

THE FOREST NEWS

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HOA Board Meeting

*Wednesday,
April 1, 2015
7:00 PM
MUD Building*

Fun 4 Seniors Luncheon – June 5

*At Clubhouse
“Beach Blanket
Bingo”*

*Sponsored by
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Swim Team Open House & Registration

*Saturday, April 11 – 10 AM
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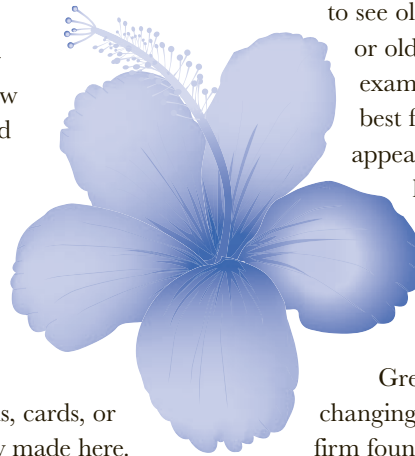
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I just spent a delightful day with 60 of my friends and neighbors! It reminded me why my husband and I have chosen Greenwood Forest as our home for 35 years.

This is a community that makes one feel as if they live in a small town surrounded by highways and skyscrapers. Over the years my friends in neighborhoods on both sides of 1960 have told me that they think Greenwood has a special comradery among neighbors. I know families who have owned more than one home in Greenwood, couples that have grown up here and then come back to raise their own children, couples that have moved away and come back to play tennis, cards, or visit with the friends they made here.

Today the Women's Club gave its members an opportunity to see inside three lovely homes. It is amazing to see how couples have taken a traditional 70's home and made it unique inside. One home we visited has been featured in a national magazine featuring period décor of bygone years. Another was beautifully done around tones of grey and silver with mirrored furniture and gorgeous chandeliers. The third was a decorator's dream of shabby chic, comfort, and

elegance. After touring the homes, two local realtors, Marla and Warren gave us information on “selling Greenwood”. Did you know our home values have raised about \$10 a square foot in the last 18 months? Did you know that if you plan on selling your home in the next 5 years, general maintenance now can be a huge benefit in the future? Buyers don't want to see old carpet, dated colors or old plumbing fixtures for example. Paint is a seller's best friend! Buyers want curb appeal (like trimmed bushes, lack of mold/dirt on the house and concrete areas, mowed grass, and clean flower beds).



Greenwood is an ever changing neighborhood with a firm foundation in friendliness, respect for traditional values, and community. Whether you are a homeowner, a renter, a long-time resident or a new comer we invite you to make memories here. Become involved in your “village”. Go out and meet a neighbor you don't know, join Women's Club, Garden Club, or get involved with the children's swim team, and call the club or speak to a board member to offer your time and talent to help us make this an even better place to call home.

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Fire Department

ESCAPE PLANNING IN YOUR HOME

Plan Ahead! If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have only a few minutes to get out safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Everyone needs to know what to do and where to go if there is a fire.

How to make a Home Fire Escape Plan

- Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Visit each room. Find two ways out.
- All windows and doors should open easily.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms and test each of them.
- Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home and EVERYONE should meet here.
- Make sure your address is visible from the street.
- Talk about and practice your plan! ~ GET OUT, CALL 911, AND STAY OUT.



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wake them up as part of the drill and in a real emergency situation.

- Always choose the escape route that is safest – the one with the least amount of smoke and heat – but be prepared to escape under toxic smoke if necessary. When you do your fire drill, everyone in the family should practice getting low and going under the smoke to your exit.
- **Closing doors on your way out slows the spread of fire**, giving you more time to safely escape.
- In some cases, smoke or fire may prevent you from exiting your home or apartment building. To prepare for an emergency like this, practice “sealing yourself in for safety” as part of your home fire escape plan. Close all doors between you and the fire. Use duct tape or towels to seal the door cracks and cover air vents to keep smoke from coming in. If possible, open your windows at the top and bottom so fresh air can get in. Call the fire department to report your exact location. Wave a flashlight or light-colored cloth at the window to let the fire department know where you are located.

