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**GARAGE
SALE**

**Saturday
May 12th
8:00 a.m.
Rain or Shine**

SPRING COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Saturday, May 12th • 8:00 a.m. • Rain or Shine

It's Garage Sale time – so clean out your garages and attics and make some money! There will need to be at least 90 families registered and paid by April 29th for Riata Ranch to have its garage sale (per HOA rules). Otherwise the garage sale will have to be cancelled.

There are 2 ways to register: either email your registration information (name, street address and home phone number) to RiataRanchGarageSale@yahoo.com or call Bobbie McKeon at 281-851-8332.

You can register on-line or by phone any time from now up through April 29th. There will also be an in-person registration session on April 29th at the pool area. At that time you will pay your \$5 registration fee (if you haven't already), pick up your Garage Sale sign and find out any last minute details. The registration fee covers the cost of advertising.

Important Dates:

Now through April 29th – On-line and telephone registration (see info above)

April 29th, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. – In-person registration at the pool (see info above)

April 29th – Registration deadline

May 12th, 8:00 a.m. – Garage Sale

FYI: The HOA rules state that private garage sales are not allowed. Community garage sales are okay as long as they are a community sponsored event and meet the minimum participants requirement.

Riata Ranch Homeowners Association, Inc. POOL SEASON

The 2007 Swim Season will begin Saturday, May 5, 2007. 2007 Pool Tags will be required for admittance. The pool will be open the following days in 2007:

DAYS: May 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 & 27
May 27 through August 26
September 1, 2, 3

The pool will be open when a lifeguard is on duty during the following hours:

HOURS: Monday	Closed*
Tuesday	10:00 am to 8:00 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am to 8:00 pm
Thursday	10:00 am to 8:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am to 8:00 pm
Saturday	10:00 am to 8:00 pm
Sunday	12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Special Hours:

Memorial Day (May 28) 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Labor Day (September 3) 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

*(Closed on Tuesday if Holiday falls on a Monday)

All homeowners must fill out a 2007 Registration form and return to SCS to arrive no later than April 16, 2007.

Your 2007 pool tags will be sent in the quantity you indicate on the form.

If you are new to Riata Ranch since last year's pool season, please fill out the enclosed Pool Registration form to have pool tags, at no charge, mailed to your home.

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**Pool Registration Form on Page 3*

Don't want to wait for the mail?
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Pool Season - (Continued from Cover Page)

The following qualifications must be met in order to use the pool facility:

1. Tags must be worn at all times while at the pool
2. You must be a member of the Association. Members may invite two guests per tag holder.
3. Members must be current on all Maintenance Fees in order to receive the tags.
4. Tags are not necessary for children under the age of six.
5. Tags are issued to full-time household members as listed on your application.

Forms received May 1st or later will incur a processing fee of \$10.00 per household. Your tags will be given or mailed to you, upon receipt of your application and the \$10.00 processing fee.

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IF RENTER, OWNER'S NAME: _____

OWNER'S ADDRESS: _____

PLEASE LIST NAMES OF ALL FAMILY MEMBERS RESIDING FULL TIME AT PROPERTY:

Name	Age	Hair	Eyes	Height	Medical/Allergy
List family members under the age of six:					

NOTE: CHILDREN FIVE AND UNDER NEED TO BE LISTED ON THE FORM, BUT DO NOT REQUIRE A POOL TAG. POOL TAGS ARE FOR ALL FAMILY MEMBERS THAT ARE SIX OR OLDER.

Please provide the desired quantity you are requesting in the appropriate blank: _____ New tags are needed.

PLEASE LIST AN EMERGENCY CONTACT:

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PHONE#: _____

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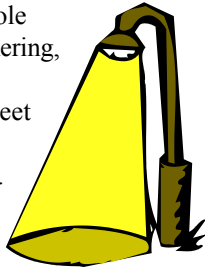
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Don't drive around in the dark! Report it. It's easy. Just call 713-207-2222 and list the following:

- The pole number, which is stenciled on the pole
- The nature of the problem; completely out, flickering, etc.
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Or you can report it on the internet. Go to www.riataranch.net and click on "Report Street Light Outages".



