

# THE FOREST NEWS

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## HOA Board Meeting

Wednesday,  
December 3, 2014  
7:00 PM  
MUD Building  
Budget Meeting  
At Clubhouse

## Red Bow Sale

10 AM to 4 PM  
Saturday, Dec. 6th  
Saturday, Dec. 13th

## Fun 4 Seniors Christmas Luncheon Presented by Harris County Precinct 4 At Clubhouse

Friday, December 5  
\$10.00 per person  
See page: 6

## Annual December Yard Decorating Judging

Monday, December 14th  
6:00 PM

Please have your lights on!

## ✧ Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays ✧

It is hard to believe we are nearing the end of another year. We are in the midst of the holiday season, a time when family, friends, and neighbors gather for celebration. Many of us know our neighbors, but many of us still need to meet the person living next door or down the street. The holidays are the perfect time to make introductions happen. We talk about the need to be connected - for safety, for enjoyment, and for the sake of "community" - take this opportunity to make it a reality.

2014 has been a good year for Greenwood Forest. We are benefiting from property value increases, as well as the many new residents moving into our neighborhood. This has resulted in a good deal of construction and maintenance taking place. It is great to see so many owners, old and new, taking

pride in their homes and our community. Thank you for working to protect the quality of life Greenwood has enjoyed for more than forty years.

As we move toward the end of this year, please consider the things that we

individually can do to contribute to the safety and beauty of our neighborhood. Greenwood Forest is a gem. We have one of the best pool and clubhouse facilities in Harris County, we have gorgeous yards and trees, and if you walk out and listen in the

evening or early morning, we have owls. There is

much to enjoy here, so please do your part by respecting your neighbors, following our deed restrictions and getting involved with the HOA. Wishing you all the best through the holidays and throughout the coming year.



## Mildew Be Gone

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

Here is one recipe for cleaning mildew. Mix the following ingredients in a gallon jug:

- One quart laundry bleach
- Three quarts water
- 1/4 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 irritation to the skin.)

TSP can be found at Sears Hardware, Lowe's, and Home Depot in the paint department with the varnish.

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 (preferably on a sunny day), and then rinse.

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# Fire Department

## HOLIDAY SAFETY

### Safe Shopping

- Be aware of your surroundings
- Have car keys ready
- Conceal or keep your personal belongings

### Christmas Trees

- Choose a moist, fresh tree and cut a 1"-2" diagonal slice off the bottom
- Keep your tree watered daily
- Don't place the tree in a high traffic area
- Remove tree from residence as soon as holiday season is over for recycle if available. **DO NOT BURN** the tree.
- Never place a lit candle on or near a tree



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### Lights

- Check for frayed wiring
- Keep bulbs that get warm away from combustible materials
- Don't connect more than three sets of lights to an extension cord
- Unplug lighting when away from home or asleep

### Fireplaces

- Always use a screen
- Ensure that your flue is open prior to igniting a fire and keep it open until extinguished
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## 5 REASONS TO LEASH YOUR DOG

1. **You don't know me.** Some people are scared of dogs, and some people are mean to dogs. For someone who's been bitten or isn't around dogs often, a strange dog walking up to him or her can be frightening.

2. **You don't know my dog.** Your dog may be sweet and well-behaved, but what about my dog? Maybe my dog doesn't care for other dogs. Even if she does, having an off-leash dog approach while walking on-leash can be scary for my dog. If your off-leash dog approaches her and gets bitten, who is at fault?

3. **You don't know where your dog is going to go.** And go, means go potty. Off-leash dogs tend to pee and poop where they please, and that can be just plain un-neighborly. If you're walking the dog on-leash, you can keep her from trampling flower beds and direct her to go where it's more appropriate. Then pick up after her.

4. **People aren't expecting to encounter your off-leash dog.** Letting your dog off-leash can be

dangerous for walkers, runners, and cyclers and who aren't looking for dogs. They could trip, get knocked over or bit and your dog could get injured as well.