Putting your plan to the test

- Practice your home fire escape plan twice a year, making the drill as realistic as possible.
- Make arrangements in your plan for anyone in your home who has a disability.
- Allow children to master fire escape planning and practice before holding a fire drill at night when they are sleeping. The objective is to practice, not to frighten, so telling children there will be a drill before they go to bed can be as effective as a surprise drill.
- It’s important to determine during the drill whether children and others can readily waken to the sound of the smoke alarm. If they fail to awaken, make sure that someone is assigned to

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Family Fun Bingo Night

Engage your toddlers and teenagers in some good ol' fun. Come meet other similarly situated parents and families: your pool partners, play dates, or backyard BBQ friends are waiting to meet you! May 8 marks the beginning of Mother's Day

weekend...start it off right by bringing Mom to a Fantastic Friday night date. Bring your dinner or snacks with you to play. No alcohol please. Text or call Jennifer for questions and to save you a seat: (904) 803-5137.

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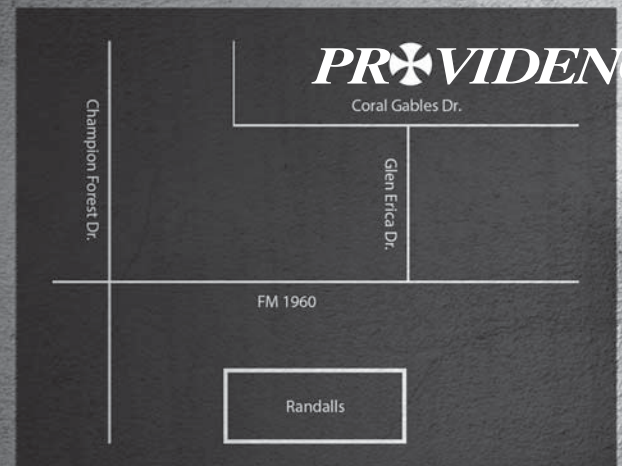
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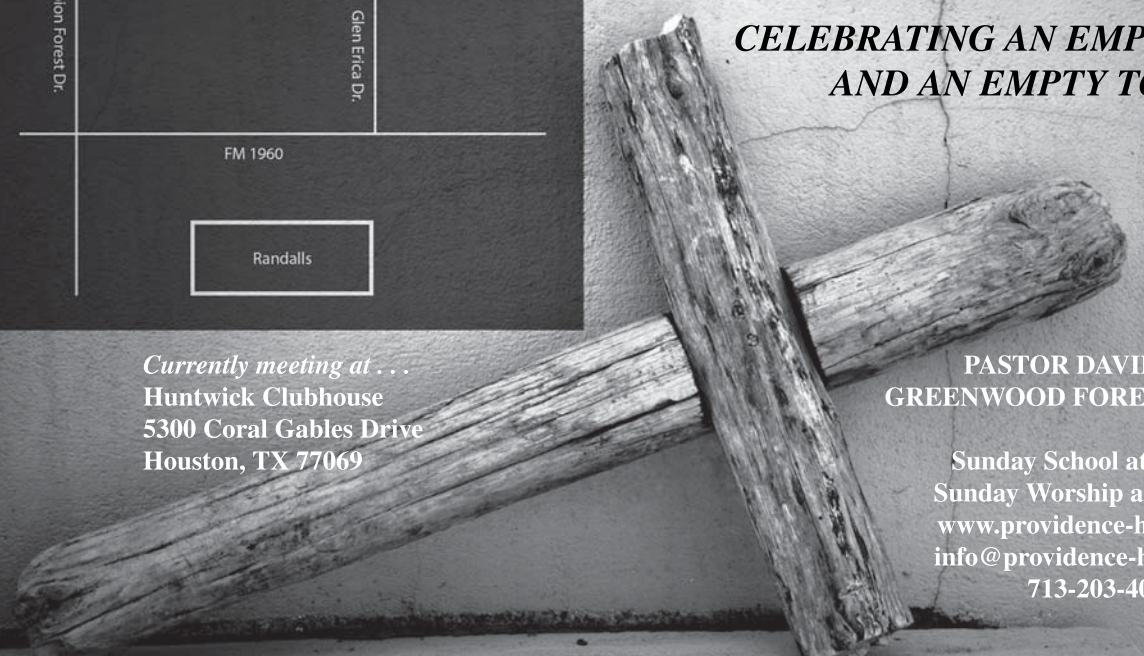


