

December 2007

# CYPRESS MILL MESSENGER

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Official Newsletter

**Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays,  
And A Prosperous New Year to All  
from**

**The Home Owners' Association of Cypress Mills**

## HOA FEES

The budget for 2008 was presented to the homeowners at our quarterly business meeting. The association homeowner fees were set at \$473.00, the same as last year. Statements have been mailed out to all residents. Please pay your fees by the due date in order to avoid late fees. If you have not received your statement, please contact Principal Management Group in order to make arrangements for payment. Failure to receive a statement by mail does not mean that you do not have to pay your fees.

## RENTAL FEE FOR RECREATION CENTER

Effective January 1, 2008, room rental for the recreation center has been set at \$30.00.

## CHANGE IN DEED RESTRICTION ENFORCEMENT

As homeowners in Cypress Mill you are responsible for adherence to the deed restrictions for our community. The community is inspected on a monthly basis by a representative of Principal Management in accordance with the governing deed restrictions. There are currently 185+ open violations that were observed during the last inspection.

Principal Management receives an average of 20 calls a week from homeowners concerned about the appearance of our community. Our homes are the number one investment people make in their lives besides our children. Keeping our investments in a clean and orderly condition should be our top most concern.

The board has discussed the need for strict enforcement of the deed restrictions. Once a violation is noted a letter is sent to the homeowner. A second letter is sent in 30 days if the violation has not been rectified. After the second letter is sent out homeowners will be given 10 additional days to clear any violation that has been reported. If the violation has not been rectified notice will be given to our attorney for proper legal action. Any and all fees that are incurred in this process will be the responsibility of the homeowner and are subject to any and all late fees and legal procedures as our annual assessments.

Please be mindful and abide by the deed restrictions as set forth by the Cypress Mill Home Owner Association. If you do not have a copy of the deed restrictions, a copy may be obtained by contacting Principal Management Company. For a small fee they will send you a copy.

*The Cypress Mill HOA Board*

## Christmas Decorations in Cypress Mill

The Cypress Mill garden club, the Petal Pushers and several other volunteers have done an excellent job in decorating our neighborhood. These dedicated residents have spent many hours decorating garland, wreaths and making bows, and working hard to make our community look nice during the holiday season. They were also the group behind planting the living Christmas tree and the children's decorations.

A special thank you to Dwayne Jernigan for hanging the lights and securing the garland in all the entrances. The ladies couldn't have done this without his help. The Petal Pushers and other volunteers that decorated the neighborhood were: Dena Loughlin, Gail Norris, Barbara Remy in pictured, plus Michelle Jernigan, Paula Lilienthal, Carolyn Hoffmann and the talented Carol Yasen, who did the beautiful art work on our Recreation Room windows and doors. Thank you all



*Gail, Barbara, and Dena*

**Merry  
CHRISTMAS**

# CYPRESS MILL

## Resident Board Members

*The Board Members are volunteers, elected by the residents of Cypress Mill. They are working for the well being of our community. Please consider that they have families also and respect their time and privacy.*

### President

Shirley Whitley .....swhitley6675@sbcglobal.net

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### Director

Stephen Howard.....usacc23@msn.com, 281-373-0030

## Cypress Mill Contacts

### Block Captain Committee

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### Cypress Mill Ladies Association

Laura Graff.....281-373-9192

### Newsletter Committee

.....CypressMillMessenger@yahoo.com

### Swim Team Committee

.....www.cmmakosharks.org

### Administrative Assistant

Carolyn ..... 281-213-3174

.....carolyn.hoa@sbcglobal.net

## Emergency Numbers

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

## Other Important Numbers

ACC Changes/Questions - Principal Management:

Jessica Tafton ..... 713-329-7138

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

Cy-Woods High School .....281-213-1919

Cypress Lakes Golf Club .....281-304-8515

Cypress Mill M.U.D. #1/Aquasource Emergency 713-983-3602

24 Hour Emergency .....713-983-3604

DPS Sex Offenders website ..... <http://records.txdps.state.tx.us/>

Entex Gas ..... 713-659-2111

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

CenterPoint Energy .....713-207-2222

Irrigation Leaks/Common Area Repairs - Principle Management  
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Peel, Inc.....advertising@PEELinc.com, 888-687-6444

