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CYPRESS MILL MESSENGER

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Official Newsletter

YARDS OF THE MONTH



17707 Timber Cliff Ln



17910 Cypress Valley



18335 Arbormont Drive



18638 Moshill Estates

Common Areas

We have many beautiful common areas in Cypress Mill; along the main roads into each section, around the Recreation Center, playgrounds, etc. Please be courteous to your neighbors and do not use these areas as dumping grounds for your unwanted tree limbs, soda/beer cans and bottles, grass clippings. Our landscaping crew picks up at least one truck load a week of trash from these areas. We do have trash pickup twice a week, on Mondays and Thursdays and homeowners are paying for this service, so use it for ALL your trash disposal.

From the HOA President *Cypress Mill Homeowners Dues*

With the housing foreclosure rate in the US running at over 20%, it's not surprising that Cypress Mill has its fair share of homes that are delinquent in their annual homeowners dues and, for various reasons, have run into difficulties paying them.

The HOA board is not in the business of posting homes for foreclosure and therefore causing even more distress to families already experiencing financial problems. However, the HOA board has to ensure that there is money available for budgeted expenses and the main source of income to cover this are homeowner's annual dues.

There is currently an amount of approximately \$76,000 outstanding in unpaid dues; all of which we have tried to recover through accepted legal procedures, and which include an offer to set up payment plans. Unfortunately, for the most part, these communications have been totally ignored; causing the homeowner to incur additional charges in late fees, legal fees and interest.

It is certainly unfair that other homeowners should be expected to cover these delinquencies.

I want to assure any homeowner who is experiencing financial difficulties, that arrangement can be made for an affordable payment plan. If you have received any communication in connection with this issue, please respond in order to avoid further additional and unnecessary fees.

If you are unsure who to contact, please refer to page 2 of this newsletter; the contact information is there for all the HOA board members and our management company.

Don't want to wait for the mail?
**View the current issue of the Cypress Mill Messenger
on the 1st day of each month at www.PEELinc.com**

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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.

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Stephen Howard..... usacc23@msn.com

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David Layman..... cypressmildavid@aol.com

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Swim Team Committee

..... www.cmmakosharks.org

Administrative Assistant

Carolyn 281-213-3174

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

Keenagers Pot Luck Suppers carolwatec@sbcglobal.net

Keenagers Monthly Bus Trips wgailn@yahoo.com

Other Important Numbers

ACC Changes/Questions - Principle Management:

Jessica Trafton 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, (24 Hour Emergency) ... 713-983-3604

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

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

Centerpoint Energy Gas 713-659-2111

Centerpoint Energy Gas-Emergency Gas Leaks... 713-659-3552

CenterPoint Energy 713-207-2222

Irrigation Leaks/Common Area Repairs - Principal Management
Newsletter Publisher

Peel, Inc..... advertising@PEELinc.com, 888-687-6444

Poison Control Center 800-764-7661

Principal Management 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) Recycling 281-368-8397

Cypress Mill HOA, Inc. Who To Call List

Eagle Water Management

(Cypress Hill MUD#1)..... 281-374-8989

Detention Pond: 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.

Storw Water Solutions 281-587-5950

Detention Pond Mowing.

GreenPros 713-974-5823

Detention Pond Sprinklers.

Principal Management – Cypress Mill HOA, Inc.

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

Jessica Trafton..... 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

To request street signs and to report street damage, curb damage, street flooding, or missing/damaged street signs.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the newsletters is the 9th of each month.