CELEBRATING AN EMPTY CROSS AND AN EMPTY TOMB

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Women's Club

After this month's meeting, the annual house tour when three houses with completely different themes were viewed by the members followed by a buffet lunch at Campioni's where two speakers gave information on the factors necessary for the successful sale of a house and the existing situation of property sales in Greenwood Forest, there should be money made (if selling - that is), or money being spent on updates or new decorations, and paint brushes or garden tools utilized. Each house and garden was presented as a complete package - we would like to thank the owners for allowing the opportunity of being able to see what "can be done to make a house your own". The speakers at lunch were both neighbors and realtors. Marla Wade (a member of the Women's Club) went through the dos and don'ts of getting a house ready for selling, and Mr. Warren Carroll, presented the current vs. past statistics per square foot relating to neighborhood sales. Food for the eye, brain and stomach.

April's meeting follows a similar theme, "Interior Decorating by Jen" presented by Jennifer Jones.

May meeting: the installation meeting for the 2015-16 officers - this will be held at Landry's in the Woodlands on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 11.00 AM.

Menu: Garden salad, choice of Almond Crusted Trout or Chicken Piccata, Herb Roasted New Potatoes, Green Bean Almondine and Key Lime Pie.

\$30.00 per person needs to be paid to Treasurer Sue Ann Lurcott either at the April meeting or by mailing to her.

Carpool: Meet at the clubhouse by 10 AM to leave at 10:15 AM. For information, contact Rose Austin (713) 502-9188.

Kay Wilson, Chair of the nominating committee, presented as nominees for the 2015-16 Greenwood Forest Women's Club Board:

President - Susan Freier	Vice President - Joyce Howes
Secretary - Doris Johnson	Treasurer - Sue Ann Lurcott
Program - Diane Webb	Parliamentarian - Alice Andy

Representing Women's club for the Red Bow joint committee with Garden Club - on options to use the Red Bow money raised, are Peggy Magsig and Kay Wilson.

**** Notice - anyone who has photos from any of the events or programs from this year, please contact Caroline Anderson (281) 893-7134.**

An apology to Terri Castles

In the previous issue when thanking those who helped with the Valentine's Dinner, the wrong last name was used. For that, I would like to apologize and again acknowledge her assistance.



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Home & Garden Club

Our March program featured Jean Fefer from Texas Master Gardens who presented a program on how to get the maximum benefits from raising our garden beds. Diane Webb, program chair, has had such a terrific line up of informative speakers this year even when she had to completely start over due to unexpected schedule conflicts. Way to go Diane!

Scholarship Chairman, Wilma Colbert, reported that we are waiting to hear back from the school authorities on the students selected to receive the Home & Garden Club awards. Five students will be selected and we will publish their names as soon as it has been determined.

Our "Blooming Spring Trip" is scheduled for Thursday April 23rd. We will leave the clubhouse parking lot promptly at 9:00 AM and proceed to Burton and tour the Cotton Gin there. After the tour we head to Martha's Bloomers outside Brenham where we will have lunch. After lunch, personnel from Martha's Bloomers will present a program on container gardens and butterflies. The cost is \$25.00 which covers admission to the Cotton Gin and lunch. Make sure

you have signed up and paid for this outstanding field trip. Remember space is limited on the bus and you don't want to miss it!

