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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VILLAGES OF NORTHPOINTE HOA

NOVEMBER 2011

WOMEN'S GROUP INFO

• **MEETINGS:** 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 Jennifer at jenna1008@hotmail.com.

*Note – if you have an idea for a Women's Group program, please contact Sally at 832-454-2533.

• **BOOK CLUB:** Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month in rotating homes, but subject to change for date conflicts or school events/holidays. Please contact Karen at 281-516-2395 or karengo@sbcglobal.net for more details. The November meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, November 17th at Karen's house, 18830 Magnolia Arbor Lane, and we will be discussing *The Murderer's Daughters* by Randy Susan Meyers. New members are always welcome and you don't have to read the book to come to the meeting. There's never any pressure, just good discussion!

• **BUNCO:** Monday night – Meets each second Monday of the month. For info or to be placed on the sub list, please contact Debbie at dparker39@att.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.

CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW!

This Holiday Craft Show event is being sponsored by the VNP Women's Group and will be held on Saturday, November 19th from 9 am to 4 pm at the Villages Club House. Our Raffle is sure to please with items from Usborne Books, Scentsy, Willow House, Silpada, and MUCH MORE!!

There will be another outstanding Bake Sale just in time for Thanksgiving with items donated by the Women of NorthPointe, so stop in and get your holiday treats! See separate article for more information.

Contact Angela at angela0922@sbcglobal.net for more information if you would like to volunteer or participate. This will be a great place to buy your Christmas presents and possibly get something for yourself as well!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA - R.S.V.P REQUIRED!

All VNP children are invited to come to the clubhouse on Saturday morning, December 3rd from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. for Breakfast and a Picture with Santa! The cost is \$2.00 per child plus a canned food item for our food drive. In order to plan on the number of attendees, we will need an R.S.V.P. by November 19th! The event is the weekend following Thanksgiving and this leaves very little planning time to make this a success! Rhonda is asking for volunteers for this event. This has proven to be very popular with the neighborhood and many Santa's helpers are needed! If you love photography, have your own equipment, and are good with children, your volunteer services would be greatly appreciated as well! More details will be announced on the Neighborhood Yahoo Group, and this is another great reason to sign up for the neighborhood email group! Please call or email Rhonda at rhondakay2003@netzero.net or 713-447-1024 to volunteer your services, or for more information.

COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATE

Watch this space in the December newsletter for information on the families the Women's Club will be sponsoring during the holidays. We will be sponsoring one or two families from T.E.A.M. this year. 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. Thanks for all of your generosity! Thank you, Patti Ardoin, Community Services Coordinator

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Women's Group (Continued from Cover Page)

2012 SLATE OF OFFICERS

The 2012 Slate of VNP Women's Club Executive Board Members has been decided once again per the nomination process without a vote necessary.

There was no more than one person who accepted the nomination for each Board position. These Executive Board Members won't be in effect until January 2012 to give them time to organize and get some new ideas in place. Most Committee Chairs are still open, but are not elected positions. If you have a bit of time, and the desire to get involved in your neighborhood, please contact Pam at pamelaferg@comcast.net or Angela at angela0922@sbcglobal.net.

2012 Officers

President – Rhonda Harshbarger
Vice President – Deana Clark
Secretary – Elicia Moody
Treasurer – Linda Holmes
Community Services – open.

Committee Chair Positions. These are volunteer positions, not elected.

Program/Social Chairperson
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The 2011 Officers will be working through the holiday season with several events for the neighborhood, and will turn over their positions in early January. You are all encouraged to come to meetings and get involved in the planning for these events. They can't happen without you! Please continue to support your current officers and the new Board in January 2012 by getting involved!

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COMPASS CORNER

By Paul Hicks

Neighbors, we meet again and I'm afraid your intrepid reporter is suffering from writer's block. I blame it on college football as it is now occupying a vast portion of my gray matter during the high season. However, development in the neighborhood continues at a steady pace in spite of my football affliction. The new EMS building next to the fire station has broken ground and is moving along...our friends to the west have their new sign up and are pushing homes back there with great vigor...and VNP's developer is pressing ahead with the last section of our neighborhood which will begin construction very shortly. As for the Real Estate market in general...it is, shall we say...consistent. There, how's that for putting the proper spin on things. And of course there is always football...college football...the balm to sooth the savage beast (that'd be me).

