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# CYPRESS MILL MESSENGER

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Official Newsletter

## June 2006 Yards of the Month



18619 Mosshill Place – The Estates



18114 Arbormont Park - Place



18331 Cypress Stone – Park



14735 Arbor Trace – Park II



14823 Mills Park Lane – Park II

*Yard of the Month judging is done the first of the month so if you would like to nominate your neighbor for yard of the month please call or email the office. 281 213 3174 email [cypressmill@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cypressmill@sbcglobal.net)*

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Cy-Fair High School ..... 281-897-4600

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Entex Gas-Emergency Gas Leaks..... 713-659-3552

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Street Light Outages .....713-207-2222

Texas Environmental Waste .....281-368-8397

Time Warner Cable .....713-462-9000

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## 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

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## Garage Sale

June 10th

Set out your things and let us do the rest. We will advertise in the Houston Chronicle and on the Marquee and we will put out signs at all the entrances to the neighborhood.

## Schedule of Open Board Meetings

Open Board meetings are scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of every third month. The meeting dates are subject to change due to scheduling conflicts. The Annual meeting is held on the 1st Wednesday in April.

July 26, 2006

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October 25, 2006

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Both of these meetings will be held at the Rec Center at Cypress Mill Park Two at 7 pm.

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## REMINDER

**Replacement access cards for the recreation center are \$5, additional cards are \$10.  
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who want to join our organization. Please look for next month's newsletter about specific guests from Texas A&M University. We invite all Moms who have Sons or Daughters that will be, currently have or had AGGIES or Moms who are AGGIES to come join the AGGIE SPIRIT with AGGIE LOVE. We are the NW Harris County Texas A&M University Mothers' Club. Our general meetings are held at: Houston Distributing Company, Inc. 7100 High Life Drive, Houston, TX 77066 just off Cutten Road and West of Beltway 8 and between 1960 & Hwy 249. The meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

If you have any questions please visit our web site [www.nwhcaggiemoms.com](http://www.nwhcaggiemoms.com) or e-mail Robin Galvin - President, at [rcq@qbpllc.com](mailto:rcq@qbpllc.com).

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## New Residents:

|                    |                        |
|--------------------|------------------------|
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| Tormaine Thompson  | 17435 Cypress Orchard  |
| Elizabeth Thompson | 14603 Emerald Cypress  |
| Walter Barnett     | 14614 Emerald Cypress  |
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## 10 Business Organizations Support NHMCCD Bond Referendum

Houston, April 28, 2006: Ten business organizations have adopted resolutions in support of the May 13th North Harris Montgomery Community College District Bond (NHMCCD) Referendum, Jack Drake, Assistant Treasurer of Citizens for the College District Expansion, announced this morning.

The ten organizations represent more than 6,000 businesses in the North Harris County and Southern Montgomery County geographical areas. The resolutions encouraged all qualified voters to vote in favor of bond referendum to "ensure the future of accessible, quality education in our community," Drake added.

The phenomenal population growth in the NHMCCD service area, coupled with the increased demand for educational programs and

workforce training and skills development, were cited in each of the resolutions according to Drake. All of the business organizations supported the need for additional facilities and maintenance for existing facilities to insure that NHMCCD continues to provide necessary services to the community.

"Our community college district has helped our businesses keep their employees trained with essential skills and that has helped our businesses be more successful and profitable," said Darcy Mingoia, President of one of the ten business organizations, the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce.

In addition, all of the resolutions commended NHMCCD for "responsible" fiscal management evidenced by an AA level rating by both Standard and Poors and Moody's. The tax rate for the district is lower today than it was 10 years ago and the bonds which would be authorized by the May 13th election will not increase the current tax rate, explained Drake.

The ten business organizations adopting the resolutions included one association: North Houston Association and nine Chambers of Commerce: Community Chamber of Commerce of East Montgomery County, Cy-Fair Houston, Greater Conroe/Lake Conroe Area, Houston Northwest, Humble Area, Magnolia Area, North Houston-Greenspoint, South Montgomery County/Woodlands and Tomball Area.

In addition to the business organizations, the Greater Greenspoint Management District also adopted a supporting resolution.

