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Yards of the Month



Estates
18118 Delta Estates



Place
14510 Moss Valley Dr



Park
14903 Cypress Meade Ct



Park II - Section 1
14735 Country Rose



Park II -Section 2
14611 Valley Stone

Open Swim Team Meeting

When: Thursday, October 6th
Time: 7:00pm
Where: Activity Center

Community Calendar

Columbus Day
Monday, October 10th
Newsletter Deadline
Wednesday, October 12th
Halloween
Monday, October 31st

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Other Important Numbers

ACC Changes/Questions - VanMor Properties

Cy-Fair High School281-897-4600

Cypress Lakes Golf Club281-304-8515

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Entex Gas-Emergency Gas Leaks 713-659-3552

Goodson Middle School281-373-2350

Houston Lighting and Power713-207-7777 or 800-332-7143

Irrigation Leaks/Common Area Repairs - VanMor Properties

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Street Light Outages 713-207-2222

Texas Environmental Waste281-368-8397

Time Warner Cable713-462-9000

VanMor Properties – Susan Vandagriff.....281-493-0668

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the September newsletter is November 10th

Please hand deliver articles to:

Geneva Fritch

14718 Plains River Dr

281-304-1255 or e-mail Cypressmillmessenger@yahoo.com

(please save electronic files in Word format)

Cypress Mill HOA, Inc. Who To Call List

Aqua Services – Cypress Hill MUD#1 713-988-3602

Detention Pond: mowing, standing water, repair, & maintenance

Park 5 Playground; repairs, irrigation leaks

Walking Paths: repairs, irrigation leaks

Individual water meter: leaks, repair and maintenance

MUD Facilities Lift stations & Treatment Plants: mowing, repairs, maintenance, leaks, and smells.

VanMor Properties – Cypress Mill HOA, Inc. 281-493-0668

Reserves/Parks/Common Areas: mowing, repairs, irrigation leaks

Deed Restrictions

Architectural Control Applications/Approvals

Recycling Program

Cypress Mill Administrative Assistant – Gisel 281-213-3174

Recreation Center Concerns

Activity Room Rentals

Yard of the Month

Fitness Center

Community Directory

Pipeline Company – Exxon Mobile 281-591-3700

Mowing of Pipeline easement; Standing water; Smells or leaks

Street Lights – Center Point Energy 713-207-2222

Damaged or Burned Out Street Lights

They will need 6-digit pole number when calling

Constable Ron Hickman (24 Hour Emergency) 281-376-3472

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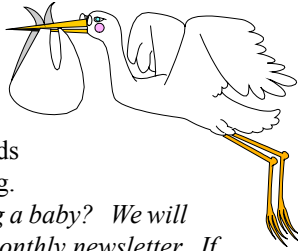
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Stork Report

Aaron and Kristi Zawacki are glad to announce the birth of their daughter **Grace Leah Ann** on September 12. Grace weighed 5 pounds 11 1/2 ounces and was 19 inches long.



Are you or your neighbor expecting a baby? We will announce the baby's arrival in the monthly newsletter. If you are interested in having your baby's picture in the newsletter, please email it to cypressmillmessenger@yahoo.com or you can leave a picture with Gisel at the recreation center and we will scan it in and make arrangements for pick up at the recreation center during Gisel's scheduled hours. The storks are available to check out at the Recreation Center; you will need to make arrangements to pick up and return. Due to the size of the storks, a truck will be necessary for transport. Please do not feel obligated to use the stork. Contact Gisel, at 281-213-3174 or email cypressmillmessenger@yahoo.com for announcements. Rec center hours are Mon, Wed, Fri 1-6, Sat 11-5.