Please email articles to: Cypressmillmessenger@yahoo.com

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Block Captains

Street	Block Capt	Phone #			
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Arbor Trace Ct.			Rosehill Estates Ln.	Ronnie J. Kallus	281-304-1246
Aster Estates Ln.			Rose Hill Park Ln.	Bill & Elizabeth Brown	281-373-3118
Auburn Woods Dr.	Herb Hays	281-373-4078	Rosemont Estates Ln.	Annabelle Martinez	281-213-9079
Autumn Glen Ct.	Courtney Hicks	281-213-3182	Spring Walk Ln.	Sharon Strasburg	281-304-1382
Begonia Estates Ct.	Diana Pretus	281 330-8251	Sweetstone Estates Ct	Michelle O'Keane	281-304-8188
Bladenboro (Park I)	Dawn Shirley	281-373-4892	Thicket Hollow	Sheri Pivonka	281-658-2161
Calacaterra Ct.			Thornbluff Ct.		
Camellia Estates Ln.	Jennifer M. Klawinski	281-381-2987	Timber Cliff Ct.		
Carriage Crossing Ln.			Timber Cliff Ln.		
Cascade Bend Lane	Fernando Aguirre	281-373-0186	Trellis Estates Ct.		
Chapel Cove Ct.			Valley Stone Ct.	Rhonda & David Bubenik	
Cinderwood Dr	Amy Arthur	281-304-1999	Water Mill Dr.	Gilbert Tovar	832-922-1865
Cinderwood Dr	Susan White	281-373-5784	Wild Ivy Ct.		
Cobblestone Dr.			Windwood Park Ln.	Gail Norris	281-256-9859
Country Rose			Wisteria Estates Lane	Matt Buss	281-304-9321
Courtly Estates Ln.	Richard & Theresa Brutka	281-256-7810	Woodcypress Ln.		
Creekmill Ct.			Wooded Glen 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	281-304-0017			
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.	Jennifer Uherek	281-215-3154			
Harmony Estates	Andrea Anderson	281-256-8515			
Harnett Dr.	Tina Bunn				
Harvest Chase Ct.					
Hazy Ridge Lane	Amy Merrill	281-256-6449			
Heathcrest Ct.	Don Staas	281-304-6912			
Hollow Branch Ct.	Jacqui Williams	281-304-8006			
Huntmont (Park I)					
Huntmont Street (Place)					
Laurus Estates Ln.	Kellie Berger	281-304-1910			
Mallard Estates Ct.	Jo Ann Nowak	281-304-1614			
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.	Dusty Saldana	281-304-1255			
Pinson Dr.	Debbie Brown	281-256-1875			

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@comcast.net. **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 KEENAGERS

Saturday, August 9th : We are off to The Grand 1884 Opera House on Galveston Island to take in the 2 o'clock pm matinee of the stage play "TUNA DOES VEGAS"

Reservations will already have been made by the time this newsletter is printed but if you are interested and there is a spare seat or two, please contact wgailn@yahoo.com or phone 281-256 9859.

After these hilarious characters entertain us we will dine at local Island restaurant

We will leave from the Cypress Mill Rec Center at 11:30am for a fun day on The Island

Saturday, September 20th : Our senior group bus trip will be to the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum in downtown Austin. We will leave the Rec Center at 9 am, arriving at museum for a relaxing lunch at the museum's Story of Texas Café. Our guided tour will begin at 1pm to take in the highlights of all 3 floors of museum including an interactive movie at Texas Spirit Theater. Cost for combined guided tour and movie will be \$7.00 each, for group of 20 or more. If not a group of 20, it will be \$8.00 for self guided tour and movie.

Please RSVP as soon as possible to ensure your ticket purchase. Gail Norris by email: wgailn@yahoo.com or phone 281-256 9859

Kudos for the Cypress Mill Mako Sharks – Champs all the Way!

The Cypress Mill Mako Sharks swim team swam undefeated this year, earning the most points at all six of their meets, including winning Divisionals the final week of the season. The team, which boasted 158 swimmers, was led by Head Coach Christine Haines and Assistant Coach Jeanne Decker. In addition, 48 swimmers – 22 boys and 26 girls – qualified for the Red, White and Blue Invitational and seven swimmers – four boys and three girls – qualified for the Ponderosa Invitational. Swimmers are invited to Invitationals by swimming qualifying times during the season.

