

THE FOREST NEWS

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HOA Board Meeting

Wednesday,
March 6, 2013
7:00 PM
MUD Building



Garbage pickup is
Tuesday & Friday.



Please **DO NOT**
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before Monday or
Thursday evening.



NO LOOSE DOGS!
Homeowners,
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✧ Spring Cleaning in Greenwood ✧

Several times a month, the HOA receives complaints from residents about the actions of neighbors. Lately, an increasing number of these complaints have revolved around signs, repeat garage sales, and trash. In an effort to "spring clean" our collective house, each of these items will be briefly addressed.

Garage sale signs, along with lost and found pet signs, have been posted for many years; however, under state law, these signs are considered "bandit signs". Signs in the public right-of-way along streets are NOT allowed per State, City, and County laws. If you place a sign on a public right-of-way, you may be subject to fines of \$500 to \$1,000 per occurrence per day. Many of these signs are being left up indefinitely, becoming litter or someone else's trash to pick up and causing an increase in complaints. This may lead to an increase in enforcement of the "Bandit Sign" Law for these types of signs. The complete statute is available in the clubhouse office.

Repeat garage sales are also causing an increase in complaints. State law allows only two garage sales per year. If you exceed two, you are considered to be operating a business under the Limited Sales, Excise, and Use Tax Law. Repeat garage sales are also considered a business and a violation of our deed restrictions.

Trash is another problem. Our garbage pickup days are Tuesday and Friday. Nothing should be placed out at the curb prior to 12 hours before the pickup. Construction debris, including carpet, must be contained and often disposed of through a private contractor. Many construction items will not be picked up with regular trash. Lawn clippings are included in this category, and are not to be on the curbs prior to 12 hours before the pickup, particularly NOT on Saturday or Sunday.

Please help keep Greenwood Forest attractive and litter free. Spring is just around the corner and is one of the best seasons for showcasing our beautiful yards and trees.

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Fire Department

2012 YEAR IN REVIEW

CESD responded to 792 calls for service, including 147 fires and hazards, and 411 EMS calls. This is a slight decrease from a total of 844 in 2011.

Our average response time was 5 minutes 39 seconds, down from 5 minutes 58 seconds in 2011.



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INCIDENT TYPES

Call Type	In District	Out of District	Total Runs
Fires	53	34	87
Structure Fires	18	26	44
Car Fires	9	0	9
Grass/Trash/Other Fires	26	8	34
EMS	402	9	411
Rescue	3	2	5
Hazardous Conditions	58	2	60
Service Calls	19	1	20
Good Intent Calls	92	40	132
False Alarms	69	1	70
Other	6	1	7
Totals	702	90	792

There were three major events in 2012. Champions Park subdivision saw a house fire in February and Greenwood Forest saw two house fires, one in February in which the resident was rescued and another in October.

In addition to responding to emergencies, CESD also interacted with 3,302 children and 968 adults, conducting fire prevention activities, station tours, and hosting birthday parties at the fire station. CESD firefighters also participated in a total 634 hours of training.

Please remember to change your smoke detector battery when you move your clocks ahead on March 10, 2013.

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Women's Club

Diane Webb, Club President, has been able to set a spring date for the 15-hour RAD (Rape-Aggression Defense) Course presented by the Harris County Sheriff's Department. The dates are April 29 and 30 and May 6, 7, and 9. The course will be given at the Greenwood Forest Resident's Club from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM on those dates. This course is available for all Greenwood Forest women, not just members of the Women's Club. The course is limited to 25 women, and in the event more women sign up for the course, there will be the possibility of offering the course again in the fall of 2013. For reservations, call Ann Stone at (281) 468-3033.

According to attendees, the February soiree was a huge success. They dined at festive tables, they drank, they were entertained, they danced, they sang, and they laughed a lot. The "One-Woman Broadway Show" by Barbara Jennings set the tone for the evening after a delicious dinner by "New Seasons". Thanks to program chairman Doris Hardwick, assisted by Barbara Brent, Sally Woods, Millie Moore, Diane Webb, Peggy Magsig, Ellen Jones, Wilma Colbert, and Ann Stone, for making the evening happen. And at the event itself, J.D. Dobbs and John Hughes were instrumental (no pun intended) in making the karaoke entertainment possible and so much fun.

Program Chairman, Rose Austin, has been successful in finding five gracious neighborhood homeowners who are going to welcome members to tour their homes on March 14. This biannual event always

attracts a large number of members eager to see how our neighbors have updated and/or remodeled their homes and looking for ideas to improve their own homes. We're so proud of our neighborhood and are interested in keeping it attractive.

We'll be looking forward to the Home Tour this month, and to a very interesting program in April, "Know Your Rights", with Richard Alderman (The People's Lawyer) as he answers our legal questions.

