

# NORMANDY FOREST

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## Ways to Add Curb Appeal

If your home's curb appeal makes a great first impression, everyone -- including potential homebuyers -- will want to see what's inside. Check out these simple, low-cost improvements that you can do in a day, a week, or a month.

### In a Weekend

#### Replace gutters and downspouts

If your home has an older gutter system, odds are it's also suffering from peeling paint, rust spots, or other problems that can convey a sense of neglect. Replace old systems with newer, snap-fit vinyl gutter systems that go together with few tools and require no painting.



## MUD BOARD VACANCY

We have a vacant board position available now and would like to fill it. The term of the office is to May of 2013. At that time the director would be subject to election for a four year term. What we need to do is evaluate candidates for the position. Each of our current directors is gathering information about people with interest.

As President of the Board, I want to be sure that anyone seeking the position knows what he or she is getting into.

The decisions we make are highly technical in that they relate to the production, distribution, financing, cost structure and billing of our primary product, water and sewerage. In essence this is a small to medium sized company.

Beyond that, this operation has to function as a Government Agency under the supervision of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The District Board is made up of elected officials ("Directors") with full taxing authority and authorization to handle millions of dollars of Public Funds. As you might expect, it takes years to learn the legal and regulatory requirements of the Directors position.

I am telling you this, so you understand the commitment associated with your interest in serving and can appreciate that this is not the same as serving on a HOA Board or a Little League Board. On Boards such as those "good intentions", a sense of honesty, and common sense, carry the day.

Those qualities and a good deal more are needed to be an effective MUD Director. This doesn't mean that the Average Joe can't be a Director. What it means is that some people because of their educational and professional background may be further along the learning curve than others.

I hope that you understand that our choice for a new director will have a skill set focus in that by recruiting individuals whose background and talents compliment the skill sets of the current board members, we help the community the most.

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## NORMANDY FOREST COMMITTEES

### THE ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE

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Rod Selman..... 281-731-0297

*The Association has an active Architectural Control Committee that approves or denies all construction and any improvements. You may request an ACC form by contacting Chaparral Management 281-537-0957 or the association website. Please keep in mind that the Association has thirty days (30 days) to approve or disapprove any ACC and verbal approvals or disapprovals are not given.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Great News! USPS pod will be placed in the clubhouse area to help residents with holiday shipping.

Breakfast with Santa Dec. 8, 2012 10am at the Normandy Forest Clubhouse. More information to come watch for the flyer on your front door!



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## The Bully, the Bullied & the Bystander

*70% - 85% of students in a school are neither bullies nor victims-They are bystanders and make up the silent majority!*

The word BULLY comes from the Scandinavian word, Mobbing. "Respect & Protect" defines violence as any word, look, act or sign that hurts a person's body, feelings or things.

### Bullying Quiz

- 1. True/False** The school has no jurisdiction when bullies are engaging in digital bullying behaviors on home computers.
- 2. True/False** Bully/victim situations can be resolved easier if the victim's parents will confront the parents of the bully.
- 3. True/False** Parents should know their children's passwords and/or screen names for social networking sites.
- 4. True/False** Girls bully just as much as boys; they just do it differently.
- 5. True/False** Most victims of bullying report being bullied by large numbers of their peers.
- 6. True/False** The vast majority of students who are bullied tell a parent, teacher or other member of the school staff.
- 7. True/False** A chat room is considered to be the most dangerous area for students to visit on the Internet.
- 8. True/False** Most students who observe bullying don't think that they should get involved.
- 9. True/False** Girl bullies play mind games, such as ostracizing, ignoring, or manipulating through peer pressure.
- 10. True/False** "Once a bully, always a bully."
- 11. True/False** Students who bully have significantly lower self-esteem than their peers who don't bully.
- 12. True/False** Most victims of bullying are targeted because of outward or physical characteristics such as obesity, having red hair, dressing differently than peers, etc.
- 13. True/False** Bullies pick on others at random.
- 14. True/False** If a student is being bullied, parents should encourage children to log the bullying behavior (where, when, how, & who's doing it).

Adapted from Dan Olweus' research

### PARENTAL ATTITUDES

Mom: "I can understand why are afraid. No one wants to get beat up. Would you like for both of us to go to school and talk to your teacher?"

Non-acceptance of Anger:

Tony: "I'm gonna get Joey. He keeps calling me names."