The Mako Sharks were led during their fourth year by Toby Simmons, Melanie Hamilton, Stacey Stricklin, Tina Bunn and Lisa Willmon. You can find out more information about the Cypress Mill Mako Sharks by visiting their website at www.cmmakosharks.org.

For more information on how to sign your children up as swimmers or how to become a team sponsor, contact Toby or Melanie.



Business Classifieds

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Date: August 19th (Tuesday), Time: 4:00 until 7:00, Location: Pool area.

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Please support the businesses that advertise in the Messenger. Their advertising dollars make it possible for all Cypress Mill residents to receive the monthly newsletter at no charge. No homeowners association funds are used to produce or mail the newsletters. If you would like to support the newsletter by advertising, please contact Peel, Inc. Sales Office at 888-687-6444, advertising@PEELinc.com

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Shooting Incident

In the early hours of a recent Sunday morning, a young man from our neighborhood and his friends noticed a parked car with the engine running and open windows but no driver or passengers. A few minutes later 2 young teenagers jumped into the parked car and headed down the road. The young man and his friend thought this was rather unusual and followed the car towards the golf course where the vehicle picked up another passenger and then parked without lights near the golf course entrance. Shots were fired from the parked car. Fortunately the young man and his friend quickly turned around and drove away and no-one was hurt but the car was damaged by the bullets. He called the Sheriff's department who removed shell casings from the car and filed a report.

Regrettably, the victims did not get the license number of the other car, so nothing more could be done.

If you see anything suspicious in the neighborhood, please call the Sheriff's Department. Do not try to be a hero; leave it to the professionals. The number to call is 281-376-3472.

Neighborhood Recognitions

Has someone in Cypress Mill gone out of their way to be of assistance? Do you have a family member serving in the military overseas? Has someone helped you with your yard because you have not been able to manage it yourself?

There are many ways we have all been helped by our neighbors and many ways we can help each other. If you would like to say thank you for a kindness you have received or nominate a neighbor for a job well done or congratulate a resident for an outstanding achievement, please send a brief note to the Cypress Messenger; email cypressmillmessenger@yahoo.com.

Before submitting details, please obtain permission from the person you are nominating.

Free Concert

You are invited to a Free Concert, Jacob's Road, at St. John Lutheran Church, Fellowship Center (gym), 15235 Spring Cypress (corner of spring Cypress and Huffmeister)

Join us Saturday, August 23, 2008 from 5 - 8 p.m. and be encouraged by the dynamic rhythms and melodies as this contemporary Christian rock group delivers the Word of God in a sincere way.

Hot dogs, drinks & chips will be served beginning at 4:30.

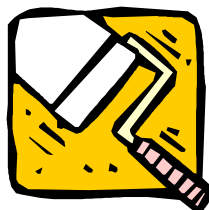
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Cypress Hill M.U.D. #1 Constable Patrol Report

May 2008 Results

June 2008 Results

Tickets	241	Tickets	180
Burglary of a Habitation	6	Burglary of a Habitation	2
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	2	Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	8
Theft from a Habitation	0	Theft from a Habitation	3
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0	Theft of Motor Vehicle	1
Robbery	0	Robbery	0
Assault	1	Assault	2
Criminal Mischief	6	Criminal Mischief	4
Disturbance – Family	3	Disturbance – Family	3
Disturbance-Juvenile	4	Disturbance-Juvenile	5
Disturbances-Other	47	Disturbances-Other	51
Other Calls	55	Other Calls	51

Stork Report

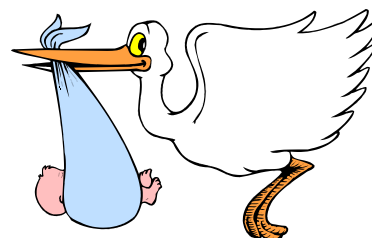
Colton Reid Day

Born: June 24, 2008 at 11:30 pm

Weight: 7lb 3oz.