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Men with trucks are needed on Saturdays to pick up heavy furniture donations and return them to CAM. We have had to pass up good quality furniture because we are unable to manage pick-ups without volunteer help. If you can lift, (having a truck is a plus) and would like to donate a Saturday morning once a month, please e-mail Kelly at cam-kelly@sbcglobal.net

Due to the recent Peter Pan Peanut Butter recall, the CAM Food Pantry is in need of Peanut butter, and we ALWAYS need jelly!

Angels' Attic Resale Shop carries a wide variety of clothing, boutique and specialty items, housewares and new jewelry. Please stop by and pick up a current sale calendar. Proceeds from purchases at Angels' Attic benefit the ministry services and Food Pantry at CAM.

Donations to CAM assist in benefiting families in need and can be made Monday through Wednesday -10AM – 6PM and Thursday through Saturday -10AM – 3 PM. Furniture in good condition would be greatly appreciated.

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BUTTERFLY FAMILY FESTIVAL

Messiah Lutheran Church is hosting a Butterfly Family Festival on Sunday, April 22, 12-3 PM. The event will include a barbecue lunch, a silent auction, a raffle, and games and activities for all ages. The days' events will benefit Chrysalis, A Grace Place for Children, featuring Christian preschool, after school, and summer camp programs. Bring the whole family to see the butterfly release, eat some great food, and have some fun! Messiah Lutheran Church is a grace place, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Messiah is located at 11522 Telge Road, ½ mile north of Highway 290. Regular worship times are at 8 and 10:30 AM on Sundays. The Education Hour is 9:15-10:15 AM on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or www.messiahlc.org. All people are welcome at Messiah.



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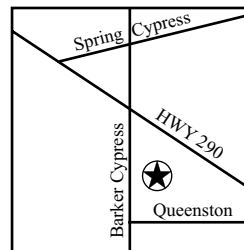
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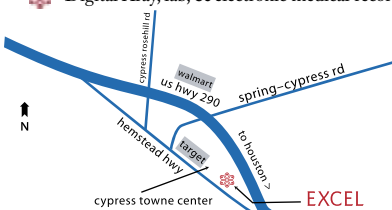
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Spring is in the air and energy abounds at Cypress Christian School. We invite you to join us as we celebrate “the arts” and “the students”! All events are free!

Middle School Musical – “Anchors Away”

This upbeat musical, based on the adventures of Noah and the Ark, will rock your boat! Please join us for one or more of the performances scheduled on April 19, 20 and 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Drama Room of the school.

Fine Arts Festival

From drama to music to art, this evening will fill the cultural void in your life as students showcase their talents for all in attendance. This event will be held in the multi-use facility of CCS on Friday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Prospective Student Visitor Day

Wednesday, April 11 from 9:00 a.m. to

2:00 p.m.

Students considering CCS in the fall may attend school all or part of the day. Call the Admissions Office at 281-469-7745 for more information.

Kindergarten Graduation

Kindergarten parents will cheer as their student graduates to first grade. We encourage parents of future kindergartners to join us on Thursday, May 22 at 7:00 p.m. for a glimpse of the future! The ceremony will be held in the multi-use facility on campus.

High School Graduation

It will be celebration time as CCS seniors finally cross the stage! The ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 27 at 2:30 p.m. at Cypress Bible Church and will be one of the most meaningful events of the year.

Copperfield Sun: *Brightening your day or trashing your neighborhood?*

There have been several complaints about the Copperfield Sun newspaper creating an eyesore in Riata Ranch. Currently, the residents in Riata Ranch receive a free copy of the weekly distributed newspaper. Many of these copies lay in our streets for an extended period of time creating a trashy look to our neighborhood. The Riata Ranch Home Owners Association (HOA) is considering a termination of the Copperfield Sun delivery in Riata Ranch. Before any action is taken on this matter the HOA board would like your opinion. Please e-mail editor@riataranch.net or call SCS Management at (281) 463-1777 and state whether you would like to keep receiving the Copperfield Sun or terminate the delivery of the newspaper.