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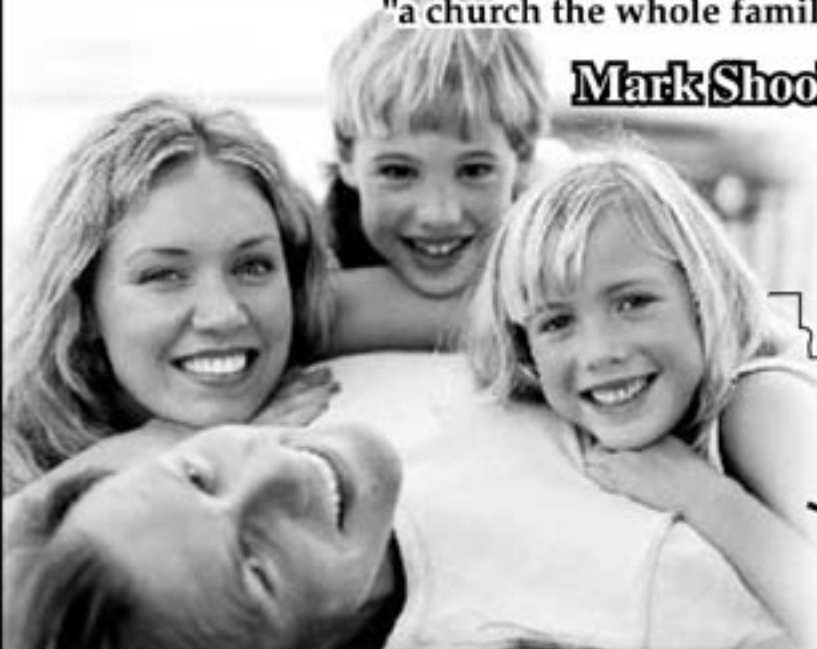
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Keenagers Trip to Austin

Tues, Aug. 30th, ten members of Keenagers attended our first senior trip to Austin. The bus was provided to us for seniors over the age of 50 years old at no cost from the Harris County Precinct Three Transportation Department. We visited the Capitol Visitors Center, a tour of the Governor's Mansion, lunch at the Old Bakery & Emporium and then a tour of the Texas State Capitol. It was a great day.



Mon, Oct. 17th, we will have our second bus trip. This time we will be going to Brenham for the day. We will have a tour of Windy Hill Winery, a small family built winery situated on a hill with a wonderful view of the countryside. We will sample wine made by hand, tour the winery and vineyard: visit the shop filled with handmade stained glass, pottery and wine. There is a \$4 charge per person. Then we will move on to "Must Be Haven" for lunch. After lunch we will have time to sight see and shop in Brenham's many antique and new shops. It is a great place to stroll.

Tues., Nov 1st, we will be taking a bus trip to Galveston. We will visit, "Texas Aviation Hall of Fame" \$5 per person, for a group of 20 or more \$4 per person. Lunch will be at Casey's (same cook as Gaido's, but a more reasonable price) on Seawall Boulevard. Then we'll tour "Moody Mansion", \$5 per person.

Sat., Nov 19th -10AM - 4 PM or Sun, Nov. 20th a carpool trip to "Holiday Heritage Home Tour". Heritage Bells in period dress guide guests through four historic Brenham homes beautifully decorated for the holidays. Tour tickets are \$7 a person.

Nov 22 & Dec 4-7 for anyone that is interested Cy-Fair College is having an inaugural production of "Christmas Classics", directed by Ron Jones by the College Theater Department. Christmas Classics consists of two to America's most cherished short story writers dramatizations of O'Henry's "The Gift of the Magi" set in 1900's and

Truman Capote's "Christmas Memories" set in the 1930. Christmas Memories is a comedy a recollection of Capote's childhood in rural Alabama. The presentation will be at the Cy-Fair College on Barker Cypress campus at 9191 Barker Cypress Rd. Tickets can be purchased at the door. The preview will be held on Nov 20th at 7:30 and will cost \$5 per person. Nov 22 and Dec 4-7 it will be \$10 for seniors 60 years old or older, and those younger will cost \$12 a ticket. Being a senior has advantages.

We have been talking about a Christmas Progressive dinner. Appetizers and drinks of your choice, at one house, main course at another and desert at the last house. We need volunteers of homes and organizers for the planning of this event. Please contact me.

We are going to start a Garden Club and will meet once a month during the week in the evening so some of our Keenagers that are not able to come during the day can attend. We will car pool to some local nurseries on Saturdays. The Garden Club will probably start in 2006.

I will plan some bus trips on the weekend for 2006. Please contact me with your ideas for upcoming events and let me know what you are interested in attending. I need some help with the organization of these events. I look forward to seeing you. Please spread the word of our group. Call or e-mail me: Carolyn Hoffmann carolwatec@sbcglobal.net or Cell - 713-614-3575 Home - 281-256-3480.



