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Neighborhood Watch

As concerned citizens and proud homeowners, we are forming our very own Neighborhood Watch. Below you will find some important information about the program and how you can become a part.

What is Neighborhood Watch?
Neighborhood Watch is a voluntary program organized by concerned citizens to reduce crime in their community. Working with local law enforcement agencies, citizens can learn when and how to report suspicious activities, assist in property identification, conduct home security measures and precautions.



Neighborhood Watch meetings offer valuable information that helps neighbors cooperate effectively with one another. It also promotes good security practices, makes more observant and caring neighbors and boosts cooperation between citizens and law enforcement.

Who can join a Neighborhood Watch?
Any resident of this community can join Neighborhood Watch, and there are many ways for each of us to come together and help make our community a safer place to reside.

As we begin this program it's important for you all to know that we have been coordinating with local law enforcement so that we can partner with them. Also, we have a coordinator, Mike Preiser, who will be organizing the program and meetings.

In addition, we have a goal of getting at least 50% of the households on board. By doing this we will be able to have Neighborhood Watch signs put up in the community.

Upcoming Meeting Schedule:

DATE	DAY	TIME
1/12/2008	Saturday	10 -11 a.m.
1/19/2008	Saturday	11 a.m. -12 p.m.
1/26/2008	Saturday	10:30-11:30 a.m.

The Neighborhood Watch meetings will be held in the foyer of the clubhouse at the swimming pool.

Please think about what your part should be in this new program. Should you have any questions or would like further information, contact Mike Preiser at mikepreiser@comcast.net.

REMINDER:

While we love seeing your holiday spirit during the season, now that it's over please remove all decorations. We can't wait to see them again during the next holiday season!

2008-2009 Informational Meetings for Cypress Christian School



On Thursday, February 7, CCS will host an informational meeting for future Kindergarten parents from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Elementary Building. On that same night, families with students entering 1st -12th grades are invited to attend an informational meeting from 7 - 8:30 p.m. For details, please contact Vicki Moore at 281-469-7745 or log on to www.CypressChristian.org.



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Private Education Preview

Come explore the rich variety of private educational opportunities in our community. The 6th Annual NW Private School Preview will be held on Sunday, January 20, 2008 from 3-5 p.m. This free event provides the opportunity to visit with representatives from over twenty private, independent and parochial schools.

Sponsored by Chick-fil-A, the event attracts families from all over the greater NW Houston area. The preview will be held at Champion Forest Baptist Church, located at 15555 Stuebner-Airline Rd.

New Website

Village Creek has recently changed our website address. Please visit our new website: www.myvillagecreek.net.

It is loaded with information, so check it out and watch as it continues to grow!



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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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.



HOA Meetings

The Home Owners Association (HOA) meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. to discuss general business and special concerns. The meetings are held at the Fairwood club house, located at 14701 Spring Cypress. All residents are encouraged to attend.

Cypress Christian School Winter Banquet – Celebrating 30 Years

You are cordially invited to the Cypress Christian School 2008 Winter Banquet. Our 30th Anniversary Celebration will continue with this special event to be held on Saturday, January 26, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Downtown Aquarium. This event will be a "laugh a minute" with our two special performers—David Ferrell and Susan O'Donnell. Through the generosity of sponsors, this evening is free to our guests.

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.

With comedy and a mix of testimony and song, Susan O'Donnell, KSBJ Christian radio host/comedienne/singer will take you on a roller coaster ride from belly laughs to tears and back to belly laughs again.

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.



