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2013 Social Calendar

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, karengo@sbcglobal.net

BIKE PARADE

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

FALL GARAGE SALE

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

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

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

MUD BATH

Fellow neighbors...your MUD board is pleased to give you a little feedback on the fine efforts of our neighborhood peace officer, Deputy Park. The following scenario was provided by MUD board director Deputy Enstrom. On Sunday March 17 at approx. 3:30 AM an off duty Harris County Sheriff Deputy was driving through the district in his personal vehicle when he was pulled over by a person impersonating a police officer. This person's vehicle had a light bar with red and blue lights. When the off duty officer stepped out of his car in uniform, the impersonator fled. On Wednesday March 21, deputy Park informed Deputy Enstrom of the events and as fate would have it, the perp approached Deputy Enstrom later the same day asking for information. Deputy Enstrom recognized the vehicle as described and immediately contacted Deputy Park who arrived on the scene within minutes. Deputy Park questioned the suspect and very quickly obtained a written confession. The perp in question was arrested for impersonation a public servant. It goes without saying that one of our most sacred trusts is that we place in our law enforcement. When impersonators attempt to violate that trust for their nefarious purposes it puts all of us at risk. For Deputy Park's quick action, MUD 281 board of directors have voted to write a letter of commendation to be sent to Sheriff Adrian Garcia. And the next time you see Deputy Park in the neighborhood, give him a big thumbs up! I would be remiss if I left such a serious matter without my requisite chuckle...so here is a topical guffaw for your entertainment...

A policeman spots a woman driving and knitting at the same time. Driving up beside her, he shouts out the window... "Pull over!"

"No," she shouts back, "a pair of socks!"

Until next time, *Paul Hicks*.

THE COMPASS

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2013 WOMEN'S GROUP BOARD & COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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Community Service - NEEDED

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Julia Behrend will be turning 5 years old on May 11th. Happy Birthday Julia from your family! Your friends and neighbors also wish you a Happy Birthday. Have a wonderful day filled with fun and lots of birthday cake!

Jordan Elmore will be turning 18 years old this year on May 12th! Jordan your family, friends and neighbors all wish you a Happy Birthday! We hope your day is light hearted and filled with great fun!

Dustin Weber will be the big 36 on May 16th! Happy Birthday Dustin from your family, friends and neighbors here in the Villages of Northpointe. We hope you have a fantastic day making fun memories for years to come.

Hannah VanJura will be celebrating her birthday with her family and friends on May 19th! Hannah we hope you have a wonderful birthday celebration making lots of fun memories with friends and family!

Marielena Ramirez will be celebrating her 13th birthday on May 27th! "Happy Birthday sweetheart, we are so proud of the young lady you are becoming, Love Mom and Dad!" Your friends and neighbors also wish you a Happy Birthday Marielena! We hope you spend your day making wonderful memories with friends and family for years to come!

Connor Andrews will be turning 12 years old on May 23rd! "You have come a long way baby! We have loved every minute of your life". From your Family, Mommy, Logan, Momma and the Girls.

Chase Beeler will be 7 years old on May 28. "Happy Birthday my Little Ninja. Love, Mommy!" Your friends and neighbors also wish you a Happy Birthday Chase! Have a fun filled exciting day! Don't forget to make a birthday wish!

Happy 35th Birthday From Our VNP Cy-Christian Students!

VNP students at Cypress Christian celebrated their schools 35th birthday in April. K-12 students, teachers, and families enjoyed celebrating God's faithfulness and their CCS heritage with a week-long birthday party complete with campus-wide decorations, blue and white dress-up day, birthday cake, and fun campus and online contests. Fun facts from when the school was founded in 1978: CCS only had 18 students. The average cost of a gallon of gas was 68 cents and a postage stamp cost 15 cents. The cost of a movie was \$2 per person for great movies like Star Wars and Superman. Popular communication and music devices were radios, eight-track tape players, and CB radios as there were no personal computers, emails, IMs, iPods, cell phones, or text messaging. Now: CCS has over 670 students and the cost of living and entertainment has definitely gone up. However, some things never change: CCS is still honored to help prepare students for success today and throughout their lives, so they can bring honor to the Lord Jesus Christ and make a positive impact in our world.