Poison Control Center .....800-764-7661

Principle Management – Amanda Jensen ..... 281-367-8137

Robison Elementary .....281-213-1700

Southwestern Bell .....800-246-8464

Spillane Middle School .....281-213-1645

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

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

Waste Corporation of America (WCA)..... 281-368-8397

## Cypress Mill HOA, Inc. Who To Call List

**Aqua Services** – Cypress Hill MUD#1 ..... 713-983-3602

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

Park 5 Playground; repairs, irrigation leaks

Walking Paths: repairs, irrigation leaks

Individual water meters, leaks, repairs and maintenance

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

**Principal Management** – Cypress Mill HOA, Inc.

Customer Care..... 713-329-7171

Jessica Tafton ..... 713-329-7138

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

Deed Restrictions

Architectural Control Applications/Approvals

Recycling Program

**Cypress Mill Administrative Assistant** – Carolyn .... 281-213-3174

..... carolyn.hoa@sbcglobal.net

Administrative hours at the Rec Center:

Mon 12-5, Tues 12-5, Wed 9 - 2, Sat 9 - 2

Recreation Center Concerns

Activity Room Rentals

Yard of the Month

Fitness Center

Community Directory

Stork Report

**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

**Harris County Road and Bridge** ..... 281-463-6300

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## Block Captains

Street	Block Capt	Phone #			
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Arbor Trace Ct.			Rosemont Estates Ln.	Annabelle Martinez	281-213-9079
Aster Estates Ln.	Kari Joyner	832-797-0380	Spring Walk Ln.	Judy Jackson	281-373-5160
Auburn Woods Dr.	Herb Hays	281-373-4078	Sweetstone Estates Ct	Michelle O'Keane	281-304-8188
Autumn Glen Ct.	Courtney Hicks	281-213-3182	Thicket Hollow	Sheri Pivonka	281-658-2161
Begonia Estates Ct.	Diana Pretus	281 330-8251	Thornbluff Ct.		
Bladenboro (Park I)	Dawn Shirley	281-373-4892	Timber Cliff Ct.		
Calacaterra Ct.			Timber Cliff Ln.		
Camellia Estates Ln.	Jennifer M. Klawinski	281-381-2987	Trellis Estates Ct.		
Carriage Crossing Ln.			Valley Stone Ct.	Rhonda & David Bubenik	
Cascade Bend Lane	Fernando Aguirre	281-373-0186	Water Mill Dr.	Gilbert Tovar	832-922-1865
Chapel Cove Ct.			Wild Ivy Ct.		
Cinderwood Dr	Amy Arthur	281-304-1999	Windwood Park Ln.	Gail Norris	281-256-9859
Cobblestone Dr.			Wisteria Estates Lane	Matt Buss	281-304-9321
Country Rose			Woodcypress Ln.		
Courtly Estates Ln.	Richard & Theresa Brutka	281-256-7810	Wooded Glen Ct.		
Creekmill Ct.					
Cross Stone Ct.					
Cypress Cottage Ct.					
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	281-256-8221			
Emerald Moss	Sue Zahn Lucas	832-687-5778			
Enola Dr.	Tina Bunn				
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	Andrea Anderson	281-256-8515			
Harnett Dr.	Tina Bunn				
Harvest Chase Ct.					
Hazy Ridge Lane	Amy Merrill	281-256-6449			
Heathcrest Ct.					
Hollow Branch Ct.	Jacqui Williams	281-304-8006			
Huntmont (Park I)					
Huntmont Street (Place)					
Laurus Estates Ln.	Kellie Berger	281-304-1910			
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.					
Palos Place Pl.					
Park Arbor Ct.	Lauren Gaspard	281-373-9966			
Pebble Meadow Ct.	Gina Williams	281-373-4427			
Plains River Dr.	Geneva Fritch	281-304-1255			
Pinson Dr.	Debbie Brown	281-256-1875			
Rochelle Ct.	Jen Malota	281-213-3778			
Rosehill Estates Ln.	Ronnie J. Kallus	281-304-1246			

**Interested in getting involved with your community? New to the neighborhood and want to get to know people?** We have streets that need block captains. It's a great opportunity for you to meet your neighbors, hand out directories, and organize events for your street. Please contact Cassy Hearn if you would like to volunteer or if you have any questions about the responsibilities of a block captain at 281-256-4941 or [chearn002@houston.rr.com](mailto:chearn002@houston.rr.com). **If your street does not have a block captain and you have an issue on your street you would like to bring to our attention please send me an e-mail.**

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# 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.