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Prom Attire Available to CFISD Teens in Need

The Cy-Fair College Branch Library and the Cy-Fair Independent School District are working together again on a Prom Dress Drive to benefit teens in need in the seven high schools in the district. Dresses will be available for teens in need to try on and take home at no charge from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Saturdays April 14, April 21 and April 28 in the library, room 131 as well as by appointment. For information on the Prom Dress Drive, contact organizers Nancy Flanakin at meaford8510@yahoo.com or teen librarian Elise Sheppard at 281-290-5248.

Fourth Annual International Education Conference Set April 20

The Fourth Annual International Education Conference, set 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Friday, April 20 at the Barker Cypress campus, focuses on the theme of Global Change: Political, Philosophical, Physical, and is open to community members. The conference keynote speaker is Ann Jones, author of "Kabul in Winter: Life Without Peace in Afghanistan." The opening speaker is a Dr. Al Dirbiji, Fulbright Visiting Specialist, Yemen, who will speak on Arabic literature and the gender gap. The conference includes a variety of presentations on international topics, several exhibitors, a student poster contest, and a sampling of ethnic foods. A luncheon is included with the registration fee. For information, go to www.nhmccd.edu/goto/ips.

Great Decisions Discussion Topic April 17 is Climate Change

The Cy-Fair College spring panelist discussion series titled "Great Decisions" is open to the community and covers topics affecting our lives, economy, politics and world. The spring series wraps up Tuesday, April 17 at 7 p.m. with "Climate Change." How much are human practices contributing to substantial and irreversible changes to the environment? What effect are changes to the climate having in different areas of the planet? What response can the international community adopt to lessen the impact of dramatic climate change? For information, call 281-290-3246 or 281-290-3919.

Third Annual Chili Family Fest and Cook-Off April 14

Cy-Fair College Emergency Services Education Center's "Chili Family Fest" is an annual fund-raising event that includes something for everyone in the family. Among the attractions are the chili cook off, children's activities, fire trucks, live entertainment, concessions, raffle and Life Flight helicopter as well as the Firefighter Combat Challenge which tests the cadets' skills in various competitions. All proceeds benefit the Cy-Fair College Emergency Services Scholarship Fund. For information, call Phyllis Hahn at 281-290-5900.

Check out the Student Talent on Display in the Bosque Gallery

The Cy-Fair College Spring Student Art Exhibition showcases

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the talent and skill of current art students as well as the breadth and sophistication of the art program. The exhibition is on display April 10 through May 3 with an artist reception at 4:30 p.m. April 12. Call 832-482-1038 for gallery hours and information or go to www.cyfaircollege.com/goto/bosquegallery.

Check out the Center for the Arts Events

For those who enjoy theatre, "The Laramie Project" is set for April 19 through April 29. For the musically inclined, the Spring Orchestra Concert is set April 30 with a Jazz Band performance set May 2. Then a choral production "Camelot" is set May 10 - May 12. For tickets and information on these performances, call 281-290-5201 or go online to www.cy-faircollege.com/goto/cfcboxoffice.

Teacher Certification Information Session April 16

Thinking of making a career change? Enter the teaching profession through the Alternative Certification Program at Cy-Fair College. An information session on this program and the Associate of Arts in Teaching degree program will be held April 16. Call 281-290-3957 or go to www.cy-faircollege.com/goto/tcp for information.

Teen Driver's Education Class Starts April 16

Cy-Fair College now offers teen-agers age 15 to 17 the in-classroom part of driver's education in preparation for the Texas Department of Public Safety's exam for a learner's permit. Parents are responsible for the in-car instruction. Students will receive a certificate of completion

after finishing 32 hours of in-class training. This course is available from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. or 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday beginning April 16. Class sizes are limited and registration is under way. Call 281-290-5273 for information.

