



# The Overlook Outlook

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## Yard of the Month

Just a reminder that January's "Yard of the Month" award will go to the most festive lawn. So deck the halls and string the lights!

Remember to nominate your



## Social Committee to Repeat Survey

The Social Committee is asking all neighbors to complete a survey, listing such items as favorite places to eat, doctor and vet recommendations, babysitter names, etc. The surveys can be

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Completed and returned to Nancy Townsend, 523 Texas Point, or may be emailed to her at Zwmom@aol.com. The results will be compiled and published in a future newsletter, as well as distributed to new neighbors with their welcome baskets. Please take a moment to fill out the survey.



## Cookie Swap

The Overlook Social Committee invites you to attend a community cookie swap, Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, from 3-5p.m. Julie Byers, 523 Texas Point, will be hosting the event. Each family is asked to bring three-dozen cookies and 20 copies of the recipe. All interested parties please RSVP to Nancy Townsend, 481-7421.

YARD OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to

Richard and Marcia Hughes  
611 Walder Trail

DALLAS COWBOYS  
 Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> @  
 Washington  
**Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> NY Giants**  
 Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> @ Seattle  
 Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> @ Arizona  
**Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**San Francisco**



Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> @ Houston  
 Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> **Washington**  
 Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> @ Atlanta  
**Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> Philadelphia**  
**Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> Toronto**  
 Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> @ Phoenix  
**Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> Utah**  
 Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> @ Denver  
**Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> Portland**  
**Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> Denver**  
**Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> Milwaukee**  
**Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> Dallas**  
 Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> @  
 Milwaukee  
 Dec 30<sup>th</sup> @ Memphis



Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> @ Edmonton  
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**Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> Calgary**  
 Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> @ Phoenix  
**Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> San Jose**  
 Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> @ Philadelphia  
 Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ Columbus  
 Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> @ Atlanta  
**Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> Colorado**  
**Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> Washington**  
**Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> Boston**

## BOARD UPDATES

Mark Pistorio has volunteered to be the contact person for entry gate maintenance issues. Please contact Mr. Pistorio at 497-7492 for any gate concerns. The board thanks Mr. Pistorio for his time and assistance.

The board continues to interview potential association management companies. A decision will be made by the first of the year.

The repainting of the fence is near completion.

Community improvements per Jerbo agreement are progressing as planned.

The board is currently preparing next year's budget, as well as a five- year plan for the association's budget.

The board would like to remind the community that the ARC must approve any permanent changes to property. Please remember to submit an ARC request to Tom Galvan, ARC Chairperson, *prior* to making any changes.



## Overlook Holiday Wishes

During this season of celebrating and rejoicing, the Overlook community has taken a moment to give thanks, to offer prayers, and to wish for peace.

We are thankful for our family. We are blessed to have three beautiful boys that bring joy to everyday. We are thankful to have such wonderful family, friends, and the best neighbors!  
*The Heffron Family*

We wish for continued health for our family and friends. We are thankful to live in a subdivision with such caring people and in the greatest country in the world.  
*The Andres Family*

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Yes, it's finally here!! The first Bunko game is scheduled at the residence of Lisa Stone, 414 Texas Point on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Call 481-7421 to join or to be a substitute. No experience required!!

# Christmas Songs



## Across

- 2. "On the fifth day of Christmas my true love gave to me five..." (2 wds.)
- 5. "I'm dreaming of a..." (2 wds.)
- 6. "...in a \_\_\_\_\_ open sleigh..." (2 wds.)
- 8. Frosty the Snowman has a corn cob pipe, two eyes made out of coal and a... (2 wds.)
- 9. " \_\_\_\_\_ through the snow..." (see 6 Across)

## Down

- 1. "Frosty the Snowman is a \_\_\_\_\_, they say..."
- 3. "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer had a very..." (2 wds.)
- 4. " \_\_\_\_\_ roasting on an open fire..."
- 7. "Deck the halls with boughs of..."



*Holiday Wishes Cont.*

Our blessings and our hopes are so bountiful. It is impossible to put them all into a couple of sentences. But in brief, we are thankful to live in a country where everyone has the freedom to believe in and worship their God, in their own way or *NOT* worship, for that matter. We are so thankful for our family, our many friends, and our health. Our hope is that in future years, no person, American or not, will live in fear, in poverty, in hunger, and every person will know some happiness and love in his or her life.

*The Roe Family*

We are particularly thankful for a God who loves us, a country that unites during difficult times, for family and special friends that make us better than we are without them, for health and for the hope of tomorrow.

*The Royston Family*

To wake up in the morning with the time, health, knowledge, friends, financial freedom, and passion to do what you want to do that day. This really says it all for us.

*The Baughn Family*

We are just thankful that the Lord has blessed us with a wonderful and supportive family, our health, great neighbors, the opportunity to return to the state where we were born and reared so that we could be close to our family and, perhaps most of all, for the chance to be born American. What a great nation, state, city and neighborhood we live in!!

*The Thomsen Family*

We are thankful for the health and well being of our family and friends. We pray that each and every one of our neighbors have a safe and happy holiday. Let us all pray for world peace this holiday season.

*The Washington Family*

We are thankful for the birth, death, and resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We are thankful for all that we have been blessed with in His name. We pray and hope for the continued mending of our country, for the safety of all those serving our country at home and overseas, and for peace in our world. God Bless.

*The Stahl Family*

Good things can happen to our world because of all those who lost loved ones in New York. Life is fragile and precious. Hold your loved ones a little closer. Love them a little more. Be ever thankful for life.

