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2013 Social Calendar

5TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

March 29th -- Brought to you by our VNP Women's Club! Need Volunteers Please – Contact Diane Whitney b.d.whitney@sbcglobal.net

SPRING GARAGE SALE

April 13th -- Brought to you by our VNP Women's Club! Contact Events Coordinator Karen Webster, karen@sbcglobal.net

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sat, May 25th - Memorial Day weekend -- Brought to you by our VNP Women's Club! To Volunteer Contact Events Coordinator Karen Webster, karen@sbcglobal.net

BIKE PARADE

July 4th -- Brought to you by our VNP Women's Club! To Volunteer Contact Events Coordinator Karen Webster, karen@sbcglobal.net

FALL GARAGE SALE

October 9th -- Brought to you by our VNP Women's Club! Contact Events Coordinator Karen Webster, karen@sbcglobal.net

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

December 7th -- Brought to you by our VNP Women's Club! To Volunteer Contact Events Coordinator Karen Webster, karen@sbcglobal.net

CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST

December 6th – 9th -- Winners will be mentioned in the Newsletter for January! To expand categories I am taking donations for gift baskets throughout the year starting NOW! Brought to you by VNP Compass Editor Jessica Rushing, vnpcompasseditor@gmail.com

NIGHT OF THE CAROLERS

December 7th -- Sign up to have carolers come sing for you or to sing with us! Brought to you by VNP Compass Editor Jessica Rushing, vnpcompasseditor@gmail.com

COOKIE EXCHANGE

December TBA

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

December TBA

VILLAGES OF NORTHPOINTE

Neighbor Appreciation

*"On Sunday, my wife and I noticed a neighbor setting a great example for all of us. **Brian Schmalriede and his son** purchased and planted flowers to surround the trees across the street from his home on Spellbrook Point. This is on community owned land, so we'll all share in the beauty. What a great example he set for us.*

Thanks, Brian! I'm proud to call you neighbor!"

-- The Skeltons

Many would sit around and gripe to their family members or a neighbor about the deficiencies of the landscaping in the neighborhood by saying it is the HOA's job, that's what we pay dues for! While those statements are very true, I am happy to know we have neighbors who go above and beyond because they know what real citizenship is. Brian, you saw a flaw which needed immediate attention to better the community and you stepped forward without a second thought and beautified that corner.

Brian, what you and your son did was a wonderful act of neighborhood patriotism and citizenship. At the same time you set an example for not only your son, but to all the other fathers in this neighborhood and I thank you for that! Thank you for doing this and the flowers are so very beautiful! I too am proud to have you as our neighbor in The Villages of Northpointe!

Many Blessings!

Jessica Rushing

VNP Editor

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THE COMPASS

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.....	281-376-8802
Centerpoint Energy (<i>street lights – get 6 digit # off lamp post</i>)	
.....	713-207-2222
Tomball Post Office	281-516-0513
Harris County MUD #281 (water and recycling)	281-376-8802
Harris County Constable Precinct #4	
24-hour Dispatch	281-376-3472
Villages of Northpointe Patrol Officer	
Deputy Miller	281-370-9106

SCHOOLS

Tomball Independent School District	www.tomballisd.net
Canyon Pointe Elementary	281-357-3122
NorthPointe Intermediate	281-357-3020
Willow Wood Junior High	281-357-3030
Tomball High School	281-357-3220
Tomball Memorial High School	281-357-3230

TAX ENTITIES:

Tomball ISD Tax Office	281-357-3100
<i>www.tomballisd.net and follow the link to the Tax Office</i>	
MUD #281 & NorthPointe WCID	713-462-8906
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Harris County Appraisal District	713-957-7800
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Electric Company Choices	866-7974839
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MANAGEMENT

Chaparral Management (<i>Villages HOA Issues</i>)	281-537-0957
Please direct all questions, comments, and concerns about the landscape along NorthPointe Blvd. to:	
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2013 WOMEN'S GROUP BOARD & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Community Service - NEEDED

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Hospitality - NEEDED - This person/persons' would welcome new neighbors, acknowledge any neighbors who have major events happening in their lives or that may have needs that can be provided by the women in the community.