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- B. Your trash, garbage and recycling must be out, ready for pickup **by 7:00 a.m.** on your scheduled collection days. ***All household garbage and rubbish will be collected from the curb.***
- C. Trash and garbage shall be contained in standard containers of less than 40 gallons capacity such as lightweight metal cans, plastic cans and/or sturdy plastic garbage bags that are designed for use as residential garbage containers. Bags must have sufficient wall strength to maintain physical integrity when lifted by the top. **All trash and garbage must be bagged if placed into waste receptacles larger than 40 gallons capacity.** Please note: A 65 gallon container is the largest receptacle collection crews are permitted to service as specified herein. Crews will remove only the bagged trash from these larger receptacles with capacity up to 65 gallons. Collection crews, for safety considerations, are instructed not to attempt to lift any receptacles larger than 40 gallons capacity.
- D. Bagged yard waste material such as grass and leaves must not exceed forty pounds (40 lbs) when full. Branches and tree trimmings of less than three inches (3") in diameter must be ***bundled and securely tied***, as not to exceed four feet (4') in length, a total circumference of the bundle shall be less than 24 inches, nor exceed forty pounds (40 lbs) in total weight. Limbs larger than three inches (3") in diameter are not collected. Bags and bundles will be collected at the curb along with your trash and garbage. Garbage collection is limited to fifteen (15) items (cans, bags and/or bundles) per collection day. Moving boxes must be flatten, bundled and securely tied.
- E. Bulky or heavy trash such as old furniture, appliances, garage cleanups, Christmas trees and similar items are to be collected each Friday, except on observed holidays, with a limit of **two** bulky items. Please contact our ***Residential Customer Service Department at 713-686-6666***, if you have a question or unusual item for collection. Our office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. until noon on Saturday.
- F. Waste Management will not pickup hazardous waste (HHW) such as motor oil, gasoline, paint, batteries, garden chemicals, smoke detectors, etc. Additionally automobile tires, tree trunks, auto body parts and similar items will not be collected by our personnel. Material generated from remodeling, carpeting, or roofing materials are not considered as typical household garbage and rubbish. Consequently, they will not be collected. Note: Refrigerators must have the compressor removed, refrigerant drained and lines sealed by a licensed technician with appropriate recycled content tag affixed to the unit.
- G. ***If an observed holiday as specified below falls on your garbage collection day, there will be no collection that day. Collections will be take place on the next regularly scheduled collection day following the observed holiday.*** Please refrain from placing bulk items out on this day due to the large volumes of household garbage. Scheduled and observed holidays are:
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| New Year's Day | Memorial Day | July 4th |
| Labor Day | Thanksgiving Day | Christmas Day |
- H. Please direct inquiries about appropriate disposal options for **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)** such as used oil, paints, pesticides, etc; to Harris County Pollution Control at 713-290-3000 or www.cleanwaterclearchoice.org. They can direct you to the nearest appropriate disposal site for HHW items.

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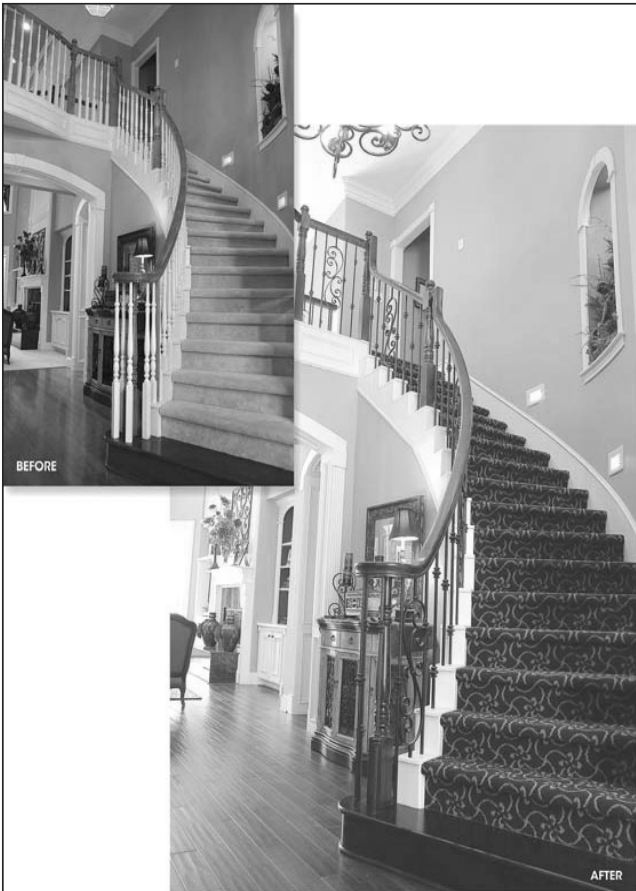
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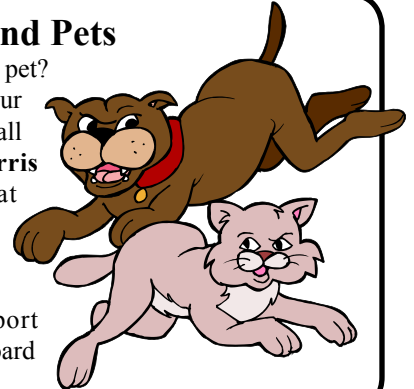
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Identity Theft Warning