*The Medley Family*

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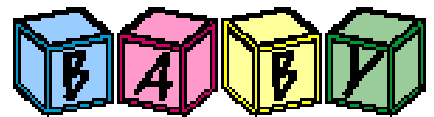
## Christmas Trivia

What is the name of the traditional beverage used during Christmas toasts?

- a. Wine
- b. Beer
- c. Wassail
- d. Coke

*Answers on page 6.*

The Overlook extends a big welcome to our newest little Walder Trail neighbor, Paul Smith, born to Dan and Kristen Smith, and big sister Emily, November 16<sup>th</sup>.



### Crossword Answers:

#### Across:

2. *golden rings*
5. *White Christmas*
6. *one horse*
8. *button nose*
9. *dashing*

#### Down:

1. *fairy tale*
3. *shiny nose*
4. *chestnuts*
7. *holly*

*Holiday Wishes cont.*

Our family wants to wish everyone a very merry and happy Christmas!! In special times like these, knowing the love of family is most powerful in healing the wounds that occurred on 9-11. Our nation will survive and we believe it will be stronger and safer for our children. May God bless us all!!!  
*The Spiers Family*

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### School Calendar

Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting

Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> End of grading period

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>-Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> School Holiday



This year, in addition to being very thankful for the health of our family, we are thankful for the fact that our neighborhood is turning out to be a place our children will remember as being fun, safe, and full of great friends. Merry Christmas.  
*The Galvin Family*

We are so thankful and honored that two beautiful little angels are giving us the opportunity to share in their lives. Thank you Bailey and Erynn for making our lives complete. Mommy and Daddy love you.  
*The Kennedy Family*

Our holiday hopes and wishes were answered a little before the holiday with the birth of our son, Paul Henry Smith, 8lbs. 6oz. Mom and son are doing great. Mom hopes for a tad more sleep in the next couple of months!! Happy Holidays!  
*The Smith Family*

We are thankful for the good health of our family and loved ones.  
*The Jenkins Family*

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Our hopes and wishes are that we all gain the gift to see what is truly important in life; health, family, friends, not houses, cars, and possessions; accepting others as they are, rather than comparing them to ourselves; looking for and recognizing the good rather than seeking and criticizing the flaws; assuming responsibility rather than placing blame; and finding inner peace.  
*The Simonick Family*

We remember and pray for the victims of September 11, 2001, and hope that their families find some comfort and solace this Christmas. We give thanks for the many blessings that hve been bestowed on our family and we wish each and every one of you a joyous holiday season.  
*The Tomkewitz Family*

### Recipe of the Month

#### Bean and Cilantro Relish

2 15oz cans black beans, rinsed and drained  
 1 large can of corn, drained  
 2 cans chopped Rotel tomatoes  
 1 purple or sweet onion  
 1 tsp. pepper

1/8 to 1/2 C. fresh cilantro, to taste  
 3-4 Tbs. fresh lime juice  
 2 Tbs red wine or balsamic vinegar

Mix and store. Best if made at least 24 hours ahead of time. Serve with "scoop" corn chips.

*Contributed by: Lori Tomkewitz*

## Social Committee Update

The social committee will lose chairman Mina Brown upon the sale of her house. The committee has no planned successor, as Mina is impossible to replace. The current committee members include Nancy Lowrance, Mary Jenkins, Nancy Townsend, Kristin Smith, Nancy Thompson, Valkyrie Meeks, Beth Pugh, and Bonnie Simonick. All neighbors are encouraged to join when time permits. Any ideas for Ladies Night Out or other activities are warmly welcomed. Special thanks to Mina Brown for the beautiful decorating job at the entrance. The committee is grateful to the group of Walder Trail neighbors who donated the deer and white lights. Thanks to the Jenkins family for storing the holiday decorations and social committee supplies after the Browns move. The holiday party and cookie exchange is set for Sunday,

December 16<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm at the Byers' home, 526 Texas Point. Please bring 3-5 dozen cookies and about twenty copies of your recipe. You will go home with the same number of cookies you bring, plus a whole new assortment plus recipes! Thanks to Julie Byers for inviting us into her home for this fun holiday get-together. Please rsvp to Julie at 497-0713

The neighborhood scrap-booking group had their first meeting Friday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Fun was had by all ~ getting acquainted, cropping and sharing ideas. Thanks to all who attended. The scrap booking group is open to any neighbor who is working on a project, would like to learn more about scrap booking, or would like to visit with neighbors. The group will be meeting again on Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, from 7-9pm at Nancy Townsend's home, 523 Texas Point. Call 481-7421 so we have room for you and in case of a date change.

The first neighborhood Bunko party is set for Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> at Lisa Stone's home, 414 Texas point at 7pm. Nancy Townsend is keeping a list of neighborhood ladies who would like to be monthly regulars or substitutes for Bunko at 481-7421. No previous experience is needed! Just come and get to know your neighbors better and laugh. We have eight signed up and have room for another eight, but will always need substitutes.  
-Information provided by Nancy Townsend

### *Holiday Wishes Cont.*

We are thankful for good health, friends, family, and that George Bush is our President. We hope for continued good health. We pray for the safety of our nation. We especially want an uneventful move to England and hope that the family who buys our home loves it as much as we have. I (Mina) also hope that the cigarette companies go out of business, due to all the illness and suffering smoking causes. Best wishes to our Overlook family  
*The Brown Family*

## Christmas Trivia Answer

c. *Wassail* - The drink used in toasting to a person's good health on festive occasions; traditionally ale or wine spiced with roasted apples and sugar.

*The Overlook is pleased to welcome the Green family to 711 Walder Trail ~ Rick and Deanna, Paul (9), Josh (7), Maison (5), and Emily (1). Please add the Green family to your directories (481-7333).*

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