	May 07	Jun 07	Jul 07	Aug 07	Sep 07	Oct 07
\$200,000 +	0	1	1	0	0	1
\$180,000 - 199,999	2	0	2	0	0	0
\$160,000 - 179,999	2	0	0	2	1	1
\$140,000 - 159,999	5	1	5	4	5	4
\$120,000 - 139,999	1	2	2	4	0	4
\$120,000 -	1	0	1	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Highest \$/Sq Ft</b>	<b>82.36</b>	<b>80.25</b>	<b>89.29</b>	<b>90.48</b>	<b>73.55</b>	<b>75.28</b>

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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## Stork Report

*Congratulations - Warden, Reed, Wonderlock, Varela & Family's*

### It's a Boy for the Warden Family

Baby Boy: Cooper Reid Warden  
Proud Parents: Curtis & Lea Warden  
Big sisters: Caylea & Carmie  
Date of Birth: September 13, 2007  
Weight: 5 lbs. 11 oz.  
Height: 19 3/4 inches long

### It's a Boy for the Reed Family

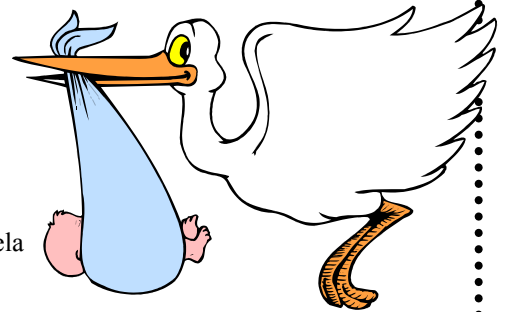
Baby Boy: Morgan Reed  
Proud Parents: Shanna & Matthew Reed  
Date of Birth: October 2, 2007  
Weight: 6 lbs. 14 oz.

### It's a Boy for the Wonderlock Family

Baby Boy: Brady Charles  
Proud Parents: Sam & Sandy Wonderlock  
Big Sister: Carly  
Date of Birth: October 11, 2007  
Weight: 8 lbs. 4 oz.  
Height: 20 inches long

### It's a Girl for the Varela Family

Baby Girl: Madison Elise Varela  
Proud parents: Laura & Jason Varela  
Date of Birth: October 26, 2007  
Weight: 8 lbs 10 oz  
Height: 19 3/4 inches long  
Big sister -Family Dog, Daisy



*Are you or your neighbor expecting a baby? We will announce the baby's arrival in our monthly newsletter. You can use the Boy or Girl Stork for your front yard to let your neighbors know of your new addition to the family. Contact Carolyn, at 281-213-3174 or e-mail [cypressmillmessenger@yahoo.com](mailto:cypressmillmessenger@yahoo.com) for announcements.*

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## Petal Pushers News...

Purple martin enthusiasts met recently with 2 professors from Cy-Fair College who shared their expertise on purple martins and bats; how to attract these lovely birds and/or bats into your garden and what their needs are in order to ensure their return each year. The presentation covered just about everything from housing to natural enemies; ... and did you know homeowners who have bird houses in their gardens are called "landlords"? It was absolutely fascinating.

If you were not able to attend the free presentation, here's a website you can go to for more interesting information on purple martins: <http://faculty.nhmccd.edu/tsebesta/ghapma.htm>

This was an open presentation for Cypress Mill residents sponsored by Peter Pushers (Cypress Mill Garden Club) which meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month in the meeting room at the recreation center. For more information, please contact Dena; [denaloughlin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:denaloughlin@sbcglobal.net).

## Cypress Mill HOA Has Lost a Girl Stork

Please check your garages and see if you have a stork in there. If so, please contact the recreation center 281-213-3174  
Thanks

## Cypress Hill M.U.D. #1 Constable Patrol Statistics

### October 2007 Results

Tickets	184
Burglary of Habitation	0
Burglary of Motor Vehicle	3
Theft from Habitation	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0
Robbery	1
Assault	1
Criminal Mischief	2
Disturbance – Family	4
Disturbance – Juvenile	3
Disturbances – Other	37
Other Calls	51

### Report reflects areas of:

- Cypress Mill
- Sydney Harbor
- Cypress Ridge
- Wal-Mart
- Cypress Mill Commercial

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## Halloween in Cypress Mill

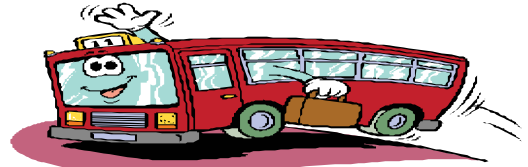
In Cypress-Mill Park II there is a chill in the air on October 31st. From out of the fog you see a sign "The Legend of Thicket Hollow". Inside you will find tombstones, jumping skeletons, even a demon, and the creators of this haunted attraction, Nelson and Carol Neal. "This is the talk of the neighborhood," said by one patron. Ever since we moved in, we've put on a haunted attraction in either the garage or the front yard and every year it seems to be getting bigger and better. After the fourth year, everyone comes to expect something scary from Thicket Hollow Lane. People start asking me in September, "Hey, are you doing the haunted house this year?" Some of the kids in the neighborhood refer to the house as "the spooky house", well it is.

