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Official Newsletter

Cypress Mill Homeowners Association, Inc.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2008

PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Shirley Whitley, President

David Layman, Vice President

Chris Jackson, Treasurer

Dena Loughlin, Secretary

Gail Norris, Director

PRINCIPAL MANAGEMENT:

Jessica Trafton, Community Association Manager

CALL TO ORDER: A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:04pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: The agenda was adopted as presented.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORTS: The August 2008 financials were presented. Financials were reviewed as presented. There were 3 items on the Income Statement that were requested be reviewed by PMG and a response sent to the Board on these items.

REPORTS:

DELINQUENCY REPORT: The Board reviewed the current delinquency report. There is currently \$58,000.00 in delinquent dues for 2008.

ATTORNEY STATUS REPORT: The Board was presented with the current attorney status report. A motion was made by David Layman to proceed to the next step in the collection process for those accounts presented. Motion seconded by Shirley Whitley. Motion carried unanimously.

HOMEOWNER DISPUTE OF FEES: Jessica Trafton informed the Board that account 270-6975 was disputing the fees on their account due to an incorrect mailing address. Jessica Trafton presented documentation showing that the certified mail was in fact delivered to the correct address and was signed for. The Board discussed in detail the information as presented. A motion was made by Chris Jackson not to waive any of the fees on the account. Motion was seconded by David Layman. Motion carried unanimously. The homeowner will be given the option of making payment arrangements for the current amount owed. The terms of these arrangements will be communicated to the owner.

DEED RESTRICTION REPORT: Due to Hurricane IKE there was no deed restriction report presented. Inspections will resume on October 13th. Chris Jackson inquired on the process of addressing violations and what recourse the association has for non-

compliance. Jessica Trafton informed the entire Board on the process. A homeowner is sent a first letter informing them of the violation, in 30 days a second letter is sent to the owner, in 30 days a third letter is then sent to the owner informing the owner that the non-compliance has resulted in the account being referred to the attorney for resolution.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

FENCES: The Board was presented with the documentation from the Attorney regarding the fences. Gail brought to the attention of all that there is a section in several sets of the Deed Restrictions that speak about annexation of the remainder of the community as it develops. She made a request that the association's attorney review this information and give us a legal interpretation of this information.

FINAL BUDGET APPROVAL:

The Board was presented a final budget with prior changes. The Board discussed the correction of 3 line items (Telephone, Pool Telephone, and General Maintenance). After a brief discussion a motion was made by Chris Jackson to approve the budget as presented with the changes made. Motion seconded by David Layman. Motion carried unanimously.

MEADOW ESTATES PARK (LANDSCAPE PLAN):

The Board reviewed the landscape plan submitted by HiTech for the Meadow Estates Park. A motion was made by Dena Loughlin to accept the plan as submitted. Motion was seconded by Shirley Whitley. Motion carried unanimously.

TROPHY CASE: The Board discussed ideas for the installation of a trophy case in the Fitness Center for items such as trophies and pictures of the swim team, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts. Jessica Trafton will request proposals for the installation of a recessed case along the wall to the right closest to the doors of the fitness center.

NEW BUSINESS

ELECTRICAL PROPOSAL : The Board was presented with a proposal from Live Wire Electric (\$2,425.00) for the repairs of the electrical for the entrance to Cypress Mill at Cypresswood.

RECREATION ROOM RENTAL: The Board discussed the increase of the fee for the use of the Recreation Room. A motion was made by Shirley Whitley to increase the rental fee to \$50.00 for a 4 hour rental period. The renter will be allowed one (1) hour before the event to set-up and (1) hour after the event for clean up;

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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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Susan Whitesusan.cypressmill@yahoo.com, 281-373-5084

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Keenagers Monthly Bus Trips wgain@yahoo.com

Other Important Numbers

ACC Changes/Questions - Principal Management:

Jessica Trafton 713-329-7138

Cy-Fair High School281-897-4600

Cy-Woods High School281-213-1919

Cypress Lakes Golf Club281-304-8515

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 Energy713-207-2222

Irrigation Leaks/Common Area Repairs - Principal Management Newsletter Publisher

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Principal Management 281-367-8137

Robison Elementary281-213-1700

AT&T Repair Center800-246-8464

Spillane Middle School281-213-1645

Street Light Outages713-207-2222

Comcast Cable713-462-9000

Waste Corporation of America (WCA) Recycling 281-368-8397

Cypress Mill HOA, Inc. Who To Call List

Cypress Hill MUDwww.cypresshillmud1.com

For all issues concerning detention ponds, walking paths, Park 5 playground, individual water meters, MUD facilities lift stations and treatments, mowing, leaks and smells.

