address.

How does this all work? Bruno the German shepherd breaks loose of the backyard and wanders the community while you're at work. A resident spots Bruno and emails the pet hotline a description. The database is checked and then you are contacted that Bruno has been found. If Bruno is not in the database, then an email alert goes out to all



the block captains within Village Creek. The block captains in turn will forward the email alert to residents on their street. We also work with Villages of Northpointe, a neighboring community, and recently someone in their community spotted a lost Village Creek pet and kept him safe until the owner was located.

This is how the system in place has 90% return of all pets to date. Communities working together!

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| CATEGORY           | NO. | PRICE     | PRICE/SQ FT | DAYS ON MKT |
|--------------------|-----|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| Active Listings    | 18  | \$228,716 | \$77.88     | 180         |
| Pending Listings   | 3   | \$218,300 | \$72.54     | 140         |
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## BLOCK CAPTAINS

Do you know who your block captain is? Below is a list of current block captains and streets that are still in need of a block captain. We would like to extend a big "Thank You" to everyone that has volunteered and to those captains that have taken on more than one street.

To sign up to be a block captain, please email:  
[villagecreekneighborhoodwatch-owner@yahoo.com](mailto:villagecreekneighborhoodwatch-owner@yahoo.com)

Ajuga Court ..... Teresa Dutt  
Berry Shoals ..... Leann Karsten  
Briar Harbor ..... Jennifer & Jeff Lev  
Carriage Glen ..... Jeff Colwell  
Cloverview ..... Jerri Schwettman  
Cobble Shores ..... Joanie Swang  
Days Dawn ..... Sherry Watson  
Eagle Ledge N ..... Kathy Truitt  
Eagle Ledge S ..... OPEN  
Edengrove ..... Jerri Schwettman  
Empress Cove ..... Lisa Tucker  
Feathers Landing ..... Frank Valdez  
Flower Mist ..... Ron Headley  
Friar Village ..... Glynis Fletcher  
Gables Bend ..... Ty Thomas  
Ginger Ridge ..... Elton Wolter  
Hobbs Terrace ..... Alena Dyson  
Holsberry Court ..... Suzanne Ellison  
Imperial Crossing ..... Chris King  
Lake Vista ..... Diana Hilliar  
Leeside Drive ..... Ted Sokolsky  
Leeside Court ..... Susan Zagryn  
Ligustrum Trail & Court ..... April Watson  
Lyric Way ..... OPEN  
Magic Falls ..... Colleen Rollie  
Midland Creek ..... Morris & Miriam Brassfield  
Mimosa Spring ..... Beth Anne Craig  
Misty Moores ..... Pat Lechleiter

Morning Rain ..... Diana Christopher  
Mossy Ledge N ..... Pat Lechleiter  
Mossy Ledge S ..... Marilyn Kilmer  
Mossy Woods Court ..... Michael & Christi Luedke  
Old Court ..... Colleen Rollie  
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Sherlock Acres ..... Gigi Zientek  
Sienna Trails ..... Julie Gibson  
Sky Haven ..... Bert Quarfordt  
Songhollow ..... Ty Thomas  
Sunset Arbor ..... Elton Wolter  
Sweet Song ..... Beth Craig  
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## Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club Information Sessions

THURSDAY EVENING, APRIL 7TH, 2011 AND  
FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 22ND, 2011

The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host 2 open house/registration sessions for all middle and high school athletes and their parents interested in joining for the 2011 season. The events will be held on **Thursday, April 7, and Friday, April 22, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM** in the **Cypress Room at the Methodist Willowbrook Hospital**, 18220 Tomball Parkway, Houston, at the corner of FM 1960 and Highway 249. The sessions will begin with a very important program overview/orientation at 7:00 PM. All interested athletes and parents should report on time.