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Easter Egg Hunt Success!



by Diane Whitney

The Easter Bunny visited the Villages of Northpointe on Saturday, March 23. While it was slightly overcast and a little chilly, the weather held out for the neighborhood event. The morning started with Easter coloring pages and participants enjoying a breakfast treat with their neighbors allowing participants slowly trickle in during the check-in period. The first egg hunt started at 10:00 for the 0-3 year old age group. Wise to the sweet treats the colorful eggs held inside, some were more zealous than others. A few were easily distracted after finding just a couple of eggs finding other things to explore. The 4-6 year old age group, the largest age group, followed shortly after. Talk about some savvy egg hunters - they picked the field clean. Finally, after patiently waiting, the 7 and up age group were set loose. Do not stand in the way of a 7 year old and their candy. They are serious about the hunt. A trackless train ran around the lake just off of Northpointe Terrace. The children were permitted to ride as many times as their heart desired or until Mom and Dad decided it was time to go home. Many smiling faces, both tall and small, said it all – it was a successful event for our neighborhood.

A special thanks to all the Bunny Helpers. The Easter Egg Hunt was made possible because you volunteered your time and energy to help out. It may have been a simple act of filling 100 eggs, helping to set-up tables/chairs in the clubhouse the night before the event, coming out an hour early to hide eggs or hanging around afterwards to help clean-up. With many hands, events like this can be easily planned and executed. You don't have to be the coordinator of an event to make a difference in our neighborhood. All you have to do is be willing to commit to a task.

Easter Bunny Helpers:

Brian Whitney, Lance Whitney, Joshua Fontenot, Elicia Moody, Charlie Ellis, Maddie Ellis, Hang Nguyen, Linda & Doug Skelton

This year we had some generous sponsors for the VNP Easter Egg Hunt. Participants were not asked to purchase tickets this year, as has been tradition in the past, in large part to these sponsors. I would like to thank Elizabeth Mandola for her monetary contribution towards our event.

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I would also like to give a BIG thank you to Kara Puentes with Better Homes & Gardens, Gary Greene Realtors. Ms. Puentes not only sponsored the trackless train but she also came out to the event cheerfully volunteering her time to help in any manner needed.

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Friends, it was my sincere joy and privilege to have coordinated this event. In our hurried day to day schedules, we are seldom afforded the opportunity to simply meet our neighbors. Events like the Easter Egg Hunt give us the occasion to lower the drawbridges of our lives and let people in even if it's just for a short period. I hope all of you had as much fun as I did and I look forward to the next event.

VNP Kids in the Spotlight

Cypress Christian Choir Earned Gold
The CCS Concert Choir competed in the Worldstrides Heritage Festival against schools from all over the country. The choir received a gold rating and was awarded third place overall. Accompanist Dan Pham (CCS freshman) was awarded the Maestro Award.



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Drowning is Preventable

The Texas weather is warming up. Summer is almost here. Pools will soon open and the cool water will be calling your name. You can almost hear your kids laughing and the playing in the pool. Your family deserves to have many Best Day Ever moments in the water this summer. Please do not let those moments be ruined by the sound of a life guard whistle blast or the need to do CPR in order to save your child's life. Most families love a trip to the swimming pool, the lake or the beach during the summer...but the water can be deadly for a child.

Did you know that drowning is a leading cause of accidental death for children between the ages of 1 and 14, with kids under the age of 5 at even higher risk?

Colin Holst's parents did not know either. Sadly, June 13th marks the 5 year anniversary of his drowning in a public, lifeguarded pool in Austin. Since Colin's drowning in 2008, Central Texas-based Colin's Hope has become a nonprofit leader in water safety and drowning prevention.