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 –

Carolyn281-213-3174, 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

Stork Report

Pipeline Company – Exxon Mobil..... 281-925-3816

Mowing of Pipeline easement; Standing water; Smells or leaks

Street Lights – Center Point Energy 713-207-2222

Damaged or Burned Out Street Lights

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

Harris County Road and Bridge 281-463-6300

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Cypress Mill Office Hours

PMG Manager on site: Jessica Trafton

Telephone: 281-213-3184

Fax: 713-329-7198

E-mail: j.trafton@pmghouston.com

Jessica is in the office the following days & hours:

Monday 9 - 5

Wednesday 9 - 5

Thursday 9 - 5

Friday 9 - 5

Administrative Assistant: Carolyn Hoffmann

Telephone: 281-213-3174

Fax: 713-329-7198

E-mail: carolyn.hoa@sbcglobal.net

Office hours are as follows:

Monday 12 - 5

Tuesday 12 - 5

Wednesday 9 - 2

Saturday 9 - 2

Meeting Minutes - (Continued from cover page)

this giving a total of 6 hours of use. This will be effective January 1, 2009 for all new rentals.

MONUMENT SIGN: Jessica Trafton informed the Board that she had received a proposal for the repair of the Cypress Mill Estates monument sign on Cypress Chase. This proposal was submitted by the same person that moved the monument sign at the entrance of Cypresswood. The cost for the repair is \$500.00. A motion was made by Chris Jackson that we proceed with the repair of the monument for \$500.00. Motion was seconded by David Layman. Motion carried unanimously.

2007 TAX RETURN: The Board reviewed the 2007 Tax Return as presented. A motion was made by David Layman that we accept the 2007 tax return as presented. Motion seconded by Dena Loughlin. Motion carried unanimously.

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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From the HOA President...

- **Christmas Party and Craft Sale:** Santa is coming to Cypress Mills on December 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Come visit Santa and enjoy refreshments afterwards. Start your Christmas shopping after you visit Santa. There is a craft sale being held in conjunction with Santa's visit where a number of your neighbors will be displaying their special talents. Tables will be in the fitness room and around the outside perimeter of the activity room.
- **Volunteers Needed:** Shari Bumpas has graciously offered her time and talent to organize the decoration of the neighborhood for Christmas. All help is appreciated and will begin at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 29th at the activity center. Please send an e-mail to swhitley6675@sbcglobal.net to volunteer your time for this event or just show up and help with the decorations. Refreshments will be provided.
- **HOA Maintenance Fees:** The HOA has set the budget for 2009 and we are proud to announce that for the third year in a row fees will remain at \$473.00.
- **Garbage Collection:** Around our neighborhood there are a number of homes for sale. Imagine driving around our neighborhood looking for a new home and seeing garbage cans set out for Monday pickup on SATURDAY. The deed restrictions are very clear about this - garbage is not to be put on the curb for pickup until after 6:00 p.m. on the day before scheduled pickup. Be a good neighbor - please do not put your garbage out until the proper time.
- **Activity Room Rental:** Effective January 1, 2009, rental of the activity room will increase to \$50.00 for a six hour period. If you booked before October 9, 2008, for a date in 2009, your current rental fee will be honored. Rising utility costs have made this increase necessary.

ACC Application Suggestions

From the Architectural Control Committee (ACC).

Dear friends and neighbors of Cypress Mill who are anticipating upcoming repair or new work to your current property, the members of the ACC would like to assist you in making the process as smooth as possible. You may know of a neighbor who has submitted an application for work, only to go through the tedious process then receive a notification with APPLICATION DENIED. This is not very common, and the ACC does not wish to deny any application without reason, because it does lengthen the process for both parties causing delay in important work to a property.

The ACC is here to help you so that applications can be approved as quickly as possible. Let's start with a few suggestions to help avoid common mistakes, or reasons why applications are denied. The first, most important thing to do is simply read the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for the Section of Cypress Mill of which you reside. Many of the most common types of improvements will be covered in the Declaration of Covenants. Developing a basic understanding will also help with completing the required information on the Application. The next step is to complete the Cypress Mill Homeowners Association Application for Modifications. Please contact PMG at (281) 213-3184 or Email Jessica at j.trafton@pmghouston.com to obtain the correct Application Form.

One of the most common reasons an application is denied is "Lack of Information". Please help by providing applicable information to your improvement. About half way down on the application form are five required items that should be submitted with any application and are as follows: Elevation Drawings, Brochure, Lot Survey, Material Samples, and any additional information pertinent to this improvement. Please give as much information as possible to help the ACC fully understand the proposed work.

Outside of understanding the Declaration of Covenants and providing sufficient information with the Application, the most common reason an application is delayed or denied, is when the proposed improvement does not respect property lines and setback requirements. Please be a good neighbor and allow for reasonable privacy to your neighbors as outlined in the Declaration of Covenants.

With your help, the ACC will try to expedite the



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Good Job!

Many thanks to HiTech Landscaping for their invaluable assistance before and after Hurricane Ike.

Bradley and his crew were quick to respond when asked for help with removing pool furniture into safe storage. And after Ike, they wasted no time in replanting trees, cleaning up and removing debris from our neighborhood.