Dad: "If you don't have something nice to say, then don't say anything at all."

Acceptance of Anger:

Tony: "I'm gonna get Joey. He keeps calling me names."

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## Breakfast with Santa!

**Date:** Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Place:** Normandy Forest Clubhouse

Come enjoy Breakfast with Santa and his Elves.  
We will take FREE photos of the children with Santa  
and we'll have a small holiday craft  
for your child to make for your Christmas tree.

This is a free event for all residents, however we would  
appreciate if you would please R.S.V.P. in order for us  
to have enough food for everyone.

*Please R.S.V.P. by December 5<sup>th</sup> to Activities Coordinator,  
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*Bullying (Continued from Page 3)*

Dad: "Tony, I understand that you don't like Joey calling you names. No one would be okay with that. But let's talk about some ways that you can handle your anger at Joey."

Non-acceptance at Sadness: Jamie: "Nobody at school likes me."

Mom: "Jamie, you always exaggerate. It's not that bad."

Acceptance of Sadness:

Julie: "Nobody at school likes me."

Mom: "You sound sad. It must feel bad to think that no one likes you at school. Would you like to talk about it?"

Non-acceptance of Abandonment:

Maria: "Everyone but me was asked to go to Julia's party. I don't understand; I have been friends with Julia for ten years."

Mom: "Maria, I'm sure you're not the only one that wasn't invited to Julia's party. Don't worry about it."

Acceptance of Abandonment:

Maria: "Everyone but me was asked to go to Julia's party. I don't understand; I have been friends with Julia for ten years."

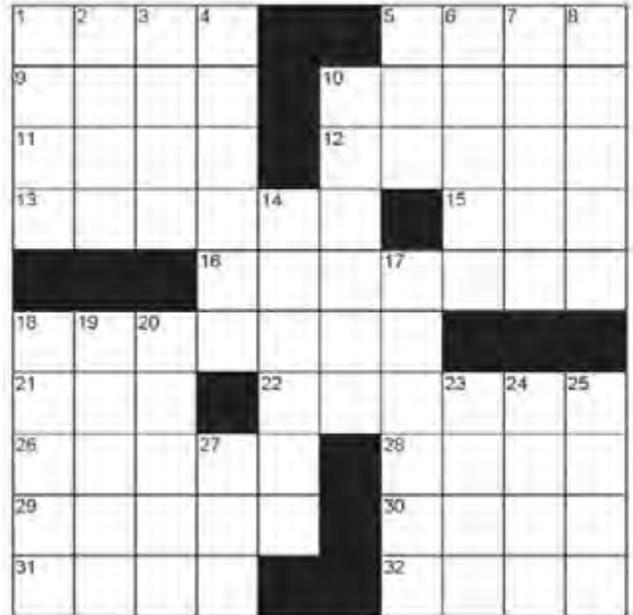
Mom: "Maria, no one likes to feel left out. I'm sure you feel disappointed and hurt. Sometimes friends hurt each other."

## Points for Parents

### "IF YOUR CHILD IS BEING BULLIED"

If your child gives you indication that he/she is being bullied, believe your child and record the information. Remember to write down where and when it's happening, who's involved, and the type of bullying that is taking place.

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

1. Syllables used in songs (2 wds.)
5. Dress
9. Time periods
10. Satan
11. Tap in lightly
12. Adult insect
13. Prioress
15. Today
16. Chapel
18. 10,000 squared meters
21. Cutting tool
22. Scents
26. Small herring
28. Two
29. Fish tank dweller
30. Volcano
31. Otherwise
32. Hold

### DOWN

1. Soft white cheese
2. Arabian
3. Mutton
4. Facet
5. Jewel
6. \_\_\_ -garde
7. Severity
8. Wispy
10. Render harmless
14. Soft drink brand
17. Lacked
18. Hurry
19. Deport
20. Tic tac's competitor
23. Pear shaped instrument
24. Alley
25. Close the door hard
27. Be

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½ lb. butter or margarine  
¼ cake paraffin wax

1½ boxes powdered sugar  
1 (12 oz.) pkg semi-sweet  
chocolate chips

Put peanut butter in a bowl. Add melted butter and mix well, then gradually add powdered sugar. When you can't stir with a spoon, use your hand. Roll into balls and lay on wax paper. Melt chocolate chips and paraffin and dip the balls into it using a toothpick. Refrigerate.

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