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## WELCOME TO VILLAGES OF NORTHPOINTE COMPASS

*Official Newsletter  
of the Villages of Northpointe  
HOA*

The Villages of Northpointe Compass is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Villages of Northpointe residents. Each newsletter will be filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information, and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports team, social group, etc., and would like to submit an article for the newsletter, you can do so online at [www.PEELinc.com](http://www.PEELinc.com). Personal news (announcements, accolades/honors/celebrations, etc.) are also welcome as long as they are from area residents.

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### Registration Now For Fall 2015 Open

The Junior Hurricanes Soccer League (JHSL) is led by professional United States Soccer Federation (USSF) licensed staff and is designed for boys & girls who want to play and have fun in a safe and developmentally appropriate environment. The JHSL program is being offered at multiple locations and in conjunction with CFSA at the Schiel Road Complex. To learn more about each location and to register please visit [www.albionhurricanes.org](http://www.albionhurricanes.org).

Email us at [jhsl@albionhurricanes.org](mailto:jhsl@albionhurricanes.org)  
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## PET OF THE MONTH

Georgia is a sweet sweet Chihuahua mix of some sort. She was saved from a high kill shelter while she was pregnant. She had her puppies under our care and now they are all adopted and Mom is ready to find a forever home now too! She is approx 2.5 years old and 15 lbs. She is a darling little girl and we would love for her to find a forever home! [animalrescuekingdom@gmail.com](mailto:animalrescuekingdom@gmail.com)  
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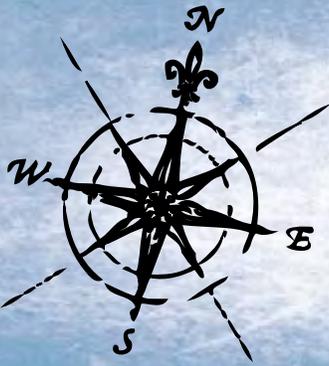
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# “Standing Out from the Crowd”

Luncheon Details

Thursday, September 24, 2015

Networking 11 a.m.; Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.

Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd., Houston, TX 77095

Costs \$25 with advanced reservations; \$30 at the door

## Maritza Ortega

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At the September 24 Cy-Fair Express Network Luncheon, speaker Maritza Ortega, entrepreneur and motivational speaker, will encourage attendees and share her knowledge and methods to help others Stand Out from the Crowd.

Maritza began her entrepreneurial journey in 2013 when she had the opportunity to pursue her dream job as a home stager. Along the way she has discovered an endless world of opportunities and has become an MCE Instructor as well as a blogger and a professional motivational speaker.

Maritza enjoys meeting new people, building relationships,

photography, learning new things and doing Zumba. Some of the best qualities about Maritza include her enthusiasm, courage, faith and perseverance. She is positive, determined and motivated.

This month's CYFEN meeting begins with networking at 11 a.m. followed with a prompt 11:30 a.m. start of the program. Luncheons are held at the Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd.

About Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN)

Now 70 members strong, Cy-Fair Express Network's vision is to be a community and national leader for the support of professional women by providing a nurturing environment for business development, networking, education and mentoring. Our members have opportunities to pursue excellence and achieve both local and national recognition. CYFEN is part of the national organization of American Business Women's Association (ABWA), for more information go to [www.CYFEN.org](http://www.CYFEN.org).

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# NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY AGGIE MOM'S CLUB

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The Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club will host Texas A&M University-Galveston's Yell Leaders, Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive, Conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the intersection of High Life Drive and Cutten Rd. Social time, with a light buffet, begins at 6:30 P.M. the meeting follows at 7:00 P.M. Please join us for this fun-filled Aggie evening, learn a few yell's at a mini yell practice, find out about upcoming events and Aggieland trips, and win door prizes!

SAVE THE DATE!

September 12, 2015 is Shop 'Til You Drop, sponsored by

the Cy-Fair Women's Club, at The Berry Center.

Our club will have a booth, come by and shop our boutique's full line of traditions merchandise.

The Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club meets August thru May on the second Tuesday of every month with social beginning at 6:30 pm at the Houston Distributing Center, 7100 High Life Drive, conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall. For more information on monthly speakers or upcoming events visit our website at [www.nwhcaggiemoms.org](http://www.nwhcaggiemoms.org) or contact President Patty Rabel @ [rabelpp@aol.com](mailto:rabelpp@aol.com)

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# TENNIS TIPS

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional  
**Fernando Velasco**



With this issue, I will be offering tips on the fundamentals of the game of tennis. Kristen Somerholter, a Member of the Grey Rock Tennis Club shows the proper form and technique for the forehand groundstroke:

**Step 1: Early Anticipation:** The upper body turns with the right wrist slightly “cocked” back and level with the hip. Notice the eyes focused toward the incoming ball and the balance of the left hand in front of the body.

**Step 2: Point of contact:** Once the racquet starts accelerating, the right wrist is still slightly “cocked” back, but will have a small snap when making contact with the ball. Optimum point of contact is in front of the opposite foot. Notice that the eyes are still focused on the tennis ball and her weight has transferred to her left foot.