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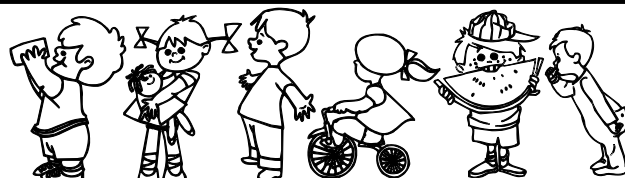
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| Auburn Woods Dr.        | Kim Bothmann                  | 281-373-3816 |
| Autumn Glen Ct.         | Courtney Hicks                | 281-213-3182 |
|                         | Cynthia Buchanan              |              |
| Begonia Estates Ct.     | Diana Pretus                  | 281 330-8251 |
| Bladenboro (Park I)     | Monica Blanchard (temp. vol.) |              |
| Calcaterra Ct.          |                               |              |
| Camellia Estates Ln.    | Jennifer M. Klawinski         | 281-381-2987 |
| 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 |
| Cobblestone Dr.         | Monica Blanchard              | 281-304-9389 |
| Country Rose            | Yolanda Salinas (temp. vol.)  |              |
| Courtly Estates Ln.     | Theresa & Richard Brutka      | 281-256-7810 |
|                         | Michele Hilsher               | 713-412-7793 |
| Creekmill Ct.           |                               |              |
| Cross Stone Ct.         |                               |              |
| Cypress Cottage Ct.     | Tina Strautman                | 281-213-9732 |
| Cypress Meade Ct.       |                               |              |
| Cypress Meade Ln.       |                               |              |
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| Cypress Ridge Grove     | Sheri Lyn Klein               | 281-373-3674 |
| Cypress Stone Ln.       | Sharon Covington              | 281-851-3484 |
| Cypress Valley Ln.      |                               |              |
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| Emerald Moss            | Sue Zahn Lucas                | 832-687-5778 |
| Enola Dr.               | Tina Bunn                     | 281-304-1113 |
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| 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         | Andrea Anderson               | 281-256-8515 |
| 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 |
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|                         | 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 |
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| Mesquite Estates Ln.    | Vernon & Cheryl Henry         | 281-256-8964 |
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|                         | Shirley Whitley               |              |
| Millstone Estates Ln    |                               |              |
| Mosshill Estates Ln     | Candy Pinkard                 | 281-304-5037 |
|                         | Danielle Hines                | 281-213-3868 |
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| Rose Hill Park Ln.    | Bill & Elizabeth Brown         | 281-373-3118 |
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|                       | Holly Engle                    | 281-304-9852 |
| Thornbluff Ct.        |                                |              |
| Timber Cliff Ct.      | Holly Engle (temp. vol.)       |              |
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| Trellis Estates Ct.   |                                |              |
| Valley Stone Ct.      | Rhonda & David Bubenik         |              |
| Water Mill Dr.        |                                |              |
| Wild Ivy Ct.          | Sheri Lyn Klein (temp. vol.)   |              |
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This exciting and insightful series will be held in our church sanctuary each Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM beginning Wednesday, June 7th and running through Wednesday, July 26th. A nursery will be provided.

### YOUTH AND KIDS – HAVE WE GOT FUN FOR YOU!

Youth and Kids get excited for Jesus in an atmosphere that is magnetically charged with “Holy Spirit” power. We have two exciting groups to tell you about: One, Youth Group for grades 6 – 12 is especially geared toward Youth with today’s vibrant sound and Christian lyrics, Bible study and activities. The youth group also ministers to those in an assisted living facility who have no family to visit them. We believe the older generation has wisdom and maturity to offer our youth, and the youth have their love and time to offer. The other, Kidz Klub, for K - 5th grade, is, geared toward the active, “bouncing off the walls” temperament of the elementary aged kids. The Kidz Klub ministry benefits a local foster home of special needs kids.

