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Special points of interest:

- Carolina Property Associates—
919-521-5394
- Holly Springs Animal Control—
919-557-9111
- Holly Springs Police Non-Emergency—
919-552-7110 (days)
919-557-9111 (evenings & weekends)
- Suspicious Activity
919-557-9111

Neighborhood Watch



The Neighborhood Watch in Valleyfield is underway. If you are interested in joining the watch group, please contact Fred and Carol Rose by sending an email to neighborhoodwatch@valleyfieldhoa.com

As Mr. and Mrs. Rose receive information and updates from the Town of Holly Springs Police Department, they will forward relevant information via email to any residents that have provided their email contact information.

You may also have noticed the Community Watch signs posted shortly past each entrance to Valleyfield and a similar sign at the park. The Valleyfield Board and the Neighborhood Watch Committee voted to add these signs to our neighborhood as an aid curbing suspicious activity in and around Valleyfield.

In addition, the Neighborhood Watch Committee in conjunction with the HSPD, may be organizing quarterly meetings / events for the residents of Valleyfield. Some ideas suggested by Lt. Revels included a bike rodeo, gang awareness,

safety night, self defense class, online predator prevention. The HSPD will come to Valleyfield to conduct these fun, free events.

Whether or not you are part of the Neighborhood Watch—if you notice any suspicious activity in or around Valleyfield, please contact the HSPD directly at 557-9111 to report the activity (may be done anonymously).

Please note that the police do not monitor our group emails and will not be able to respond to email reports of suspicious activity in a timely manner.

Main Street Christmas

On Friday, December 12th, downtown Holly Springs will celebrate the season with Christmas carols, hayrides and other festivities culminating in a tree lighting ceremony at



the Holly Springs Cultural Center.

Events continue on Saturday morning, December 13th, with the Happy Holly Days



Christmas Parade down Main Street.



Christmas Tree Safety Tips

Let's face these days it seems like there danger in everything we do. But don't worry there are plenty of **safety tips** to ensure there are no mishaps this holiday season. Below is a list of things you can do for a happy, accident free *holiday season*.

- ★ Make sure you buy the freshest tree possible (brittle leaves is an indicator that your tree is dry).
- ★ Cut off a half inch of the trunk of your tree, this will allow the tree to suck in more water.
- ★ When choosing a spot for your tree, make sure there are no heating vents,

fireplaces or used electrical outlets.

- ★ Make sure you keep candles and other sources of fire away from the tree at all times.
- ★ Make sure your Christmas tree lights are for indoor use and are the correct voltage. Also only buy UL lights because they are tested for safety.
- ★ Try to use miniature lights, they produce less heat and are more energy efficient.
- ★ Make sure your Christmas tree stand is secure and stable.
- ★ Give your thirsty tree a lot of water and re-fill it everyday

- ★ Check all of your lights for shorts before you put them on your tree
- ★ Shake your tree free of dry bristles before you take it inside.
- ★ Turn your Christmas tree lights off at night and when you're leaving the house.
- ★ Keep flammable items like curtains, paper and combustibles away from your tree.
- ★ Have a fire extinguisher nearby for those rare emergencies

Have a Wonderful Holiday Season!

Fall Family Festival Recap

The Fall Family Festival was on Sunday October 19th. Despite the chilly weather, quite a number of Valleyfield families turned out for the event.

The children enjoyed a bounce house, tattoos, sidewalk chalk, bubbles and arts and crafts, not to mention a cauldron filled with goodies.



In addition to the children's' activities, the Board supplied hotdogs, beverages and ice cream and families brought a dish to pass.

The Board would like to thank Carolina Property Associates and Sacerio Empire Inc. (our pool contractor) for their

monetary donations to the Fall Festival. THANK YOU!

We would also like to thank all the residents that turned out to celebrate with their neighbors.



Carolina Property Associates

Carolina Property Associates recently moved to a new location.

They are now located at 380 Raleigh Street, near the Holly Springs Town Hall. Their phone number remains the same— 919-521-5394.

CPA has also installed a drop box near their back door at the corner of Ballentine and Raleigh Streets. In addition to mailing your dues payments or dropping them off at Carolina Property Associates, you can also leave your payment after hours in the drop box.

