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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE VILLAGES OF NORTHPOINTE HOA

SEPTEMBER 2013

## 2013 Social Calendar

### **5TH ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT**

A SUCCESS!!! -- Contact Diane Whitney b.d.whitney@sbcglobal.net To help out next year or for questions and suggestions!

### **SPRING GARAGE SALE**

Contact Events Coordinator Karen Websterkarengo@sbcglobal.net To help out next year or for questions and suggestions! A BIG Thanks to Patti Ardoin who put it together this year!

### **ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

Pool passes were handed out for 2013 -- 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! Check the newsletter for details! Brought to you by VNP Christmas Contest Committee - 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 -- Brought to you by our VNP Women's Club! Contact Events Coordinator Karen Webster <a href="karengo@sbcglobal.net">karengo@sbcglobal.net</a>

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT**

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### CHRISTMAS LIGHT CONTEST DONATIONS

Hi everyone, another reminder the Christmas Contest Committee still needs donations for prizes. I have typed a list of items below to get your ideas flowing. Really anything you can think of which you yourself might like in a gift basket or gift bag, donate it please! I will be taking perishable items starting December 1st only a few days from the contest. If you or anyone you know owns a restaurant a discount coupon would be a great prize! E-mail Jessica Rushing at: vnpcompasseditor@gmail.com if you have items to donate. I will arrange to pick them up from you. Thank you for all of your support and for anything you can donate! The contest will begin December 6th and will do final judging on December 8th!

- Wine
- Cokes
- Popcorn
- Movie tickets
- Candies
- Summer sausage
- Bbq items
- Coffee Itemsi
- Tea Items
- Gift Cards

- Discount Coupons (make sure expiration dates are Jan 2014 or later if possible)
- Candles
- Bath items (salts, scrubs etc..)
- Christmas lights
- Snacks of any kind like pretzels, peanuts, chips, dips, cheese etc...



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landscape along NorthPointe Blvd. to:
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# VNP KIDS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

#### **ONE LESS HUNGRY TUMMY**

VNP Cypress Christian School students and parents worked alongside SAM's Club employees to prepare food for delivery to children who benefit from the Kids Meals Houston program. Our volunteers made over 1200 ham sandwiches and packed them for the delivery of the day. CCS Parent/Volunteer Stephanie Petru commented about their experience, "I love how this organization will allow even the youngest of our CCS students to serve in this capacity as we strive to train them to honor the Lord through service to others. We were truly blessed to be a part of a very memorable day and would love to help again!"

### CY-CHRISTIAN CHEERLEADERS PLACE AT CAMP

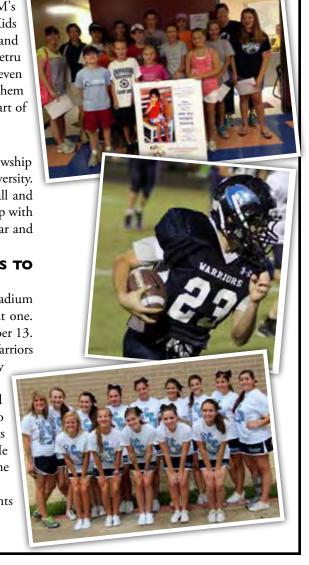
VNP Cypress Christian School Varsity Cheerleaders participated in the Fellowship of Christian Cheerleaders Cheer Camp on the campus of Houston Baptist University. They learned new cheers, chants, and dances to be used throughout football and basketball seasons. In addition, they placed third in the Camp Championship with their all-music routine. The team is excited about the 2013-2014 school year and looks forward to seeing you at a game real soon!

### VNP CY-CHRISTIAN WARRIOR FOOTBALL ADDS ALUMNUS TO **COACHING STAFF**

Calling all VNP Warrior fans to be a part of the Friday night action at the Stadium at Cypress Christian! The 2013 football season promises to be another great one. The first home game of the season will be against Austin Regents on September 13. District play will open at Homecoming against Bay Area on October 11. The Warriors should once again compete in district as they have finished first or second every season since 2007.

The coaching staff will include alumnus Josh Graber (CCS Class of '06). Head Coach Jacob Spenn commented: "I am excited that Josh will be returning to CCS as a coach. He was a standout player as a quarter back at CCS and brings a passion for building godly men that will be a great fit in our program. He will be responsible for the running backs and helping Coach Battles with the offensive line."