### Vacation Bible School(VBS) – it’s time to firm up your plans

This summer come and join a Fiesta crew where five children of varying ages form a small group. Each crew will have an adult or teenage Crew Leader. The kids will get fired up for Jesus as they rotate every twenty minutes through Maraca Munchies, Hot Bible Adventures, Chadder’s Desert Drive-In Theater, Grande Games, and Cactus Crafts and Missions. The 2006, Operation Kid-to-Kid missions program, will warm kids’ hearts and minds and allow them to share the joy of God’s love. Kids will learn what it means to help others as they create a special blanket that says, “Jesus loves me”, in both English and Spanish. Plus, everyone will personalize a Spanish Bible Book to send along with the blanket to a child in Mexico. Allow your child to be part of the world’s largest focus, mobilizing kids in serving others around the world. This VBS promises to be the most exciting and innovative ever. This is an evening VBS from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Join the Fiesta to celebrate Jesus, beginning Monday, July 24th and running through Friday, July 28th. Look for posters with all the details in neighborhood stores. Summer is coming quickly; mark your calendars for the week of July 24th – July 28th and call now to make your reservations. Don’t let your kids miss this adventure of a life-time!!

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# CYPRESS MILL

## Rail could save commuters hundreds of dollars, advocate says

HOUSTON (April 28, 2006) – As gasoline prices escalate, so does the potential savings that a commuter rail system would provide those traveling to and from work, according to the chairman of a nonprofit group that is developing a commuter rail line that will run along the U.S. 90A corridor between the Texas Medical Center and Houston's southwest suburbs.

Dalton Smith, chairman of Southwest Commuter Rail Corp. of Texas, was the guest speaker at the April 27 meeting of the 290 Passenger Rail Coalition, an initiative launched by the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce to advocate rail service from College Station to Houston.

Although cost savings is only one of a long list of benefits of commuter rail systems, it may be near the top of almost every commuter's list as gas prices hover near or above the \$3-per-gallon mark. According to Smith, the average commuter rail rider saves \$400 to \$1,500 annually in transportation costs – and those numbers are probably low because they do not take into effect the recent spike in gasoline prices, he said.

In addition to saving consumers money, riding the rail saves them time. Texas drivers spend an average of 50 hours a year in traffic delays, and many employees must leave early to ensure they aren't late for work, Smith said. Commuter rail along the 90A corridor will give Texas Medical Center employees the certainty of knowing exactly how many minutes it will take to get to work, he said.

Other potential benefits of commuter rail include reduction in air pollution and the economic development that is often fueled by such rail lines, he said.

Commuter rail lines in both the U.S. 290 and 90A corridors are part of METRO'S Solutions plan, but the commuter rail service could be decades away without advocacy groups such as the 290 PRC to build a consensus and help move plans forward.

The 90A line was thought to be 20 years away from being built, but could now be operational within four years, Smith said.

"The most important thing you can be doing is the gathering of absolute support for the project," he said. "I think getting the resolutions in support of commuter rail in the 290 corridor is important."

The 290 PRC has taken a number of steps in building a consensus, Cy-Fair Houston Chamber President Darcy Mingoia noted. Thus far, the 290 PRC has signed resolutions from City of Jersey Village, City of Navasota, Commissioners Court of Waller County, Copperfield Community Association, Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition, Greater Houston Partnership, Waller Area Chamber of Commerce and Waller Economic Development Corporation.

Public-private partnerships are also vital, Smith said. 90A Commuter Rail Partners include Fluor Enterprises, Inc., which will provide Project Management and Construction Management services; Bombardier, which will provide passenger rail cars and be responsible

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## Rail could save hundreds- (Continued from Page 10)

for the control and signaling systems, and will support METRO in maintenance of this equipment; and Public Project Management LLC, which will provide financing expertise and project oversight. METRO's light-rail system, as well as bus lines, provides important infrastructure to help make a commuter-rail system viable, Smith said.

"To have a viable commuter rail project, you need to have a very detailed and connecting system in and around the city, you need to have a very detailed and connecting system in and around the city, so that those coming in on commuter rail can get around to other locations," he said.

As an example, Smith noted, one of the planned station stops on the 90A line is Westbury, where a new METRO signature bus line will take passengers to the Galleria area.

As helpful as commuter rail would be in saving commuters time and money and reducing pollution, Smith underscored that it is not a money-making venture.

"The economics of building and operating a commuter rail system are well known: They do not make money," he said. Smith said he expects a shortfall of about \$10 million on the 90A line, some of which could be made up by METRO.

However, he added that it's possible that tax revenue generated by new development spurred by the rail line could offset all or part of the funding gap.

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# CYPRESS MILL

## Chamber Hosts Informative Luncheon On School Finance, Tax Issues

HOUSTON (April 25, 2006) – As the 79th Texas Legislature was nearing the midway mark in its third special session to pass new school finance legislation, the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce held a special luncheon to educate taxpayers about the issues at hand.

