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HOA Board Meeting

Wednesday,
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7:00 PM
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Spring is just around the corner and the neighborhood is looking great for this time of the year. Now let's make it even better! The board would like to thank all of you that work so hard to keep the neighborhood looking attractive.

As the weather gets better, take advantage of it to get your flower beds cleaned out and those shrubs and bushes trimmed. Not the flowering plants of course, we

can't wait to see all the beautiful spring colors! Remember, keeping the greenery trimmed not only makes your property look better, it also eliminates hiding places for would be thieves.

We still have falling leaves and pine needles so continue to keep them off the roof and out of the curb side gutters. If you do not have grass in your yard, plan to plant or sod by early spring.

Neighbors helping Neighbors

The Exclusive Greenwood Geezers Society (EGGS) has been established to offer a helping hand to our needy/handicapped neighbors. EGGS is looking for a few good neighbors. The admission fee is to be a willing neighbor committed to periodic light projects.

EGGS will help those needy/handicapped neighbors in keeping Greenwood Forest a pleas-

ant and inviting place to live. EGGS, on an as-needed basis, will provide free of charge limited and light services, but not limited to, lawn and flower bed maintenance, power washing, mold remediation, painting, etc.

Be a good EGG and join us to have fun transforming Greenwood Forest into the livable forest. Contact the office at (281) 444-3522.

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Fire Department

HAVE AN EXIT STRATEGY

When a fire, active shooter, or other emergency breaks out in a crowded place, everyone runs to the entrance. People panic and start pushing. Some fall down. Some even die. When you walk into a public place, plan an exit strategy. And keep in mind, the best way out may not be the way you came in.



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On February 20, 2003 at The Station nightclub in Rhode Island, 100 club-goers died needlessly when the band's stage pyrotechnics ignited nearby walls and ceilings. Immediately, more than two-thirds of the 400-plus people in attendance started for the main entrance. But the quick spread and intensity of the smoke and flames caused the crowd to panic and surge forward. Individuals fell, causing others to fall and, in less than 90 seconds, the front door was hopelessly blocked. For more information about exit strategies, visit us at haveanexitstrategy.com.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

A reminder: On Sunday, March 8, 2:00 AM, time springs forward. Set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to sleep on Saturday night. Also, consider changing the batteries in all your smoke detectors.



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Fire in a dorm room? Club or concert venue? Public building? Your chance of surviving rests entirely on your ability to reach an unblocked exit. You have sixty seconds. Go.

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MILDEW BE GONE

One of our major headaches in Houston is mildew. Let's make MILDEW BE GONE a community project.

Here again is the recipe for cleaning mildew. We have added some information on TSP. Mix the following ingredients in a gallon jug:

- 1 quart laundry bleach
- 3 quarts water
- ¼ cup tri-sodium phosphate (TSP)
- 1 Tablespoon of laundry detergent

Apply with brush, sponge or spray bottle. Allow time for the bleach to react (let the sun shine on the area for an hour or so) then rinse. (*Wear rubber gloves to avoid skin irritation.*) TSP can be found at hardware stores, Lowe's and Home Depot in the paint department with the varnish, etc.

Bleach Solution: Here is another way to clean concrete: put an inch of bleach in a pail, fill the rest of the pail with water, spread on concrete with a broom, let dry (preferable on a sunny day), and then rinse.

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Women's Club

With the exception of the luncheon for the installation of officers in May, the main social functions of the Women's Club ended with the 'Wine and Tea' dinner and dance on February 7th. This could have passed for an early Valentines celebration- beautifully decorated tables with a red and white theme, including candlelight and red tulips in wine bottles (wine), cups and saucers representing the tea aspect. Good food from "All Seasons" and music by John Rochell and his mellow saxophone combined to create a pleasurable evening. A short account of the history and successful production of Texas Wines from Ron Saikowski - you may be familiar with his name if you read the wine section in the local community newspaper; and a presentation from Tea sommelier Dr. Janice Payton, left us better informed about both of these beverages.

This successful evening was arranged by Rose Austin, vice-president; assisted by her committee Audrey Reed, Marion Cortines, Terri Cortes and Jerri Conrado. The Silent Auction, organized by Diane Webb along with her committee, Patti Natole, Alice Andy, Brenda Roberson, and Doris Johnson who provided entertainment as well as extra funds... of course there was that rush to be the last bid on a favored item, disappointing some but giving joy to others.

For those of you who didn't attend the February meeting, you missed hearing how the Salvation Army is involved in the Houston area from Charles Sapp, Developmental Director. Some general history of the organization- who knew they owned large buildings

and land on Washington Ave; how the familiar Christmas bell ringers are obtained and other details, but nothing about how to play the tambourine.

Travel near and far will be involved for two meetings in the next 2 months-

The next Women's Club Annual Home Tour on 12th March, includes driving around the sub-division viewing three houses before ending up at Champion's restaurant for a buffet lunch. There will be two speakers: one will talk about staging and presentation of a house in preparation for selling, the other speaker discusses the general situation of housing in Greenwood Forest and surrounding area. All participants need to be at the clubhouse at 9:15am. Anyone not already signed up (members only) needs to call Diane Webb 281-397-6419. The lunch fee \$20.00 per person and needs to be prepaid. You do not have to go to lunch and can be dropped off at the clubhouse.

