

# Wortham Villages

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## Neighborhood Watch News

*Marie Trascher*

In the second week of November it was reported that a white cargo van approached children waiting for the school bus and told them the bus had broken down and he (the driver) would take them to school. There were two separate incidents, one in Wortham Estates and the other in Stonegate with Arnold and Goodson Schools involved. Reports were made to the Cypress-Fairbanks I.S.D. and the Harris County Sheriff's Office. Both were investigated and I confirmed the report with our Deputy Polk.

After further investigation by the Security of Cy-Fair I.S.D. a letter was sent confirming that the incident did NOT occur as originally reported. There is NO threat to any of our children at any of our bus stops resulting from this report. It was determined that there was a mix up in the sharing of the original information and no child was approached or asked to get into a van.

Of course, I feel that any report regarding our children, after confirming a Sheriff's Report, should be made available to our residents. BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY.

Please continue to report any suspicious activity to our Sheriff's Office. 713-221-6000.

Another incident that week was teenagers "hanging out" in the cul-de-sac of Lark Brook. We have a curfew for all teenagers under 18 at 11:00 P.M. unless coming home from work or with a parent or guardian. Do not let one of your teenagers be the one caught violating this curfew.

Following is the incident report for October:

## Incident Report October 2007

Incident	Offense Total
911 Hang Up	2
Accident/FSGI	1
Accident/Major	1
Accident/Minor	1
Alarm Local	9
Alarm/Sil/Pan/HU	1
Burglary/Habitat	2
Burglary/Motor Vehicle	1
Check Park	29
Check School	1
Child Custody Dispute	3
Contract Check	352
Criminal Mischief	4
Disturbance/Family	3
Disturbance/Other	3
Follow Up	1
Meet the Citizen	9
MUD Building Check	30
Property Found/Lost	1
Solicitors	2
Suspicious Person	2
Theft/Residence	1
Traffic Stop	33
Vehicle Abandoned	2
Vehicle Suspicious	5



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### December

- Wed., December 6 from 6-9 p.m. Shop at Barnes & Noble-Copperfield-portion of purchase benefits library
- Tues., December 11 at 7:00 p.m.: Elementary K-3 Christmas Concert on CCS Campus
- Thurs., December 13 at 7:00 p.m.: Elementary 4th-5th Christmas Concert on CCS Campus
- Friday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m.: Chamber Choir Christmas Concert-location to be announced

### January

- Sat., January 26 at 5:30 p.m.: Laughs galore at the Winter Banquet featuring local radio personality, Susan O'Donnell of KSBJ radio station and Christian Comedian, David Ferrell to be held at the Downtown Aquarium. The event is free to guests. Limited seating – call for reservations.

### February

- Thurs., February 7 at 6:00 p.m.: Kindergarten Round-Up for parents of future kindergartners
- Thurs., February 7 at 7:00 p.m.: Family Night for K-12 parents and students considering Christian education

### March

- Thurs., March 6 from 9-11 a.m.: Open House
- Thurs., March 27 from 9-2 p.m.: Student Visitor Day

### April

- Saturday, April 19 from 10-4 p.m. Community Carnival on CCS Campus

## WOW –

### Margo's Twelve Days of Christmas

*By Reschele Lawrence*

A huge thanks to Brenda Walker for, once again, hosting a wonderfully memorable Cookie Exchange and Gumbo night! Wortham wouldn't be the same without you, Brenda!

December WOW will be held at Margo Horton's house (12718 Azalea Creek) on Thursday, the 13th at 7pm. Margo will be hosting a "12 Days of Christmas" ornament exchange (great idea, Margo)! So ladies, find a \$10 ornament fitting the theme, bring a friend, a snack, and prepare for a break from the Holiday madness. For those needing help remembering the poem, go to <http://www.christmas-carols.net/carols/twelve-days.html>.

Happy Gift Hunting!

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| 1 Tall can pineapple juice  | 3 T whole cloves |
| 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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## Cypress Assistance Ministries

### How can you help?

Angel Tree at CAM: The Angel Tree, an annual Christmas tradition at CAM, is up and we still have many children's wishes waiting to be fulfilled. Each angel represents a 'wished-for' Christmas gift for a child hoping for a Merry Christmas. If you prefer, general toy donations for boys of all ages and teens are also needed. Please bring new, unwrapped toys and gifts to CAM by December 20th.

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.

- Frozen Turkeys
- Boxed potatoes
- Canned sweet potatoes
- Cranberry sauce
- Stuffing mixes

Cypress Assistance Ministries (CAM), located at 11202 Huffmeister, Houston, TX 77065, 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.