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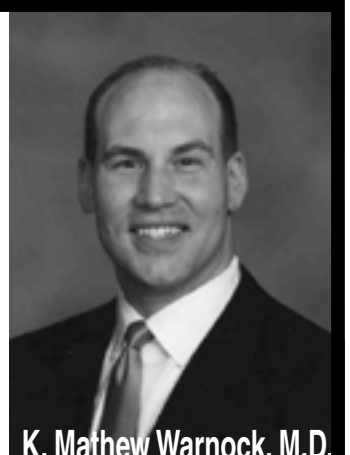
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Cypress Mill Ladies Association

The Ladies Association would like to thank the following local businesses for their continued support in our fundraising efforts at our Annual Neighborhood Party August 20.

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Capulcos, 12312 Barker Cypress Road
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Dickinson Interiors, 13040 Louetta Suite 252
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Vickie Lynn, 17455 Spring Cypress Road #1568
Laura Rucker Southern Living Consultant, Cypress Mill Resident

Michael Waller Custom Woodworking, Cypress Mill Resident
All proceeds are being donated to the Library at Spillane Middle School. This donation will help purchase books the will continue to educate our neighborhood children.

We would like to thank the following members for volunteering at this event: Amy Merrill, Jennifer Klawinski, Jeri Braswell, Laura

Graff, Laura Rucker, Marianne MacLeod, Paula Schewe, Sherry Waller. Also in an effort to assist those in need due to Hurricane Katrina, the Ladies Association donated gift cards to our local

Business Classifieds

WANTED: Friendly smiling faces for church nursery and preschool on Sunday mornings from 9:45am to 11:45am. Other hours are available. Fellowship of Houston is a new church is in Fairfield. For job application, call Danita at 281-345-7819.

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Thanks for your time & support!

Block Captains

Street	Block Capt	Phone #
Arbormont Dr.	Shelia Wiggs	281-304-0245
Arbor Trace Ct.		
Aster Estates Ln.	Kari Joyner	832-797-0380
Auburn Woods Dr.	Kim Bothmann	281-373-3816
Autumn Glen Ct.	Courtney Hicks	281-213-3182
Begonia Estates Ct.	Diana Pretus	281 330-8251
Bladenboro (Park I)	Monica Blanchard (temp. vol.)	
Calcaterra Ct.		
Camellia Estates Ln.	JoAnn Nowak	
Carriage Crossing Ln.	Yolanda Salinas (temp. vol.)	
Cascade Bend Lane	Fernando Aguirre	281-373-0186
Chapel Cove Ct.		
Cinderwood Dr	Amy Arthur	281-304-1999
	Susan White	281-373-5084
Cobblestone Dr.	Monica Blanchard	281-304-9389
Country Rose	Yolanda Salinas (temp. vol.)	
Courtly Estates Ln.		
Creekmill Ct.		
Cross Stone Ct.		
Cypress Cottage Ct.	Tina Strautman	281-213-9732
Cypress Meade Ct.		
Cypress Meade Ln.		
Cypressmill Ct.		
Cypress Orchard	Debbie Deleon	832-289-6580
Cypress Ridge Grove	Sheri Lyn Klein	281-373-3674
Cypress Stone Ln.	Sharon Covington	281-851-3484
Cypress Valley Ln.		
Delta Estates Ct.	Michelle Peting	281-304-8894
Emerald Cypress Ct.		
Emerald Cypress Ln.	Jennifer Patterson	
Emerald Moss	Sue Zahn Lucas	832-687-5778
Enola Dr.	Tina Bunn	281-304-1113
Floret Estates Ct.		
Floret Estates Ln.		
Grandbluff Ct.	Shari Bumpas	281-304-1511
Green Cypress Ct.	Ed Noble	281-304-9810
Grove Estates Ln.	Cassy Hearn	281-253-4941
Harmony Estates		
Harnett Dr.		
Harvest Chase Ct.	Yoland Salinas	
Hazy Ridge Lane	Amy Merrill	281-256-6449
Heathcrest Ct.		
Hollow Branch Ct.	Jacqui Williams	281-304-8006
Huntmont (Park I)		
Huntmont Street (Place)	Lynda Wells	281-304-1184
Laurus Estates Ln.	Kellie Berger	281-304-1910
	Vicki Seal	281-304-7103
Mallard Estates Ct	Jo Ann Novak	281-304-1614
Maple Mill & Bladenboro	Dawn Shirley (temp. vol.)	281-373-4892
Maple Mill Dr	Toby Simmons	281-373-9498
Maranta Estates	Sharon Mason	281-256-2970
Meadow Estates Ln.	Amanda McCumber	713-906-7338