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Happy Anniversary!

Mary & Harry Hunter are celebrating 50 loving, sweet and beautiful years together this month. Please join me in wishing this loving couple a Happy Anniversary on April 20th! Mary and Harry, may your day be filled with love, laughter and lots of beautiful memories for many more years to come from your friends, family and neighbors in The Villages of Northpointe.

Please join me in wishing *Dustin & Christal Weber* a Happy Anniversary! They are celebrating their 2ND year of marriage on April 16th! Dustin and Christal, may your day be filled with joy, happiness, love and lots of sweet memories for many years to come! Happy Anniversary from all of your friends, family and neighbors in The Villages of Northpointe!

Wes and Karen Hill will be celebrating 11 happy and loving years together on April 6th! Wes and Karen, may your day be filled with love, laughter, joy and beautiful memories for many years to come. Happy Anniversary from all of your friends and neighbors in The Villages of Northpointe!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April Birthdays

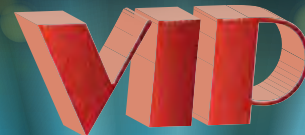
My son *Ashton Rushing* will be turning 8yrs old this year! We will be celebrating his birthday on the 29th of April! My sweet favorite son in the whole wide world, you amaze me everyday in so many ways. You are a wonderful big brother and love helping out anyone in need. You have such a big and soft heart with a love for all things and people. You have a gentle hand and a mind for nurturing others and are as smart as a whip! Mom, Dad, sister Allydia, YaYa and PoPop are all so very proud of you! Happy Birthday from all of your family, friends and neighbors here in The Villages of Northpointe! We hope you have a blessed and fun filled day!



Andrea Gotham is celebrating her birthday on April 6th! Happy Birthday Andrea from all of your family, friends and neighbors here in The Villages of Northpointe! We hope you have a day full of fun, joy, love and laughter!

Emily Behrend will be celebrating her birthday on April 10th! Your friends, family and neighbors all want to wish you a Happy Birthday! We all hope you also have a day full of fun, joy, love and laughter!

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April Garden Tips

- If necessary, prune spring-blooming shrubs, such as azaleas, quince, wisteria, forsythia and climbing roses after flowers fade.
- Ignore the white web covering on the trunk and limbs of some trees. Beneficial insects, bark lice, are at work.
- Plant caladiums in slightly acidic soil with good drainage.
- Plant roses, trees and new shrubs before it gets any hotter and keep newly set-out plants well watered.
- Pick perennial flowers and “dead head” so that plants will bloom longer.
- Choose colorful perennials and annuals for planting throughout the spring.
- Ornamental grasses add variety to the landscape. Try some.
- Feed camellias and magnolias with azalea food scratched into the soil and watered.
- Feed your trees and shrubs (Callaway’s is a good brand and there are others too)
- Finish the look of your garden with 3-4 inches of mulch to protect roots from the summer heat and to prevent water evaporation.

EDIBLE GARDENS:

- Plant cucumbers, squash, and zucchini. Pumpkins are also a great choice, as mini-pumpkins will be a treat for children in the Fall.
- Plant Basil and other warm weather herbs.
- For the Lawn:
- Be sure to mow regularly, and apply Horticultural Corn Meal for fungus.
- Inspect your irrigation system. Water distribution can vary greatly from each sprinkler head. Also use a rain gauge to make sure that all areas of your lawn are getting at least 1” of water per week.

INTERIOR SPACE:

- Craft hanging baskets for your porch, patio, and other outdoor living spaces.



