



The Village Gazette

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VILLAGE CREEK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Vandalism Report

Our community experienced vandalism on Halloween evening, Saturday, October 31st. Paint was sprayed on the marquee in front of the pool, north Lake walkway, a resident's garage door, a mail box, a stop sign and fencing along Village Creek Trail entrance. This is the second incident in the past 90 days.

Pictures were taken and a report filed with the Constables office. Cleanup efforts were initiated to remove the damage. If you heard, saw, or know anything, please contact the Constables office to help with their investigation.

Important Dates for December and January:

Cookies with Santa

Sunday December 6th, 3 - 5 p.m.

Tomball ISD vacation

Monday December 22nd thru
Monday January 4th

Christmas decorations judging

Sunday, December 20th

**2016 HOA payment submitted
by January 1st**



The Village Creek board wants to extend holiday best wishes to everyone, and if you travel over the holidays, we hope your trip is a safe one. We would also like to thank all the volunteers and participants in the community for your time and efforts in 2015.

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Spectrum Association Management.....281-343-9178
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 Office Address – 16690 Park Row Houston TX 77084
 Payment Address – PO Box 1118 Commerce GA 30529 (or drop
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Editor Needed!

We are still without an editor for the Village Gazette monthly newsletter. If anyone is interested, please contact Spectrum for details. If no one steps up and volunteers, we will begin to make plans to discontinue the publication, and only offer information via website or email communications.

A puppy wearing a Santa hat lying down next to a kitten, with mistletoe in the background.

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Our mission is to promote Art Appreciation in Tomball & surrounding communities, to stimulate enthusiasm for the Arts, increase our knowledge and techniques by having renowned artists demonstrate, and to unite artists by having a common meeting place to share new techniques & knowledge.

Dec. 12 – Members Party
Jan. 9 – Guest Artist, Peihong Endris - Chinese Brush & Ink
TAL meets at 9:30 a.m. the 2nd Saturday of the month (some exceptions) in the Amegy Bank building, 2nd Floor, Hwy 249 @ Medical Complex Dr. in Tomball. For more info: thetomballartleague.com



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**Photos with Santa returns to
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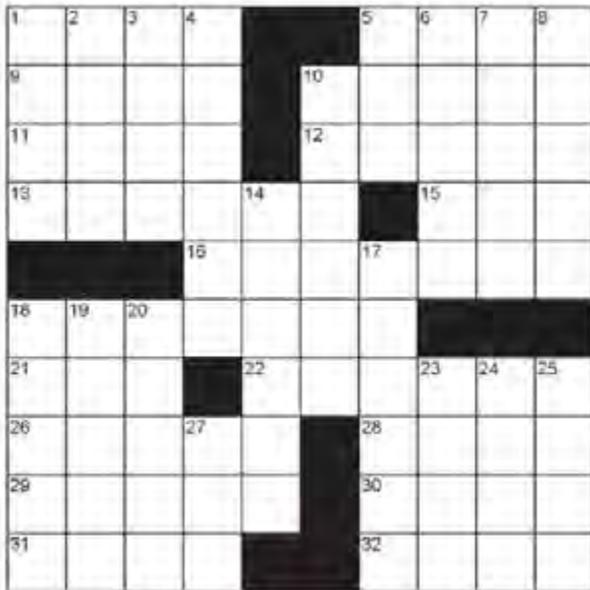
Holiday Season Kicks Off with Visits
from Santa and Keepsake Photos

Vintage Park Shopping Village is
offering keepsake photos with Santa.
Santa will be at the park every Saturday
beginning November 28 until Christmas.

Photos sessions will be available in the
lobby of Building K at the park from 1-5
pm beginning Nov 28 and subsequent
Saturday afternoons; Dec. 5, Dec. 12, and
Dec. 19. Building K is located directly
across from the management offices.