Remember to shred all personal information including credit card applications and old checks before putting them in the garbage. Incidents of people going through trash have been reported in other neighborhoods and serve as a reminder that no one is above this terrible crime. For more information on how you can protect yourself from Identity Theft visit the Constable's website at www.cd4.hctx.net.

Lost and Found Pets

Have you found someone's pet? Have you lost your pet? If your answer is yes, we encourage all residents to please call **Harris County Animal Control** at **281-999-3191**. The HOA offers their sympathy when one has misplaced a cat or dog, but please do not report lost or found pets to HOA Board Members.



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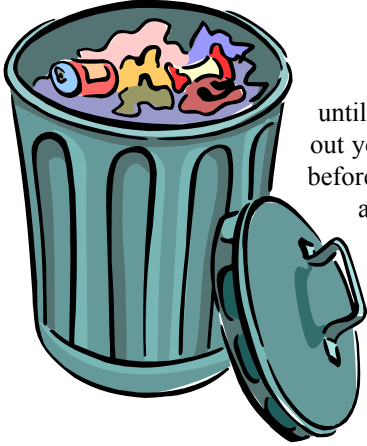
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Recipe of the Month:



Taco Soup

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| 1 lb. ground beef or turkey | 1 can Rotel tomatoes |
| 1 small onion | 1 can ranch style beans |
| Taco seasoning | 1 can corn |
| Ranch dressing packet | 1-2 cans chicken broth |
| 1 tomato | |

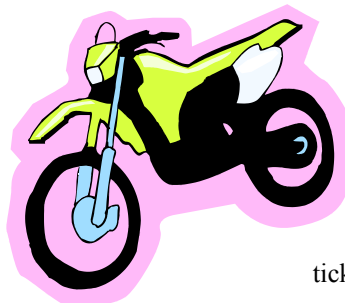
Brown beef and onion. Add taco seasoning and ranch dressing. Chop tomato and add to beef. Dump in rest of ingredients. Boil 15-20 minutes. Serve with sharp cheddar cheese and a dollop of sour cream on top

If you would like to submit YOUR recipe please email it to articles@peelinc.com.



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 or 713-207-2222. 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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This market information report is provided to keep you informed of resale market activity in your subdivision.

	Jun 07	Jul 07	Aug 07	Sep 07	Oct 07	Nov 07
\$350,000 +	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$300,000 - 349,999	0	1	0	0	0	0
\$250,000 - 299,999	4	2	4	0	0	2
\$200,000 - 249,999	5	2	2	0	3	2
\$160,000 - 199,999	2	1	1	1	0	1
\$160,000 -	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	11	6	7	1	3	5
Highest \$/Sq Ft	91.14	89.71	99.29	79.19	101.72	91.21

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11—KINGSVILLE: Valero Cactus Bowl Showcases the best of Division II all-stars college football. Texas A&M University — Kingsville. www.kingsvilletexas.com 361/592-8516

12—ORANGE: Mardi Gras Ball Call early for reservations. E-mail: thechamber@sbcglobal.net • www.goacc.org 409/883-3536

12—PEARLAND: Winterfest Includes a three-lane snow tubing hill, 200,000 pounds of snow, ice skating rink, carnival, midway games, petting zoos, camel rides, pony rides, demonstrations, craft booths, climbing wall and other hands-on activities. Rain date is Jan. 13. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pearland's Independence Park. www.pearlandparks.com 281/652-1673