To whom it may concern,

I would like to recognize my neighbor Georgia Layman for all of her work cleaning up the front park area in the Estates section. She has worked for hours by herself clearing up the debris since Ike came through.

Thanks, Audrey Micheletti

A special thank-you to the many other residents who quickly took care of cleaning up and removing debris and their patience in waiting for curbside pickup.

Special thanks also to Jessica Trafton, our PMG representative who, despite damage to her own house from Ike, jumped right in and coordinated repairs, tree removal, etc. in

Thanks to all that participated Oct 7th National Night Out!

Thanks to everyone block captains and residents that assisted with handing out flyers to streets without block captains. Does your street have representation? Would you like to step up and represent your street? If so contact Annabelle Martinez at 281-213-4097. Volunteer in your community and make it a better place to live! From your Block Captain Committee J

CYPRESS MILL KEENAGERS

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The next potluck supper is Friday, November 7th, at 6:30 pm (three days after Election Day). The theme will be hot or cold snacks and your favorite desserts. We'll have several coffees, teas and creamers. New residents are very welcome; please come and join us. We all know how hard it is to make friends at this stage of life. Some of us have family in the area but we still need friends with whom we can share similar joys and concerns.

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Our bus trip to Bob Bullock Texas History museum was cancelled because of Hurricane Ike and we had a bunch of disappointed Keenagers but we will try to reschedule that Austin trip for summer of 2009.

Our group did make it to Calvert, Texas in October for their Victorian Festival; lots of laughs and enjoyable a ride in the countryside on a cool fall day. We even got to witness a shoot-out ... our course the good guys won!



On the November 1 our wanderings took us to the Port of Houston for a boat tour of the Ship Channel and an early dinner at the original Ninfa's, a bit of history as well as great food.

Mark your calendars for our Christmas party – December 6th at 7pm. We will have a pot luck supper with a BBQ theme so pull out your recipe books and pick your favorite dish to share with the group. Will also have fun with a gift exchange. Call Gail Norris for details – Y'all Come !

Our December bus trip will be Monday, December 8th, A Day in The Woodlands: For those wanting to shop for Christmas, we are planning a day at "Shopping Heaven," at The Woodlands Mall & Town Center, leaving rec center 9:30 am. If you are not a shopper, join me at the movies; we have a choice of 2 theaters both on the trolley line that join the mall with Market Square. There is also a water taxi

Your Paperback Books

If you throw away your paperbacks, please give me a call and let me pick them up, if they are in good condition. We spread them around to people who can't buy for themselves (homeless shelters, prison ministry, etc.). Hardbacks and kid's books are welcomed, as well. Thank you! Please call Deanna at (281)-373-4477.

Did You Know?

- Cypress Mill children's Christmas Party is December 6 at the recreation center from 10 am – 12 noon. Bring your child to visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Don't forget to bring your decorated Christmas ornament to hang on the tree. Ornaments ready for your child to decorate at home will be available from the office at the beginning of December. Watch for details in the December newsletter.
- Neighborhood craft sale is December 6. Come and check out the handcrafted items on display in the fitness room and in the area outside. For table reservations, contact Shirley Whitley at swhitley667@sbcglobal.net
- Cypress Mill has its own website. The address is www.cypressmillhoa.com. Contact Jessica Trafton if you have pictures or information you would like to have placed on the website. Contact Jessica also if you have trouble accessing the website.
- Volunteers are needed for neighborhood decorating on November 29 starting at 7 am. Please meet at the recreation center and refreshments will be provided. Contact Shirley Whitley at swhitley667@sbcglobal.net
- There are many fun volunteer opportunities in our neighborhood. We have several committees being formed; social, newsletter, fence, etc. If you would like to get involved, please contact any one of the HOA board members.
- You can view this newsletter in color on www.peelinc.com, click on community newsletters.
- Homeowners' maintenance fees will be due January 1, 2009; statements will be mailed soon.
- Comments/suggestions/letters/articles are very welcome. Please email them to cypressmillmessenger@yahoo.com. Name and address must be provided but can be withheld if requested.
- Gerry and Billie Glover just celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary – congratulations!



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Gardening Tips by Twyla

Most of the residents in our area were very fortunate with little or no damage, not counting loss of power, due to Hurricane Ike. There were some fences down, shingles torn off and some tree or plant damage. As most of our trees are small, the majority of the ones blown over and partially uprooted can be saved.



Pull the tree or shrub upright and stake it. Use a band around the trunk that won't cut the bark. Replace the soil and water. Continue to water to keep it moist. Add a little root stimulator or fish emulsion at first. If you are pruning broken branches, you might want to treat the wounds with a sterilizing tonic. Mix ¼ cup ammonia, ¼ cup liquid dish soap, 1/3 cup antiseptic mouth wash and a gallon of water in a hand sprayer. Drench all the places you have cut.