Alcohol Awareness Month of Events Set Throughout April

Alcohol Awareness Month will feature an information fair in the library April 2 through April 30. Activities throughout the month will include a student essay and poster contest, MADD town hall meeting, flag decorating memoriam, several discussions, a game show event, a film and more. For event information, go to www.cy-faircollege.com/goto/alcoholawareness.

Library Hosts Free Tax Help and Dispute Resolution Services

Free tax help will be available through April 12 at the Cy-Fair College Branch Library, Room 131. AARP Tax-Aide volunteers will be on site noon to 4 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays to assist low-income families. Accounting students will also offer tax assistance from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Mondays. Free alternative dispute resolution services are also now available weekly at the library. Staff from the Dispute Resolution Center of Harris County is on hand from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. each Thursday to discuss the conflict and set up appointments for mediation.

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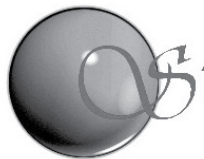
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By: Dr. Asim Sundrani

Hello Friends

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Why do gums bleed?

The main reason the gums bleed is due to plaque being left in the crevices of the gums. Plaque occurs when living bacteria feed off your gums due to food or debris being left there. These bacteria colonize and irritate the gums.

This plaque eventually becomes hard as a rock, which we call calculus. Once it becomes calculus, you won't be able to remove it. Only a dentist will be able to. This calculus can play a big part in the gums receding.

Some other reasons gums can bleed is due to brushing very hard with a toothbrush. Another reason can be due to people using toothpicks, which can severely damage the gums.

If you suffer from bleeding gums see your dentist immediately. They can prevent gum disease from ever taking place and, worse, spreading.

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Personal Classified Ads

The RANCH REVIEW runs personal classified ads that are FREE to residents. If you would like to place and add, please email your submission to editor@riataranch.net.

Your submission must be received by the 10th of the prior month. For example, you must have your request submitted by December 10th in order for it to appear in January's newsletter.

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Teenage Job Seekers:

(B=Babysitting, Pt = Pet care, Pl = Plant Care, H= House Care, L= Lawn Care)

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Teenage Job Seekers

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Signature _____

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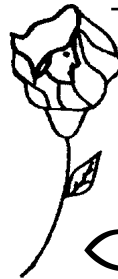
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VIPS Get Pinned

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Volunteers in Cy-Fair ISD got "Pinned" at the most recent General Board meeting. Each year, the VIPS Executive Board designs a pin based on the theme for that year. The theme for the 2006-2007 school year is "Volunteers - Building for the Future". This theme was based on part on the growth and construction of new schools in our district.

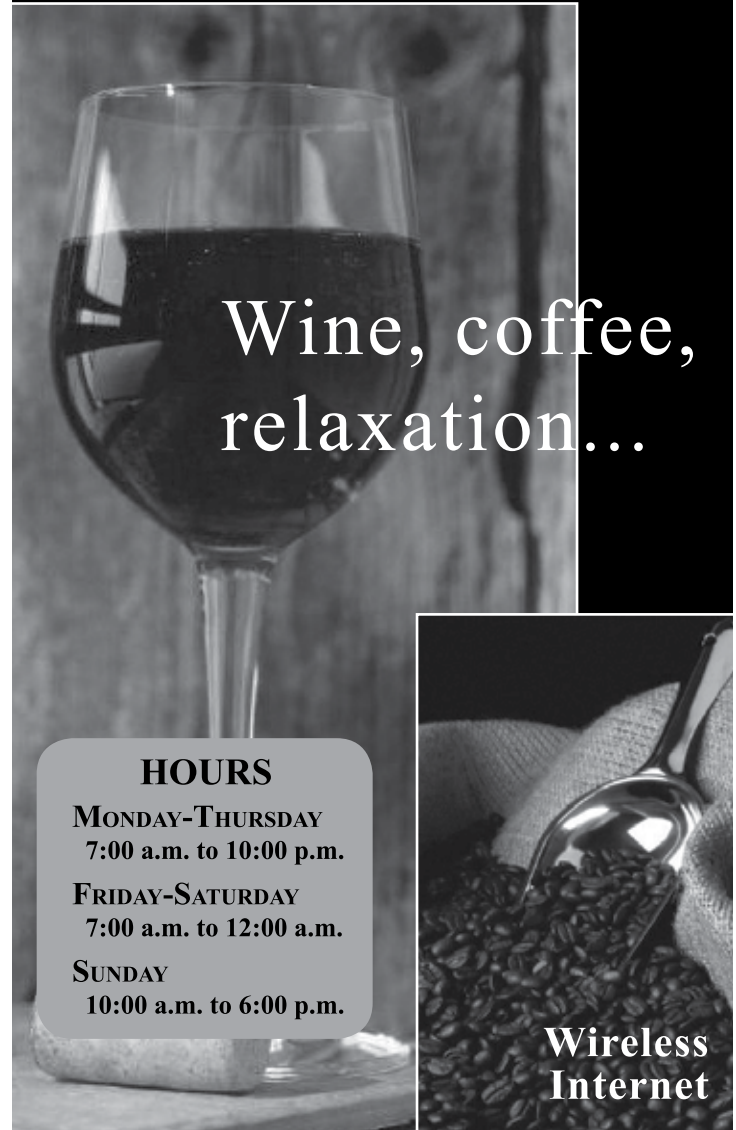
The pin is given to volunteers from their home schools as a token of appreciation for the time they have given in support of students and staff. Each year, volunteers wait in anticipation to see what the new pin will look like. Volunteers collect and wear their pins from each year with pride and fond memories of their involvement in the district and how they have shared their gifts of time in our schools.