And finally, by the time you read this you should have received a notice on your front door about something exciting that will decorate our neighborhood and show our patriotism on Election Day, provided by the Tomball Memorial High School Choir Booster Club. If you didn't see it, we will provide additional details in the next exciting installment.

And finally, finally, fret not oh faithful reader...I would not leave you without a chuckle. To wit: A man rushed into the doctor's office and shouted, "Doctor! I think I'm shrinking!" The doctor calmly responded, "Now, settle down. You'll just have to be a little patient."..... BWAHAHAHA!

SEND US YOUR Event Pictures!!

Do you have a picture of an event that you would like to run in this newsletter? Send it to us and we will publish it in the next issue. Email the picture to pamelaferg@comcast.net. Be sure to include the text that you would like to have as the caption. Pictures will appear in color online at www.PEELinc.com.



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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE & EDITOR NOTE

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. For published information, it's necessary to plan at least a month in advance!

*Note – My last newsletter as Editor will be the January 2012 edition. I am still seeking a volunteer to take over this position. If you feel you have the time commitment, please contact me on my phone or email address above. If there is no volunteer, the January edition will be the final VNP Compass newsletter.

If you have any advertising questions, please contact the publisher directly at advertising@peelinc.com or by phone at 888-687-6444.

Calling All VNP Bakers (and Buyers)!

The Women of Villages of NorthPointe will sponsor a Bake Sale at the Christmas in November event at the Clubhouse on November 19th. 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 19th by 8:30 a.m. If you cannot make this time, they can be dropped off at Pam's house on Friday evening, Nov. 18th. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to work the bake sale booth, please call Pam at 713-724-6978 or pamelaferg@comcast.net. Your response will ensure the sponsored families will have a wonderful holiday season this year.

p.s. - If you're not a baker, we're also looking for BUYERS!

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Canyon Pointe Elementary's Annual Food Drive is November 14-18th. You can drop off your non-perishable food items at the front desk. Thank you for helping us feed local families in need this Thanksgiving!

Come celebrate Canyon Pointe's Spirit Night at Chick-fil-A (Hwy 249 and Jones Rd), Monday, November 21st from 6-8 p.m. Enjoy dinner with your friends, while showing your Paw Pride! Make sure to put your receipt in the spirit box. If you go through the drive-thru, ask them to put your receipt in the spirit box. Canyon Pointe earns 20% of all receipts collected! Thank you for supporting CPES!

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THANK YOU'S!!!

National Night out in the Villages was a success! A big THANK YOU to Jennifer Levy for organizing our subdivision's first National Night Out event on Tuesday, Oct. 4th! Representing the Women's Club, she organized the Ice Cream Social and volunteers at the clubhouse. There was a good turn out and a good time seemed to be enjoyed by all who attended. Deputy Miller attended and provided handouts from Precinct 4.



The Fall VNP Community Garage Sale was well attended on October 7th and 8th. THANKS to Deana Clark who organized the event, and to the Women's Club who purchased the large banner signage posted at major intersections near the neighborhood. These signs can be reused for future sales. If you missed the Fall Sale, there will be another one in the Spring!

Market results for Village Creek and Surrounding Areas

Subdivision	Street	BR/Bth	SF	Lot Size	DOM	Sale Price	YB
Lakewood Oaks Estates	Pegasus Circle	4, 3/1	3,550	12610	18	323,000	1995
Village Creek	Berry Shoals Ln.	3, 2	2148	7286	45*	142,000	2003
Village Creek	Carriage Glen Dr.	4, 2/1	2961	6990	134*	173,500	2004
Village Creek	N. Gables Bend	4, 3	2634	7475	248	213,000	2004
Village Creek	Briar Harbor Drive	4, 3/1	3124	11809	40	232,000	2004
Village Creek	Ajuga Ct.	4, 3/1	3458	10411	8	244,900	2004
Village Creek	Mossy Woods Dr.	4, 3/1	3231	8748	14	282,500	2004
Villages of Northpointe	Oxenber Manor Dr.	4, 3	2934	8490	8	162,400	2003
Villages of Northpointe	Autumn Briar Ln.	3, 2	2113	7113	97	155,000	2006
Villages of Northpointe	Dusty Rose Ln.	3, 2	2240	9039	36*	165,000	2003
Villages of Northpointe	Village Meadow Ct.	4, 3/1	3432	7897	223	200,000	2006
Villages of Northpointe	Arlington Meadows	3, 3	2530	8350	525	192,200	2010

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MISCELLANEOUS

Attention NW Harris County Tri Delta Alumnae

Mark your calendars to join your Tri Delta sisters for our annual "Founder's Day" celebration on Tuesday, November 8th at 7:00 pm. Our group meets on the second Tuesday of every month September - April. We have a diverse group of women of all ages from a variety of colleges. For more information, please contact Patsy at 281-370-8516 or Karen at trideltanews@yahoo.com.