Mesquite Estates Ln.	Vernon & Cheryl Henry	281-256-8964
Mills Park Lane	Carolyn Hoffman	281-256-3480
	Shirley Whitley	
Millstone Estates Ln		
Mosshill Estates Ln	Candy Pinkard	281-304-5037
	Danielle Hines	281-213-3868
Moss Valley (Place)		
Palos Park Dr.	Phyllis Jarnegan	281-304-9632
	Virginia Balducci	281-256-3010
Palos Place Pl.	Phyllis Jarnegan (temp. vol.)	281-304-9632
	Virginia Balducci (temp. vol.)	281-256-3010
Park Arbor Ct.	Lauren Gaspard	281-373-9966
Pebble Meadow Ct.	Michelle Robison	281-265-6453
	Gina Williams	281-373-4427
Plains River Dr.	Geneva Fritch	281-304-1255
	Marianne MacLeod	281-304-9366
Pinson Dr.		
Rochelle Ct.	Jen Malota	281-213-3778
Rosehill Estates Ln.	Ronnie J. Kallus	281-304-1246
	Jamal Naffa	281-798-9448
Rose Hill Park Ln.	Elizabeth Brown	281-373-3118
	Steffanie Budge	281-304-9987
Rosemont Estates Ln.	Annabelle Martinez	281-213-9079
Spring Walk Ln.	Sharon Strasburg	281-304-1382
Sweetstone Estates Ct	Michelle O'Keane	281-304-8188
Thicket Hollow	Sheri Pivonka	281-658-2161
	Holly Engle	281-304-9852
Thornbluff Ct.		
Timber Cliff Ct.	Holly Engle (temp. vol.)	
Timber Cliff Ln.	Holly Engle (temp. vol.)	
Trellis Estates Ct.		
Valley Stone Ct.	Rhonda & David Bubenik	
Water Mill Dr.	Pamela Sanders (temp. vol.)	281-373-4053
Wild Ivy Ct.	Sheri Lyn Klein (temp. vol.)	
Windwood Park Ln.		
Wisteria Estates Lane	Matt Buss	281-304-9321
Woodcypress Ln.		
Wooded Glen Ct.	Danielle Springfield	281-256-9802

What are the Responsibilities of a Block Captain?

We still have several streets without Block Captains. Being a Block Captain requires minimal effort. Responsibilities include:

- Passing out the directory once a year, as well as, any important information our HOA Committees may need to convey to all of the residents.
- Represent your street in any concerns or ideas your neighbors may have with the board or other HOA committees.
- Promoting and having a block party on National Night Out – the first Tuesday of August every year.
- Handing out Welcome Bags to the new residents on their streets (optional).

We meet quarterly to discuss any new ideas on how to make our neighborhood a better place. Although the meetings are voluntary, they are beneficial, and even if you can't attend we welcome any comments or suggestions. Please contact Susan White at 281 373 5084 or email susan__white@sbcglobal.net.

CYPRESS MILL MARKET REPORT

Courtesy of "DAVID FLORY"

This market information report is provided to keep you informed of resale market activity in your subdivision.

	Mar 05	Apr 05	May 05	Jun 05	Jul 05	Aug 05
\$200,000 Above	0	0	0	0	0	1
\$180,000-199,999	0	0	0	1	0	0
\$150,000-179,999	0	0	1	2	1	1
\$120,000-149,999	3	2	9	7	8	9
\$100,000-119,999	0	2	1	1	0	0
\$100,000 Below	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	4	11	11	9	11
Highest \$/Sq Ft	67.42	66.75	77.97	76.17	73.50	77.07

This chart represents the homes that have sold and closed in the past 6 months according the Houston Multiple Listing Service.

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MOMS Club of Cypress-North

Are you an at-home mom (either full- or part-time) looking for some fun activities for your kids, interesting activities for yourself, or just some good adult conversation? If you live in the 77429 zip code, why not try out MOMS Club of Cypress-North!

MOMS (Moms Offering Moms Support) Club is a national, non-profit organization that gives at-home mothers the opportunity to share activities and discussions with other mothers and their children. Upcoming activities include outings, playgroups and MOM'S Night Out, as well as scrapbooking, craft days, a cooking group and monthly mixers where moms get to chat while the kids play. And best of all, the activities and meetings are held during the day, when at-home mothers need support and interaction with others. We also perform service projects throughout the year to help needy children and organizations in the community.

