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2008 POOL SEASON

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The 2008 Swim Season will begin Saturday, May 3, 2008 and pool tags will be required for admittance. The pool will be open the following days in 2008:

DAYS: May 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, 25, 26*
May 30 through August 24
August 30, 31
September 1*

The pool will be open when a lifeguard is on duty during the following hours:

HOURS:	Monday	Closed*
	Tuesday	10:00 am to 8:00 pm
	Wednesday	10:00 am to 8:00 pm
	Thursday	10:00 am to 8:00 pm
	Friday	10:00 am to 8:00 pm
	Saturday	10:00 am to 8:00 pm
	Sunday	12:00 pm to 6:00 pm
	Special Hours:	
	Memorial Day (May 26)	10:00 am to 8:00 pm
	Labor Day (September 1)*	10:00 am to 8:00 pm

*(Closed on Tuesday if Holiday falls on a Monday)

All residents must fill out a 2008 Registration form and return to SCS to arrive no later than May 31, 2008.

A limit of six (6) pool tags per address will be issued. Any applicant requiring more than 6 tags per household should note the circumstances on the back of the pool registration form for review by the board.

The following qualifications must be met in order to use the pool facility:

1. Residents must be current on all Annual Maintenance fees in order to receive tags. Residents whose annual maintenance fees are not paid in full prior to June 1, 2008, will not be allowed pool privileges for the entire 2008 pool season.
2. Tags must be worn at all times while at the pool.
3. Residents may invite one guest per tag holder.
4. Tags are issued to **full-time household members** listed on your application.
5. The charge for lost, misplaced or stolen pool tags is \$50.00 per tag.

Forms received June 1st or later will incur a processing fee of \$25.00 per household. Your tags will be given or mailed to you, upon receipt of your application and the \$25.00 processing fee.

Note: This \$25.00 processing fee does not apply to new homeowners.

NO TAGS – NO ENTRY INTO POOL

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Cypress N Houston @ Barker Cypress

The engineer for HCMUD #196 has informed us that within the next few weeks the county will begin extending Cypress N Houston on the west side of Barker Cypress. It will extend west far enough for Riata West to utilize their main entrance. At that time they will be putting traffic lights in at that intersection which will make it easier to turn south onto Barker Cypress from Cypress N Houston. At the same time, they will be making Cypress N Houston on our side of Barker Cypress 4 lane divided back to the first storm drain. Prior to this we will be taking down the three columns at that entrance along with the flower beds. We will be constructing a new entrance once the road work is complete. The county will not work around the columns. If we don't take them down, the utility crews will.

Happy Mother's Day

May 11, 2008



Riata Ranch

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Spillane Middle	281-216-1645
Cy-Fair High	281-897-4600
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Cy-Fair College.....	281-290-3200

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HCMUD #196	
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HOA, SCS Mgt.....	281-463-1777
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Cy-Fair College Library.....	281-290-3210
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Hooray for Hollywood Evening set May 13 - Enjoy a musical Hollywood evening at Lone Star College-CyFair as the Jubilee Banjo Band and the All-Stars of Houston, under the direction of Buddy Griffin, help audiences celebrate the greatest music from classic Hollywood films. This group has performed at the Opera House in Galveston every summer for 20 years. The Academy for Lifelong Learning (A.L.L.) at LSC-CyFair hosts this red carpet night with stars from the Silver Screen. For information on this event, call 281-345-9258. For information on the A.L.L. program, call 281-290-5991.

L.I.F.E. Lessons in May - The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Lone Star College-CyFair Branch Library (Room 131.) In May, programs feature insight into sonography May 7, songs of feathered friends May 14, tracing genetic lineage May 21 and secrets of curry May 28. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/library.

Teens Driver's Education Available this Summer - Summer driver's education courses for teens ages 15 to 17 are available at 4 p.m. and again at 6 p.m. Monday through Thursdays June 2 through June 26 and July 7 through July 31. The in-classroom driver's education course covers road rules, road signs, and laws to prepare the teens for the Department of Public Safety's written exam. Other topics are car maintenance, effects of drugs and alcohol, laws and penalties for drinking and driving, emergency situations, basic driving procedures, road rage, and insurance. Parents are responsible for the in-car instruction. Students are required to purchase the Texas Traffic Safety Education Student Manual, which is available at the campus bookstore. Call 832-482-1043 for information.