Length: 20 inches

Proud Mommy and Daddy-
Catherine and Zak



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 for announcements.

Garage Sales In Cypress Mill

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Are you an at-home mom looking for some fun distractions during the day?

Why not try out MOMS Club of Cypress-North! We are a chapter of the International MOMS Club, which is a national, non-profit organization that gives at-home mothers the opportunity to share activities and discussions with other mothers and their children. Activities are held during the day, when at-home mothers need support and interaction the most. Children are always welcome. We also organize community service projects throughout the year.

Our members are moms of various ages and backgrounds with kids of all ages (newborn to high school age).

Our business meeting are held the 2nd Thursday of every month. If you are interested or would like more information, please visit our web site at www.geocities.com/momsclubcypressn or contact Lara Golwas, Membership VP, at 281-246-1045 or lgolwas@entouch.net, or Jennifer Hopkins, President, at 281-256-2868 (hopkinsjena@sbcglobal.net) for location, directions, or any questions.

We are happily welcoming new moms at each meeting. Hope to see you there!

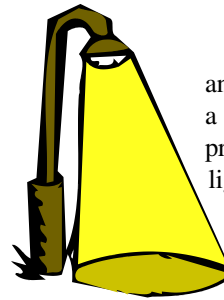
Join the Adventure!

Get Connected...with MOPS!

MOPS stands for Mothers of Preschoolers, a program led by mothers themselves and designed for mothers with children ages birth to 5. These mothers all have a shared desire...to be the best mothers they can be!

For more information on meetings in Fairfield, please contact Renate Wheeler at renateqw@yahoo.com. They will meet on the second and fourth Fridays during the school year.

Street Light Out?



"Have you noticed a street light out? You can report it to CenterPoint Energy 24 hours a day at 713-207-2222. Choose a language preference and then select option "4" for street light outages.

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Lone Star College-CyFair

Summer Fun in the Gallery and on Stage - The Bosque Gallery presents a photo exhibition titled "IN-SITU: In the Place. - Italy Summer Study Abroad 2008" (Aug. 12 - Aug. 28). There will be a closing reception Aug. 28. Go to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery for hours and information. Don't miss the theatre's children's show "Go, Dog. Go!" Aug. 4 through Aug. 16. Overflowing with action and canine tom foolery, this early reading book has been embraced and loved since 1961! It's a big dog party for all ages to enjoy. For tickets and information call 281-290-5201 or go to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/boxoffice.

It's not too late to register for fall - Registration continues through Aug. 23 for fall semester. Register for online, weekend, evening or distance learning courses by phone, 281-290-3200 or 832-782-5000; online to CyFair.LoneStar.edu; or in person at one of our conveniently located campuses at 9191 Barker Cypress or 14955 Northwest Freeway. Week day classes begin Aug. 25 with weekend classes beginning Sept. 5- Sept. 7.

Free New Student Orientation and Family Orientations! - Incoming new students and their family members will receive campus tours and learn about academic and student life. Choose among full-day and half day programs that also include My Records training, advising presentation and class registration, or mini orientation programs that include student panel, student activities information and a question and answer session. Programs are available Aug. 6, Aug. 13, Aug. 14 and Aug. 21. Register at CyFair.LoneStar.edu/orientation.

L.I.F.E. Lessons in August - 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 August, learn the history of, and how to make, ice cream Aug. 6; find out how to make an earth-friendly backyard Aug. 13; restore powers for health and spirit with mindful breathing Aug. 20; and create exquisite and simple clay flowers Aug. 27. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/library.

Calling all Mothers of Texas A&M Students!



The Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms Club cordially invites you to attend our Annual Howdy Party on Tuesday, August 12 at 7:00 p.m. There is no charge to attend and no reservations are needed.