If you are seeing little black or green bugs on the tip ends or buds of your plants, most likely it is aphids. Hard sprays of water will temporarily get rid of them or add one tablespoon of liquid dish soap to a gallon of water and spray. This solution will work on a number of insects except mealy bugs. These look like tiny bits of cotton and can get on indoor as well as outdoor plants. Add about ½ cup of rubbing alcohol to the above mixture before spraying.

Since we don't have much seasonal change of color in the fall, it's nice to see yards decorated with colorful plants and yard art. The mums look especially pretty.

If you are planting bulbs for spring, try some daffodils. There are some that will bloom every year and multiply even in our heat and humidity. "Grand Primo" and tazetta "Golden Dawn" are a couple of choices. Don't forget, now is the time to plant herbs and perennials.

Twyla is a resident of Cypress Mill and her gardens are a collage of color, whatever the season. She has graciously consented to share her passion with readers and will be submitting an article every month. If you have any questions or ideas you would like to share, please email them to cypressmillmessenger@yahoo.com, for the attention of Twyla.



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The Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are a special time when families and friends come together to celebrate the festive season. It should be a joyous and happy time for all of us with parties and gift giving. Unfortunately, home and car burglars view the holiday season a little different.

For them, it is an opportunity to burglarize our homes and cars for cash, credit cards and the new gifts of small electronics, computers and jewelry; all easily sold valuables. So here are a few useful tips on how to keep your houses and cars safe during the holiday season.

- Do not display your Christmas tree and gifts in a front window visible from the street. It is too tempting for them to smash the window and grab the wrapped packages. They are looking for a quick escape.
- Do not leave lights switched on 24 hours a day if you are not home and make sure all windows, doors and gates are locked. Install a burglar alarm system. Use a light timer when you are away and ask a trusted neighbor to keep an eye on your house for you.
- Don't hide spare keys under rocks, in flower pots or above door ledges. Instead, give the spare key to a trusted neighbor. Burglars know all the hiding places.
- Sliding windows that are not secure can be seen from a distance. One holiday problem can occur when exterior Christmas light

extension cords are run inside through a window that prevents it from being secured. Hire an electrician or handyman to install an exterior outlet for your holiday lights.

- Disconnect all phones if you are going out of town. Do not leave descriptive telephone answering machine messages like, "you have reached the Wilson's... we are away for the Christmas holiday.... Please leave a message...etc." Burglars like to hear that they have plenty of time to break in and completely ransack your house.
- Always lock packages in the trunk of your car when leaving the store. If your vehicle has no trunk, make sure packages are covered and not visible from the outside.
- Don't leave your packages in your car overnight, especially if your car is left in your driveway, even if your vehicle is locked.
- Don't leave your garage door open while you are in the house or back yard. Burglars can easily check to see if there is anything worth stealing either from your garage or your car.
- Be aware of the people around you when leaving the department store. Be ready to sound the alarm button on your remote door opener if you sense any suspicious activity. If it is dark, you might want to request a security escort from the store to your car.
- Go shopping with a friend, especially if it's after dark.

If you have any other useful safety tips, please email them to cypressmessenger@yahoo.com. Name and address can be withheld



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

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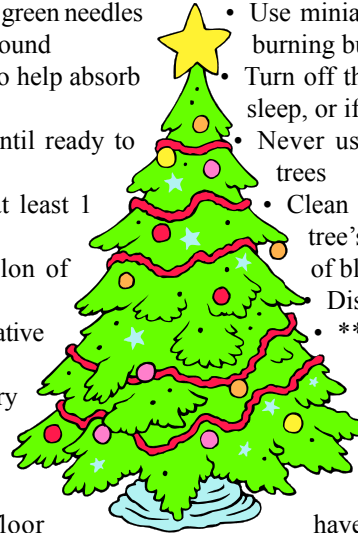
Tickets	184
Burglary of a Habitation	1
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	0
Theft from a Habitation	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	0
Robbery	0
Assault	0
Criminal Mischief	1
Disturbance – Family	3
Disturbance-Juvenile	1
Disturbances-Other	48
Other Calls	55

Report reflects areas of: Cypress Mill, Sydney Harbor, Cypress Ridge, Wal-Mart, Cypress Mill Commercial, Cypress Landing

Christmas Tree Safety Tips:

Consider an artificial tree (they are much safer and cleaner)

- A real tree should not lose green needles when you tap it on the ground
- Cut 1 inch off the trunk to help absorb water
- Leave the tree outside until ready to decorate
- The stand should hold at least 1 gal. of water
- A 6' tree will use 1 gallon of water every two days
- Mix a commercial preservative with the water
- Check the water level every day
- Secure the tree with wire to keep it from tipping
- Keep tree away from floor heaters, fire places, or other heat sources
- Use only UL-listed lights, and no more than 3 strands linked together
- Use miniature lights--which have cool-burning bulbs.
- Turn off the Christmas lights when you sleep, or if you leave your home
- Never use candles, even on artificial trees
- Clean the tree stand to improve the tree's water intake, use one capful of bleach to a cup of water
- Dispose of the tree properly
- *** NEVER BURN A REAL TREE IN THE FIREPLACE ***
- Home Safety
- Install a smoke detector or new batteries in the ones you have and TEST them
- Use only lights designed for outdoor use outside your home
- Examine light strings each year, discard worn ones