Library Offers Something for Everyone this Summer - The Harris County Public Library Lone Star College-CyFair Branch offers Summer Reading Program for children and adults. The library also offers free computer workshops, including new Undercover Librarian workshop. Topics range from basic computer functions to introductions to the Internet and various software programs. A variety of monthly book clubs are available including mystery, women of the world and sports page. There are plenty of youth programs with activities and book clubs for teens and storytime for younger children. Go online to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/library for information.

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Recipe of the Month:



Picante Sauce

1 lb. peppers (bell, banana, & jalapeno; according to how hot you want the sauce; the seeds of the jalapeno peppers add a lot of WARMTH!)

3 onions	3/4 C sugar
3 qts. tomatoes	4-5 cloves garlic
1 C vinegar	2 T salt

Scald tomatoes and peel. Quarter and place in large pot. Chop peppers, onions, and garlic; and mix with tomatoes. Add sugar, vinegar and salt. Simmer slowly several hours until the sauce is the desired consistency.

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6								8
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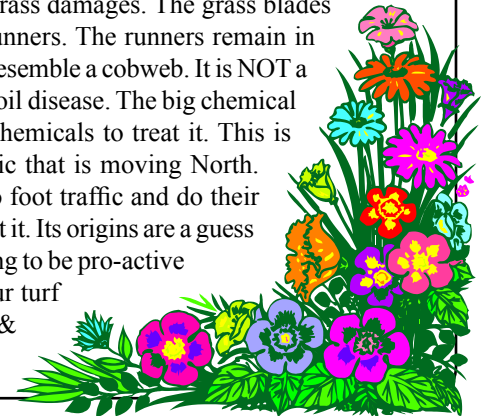
May Landscaping

By Ron Kerwin

May is a great month to get full usage of our outdoor areas. The morning temps are nice and it has not yet become really hot in the afternoons. Continue to freely plant shrubs, trees, flowers and vegetables. Remember to put down a minimum of 2 inches of new mulch in all your beds. A good layer of mulch keeps the plant roots cooler, helps with weed control, and helps slow the water you apply from evaporating from the root zone.

Water your lawns less frequently and more deeply. Frequent short duration watering leads to shallow root systems. Less frequent longer duration watering leads to deeper root systems. Deeper root systems are more healthy and better for your lawns. They will hold up better in the extreme heat. Our lawns need one inch of water per week. Put out a container with straight sides and catch the water as you irrigate, you can easily measure the result. Two watering times at ½ inch each are better than 4 times at ¼ inch, the water penetrates further and this will force the roots down to find it. Regular mowing is critical for good lawn health. Mow only the top 1/3 of the total length. Letting the grass grow long and then cutting off more than the 1/3 is damaging to the grass, and makes the mulching process less efficient and less attractive.

There is a new soil disease coming into our area that I was made aware of late last year. It reveals itself in St Augustine grasses. It is not cinch bugs, it is not grubs although it does resemble their grass damages. The grass blades die and fall off the runners. The runners remain in place, but somewhat resemble a cobweb. It is NOT a grass disease, it IS a soil disease. The big chemical companies do have chemicals to treat it. This is a Gulf Coast epidemic that is moving North. Homeowners with no foot traffic and do their own yard work still get it. Its origins are a guess at this point. I am trying to be pro-active and let you know your turf may get the problem& to watch out for it.



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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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Diet and Your Health

By Jeannette Quickenden S.A.C. Dip, MICHT, AADP

Welcome to our new feature 'what you eat and your health' our aim is to help you help you.

The old saying "we are what we eat" is so true. Everything we consume is digested and absorbed into our bloodstream to 'fuel' our bodies. At the same time, without realizing it, we are feeding ourselves large quantities of chemical additives and preservatives, which can cause numerous health issues.

A large number of the things on your grocery list contain food additives that are intentionally added to modify visual appearance, taste, texture, processing, or the storage life of food. Not all of us can tolerate these additives. A reaction for some can lead to major health issues.

We all know that eating too much junk food is bad for the waistline but did you

know that there are also numbers of 'good' foods that can have an adverse effect on some individuals?