The event, held today at the Crowne Plaza-Brookhollow Hotel, featured remarks by David Anderson of HillCo Partners LLC, an Austin lobbying and consulting firm.

With the Legislature down to its third and final strike as it seeks to pass a new school funding tax bill and facing a June 1 deadline imposed by the Texas Supreme Court in which to do so, Anderson found a metaphor for the issue in a sign posted near some steps in the state Capitol building.

"There's a sign that reads, 'Watch your step – historical steps, uneven,'" Anderson said. "Of course, they're talking about stairs, but I thought that this is true about legislation as well. Historical steps in the Texas Legislature are usually uneven, and that's where we are right now in terms of our circumstances with school finance and changes in the tax policy, which is a byproduct of this."

Anderson believes Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and the state Legislature have all taken seriously the June 1 deadline, which mandates that the Legislature either reach a new school funding agreement or risk a cutoff of state funds to public schools. On April 24, the House passed a sweeping new business tax that is the key component of Perry's proposal to cut school property taxes.

The new tax would expand the franchise tax, paid now by only a

relative handful of businesses, to all corporations and limited liability partnerships with annual revenues in excess of \$300,000.

But the most important task facing legislators is providing a system for school boards across the state to have meaningful discretion when they set local property tax rates, Anderson said. Currently, there is a \$1.50 per \$100 assessed value maintenance and operations tax cap, and with most districts at or near the cap, they have little or no opportunity to raise additional revenue.

"When you boil it down, that's what the Texas Supreme Court ruling is all about, and that's what the special session is all about," he said. "At the end of the session, the question will be whether meaningful discretion has been established. If the answer is yes, we'll all feel better about it."

Anderson observed that in an election year, citizen frustration with the Legislature, which failed in its regular session and two previous special sessions to agree on a new school funding and tax plan, is running high. Now, Perry and leaders in the House and Senate are cooperating better than they have since Perry took office in 2001, he said.

The burden of funding public schools has gradually shifted to local taxpayers as the state provides funding for less and less of districts' budgets, Anderson noted. In Cy-Fair ISD, only 27 percent of district funds come from the state, Superintendent David Anthony told those gathered.

"All we ask of our residents is that they stay informed about the issues," Anthony said.

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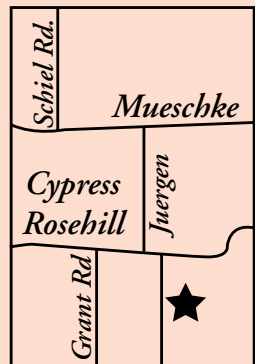
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### Two Summer Children's Shows Set

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### Check out the Art Gallery

This special summer Student Invitational Exhibition, set June 6

through July 20, features the work of Cy-Fair College's advanced credit and continuing education students. A reception is set for 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. June 8 in the Center for the Arts Gallery, located at 9191 Barker Cypress. Call 281-290-5273 for gallery hours and information.

### Free Summer Film Class begins June 7

The Cy-Fair College Summer Film Series is a continuing education course called Film Appreciation. The series is presented at no charge. A professor at the college hosts each film and an in-depth discussion after the movie. The Summer Series will start June 7 at 7 p.m. with "The Apartment," the first of four films from Hollywood director Billy Wilder. The rest of the series has great variety with a foreign musical, comedies and dramas from 1968-2001. Registration is available at all the film events. All films are shown at the Barker Cypress campus in ART 102. For information, call 281-290-3257, e-mail [robert.obrien@nhmccd.edu](mailto:robert.obrien@nhmccd.edu) or visit [http://faculty.nhmccd.edu/robobrien/Film\\_Series.html](http://faculty.nhmccd.edu/robobrien/Film_Series.html).