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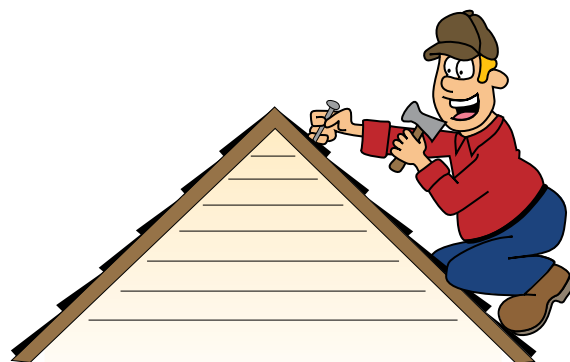
## "Amahl and the Night Visitors"

Messiah Lutheran Church is presenting a production of "Amahl and the Night Visitors" on Saturday, December 1 at 6 PM and Sunday, December 2 at 3 PM. Tickets are free, but are required to be certain there is adequate seating at both shows. Call the church office, 281-890-3013, to reserve tickets.

"Amahl and the Night Visitors" is an operetta about a young crippled boy and his widowed mother who are visited by the three kings on their way to find the newborn Christ child. A miraculous healing occurs, and the kings invite Amahl to accompany them on their journey so he can give his crutch to the Christ child. This made-for-television opera (under an hour in length) will delight all. Suggested audience is ages 8 and up. Free child care for younger children is available. Refreshments will be served after each performance.

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## Cartoon Corner



*"I'm allergic to chocolate. It causes swelling in my buttocks and thighs."*

## Cy-Fair College events

**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>.

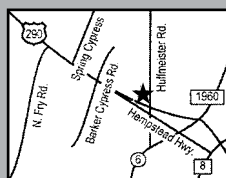
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					2			
		3						
		8	3	4	1			
3		4		5				8
9							3	1
	8	6				5		7
	6		4					2
		2			5	7	8	
				8			6	3

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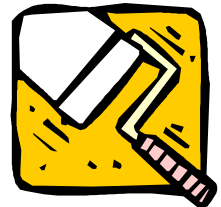
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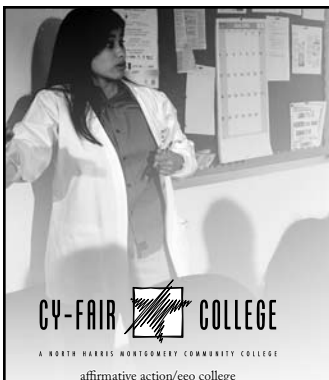
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## **"Cross to Cradle" Concert**

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Sunday, December 16th at 6 pm

## **Christmas Eve Services**

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

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"Joy to the World", 5 pm

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Candlelight & Communion Services, 7 & 9 pm

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Candlelight & Communion Service, 11 pm

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## Strawberries Boost Heart Health



(NAPSA)-First it was cholesterol, then “bad” cholesterol (LDL) and “good” cholesterol (HDL). Now there’s a new factor that may be important in predicting the risk of heart disease: it’s called C-reactive protein, or CRP. A new Harvard study suggests that eating strawberries at least two

times a week may be associated with reducing elevated CRP and LDL levels.

CRP is a protein in the blood that is elevated in response to injury, such as the chronic injury to blood vessels that comes from having damaged arteries. Previous studies have shown that elevated CRP may explain heart disease in people who otherwise appear to have very low risk, even among those with normal cholesterol levels.

Eating a diet rich in fruits and vegetables can lower CRP, an effect attributed to the high amounts of antioxidants found in these foods. Because strawberries are an antioxidant powerhouse, they were singled out for a closer look by nutrition scientists.

In the new study, diet records and blood samples from 27,000 women enrolled in the Women’s Health Study were analyzed and compared with their risk of developing heart disease over a 10-

year period. When the women were separated into high- and low-strawberry intake groups, those with the highest intakes-two or more servings of strawberries a week-were found to be less likely to have elevated CRP in their blood. They also had slightly lower cholesterol levels.

Although the study was not designed to show cause and effect, the findings add to a growing body of research showing how eating strawberries may support a healthy heart.

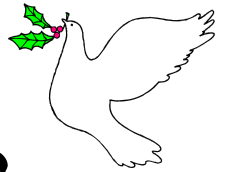
The researchers also noted that the women who ate the most strawberries were the same ones most likely to engage in a heart-healthy lifestyle. They ate more fruits and vegetables daily, exercised more and smoked less.

For more information about California strawberries and heart health, visit [www.calstrawberry.com](http://www.calstrawberry.com).

A healthy indulgence: Strawberries may reduce the risk of heart disease.



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# WORTHAM MARKET REPORT

Courtesy of Super Dave

*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
\$250,000 +	0	0	0	1	0	0
\$220,000 - 249,999	0	1	0	0	0	0
\$200,000 - 219,999	1	0	0	1	1	0
\$180,000 - 199,999	2	2	0	1	0	0
\$160,000 - 179,999	1	1	1	0	1	0
\$160,000 -	2	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Highest \$/Sq Ft</b>	<b>75.51</b>	<b>80.67</b>	<b>58.66</b>	<b>80.99</b>	<b>72.97</b>	

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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