5. **All dogs are unpredictable, even yours.** Just like people, dogs have moods and emotions. Even the sweetest, kindest dog can get spooked or caught off guard or decide on a whim that they want to chase a cat. If your dog is off-leash when one of these things happens, she could run into the street or accidentally injure a stranger.

**Be a responsible pet owner. Leash you dog and pick up after it.**

**ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR JANUARY:**

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# Women's Club

The speakers this month, Ann Wilson and her mother, presented a program representing four generations- from her mother's experience prior to 7 December, 1941; the effect of Executive Order 9066 ordering all Japanese or those of Japanese ancestry (mostly from the west coast and some in Hawaii) to report to designated meeting places before going to the internment camps. School, graduation, college, and for some of the males the experience of being 'the most decorated regiment of its size ` 442 consisting of Japanese whose family and friends were in the internment camps. Viewing a replica of the Congressional gold medal awarded to her father and others for their contribution; the original recognizes that regiment and various other areas of the military. As good as, actually more interesting than some of the ancestry shows featured on TV.

**CHRISTMAS SOCIAL** - \$20.00- if you haven't paid either at the meetings, or to Rose or Ann, please do so immediately- no money will be collected at the door.

December, 11 at 11:00 AM - Social/get together

11:30 AM - Down Home Country Christmas Luncheon

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January speaker- a repeat - the Story Teller – Kathy Culmer You need to hear how she weaves together the facts that make up a story.

**RED BOWS**- still need more sellers- contact Ann Stone 280-468-3033

5th Dec – Wino's will meet- call Wilma Colbert 281-440-5288 for information


**Antique Club Christmas Lunch** Wednesday, December 17th - contact Rose Austin 713-502-9188

**Decorating Club House** – 1st Dec- get in the Christmas spirit while having a fun time making the 'old place' look festive and ready for all the functions. Call Kay Wilson at (281) 440-0046.

For trips – present and in the future – Carole Dittmer at (281) 919-2731 or Marge Walsh at (281)580-9428.

Welcome to another new member- from Canada - Jeanne Barber. Arriving at just the right time to be included in the seasons festivities.

**Who Ya Gonna Call?**



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It's December and we are eagerly anticipating our "Down Home Country Christmas" luncheon at the clubhouse on December 11th. This is a beautiful way to start the holiday celebration gathering together for food and fellowship with members of The Garden Club and Women's Club of Greenwood Forest. Plus what a treat to see everyone decked out in their colorful Christmas sweaters!

Don't forget to bring your non-perishable food items, unwrapped Children's books and or money to be donated to NAM. Rose Austin of Women's Club and Charlotte Kelly of Garden Club have been working very hard to put this event on and we really appreciate their efforts and the committee members that volunteered to help.

Once again, members have been busy selling Red Bows since the weekend after Thanksgiving. Watch for these enthusiastic "sales ladies" on the corner of Champion Forest Drive and Lodge Creek Drive December 6th and 13th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The cost is still just \$4.00 or 4 for \$15.00.

Thank you to Joyce Schnell and Joyce Howes who have spearheaded the making and selling of the bows. All of the proceeds are returned directly to Greenwood Forest in the form of neighborhood beautification and improvement. We do appreciate all the support from members and the public who have made purchases. These bows have long been a Christmas decorating tradition in our neighborhood.

Speaking of decorating tradition, a crew of volunteers will be out judging the neighborhood holiday decora-

tions on Sunday December 14th at 6:00 PM. Please turn on your lights or other illumination so that the judges can get a good look as they drive by. 1st, 2nd and 3rd places will be awarded to the top decorators.


As usual, our Garage Sale was a huge success. This annual fundraiser netted a very good profit to return to the neighborhood. A big thank you to Ways and Means Chair Carol Pomes and to all the members who volunteered and worked long hours to make this happen.

Horticulture Chair, Patti Natole, is "going green" to save the environment, (paper). The monthly horticulture flyer will now be sent via email to the members one week prior to the meeting. There will be a few flyers at the meeting for those who do not have access to email. Great job Patti! We will be looking forward to the info.