If you would like to be a part of the Cy-Fair ISD volunteer program, please contact the Partners in Education office for more information at 281-894-3950.

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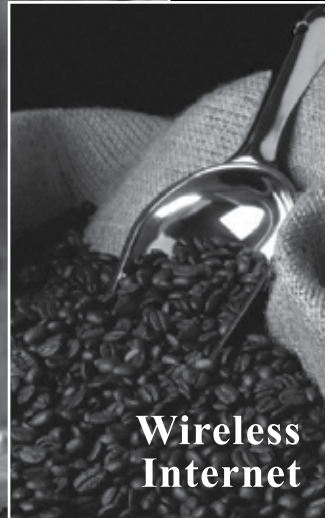
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Mini Cheesecakes

- 12 vanilla wafers
- ½ C sugar
- 1 8 oz. packages cream cheese, softened
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 eggs

Line muffin tin with foil liners.

Place one vanilla wafer in each liner. Mix cream cheese, vanilla, and sugar on medium speed until well-blended. Add eggs. Mix well. Pour over wafers, filling 3/4 full. Bake 25 min. at 325°.

Remove from pan when cool. Chill. Top with fruit, preserves, nuts or chocolate.

Classified Ads

Personal classifieds (one time sell items, such as a used bike...) run at no charge to Riata Ranch residents, limit 30 words, please e-mail editor@riataranch.net.

Business classifieds (offering a service or product line for profit) are \$45, limit 40 words, please contact Peel, Inc. Sales @ 512-989-8905 or advertising@PEELinc.com.

Vacation Watch

At your request, the Harris County Sheriff's Department will put your house on VACATION WATCH. Just go to www.riataranch.net and look for the Vacation Watch form in the FORMS and DOCS section.

Your completed form will need to be submitted to the Sheriff's Department 7 days prior to departure, or just call 713-221-6000.

This Is Your Newsletter!

Do you have an idea or suggestion for the newsletter? Want to submit a photo, article, or both? It's easy!! Email the editor at editor@riataranch.net. Articles for the newsletter are finalized on the 10th of the preceding month. So if you get your ideas in before the deadline, you should see them in the very next month's newsletter.

We are glad to hear all of the positive feedback and we intend to continue to improving the look and feel of the newsletter according to what you tell us. So get as involved as you like! We look forward to hearing from you.

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Section 2	1	-	-	-	-
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Section 6	2	-	-	-	-
Section 7	1	-	-	-	-
Section 8	3	1	2	110	72.89
Section 9	2	1	-	-	-
Section 10	4	-	-	-	-
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