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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.) Programs range from cooking and gardening tips to music, painting and woodworking lessons to cultural topics such as calligraphy and a Japanese Tea Ceremony, to

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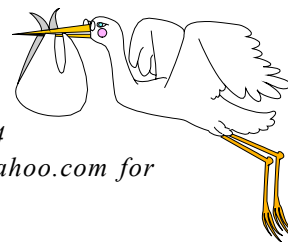
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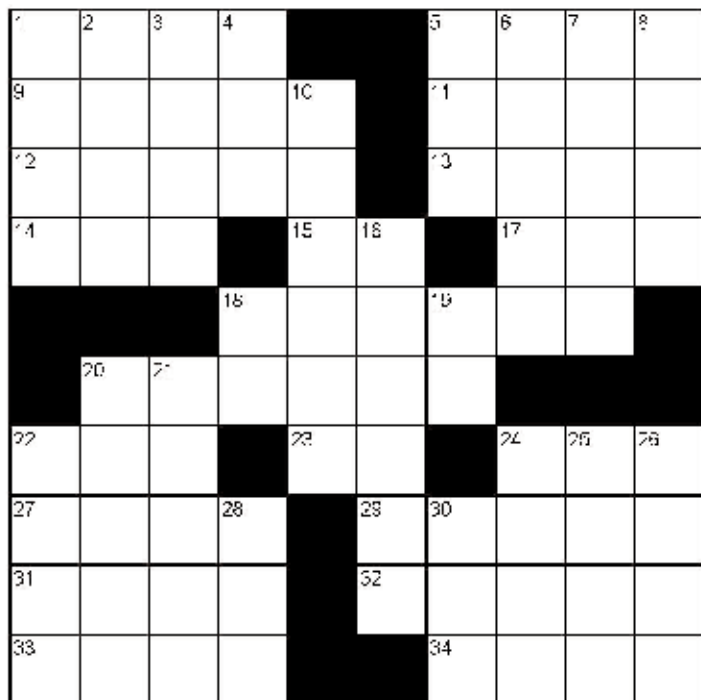


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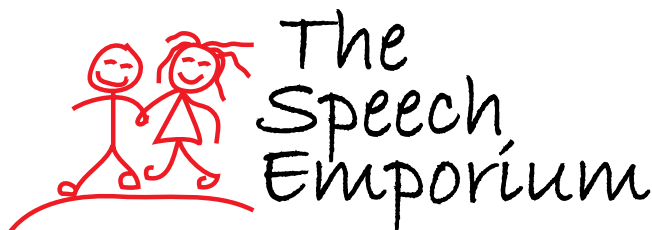
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VBS "Artic Edge" for ages 4-grade 5, on July 9-13 from 6:45 to 8:30 pm. Registration is online at [www.fairfieldbaptist.com](http://www.fairfieldbaptist.com). Silent Auction fundraiser begins June 4-18. Check it out in the foyer.

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Parents Encouraging Parents (PEP) meets Tuesday, June 13 at "Presto's" (next to Dominos) in Fairfield.

Men's Quest Bible study meets each Wednesday at 6:00 am at Chick-Fil-A.

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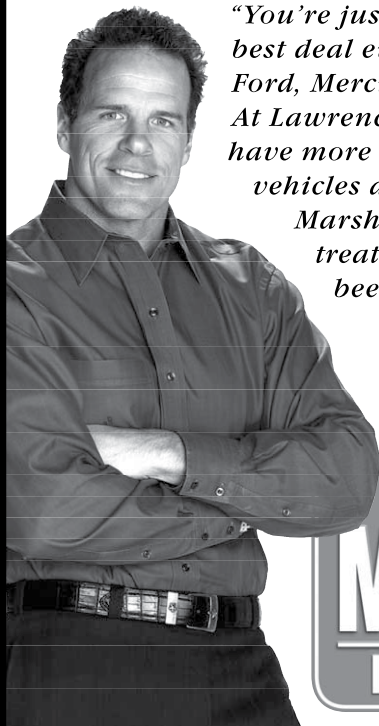
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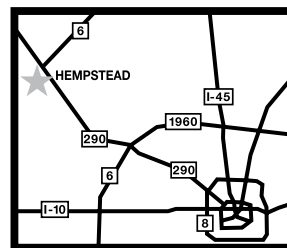
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| \$120,000-149,999 | 5        | 6        | 1        | 3        | 8         | 8        |
| \$100,000-119,999 | 0        | 0        | 1        | 0        | 2         | 0        |
| \$100,000 Below   | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>      | <b>6</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>3</b> | <b>4</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>9</b> |
| Highest \$/Sq Ft  | 75.87    | 70.30    | 63.83    | 75.06    | 76.66     | 77.60    |