**See you at the Christmas Luncheon on Thursday December 11th at 11:30 AM. Happy Holidays to All.**



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# Security & Safety

## STAYING SAFE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

The holiday season is a time when busy people sometimes become complacent and vulnerable to theft and other holiday crime. The following tips can help you be more aware during the holiday season and throughout the year:

- Do not leave packages on the seat of your car. This creates a temptation for thieves.
- If possible, shop during daylight hours. If you must shop at night, go with a friend or family member and park in a well-lit area.
- Be aware of your surroundings even though you may be rushed and thinking about a thousand things.
- Be extra careful if you carry a wallet or purse. They can be targets of criminals in crowded shopping areas.

- Avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Always carry your Driver's License along with necessary cash, checks and/or a credit card you expect to use. Avoid carrying unnecessary items.
- Notify the credit card issuer immediately if your credit card is lost, stolen or misused.
- Keep a record of all of your credit card numbers in a safe place at home.
- Beware of strangers approaching you for any reason. Criminals may attempt several methods of distraction with the intent of taking your money or belongings.

Taking precautions can help keep you safe; we can never be too aware or prepared.

### HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

*Save the Date!*  
*Holiday Luncheon*  
*Friday, December 5, 2014*  
*11:30 AM*  
*\$10 per person*




*Greenwood Forest Clubhouse*  
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*Presented by Harris County Precinct 4's Senior Adult Program and Fun4Seniors*

### CRIME WATCH

Meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 PM in the Clubhouse. December 10 will be the next meeting.

*This meeting will have a special guest speaker — Monica Russo from the Better Business Bureau. MARK YOUR CALENDAR! This will be a very informative meeting.*



OCTOBER 2014 PATROL STATISTICS	
Type of Activity	No.
Burglary of a Habitation	0
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	1
Theft from a Habitation	0
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0
Theft - Other	2
Robbery	0
Assault	1
Sexual Assault	0
Criminal Mischief	2
Disturbance - Family	3
Disturbance - Juvenile	1
Disturbance - Other	0
Alarms	21
Suspicious Vehicles	11
Suspicious Persons	12
Runaways	0
Telephone Harassment	0
Other Calls	740
Citations	245

# Community News

## EASY HOLIDAY APPETIZER

### Smoked Salmon Bites with Shallot Sauce

#### Ingredients

- 1 sheet frozen puff pastry, thawed
- **SAUCE:**
- 2 shallots
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- **FINISHING:**
- 1 cup fresh arugula *or* baby spinach, coarsely chopped
- 4-1/2 ounces smoked salmon *or* lox, thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup shaved Asiago cheese

#### Directions

- Preheat oven to 400°. Unfold puff pastry; cut into 25 squares.
- Transfer to greased baking sheets. Bake 11-13 minutes or until golden brown.
- Meanwhile, grate one shallot and finely chop the other.
- In a small bowl, combine shallots, mustard, mayonnaise and vinegar.
- While whisking, gradually add oil in a steady stream.
- Spoon a small amount of sauce onto each pastry; layer with arugula and salmon.
- Drizzle with remaining sauce and sprinkle with cheese.

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## DECEMBER BRIDGE SCORES

### 2nd Thursday Evening Duplicate Bridge\*

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2. Sandy Davis and Chuck Nott
3. Frank and Anna Embrick

\* If you would like to join this group, contact Joyce at (281) 444-3461 or [sch5511@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sch5511@sbcglobal.net). Everyone is welcome.

The December Bridge will be our Christmas Party. It starts at 6:30 PM and everyone brings an appetizer. If you would like to bring wine, feel free.

### Third Friday Night Party Bridge \*\*

1. Gladie Wainstock
2. Rosina Boswell
3. Lorraine King

\*\* Party bridge is on the third Friday of the month at 7:00 PM. To play December 19th, call Ron McAdow at (281) 444-5752.

### Women's Club Monday Bridge †

1. Dorothy Keeth
2. Beverly Barnes

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



## SUPPORT FOR LINDA KMIECIK

Dear Neighbors,

As you may know, our sweet neighbor Linda Kmiecik off of Boyce Springs Dr recently lost her home due to a fire. As a community, we would like to extend a helping hand to bless her with a few necessities during this time. Please consider making a gift card donation from a clothing or housewares store (Palais Royal, Bed Bath and Beyond, Target, Etc.) to provide a helping hand. Cards can be delivered to the Greenwood Forest Clubhouse or to Jessica Garcia at (325) 370-1980, who will also answer any questions you may have.

