

# The Village Gazette

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## Pool Days

Just a reminder that the pool is open Tuesdays – Sundays, 6 a.m. – 9 p.m., and life guards are on duty noon – 8 p.m. The splash pad is open Thursdays – Tuesdays, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Please do not try to enter the pool on Monday's. Monday's are reserved for chemical maintenance, meaning heavy amounts of chemicals are put directly into the water, making it unsafe for anyone to enter. If anyone is seen in the pool on a Monday, with the exception of holidays, the constable's office will be called for trespassing.

Also, in the past there have been reports of vandalism in the pool restrooms, and the reports are already starting this swim season. It is important to take care of the restrooms by flushing toilets and using trash cans. Not only does it keep the restroom area clean, but it will in turn keep the entire pool area cleaner.

Should you have any questions or problems to report about the pool area, please email [tallyj@chaparralmanagement.com](mailto:tallyj@chaparralmanagement.com) or call 281-586-7116.

## Pet Owners

Pet owners; please keep your pets on leashes when walking in the neighborhood, as a courtesy to others. Also, take care to pick up after your pooch if they leave a gift in someone else's yard or in any common area. No one likes to see, smell or step in those gifts!



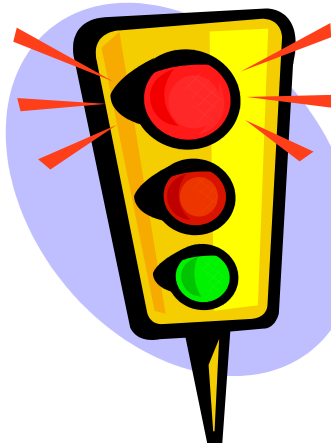
## Traffic Signal on it's Way

Many residents have had questions regarding the installation of a traffic signal at the entrance the Village Creek. Below is response received from Precinct 4:

"A traffic signal warrant study was performed on Spring Cypress Road at Village Creek Trail, based on the criteria set forth by the Texas Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, and the study results indicate a traffic signal is warranted at this location. Please note, because of the number of signals warranted in Precinct 4, signal projects are designed and installed once funds become available. In this specific case, the signal may be installed in conjunction with the future widening of Spring Cypress Road. However, public safety is very important to Commissioner Eversole; therefore, the Capital

Improvement Projects Division will monitor the timelines associated with the future widening and see that the signal installation moves forward at the most opportune time."

Your concerns have been heard and have made a difference. For further questions regarding this project contact our Community Assistance Department at 281-353-8424, or visit the website at [www.hcp4.net](http://www.hcp4.net).



## Yard of the Month



*12526 Willow Breeze was the yard of the month for May.  
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## The Seniors of Village Creek

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**Ashley Christopher** graduated from Tomball High School. She has been involved in many activities throughout high school, including being a member of the junior varsity Tennis team and the varsity Cross Country/Track team. In addition she was a member of the Spanish Honor Society and FCCLA. Ashley will be attending Texas Christian University in Fort Worth in the fall.



**Lindsey Lohberg** graduated from Tomball High School. During her high school career she was a member of the National Honor Society, played soccer for Tomball for three years and played Pursuit soccer for three years. Lindsey will be attending the University of Texas at Austin in the fall, where she will begin her studies in architectural engineering.



**Alison Randall** graduated with honors from Tomball High School. Previous to her move to Tomball in her junior year, Alison attended Albany High School in Albany, Minnesota, where she was captain of her freshmen and JV volleyball teams and vice-president of her class her freshmen and sophomore years. Alison was also nominated by her teachers and peers to attend the Northern Stars leadership conference where she represented her Minnesota high school. Junior year, Alison was named All-District Academic in volleyball and represented Tomball High School at Texas Girls' State the summer entering senior year and has remained active in National Honor Society. Next year she will be attending the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, where she plans to study engineering. She looks forward to further developing her leadership skills at West Point and becoming an officer in the United States Army.



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# Village Creek Market Report

Courtesy of "DAVID FLORY"

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

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\$350,000 +	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$300,000 - 349,999	1	0	0	0	0	0
\$250,000 - 299,999	0	0	0	2	4	0
\$200,000 - 249,999	1	2	2	2	3	1
\$160,000 - 199,999	2	2	0	3	1	0
\$160,000 -	1	1	0	0	2	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Highest \$/Sq Ft</b>	<b>87.79</b>	<b>80.34</b>	<b>67.92</b>	<b>78.61</b>	<b>91.09</b>	<b>68.82</b>

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It has been reported that vandals are taking advantage of some of our residents. Cars are being driven through yards, eggs are being thrown at cars and property and thrash is being dispersed throughout the neighborhood.