12—PORT ISABEL: Longest Causeway Run & Wellness Walk Queen Isabella Memorial Bridge. www.portisabel.org 956/943-2262

12—SANTA FE: Haak Port & Chocolate Affair Hours are 6 to 8 p.m. Reservations are limited to 40. Haak Vineyards & Winery. www.haakwine.com 409/925-1401

12-13—LOS FRESNOS: Elvis Festival Includes Elvis impersonators, food, music and more. Los Fresnos Rodeo Arena. 956/233-5482

16-Feb. 1—NASSAU BAY: Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo Art Exhibition Displays more than 500 superior works of art by students from Clear Creek ISD and Friendswood ISD. Arts Alliance Center at

Clear Lake. www.taaccel.org 281/335-7777

18-19—BEAUMONT: Hot Hearts Combines the best in contemporary Christian music with state-of-the-art video and light shows for a high-energy weekend. Civic Center. www.hothearts.org 409/838-3435

18, 20, 26, 30—HOUSTON: The Abduction from the Seraglio Two lovely young women held hostage on the Orient Express endure both the advances of their captors and an elaborate rescue by their fiancés that goes off the rails. Houston Grand Opera. www.houstongrandopera.org 713/228-6737

19—HOUSTON: Birding Walk & Talk Stroll around the park's many trails seeking the wintering visitors from the north. Begins at 8:30 a.m. Sheldon Lake State Park. 281/456-2800

19—LA PORTE: Hard Hat Tour of the Battleship Texas Enter areas rarely seen by the public. Reservations required. Battleship Texas State Historic Site. 281/479-2431

19—LAKE JACKSON: Rita Coolidge with Brazosport Jazz Orchestra Begins at 7:30 p.m. The Clarion at Brazosport. www.clarion.brazosport.edu 979/230-3156

It be a set of Janis Joplin's music performed and a band inducted into the Music Hall of Fame. Carl Parker Center at Lamar State College. 409/722-3699

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19-20—GALVESTON: Oak Ridge Boys The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894 or 409/765-1894

19-20—PORT NECHES: Trade Days on the Avenue Includes antiques, arts & crafts, and entertainment. Port Neches Avenue. 409/722-4023

21—FREEPORT: Martin Luther King Parade & Rally Enjoy a traditional parade celebrating the civil rights leader. Begins at noon. 979/297-2801

24—NASSAU BAY: Open Mic Jazz Nite Musicians, vocalists, poets and music lovers are invited to step into the spotlight. Arts Alliance Center at Clear Lake, 2000 NASA Parkway. 281/335-7777

25, 27—HOUSTON: The Magic Flute Houston Grand Opera. www.houstongrandopera.org 713/228-6737

26—SANTA FE: Pruning Day & Haak Winery's Sixth Annual Oyster Fry Pruning begins at 8 a.m. From 1 to 4 p.m., enjoy the oyster fry. Haak Vineyards & Winery. www.haakwine.com 409/925-1401

26—VICTORIA: Tales of a Golden Era with Sha Na Na Victoria College Auditorium. www.victoriasymphony.com 361/576-4500

26-27—ORANGE: Mardi Gras Festival Includes parades, gumbo cooking competition and more. 700 Simmons Drive. www.goacc.com 409/883-3536

27—ORANGE: Woven Harmony Offers a collaborative experience featuring Robert Bluestone on classical guitar and silk weaver Rebecca Bluestone. Lutchter Theater. www.lutchter.org 409/745-5535

27—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Taste of the Island Hours are 2 to 5 p.m. SPI Convention Centre. 956/761-4412

28—PORT ARANSAS: Port Aransas Merchant's Dine Around Enjoy samples from restaurants and local shops. www.portaransas.org 800/452-6278

31-Feb. 3—PORT ARTHUR: Mardi Gras Weekend Includes parades, headliner bands, carnival rides, arts & crafts, and strolling street entertainers. Downtown Port Arthur. www.portarthur.com/mardigras 409/721-8717

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