The Antique Group has organized a trip 25th March, travelling by bus to the far side of Houston- 'Old Town' La Porte. A 'haven for antiques', is the description given and seen by Barbara Brent 281-580-4940 and Doris Hardwick 281-893-0350. If interested in going, call either one as they need to know in order to give a finalized number to the restaurant where lunch is arranged- everyone is responsible for paying for their own meal. Any questions call. The bus departs from the clubhouse at 9:30 AM, returning at approximately 4:30 PM.

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Home & Garden Club

Then next meeting of the Greenwood Forest Home & Garden Club is Thursday, March 26th. We had originally planned on presenting scholarships to Klein Forest horticulture students. However due to a conflict in schedule, Diane Webb is working on a new program for March. We know that with Diane in charge, whatever the program is, we will all enjoy it.

Our neighborhood is so fortunate to have such an active Women's Club and Home & Garden Club. The Women's Club held their annual social on February 7th. It was a great turnout and the Garden Club donated a beautiful stained glass bird bath for the silent auction.

March is such a busy month and with nice spring weather, everyone is excited to start getting our winter weary yards back in shape. Remember to check the horticulture newsletter that Patty Natole sends out for some great ideas for plants and flowers.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Garden Club's annual bus trip scheduled for April 23rd. We will visit Martha's Bloomers outside Brenham where a pro-

gram will be presented on hummingbird and butterfly containers. Lunch will be served in the private dining room on site. We will also make a fun side trip after we leave Martha's Bloomers on our way home. Make sure you sign up for this outstanding "field trip" at the meeting.

We've had a lot of members battling health issues in January and February and

really missed those who have not been in attendance. Hopefully the warmer March weather will help to bring an end to all the winter related illnesses.

If you haven't already joined the Garden Club, we invite you to visit. We meet the fourth Thursday of each month at the clubhouse. We have great times socially, gather wonderful information on gardening and home projects and at the same time give back to our community.

See you at the clubhouse March 26th at 9:30 for social time and 10:00 for meeting and program.

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5410 Pine Arbor

Yard-of-the-Month for February was selected from homes on the east side of Champion Forest Drive.

Security & Safety

With thanks and appreciation to our Constables for Vacation Watch! Great job!

- Greenwood Forest Resident

CRIME WATCH

The next Crime Watch meeting will be on Wednesday, March 11th at 7 PM in the Clubhouse.

Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month.



JANUARY 2015 PATROL STATISTICS

Type of Activity	No.
Burglary of a Habitation	1
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	1
Theft from a Habitation	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0
Theft - Other	1
Robbery	0
Assault	0
Sexual Assault	0
Criminal Mischief	1
Disturbance - Family	1
Disturbance - Juvenile	2
Disturbance - Other	7
Alarms	20
Suspicious Vehicles	18
Suspicious Persons	13
Runaways	0
Telephone Harassment	2
Other Calls	92
Citations	227



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Community News

NHC AAUW MARCH GENERAL MEETING

The North Harris County Branch of the American Association of University Women invites the public to attend its branch meeting on Thursday, March 19, 2015, 7:00 PM at the Greenwood Forest Clubhouse. The guest speaker will be Njoki McElroy, author of **1012 Natchez: A Memoir Of Grace, Hardship, And Love** plus a number of plays.

Dr. McElroy says, "Storytelling is an act of love. Sharing stories connects us to each other. When I tell my story, it connects to your story." Her memoir is her story of growing up in Texas during the Jim Crow years, coming of age in New Orleans, and migrating to Chicago during the Great Migration period.

SMU's Master of Liberal Studies program has benefitted from Dr. McElroy's teaching since 1987. Before coming to SMU, she taught at Northwestern for 35 years. She has performed throughout the US, Africa, Europe and the Caribbean. The public is invited to come hear Dr. McElroy speak, read from her book, and dramatically perform parts of her life from her memoir.

AAUW (American Association of University Women), founded in 1881, is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization. Membership applications will be available at the meeting. Learn more about North Harris County AAUW: Visit our website at nharriscounty-tx.aauw.net or contact Linda Astala, membership committee at (281) 443-1902.

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.

FEBRUARY BRIDGE SCORES

2nd Thursday Evening Duplicate Bridge*

1. Don and Joyce Trimble
2. Pat Jacques and Joyce Schnell
3. Libbye Stamm and Don Swanson

* If you would like to join this group, we meet at 7:00 PM on the second Thursday of each month. Please call Joyce at (281) 444-3461. A special thank you to this group for my gift card and plant.