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ACROSS

1. Catch in nylons
5. Speed
9. Station
10. Scoop out
11. Healing plant
12. Colder
13. Geneve
15. Consume
16. Collective Israeli farm
18. Chewbacca's partner (2 wds.)
21. Card game
22. Legume
26. Coding system
28. Portend
29. Induct
30. Look
31. Loch __ monster
32. Opp. of yeses

DOWN

1. Male deer
2. Large African river
3. Long time
4. Mediterranean island dwellers
5. IBM Competitor
6. Adios
7. Sports shoe projection
8. Hz
10. Apt
14. Purplish color
17. Candy
18. Woman
19. Negative battery terminal
20. Averages
23. African nation
24. Bored
25. Dregs
27. Bro.'s sibling

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The Houston Choral Society (HCS) presents an afternoon of festive entertainment with its special Christmas matinee concert, Believe, on Sunday, December 6, 2015, at The Foundry United Methodist Church, beginning at 3:00 PM. This family-oriented concert of joyful music is under the direction of Artistic Director Dr. Betty Devine. "This is a diverse program that gives us the opportunity to do works from a wide repertoire of music that has been written for the Christmas season," said Dr. Devine.

In addition to classical pieces like "O Holy Night" and "Hallelujah!" chorus from The Messiah, the afternoon concert includes the opportunity to sing along with beloved Christmas Carols such as "O Come all Ye Faithful," "Joy to the World," and "Jingle Bells." HCS is also continuing an audience participation tradition for our Christmas Concerts with the ever-popular "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

HCS strives to be a catalyst for the enrichment of vocal music in

other organizations, and is pleased to be joined for a portion of the concert by talented choral students from Rosehill Christian School, under the direction of Beth Briner, Rosehill Christian School Choir Director.

Patrons of all ages will enjoy the presentation by the student choir as well as the combined choral presentation of two songs from popular Christmas movies – "Welcome Christmas" from How the Grinch Stole Christmas and "Believe" from The Polar Express.

In addition to the concert, attendees will be treated to holiday decorations, enticing desserts, and the opportunity to meet and get pictures taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Ticket prices are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors/students/veterans, and \$10 for children ages 5 and younger. Group rates are available. Tickets are available online at www.houstonchoral.org. Tickets may also be purchased at the door. The Foundry United Methodist Church is one of the premiere choral venues in Houston with extraordinary acoustics. It is located in northwest Houston at 8350 Jones Road, Houston, TX 77065 with easy access from Highway 290.



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The Do's and Don'ts for getting that Perfect Christmas Photo of Your Pet

Photographing animals can be really difficult. They get distracted easily, they're almost always moving, and they even make silly faces. This can make it difficult to get a photo worthy of a Christmas card, but it is possible! Here are some Do's and Don'ts to help you out.

DO keep plenty of treats handy

Our animals often need a bit of extra reward and loving to sit there and look cute for us, so make sure to have plenty of their favorite treats available.

DO have toys and noise makers to grab their attention

They don't always listen to us, so bring their favorite toy to hold up next to you and they're sure to look over with an inquisitive face.

DO look at your background first and move around until you have eliminated distracting items

You don't want to turn your horse into a carousel ride by having a pole in the background looking as though it is going straight through their belly.

DO have an assistant or two to help out

It can be really tiring and frustrating if you are the only person out there and you are repeatedly putting your camera down and running over to your animal to pose him or fix a prop, and then running back and only hoping he is still where you left him.

DO use a fast shutter speed

If you are shooting in Manual mode on your camera be sure to use a fast shutter speed (at least 1/250), so that even if the animal is moving when you click the shutter you will still get a clear picture. If you do not have a Manual mode on your camera, try using the Sports mode.

DO be aware of colors

Choose complimentary colors for the props and costumes you use. The same goes for taking a picture of the pet with his owner- don't wear a shirt that is the same color as your dog- you want contrast.

DO focus on the eyes

Especially when taking close up shots. Their eyes can be very expressive so you want them to be sharp and clear.

DON'T forget that candid shots can be cute, too!

Don't automatically throw out all the photos where your pet is not looking or making a silly face. Those shots can be just as good as posed ones, because they show the personality of your pet.

DON'T just throw props and costume pieces on your pet before letting them "OK" it. Let your horse smell whatever prop you're going to use first or rub it on them gently until they are relaxed. They are much more likely to cooperate if they aren't scared of the Santa hat on their head.

DON'T crop off just the feet or hooves

Be careful when you are framing your picture, you don't want to

crop out just their feet or tail or ears. Step back for a whole body shot or crop it in close to a headshot.

DON'T shoot during the middle of the day

The best lighting of the day is about an hour before the sun sets. It is much more diffused and soft, and you will avoid all the harsh shadows.

DON'T try to be in a hurry

Taking animal portraits takes patience! You should expect it to take more than just a few shots.

DON'T use a flash

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