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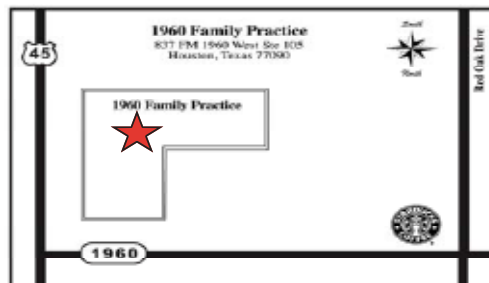


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Christmas Tree - (Continued from page 11)

- Fasten the bulbs securely and point the sockets down to avoid moisture build up
- Connect no more than three strands together
- Never use indoor extension cords outside
- Avoid overloading wall outlets and extension cords
- Keep outdoor electrical connectors above ground and out of water puddles
- Unplug light string before replacing a bulb. Review the original package to verify proper wattage and voltage
- When connecting light strands, wrap a plastic bag around connections and tie ends with tape
- Never use electric lights on a metallic
- Make sure trees hung with Christmas lights are not touching power lines
- When using candles, place them a safe distance from combustibles
- Place candles in sturdy containers. Remember, hot wax burns kids
- Extinguish candles prior to going to bed or leaving the house
- Dispose of fireplace ashes into a metal container until cold
- After parties, check around and under sofa and chair cushions for smoldering cigarettes. (Provide lots of ash trays)
- Install at least one carbon monoxide detector in your home
- Have an operable fire extinguisher readily available
- "Safety" gift ideas
- Put together a gift basket containing one or more of the following items:
 - Three smoke detectors and batteries
 - A quality fire extinguisher
 - A flashlight and batteries or light sticks
 - A first-aid kit
 - A carbon Monoxide detector
 - A mobile phone
 - A second floor escape ladder
 - "Emergency kit"- energy bars, water, battery radio, flashlight/light sticks and a first-aid kit packed in a small travel bag

CM Office Hours

PMG Manager on site: Jessica Trafton
 Telephone: 281-213-3184
 Fax: 713-329-7198
 E-mail: . . . j.trafton@pmghouston.com

Jessica is in the office the following days & hours:

Monday 9 - 5
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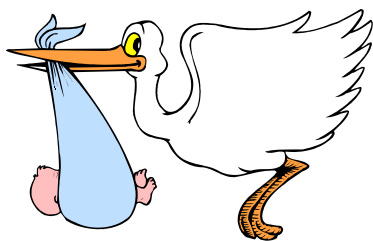
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Height: 19 1/2 inches

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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.

Angels' Attic Christmas Room is now open.

Cypress Assistance Ministries - 11202 Huffmeister

281-955-7684 - www.cypressassistance.org

The Christmas Room will be overflowing with one-of-a-kind Christmas tree ornaments, decorative accessories for the home, personal gift items and jewelry. Come find that one-of-a-kind gift for your family and friends. Funds received through the resale shop help support the ministry services and Food Pantry at CAM.

To brighten the holidays for a family in our community, please consider donating the following items to be used for Thanksgiving Food Baskets.

- Turkeys
- Canned sweet potatoes/yams
- Dressing mixes
- Canned pumpkin
- Evaporated milk
- Cake mixes and frosting

Donations of paper towels, toilet paper, diapers, and shampoo would also be greatly appreciated.

Cypress Assistance Ministries (CAM), located at 11202 Huffmeister, exists to provide a safe place for individuals or families to tell their story and be offered some measure of hope during difficult times. For a description of all our services and volunteer opportunities, please see our Web site, www.cypressassistance.org.

Donations to Cypress Assistance Ministries can be made Monday through Wednesday from 10AM – 6PM and Thursday through Saturday from 10AM – 3 PM.

If you need further information, please give us a call at 281-955-7684 and ask for Kelly.

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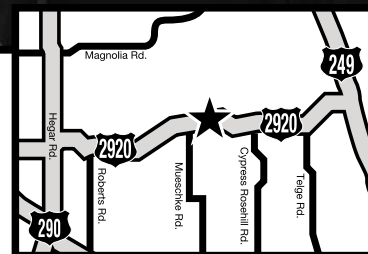
Christmas Concert
Saturday, Dec. 20 at 7:00 pm

Are You Looking for a Way to Brighten Up Your Holidays?

Then bring your entire family to join ours as we celebrate the most perfect gift of all, the birth of Jesus Christ. Enjoy refreshments and fellowship followed by a free Christmas concert. We will capture the hope and joy of the season with new and familiar songs. Everyone is welcome!

