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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VILLAGES OF NORTH POINTE HOA

AUGUST 2012

2012 SOCIAL CALENDAR

Presented by: The Women's Group

Information can change so please check each newsletter, the Yahoo Group <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NorthpointeNeighborhood/> and the club house sign.

Fall Garage Sale - October 12th - 13th

Contact Deana Clark
at willowhousedc@gmail.com

Christmas In November

Details TBA - Volunteers needed.

Breakfast with Santa - December 1st

Details TBA - Volunteers needed.

Night of Lights - December

Details TBA - Christmas Light Contest

Cookie Exchange - December

Details TBA - Volunteers needed.

Community Service Project

December - TBA



2012 BIKE PARADE MEMORIES

This year's bike parade was a blast! What a site to see as our neighbors and kids took to their journey through the neighborhood following a child's most revered icon, "A Red Fire Truck" as it blasted its horn and siren letting all of VNP know that the celebration of our Independence had officially begun! So many neighbors, pets and kids were all dressed up from head to shoe riding their bikes, scooters, red wagons and battery operated jeeps and cars all decked out in their red, white and blues!

Here are a few pictures of our neighbors and kids having so much fun including getting a chance to sit in the driver's seat of that neat Red Fire Truck! Thanks VNP Women's Club for another successful Independence celebration!



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Hospitality - NEEDED - This person/persons' would welcome
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AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST 1

19th Cirque du Soleil – Kooza – Sam Houston Race Park: “Kooza” is called a return to the origins of Cirque du Soleil, as it features two long-time circus traditions: aerobatics and clowning. With acts in contortion, the high-wire, the trapeze and the “Wheel of Death,” this performance highlights the physical prowess of its performers. 8 p.m. (Friday), 4 p.m., 8 p.m. (Saturday), 1 p.m., 5 p.m. (Sunday). \$43.50-\$143.50 (adults), \$33-\$104.50 (children), Sam Houston Race Park, 7575 North Sam Houston Parkway West, Houston. 281-807-7227, www.shrp.com

AUGUST 1

Main Street Crossing in Tomball: Owen Temple and Adam Carrol are performing.

AUGUST 4

Tomball Farmers Market 9am

AUGUST 5

Hubbell and Hudson Market and Bistro in The Woodlands: 24 Waterway Ave, Suite 125. The Hubbell and Hudson Market and Bistro hosts a family night party food event. Participants practice cooking skills by making pizzette margherita, tiny shrimp tacos, super sliders, vanilla cupcakes and more. 1-4 p.m. \$69. Hubbell and Hudson Market and Bistro, 24 Waterway Avenue, Ste. 125, The Woodlands. 281-203-5608, www.hubbellandhudson.com

AUGUST 6

Resale with A Purpose: Monday Clearance Sale All day.

AUGUST 7 - 11

2012 Peach & Melon Festival - De Leon, Texas - 1000 E Navarro Street. Carnival all 5 nights, Parade Wednesday evening, Tractor Pull Thursday-Saturday night, Free watermelon Saturday downtown. Estimated attendees-8000 254-893-6600

AUGUST 9

THE ARBOR GATE 9am – 12:30pm: Join us for a morning of fun in the garden where we will learn about the butterflies and hummingbirds that most commonly visit our gardens, and the flowers and plants that attract them. Explore the amazing migration of the Monarch butterfly and learn how to help scientist track them by tagging Monarchs as they pass through Texas each fall. Each child will paint a large clay pot; choose

three favorite butterfly / hummingbird attracting flowers, and plant them in their decorated pot! Plus play fun games and enjoy a picnic lunch! Ages 6-12 Fee - \$50 per child (includes supplies) What to bring: Water A sack lunch and drink for a picnic under the tent! This is an outdoor camp so please send your child with sunscreen and comfortable clothing.

AUGUST 10

THE ARBOR GATE 2pm – 6pm: Mighty ‘Mato goes above and beyond the call of duty, defending against pests, diseases, temperature extremes, and poor soils while producing long, abundant harvests of tasty fruit! Friday, August 10 from 2pm until 6pm, Mark Brann will be on site to answer any questions about the new “Mighty ‘Mato”.

AUGUST 11 -12

2012 TX Ranger Day & Big Star Texas Night - Burton, Texas - Railroad & Main Streets Fajita/bean cook-off, Texas Ranger Camp Life in 1880’s, Depot tours, family fun, auction, LIVE Music with Gary P. Nunn. Estimated attendees-500 979-353-0050

AUGUST 11

Tomballs Farmers Market 9am

AUGUST 12TH AND 26TH

Magnolia Craft Market in Magnolia Park: FM 1488 and FM 1774. The Magnolia Crafts Market takes place on the first and third Sunday of every month. The craft market features handmade rugs, handbags, knitted goods, artwork and jewelry, among other items. The Farmers Market occurs every second and fourth Sunday.