What I will say is the haunt I do is for everyone to enjoy, it is for kids of all ages and for grown-ups. This is my contribution to our community to have some fun on a holiday that I love. Just remember, as long as kids are trick or treating, and families are out on Halloween having fun, there will be a "Legend of Thicket Hollow."

*See you next Halloween!*

*Nelson Neal*

## Cypress Mill Keenagers !

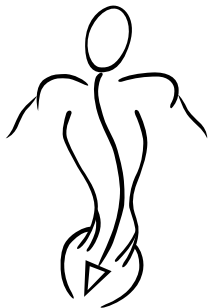


Are you (or your spouse) 50 or over? Have you missed out being with our fun Keenager group? It's free to join, and you will get monthly emails on upcoming Keenager events. We have monthly bustrips, plus have potlucks and game-nights.

The Keenagers went to Kemah in September, and in October they went to Old Town Spring. November 18th, we are hopping the bus to the Festival of Lights at Moody Gardens where there are over a million lights in different winter wonderland scenes.

Our bus will be on the road again in 2008. Please mark your calendars with the following dates so you can make plans to go with us...Saturday, January 12...Saturday, February 23...and Saturday, March 15. Please contact Theresa (281-256-7810) [texasterry51@sbcglobal.net](mailto:texasterry51@sbcglobal.net), Gail (281-256-9859) [wgailn@yahoo.com](mailto:wgailn@yahoo.com), or Debbie (281-304-5111) [debobjack@sbcglobal.net](mailto:debobjack@sbcglobal.net) to be added to the list, or for more details.

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## Cy-Fair College Perspective

An effort to provide you with important information about Cy-Fair College, "Perspective" was developed. This column provides the latest information about news and events. Here is a sampling of what's going on:

### Musical Holidays at Cy-Fair College!

The Choral Department presents "A Winter Collection" of not your ordinary carols

Dec. 6 through Dec. 7. The Music Department presents a Jazz Band performance and improvisation Dec. 5. All performances are in the Center for the Arts Building on the Barker Cypress campus. For reservations and ticket information, call 281.290.5201 or go to [www.cy-faircollege.com/cfcboxoffice](http://www.cy-faircollege.com/cfcboxoffice).

### Register for Mini-mester and Spring Semester Classes

Catch up or get ahead this holiday season! Take a mini-mester course in December or register early for spring. Registration is under way. Mini-mester classes begin Dec. 17. Mini-mester courses range from criminal justice, philosophy, sociology and ethics, to algebra, history, government and communications. Spring semester classes begin Jan. 14. Cy-Fair College provides a variety of options such as weekend, evening, distance learning and even hybrid (part on campus instruction and part online learning) courses. For information, call 281-290-3200 or 832-782-5000 or go online to [www.cy-faircollege.com](http://www.cy-faircollege.com).

### Art Exhibition Showcases Student Talent

Don't miss this is the end-of-semester exhibition on display through Dec. 16 where Cy Fair College's visual art students show work they have completed in their classes. The exhibition showcases the students' talents as well as the breadth of Cy Fair College's art program in the Bosque Gallery located in the Center for the Arts Building on the Barker Cypress campus. For gallery hours and information go to [www.cy-faircollege.com/bosquegallery](http://www.cy-faircollege.com/bosquegallery).

### L.I.F.E. Lessons in December

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.) In December, learn how to combat weight gain during the holidays Dec. 5 and then the following week celebrate with a "Party Pot Luck" Dec. 12. Sessions resume Jan. 9, 2008. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or check the library web page online at <http://cfclibrary.nhmccd.edu>.

*Don't want to wait for the mail?*  
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# A Celebration of Christ's birth!

What you'll find at  
Cypress United Methodist Church



The Worship Arts Ministry at Cypress United Methodist Church is proud to announce our Advent calendar of events:

### **Praise Kids Christmas Musical**

"Mission: Possible"

Saturday, December 8th at 7 pm

### **"Cross to Cradle" Concert**

— with Christian music, drama and video focusing on the peace and simplicity of Christ's birth.