Please be aware of these actions and report any suspicious or reckless behavior to the constable's office. If at all possible, be prepared with descriptions or license plate numbers, as any information will be helpful in stopping the vandalism.

The constable's office can be reached 24 hours a day at 281-376-3472.



## The Pearl Days Bus Trip to the Museum of Fine Arts Houston

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts-Cypress Creek is offering northwest residents a bus excursion to the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston on Friday, June 29, 2007.

The MFAH is currently showcasing several exhibits including: The Great Wall of China: Photographs by Chen Changfen, Arms and Armor from the Ancient World and Fit for a King: English Silver from the Collection of Geroge S. Heyer, Jr.

Participants will have the opportunity to attend a private docent-conducted tour of the exhibition at 10:30 a.m. as well as the noon Lunchtime Tour of Highlights of the European Galleries.

The bus leaves the parking lot behind the Cypress Creek Christian Church/Barbara Bush Library at 6815 Cypresswood Drive promptly at 9:00 a.m. Participants must be 50 years of age or older to ride the bus. If you are under the age of 50, we encourage you to carpool and meet the bus at MFAH. The Pearl Days Bus Trip is sponsored by the Volunteer organization for The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts-Cypress Creek. A \$5.00 non-refundable donation to The Pearl Fincher MFA will reserve your seat.

It's your museum! The renovation process of turning what once was the Harris County Library into a world class museum of fine arts is underway. Don't miss your chance to become a part of this exciting time. Participating in Pearl Days is one way you can show your support of our new museum. Don't miss the bus! Reserve your seat today by calling Laura Barousse at 281-370-5474 or Judi Redilla at 281-469-3434.

Visit online at [www.pearlmma.org](http://www.pearlmma.org) to find out more ways you can support The Pearl and about upcoming events.

## Cancer Counseling, Inc Support Group Comes to Cypress

A support group for cancer patients and caregivers is beginning on Thursday, June 14 at 7 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church in Cypress, 11522 Telge Road, one-half mile north of Highway 290. The group will be led by licensed therapists from Cancer Counseling, Inc, a non-profit organization located near the Medical Center, 713-520-9873. Messiah Lutheran is hosting a satellite group of Cancer Counseling for folks in the Cypress area who need some support and who don't need another drive to the Medical Center. The group will be ongoing, meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings of the month. The meetings are FREE, and all people in the community who are dealing with cancer are invited. Questions? Call 281-890-3013, and ask for Lynette.



### Request Changes

If you would like to request the addition of stop signs or traffic lights, visit [www.hcp4.net/cad/index.htm](http://www.hcp4.net/cad/index.htm). This is the website where you can make these requests known. It is also the place to request street repairs and other needs for our community.

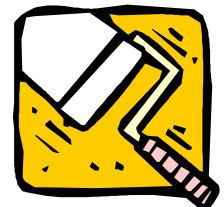
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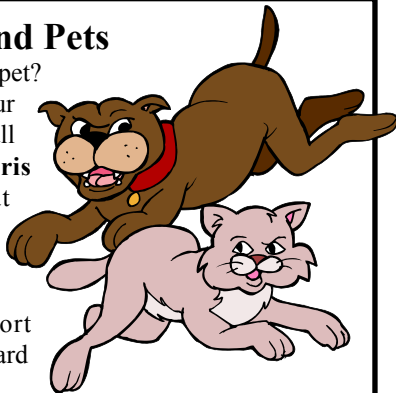
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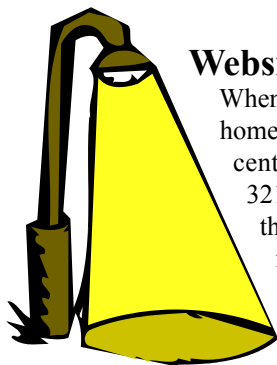


## Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

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	6	5	1					
				2		4		
8			6					
				7	9	3		
		6	4	8			5	
9	2		3			1		
4	5			6			7	

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## Website for Street Light Outages

When there is a street light that is out near your home, please report these to the website [www.centerpointenergy.com/outage](http://www.centerpointenergy.com/outage) or 713-923-3213. You will need the home address near the street light that is in question and the number located on the pole. Help keep our neighborhood safe!