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## CUB SCOUT PACK 440

Cub Scout Pack 440 will be holding a food drive in Fountainhead Subdivision. Greenwood Forest residents are invited to participate by dropping off canned food items at 12711 De Forrest Street, Houston, TX 77066. Deadline to deliver goods is December 21, 2014. For more information contact Charlotte Szij at [szij@sbcglobal.net](mailto:szij@sbcglobal.net).

## 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.

### Greenwood Teenage Job Seekers

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B – Babysitting H – House sitting

O – Pool care P – Pet Care Y – Yard work

### 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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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

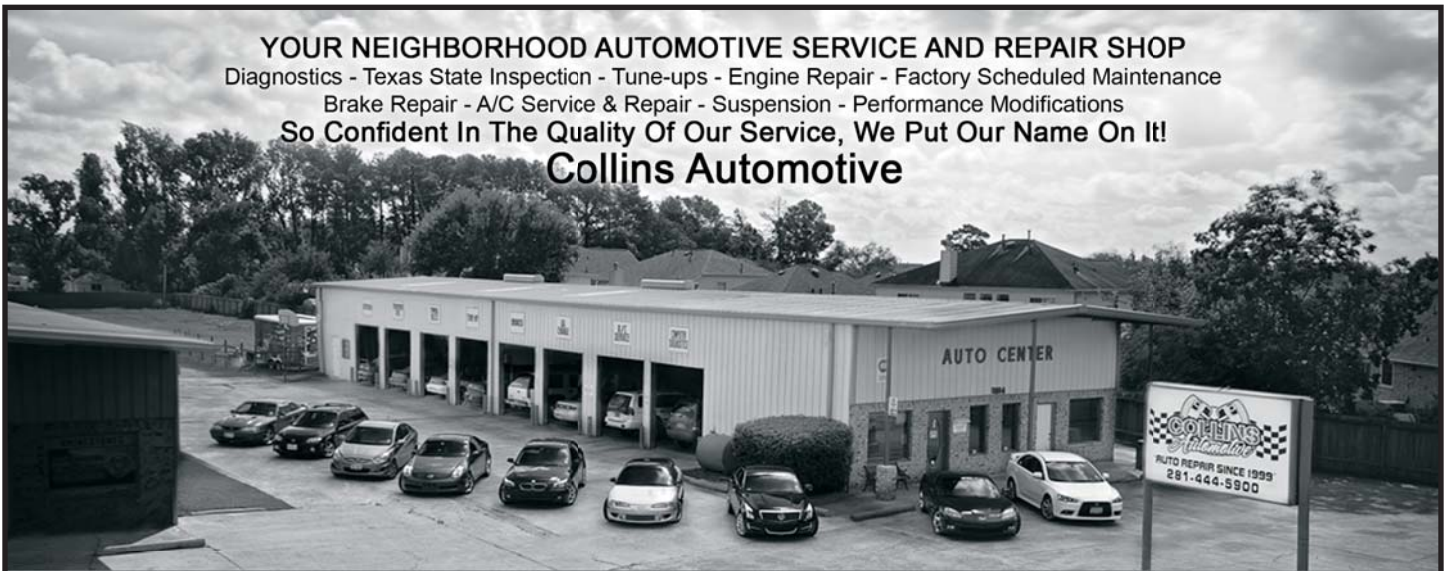
Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Community News (continued)

## WUNDERLICH FARM HOSTS OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS MARKET

Come and experience an 1880s style Christmas at the second annual Wunderlich Farm Old Fashioned Christmas Market starting at 10 AM on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014 at 18218 Theiss Mail Route Rd. Klein, TX 77379. The Christmas Market will offer families a low-cost Christmas tradition while teaching and educating visitors on what life was like for the early immigrants that settled in the Klein area. Community members will participate in activities such as rag doll making, soap making, tin punching, basket weaving and much more. The day will feature performances by accordion player, Gene Hackemack as well as Krahn Elementary and Trinity Lutheran School.