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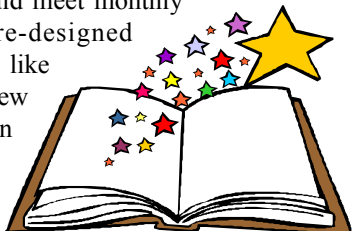
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If so, bring your spouse or student to the November 11th meeting of the Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms Club to hear our featured speaker, Bill Byrne, Athletic Director at Texas A&M University. He will share "inside information" about our new football coach, his goals and strategies for the season as well as plans for all other sports at Texas A&M this year.

Satisfy your appetite for food, fun and fellowship with a snack supper of tailgate favorites like chili and tortilla soup before the meeting. Join us at 7 PM at the Houston Distributing Company located at the corner of 7100 High Life Drive and Cutten Road, just south of 1960, and learn about the commitment to excellence that keep our Aggies so competitive and successful!

For more information, contact Shelly Fine, Vice President-Programs, at 832-606-8170.

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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/momslubcypressn 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!

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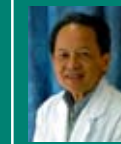
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www.goodshop.com: Shop from the GoodShop website. Use the drop down list under 'Who do you GoodShop for' and select WRAP – Wildcats Right After Prom (Cypress Texas) to receive credit for your shopping. A percentage of every purchase will be donated to WRAP.

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Cypress Christian School Welcomes New Principal

Cypress Christian School is pleased to announce the appointment of Donna Stumbaugh to the position of elementary principal.

"Mrs. Stumbaugh has committed her time, talents, and energy during the last 12 years to minister to students, parents, and teachers at Cypress Christian School," said Dr. Glenn Holzman, Head of School. "Her proven experience in curriculum development and improvement, as well as her extraordinary organizational and leadership skills, allow her to join the administrative team this year. Mrs. Stumbaugh is unquestionably dedicated to Christian education. She understands that Christian education is an opportunity to instill Christian values through scripture. She is committed to the ideal that teachers are living examples of who Christ is, as they teach about God's world through God's word."

Mrs. Stumbaugh's education and experience include the following:

- Bachelor of Science in Education from University of Arkansas
- Master's Degree in Learning Disabilities from University of Tulsa
- Gifted and Talented and Mid-management certificates from the University of St. Thomas
- Texas Certification: Elementary Education, Learning Disabilities, Gifted and Talented and Mid-Management
- More than 28 years of experience in curriculum development and classroom instruction

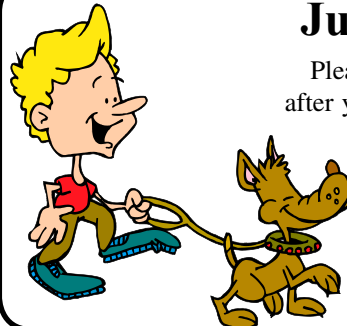
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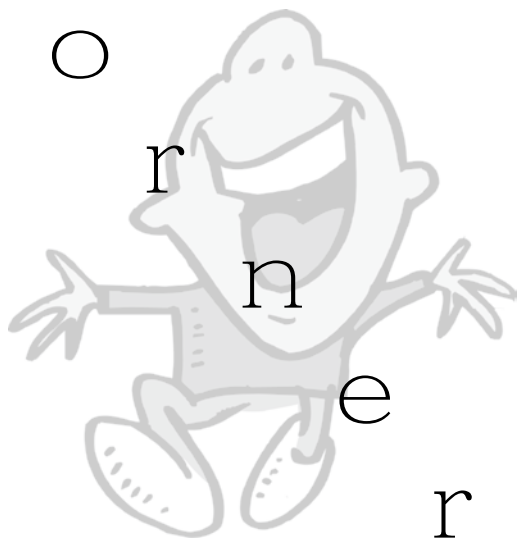
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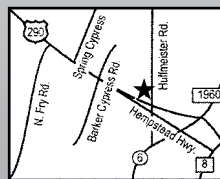
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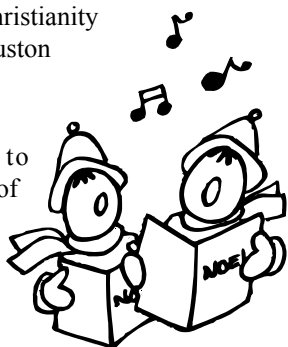
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- 4) Local businesses are often the largest financial supporters of neighborhood school programs, local charities and youth sports activities.
- 5) Strong local business help maintain property values and contribute to the character of our community by offering a diverse selection of goods and services.
- 6) Local business are most often the first job for our children but also is the first introduction into the "real world" of economics. Many of us in NW Houston have had a small business owner in their family at one time or another.
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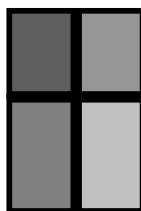


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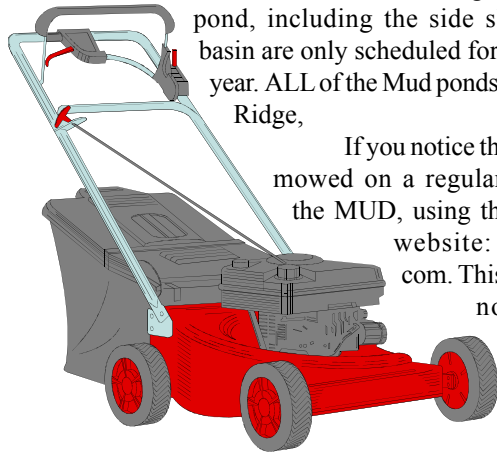
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MUD Mowing Schedule

FYI - the areas owned and maintained by the MUD district have the following mowing schedule:

The top entrances to the detention ponds are mowed by one contractor once a week during the months of March - October. From November - February these areas are only mowed every other week. The typical mowing day is Thursday, but this is subject to change with weather conditions, etc.