Sunday, December 16th at 6 pm

### **Christmas Eve Services**

#### **Monday, December 24th**

*Communion will be offered at all services except 5 pm*

Daylight Service with Candlelight, 4 pm

"Joy to the World", 5 pm

— designed for families with younger children

Candlelight & Communion Services, 7 & 9 pm

— featuring our Festival Choir, Band and Orchestra

Candlelight & Communion Service, 11 pm

— serene service with our youth band and choir

**"Children of the World"** — International Children's Choir will join us during the Worship Services on Sunday, December 30 at 9:30 and 11 am

Cypress United Methodist Church  
**13403 Cypress N. Houston Rd.**  
**Cypress, Texas 77429 281-469-0730**  
**[www.cypress-umc.org](http://www.cypress-umc.org)**

# CYPRESS MILL

## County Judge Says Bond Issue Will Not Increase Taxes

Harris County Judge Ed Emmett told Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce members that the pending Harris County bond issue, which will be decided by voters in the November 6 general election, will not increase the Harris County property tax rate.

"We (Harris County Commissioners Court) have pledged that there will be no tax increase," Emmett told the Governmental Affairs Committee on November 1. "If the bond issue was \$1.5 billion or \$1.6 billion, we couldn't have made that pledge so we cut back on it."

Harris County registered voters will go to the polls November 6 to vote on six propositions totaling \$880 million in bond funds.

Those six propositions include: (Proposition 1) \$190 million for road projects; (Proposition 2) \$95 million for park bonds; (Proposition 3) \$195 million for a central processing facility and adult detention center downtown; (Proposition 4) \$80 million for a new forensic center and parking for the Harris County Medical Examiner's office in the Medical Center; (Proposition 5) \$70 million for a new Family Law Center in downtown; (Proposition 6) \$250 million for Houston Port Authority projects.

Emmett said the county has been polling voters on where they stand on each of the six propositions. He said early on the Family Law project – Proposition 5 – received the least support. The strongest support went to Proposition 6, which will fund Houston Port Authority projects.

Transportation members asked Emmett how the road bond funds would be divided if Proposition 1 passes. They said they would like to see a good share go to Cy-Fair area projects. Harris County Precinct 3 officials say they are out of money and will launch several projects in the Cy-Fair area if funds are made available through the bond election.

Emmett said the funds are distributed through a formula that takes into account the number of road miles and needs in each Precinct. "This replenishes the Commissioners' funds," Emmett said. "It is no surprise that Precincts 3 and 4 go through their funds a lot faster (than Precincts 1 and 2) because there is more development in those areas."

Cy-Fair Chamber member Jim Robertson asked when the park bonds would be sold if Proposition 2 passes. Emmett said the park funds would be sold as needed.

Bonds that will fund the road and bridge projects, downtown central processing facility and adult detention center, forensic center and parking for the Harris County Medical Examiner's office in the Medical Center, and the Port projects would be sold almost immediately. The county is working on the design for the Family Law Center so it would probably not be long until those bonds are sold, he said. The bond funds are meant to fund county projects through

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2011, Emmett said.

He said that looking in to the future he has concerns about needs that are looming in unincorporated parts of the County, which has 1.5 million residents. Emmett said the City of Houston has changed its annexation policy so that it is annexing far fewer residential neighborhoods. However, many of the developers of those communities counted on Houston to take over the maintenance of roads in those neighborhoods eventually. Because that is not happening, the County could be required to repair and maintain many roads that are located in aging neighborhoods. "That will be an expensive proposition," Emmett said.

## Cy-Fair High School Project Prom 2008 December Update

Thanks to the support of the Cy-Fair High School parents and Cypress community businesses, Project Prom has gotten off to good start toward achieving our fundraising goal. The event will be held after the Senior Prom on May 2-3, from midnight to 6 a.m. Serving 80% of the 1,000 seniors plus their dates requires a significant amount of money for the Berry Center venue, refreshments, and entertainment. To succeed in this vast effort, we need the continued support of all parents and friends. Please check out our website, [www.cyfairprojectprom.com](http://www.cyfairprojectprom.com), for more details about how you can help, or call CFHS Project Prom President Karen Fitzgerald at 281-304-8272.

**General membership meetings.** CFHS cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 17, Jan. 28, Feb. 25, Mar. 24, and Apr. 21. Come, get involved, and patronize the Project Prom vendors.

**Denim & Diamonds.** Saturday, February 2, 2008, House Plantation, 7 p.m. to midnight. Dinner, live band, silent auction. Businesses and individuals are invited to donate items and services for the auction. Contact: Dina Thomas at [dinarthom@yahoo.com](mailto:dinarthom@yahoo.com) or Vicki McCain at [beamccain@comcast.net](mailto:beamccain@comcast.net).