VNP Kids in the Spotlight

CY-CHRISTIAN MATH OLYMPICS WINNERS

Congratulations to our elementary and middle school students who placed in the 2012-2013 Area Math Olympics Competition: Elementary: Jenny Dang-1st place, Caiden Mangum-4th place, Brandon Newell-4th place, and Joshua Yough-1st Place. Middle School : Sophia Slabic-3rd Place, Lauren Storey-2nd Place, John Ethan Baldwin-4th Place, Davis Carver-1st Place, and Jack Walsh-4th Place.



CY-CHRISTIAN SPORTS TEAMS EARN SEASON TITLES



It's been an exciting few months for Warrior fans as they watched their Cy-Christian middle school and high school teams take on the competition and earn tournament and season titles. The Middle

School Boys' Soccer Team enjoyed a winning season with a record of 6-0-1 and the Middle School “B” Basketball Teams earned second place in tournament play. The Varsity Girls' Basketball Team earned both District and Area Championships, won multiple trophies at area tournaments, and ended the season with a 29-10 record. The Varsity Boys' Basketball placed third in TAPPS District 7-3A. Both the Varsity Boys' and Girls' Soccer Teams earned the District Championship Title entering play-offs with undefeated records. Season stats for teams and game schedules can be viewed at CypressChristian.org. Go Warriors!

Northwest Flyers Track Club

The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host an orientation/registration session for all middle and high school athletes and their parents interested in joining for the 2013 season. The event will be held on Friday, April 12th, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the small commons at Cypress Creek High School, 9815 Grant Rd., Houston.

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 and 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 track teams.

The club was founded 26 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 sent 106 young athletes to compete at U.S. Junior Olympics National Championships in Baltimore, Maryland and Albuquerque, New Mexico.

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



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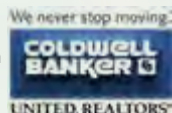
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CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB



PLAY GOLF with the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club: MAY 6, - annual Golf Tournament at the Hearthstone Country Club! Bring your own team or we will team you up with other players.

You do not have to be a Kiwanis member to play in or sponsor a team in the Golf Tournament. We welcome any who wish to participate. Businesses are encouraged to sponsor teams for their organization. It's good publicity to have your clients know you support activities that return the all profits to the community through projects that support our youth and others in need. Play will be at the Hearthstone Country Club. Call for more information.

The Kiwanis Kids Triathlon will be one of only 6 triathlon City-wide events this year and will be held at Langham Creek YWCA. Events include swimming, running, and bicycling and begin at 8 a.m. Registration information will be given out at the schools and can be found in the newspaper and community newsletters. All children 6 years through 12 years of age are invited to participate.

The Cy-Lakes Key Club was chartered in February by the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club, sponsor. Congratulations to these outstanding students. They have a charter membership of 169 students!

Attention, graduating seniors! It's time to get your applications in for Kiwanis college scholarships. Information should be available from your sponsors by the time this newsletter is published. We look forward to rewarding the outstanding service and academic achievements of our Key Club members.

Wouldn't you like to be a part of this organization that assists in these activities that promote good citizenship and leadership in our youth? We invite you to a complimentary lunch to hear more about the children's activities we sponsor. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club sponsors nine Key Clubs in the Cy-Fair Schools; Girl Scout, Boy Scout, and Sea Scout troops and activities; we provide scholarships to outstanding Key Club members in our district; and support other family oriented groups such as Cypress Assistance Ministries and Bear Creek Ministries; the Houston Food Bank; and many other nonprofit organizations. CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE is the motto of Kiwanis Clubs worldwide.

Membership is open to persons of good character who adhere to the standards of good conduct in their community and believe in and subscribe to the objects of Kiwanis International. If you would like to know more about Kiwanis and the programs it promotes, we invite you to be our guest at one of our monthly meetings. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis meet at Hearthstone Country Club on the first, second, and third Tuesday of each month at 12:15 for lunch and informative programs. For more information, call Peggy Presnell at 281-304-7127; John Carroll at 281-463-0373 or George Crowl at 832-467-1998.

Shockwaves!