January 2009—Attend the Annual HOA Meeting to vote in the 2009 Board and 2009 Budget

Pond and Dam Revitalization

The Wetlands Committee and the Board are continuing to obtain bids regarding the scope of work for the pond and dam. The Board felt that due to the size of project additional information was needed prior to having a town hall meeting.

For those that may have missed our article in September, we are again including the information regarding the situation.



You may or may not have heard that the dam is failing in the pond area (behind the pool). The Town of Holly Springs believes that this has serious flooding potential and they have demanded that Valleyfield take action to either repair or breach the dam.

A Wetlands committee has been formed and is currently contacting engineers and reviewing bids. Once the Board has gathered enough information we will present it to

the residents at a town hall style meeting. Please watch the sandwich boards and your mail for more details.

Please plan to attend. This is a huge project and **it is going to affect each and every home financially.**



Anyone who has a desire to get involved on this project is encouraged to join the Wetlands Committee. Please contact the Board for meeting information.

Winterize Your Pipes

Have you winterized your pipes? If not, here are some great winter tips.

Open cupboard doors in the kitchen and bathrooms. Water lines supplying the kitchen or bathrooms are frequently located in outside walls. Any air leaks in siding or insulation can cause these pipes to freeze. Leaving the cupboard doors open when the

temperature is below freezing allows pipes behind the cupboards to get more heat.

Let the water run if the temperature dips below freezing. (A stream slightly smaller than a pencil width should be sufficient.) Faucets farthest from the street should be the ones left running. Using cold water will save on your gas or electric bill.

Wrap outside faucets or hose bibs. Do this if you don't have a separate valve to turn off outside faucets. (Also remember to disconnect garden hoses.) Use newspaper or rags covered with plastic, fiberglass or molded foam insulating covers to wrap the faucet. (Molded foam insulating covers are available at plumbing and hardware stores.)

HOA Quarterly Dues

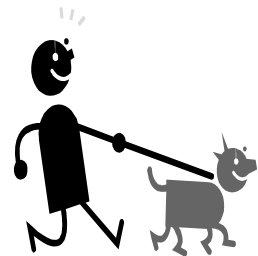
Just a reminder that Valleyfield Homeowners Association Dues are billed quarterly—30 days before they are due.

If after 2 quarters and 30 days you have not paid your dues, you will receive a certified letter reminding you of the bill and a \$60 fee will be added to your HOA account.

If, after an additional 30 days, the balance has not been paid, your account will be turned over to the our attorney for collection and additional attorney fees in the amount of \$182.35 will be added to your HOA account.

Valleyfield HOA reserves the right to place a lien on any

property with unpaid dues/fees and to file for foreclosure if the HOA account is not brought current.



Be kind—pick up after your pet!



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Recipes

Sharon's Perfect Pecan Pie

Preheat oven to 400 degrees

- 1 cup kayro syrup
(1/2 cup light & 1/2 dark)
- 1 cup sugar
- 4 eggs slightly beaten
- 2 Tbsp melted butter
(real butter is best)
- 1/2 Tsp salt
- 1 Tsp vanilla
- 1 cup pecans
(broken into small pieces)
- Pie crust

Use a glass pie plate for best results

Melt the butter in your bowl, add the eggs and beat slightly, add the remaining ingredients and mix.



Pour into pie crust and bake at 400 degrees for 15 min. then reduce heat to 350 degrees and bake for another 30-35 min.

ENJOY!!!!



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Independent Demonstrator
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**Bring this ad and receive
\$5 OFF any class fee!**

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist."

-- Francis P. Church, Writer, The New York Sun



*Slow Down...the Neighborhood
Speed Limit is only 20 MPH*

Tiger Butter

- 1 lb chocolate almond bark
- 1 lb white almond bark
- 1 cup peanut butter (creamy or crunchy)

In 9x13 dish melt chocolate almond bark (do not burn)

In separate bowl melt the white almond bark (do not burn)

Then pour the peanut butter in the white and mix until peanut butter is melted. Pour on top of the chocolate and swirl with knife.

Let set until firm and cut.