Christmas at the Creek, Gift Market and Craft Fair

November 19th at the YMCA, Cypresswood Dr. and Hwy. 249

Looking to deck the walls this season? Whether you are looking for home décor, yard art, jewelry or anything else you can think of we have it this Holiday Season. Bring the entire family! We will have pictures with Santa, face painting and plenty of fun for the kids while you shop! Proceeds benefit the Cypress Creek YMCA Partners of Youth Foundation.

Operation Christmas Child

Epiphany Lutheran Church and School is giving thanks for the chance to play an important role in providing needy children with a simple gift this Christmas season. Last year was Epiphany's first time participating in Operation Christmas Child, a ministry devoted to providing needy children shoe boxes full of toys, hygiene items, school supplies, candy, etc. The congregation collected over 80 boxes to send overseas. "We were strongly moved by this particular ministry" commented one member.

The church members felt that the increased visibility of the new location this year made it a prime spot to become a "drop-off" location for OCC. This means that during "Collection Week" (Nov. 14th - 21st) they will be accepting shoe box donations from the general public. "We are so excited to serve our community in this way. What a wonderful beginning to the Christmas season." remarks Lauren Thom, an Epiphany Member and OCC volunteer. For more information about Operation Christmas Child and where you can donate your items go to <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC>.

MOPS at The MET Registration

If you need a listening ear, friendship with other moms, your kids involved in a fun program, delicious breakfast buffets, advice from seasoned moms....then you need MOPS at The MET. Two dynamic groups meet two Friday mornings per month (August - May) from 9:15 - 11:45 a.m. Childcare is provided upon registration. Register online at www.TheMETonline.org/MOPS or visit us at www.facebook.com/METmops. If you have any questions please call (281)890-1900.

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VNP E-Mail Group & Facebook

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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 smartphones, 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. With this option you will only receive one email per day from the neighborhood!

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>.

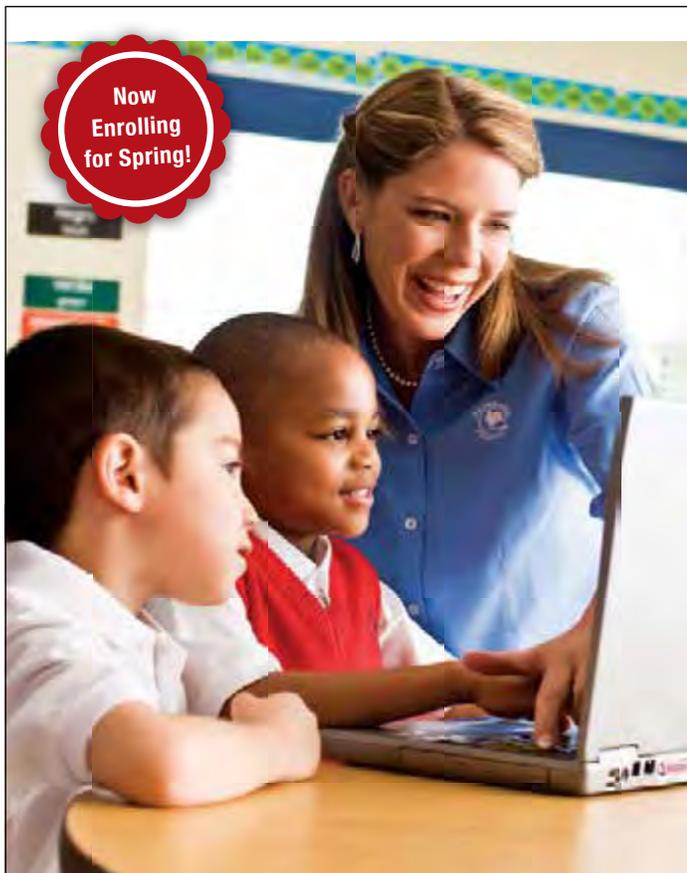
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New Social Media "My Virtual Neighbor"

My Virtual Neighbor is the first social network site proven to reduce crime in communities live on it by 80% as neighbors interact, claims founder Amit Mehta.