Third Friday Night Party Bridge **

1. Don Swanson
2. Pat Jacques
3. Barbara McAdow

** Party bridge is on the third Friday of the month at 7:00 PM. To play March 20th, call Ron McAdow at (281) 444-5752.



FREE COLLEGE BOUND WORKSHOP: UNDERSTANDING COLLEGE ADMISSIONS AND FINANCIAL AID

Kinsmen Lutheran Church invites high school seniors and their parents to a FREE College Bound Workshop on March 22 from 2-4 PM offered by the Center for Servant Leadership at TLU. Workshop topics include:

- How do I search for the school that is right for me?
- How do I fill out a strong college application?
- How does Financial Aid work and what is the FAFSA?
- Can you give me some tips on the Do's and Don'ts of this process?

The workshop will include Tim Oliver as presenter. He is an "insider" to the college admissions process having spent 25 years in admissions work for several schools. The workshop is offered free of charge and walk-ins are welcome. Reserve your spot TODAY at kinsmenlutheran.org.

Community News (continued)

PET OF THE MONTH

Sara was thrown over the fence at our boarding facility, so we have no history on her. At around 7-8 years old and 12 lbs., she is the sweetest mini-poodle you will ever meet! She has been spayed, is up to date on shots, microchipped, and heartworm negative. She seems to be completely blind. She loves to sit in your lap and to be held. Despite her vision being compromised, she gets around great. When she bumps into something she just wags her tail. Very gentle. Call or email us to meet her. (832) 267-5777 or animalrescuekingdom@gmail.com.

PACK 440 SCOUTS

Hello Greenwood Residents! Please support Pack 440 in their fundraising efforts. The Pack is currently selling \$10 coupon books. Don't forget to visit Scout Fair on Saturday, April 18 from 10:00 AM-3:00 PM at NRG Arena. This family event is open to the public and is fee, parking is \$10. There will be hundreds of booths with fun activities, crafts, food tasting booths and the chance for Scouts to share their scouting skills. For more information, please contact Charlotte Sziy at szzy@sbcglobal.net or (832) 971-1971.

SAFD MARCH MEETING

The Society for the Advancement of Floral Design (SAFD) will hold its March meeting on March 17, 2015 at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center (The Forum) located at 6823 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, Texas 77379. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 PM with the meeting to start promptly at 7:00 PM.

Our designer this month is Yoshi Sakamoto who will be presenting "A 'Taste' of Ikebana!" Mr. Sakamoto will teach the integration of Japanese style of Ikebana with familiar elements of flowers, vases, style, and materials.

For further information, please contact Linda Jackson at (832)454-0330 or email lindamariej92@yahoo.com.

CYPRESS-TOMBALL DEMOCRATS

The Cypress-Tomball Democrats will host their 4th Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28th from 3:00 – 4:30 PM. This fun event will be held at the D. Bradley McWilliams YMCA at Cypress Creek, 19915 Hwy 249 at Cypresswood, in the outdoor pavilion.

The free activities are open to the public, and include an Easter Egg Hunt for kids under 12, recreational activities, music, prizes, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Attendees should bring their own baskets and lawn chairs.

For more information, visit our website at cytomdems.com.

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.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Age: _____

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Job(s) Desired: _____

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P – Pet Care **Y** – Yard work

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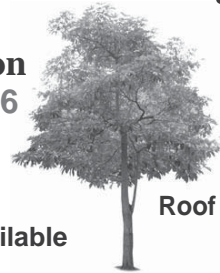
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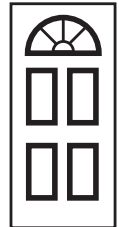
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 4th Quarter Statistics 2014

17	Average Sales Price	Low Sales Price	High Sales Price
Homes sold	182,303	152,000	289,255
Price p. Sq.Ft.	65.62	52.38	81.83
Days on market	68	0	247

*The above data does not include foreclosures.
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Billiards – Adult Room – 7 PM	3 Tai Chi – 1-3 PM	4 Quilters – 9 AM Women's Book Club – 9:30 AM Bridge – 1 PM HOA Board Meeting – MUD Building – 7 PM	5 Women's Club Board Meeting – 9:30 AM Tai Chi – 2-4 PM	6 Fun 4 Seniors Luncheon	7
8	9 Women's Club Bridge 9:30 AM – Adult Room WCID 109 Board Mtg – MUD Bldg – 7 PM Billiards – Adult Room – 7 PM	10 Tai Chi – 1-3 PM	11 Quilters – 9 AM Bridge – 1 PM Crime Watch Meeting Ballroom – 7 PM	12 Women's Club Annual Home Tour Tai Chi – 2-4 PM Thurs. Night Dup. Bridge Adult Room – 7 PM	13	14
15	16 Billiards – Adult Room – 7 PM	17 Tai Chi – 1-3 PM	18 Quilters – 9 AM Bridge – 1 PM	19 Garden Club Board Meeting – 9:30 AM Tai Chi – 2-4 PM	20 Night Bridge – 7 PM	21
22	23 WCID 109 Board Mtg – MUD Bldg – 7 PM Billiards – Adult Room – 7 PM	24 Tai Chi – 1-3 PM	25 Quilters – 9 AM Bridge – 1 PM	26 Garden Club General Meeting – 9:30 AM Tai Chi – 2-4 PM	27	28
29	30 Billiards – Adult Room – 7 PM	31 Tai Chi – 1-3 PM				