AUGUST 13

Resale with A Purpose: Monday Clearance Sale All Day

AUGUST 18

Ice Cream Festival - Austin, Texas - Free Ice Cream, 20 Ice Cream Vendors, children’s music, juggling, carnival, Estimated attendees-15000 512-441-9015

AUGUST 25

Bat Fest - Austin, Texas - 100 South Congress Ave. Watch 2 million Mexican free tail bats, live music on two stages, arts & crafts, children’s activities. Estimated attendees-25000 512-441-9015

AUGUST 27

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The Women's Club Needs Your Help

Hey everyone! We are working on planning a great Christmas event this year but we need a little help from you. If anyone can come up with a flat bed trailer or two and hay for a hay ride for the first week of December please contact me at vnpcompasseditor@gmail.com we would be using this to do hay rides through the community during our night of lights weekend. That weekend everyone who will be entering the Christmas light contest and those that aren't entering should have their lights on while the kids and neighbors take a hay ride through the community to look at all of the pretty decorated homes. We also need children from 7yrs to 18yrs of age that would like to form a group to carol around the community to those neighbors who sign up to have carolers come to their homes, adults are also welcome join. We may do a few small groups if we get enough kids to get to more homes at one time. Contact me if you and/or your child would be interested in joining and to find out more details. For those of you who would like to participate in the Christmas light contest I will be taking names and addresses in November so look for that reminder in November's newsletter. Right now we are deciding if we are going to have pictures with Santa done the same weekend and have a gift exchange for the kids at that time. Stay tuned for more about that as well. We are hoping to make this a very exciting and memorable event for VNP but we cant do it without the help from our neighbors!

Jessica Rushing, VNPcompasseditor@gmail.com

Women's Group MONTHLY MEETING

(All Villages of Northpointe Women Welcome)

7PM: CLUB HOUSE AUGUST 20TH

We will be discussing the up and coming events.



BOOK CLUB

It will be at Maureen Colvard's house 18707 Summercliff Lane

Thursday, August 16th at 7 pm. "No Book Title Given"

JUNE BUNCO NIGHTS

(All Women of the Villages of Northpointe Welcome!)

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Thursday AUGUST 23rd - Contact Robyn Clark at RobynClark613@gmail.com

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Here is another funny cartoon from Kristi, our very own VNP neighbor. Last month she drew a cartoon of her dad's first experience with our lovely TX heat getting in from Canada! This one pokes fun at her mom, upon her first meeting with one of Houston's critters.

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Houston Northwest Chamber Announces 2nd Annual CreekFest *A Local Celebration of Art and Outdoors, Expects Big Crowds*

The Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce CreekFest Houston 2012 on Saturday, October 13, 2012 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. This celebration of the Arts and Outdoors in Northwest Houston will be held along the parkway between Collins Park and Meyer Park along Cypresswood Drive, rain or shine. CreekFest events include an Adventure Race, Duathlon, 5k/10k run, Marketplace (merchants and visual artists), children's art activities at Pearl Fincher Museum, children's events at the Barbara Bush Library and Cypress Creek Christian Community Center, FACE Free Children's Series Concert, Chalk Artists and local entertainment performing throughout the day.

CreekFest Houston 2012 is a collaborative project of the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce, Harris County Barbara Bush Library, The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts, Cypress Creek Christian Community Center, Cypress Creek Foundation for the Arts (FACE), Harris County Precinct 4 County Parks Department, Greater Houston Off Road Biking Association (GHORBA), Northwest Houston Arts Alliance; Cypress Creek Greenway Project, Cypresswood Landing and Crossing Shopping Centers and many area merchants.

This FREE family event is designed to: Celebrate the wonderful outdoor amenities that make Northwest Houston a great place to live, work and play; Promote area visual and performing arts and artists; Create awareness and encourage usage of Precinct 4 Collins Park and the Greenways along Cypress Creek; Raise money for the economic development initiatives of the Chamber and local charities; and help build a new perspective and community pride for the Cypress Creek Cultural District and Northwest Houston's Town Center. Proceeds from the CreekFest art auction will directly benefit the Houston Northwest Chamber Foundation that provides scholarships and



funding for community improvement programs.

CreekFest 2012 will feature opportunities for Boy Scouts to earn Merit Badges and local schools to bring programs such as choirs and bands as well as organizations such as cheerleaders, dance teams and club teams out to be recognized and perform for the community. For information about this event call the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce at 281-440-4160, or visit the website at www.CreekFestHouston.com.

The Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce has enjoyed over 38 years of service in Spring, Klein, Champions, FM 1960, FM 2920, SH 249 and Sam Houston Tollway Corridors. The Chamber has over 700 members and is committed to its mission of developing successful businesses and a thriving community.