Make plans now to be a part of the action as Friday nights are always great nights at CCS. The game schedule may be viewed online at CypressChristian.org.





# VNP WOMENS GROUP MEETING

September 2013

September 16TH 7PM AT THE VNP CLUBHOUSE

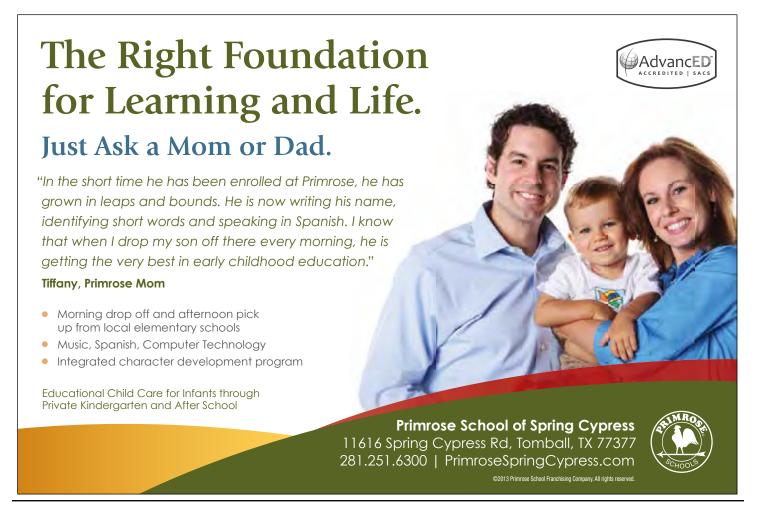
### SEPTEMBER BUNCO NIGHTS

Monday Bunco Nights: Debbie Parker at dparker39@att.net Thursday Bunco Nights: Robyn Clark at robynclark615@gmail.com

## SIMPLY SEEKING

- **SHALOM!** Hi Jewish Community. Let's get connected! To share Shabbat dinners...Chanukah parties...Passover Seders...or simply get together! Interested? E-mail us at info@shalomcypress.org. Or visit our website at www.shalomcypress.org
- 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
- **Poker Tournement:** Texas Hold-Em' tournament every other Thursday to join call Jack..281-744-8636..or Don 281-256-8711
- Senior Care: for anyone seeking a "break" from their senior care responsibilities (if only for an hour to shop or attend Church, or for a day or evening out, or longer). I have a very flexible schedule as I am retired from a Human Resources position I held for 26 years and live in VNP. Contact Geri Ridley geriridley694@yahoo.com

If you need to change or remove any of your 'simply seeking' personals please contact the Compass Editor, Jessica Rushing, vnpcompasseditor@gmail.com



### PERSONAL CLASSIFIEDS

**FOR SALE:** 2007 Jeep Grand Cherokee Loredo 4x4 \$12,500. 73,000 miles, leather seats, like new all terrain tires, tow hitch, silver exterior, gray interior.

**FOR SALE:** Brinkman Electric Smoker w/cover \$40. Used only 1 time. Sells for \$69 at Academy. Contact Ellie missellie18@comcast. net

**FOR SALE:** '54 F100 project truck \$4,000: Jaguar independent front and rear suspension setups w/ disc brakes and power steering. Ready for hot rod performance. and I can help you get it over to your house from ours Emery Meadows. Contact Darren Morrison itbuildscharacter@hotmail.com See link below to the Craigslist ad. http://houston.craigslist.org/cto/3783302031.html

**FOR SALE:** Player Piano and Antique Piano Bench \$200: comes with an assortment of piano rolls. close to 100 years old. It is in need of repair, but all the parts are readily available. Buyer is responsible for moving the piano. I will be happy to lend some muscle to assist in the move. Contact Maynard Sawyer at 832-534-8431 maynardlsawyer@yahoo.com

**FOR SALE:** TV Stand, black metal and glass \$100/OBO: 1 year old, great condition. We are happy to deliver in VNP. Please contact The Webers: wileywebers@gmail.com For photos, please see the Craigslist ad below: http://houston.craigslist.org/fuo/3560883167.html