The Northwest Flyers is a youth (ages 6 -18) track organization, affiliated with USA Track & Field. The club provides a full program of “track” events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance, relays and “field” events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin. **It is an excellent “off-season” program for young athletes who currently compete on their middle school or high school varsity track teams.**

The club was founded 24 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the Northwest Houston area. Last year the Northwest Flyers qualified 36 young athletes to compete at the US Junior Olympics National Championships in Sacramento, California.

Visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org> for registration forms and information prior to the sessions, or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442 or linette.roach@sbcglobal.net.



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## Neighborhood Alerts and Constable Crime Reports

Northwest Mud 5 provides our Constable patrol in Village Creek. Each month a crime report is emailed to the Neighborhood Watch, block captains and residents in Village Creek. If your street does not have a block captain, then you are not receiving the info and/or live alerts as they happen in our community. Since the Constables report is provided at the beginning of the month for the previous month, it will appear that we are always late in posting.

### JANUARY 2011

Village Creek (4VCNW5):

11-1547- VC- 12400 Morning Rain- Unknown suspect entered the complainant's unlocked vehicle and stole property.

11-1695- VC- 17300 Sunset Arbor- Unknown suspect forced entry into the complainant's vehicle but nothing was stolen.

11-13135- VC- 12800 Carriage Glen- Unknown suspect used the complainant's credit card number to make unauthorized purchases.

11-1697- VC- 12500 Willow Breeze- Unknown suspect damaged Christmas decorations.

### DECEMBER 2010

Village Creek (4VCNW5):

10-166082- VC- 17600 Berry Shoals- Unknown suspect used the complainant's credit card number and made unauthorized purchases in another city.

10-167171- VC- 12500 Midland Creek- Family members were involved in a physical altercation. HCDA declined charges.

10-174486- VC- 12700 Robins Crest- An adult male was reported missing by a family member.

10-180147- VC- 17323 Village Commons- Three male suspects were seen by neighbors attempting to force entry through a backdoor of a residence. The suspects fled the area.

Help keep crime and vandalism to a minimum in Village Creek. Please report any suspicious activity or persons to the Constables office 24 hours a day by calling 281-376-3472.

Thank you,

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The Board is always happy to see residents at the monthly meetings. They are the third Monday of each month at the Lakes of Northpointe Clubhouse at 6:00pm. Resident involvement is what keeps our community above the rest. Here are a couple points from January's HOA meeting:

Soliciting is legal within the Harris County limits. However, if you see a solicitor that appears suspicious or you feel harassed the Constable is ready to assist you. Please call the Constable at 281-376-3472.

Our lake is a beautiful part of our community, but with the right gardener it could be even better. There are specific areas that we can add color or make improvements to our lake. If you have a talent for landscaping or want to start a gardening project to help make our lake beautiful the Board can supply the materials. Contact the Board or come to a meeting to discuss ideas.

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## Cy-Fair Residents to Perform in Houston Repertoire Ballet's Spring Concert, Along Side American Ballet Theatre Stars Jared Matthews And Yuriko Kajiya



Jared Matthews and Yuriko Kajiya of American Ballet Theatre in *Romeo and Juliet*

### HOUSTON REPERTOIRE BALLET (HRB) BRINGS COLLECTION OF DIVERSE REPERTOIRE TO THE BERRY CENTER IN THEIR "CREATION OF DANCE"

The Houston Repertoire Ballet is excited to announce their Spring Performance *The Creation of Dance*, to be performed April 9-10 at the Berry Center in Cypress, TX. Featuring three original works and Act III of *La Bayadere*, *The Creation of Dance* takes the audience through the evolution of dance beginning with classical ballet to contemporary ballet and modern dance. Along with exceptional dancing and beautiful costumes, audiences of all ages will enjoy the musical score to accompany the ballets, which consists of Gershwin, Ravel, Minkus and Phillip Glass. Houston Repertoire Ballet will give 2 full-length performances of *The Creation of Dance*. There will be an educational session for children offered as part of our Arts & Education program that will take place 30 minutes prior to the show on April 10. To purchase tickets to HRB's Spring Ballet or for more information on our Arts & Education program call 281-861-0199 or visit [www.hrbdance.org](http://www.hrbdance.org). Ticket prices range from \$15-\$18.