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BMX BIKE: BOYS 20" HARO X-0 Freestyle/BMX BIKE \$150 Slightly Used. Call or email for photo, Stephanie at 281-290-0780 andrews41@peoplepc.com

TRAMPOLINE: For Sale 14' round Olympus Pro Trampoline. Asking \$500 OR BO. Bought it back in June but it is just not getting the use we thought it would. VERY GOOD CONDITION. made with galvanizes steel, very sturdy, reliable and safe. It has the safety enclosure net, protection pad over the springs, and a tarp to put over when not in use. Will provide pictures upon request. Email for photos Travis Jones at 512-796-3035 Traviskjones@gmail.com

POKER ANYONE?: Are there any VNP regular home games in that could use another player? Mainly Texas Hold'em, tourneys or cash games. Omaha is ok too. If so I would like to join in Rick Naremore rsnaremore@hotmail.com

WEEKEND MOTORCYCLE JOURNEYS: Looking for other VNP neighbors who like to ride motorcycles on the weekends. Would like to get together and plan some fun around town joy rides. Contact Dana danaponder@hotmail.com

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Looking for a Christian lady that wants to work during the week aprox 20 to 25 hours a week (flexible hours if possible). Training will be provided to work and teach a 9-year-old boy. Please call 281-773-8318 OR e-mail Carmen at mcpulger@att.net

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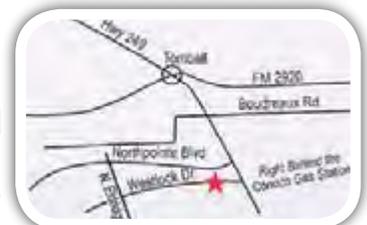
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Happy Birthday!

Happy 8th Birthday on August 26th to our daughter Maddie Hill! We are so proud to be your parents! Love, Mommy & Daddy (Karen & Wes Hill)



Michael Hausinger's Birthday is August 28th! His wife Angela informed me he will be the oldest American alive at age 124 this year! HA! Your wife sends you lots of love Mike and a fun and happy Birthday! A few funny quotes from beloved George Burns (American Comedian 1896-1996)...

"You know you're getting old when you stoop to tie your shoelaces and wonder what else you could do while you're down there."

"Retirement at sixty-five is ridiculous. When I was sixty-five I still had pimples."

Have a wonderful and fun day Maddie and Michael! Happy Birthday from your friends and neighbors of VNP!

The 15 Houston Banditos Baseball Team

The 15 Houston Banditos Baseball Team, which consists of high school baseball players from different area schools here in Texas traveled to Atlanta, Georgia to participate in the WWBA (World Wood Bat Association) Perfect Game along with 144 teams from around the United States and Puerto Rico. They finished tied for 5th with an overall record of 8-1-1. Our own resident of Villages of Northpointe (Brylan Elmore) was named to the WWBA 15U All Tournament Team for his hitting.



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FISH FAIL!

Many of us were wondering if it was the second coming or if a bomb went off in the far Northeast pond! Well okay maybe it wasn't that dramatic, but you have to admit it was certainly a site one will never forget.

Harris County sent out environmental inspectors to test the water and what they found was just a simple lack of oxygen. The pump was out on the fountain in the Meadows for about 9-10 days which caused a serious drop in oxygen for the fish.

Later that day there were a few john boats trolling around netting up all the dead fish! I'm sure those guys will be eating very well for the next several months!

Oh and by the way...VNP will be having a HUGE fish fry in August..... Kidding! Thank you Dana Ponder for the pictures.



AUGUST Garden Tips

- Walk around your yard and consider where you'd like more shade. Make a note of where you might plant one or more trees.
- Give perennials, annuals, roses and fall-blooming shrubs a light feeding and slight haircut.
- Try torenia in brightly shaded areas.
- Put in tomato plants for harvest in the fall. Shade them with a "tent."
- Plants that are wilted in the evening may be reacting normally and not need more water. Plants that are still wilted in the morning are likely heat/drought-stressed.
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Your Water Bill

Neighbors...the "MUD bath" is concerned about your water bill. As summer progresses we are seeing rapidly climbing water bills and I have a solution for you. It is called a 9 volt battery. What?!?...you say. A 9 volt battery?! Yes, you read it correctly.

Our sprinkler systems are the biggest culprit where water usage is concerned and many of you have been diligent in setting your watering days and length of time on your "Rainbird" and/or other automated sprinkler system.

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You see, most all sprinkler systems have a battery backup that will keep your program just the way you set it if the battery is in place and fresh. So, march yourselves out to the garage, open the sprinkler box and check to see that you have that battery in place.

If not, dig in that drawer in your kitchen where you keep all the expired coupons and old pliers and find a 9 volt battery... it's the square one that keeps your smoke detectors from beeping all night.

Replace and savor the savings. Now aren't you glad you visited the "MUD bath" this month?

Oh yes...did you think I'd forget the horrible humor at the end? Fear not!

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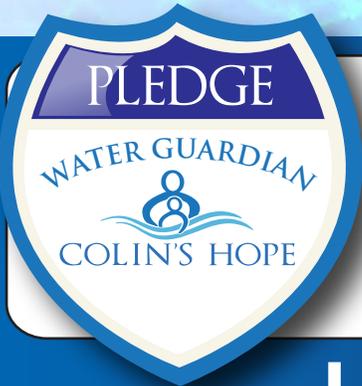
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