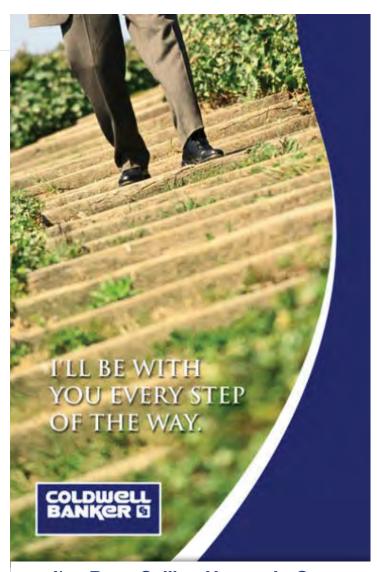
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# TENNIS TIPS

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional Fernando Velasco













# How To Execute The Two-Handed High Backhand Volley Approach Shot

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to hit a forehand groundstroke, a two-handed backhand, one-handed backhand, forehand volley, the two handed backhand volley, the serve, the forehand half-volley, the one-handed backhand volley, the overhead "smash", the forehand service return, the backhand service return, and the forehand high volley approach shot.

In this issue, I will offer you instructions on how to execute the two-handed backhand high approach shot. This shot is used when a player is caught in "no-person's land" (around the service line area) and receives a high ball to volley. The important part of this shot is to be able to hit a deep volley to the feet of the opponents and/or to hit a deep volley close to the baseline, so the opponent is put in a defensive mode and hits a softer ball so the player can now move closer to the net for the "killer or placement volley". In the illustrations, Linda Henson, a player at the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke.

*Step 1:* The Ready Position and Split Step: When Linda realizes that she is caught in "no-person's land", she takes the split step by bending the knees and staying on her toes. Her racket is in the volley position and her feet are angled toward the path of the incoming ball.

**Step 2:** The Back Swing: Once Linda realizes that the ball has been directed to her backhand, she will turn her upper body and will take the racket slightly back. Notice that the left hand next to the right

hand to allow her to keep her center of gravity in the center. She has loaded her weight on her left foot and will be ready to step forward to meet the ball. She will make a slight change toward the continental grip on both hands.

Step 3: The Point of Contact: Linda now is ready to step into the ball. She has kept her eye on the ball and her center of gravity now is shifted toward the point of contact. Notice the right toe pointing to the ball meeting the racket. The face of the racket is open to allow her to hit behind the ball and allow maximum net height and allow her to hit the ball deep. The control of the ball will be made with the left hand, which is holding the racket tighter. The right hand is more relaxed and helps keep the face of the racket in a 45 degree angle at the point of contact.

**Step 4:** The Follow Through: Once Linda has made contact with the ball, she finishes the follow through with her wrist laid back. Her right arm is next to her body and her eyes have shifted toward her target.

Step 5: The Move for the Kill Volley: As the ball is headed toward her opponent and Linda realizes that her shot it deep, now she moves close to the net for the put away volley. If her shot was not deep, Linda will decide to stay close to the service line to protect the lob over her head. By the look in her eyes and her smile, she is ready to go for the "kill volley".

Look in the next Newsletter for: The One-Handed Backhand Volley Approach Shot











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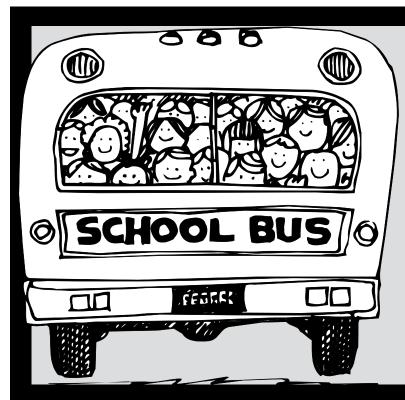




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## Back To School

School started in August, so now is the time for drivers to pay closer attention to the school zones in the neighborhood. We want to remind you that the speed limit in a school zone is 20mph and traffic fines double!

### Other changes to be aware of include;

- Children behaving unpredictably
- School Bus Stops
- Crossing Guards please obey the guards! Remember, they are there for the safety of you and your children
- New areas of traffic congestion
- Be prepared for delays
- Use of cell phones in schools zones is prohibited!

Please give yourself extra time in the mornings and midafternoons and remember if you are traveling in a school zone to slow down.

Time To Slow Down!