Most of the club activities are held in Cypress. You can choose the activities that interest you and that are convenient to your schedule. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested, please come to our next meeting on **October 11th** at 10 a.m. Please call Gina Garnett, Membership VP, at 281-256-3995 (gkgarnett@sbcglobal.net) or Anabel Lenox, President, at 281-373-3252 (alenox@houston.rr.com) for location, directions, or any questions. We are happily welcoming new moms at each meeting. Hope to see you there!

August/ September New Residents

Catherine Harrison & Zakary Day	14743 Arbor Trace Ct
Douglas & Carla Mickey	14210 Begonia Estates Ct
Belinda Daigle	18611 Camellia Estates Ln
Karrie Moss	14743 Chapel Cove Ct
John & Courtney Johnson	18202 Cobblestone Dr
Stephanie Scott	14623 Cypress Cottage Ct
Alfred Hester	18331 Cypress Stone Ct
Heidy Molina	14618 Emerald Cypress Ln
Meredith Phillips & Edward Crowder	14643 Emerald Cypress Ln
Joshua & Laura Marlatt	14731 Huntmont Dr
Gerardo Mora-Flores	14615 Palos Park Dr
Russell Simmons	17515 Thicket Hollow Ln
Andy & Matilde Nikido	17607 Thicket Hollow Ln
Susan Farrow	17703 Thicket Hollow Ln
Chandahas Bapat	14611 Timber Cliff Ln
Lucy Perez & William Sanger	14706 Timber Cliff Ln
Shelby Nolte & Bradley Trimble	18110 Water Mill Dr
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Tickets	80
Burglary of Habitation	0
Burglary of Motor Vehicle	11
Theft from Habitation	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	1
Robbery	0
Assault	0
Criminal Mischief	4
Disturbance - Family	5
Disturbance - Juvenile	1
Disturbance - Other	10

Tip: There have been numerous vehicle break-ins – over the past few months. These break-ins occur typically in the very early morning hours.

In some instances, the thief will simply walk around checking for unlocked vehicles. There are some types of vehicles which are easier to break in to so they are targeted. In extreme instances, the vehicle window is damaged to obtain entry.

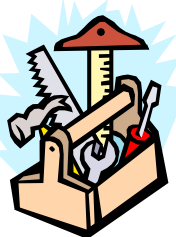
The following are recommendations to insure your vehicle and its contents are safe:

1. Park the vehicle in the garage.
2. If you are unable to park in the garage,
 - a. Lock all vehicle doors.
 - b. Do not leave valuables of any type in the car. If you do, lock the valuables in the trunk. Trunks are rarely broken in to.
 - c. Have a spot light on your vehicle.
 - d. Install an alarm on your vehicle.

If your vehicle encounters a break-in, please report this to the Constable's office immediately at 281-376-3472.

The Cypress Hill MUD has been approached to add additional security patrol.

PLEASE REPORT ALL OFFENSES. If you see any suspicious activity or vehicles, please call the Constable's office immediately. We need accurate statistics to keep our security patrol in action. In case of an emergency, please contact Constable Ron Hickman's office at 281-376-3472. You can contact Officer Blackledge via email at james_blackledge@cd4.co.harris.tx.us.



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Hamric: Legislature will solve school funding crisis

HOUSTON (Sept. 5, 2005)– The current stalemate over public school funding in the Texas Legislature reminds State Rep. Peggy Hamric (R-Houston) of her first session in Austin.

Hamric, who was the guest speaker at the September meeting of the Governmental Affairs Committee of the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce, recalled that in 1991 the Legislature was embroiled in a legal battle over education funding. Eventually, the so-called “Robin Hood” funding plan was adopted and approved by the state’s Supreme Court.

“The courts said ‘Robin Hood’ is constitutional now, but if the time comes when the majority of districts have to tax at \$1.50 maximum rate, it may become unconstitutional because it could be construed as a statewide property tax,” she said. “The local school districts would no longer have any discretion in setting the tax rate.”

Fourteen years later, most districts are taxing at the maximum rate, and another crisis looms, Hamric said. She is hopeful the Texas Supreme Court will rule on Robin Hood again by October. That decision will shape the eventual new education funding bill, Hamric said.