**Step 3: Follow Through:** Once the ball has made contact with racket, the arm needs to follow through for a long period of time to allow maximum compaction of the ball and help from the strings and the frame. Notice that the body has slightly turned watching where the ball is landing. The knee has flexed to allow more flexibility and power for the ball.

**Step 4: Finish:** If the racket has great momentum, let it continue following through the body and finishing it around the neck. This will allow for a more powerful impact and depth on the ball. The smile on her face shows that she hit a great shot!!

Look for next Issue: The Backhand Groundstroke



## Kids' Running Team's Cross Country Season Starts September 8th

The Northwest Flyers Track Club Youth Cross-Country Team kicks off the fall season with registration and a mandatory orientation for parents and athletes on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at Cypress Creek High School, 9815 Grant Rd., Houston. Registration starts online September 1 at [www.northwestflyers.org](http://www.northwestflyers.org). Practices are held at the Cypress Creek YMCA and Spring Creek Park in Tomball.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a member program of USA Track and Field (USATF), the national governing body for track and cross country. The club is in its 28th year in the northwest Houston area. Ages 6 - 18 may participate in the team, and both beginners and experienced runners are welcome. Middle school and high school cross country athletes can also register, but should compete after their cross country season is over.

For more information Contact Coach Eric Wentworth at [emw185@gmail.com](mailto:emw185@gmail.com), 281-961-6603, or Coach Donnell Carter at [dcarter.nwflyers@yahoo.com](mailto:dcarter.nwflyers@yahoo.com), 281-467-4727. Email Coach Carter to get on the email list and you will receive a free running training video. Visit [www.northwestflyers.org](http://www.northwestflyers.org) to get updates and learn more about the team.

# Cy-Fair Women's Club Shop 'til you Drop Marketplace

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**September 12, 2015**

9am-5pm at the Berry Center  
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## GOLF TOURNAMENT

September 28, 2015  
Sterling Country Club

16500 Houston National Blvd | Houston, Texas 77095

### REGISTRATION: 7 - 9 A.M.

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# FIRE ANT TREATMENT

There are numerous ways to manage fire ants, but they are often broken into two categories- broadcast treatments and individual mound treatments. Individual mound treatments are used to treat one mound at a time and can be labor intensive and may result in more pesticide being spread into the environment. Broadcast treatments will spread product (granular or bait) over a large area.

Individual mound treatments include pouring boiling water onto the mound, using insecticide mound drenches, spreading insecticide granules onto the mound and watering them in, sprinkling insecticidal dusts on top of the mound or using bait-formulated insecticides around the perimeter of the mound. There are also many “home remedies”, but be advised that many of these do not kill fire ants. Many home remedies make the fire ants move to a new location (often 1-2 feet away), but do not kill the ants.

Bait-formulated insecticides most often consist of a defatted corn cob grit coated with soybean oil; the soybean oil is where the active ingredient (what kills the pest) is dissolved. Worker ants collect bait as a food source and take it back to the colony to share with other ants, including the queen. Depending on the active ingredient, the

bait may cause the queen to die or be unable to produce viable eggs, which gradually kills off the colony. When using baits, results are often slower to observe when compared to individual mound treatments, but can provide 80-90% suppression for 12-18 months. A bonus to broadcasting baits is that the amount of active ingredient is generally very small, which places less chemical into the environment.

With any pesticide treatment, read and follow all label instructions. Make sure to water in the pesticide if the label instructs to do so. Failure to water in chemicals when recommended by the label does an inadequate job of killing the ants. Baits should not be watered in or used before a rainfall event; baits will not be picked up by ants if they get wet.

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# The difficult question: **When to stop driving?**

For many seniors the decision when to stop driving is a difficult one.

Contemplating the loss of a vehicle can mean the feelings of a loss of independence and the loss of an activity many have had for a long time. Everyone is different in terms of whether it is safe to drive or not, and the decision is not always age related.

Perhaps friends and relatives have mentioned that they are concerned, or maybe a doctor visit has triggered some potential issues. Many doctors however, are hesitant to tell patients that they should stop driving entirely, but will suggest driving locally avoiding highways and busy intersections. So the final decision is a personal one, and involves having a hard look as to whether you should still be driving or not.

There are several factors that can indicate it's time to give up the keys, such as diminished eyesight and hearing. As we get older there can also be physical limitations making head turning difficult, or limitations of feet and legs, making it difficult to reach and use the pedals. It's important to pay attention to lapses of memory in not

remembering where you are driving, or getting lost in previously familiar places. There are also the telltale signs of dents, and scrapes on the car and having problems with stationary objects.

Medications can certainly pose significant risks in driving safety, and a mixture of prescriptions can be very concerning.

The bottom line has to be the safety of yourself, and of those in the community. There are driving evaluations available to enable you to decide whether it's time to stop.

Many report that using other forms of transportation has opened up a different side of life. Seniors have more interaction with friends, family and members in the community who are available to give rides. Walking is a great option, and of course is good physical exercise. It certainly can prove a lot cheaper to use a taxi once in a while as opposed to the expense of running a car.

Most of us would not want to come to the point where keys are taken, or the vehicle is disabled by those who care about our welfare. It is important to stay active and independent, but driving is not always to best way to achieve that goal.

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