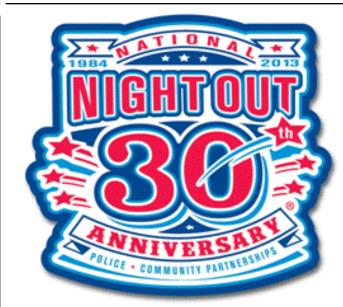


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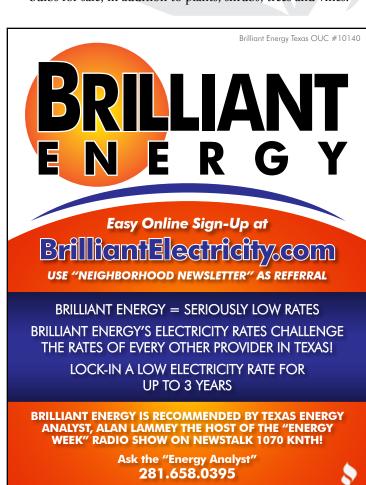
### **Gardening Tips**

for September

- September thru January is a good time to plant nearly everything - trees, shrubs, perennials and bulbs. Many need the cold to establish strong root systems.
- Cut back on watering as temperatures drop. Lawn problems are often the result of over watering. Spot water where necessary.
- On account of our heavy rains raised beds are best for this area so that plant roots don't drown. 5"- 8" above the surrounding ground is good.
- Early in the month is a good time to start a fall/winter vegetable garden. Among those to include are cauliflower, beets, cabbage, chard, collards, bush snap beans, lettuce and leeks.
- Plant societies will have good sales with unusual plants and often experts on hand to answer questions.
- The annual Bulb and Plant Mart is at the end of September. It's a wonderful event sponsored by the Garden Club of Houston. Fortunately, daffodils will naturalize here but tulips are annuals. There are also amaryllis, crinum lilies, hyacinths, irises and small bulbs for sale, in addition to plants, shrubs, trees and vines.



National Night Out at the Villages of Northpointe Club House in October! Keep watching the neighborhood info board at the club house for dates and details! Will be a fun night!



**GREAT BUSINESS RATES TOO!** 



# Kids Stuff



Do you have a favorite playground? Maybe it's a new wooden one that has lots of tall towers and passageways. Or maybe your favorite is an old-fashioned playground with swings and a seesaw. Playgrounds are fun places for kids because there's so much to do and other kids to have fun with. But sometimes kids get hurt at playgrounds. That's no fun, so here are 10 ways to keep safe:

Take a grown-up. As kids get bigger, they like doing things on their own. Going to the playground shouldn't be one of them, though. Grown-ups come in handy because they might spot problems at the playground, they can help you down if you get in a tight spot, and they can help if you happen to get hurt.

Take a good look around. If the playground has lots of trash, doing this, he or she will probably say, "Knock it off. Someone's there.

equipment that's for little kids (like 2- to 5-year-olds) and other right for your age. If you squeeze yourself onto a swing for toddlers, you might get stuck. Likewise, if your little brother or sister starts it can be fixed. climbing something meant for older kids, guide him or her to the little kid stuff.

such as towers or open passageways between equipment. Don't you're a good playground citizen. climb higher than you feel comfortable, and feel free to ask your of equipment, or hoist yourself up on the roof. The view might be when it's time to leave. cool, but it's a long way down.

**Look out below.** The best playgrounds put down special

surfacing material, such as mulch, wood chips, sand, gravel, or rubber matting. These surfaces can help soften a fall, but that doesn't mean you won't get hurt, especially if you tumble from a high spot.

**Swing safely.** Kids often get hurt at the playground because they get hit by someone on a swing. If you're swinging, watch out for people who might be getting too close. And if you're walking around the playground, don't get too close to the swingers.

**Use your head.** Sometimes you'll see kids going headfirst down the slide or maybe two or three kids will get on a piece of equipment that's only meant for one. Or some kids might start goofing around and trying to push each other off a swing or off of a high spot. If your grown-up sees you

such as broken glass, or the equipment looks broken, don't play going to get hurt." It's true, so try to use the playground equipment properly. And if you get stuck, or don't know how to get down from **Keep your size in mind.** Many playgrounds have some something, call your grown-up over so he or she can help you down.

Report problems. If you see graffiti (when people write or paint equipment that's meant for older kids. Use the equipment that's on stuff), a broken swing, or find any other problems while you're playing, tell your grown-up. He or she can report the problem so

**Clean up**. If you bring a drink or snack to the playground, clean up your trash before you leave. When you do, the park will look nice Don't go too high. Many playgrounds have tall stuff to play on, when the next kid comes along to play and you will have shown that

**Have a great time!** How can you make a good time at the grown-up if you need help getting down. Never climb up the outside playground even better? Bring a friend and only complain a little

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