The installation luncheon will be Thursday May 28th at 11:00 AM at Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen. The cost of the luncheon is \$25.00 and reservations must be made by Saturday, May 23rd. If you haven't signed up at the club, contact Charlotte Kelly at (281) 444-5354. The slate of officers will be in the next newsletter.

See you at the clubhouse April 23rd at 9:00 AM to board the bus for our "Blooming Spring Trip"!

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YARD OF THE MONTH

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

Security & Safety

GET INVOLVED TO KEEP GREENWOOD FOREST SAFE

Anyone who watches the evening news knows that crime is a serious problem in the Houston area. The 1960 corridor has been the subject of a few recent crime stories in the news. Unfortunately, crime knows no zip code. It has occurred from The Woodlands to Montrose and from the wealthiest neighborhoods to the poorest neighborhoods.

The Greenwood Forest staff and HOA are working closely with the Precinct 4 Constables to minimize crime in our neighborhood. We are proud to have the lowest crime statistics compared to other neighborhoods in Northwest Houston. Criminals tend to stay away from neighborhoods with a strong patrol presence and residents who look out for their neighbors. In order to keep this momentum, we need you to get involved.

We strongly encourage residents to attend the monthly crime watch meeting each month in order to stay informed of what is happening in our neighborhood and the surrounding area. The constables are in attendance at this meeting. Attendees have the opportunity to ask questions and voice concerns. The constables present a report of their activity for the previous month. The most important reason to attend is that the information presented is ACCURATE.

Protect your family, home, and neighborhood by getting involved. See you at the crime watch meeting on April 8 at 7 PM at the clubhouse.

MAILBOX SECURITY

Warning: Be sure you get your mail out of your mailbox daily. Do not put outgoing mail in your box. One of our residents saw a car in front of her house, going through her mailbox at about 12:30 AM in the morning. – *Greenwood Forest Resident*

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CRIME WATCH

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FEBRUARY 2015 PATROL STATISTICS

Type of Activity	No.
Burglary of a Habitation	0
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	0
Theft from a Habitation	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0
Theft - Other	1
Robbery	0
Assault	1
Sexual Assault	0
Criminal Mischief	1
Disturbance - Family	7
Disturbance - Juvenile	1
Disturbance - Other	6
Alarms	23
Suspicious Vehicles	32
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Citations	206

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GWF SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH

If you're interested in learning more about your neighborhood swim team come to Open House registration on Saturday, April 11th from 10 AM to 12 PM at the Clubhouse. If you're a returning swimmer, please download and print the registration forms that have been emailed to you. You can register early and save!

The Greenwood Forest Swim Team offers something for everyone – from toddlers to teens. For the youngest family members, we offer (BITS) Breakers-In-Training. For those 4 and up who are ready to compete, we provide top-notch coaching and instruction.

Can't make this event? The next registration will be on Sunday, April 19th from 1-3 PM at the clubhouse. Swim Team Board members will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.

Here are dates to keep in mind:

- Sunday, April 19th – 1-3 PM – Registration
- Monday April 27th – First Practice – New Swimmers Only & Parents Meeting
- Tuesday April 28th – Practice Begins for All Swimmers

Late Registration Fees Apply after First Practice.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Rossana Ballesteros at roballesteros1@gmail.com or visit our web site: gwfbreakers.com

SWIM TEAM IS ONLY OPEN TO GREENWOOD FOREST RESIDENTS

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.

MARCH BRIDGE SCORES

2nd Thursday Evening Duplicate Bridge*

1. Frank and Ana Embrick
2. Libbye Stamm and Don Swanson
3. Gladie Weinstock and Patricia Ashton

* If you would like to join this group, we are always looking for bridge players. We meet at 7:00 PM on the second Thursday of each month. Please call Joyce at (281) 444-3461.

Third Friday Night Party Bridge **

1. Maurice Elkhazen
2. Don Swanson
3. Tomiko Long

** Party bridge is on the third Friday of the month at 7:00 PM. To play April 17th, call Libbye Stamm at (281) 893-0722..