Entry into the festival is \$1 per person and one canned food item.



## SANDLOT SPORTS

**2014 Holiday Baseball/Softball Camps:** We have 2 different dates for Baseball/Softball camps this winter while the kids are out of school. The agenda for this camp includes: hitting, fielding, base running, speed and agility, mental approach, and other baseball/softball activities. Our primary goal is for each camper to leave with a positive mental attitude about themselves and a better understanding of the game. Camp hours are 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Camps will be December 24-26 and December 29-31. For more information call 281-373-HITS (4487) or to register visit our website at [www.sandlot-sports.com](http://www.sandlot-sports.com). Before/After Care is from (7am-5pm) \$15 additional per day.

## SAFD JANUARY MEETING

The Society for the Advancement of Floral Design (SAFD) will hold its January meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 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.

SAFD will welcome Certified Floral Designer **Alan Masters**. Mr. Masters, who has been designing floral arrangements for 30 years, will present “A Compendium of Caliginous Curiosities!” His program will be filled with up cycles and reinventions. Based on a growing trend of Steampunk, we will learn to repurpose some of those things that all of us have lying around the house.

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

*Travel back in time for a*

## ***Walk Thru Bethlehem***

**Saturday, December 6 - 10:00 AM – Noon**

**Sunday, December 7 - 6:00 to 8:00 PM**

**Monday, December 8 – 6:00 to 8:00 PM**

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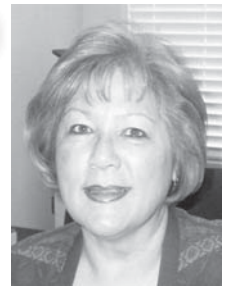
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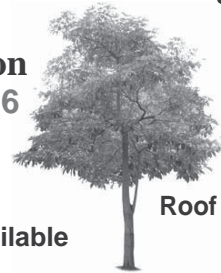
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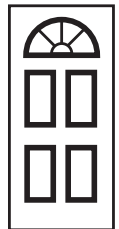
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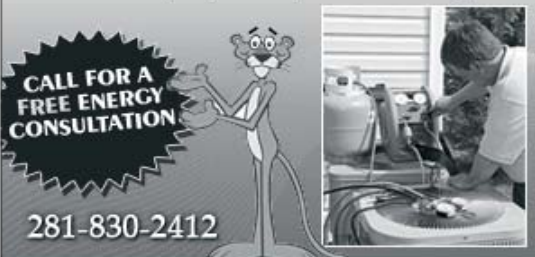
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> Billiards – Adult Room – 7 PM	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Quilters – 9 AM Women's Book Club – 9:30 AM Bridge – 1 PM HOA Budget Meeting – 7 PM – Clubhouse	<b>4</b> Women's Club Board Meeting – 9:30 AM	<b>5</b> Fun 4 Seniors Christmas Luncheon – 11:30 AM	<b>6</b> Red Bow Sale – 10 AM – 4 PM
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Women's Club Bridge 9:30 AM – Adult Room Water Board Mtg – 7:00 PM, MUD Bldg Billiards – Adult Room – 7 PM	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Quilters – 9 AM Bridge – 1 PM Crime Watch Meeting Ballroom – 7 PM	<b>11</b> Women's Club & Garden Club Christmas Luncheon – 11:30 AM Thurs. Night Dup. Bridge Adult Room – 7 PM Christmas Party – 6:30 PM	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Red Bow Sale – 10 AM – 4 PM
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Billiards – Adult Room – 7 PM	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Quilters – 9 AM Bridge – 1 PM	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Night Bridge – 7 PM	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> WCID 109 Board Mtg. MUD Bldg – 7 PM Billiards – Adult Room – 7 PM	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Quilters – 9 AM Bridge – 1 PM	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Billiards – Adult Room – 7 PM	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> Quilters – 9 AM Bridge – 1 PM			