"As the first social network service focusing on forming ties and encouraging interactions based on common interest, it helps people to get to know each other and keeps everyone well informed on what was going on in and around their neighborhood in real time," says Mehta. According to Mehta, My Virtual Neighbor concept is the cornerstone of the highly publicized "National Night Out" program which lets criminals know that neighbors are organized and fighting back. Something policing experts have known and encouraged for a long time – increasing communication between neighbors (people who live nearby you) is a great crime deterrent.

Case studies conducted on block 3000-3099 Sage road, communities, located in Houston, Texas Galleria area, have shown that after 10 weeks of MVN's release, crime rates dropped by over 80% in the area. Source: HPD reports block 3000-3099 Sage Road <http://www.houstontx.gov/police/cs/stats2.htm>

Being different from social media sites like Facebook and Yahoo groups, Mehta said My Virtual Neighbor is now showing positive impact in society by reducing crime in communities.

With its sight set on neighborhoods this new site is now defining a new kind of relations that get people to know new people who are

interested in creating stronger communities.

Another point of interest here is that My Virtual Neighbor includes enhanced privacy controls and verification mechanisms to build trust with your neighbors, unlike Yahoo and Facebook groups, giving people greater sense of security knowing that here (at My Virtual Neighbor) they can be moderators themselves as opposed to someone else watching over them.

My Virtual Neighbor, according to Mehta, is focused on creating "our" network based on common interest, for instance, neighborhood versus Facebook which is "my" network.

"There's no mistake about it, we have proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that the site not only helps reduce crime, but it has proven to build ties with new people - people you don't know, but who share a common interest in your neighborhood or community," said Mehta.

Unlike Facebook that relies on an odd notion of friendship... yes, we know those people that we connect with but are they friends? Only the ones we speak to anyway. Now that a social network that's revolved around neighbors - people who feel certain guilt about not knowing each other better, we are now looking at a more interesting dynamic – and a network driven by an unmet need.

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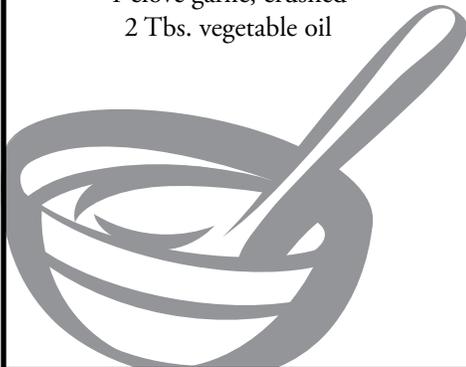
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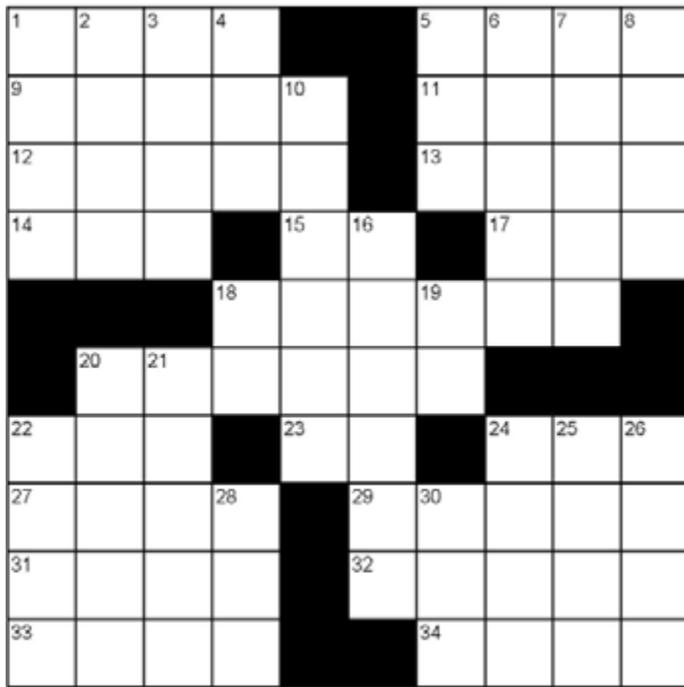
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	Active	Pending	Sold Last Month
# of Listings	35	3	6
Price Range	118,000-299,900	139,000-274,000	162,000-214,000
Avg. Price	200,00	221.266	181.483
Avg. PSF	75.49	65.19	64.29
Avg. DOM	97	32	164
High PSF	107.13	69.42	73.72
Low PSF	55.55	61.32	55.35

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