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Riata Ranch Parks Restricted to Non-Organized Groups

The Riata Ranch HOA is excited to see our community participate in organized sports such as Cy-Fair Sports Association. We feel that these groups have the ability to unify communities while also giving our children the opportunity to learn important lessons such as teamwork, discipline, and respect for others.

Unfortunately, the Riata Ranch HOA has been forced to address an increasing number of complaints about the organized groups use of HOA property. Complaints have included, but are not limited to:

- Illegal street parking
- Littering
- Vandalism
- Disregarding posted rules
- Verbal assaults

The Riata Ranch HOA has repeatedly requested the violators to be considerate of our community, but these requests have been ignored. It is with this disregard of our requests that the Riata Ranch HOA is forced to restrict Riata Ranch parks usage to non-organized groups. A letter has been sent to the Cy-Fair Sports Association listing our grievances and stating our resolution that they are no longer welcome to use Riata Ranch community property to hold their events.

If you have questions or comments please contact the Riata Ranch HOA board at riatahoa@riataranch.net or call SCS Management at 281-463-1777.

HOA Reminders

Tree Trimming

Please remember to trim and maintain your trees so that pedestrians and vehicles can use the sidewalk and roads with ease. This fall is the perfect time to prune and thin trees. Take a look at your trees and make sure that they are not encroaching on roads or sidewalks.

Mildew

There are many commercial products that can be applied to remove and kill the mildew. You won't believe what a difference it will make to your home and the overall appearance of the neighborhood.

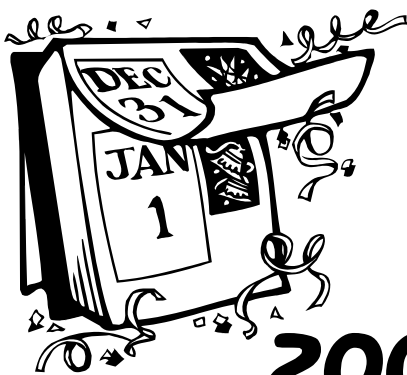
Street Parking

The streets are county property and although parked cars are permitted, we would ask that you move them into the driveway whenever possible. Children cannot be seen crossing the streets when there are many parked cars.

Report Violations

If you see a property that you think has a violation that concerns you, please call our office and let us know. We will monitor it to be sure it is a consistent problem or verify the violation before sending a letter. Your call will be confidential. But remember it is not SCS, nor the Board's role to get involved in neighbor-to-neighbor disputes, so please call in only violations.

We look forward to working with all of you. Please call us if you need more time to correct violations. We are happy to work with you. The Board's goal is to improve the home values and to have the association looking first class. We are happy to work together with them and you to make that goal happen.



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Cy-Fair College Library.....	281-290-3210
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Cy-Fair College

Register for Spring Semester Classes

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.

Financial Wellness Talks Set for Children, Teens and Adults

Celebrate Financial Wellness Month in January at the Cy-Fair College Branch Library on the Barker Cypress campus. Programs include a talk on the secrets of the Moonjar for ages 3 and older set Jan. 14 and Jan. 16, an "In Debt We Trust" documentary and discussion for teens and adults Jan. 17 and Jan. 19 and a presentation with radio's Hal "Captain Cash" Lynde Jan. 22 and Jan. 23. For information on any of these programs, contact Melanie Metzger at 281-290-3211.

Art Exhibition Gives Voice to "I Have a Dream" Speech

Umoja, an African American student organization, and the Bosque Gallery present an art exhibition focusing on work that gives a contemporary voice to Dr. Martin Luther King's "I have a Dream" speech. This exhibition, on display Jan. 29 through Feb. 21 will feature community members' art as well as that of guest artist and lecturer Henry Earl Price, Art Supervisor for the Caddo Parish School Board in Louisiana. An artist reception and lecture is set for 4:30 p.m. Jan. 31. The Bosque Gallery is located in the Center for the Arts Building

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Classified Ads

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L.I.F.E. Lessons in January

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 January, learn a bit about yoga Jan. 9, NASA Jan. 16, saving money from radio's "Captain Cash" Jan. 23 and nanobots Jan. 30. 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>.

Courses for Ages 50 and Better Available

The Academy for Lifelong Learning (A.L.L.) at Cy-Fair College offers adults, 50 years and older, leisure classes, lectures and informal activities. A.L.L. class spring registration will be held at the Feb. 1 noon to 7 p.m. and again Feb. 4 and Feb. 5 from 9 a.m. to noon. The spring session will include classes on Internet tools, history, Bible study, acting for seniors, Dulcimer lessons, Qigong, ballroom dancing, medical and fitness issues and many others. A.L.L., a cooperative effort of volunteers and Cy-Fair College, has an annual membership fee of \$10 (September 2007- August 2008) which entitles members to student discounts. Register early as classes will fill up quickly. For more information, call Janet Taber at 281-290-5991.

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Sunday Worship Services

8:15 am - Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

9:30 am - Contemporary Worship Center

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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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For over 15 years, Christian comedian David Ferrell has shown audiences that comedy can be both clean and funny! In 2006 and 2007, David was nominated for Inspirational Comedy Act of the Year by the Inspirational Country Music Awards, sharing the honor with Mark Lowry, Chonda Pierce and Dennis Swanberg.

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If you would like to RSVP, sponsor this event, or inquire about advertising opportunities, please contact our Development Office at 281-664-0211 or Lynnette.Anderson@CypressChristian.org. Banquet information is available on the school web site at www.CypressChristian.org.

SAINT AIDAN’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Golf Tournament – January 14th, 2008

Saint Aidan’s will hold its 5th Annual Golf Tournament to raise monies for ministries and a portion of the proceeds will go toward the Saint Aidan’s Cy-Fair College Endowment Scholarship.

The tournament will be held at BlackHorse Golf Club on January 14th with 11am registration, noon shotgun start and 5pm dinner, raffle and prizes. The tournament will be a four person scramble with prizes for the top teams. Entry fee includes lunch, driving range and putting practice, a sleeve of Titleist BlackHorse logo golf balls, a BlackHorse bag tag, a BlackHorse ball marker and repair tool, a tournament shirt, two bottles of water and dinner.

The entry fee is \$130.00 for individual and \$500.00 for team of four. Registration forms are available on line at www.staidanhouston.org, or to become a sponsor or obtain more information contact the church at 281-373-3203 or email us at info@staidanhouston.org. Registrations are due by January 10th.



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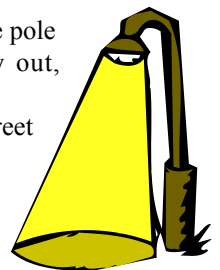
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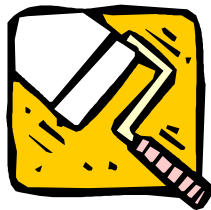
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