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The Pool is Open!

BEGINNING JUNE 2ND THE POOL IS OPEN FULL TIME FOR THE SUMMER.

MONDAY: CLOSED TUESDAY-SATURDAY: 10:00 A.M.-9:00 P.M. SUNDAY: 11:00 A.M.-8:00 P.M.



## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Northlake Forest is proud to recognize two of our own standout residents Joe Rath for Cy-Woods Best Smile and Madison Stone for the coveted Mr. Cy-Woods. Congratulations to the both of you!

Cy-Woods Graduation will be held at the Berry Center on Sunday June 5th, 2011 at 12:30pm.

### Vacation Safety for your Home

- Have good locks on all doors and windows, and LOCK THEM!
- Take a walk around your house before you leave, secure all obvious (and not so obvious) points of entry to your home, and secure locks on glass doors and windows
- Lock the door leading to the house from the garage. If someone can access your garage, they will have access to your house.
- Let a neighbor know when you are leaving and coming back; ask if they can remove newspapers left on your porch or driveway
- Leave your contact numbers with your neighbor, as well as your itinerary, vacation address, phone numbers, and contact info for a close relative.
- Arrange for a landscaper to do your yard work.
- Plug in timers to turn lights and/or radios on and off.
- Leave your blinds, shades and curtains in a normal position unless you close them when you are home.
- Secure and lock garage doors and windows. Ask a neighbor to occasionally park their car on your driveway to make it look as if it's being used.

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### **ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

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### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

All of our committees are seeking volunteers to help continue making our community a fun place to be. Just a little bit of your time can go a long way. If you are willing to help, in any way, please contact a board member with your interest.

## **NEWSLETTER INFO**

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### Maintenance Around The Neighborhood

## UPCOMING MAINTENANCE OR IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AROUND NORTHLAKE FOREST:

- Installation of "Duck Crossing" signs
- Lake wall repair main lake (MUD project)
- Replacement of the fencing around the pool
- Clean up along Spring Cypress, north and south of Indian Harbor
- Replacement of corroded doors at the pool
- Installation of secondary sanitation to the splash pad to comply with new regulations for public swimming facilities

### THIS YEAR'S PROJECTS- COMPLETED TO DATE

- Installation of a concrete pad under the shade canopy at the park
- Repainting of all metal fencing in the neighborhood
- Installation of new kiddee mulch at the park
- Fertilization of all new crape myrtles
- Installation of extractor fans in the pool room / chemical room.
- Fountain pump repair Diamond Rock

## NORTHLAKE FOREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Paul Rath
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If you notice a problem or have a concern about something within NLF, please complete the form on our website and bring it to the attention of the management company or Board member so that the issue can be addressed.

### MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Planned Community Management, Inc. (PCMI) Michael Quast (281) 870-0585 mquast@stes.com www.pcmi-us.com

 $Northlake\ Forest\ HOA\ Website:\ www.northlakeforesthoa.com$ 

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JUST A REMINDER: Any changes or improvements to the exterior of your home (new garage doors, installing a pool, new windows, covered patios/decks, walkways, painting etc) must have the approval of the Architectural Committee. The ARC has up to 45 days to approve plans so keep that in mind when hiring a contractor. Forms and instructions can be found on our website at www.northlakeforesthoa. com under NLF Forms.

## Summer 2011

### **CAMP HOPE – 3 RING CIRCUS**

You don't have to sit at home, bored this summer! Kids ages 5 years old - 6th grade can catch high-flying fun with crafts, games, activities, splash days and more at Messiah Lutheran Church's 3-Ring-Circus, Camp Hope! Worship, Bible Study and expressive arts are going to wow your mind and heart in this big-top summer day camp. Week 1 – July 11-15, Week 2 – July 18-22 and Week 3 – July 25-29, 9:30-3:30 each day, are going to be three action-packed rings of outrageous adventure. For more information, contact us at (281)890-3013 or register at www.messiahlc.org.

### CRIMSON CADETTE DRILL TEAM DANCE CLINIC Cypress Woods High School 16925 Spring Cypress Rd. 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The Cy-woods Crimson Cadettes Drill Team will host their 6th annual dance clinic for K-12 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on August 10-12. This is a major fund-raiser for the team and enables them to participate in activities throughout the 2011-2012 school year. The fee is \$55 and includes dance technique, specially choreographed routines for each age group, a t-shirt, drinks and snacks each day and a picture for each participant. Showoffs will be held the last day at 11:30 a.m. For more information email goodsonms@comcast.net or check out our website at www.crimsoncadettes.com. On the website, you will find a sign-up form and a link to PayPal for easy payment.