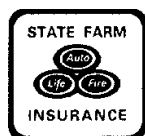
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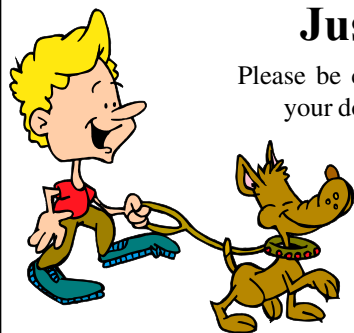
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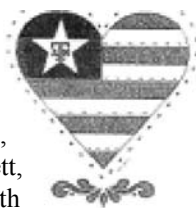
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Christmas is a season for sharing! That's certainly true for the Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms, who will host their annual Christmas Party and Ornament Exchange on Tuesday, December 11th. Each Aggie mom will bring an Aggie-themed ornament to exchange. Adding to the festivities, Aggie Moms will welcome artist Tammie Bissett, a native Texan who lives in Aggieland. Along with her work as an artist, Bissett designs residential and commercial projects and is a general contractor. Bissett will share how she finds time for her work and her family, which includes her Aggie veterinarian husband and their three children.



The December meeting is open to all Aggie Moms, so find an Aggie ornament and join us! The meeting will be held at the Houston Distributing Company, Inc., 7100 High Life Drive, Houston, TX 77066. Refreshments begin at 7 p.m. and the meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

NWHC Aggie Moms are also looking forward to hosting a "Fabulous Fifties" Dinner and Auction at Wyndhaven Terrace on Friday, February 29th. Also, they will host the Texas A&M Singing Cadets Concert at Foundry United Methodist Church on Friday March 28th. Come join us for these events!

For more information about these and other upcoming events, check our website at [www.nwhcaggiemoms.com](http://www.nwhcaggiemoms.com).

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### Angels' Attic Christmas Room

Quality items at discount prices abound in the Angels' Attic Christmas Room. The shelves are restocked daily with holiday accessories, Christmas ornaments, collectibles, and Christmas clothing for children and adults. A wonderful selection of new designer jewelry is available for purchase, as well. Proceeds from purchases at Angels' Attic benefit families in need who seek help at CAM.

### The Food Pantry

Christmas Food Baskets are being prepared for CAM families. To complete the food baskets, donations of the following would be greatly appreciated.

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- Canned sweet potatoes
- Cranberry sauce
- Stuffing mixes

Cypress Assistance Ministries (CAM) is located at 11202 Huffmeister, Houston, TX 77065 and will serve hundreds of families again this Christmas. Please make supporting CAM with a donation to the Food Pantry, Angel Tree, or a monetary gift part of your annual Christmas tradition. See our website, [www.cypressassistanceministries.com](http://www.cypressassistanceministries.com) for further information.

Donations to CAM can be made Monday through Wednesday from 10AM – 6PM and Thursday through Saturday from 10AM – 3 PM.

## Dental Tip of the Month

### Putting Dentistry in Layman's Terms

Dear Friends,

As the holiday season is amongst us, many of us are inundated with parties, gatherings, or work functions where we are surrounded by people and food. There is nothing worse than worrying about either another tooth breaking while at the gathering or being unable to properly chew the food.

Some people feel that if they have missing teeth, they don't need to do anything about it since they have other teeth still to function properly. For every tooth you lose, the other ones have to work that much harder. Teeth are not made to work any other way and when they do, other teeth wear down much faster, get loose, and subsequently fall out. That is why we must replace missing teeth.

Now when you do get these replacement teeth, such as crowns and fillings, they don't last forever. Think of your teeth as a car. Imagine driving your car through a muddy rainforest every day on a bumpy, dirt road where it never stops raining. Your teeth are constantly subjected to water, food, and biting pressure. Do you expect that your car will last forever? So just like you maintain your car with regular oil change and other services, you have to value your teeth as well and maintain them. Unlike a car, where you can get a new one if the old one breaks down, you cannot get new natural teeth once you lose them.

I want to take this opportunity, on behalf of my staff and myself, to thank all of you who have supported us this year from the bottom of my heart.

We also like to thank all the readers for enjoying our articles this year. We also wish you and your family the most joyful holidays.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at [sundranids@yahoo.com](mailto:sundranids@yahoo.com).

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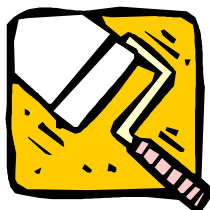
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| 1 large jar cranberry juice | 3/4 tsp. salt    |
| 6 sticks cinnamon, broken   |                  |

- Dissolve sugar in water and pour in percolator. Add juices.
- Place cinnamon sticks, cloves, and salt in basket. Percolate.

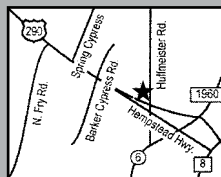
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### The Truth About Steroids

Steroid abuse is still on the rise, and not just among professional athletes and bodybuilders.