The top sidewalk areas and areas behind your fence and top of the ponds slopes are mowed by another company. This mowing is once a week. The remaining areas around the detention pond, including the side slopes and bottom of the basin are only scheduled for mowing once a month all year. ALL of the Mud ponds including those in Cypress Ridge,



If you notice that these areas are not being mowed on a regular schedule, please notify the MUD, using the contact section of their website: www.cypresshillmud1.com. This would also be the place to notify the MUD of any concerns about these areas, such as dead or damaged trees, broken/cracked walking path,



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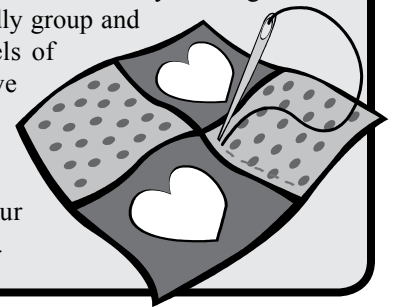
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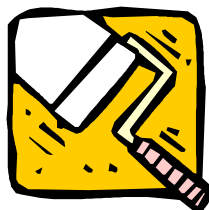
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New Stress Reducer - House Plants

Submitted by Dr. Tenesha Weine

House plants look pretty, fill empty spaces on the floor, and reduce stress. That's right, reduce stress. Being close to house plants makes us feel good. House plants reduce heart rate, blood pressure, and help with skin conductivity. Research has shown that people in planted offices recover from stress more quickly than those in un-planted offices.

No, the nursery with the pink flamingos around the corner from my office did not pay me to write this! It's true, the effect is seen more significantly in situations where the tasks being performed are repetitive or require only low levels of concentration by improving the air quality and people's perception of the building.

Think about it, humans were made to be outside in the woods or jungle, not inside of a cubicle with florescent lighting for eight hours. So, plants in the office help remind our cells there is life outside the four walls of our office.

Plants also give employees a sense of nurturing and caring, and is a highly interactive and a satisfying experience as it relates to our innate desire to take care of something else living.

A number of studies also show plants can reduce the incidence of minor health complaints. Planted buildings have less airborne dust and increased humidity and static electricity. This is mainly because plants

are slightly negatively charged compared with their surroundings. This attracts positivity charged dust particles and reduces the number in the air and on the surrounding surfaces.

A Norwegian study, after plants were installed in the trail office, the staff complaints about:

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CYPRESS MILL MARKET REPORT

Courtesy of "DAVID FLORY"

This market information report is provided to keep you informed of resale market activity in your subdivision.

	Apr 08	May 08	Jun 08	Jul 08	Aug 08	Sep 08
\$200,000 +	0	0	0	0	1	0
\$180,000 - 199,999	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$160,000 - 179,999	1	3	1	1	0	0
\$140,000 - 159,999	3	1	4	2	6	3
\$120,000 - 139,999	5	4	3	1	6	1
\$120,000 -	0	3	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	9	11	8	5	13	4
Highest \$/Sq Ft	76.07	78.25	80.76	80.36	83.49	78.40

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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Are we paying for security or not? Can't we stop these people from bugging us at 6:00 PM during dinner? Do we have to post signs on our own home?

I thought it was posted at all entrances (no - don't do it - solicitation).

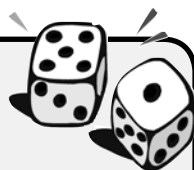
Do we need to document? I think this is a real grab / reach.

- Who
- What
- When
- Why
- Where

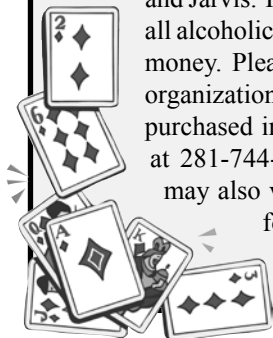
Do I need to start a crusade to stop us from being bugged by un-solicited sales that are not "trying to sell you anything"?

Sorry but I am fed up.

Inspiring Possibilities Fall Fundraiser



Inspiring possibilities, a non profit organization for children with special needs, is excited to host an adult only casino night and silent auction on Saturday, November 1st from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. This event will be held at the Coles Crossing Clubhouse, located on the corner of Barker Cypress and Jarvis. The cost is \$50 per person which includes all alcoholic beverages, food and \$100 of casino play money. Please join us and join the fun in making this organization and event successful. Tickets may be purchased in advance by contacting Christy Lieder at 281-744-0568 or christy@allstarma.com. You may also visit our website at www.allstarma.com for more information on our program and donations.