### THE CREATION OF DANCE

*La Bayadere "Kingdom of the Shades":* This beautiful and classical ballet was originally choreographed by Marius Petipa in 1877 and was set in the legendary India. The Kingdom of the Shades scene from Act III relates hallucinatory dreams of a noble warrior being reunited with his lost love. The scene begins with 24 dancers in white costumes slowly making their way on to the stage creating a somber tone. In addition, audiences will enjoy guest artists Jared Matthews and Yuriko Kajiya performing the lead roles in one of the most celebrated excerpts in classical ballet.

*Rhapsody in Blue:* Set to the popular Gershwin score, this contemporary ballet is a lighthearted and fun piece that features many different characters whose personalities are conveyed through the unique movement vocabulary. This new ballet was choreographed by Kristy Nilsson, a former member of HRB, who is now a dance instructor and choreographer in Atlanta, Georgia.

*Il Duomo:* Inspired by the beautiful stained-glass windows of the Il Duomo Cathedral in Milan, Italy, this modern ballet piece uses color and the music of Phillip Glass to create a peaceful tone and transports its viewers to the cathedrals of Italy. This piece was choreographed in 2005 by Houston Repertoire Ballet's artistic director Victoria Vittum and will be recreated this year and performed by HRB's Junior Company.

*Romeo and Juliet:* Guest artists Jared Matthews and Yuriko Kajiya from the American Ballet Theatre will perform a romantic pas de deux from *Romeo and Juliet*. Matthews and Kajiya are soloists with the American Ballet Theatre and are the rising stars in the world-renowned company. HRB is thrilled to bring back Matthews, a former member of the Houston Repertoire Ballet and Kajiya as guest artists to perform the pas de deux from two classical ballets.

*Bolero:* This exciting new ballet by Victoria Vittum was inspired by Maurice Ravel's climactic score *Bolero*. Featuring bright

costumes, this Spanish-style piece begins with 18 dancers on stage who perform one-by-one in succession. This contemporary ballet builds up anticipation throughout, creating a provocative tone that culminates in an exciting finish.

### HRB SPRING CONCERT SHOWCASES CY-FAIR'S RISING YOUNG TALENT

This season's Spring Concert will showcase the 41 members of the HRB Company. These company members are all students of the Ballet Center of Houston and are residents of the Cy-Fair community. Among the 41 company members are four senior members who will perform lead roles in their last performance with HRB. Various ballet companies and universities have already shown interest in these talented seniors who will surely be added to HRB's impressive group of alumni. In addition, the members of HRB have the wonderful opportunity to perform with American Ballet Theater professionals Jared Matthews and Yuriko Kajiya.

Tickets for *The Creation of Dance* may be purchased on-line at [www.hrbdance.org](http://www.hrbdance.org) or by calling HRB at 281-861-0199. Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors/students. Major funding for HRB is provided by the Houston Endowment inc. ConocoPhillips Company and Statoil. The HRB Spring Concert is funded in part by grants from Harris County and the Texas Commission on the Arts through the Houston Arts Alliance. Arts in Education School Outreach Programs are generously sponsored by Target.

*HRB is a non-profit civic organization dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in the art of classical ballet. HRB dancers have gone on to dance professionally with the New York City Ballet, Miami City Ballet, Atlanta Ballet, Walt Disney World, Texas Ballet Theater, American Ballet Theater (ABT), and Dayton Ballet. Artistic director is Victoria Vittum, a nationally recognized teacher and choreographer. She has been a faculty member of the Houston Ballet Academy and served as Resident Choreographer for the Gwinnett Ballet Theater, in Atlanta. She is the recipient of a Choreography Fellowship awarded by the Cultural Arts Council of Houston and the Texas Commission for the Arts.*