The Northpointe Shockwaves swim team is looking forward to a fun new season in 2013! All neighborhood kids between 4yrs and 18yrs are welcome to join. Registration online begins March 1st www.npshockwaves.com. If you have questions and would like to register in person, swim team leadership will be at the VNP Clubhouse on Saturday, March 23rd between 8am and 11am. Everyone on the team must begin the season "water-safe" with the ability to swim across the width of the pool unassisted. Strokes, technique and stamina will be taught and developed through practice during the season. Swimmers are expected to attend a minimum of 3 practices per week, offered Tuesday through Friday, as well as time trials, a minimum of 2 of the 5 dual meets, and attend the end of season Divisional meet, all held on Saturday mornings. Registration fees are listed on the website. Non Villages of Northpointe residents pay an extra fee and 15-18 year olds swim free! .

We accept sponsorships from local businesses to advertise at our meets, on our t-shirts and on our communications. Please contact us at sponsorships@npshockwaves.com for more info, or see our website. Neighbors, we invite all of you to come have a blast with us and support the kids at our home meets! Go Shockwaves!

SEASON SCHEDULE:

March 1st through May 1st – Registration open online at npshockwaves.com

April 16th & 17th – Rookie Camp (For our new members)

April 18th – First regular season after-school practice (times TBA, by age)

May 1st – Registration Closed

May 11th – Time Trials (at VNP Pool, 7am-1:30pm)

May 18th – First Dual Meet (at VNP Pool, 7am-2:30pm)

May 25th – Second Dual Meet (away in Prestonwood, 7am-2:30pm)

June 1st – Third Dual Meet (away in Windsong, 7am-2:30pm)

June 6th – Switch to Morning Practices (times TBA, by age)

June 8th – Fourth Dual Meet (at VNP Pool, 7am-2:30pm)

June 15th – Last Dual Meet (away vs. Blue Marlins, 7am-2:30pm)

June 22nd – Divisional Tournament (away at Ravensway, 7am-4pm)



PERSONAL CLASSIFIEDS

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2004 Chevy 2500HD Crew Cab Black Truck: Fully Loaded with Leather \$12,000 or O.B.O. Contact Phil Quaschnik 832-677-6041 or philquaschnik@hotmail.com

REDUCED: Mobility Scooters: 1 motorized scooter left in very good condition. Both parents have passed on. Asking \$300.00. Also on Craigs List. Call or email for photos Patty 832-492-3625 or Tom 832-423-2024 nursepjs@yahoo.com

FOR SALE: Taking Offers: wheelchair, shower chair,walker,

and several walking canes. Also on Craigs List. Call or email for photos: Patty at 832-492-3625 or Tom at 832-423-2024 nursepjs@yahoo.com

FOR SALE: 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

FOR SALE: Trampoline: 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

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VNP Womens Group Meeting APRIL 2013