Remember the meeting at 9:30 AM, Thursday, March 14, Greenwood Forest Home Tour.

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The Greenwood Forest Home and Garden Club has begun 2013 with very interesting and informative programs. In January, Patty Banzhaf presented “A Garden Plan” and in February, Jim Robertson spoke to us about “The Spring Creek Greenway”. Thank you to both of these wonderful speakers.

The Home and Garden Club is proud to announce that we are offering up to five Texas Master Floral Certification Scholarships to deserving Klein Forest students in the floral design program who have completed the requirements to test for the State Florist’s Association Certification. Scholarships will be awarded before the certification test in mid March. The **March 28** meeting will feature at least 3 of the recipients of this scholarship. Under the direction of Amanda Simmons, KFHS Agriculture Teacher/FFA Advisor, students will construct floral arrangements, which will then be given to members as door prizes. Ms. Simmons is a Master Florist and has taught floral design, horticulture, and landscape design at KF since 2008. You don’t want to miss this meeting!

Looking ahead, on **April 16**, our annual bus trip is planned. This year we will visit the “Florescence Show” at the Houston Museum of Fine Arts. Look for more information in the next newsletter. Please note that this is on a Tuesday and a week earlier than our regular meeting time.

Joyce Schnell is already busy planning our installation luncheon for **May 23**. The luncheon will be at the Clubhouse and include tablescapes created by club members. If you would like to plan a table, please contact Joyce.

If you haven’t already, please come visit us at The Women’s Club (2nd Thursday) and Garden Club (4th Thursday) meetings. Hear about how all our groups enjoy good times with friends and neighbors while giving directly back to our community through annual projects.

Hope to see you March 21 at the Clubhouse for “A Floral Design”. Social time begins at 9:30 with the meeting and program following at 10:00.

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TIME TO SAY GOODBYE

Like the popular song, it is my time to say Goodbye!

The past six years has been a great ride. It has been an absolute privilege to work with our constables and interface with the residents of Greenwood. I have made many new friends over the past years while serving on the Board.

As many of you know, gang activity has increased significantly in the Greater Houston Area over the past few years; up 29% in just two years.

This spike in gang activity has put increasing pressure on our subdivision. We have responded well! Our constables have been increasingly vigilant.

Perhaps the most important factor in curbing crime in Greenwood has been our residents. We get unsolicited

tips every week. Youngsters as young as thirteen years of age and oldsters as old as their mid-eighties have responded well. Many arrests have been made as a result of their tips.

From time to time, undercover investigators are in our sub-division. They range from private investigator to people associated with the DEA and other investigative agencies. They don't stay undercover for long. Tips come pouring in and before long our constables are made aware of their activities.

In summary, what sets Greenwood apart are our residents. Because of them, our crime statistics are much better than average.

I am looking forward to a continuation of that trend.

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Burglary of a Habitation	1
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	5
Theft from a Habitation	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0
Theft - Other	1
Robbery	0
Assault	0
Sexual Assault	0
Criminal Mischief	2
Disturbance - Family	0
Disturbance - Juvenile	1
Disturbance - Other	4
Alarms	19
Suspicious Vehicles	8
Suspicious Persons	10
Runaways	0
Telephone Harassment	1
Other Calls	51
Citations	130



CRIME WATCH

The next Crime Watch meeting will be on Wednesday, March 13th at 7 PM in the Clubhouse. Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Sports News

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 12, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM at Cypress Creek High School, 9815 Grant Rd., Houston.

Visit the team website at 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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Third Friday Night Party Bridge **

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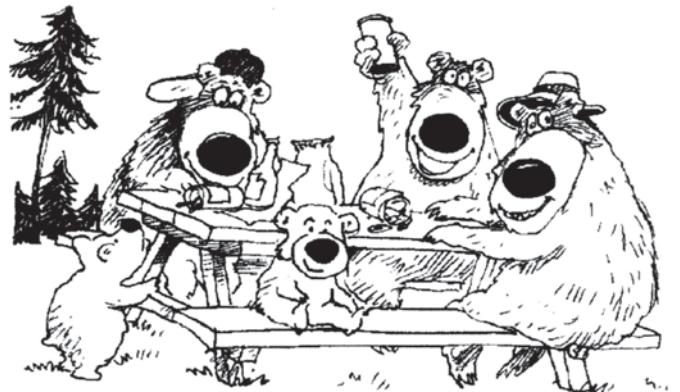
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CYPRESS-TOMBALL DEMOCRATS HOST CHRONICLE COLUMNIST

Cypress-Tomball Democrats' will meet on Tuesday, March 19th at Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress TX, from 6:30 to 9:00 PM. March's guest speaker will be Lisa Falkenberg, metro columnist at the Houston Chronicle. For more information, contact Olga Moya at cytomdems@yahoo.com.