My name is Alissa Magrum and I am the Executive Director of Colin's Hope. But I am also a parent to 8 year old Ella. So, from


one parent to another, please listen to this message. It is simple but filled with purpose: DROWNING IS PREVENTABLE. YOU can help protect your children. Following a series of simple water safety tips creates multiple layers of protection. These layers WILL keep children safer in and around the water and CAN prevent drownings.

The first 3 of these tips are KEY.

- 1. Practice constant visual supervision.** Always assign an adult "water guardian" whose ONLY responsibility is to watch children who are in, near and around the water. If that water guardian needs to take a break, they must transfer their "watching" duty to another adult.
- 2. Learn to swim.** Enroll children (and adults too) in formal swim classes. For kids under the age of 4, taking formal swim lessons reduces the risk of drowning by 88%.
- 3. Wear life jackets.** Children who cannot swim should ALWAYS wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket when in and around the water.

You can see additional tips, as well as more information on water safety and drowning prevention, on our website at www.colinshope.org.

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WE ALSO NEED YOUR HELP. PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION with family, friends, neighbors, teachers, babysitters...everyone! We have seen the difference that being aware and being prepared can make. Communities that have received our water safety information in prior years have seen child drownings and near drownings in their areas reduced to zero!

Please visit www.colinshope.org to find out how you can get involved in your own community. Find us on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, subscribe to our monthly newsletter or even support our efforts with a donation.

We envision a world where children do not drown. Please share that vision and together we will get there.

Wishing you the SAFEST AND BEST SUMMER EVER,
Alissa Magrum Executive Director, Colin's Hope

VNP Cy-Christian Students Serve Children in Community

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USING SALT

Clean Up Oven Spills

If food boils over onto the oven floor, sprinkle salt on top to stop smoke and odor from forming. When the oven is cool, it'll be easy to brush away the spot.

Eliminate a Grease Fire

Pour salt on top to smother it. (Never use water on a grease fire.)

Soothe a Bee Sting

Wet the sting right away, then cover it with salt.

Egg Spills

If an egg breaks on the kitchen floor, sprinkle salt on the mess and leave it there for 20 minutes. You'll be able to wipe it right up

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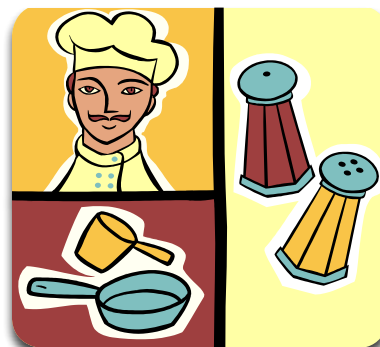
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Test for Rotten Eggs

Put an egg in a cup of water to which you've added two teaspoons of salt. A fresh egg will sink, but one that's iffy will float.

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- Remove flowers of coleus, caladium and copper plant to make foliage even showier.
- White flowers make a shady area look lighter and brighter.
- Feed crepe myrtles and other summer blooming shrubs. Also feed agapanthus (Lily of the Nile).
- Have you included plants in your yard that attract butterflies and hummingbirds? Some of them are althaea, buddleia (butterfly bush) butterfly weed, cupheas, daylilies, hamelia (hummingbird bush) hardy hibiscus, lantana, pentas, salvias, trumpet vine, dwarf ruellia and passionflower vine.



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Let's all try and keep them safe.

If you see any abuse....immediately contact the police at (281) 376-3472. We've had several incidents where teens have been shooting BB's through the fence at their neighbor's dogs. We can't stop it if no one reports it. Telling their parents did not work!



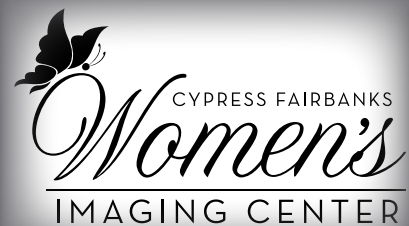
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