Despite numerous educational efforts by health care officials, many amateur and high school athletes looking for that elusive competitive edge still believe they can get it from a syringe or a bottle of pills. What they don't realize is that steroids will give them a lot more than they bargained for.

#### Not worth the risk

Acne. Liver damage. Increased risk of heart disease. These are just a few of the side effects associated with anabolic steroid abuse. And there's more.

The side effects are severe. Men who use steroids also may develop gynecomastia (the development of breasts), priapism (painful prolonged erection) and edema from sodium and water retention. They also will be more prone to cardiovascular problems since steroids decrease high-density lipoprotein levels (HDL) or "good" cholesterol, and increase low-density lipoprotein levels (LDL) or "bad" cholesterol.

Coupled with hypertension and negative changes in myocardial tissue, steroids users are at an increased risk for heart attack as well.

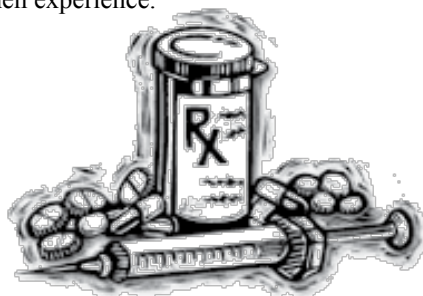
Of additional concern are alterations in psyche and behavior (i.e., aggression, physical dependence) and decreased immune function. Changes in the reproductive system, such as a reduction in testicle size, sperm count and mobility, and a decrease in the

levels of endogenous testosterone and other sex hormones are common.

#### Women at risk

Unlike men, whose side effects may be reversible once the abuse has stopped, women experience irreversible changes, such as a deepened voice, increased facial and body hair growth, enlarged clitoris and coarser skin. In addition, irregularities in, or cessation of menstrual cycle, increased libido, aggressiveness, acne and decreased immune function may occur.

Women are also prone to the cardiovascular risks and changes in psyche and behavior that men experience.



#### All risk, no glory

There is an even scarier risk of steroid abuse: death. Steroid users who share needles are putting themselves at risk for developing infections such as HIV, hepatitis or other viral diseases.

The terminal risks of steroid abuse are not fully known. Some published cases of tumors and other cancers related to steroid abuse have been reported. Even so, physicians and researchers do not know all the repercussions

of steroid abuse on one's body and future health.

Controlled research is unethical and only information from abusers is usable; yet this data may be inaccurate since most users are not forthcoming about the full extent of their steroid use.

Since the late 1980s, the federal government has begun to crack down on steroid use and distribution. Possession of steroids with intent to distribute without a valid prescription is a felony and subject to prosecution. Likewise, steroid use is a violation of the rules of virtually all sports leagues and councils as well as the traditional ethics of good sportsmanship.

#### No substitute for training

What most steroid users don't realize is that they are placing themselves at risk for something they could achieve on their own. Many experts agree that the effects of steroids on strength and muscle mass of beginning weight lifters or athletes are minimal when compared with the effects of an intensive weight-training or conditioning program.

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1-2, 8-9, 15-16, 22-23—HOUSTON: Holiday Market with Santa Claus Offers a holiday wonderland of shopping. Traders Village, 7979 N. Eldridge Road. [www.tradersvillage.com](http://www.tradersvillage.com) 281/890-5500

1-24—SPRING: Home for the Holidays Celebrate the season with more than 150 shops decorated with thousands of twinkling Christmas lights. Enjoy choirs, strolling entertainers, Christmas train and photos with Santa. [www.shopspringtexas.com](http://www.shopspringtexas.com) 281/288-2355

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1-Jan. 5—GALVESTON: Moody Gardens Festival of Lights In addition to seeing the lights and displays, strap on a pair of skates and glide across the Outdoor Ice Rink, take pictures with Santa or see the giant poinsettia tree. Moody Gardens. [www.moodygardens.org](http://www.moodygardens.org) 800/582-4673 or 409/744-4673

1-Jan. 13—HOUSTON: A Rose Has No Teeth: Bruce Nauman in the 1960s Exhibition presents the full range of the artist's work from this period, including sculpture, ephemera, documentation of performances, artist books and video. The Menil Collection. [www.menil.org](http://www.menil.org) 713/525-9400

1-Feb. 17—HOUSTON: Contemporary Conversations: Robert Ryman, 1976 Gathers works from the Addison Gallery of American Art, New York's The Museum of Modern Art and the artist's own collection, presenting them with Midland II, a painting purchased by Dominique de Menil in 1980. The Menil Collection. [www.menil.org](http://www.menil.org) 713/525-9400