Hamric added that coming up with a plan that is fair to all will be very difficult. She added that businesses that now enjoy tax loopholes will naturally fight to retain those loopholes.

“We need a new education funding bill with the lowest rate, the broadest tax base and fewest loopholes,” Hamric said. “It has been worked out before, and it will be again. This isn’t much different than

what has historically happened before.”

She also praised the Chamber and the Cy-Fair business community for partnering with Cy-Fair Independent School District.

“The business community works very closely with school districts, and certainly in the Cy-Fair area,” Hamric said.

Shifting gears, Hamric spoke briefly about Harris County’s disaster preparation plans, a topic that has come to the forefront in the wake of hurricane Katrina.

“Thank goodness that Harris County and our officials had been planning for just this kind of thing for a number of years,” she said. “Our evacuation plans are tied in with Homeland Security. I have worked with the Greater Houston Partnership on transportation issues, and I know these evacuation plans have been on the top burner.”

Hamric said that highlights of the 2005 Legislative session included:

- The approval of more Child Protective Services and Adult Protective Services caseworkers. “There’s not a day that goes by that we don’t read a tragic story about a child or a senior citizen that has been abused,” she said. “A lot of it occurs because we didn’t have the number of workers we needed to follow up on those cases.”
- A pay raise for state employees. “It’s crucial to have good people employed in state government,” Hamric said. “Because of them not getting paid enough, we were losing some state employees to

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industry and even to city and county governments.”

- Revamping of the state’s workers’ compensation program. According to Hamric, employers, employees, doctors and insurance companies were fed up with the system. While the state led the nation in workers’ compensation claims, Texas had the lowest percentage of workers returning to the job.

The eventual legislative outcome was the abolition of the existing workers’ compensation agency. It was moved into the Texas Insurance Agency and set up along the lines of a managed health care system.

The Governmental Affairs Committee meets on the first Thursday of each month at the Chamber office, 11050 FM 1960 West, Suite 100. All interested members of the public are invited to attend. For more information about the Chamber, call 281-955-1100 or visit cyfairchamber.com.

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Precinct 4 Official Presents Overview of Capital Improvement Projects

HOUSTON (Sept. 5, 2005) – Harris County Precinct 4 can see having a zero balance in its capital improvement project fund as a good thing, because it would mean more road and bridge projects are under construction and the need for more funding would be more evident.

Pamela Rocchi, the precinct's capital improvement project coordinator, said that following the \$535 million bond referendum in 2001, Precinct 4 identified 43 capital improvement projects that will cost an estimated \$223 million to design and build. Since then 25 of those projects have been initiated at a cost of \$132 million.

Rocchi, who was the guest speaker at the September meeting of the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee, said a healthy account balance due to road and bridge projects that are in design but have not started construction may be one reason why commissioners earlier this summer declined to vote in favor of a new bond referendum.

"We need to construct these projects so that we show a zero balance," she said, adding that Precinct 4 engineers have identified more than \$700 million in new projects that are needed.

Rocchi presented an overview of projects that are in design or in progress. She noted that 45 to 48 percent of road miles in Harris County are located within Precinct 4, which stretches east to Huffman, west to Tomball, north to the Montgomery County line and south to Interstate 10.

There are currently 47 projects in design at a total cost of \$191 million. Many of those projects involve widening of roads from two lanes to four lanes with a boulevard, and replacement of asphalt with concrete. Kuykendahl,

Ella, Gosling, Fallbrook, Hollister, T.C. Jester, Jones and Will Clayton Parkway are among the roads being improved.

Some projects could be delayed because utility companies, which often have to relocate transmission lines, may be needed to help restore services to New Orleans and other areas that were devastated by hurricane Katrina.

"We don't know the impact Katrina will have on the utility companies in Harris County," Rocchi said. "We don't know how that will affect our construction schedule. Even utility companies don't understand the impact at this time."

Committee Chair Bill Rowden announced the schedule of programs for the remainder of 2005. They include:

- A presentation by Pate Engineers on improvements to Jones Road (Thursday, Oct. 6).
- An update on widening plans for U.S. 290, presented by Roger Gonzalez of the Texas Department of Transportation (Thurs., Nov. 3).
- A joint meeting with the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce Transportation Committee that will include a presentation on Bush Intercontinental Airport improvements, including the opening of two new east-west runways (Thursday, Dec. 1).
- The Cy-Fair Chamber's Transportation Committee meets on the first Thursday of each month at 8 a.m. at the Chamber office, 11050 FM 1960 West, Suite 100. All interested members of the public are invited. Call 281-955-1100 or visit cyfairchamber.com for more information about the Chamber.