## **RECIPE CORNER**

## Summer Dessert Pizza



#### INGREDIENTS

- 1/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon lemon extract
- 1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar

- 1 cup whipped topping
- 1 firm bananas. sliced
- 1 cup sliced fresh strawberries
- 1 (8 ounce) can mandarin oranges, drained
- 2 kiwifruit, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1/3 cup fresh blueberries
- GLAZE:
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch

### DIRECTIONS

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar; beat in egg and extracts. Combine flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; add to creamed mixture. Beat well. Cover and chill for 30 minutes. Press dough into a greased 12-in. x 14-in. pizza pan. Bake at 350 degrees F for 12-14 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool completely. In a mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and confectioners' sugar until smooth. Add whipped topping; mix well. Spread over crust. Arrange fruit on top. Combine glaze ingredients in a saucepan; bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Boil for 2 minutes or until thickened. Cool to room temperature, about 30 minutes. Brush over fruit. Store in refrigerator.

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To You Have Reason



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### STREET LIGHTS OUT?

As homeowners, you are paying for the lighting of the streets in your neighborhood. Billing is based on the number of poles within the subdivision. If the lights are not working, we are wasting money. If you see lights that are out, get the number on the pole and the nearest street address and either call Centerpoint Energy at 713.207.2222 or use the online form: http://cnp.centerpointenergy.com/outage



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### **FINANCIAL FOCUS** *Know Your Investment Risks — and How to Respond*

When you invest, you take some risks. While you can't totally avoid these risks, you can take steps to help reduce their impact and increase your comfort level. And the more comfortable you are with your investments, the easier it will be to follow a long-term strategy that can help you meet your goals.

Let's look at the most common types of risk related to investing, along with some suggestions on helping to reduce these risks:

Losing principal — This type of risk is most closely associated with investing. For example, when you purchase a stock, you know that its value could go up or down. If it drops below your purchase price, and you then sell your shares, you will lose some of your principal.

Your response — You can't eliminate the risk of losing principal, but by owning a mix of stocks, bonds, government securities and other types of investments, you can help reduce the impact of volatility on your portfolio. Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss.

Losing value when interest rates change — This type of risk primarily affects fixed-income investments, such as bonds. If you purchase a bond that pays, say, a 4% interest rate, and the market rate goes up to 5%, then the value of your bond will drop because no one will be willing to pay you the full price for it when newer, higher-yielding bonds are available.

Your response — You can combat, or even ignore, interest rate risk by holding your bonds until they mature. By doing so, you'll get your full principal back, provided the issuer doesn't default, and you'll continue to receive regular interest payments unless the bonds are "called," or repurchased by the issuer. (You can help protect against this by purchasing bonds that have some degree of "call protection" and by owning bonds with different maturities.)

Losing purchasing power — This risk largely applies to fixed-rate investments such as certificates of deposit (CDs). To illustrate: If you purchase a CD that pays 2%, and the inflation rate is 3%, you are actually losing purchasing power.

Your response — Despite their vulnerability to inflation, CDs can offer you some valuable benefits, such as preservation of principal. Yet if you are concerned about fighting inflation, you may want to look for investments than have the potential to offer rising income, such as dividend-paying stocks. In fact, you can find stocks that have increased their dividends for many consecutive years. (Be aware,

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though, that companies can reduce or eliminate dividends at any time. Also, an investment in stocks fluctuates, and you could lose your principal.)

Apart from these individual techniques to reduce investmentrelated risk, you should also save early and save often — because the more money you accumulate, the greater your ability to follow a longterm strategy that reflects your personal risk tolerance. That's why it's a good idea to contribute as much as

possible over the years to your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

By understanding the different types of investment risk, and by acting to help lessen them, you can reduce much of the stress sometimes associated with investing while you increase your prospects for achieving your objectives.



## LOCAL HOSPITALS

### Texas Children's Health Center (Cy-Fair)

11777 FM 1960 West, Houston, TX 77065 281-469-4688

### North Cypress Medical Center

21214 Northwest Freeway, Cypress, TX 77429 832-912-3773

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## **MEET NATHAN**

What is life like today for a typical ten year old boy? Skateboards, bicycles, computer games, school with kids he has known since he started kinder garden, neighborhood friends to hang out with, parents that make him clean his room and take a bath on a regular basis, but are always there for him; grandparents that spoil him? For a child in the foster care system, many of these things are missing. And those are the most important, namely the relationships with family and long term friends that tend to build trust and security that help the child develop a strong sense of self and build on self-esteem.

Meet Nathan, an active 10 year old child in foster care. He loves the Texas Longhorns and is a talented football and basketball player. He enjoys school, has lots of friends and is always respectful to his teacher. Nathan has so much potential for the future and in finding his forever home, he is destined to reach all of it!!

Stability of loving relationships and predictability in a safe environment are essential elements to help each child reach their potential. Finding a "Forever Family" for a child like Nathan is critical to his continued growth and development. As long as kids like Nathan remain in the foster care system, they always have the mindset that tomorrow may mean another foster home, another school, another set of parents to adjust to. Could you help Nathan or other children like him to gain the trust and security that comes with having a permanent family?

Adopting a child from the foster care system requires little or no cost to the adoptive family and funding may be available to help the adoptive family support the child or sibling group.

For more information, please contact Stephanie Berka, Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiter, Adoption Coalition of Texas at



512-450-8750 or email at stephanieberka@ adopttexas.org

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