7-8, 14-15, 21-22—RICHMOND: Campfire Christmas Visitors can experience a pioneer Christmas as it was celebrated in the 1830s at the Jones Stock Farm. Then visit George Ranch House for holiday vignettes, 1930s style. Includes a traditional Texas feast and more. George Ranch Historical Park. [www.georgeranch.org](http://www.georgeranch.org) 281/343-0218

7-Jan. 13—HOUSTON: Altar Boyz Features a Christian boy-band (with one nice Jewish boy) looking for their big break and saving souls along the way. [www.stagestheatre.com](http://www.stagestheatre.com) 713/527-0123

8-9, 15-16—HOUSTON: The Christmas Revels Enjoy Appalachian music, dance, song and storytelling. Moores Opera House, The University of Houston. [www.revelshouston.org](http://www.revelshouston.org) 713/668-3303 or 713/669-9528

11-23—HOUSTON: A Wonderful Life This is a musical adaptation of Fran Capra's 1946 classic film. Hobby Center for the Performing Arts. [www.tuts.com](http://www.tuts.com) 713/558-TUTS or 888/558-3882

15—HOUSTON: History Boat Tours on Buffalo Bayou Take a look back to the late 1800s when Houston was founded, and learn about those important individuals and families along Buffalo Bayou who helped shape the city. Hours are 10 a.m. to noon. Reservations required. Meet at Allen's Landing. [www.buffalobayou.org](http://www.buffalobayou.org) 713/752-3014 ext. 3

15—HOUSTON: Holidays with Nature Celebrate the holidays the wild(life) way. Join in creating wildlife tree ornaments. Children can color and write letters to Santa to receive a post card from Saint Nick himself. Hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Sheldon Lake State Park. 281/456-2800

15—HOUSTON: TubaChristmas Begins at noon. Williams Tower Park. [www.tubachristmas.com](http://www.tubachristmas.com) 936/294-1364

15—VICTORIA: Market Days Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. DeLeon Plaza in Downtown Victoria. [www.victoriatx.org](http://www.victoriatx.org) 361/485-3200

15-16—PORT NECHES: Trade Days on the Avenue Includes antiques, arts & crafts, and entertainment. Port Neches Avenue. 409/722-4023

16—BEAUMONT: Symphony of Southeast Texas Features Handel's Messiah. Begins at 2 p.m. Julie Rogers Theatre. [www.sost.org](http://www.sost.org) 409/892-2257

20—NASSAU BAY: Open Mic Series: Jazz Musicians, vocalists, spoke word poets and music lovers step into the spotlight. Arts Alliance Center. [www.taaccl.org](http://www.taaccl.org) 281/335-7777

22—LA PORTE: Santa's Swingin' '40s Christmas Write letters and mail them to Santa, hear swing music and watch dancing performed live onboard, meet and have a picture taken with Santa, and much more. Battleship Texas. [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us) 281/479-2431

22—PALACIOS: Palacios Market Day 5th and Main Street. [www.palacioschamber.com](http://www.palacioschamber.com) 800/611-4567

22—ROCKPORT: Campfire Program Get ready for Christmas with an old-fashioned campfire gathering and listen to Goose Island holiday stories. Goose Island State Park. 361/729-2858

27—NASSAU BAY: Open Mic Series: Blues Rock Arts Alliance Center. [www.taaccl.org](http://www.taaccl.org) 281/335-7777

29—BEAUMONT: Playhouse Disney Live! Julie Rogers Theatre. 409/838-3435 ext. 1

31—BEAUMONT: Crockett Street New Year's Eve Celebration Crockett Street. [www.crockettstreet.com](http://www.crockettstreet.com) 409/832-2944

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Neighborhood	1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2007			Current	
	Sold	\$ per SqFt	DOM	Avail	Pending
Cypress Mill Sec 1	1	\$72.63	21	1	1
Cypress Mill Sec 2	3	\$59.76	48	2	1
Cypress Mill Sec 3	1	\$56.76	19	5	2
Cypress Mill Park Sec 1	1	\$69.41	24	0	1
Cypress Mill Park Sec 2	4	\$66.64	90	7	0
Cypress Mill Park Sec 3	3	\$69.43	109	2	0
Cypress Mill Park Sec 4	8	\$71.45	63	3	0
Cypress Mill Park Sec 5	2	\$66.83	79	0	0
Cypress Mill Estates 1	5	\$70.45	57	7	0
Cypress Mill Estates 2	2	\$70.78	68	3	1
Cypress Mill Estates 3	0	-	-	3	2
Cypress Mill Estates 4	0	-	-	1	0

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