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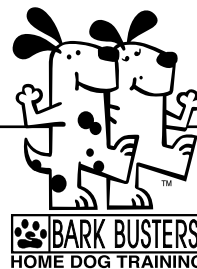
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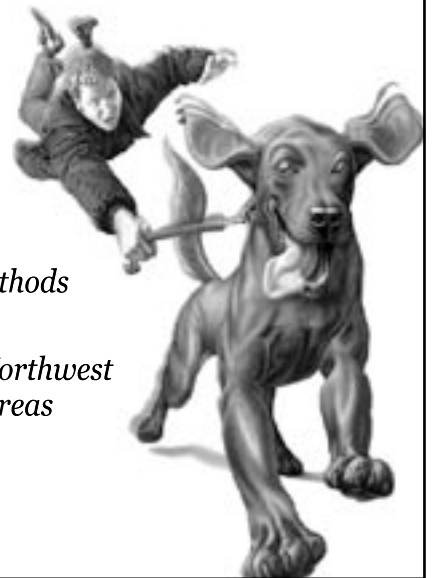
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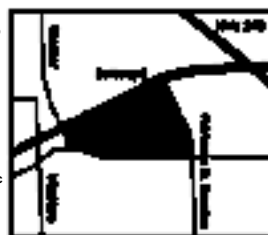
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Cy-Fair College will host a free community day for all ages in the Cy-Fair Community from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15. Cy-Fest, the college's gift to the community, will feature food vendors, a variety of performances, the Houston Zoomobile, children's games, crafts and storytime, a video gaming contest, a model boat parade, moonwalks, a fire truck and more. www.cy-faircollege.com/goto/cyfest.

Check Out the Musical Talent and More

Cy-Fair College's Music Department will host an International Music Festival at 3 p.m. Oct. 15 followed with a 5 p.m. reception. The festival draws solo artists from around the world and features professional musicians or graduates of college as well as high school students. The Cy-Fair College String Orchestra will perform an historical music journey titled "To the Present and Back" at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 17 with a 9 p.m. reception set afterward. In the gallery, the Encaustic Exhibit continues through Oct. 25. The comedy "What I Did Last Summer" continues through Oct. 16 in the Black Box Theatre. For information, call 281-290-5273.

Check Out L.I.F.E. at Cy-Fair College

The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Cy-Fair College Branch Library (Room 131.) Among the upcoming programs are learning to garnish and present meals like pros, customizing gifts using eBay, getting info on benefits of community gardens and gift wrapping tips. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or check the library at www.cy-faircollege.com/library.

Fall C.A.L.L. Courses for Senior Adults

The Cy-Fair College Academy for Lifelong Learning provides opportunities for adults 50 and better to enjoy intellectual and social enrichment. Annual membership is \$10. Among the upcoming C.A.L.L. courses are basic drawing, a Forbidden Gardens tour, a long-term care session, a government close up talk with Corbin Van Arsdale, fitness for

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Escape to the Movies for Free

Cy-College's Fall Film Series continues in October with "Lonely are the Brave" Oct. 4, "Monsoon Wedding" Oct. 8, "Truly, Madly, Deeply" Oct. 10, "The Adventures of Baron Munchausen" Oct. 12, "Hands on a Hard Body" Oct. 18, "Brazil" Oct. 20, "Brown Sugar" Oct. 25 and "SlamNation" Oct. 27 and "The Shining" Oct. 31. A professor or student organization at the college hosts each film and a discussion afterward. The film series, presented at no charge to students and the community, is offered as a free Continuing Education class called Film Appreciation. Registration is available at all the film events. The Cy-Fair College Fall Film Series is part of Windows On the World, an effort to promote cultural activities on campus. For information, call 281-290-3257.

Library Offers Something for All Ages

The Harris County Public Library Cy-Fair College Branch offers free computer workshops, including a family-friendly class. Topics range from basic computer functions to introductions to the Internet and various software programs. A variety of monthly book clubs, such as women of the world, history and mystery, are available, including a new Democracy Book Club and The Sports Page Book Club. There are plenty of youth programs with activities and book clubs for teens and storytime for younger children.