For example do you or a family member suffer with any of the following?

- headaches
- indigestion
- depression
- candida
- difficulty sleeping
- poor memory
- constipation
- poor digestion
- menstrual problems
- irritability
- fatigue

And these are to name just a few ailments which can be diet related.

Finding the right dietary combination has also been known to help those suffering from

autism, heart disease, diabetes, osteoporosis and certain cancers – while increasing your energy and stamina. Healthy eating can even lower "bad" LDL cholesterol.

Our first article will hit home to many parents - A hyperactive nightmare on two legs – does this sound like your child? We will be looking at possible dietary causes for behavioral problems.

If you have any questions please e-mail us at jeannette@qhealth-naturally.com.

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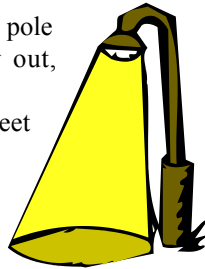


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On our website, under DOCS, FORMS, LINKS, there are many helpful tools at your disposal. All of the known forms needed for all neighborhood business and activities are listed on the site, and the list keeps growing. As a new need is realized, the site gets updated with additional links in an effort to give you one place to find everything you need to make the most out of our community.

You will find everything from information regarding mosquitoes and violation summaries, to downloadable forms for vacation watches and ACC applications.

One of the tools that you'll find is very helpful, but not very pleasant. It is a link to the sex offender section of the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY web site (<https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/soSearch/default.cfm>). This site contains a mapping tool that allows you to input your address and assess your surroundings and proximity to known offenders.

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10 Ideas to Help You Get Organized this Spring!

Computer: Examine your desktop for icons or shortcuts you no longer use. Delete those and organize the remaining ones on the desktop in an order that makes sense for how you use them. Then add any extra icons of frequently used programs.

Pantry: On a pantry door, place a clear shoe organizer. It can be a useful place to store gravy/soup/sauce mixes, flavored rice and pasta packs, dry marinades and sauces, Jell-O, extra utensils, spices, or other small items. Shoeboxes are also great to use as inexpensive organizers for small pantry items.

Refrigerator: Before grocery shopping, examine your fridge. Discard any stale food & clean shelves with a damp cloth. Upon return, the new groceries can go right in.

Freezer/Fridge: For food in the freezer/refrigerator, rotate the oldest to the front and newest in back. Use adhesive labels to date items in storage containers.

Laundry: Before putting small articles of clothing into the washing machine, get a few inexpensive mesh bags (used for hosiery) and separate each family member's socks, undergarments, and other small items into them. When washing is complete, these bags can be tossed into the dryer and dropped in everyone's room to put away.

Cleaning Supplies: Use a caddy with a handle to carry around cleaning products (sprays, rags, wipes, sponges) from room to room with ease. Also, items stay in one place and are quick to locate when needed.

Drawers: Use ice-cube trays and empty check boxes as drawer organizers to hold loose coin, pins, buttons, earrings, rubber-bands, etc.

Paper Data: Information on Post-It Notes and business cards with important names, numbers, and addresses should be transferred to your electronic database or address book.

Garage: Use a tall trashcan or umbrella stand for holding long items such as baseball bats, fishing rods, etc.

Games: Use Ziploc bags to store small game pieces, and then put those bags back in their correct boxes.

Dental Tip of the Month

Is Overwhitening a Concern?

Dear Friends,

Many folks that are teeth whitening are aiming for an unnaturally white shade by overusing the products. Excessive use of bleaching products can damage tooth structure and gums. Some overly enthusiastic patients experience tooth sensitivity, blisters and discoloration on teeth and gums.

Custom-fitted trays are used to hold the gel, reducing risk of hydrogen peroxide leakage; with over-the-counter products, the trays are usually not form-fitting. But even under ideal conditions, studies show that often less than 50% of the whitener is still in the trays one hour after application, indicating a lot of leakage

I do caution against buying tooth whitening products over the counter. The ingredients may be correct but the balance of the ingredients may be improper, resulting in a low pH, thus damaging the enamel of the teeth.

Make sure whatever whitening product you get, it has an ADA (American Dental Association) seal of acceptance. Most over the counter products do not have that seal, thus may cause an unknown harm.

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