Women's Club Monday Bridge †

1. Tomiko Long
2. Beverly Barnes

† Women's Club bridge group plays on the second Monday of each month.



PET OF THE MONTH

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Community News (continued)

SCOUTING NEWS

Please support Pack 440 in their fund raising efforts. The Pack is currently selling \$10 coupon books. Scout Fair will be on Saturday, April 18 from 10 AM–3 PM at NRG Arena. This family event is open to the public and is free; parking is \$10. There will be hundreds of booths with fun activities, crafts, food and the chance for Scouts to share their scouting skills. For more information, please contact Charlotte Sziy at szij@sbcglobal.net or (832) 971-1971.

CYPRESS-TOMBALL DEMOCRATS APRIL MEETING

The next Cypress-Tomball Democrats monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. All are welcome to attend the meeting and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month. For more information, visit the website at cytomdems.com, contact Glenn Etienne at cytomdems@yahoo.com, or Like us on Facebook.

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

Greenwood Teenage Job Seekers

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“CITIZENS FOR KLEIN KIDS” SUPPORTS KISD BOND

“Citizens for Klein Kids,” a group of volunteers representing communities in the Klein ISD, has organized to support the 2015 Klein ISD Bond.

Dr. Nancy Radcliffe, co-chair of “Citizens for Klein Kids,” when asked why she supported the Bond, said, “The passage of this bond will enhance our property values and strengthen our community. It addresses five main areas: growth, renovation, safety and security, technology and buses. We want our community to have top-quality schools that attract families and students.” The group believes that it is critical to communicate the need for passing a bond that will affect all KISD campuses.

For the last year, the KISD Bond Steering Committee comprised of parents, community members, business leaders, students and employees, attended meetings, studied and reviewed information, discussed district needs and developed the Bond 2015 blueprint. Klein ISD residents will have the opportunity to vote YES for the bond on Saturday, May 9, or during early voting April 27-May 5.

The purpose of “Citizens for Klein Kids” action committee is to distribute accurate and factual information. They welcome volunteers and/or donations that will help promote a growing district and build a foundation for students to learn. “Why vote YES? Look around our area. Children are coming and we need to be ready for them,” according to Lynne Dozier, retired educator. “Citizens for Klein Kids” needs volunteers to contact neighbors and friends and make certain everyone gets out the “YES” vote for this important cause.

Please visit the “Citizens for Klein Kids” web site at kleinkids.org for information on where and when to vote, specific items covered in the bond for each campus, property tax implications, ways to volunteer, how to donate and other helpful links.

Classifieds

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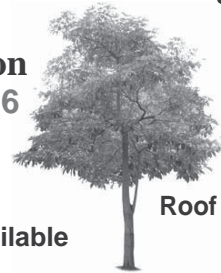
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Price p. Sq.Ft.	65.62	52.38	81.83
Days on market	68	0	247

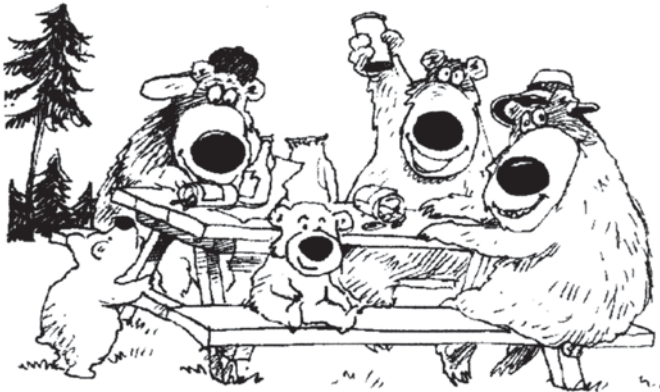


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Quilters – 9 AM Women's Book Club – 9:30 AM Bridge – 1 PM HOA Board Meeting – 7 PM – MUD Building	2 Women's Club Board Meeting – 9:30 AM Tai Chi – 2-4 PM	3	4
5	6 Billiards Adult Room – 7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