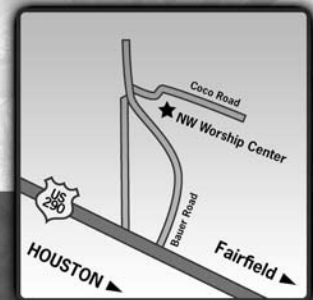
Come "whoop" it up with us at the Houston Distributing Company conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the corner of 7100 High Life Drive and Cutten Road, just south of FM 1960. Catch the "Spirit of Aggieland" as former Fightin' Texas Aggie Yell Leaders teach us the yells, the war hymn, and share about the traditions that make Texas A&M so great!

The purpose of the Aggie Mom's Club is to support our students, many of the university's clubs and organizations, and each other as our students go through this important stage in their lives. Come be a part of this friendly group of women. We look forward to your joining us!

If you have questions or need more information, call Shelly Fine at 832-606-8170

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{ WEDNESDAYS }
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Natural Watch Dog

Submitted by Luis Escobar

I spoke with a man yesterday who has a "great watchdog". His dog lets him know when his neighbor is outside, when the kids down the street come home from school or are outside playing, when there is a squirrel on the lawn, when the mail arrives, when the neighbors get a UPS delivery, when a bird lands, a cat is out, when someone walks their dog, and on and on. WOW was I impressed. I couldn't help wondering how many times this guy was getting up to check on these alerts from his dog. I'm guessing a lot as he knew exactly what his dog was barking at. I got tired just thinking about having to check on all that activity.

I almost asked him how he would know if there was something that really needed his attention. To my thinking this wasn't a watch dog, but a nuisance barker. Can dogs learn the difference? Thankfully the answer is YES! Rover can learn to distinguish the difference, as long as we know the difference.

Rover is not a barker. I wish I could say that about the other dogs in our neighborhood. There are two yorkies behind us who go ballistic when anyone walks by. There is Rover's friend Emma the mixed up mutt next door who tries to tell the yorkies to shut up. There's Charlie the lab down the street who barks at every dog that walks by his house. You can follow us around the block, just by listening to the barking.

These dogs are all barking inappropriately. In other words this is nuisance barking. Birds, squirrels, leaves, cats, lizards or other dogs and

people are not things we need Rover telling us about. Fires, someone breaking in, or unexpected things are what we want to be notified about.

As I said, Rover is not a barker. He'll look towards the sound of other dogs barking but he doesn't join in. The times he did join in we corrected him. We consistently let him know that we didn't need to know if the Yorkies saw someone or even if he saw someone. It was none of his business, but if he wanted to watch he could do so quietly. Now he basically ignores the cacophony of the "watch dogs". But he will alert us to unusual events.

One night I was having trouble sleeping and got up and went outside in the middle of the night. Rover didn't hear me go out but he did hear me come back in. He gave a couple of warning barks and started growling when he heard the front door open. The door opening in the middle of the night was unusual. He woke Cathy, alerting her to my sneaking back in. Even though he ratted me out he still got lots of praise for raising the alarm.

Dogs will naturally alert you to the things out of the ordinary. They WILL warn about unusual events, even if they are corrected for barking at the wrong things.

If Rover is a nuisance barker the chances are that over time we'll just tune him out. It's like the boy who cried wolf. When the wolf really comes we won't believe him.

Nuisance barking CAN be corrected but it's important to address the cause(s) and not just the symptom(s). Dogs bark for various

reasons such as calling the pack, trying to scare someone or something, because they are afraid, or because they're bored. It's often stressful not only to us and our neighbors, but to the dogs as well. This is especially true with issues of separation anxiety.

Do you have a neighbor whose dog is creating a nuisance with his constant barking? How you approach this might be difficult. You might ask if their dog is ok because it seems to be upset a lot. If it only barks when the owners aren't home they might not even know it's barking. Ask about the dog with concern instead of confrontation and you may have a better chance of getting the owner to understand there's a problem.