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

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## FF Baptist Church- (Continued from Page 18)

'06 Summer Schedule:

Sunday 9:45 am—Sunday Morning Connection Rally's, 11:00 am—Worship, 6:00 pm—Free Shipping (student worship/study)

Monday 6:00 pm MOB (Monday Outreach Blast) Education building

Tuesday 11:00 am-1:00 pm—Swim Garden Grove Pool

Wednesday 6:00 pm—Halftime in the Education Building

Thursday 11:00 am-1:00 pm—Swim Inwood Park Pool

Friday 6:00 pm-RAK (Random Acts of Kindness)/fun feature following

No "Big Wednesday" or "Freaky Friday" Scheduled for June and July

### Ongoing

God's Little Angels MDO is a two-day a week preschool program. We offer Tuesday and Thursday classes from 9 am to 2 pm, August through May. MDO fall orientation is August 22. School resumes August 24. For information about enrolling your child for Fall 2006, contact Jenny Cunningham at 281-373-5446 or jenny.cunningham@fairfieldbaptist.com.

AWANA will resume in August. Call 281-373-5446 for more information or check our website at [www.fairfieldbaptist.com](http://www.fairfieldbaptist.com).

## Services

Fairfield Baptist Church has Worship Services and Bible Study for all ages at 9:45 and 11:00 am. Our Adult Small Groups meet Sunday morning and off-campus throughout the week. Call for times and locations.

## Location

We are located at 27240 Hwy 290 between Mueschke and Mason Roads. Due to road construction, check our website for current access directions. For more information call us at 281-373-5446 or email us at [info@fairfieldbaptist.com](mailto:info@fairfieldbaptist.com). Visit our website for current information on all activities, directions, events and schedule updates at [www.fairfieldbaptist.com](http://www.fairfieldbaptist.com). Come check us out!

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## Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

### June Events

|                  |             |                                    |
|------------------|-------------|------------------------------------|
| June 3rd         | 8:00 am     | Monthly Men's Breakfast            |
| June 4th         | 8:30 am     | Confirmation Sunday Service        |
| June 4th         | 12:30 pm    | Covered Dish Celebration           |
| June 5th – 9th   | 9:00 – Noon | JUMMP Mission Trip                 |
| June 11th – 22nd | 7:00 pm     | Brazil Mission Trip                |
| June 12th – 16th |             | Vacation Bible School              |
| June 23rd        |             | Ladies Overnight                   |
| June 23rd        |             | Rick Ivey's Ordination Celebration |

We are proud to announce a celebration in honor of our Associate Pastor, Rick Ivey's ordination. We will host a covered dish event on Sunday, June 4 at 12:30 pm following our late service. The United Methodist Men have graciously offered to provide meat so we are asking each family to bring a dish or two to share.

Those who have names beginning with the letters A—L should bring a casserole or vegetable dish and letters M—Z should bring salad, bread, or fruit. Dessert, drinks, and paper products will be provided.

### Saturday Nights in June

Is the Bible really from God if it was written by man? Do Christians believe in reincarnation? What does the church do with my money? If you have questions like these we want you to come to

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church Saturday Nights in June for F.A.Q's, a series of nights that answers your questions on God, the Bible, church, and Jesus. You can submit you own questions by visiting the Common Grounds section of [www.goodchurch.us](http://www.goodchurch.us).

### Women's Summer Bible Study

Who are you...on the inside? Are you growing into the image of Christ? Or are you far from being all you want to be in the Lord? If you've ever wondered how you can truly change, now there's hope. Jesus invites you to stop trying to develop godliness through your own efforts and to start relying on the indwelling Holy Spirit. Join us on Tuesday evenings beginning June 13th at 7:00 pm in Room 211 as we take a look at Kay Arthur's "Lord, Only You Can Change Me". This 9 -week study will guide us through the Beatitudes and the Sermon on the Mount so we can begin living a truly transformed life. For more info, contact Cynthia Blackshear at 281.304.0869 or [cblackshear@houston.rr.com](mailto:cblackshear@houston.rr.com).

Women Wanted! – Mark your calendar for Friday, June 23rd for a Spiritual Sleepover at Good Shepherd! This will be a great time of fellowship and FUN! We will have several activities going on all night and will conclude with breakfast on Saturday morning.