APRIL 15TH
7PM
AT THE VNP CLUBHOUSE

MARCH BUNCO NIGHTS

Monday Bunco Nights:
Debbie Parker at DParker39@
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Thursday Bunco Nights:
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- Childproof your home. Look at every room as your child would. Ask yourself what looks interesting and what can be reached. Get down on your hands and knees, and check for small things children can choke on.
- Use the back burners on stoves, and turn pot handles to the back. Keep children away from the stove or microwave when cooking, and don't serve hot food or drinks to them.
- Keep knives, glasses, and scissors where young kids can't reach them.
- Cover electrical outlets that are not in use.
- Keep guns locked, unloaded, and where kids can't reach them.
- Take precautions to avoid fire in the home.
- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and in every sleeping area. Test them once a month.
- Plan several ways to escape from each room if a fire starts. Practice the fire escape plan with your family. Identify a safe place to meet outside.
- Lock up matches, lighters, and gasoline.
- Keep space heaters where kids can't reach them and away from curtains, beds, and papers.
- Never put electrical cords under rugs
- Always supervise children while they are in the bathroom, and follow other important bathroom safety guidelines.
- Keep the hot water heater at low-medium or less than 120° Fahrenheit. Mix hot and cold water in the bathtub, and test it on your forearm before putting children into the tub. Never leave the room while they are bathing.
- Keep toilet lids closed and locked, and doors to bathrooms and utility rooms closed when not in use. Put razors, curling irons, and hair dryers out of reach.
- Avoid exposing children to potential poisons. Lock up potential poisons out of children's reach, including cleaning supplies, pet food, medicine, vitamins, beer, wine, and liquor.
- Read labels and follow directions when giving medicine to children.
- Know which houseplants are poisonous and keep them where children can't reach them.
- Install carbon monoxide detectors in every sleeping area and test them every month.
- Make sure heating systems are vented outside and checked every year.
- Prevent serious falls.
- Keep furniture away from windows. Install guards or stops on windows that are not emergency exits.
- Install safety gates at the top and the bottom of stairs.
- Never use baby walkers.
- Keep emergency numbers by every telephone. Call 911 if a child is choking, collapses, can't breathe, or is having a seizure. If you suspect a child has been poisoned, call 1-800-222-1222.
- Keep first aid supplies on hand.

For more information about preventing child injury, you can visit the Safe Kids USA Web site at: <http://www.usa.safekids.org>

UNDER THE BIG TOP

2013 Kirk Spring Festival

Friday, May 3, 2013 | 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm | 12421 Tanner Road

Come one, come all! Join us Under the Big Top for a fun filled event! We will have lots to do and tons to eat. Wondering what to do – join us on one of our carnival rides either the chair swing or tubs of fun. Prefer to stay on the ground? Check out the trackless train ride.

Looking to challenge your skills, try a round or two of Laser Tag and see if you can be the champ.

Not everyone is in for the rides, try one of our ten games and see what you can win! Depending on how many tickets you collect will determine how many prizes you can earn.

Still looking for more to do? Join us in the gym and see if you can win a basket or bid on one of the silent auction items.

Now it is time to re-fuel, join us in the cafeteria for pizza, nachos and other great treats! Or take your chances at the cake walk and win a sweet treat.

All tickets on sale day of the event

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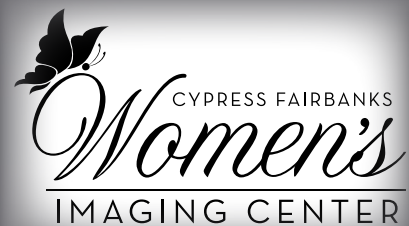
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FESTIVALS AND EVENTS FOR APRIL

April 13 - Annual Tomball Bunny Run is a certified 5K run and 1 mile family walk throughout the historic downtown district beginning at the old railroad Depot. REGISTER ONLINE. For information, please email rdillon@ci.tomball.tx.us .

April 19- 21 - 27th Annual Texas Crawfish & Music Festival: Starts: Where: Old Town Spring Spring School Road Spring, Texas 77373

Texas Hill Country Wildflower Trail - March through May, the roadways throughout the Texas Hill Country are lined with a variety of blooming wildflowers. A drive through this trail during spring is both breathtaking and exhilarating.

Tyler Azalea & Spring Flower Trail - From mid-March through mid-April, the city of Tyler, Texas is home to the Azalea and Spring Flower Trail, which includes tours of area homes and flower trails, a civil war re-enactment, square dancing, 10k run, arts & crafts, and much, much more.