LOST PET COORDINATOR

If you find or lose a pet, please call Robbie Pukler at (281) 880-9598. Robbie will not be responsible for taking the pet in, but merely as a liason to reunite the pet with its owner. Please be sure your pet has a tag with your phone number, or is microchipped to improve your chances of getting them back.

NORTHWEST FOREST REPUBLICAN WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

Northwest Forest Republican Women invites you to attend a General Meeting which takes place the 2nd Monday of every month except July. Meetings are held at Shirley Acres – 217 Woerner Road. Social at 11 AM and the Call to Order at 11:30 AM. The meetings usually conclude by 1:00 PM. Most speakers are elected officials from the local to the federal level. The luncheon cost is \$21.50 with a reservation. If you would like to attend a meeting (reservations required) or would like more information about Northwest Forest Republican Women, please call Rita at (281) 586-9282.

DAUGHTERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF TEXAS

The New Kentucky Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas will meet Sunday, March 10, 2013 at 2:30 PM at the Tomball Museum Complex in the Fellowship House at 510 N. Pine in Tomball. For membership information, please contact our Chapter President, Laura Dahlberg at 936-597-8348 or Registrar, Carol Ann Waldrop at 281-351-5412.

CY CREEK HIGH SCHOOL JOB FAIR

Cypress Creek High School and the Business and Finance Academy will host a Job Fair on Thursday, March 21, 2013 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. This event will be held on the Cypress Creek High School campus, 9815 Grant Road, Houston, TX, in the large commons.

The Job Fair is being held to provide the opportunity for people in the local community to find employment. The Job Fair will also afford the businesses in our local communities the benefit of finding desired employees.

Businesses who would like to secure a booth set-up can register online at: http://schools.cfsd.net/cypress-creek/academy_BF.html A 10' x 10' booth with two chairs will cost \$20.00. Booths with two chairs and electricity are \$40.00. Proceeds from the Job Fair will provide qualified Cypress Creek High School seniors with college scholarships.

For further information about exhibiting at the Fair please contact Vallorie Mason, Business and Finance Academy principal, at vallorie.mason@cfsd.net or Julie Larson, Business and Finance Academy secretary, at julie.larson@cfsd.net

Teenage Job Seekers

If you are a teen looking for work on weekends, or after school, please fill out the form and return to Caroline at Clubhouse.

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March 14 – Rebranding your skills

March 28 – Evaluate your skills/develop a plan

Kindle E-Book Demo

Did you purchase a Kindle recently? If you have a Kindle, Kindle Fire, Kindle Keyboard, Kindle Touch or Kindle Paperwhite you can download e-books from the Harris County Public Library's Digital Media Catalog. Come to the session March 12 at 11:00 to learn how to download E-Books to your device. The Kindle demo will be held in the 2nd floor Barbara Bush Library Friends Computer Lab.

Bring your Kindle device, all cables and all passwords.

This class is now offered on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11:00 AM. Registration is required. Call (281) 376-4610. Registration opens 30 days prior to the class.

New Yoga Class for Stress Relief

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Greenwood Teenage Job Seekers

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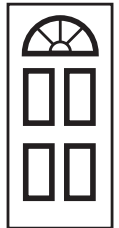
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3	4 Billiards Adult Room – 7 PM	5 Tai Chi – 1-3 PM	6 Women's Book Club – 9:30 AM Quilters – 9 AM Bridge – 1 PM HOA Board Meeting – 7 PM – MUD Building	7 Women's Club Board Meeting – 9:30 AM Tai Chi – 2-4 PM	8	9
10	11 Women's Club Bridge 9:30 AM – Adult Room Water Board Mtg – 7:00 PM, MUD Bldg Billiards – Adult Room – 7 PM	12 Tai Chi – 1-3 PM	13 Quilters – 9 AM Bridge – 1 PM Crime Watch Meeting Ballroom – 7 PM	14 Women's Club General Meeting – 9:30 AM Tai Chi – 2-4 PM Thurs. Night Dup. Bridge Adult Room – 7 PM	15 Night Bridge – 7 PM	16
17	18 Billiards – Adult Room – 7 PM	19 Tai Chi – 1-3 PM	20 Quilters – 9 AM Bridge – 1 PM	21 Garden Club Board Meeting – 9:30 AM Tai Chi – 2-4 PM	22	23
24	25 WCID 109 Board Mtg. MUD Bldg – 7 PM Billiards – Adult Room – 7 PM	26 Tai Chi – 1-3 PM	27	28 Garden Club General Meeting – 9:30 AM Tai Chi – 2-4 PM	29	30
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