We plan to start with praise and worship in the Sanctuary at 7 pm followed by an icebreaker, then supper of pizza, hot dogs, popcorn. After dinner we will enjoy games, movies, crafts,

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scrapbooking, karaoke and of course, talking and giggling far into the night. We will even have fun with a scavenger hunt! Midnight ice cream sundaes along with lots of junk food snacks all night long will complete the night of leisure. Bring your cot or air mattress and comfy PJ's. Cost will be \$10 per person. For more info please contact Aynne Daugherty at 281.373.1822.

## Stephen Ministry Milestone – Two Years of Service

The Stephen Ministry of GSUMC celebrates a milestone this month. Our first class of trained lay ministers was commissioned in June of 2004 and our second in June of 2005.

Stephen Ministry is comprised of trained lay people from within our membership to provide one-to-one Christian care and spiritual support to hurting people in and around our congregation. In addition to 50 hours of initial training, our lay ministers participate in 18 hours of continuing education each year to remain equipped to provide Spiritual support to those in need.

If you or someone you know could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, please contact Noreen Kennedy in the church office. All inquiries and care will be confidential.

YOUTH: Visit our new youth only web site at [www.gsmyouth.net](http://www.gsmyouth.net) for the latest youth news and events.

## Youth Services

The following Cypress Mill Students are interested in helping you with babysitting (B), pet walking or care (P), vehicle washing (VW), or doing yard work (Y) for extra money.

|                       |    |        |                             |
|-----------------------|----|--------|-----------------------------|
| Lorraine Aguilar      |    | B      | 281-304-8050                |
| Kathryne Andreo       | 15 | B,P    | 281-304-9876                |
| Elenor Bender         | 16 | B,P    | 281-373-4397                |
| Lance Brooks          | 14 | B,P,Y  | 281-304-8077                |
| Michelle Bryant       | 16 | B      | 281-304-8873                |
| Nicky Burgess         | 15 | B,P,Y  | 281-373-4070                |
| Cinjin Casillas       | 15 | B,P,VW | 281-256-0837                |
| Katie Colvin          | 16 | B,P    | 281-785-2460                |
| Chelsea Ewen          | 14 | B      | 281-256-3113                |
| Brittanie Hammer      | 13 | B      | 281-304-0592                |
| Brittany Hammet       | 18 | B,P    | 281-304-7460                |
| Katherine Ingram      | 15 | B      | 281-304-4406                |
| Heather Koehn         | 14 | B      | 281- 373-4231, 281-304-4406 |
| Katelynn Kenley       | 12 | P      | 712-540-9671                |
| Teri Lyles            | 15 | B      | 281-304-0359                |
| Tori Lyles            | 18 | B      | 281-304-0359                |
| Megan Michelletti +   | 15 | B      | 281-256-0131                |
| Merissa Michelletti + | 16 | B      | 281-256-0131                |
| Zaara Qazi            | 13 | B      | 832-515-7670                |
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### Dawn Fore's Cypress Mill Market Report

| Neighborhood            | 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter |             |     | Current |         |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|-----|---------|---------|
|                         | Sold                    | \$ per SqFt | DOM | Avail   | Pending |
| Cypress Mill Sec 1      | 1                       | \$60.70     | 162 | 5       | 0       |
| Cypress Mill Sec 2      | 4                       | \$57.31     | 118 | 2       | 2       |
| Cypress Mill Sec 3      | 3                       | \$60.14     | 141 | 4       | 0       |
| Cypress Mill Park Sec 1 | 1                       | \$77.07     | 61  | 2       | 0       |
| Cypress Mill Park Sec 2 | 8                       | \$56.55     | 85  | 5       | 2       |
| Cypress Mill Park Sec 3 | 0                       | -           | -   | 2       | 0       |
| Cypress Mill Park Sec 4 | 0                       | -           | -   | 2       | 0       |
| Cypress Mill Park Sec 5 | 2                       | \$63.52     | 111 | 0       | 0       |
| Cypress Mill Estates 1  | 2                       | \$64.76     | 104 | 4       | 0       |
| Cypress Mill Estates 2  | 0                       | -           | -   | 2       | 1       |
| Cypress Mill Estates 3  | 0                       | -           | -   | 2       | 0       |
| Cypress Mill Estates 4  | 0                       | -           | -   | 1       | 0       |

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