Strawberry Festival - The annual Strawberry Festival draws over 100,000 visitors to the tiny town of Poteet. This event, which has been held for nearly 60 years, attracts nationally-known country music stars and Tejano entertainers in addition to the carnival, art show, rodeo, dances, parade and "Taste of Texas" food show. <http://gotexas.about.com/od/foodfestivals/p/PoteetStrawFest.htm>

April 6 - 11am to 10pm - Swamp Romp and Crawfish Festival Austin's Swamp Romp and Crawfish Festival features live music, authentic Cajun food, beads and more. <http://www.roadwayevents.com/RoadStar/Events-cat.asp?mediaId=1521>

April 6 - 11am - 1pm - Texas Raiders B-17 Bomber Open House April Texas Raiders," one of only 11 flyable B-17 Flying Fortress bombers in the world, will open its hangar to the public at Tomball Jet Center located at David Wayne Hooks Airport on April 6, 2013. <http://www.springtoday.com/evps/evitem.cfm?evid=3199>

April 12 - 7:30pm - Shakespeare in the Shade Trees: "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Individuals can purchase tickets in advance by calling Precinct 4's Senior Adult Program at 281-893-3726, or they can also be purchased at the door the night of the event. General admission tickets are \$10 each or senior adults (55 years and older) and students may purchase tickets for \$7. <http://www.springtoday.com/evps/evitem.cfm?evid=2830>

April 7 - 9am - The Woodlands Car Club & Market Street present CARS & Coffee For a Cause benefitting the Change for Charity Program. Come out to "show-off" or admire. First Sunday of the Month 9am to 11am. For more information about The Woodlands Car Club Cars & Coffee for a Cause, visit www.thewoodlandscarclub.org

April 20 - 12pm - Buzzfest 30 The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion in The Woodlands. Featuring Shinedown, Bush, Stone Sour, Papa Roach,

P.O.D., Sick Puppies, Hollywood Undead, The Dirty Heads, Oleander, IAMDYNAMITE, A Silent Film, The Virginmarys, Youngblood Hawk and Beware of Darkness.

April 25 - 6pm - 9pm - WineFest Benefiting the Montgomery County Women's Center. themed "Heard It Through The Grapevine" and will present an after-business-hours casual drop-in event where guests will discover their new favorite fine wines and sample signature dishes from over a dozen local restaurants. <http://www.woodlandsonline.com/evps/evitem.cfm?evid=54513>

April 27 - 1pm - 3pm - Shred and Scrub to benefit ORHS Orchestra Have important documents (old tax returns, financial statements, etc) that you need destroyed with complete confidentiality and security? If so, ORHS Orchestra Booster club has found the solution! We are hosting a Shred-It Event and have contracted with a mobile shred truck which can handle all of your needs with ease. Just bring your boxes of documents (paperclips and staples included) which will be destroyed while you watch. An added bonus is a car wash provided by the Orchestra students. Shred is \$10/box; discount provided for multiple boxes. Car Scrub is by donation. Proceeds are designated for college scholarships to ORHS Senior Orchestra students. Please join us at: Faith United Methodist Church 2403 Rayford Road in Spring, TX

Texas International Boat Show - Held at Corpus' downtown marina, the Texas International Boat Show features both in-the-water and on-shore exhibits, as well as a variety of entertainment events and vendor booths. <http://gotexas.about.com/od/watersports/p/TXIntBoatShow.htm>

Texas Sand Fest - Sand sculptors from all over the world make their way to Port Aransas each year for the annual Texas SandFest. The events includes sculpting contests for professionals and amateurs, food and live music. <http://gotexas.about.com/od/outdooractivityevents/p/SandFest.htm>

Fiesta San Antonio - Fiesta San Antonio is a massive festival featuring over 100 different events. Some of the most popular are the 10k and kids' runs, Fiesta Oyster Bake, Fiesta Mariachi Mass, Roundball Ruckus, arts fair, carnival and A Night in Old San Antonio. <http://gotexas.about.com/od/enterta6/p/FiestaSA.htm>

Main Street Arts Festival - Fort Worth's Mainstreet Arts Festival features over 200 artists displaying and selling their wares. The festival also features live music, street performers, food vendors and family activities. <http://gotexas.about.com/od/artfestivals/p/MainStreetArt.htm>

Red Poppy Festival - Held each year in Georgetown, just a short drive from Austin, the Red Poppy Festival features a 'Red Poppy Ride,' live music, car show, children's area, parade and more.

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