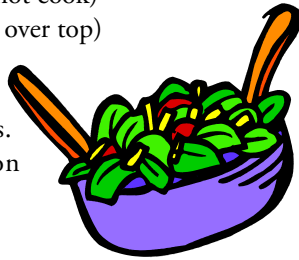
## Recipe of the Month

### 7 Layer Salad

Layer following vegetables in 8 x 10 dish in this order:

- 1 head lettuce, broken up
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 small can sliced water chestnuts, drained
- ½ C green onions, thinly chopped
- 1 box frozen English peas (do not cook)
- 1 pint real mayonnaise (spread over top)
- 6 oz. grated cheddar cheese

Cover and refrigerate 24 hours.  
Crumble 6 piece of fried bacon  
on top.



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## Tips for Mastering the Farmers' Market

*By Melanie Dragger, M.Com.*

Many people are taking steps to improve their health and the environment by eating organically grown and raised foods. While some people are selecting organic items at their local grocery store, farmers' markets are becoming increasingly popular. Over the past year, according to the Department of Agriculture, the number of farmers' markets in the U.S. increased by 858, or 16 percent, from 5,274 in 2009 to 6,132 in 2010. When the USDA first began tracking farmers' markets in 1994, there were only 1,755 markets.

Outside of growing your own produce and raising your own livestock, shopping at a farmers' market is the best way to obtain fresh, local, and seasonal fruits, vegetables, and herbs, as well as farm-fresh eggs, meat, poultry, and dairy products. Many farmers' markets also offer artisan breads, honey, and seasonal jams, jellies, and preserves.

### **Below are tips to help you master your local farmers' market:**

1. **Do Your Research** – Before heading to the market, research what produce is in season in your area. Since all products sold at a farmer's market may not be organic, and some organic products sold may not be certified, familiarize yourself with the organic certification process and product labeling. Information on the USDA's National Organic Program can be found at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.
2. **Bring Your Own Containers** – While some vendors have bags and boxes available for customers, bringing your own containers is the best way to ensure you will be able to transport and protect your purchases properly. Additionally, recycling containers helps the environment by reducing the number of natural resources used to produce new ones.

3. **Bring Cash** – Swing by your bank or ATM before hitting the farmers' market. Most vendors do not accept checks or credit cards. Bring small bills, since it may be difficult for some vendors to make change.

4. **Go Early or Go Late** – The best items usually go first, so try to get to the market early. However, before making a purchase, take a quick trip down the aisles, since prices can vary greatly among vendors. If you can't make it to the market when it first opens, go at the end of the market day to catch deals from vendors trying to unload their remaining products.

5. **Speak with Vendors** – Shopping at a farmers' market allows you an opportunity to speak directly with growers and farmers. Not familiar with Swiss chard? Looking for a new way to prepare eggplant? Most vendors love to share their knowledge,

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including discussing their production methods, providing storage and transportation advice, and sharing recipes and cooking tips.

Buying organic products at your local farmers' market offers numerous benefits, including boosting the local economy, reducing the amount of toxic chemicals that enter your body and the environment, and decreasing the amount of fossil fuels used to transport products to consumers. However, organic products can be more expensive than conventionally grown and raised products, and some organic products may be difficult to find in some areas. If going 100% organic is not feasible, use the following list as a guide. According to the 2010 report of the Environmental Working Group, a non-profit organization specializing in research and advocacy related to public health and the environment, these 12 fruits and vegetables consistently contained the highest amount of pesticides when conventionally grown, and should be consumed in organic form when possible:

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|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Celery                 | 7. Sweet Bell Peppers   |
| 2. Peaches                | 8. Spinach              |
| 3. Strawberries           | 9. Cherries             |
| 4. Apples                 | 10. Kale/Collard Greens |
| 5. Blueberries (domestic) | 11. Potatoes            |
| 6. Nectarines             | 12. Grapes (imported)   |

The EWG's annual ranking of produce pesticide contamination is based on its analysis of tests conducted by the USDA and the federal Food and Drug Administration. More information on the EWG, as well as the full list of fruits and vegetables ranked, can be found at <http://www.ewg.org>.

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