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6-8—HOUSTON: Festival Chicano Miller Outdoor Theatre, Hermann Park. 713/284-8350

6-9—HOUSTON: Greek Festival Enjoy authentic Greek food, wine, dancing and artifacts. Grounds of the Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral. www.greekfestival.org 713/526-5377

8-9—HOUSTON: 21st Annual Wings Over Houston Airshow Includes the Canadian Forces Snowbirds Jet Demonstration Team, F-19F Super Hornet, AH-64 Apache Attack Helicopter, A-10 Thunderbolt II, World War II air power re-enactment of "Tora! Tora! Tora!" and static displays. Gates open at 8 a.m. Ellington Field. www.wingsoverhouston.com 713/266-4492

8-9—HOUSTON: 27th Houston Festa Italiana Features live entertainment, children's area, bocce ball, grape stomp, pasta-eating contest, Italian car show, Italian heritage area and delicious homemade food. Houston Farm and Ranch Club. www.houstonitalianfestival.com 713/524-4222

8-9—HOUSTON: Bayou City Art Festival This annual juried fine art event boasts 300 acclaimed artists from throughout Texas and the world. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. In front of Houston's City Hall, around Hermann Square and Sam Houston Park downtown. www.bayoucityartfestival.com 713/521-0133

9—HOUSTON: Fifth Annual Art Car Show See more than 40 vehicles of all sorts painted, pasted and carved into artistic masterpieces on wheels. Begins at 10 a.m. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500

14—HOUSTON: Dia de la Hispanidad Festival Miller Outdoor Theatre, Hermann Park. 713/284-8350

15—HOUSTON: All-British Motor Vehicle Expo www.houstonmgcarclub.org 281/346-2417

15—HOUSTON: Ninth Annual Museum District Day Fifteen museums participate. www.houstonmuseumdistrict.org 713/529-9802

22-23—CLEAR LAKE AREA: Gulf Coast International Dragon Boat Regatta Teams from the Central United States compete for the Central Region Championship title. Includes diverse Asian entertainment, arts & crafts, cuisine and a kids zone. Clear Lake Park. www.texasdragonboat.com 713/225-0514

22-23—HOUSTON: Asian-American Festival Enjoy Asian music, dancing and demonstrations of other Asian arts. Includes cultural exhibits and children's activities. Miller Outdoor Theatre, Hermann Park. 713/861-8270 or 713/284-8350

22, 25, 28, 30—HOUSTON: Fall Repertory: Mussorgsky's Boris Godunov Houston Grand Opera. Wortham Theater Center. 713/228-6737 or 800/626-7372

27-30—HOUSTON: International Quilt Festival More than 900 quilts, original cloth dolls, wearable and related textile arts are displayed. Includes expert demonstrations and mini-classes. George R. Brown Convention Center. www.quilts.com 713/781-6864

29—GALVESTON: A Cabaret Evening with Brian Stokes Mitchell Begins at 8 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894

29—GALVESTON: Halloween Ghost Stories & Hayride Listen to ghost stories around a spooky campfire then climb aboard the hayride for a drive

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29—HARLINGEN: Fourth Annual Children's Gala Hula Palooza Includes food, lots of entertainment by Critters and Singing Zoologists, auctions and more. Christian Fellowship. www.valleybaptist.net 956/389-1024

29—HOUSTON: Mozart's The Marriage of Figaro Houston Grand Opera. Wortham Theater Center. 713/228-6737 or 800/626-7372

29—LAKE JACKSON: Monster Dash Kids Run & 5-K Run 979/297-4533

29—TEXAS CITY: Fall Festival Includes games, food and attractions. 400 block of 6th Street North. www.texas-city-tx.org 409/643-5990

29-30—CORPUS CHRISTI: Seashore Marketplace Includes marketplace and live music. Balli Park Pavilion on North Padre Island. www.seashoremarketplace.com 361/332-9978

29-30—HOUSTON: MECA Day of the Dead Festival Includes traditional celebrations and arts & crafts. www.meca-houston.org 713/802-9370

30—HOUSTON: Seventh Annual Halloween Boo Bash for Kidz Presents continuous live musical entertainment and activities from 1 to 4 p.m. Trick-or-treating is from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Traders Village, 7979 N. Eldridge Road. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500

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