Once the inappropriate barking is under control you'll have a natural watchdog. One who alerts you to something out of the ordinary, and one who's warning you can trust. Once we can trust Rover's warning we'll know when we have to really check on things and it won't be because the kids down the street are outside playing. The results?

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\$180,000 - 199,999	0	1	1	0	0	0
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\$140,000 - 159,999	1	5	0	3	1	4
\$120,000 - 139,999	0	4	3	5	4	3
\$120,000 -	2	3	0	0	3	0
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Parents can join WRAP by coming to the monthly meetings held on the second Tuesday of the month in the Cy-Woods High School Commons at 7pm or check out our website at cywoodswrap.org Start earning WRAP bucks now--\$10,000 WRAP bucks for a brick and \$5000 for attending a meeting! See you there!

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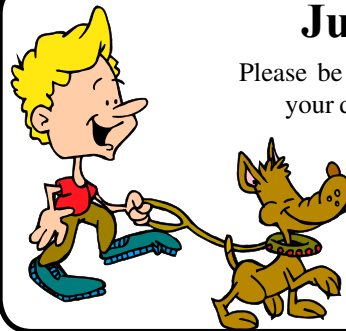
As always, please be courteous to your neighbors and do not put out your trash before 6 pm on the evening previous to collection. Let's keep our neighborhood looking beautiful.



Just a reminder

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We have many seniors in the neighborhood that have made cookies and volunteered their time at the children's Easter and Christmas parties. We had a resident and her teenage son volunteer at the Easter party. By volunteering he was able to get a letter of thanks that will help with his resume' when he applies for college.

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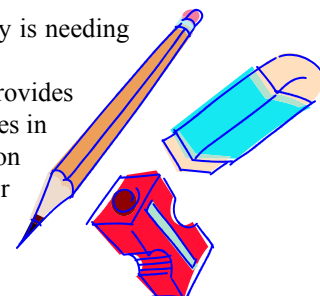
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Family Volunteering: Doing Good Together

Submitted by Wendi Baird

During a recent camping trip, my children were shocked to see the amount of trash left along the river bank following a long holiday weekend. "Didn't the people see the empty trash cans," asked my daughter with all the childlike wisdom of an eight year old. As we looked downstream, we noticed a lone Park Ranger walking along the banks with a trash bag picking up all the empty cans and other garbage left behind by the holiday revelers.

I saw the light bulbs go off simultaneously in my kids' minds ... "Mom, can we go back to our camper and get some trash bags to help, too?" To be honest, my first thought as a mom was that I didn't want my children touching all that germ-infested garbage. But then I realized what a great learning opportunity this could be. Here was a problem, and it was one that we could work together as a family to remedy. So after walking along the river banks, filling up two trash bags with garbage, we finally caught up to the Park Ranger downstream. Although he was very appreciative of the help, he was quite surprised by our efforts. "You shouldn't have to do this," he said. "It isn't your trash or your responsibility to pick it up".

I don't know what was more disappointing that morning – the fact that this beautiful park was strewn with garbage (while empty trash cans sit in plain site) or the surprise shown by the Park Ranger that someone would voluntarily help pick up the garbage.

It seems that the phrase "That's not in my job description" has become

a common mantra today. I firmly believe that one way to combat the selfish and materialistic attitudes prevalent in our society is through Family Volunteering. It's one thing to tell our children that we need to help others. But actually doing volunteer projects together as a family instills life lessons that won't be readily abandoned later in life.

According to the website www.DoingGoodTogether.org, family volunteering "is a hands-on way to teach children the values of kindness, compassion, tolerance, community responsibility and good citizenship." The website is full of ideas for family volunteer projects. One of my favorites is one that even the youngest children can do. Create a "Giving Box" from an old coffee can or shoe box. Let your children decorate it and then place it in a prominent location in your home. Encourage your children to fill it with any loose change they find. Then as the Holiday Season approaches, let your children help choose where the money will be donated. For example, they could use the money to buy a toy to donate to Blue Santa or to buy canned goods to donate to the local food pantry.