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DON'T FORGET YOUR SWIMSUIT for fun and games at the pool following the parade. This will be fun for the whole family!

*Don't want to wait for the mail?*

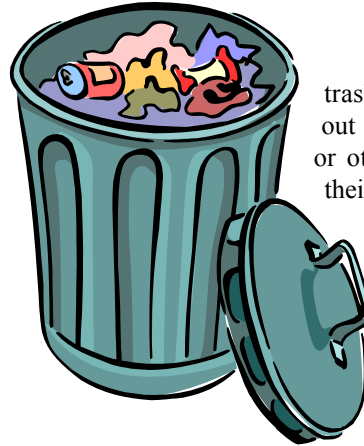
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## Summer Camps at Cypress Christian School

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**Camp Invention - June 4 - 8:** This is a week-long summer enrichment program in the fields of science, mathematics, history, and the arts for children entering grades 1 - 6.

**Computer Explorers Summer Camp - June 11 - 15:** During this week-long summer camp, elementary students will discover how to become Master Builders with hands-on exploration of engineering, construction, and programming.

**High Touch - High Tech Science Camp - June 18- 22:** This is a one-week session that brings a child's imagination to life as he/she enjoys a variety of interactive, science-related activities. It will be an inspiring week of fun and learning!

**St. Thomas University Summer Reading Enrichment Program - June-August:** CCS will host this program again this summer. It is scheduled to run from June to early August and is available to children and adults.

### Sports Camps - June-July:

- Volleyball Camps - Most Mondays and Fridays from June 4 through July 30
  - Students of all grade levels are encouraged to attend to improve skill levels and knowledge of the game.
  - All grade levels through grade 8 (2007-2008) - 5:30 to 7:00 pm (Students in grades 6-8 can qualify for the Advanced session upon recommendation by the Coach)
  - Grades 9-12 (2007-2008) - 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- Basketball Camps - The main purpose of the camps is to teach the fundamentals of dribbling, shooting, passing, and defense, while also developing self-confidence and a positive mental attitude.
  - CCS Basketball Camp 1, June 18 - 21, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (Camp 1 is for students entering 2nd- 6th)
  - CCS Basketball Camp 2, June 25 - 28, 9:00 am to 12:00 pm (Camp 2 is for students entering 7th-12th)
- Sports Quest Soccer Camp - June 25 - 29, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

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## Garage Doors Certainly are “Beasts of Burden”

*Submitted by Bill Cook*

One of the most ignored and overlooked maintenance components of your home is your garage door and opener. These “beasts of burden” are frequently ignored, neglected and taken for granted...that is until they stop working.

An average two-car garage door has nearly forty moving parts and weighs approximately 300 pounds. When in the up position, the door is usually 8 feet above the floor with your second most expensive investment parked directly underneath. Last year approximately 20,000 garage door related injuries were treated in America’s emergency rooms.

Given these facts, proper maintenance and repair should be a higher priority on our never-ending “to do lists”.

Basic routine maintenance should be performed every six months to maximize performance and extend the life of the moving parts of your garage door(s). While repairs should be left to the professionals, the following activities should be completed every six months:

### Door:

1. Lubricate hinge joints with a silicone-based lubricant. Be careful in selecting a product as many common spray lubricants are alcohol-based and can actually dry out moving parts.
2. Do not lubricate track and rollers. This common misconception only serves to attract dust particles and cause further wear. While it does appear to be a short-term fix, over that short time, problems will become worse.
3. Release the door from the opener by disengaging the trolley (pull the red string down). \* Raise the door to the halfway point. A properly balanced door should remain in that position. If the door falls or rises on its own this is a symptom of spring failure. Improperly balanced garage doors can cause opener and/or door damage. \* Raise and lower the door manually. The door should require no more than ten pounds of force to raise. This is the maximum weight residential openers are designed to raise. Clacking, screeching or popping sounds also indicate moving parts failure. \*Please Do Not attempt any repairs as certain garage door components can cause serious injury!

### Opener:

1. Chain and belt drive openers should have a light coating of silicone-based lubricant sprayed on the boom (bar from the motor unit to the door) twice per year.
2. If the system has safety eye sensors (located at the bottom of the door tracks), make sure these are properly aligned and free of dust and debris. An obstruction could stop the opener from closing the door.

POWER SURGES to your home can severely damage the electronics of electric door openers. Should your opener operate erratically, DO NOT attempt to continue using it as it may damage your garage door.

It is always wiser to error on the side caution concerning this large, heavy moving wall in your home.



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