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Protecting Your Children on the Internet

Submitted by Laurie Scott

Just as we try to protect our children from bullies and predators on the streets, as parents we need to be doing the same when it comes to the Internet. Before the internet much of our socialization was done on the telephone. We would talk on and on while our parents were telling us to get off the phone. But with the advent of the Internet has come online chat as well as popular social networking sites such as MySpace and FaceBook, which have provided a totally new way for kids to socialize but at the same time exposed them to a new world of dangers. There is no need however to panic, as there are steps you can take to greatly reduce any risks.

First, talk to your kids. There is no software or hardware that will better protect your children than you. Keep computers out of children's bedrooms and in a public area of the home. Kids should not be talking to people online that they don't know in person. They should enhancing existing relationships, not creating new ones online. Never should your child give out personal information such as a phone number, address, birthday, school, etc.

Netsmartz.org is a fabulous site run by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children; they have lots of material for both parents and kids from K – High School. An excellent tool is their "Internet Safety Pledge" that you and your child can read together and sign as an agreement between you. For younger kids there are kid-safe web browsers such as "MyKidsBrowser" and "Kidzui". There are tools such as NetNanny and CyberSitter that can be installed on a computer to limit what programs can be run and what sites can be visited (be advised that clever teens seem to figure ways around them). OpenDNS is a free service that you can use to transparently control access for all computers in your home (though it does require a little technical knowledge to fully implement).

You tell your children not to talk to strangers and never get into a car with a stranger, using the same caution regarding strangers on the internet is a great first step in allowing your kids to enjoy the richness the Internet has to offer while minimizing the risks.



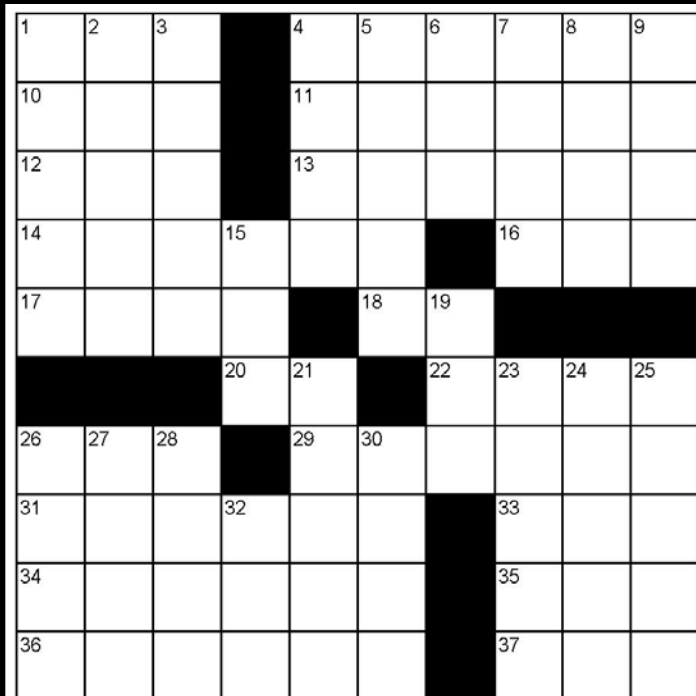
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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Expression of surprise
4. Ascots
10. Cut
11. Reactive
12. Pixie
13. Northern Ireland
14. Bell tower
16. Female sheep
17. Thought
18. Greek X
20. Yes
22. Telephone noise
26. American College of Physicians (abbr.)
29. Owner
31. Sorrowful
33. Water closet
34. Constructs
35. Extra-sensory perception
36. Afire
37. Ball holder

DOWN

1. Where you were at crime time
2. ___ in (focused)
3. Pippin
4. Speak indistinctly
5. Sepals of a flower
6. Abdominal muscles (abbr.)
7. Ritual
8. Traveled by airplane
9. Dried-up
15. Food and Agriculture Organization (abbr.)
19. Internal Revenue Service
21. Lout
23. Small island
24. Lasso
25. Fumble
26. Domain
27. Regulate
28. Rind
30. Otherwise
32. Farm credit administration (abbr.)

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Neighborhood	3 rd Quarter 2008			Current	
Cypress Mill	Sold	\$ per SqFt	DOM	Avail	Pending
Up to \$125,000	3	\$66.00	43	4	3
\$125,001 - \$140,000	9	\$69.86	60	5	2
\$140,001 - \$155,000	9	\$62.13	79	10	1
\$155,001 - \$170,000	2	\$69.13	46	5	0
\$170,001 - \$200,000	0	-	-	2	0
Cypress Mill Estates	Sold	\$ per SqFt	DOM	Avail	Pending
All Price Ranges	2	\$66.06	25	9	1

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