Our children still talk about that family experience of picking up trash along the Frio River. It was gratifying to all of us to see how clean the riverbank looked after spending just a few minutes helping that lone park ranger. But, more importantly, it reinforced to us as parents that it's one thing to teach your children something, but the impact is far greater when you show them!

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			2			8		
3	7				5			
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- 1/3 cup chopped celery
- Juice of one lemon
- 3/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup cubed apple, do not peel
- 1 cup coarsely chopped pecans

Directions

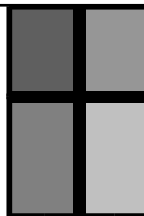
Combine first 6 ingredients in large mixing bowl.

Add just enough mayonnaise to moisten. Cover and chill at least 1 hr. before serving.

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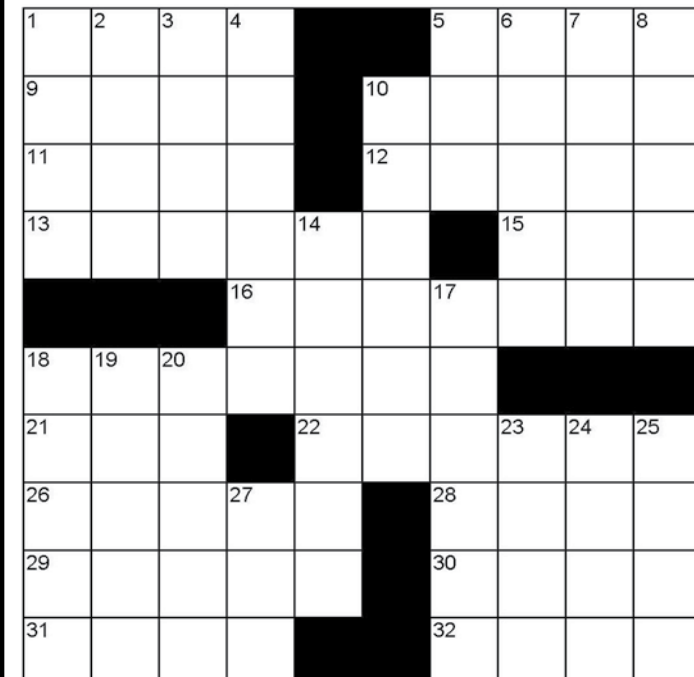


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1. Curse
5. Glasses
9. Charge card
10. Japanese dish
11. Pear type
12. Type of alcohol
13. Mete out
15. Deer relative
16. Mountains
18. Sin
21. Fawn's mom
22. Rain shoe
26. Angry
28. Sole
29. Whoop
30. A spinning toy (2 wds.)
31. Plateau
32. Former magistrate of Venice

DOWN

1. Baby's "ball"
2. Famous cookies
3. Loch __ monster
4. Levy
5. Jag
6. Direct
7. Animal kingdom division
8. Soft materials
10. Member of an American Indian people
14. Dancer Rogers
17. Put more ammunition in
18. Abhorrence
19. Skill
20. Heroic actions
23. Upon
24. Slug
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27. Drink

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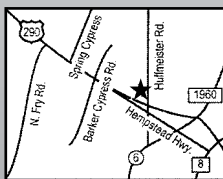
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- 1-28—KEMAH:** Rock the Dock Concert Thursday nights. Kemah Boardwalk. (Began Jun. 5.) www.kemahboardwalk.com 800/285-3624
- 1-Sep. 1—CORPUS CHRISTI:** Flamingo Fandango South Texas Botanical Gardens & Nature Center. (Began Jul. 1.) www.stxbot.org 361/852-2100
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- 15-16—EL CAMPO:** El Campo Vol. Fire Dept. Cook-Off 979/543-3335
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21-23—ROCKPORT: FLW Outdoors Fishing Tournament ACND Festival Grounds. 361/729-6445

22-23—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Beach Bash Volleyball Tournament Eight volleyball teams representing NAIA universities from the Midwest, Texas and Mexico compete. www.athletics.utb.edu 956/882-8911

22-24—PORT ARANSAS: Texas Women Anglers Tournament Features a fishing tournament for women. Robert's Point Park. www.gofishtx.com 361/882-6000

23—GALVESTON: ArtWalk Hours are 6 to 9 p.m. Galveston Historic Downtown District. www.galvestonartscenter.org 409/763-2403

23—HOUSTON: German-Texan Convention Includes presentations, entertainment, information and networking at this event for anyone interested in German culture and the German heritage of Texas. Crowne Plaza West Hotel. www.germantexans.org 866/482-4847

23—PALACIOS: Palacios Market Days 5th and Main Street. www.palacioschamber.com 800/611-4567

23-Oct. 5—GALVESTON: Helen Altman: Flora, Fauna & Other Natural Concerns Survey of the sculpture, works on paper and quilts by this Fort Worth artist. Galveston Arts Center. www.galvestonartscenter.org 409/763-2403

29—GALVESTON: Robert Earl Keen Begins at 8 p.m. The Grand

1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894

29-30—CORPUS CHRISTI: The Texas Coast Feis Irish dancers from all over the country will compete. Musicians from all over the country, plus Ireland, will perform. Includes musicians, singers, poets and artists performing. Omni Bayfront Hotel. www.prideofirelandtx.com 361/537-8606

29-Sep. 1—ALVIN: All-American Festival Kicks off Friday at a sock hop with the Pee Wee Bowen Band at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Includes a car show on Saturday with the Depot Days parades, street rods, motorcycles, booths and music at National Oak Park. On Sunday and Monday, enjoy Splashmania, fireworks and a barbecue cook-off. www.alvintexas.org 281/585-3359

30-31—ROCKPORT: Fiesta en la Playa Includes Tejano concerts, mariachi bands, vendors, tamale and jalapeno eating contests, macho legs contest and Chihuahua Downs races. ACND Festival Grounds. 361/463-7737

30-31—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: SPI Beach Volleyball/Labor Day Tournament Boomerang Billy's Beach at Surf Motel. 956/761-2420

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Tennis Tips

Submitted by Fernando Velasco

Watch for Dehydration - Avoid Heat Stress by:

- Schedule practice time in the morning and late afternoons.
- Wear light-colored clothes with breathable material.
- Wear white hat to protect face, skull and neck
- Drink 18-20 oz of fluid two or three hours before your match, then again another 8-10 oz ten to twenty minutes before match.
- During play, drink 8-10 oz every ten to twenty minutes (during changeovers.)
- If you have heat cramps, stretch the muscle, and take rehydration drinks with glucose and electrolytes.
- If you feel light-headed and think you might faint, lower your head or lay down on your back with your feet up. It would be a good idea to stop playing and to sit down in a cool area.
- Take two coolers on the court. One full of ice and water to drink and one with ice only with a towel. Between games, soak your towel in the cooler and refresh your face, neck and wrists.

Enjoy your tennis games and stay "cool"

REMINDER

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Dawn Fore's Cypress Mill Market Report

Neighborhood	1 st Quarter 2008			Current	
Cypress Mill	Sold	\$ per SqFt	DOM	Avail	Pending
Up to \$125,000	6	\$45.78	65	5	1
\$125,001 - \$140,000	6	\$58.21	88	9	2
\$140,001 - \$155,000	3	\$56.74	66	16	2
\$155,001 - \$170,000	2	\$69.04	37	9	1
\$170,001 - \$200,000	0	-	-	2	0
Cypress Mill Estates	Sold	\$ per SqFt	DOM	Avail	Pending
All Price Ranges	6	\$70.85	87	6	2

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