

# The Village Gazette

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Village Creek Community Association

November 2008

## Block Party!

Morning Rain Drive had their block party on Sunday, Oct 5 for neighborhood night out. The kids painted pumpkins and played in the park, the adults shared hot dogs, burgers, salads, and dessert. A grand time was had by all.



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## Constable's Corner

*By Sergeant James Rouse*

The holiday season means making plans for shopping, traveling and spending time with the family. As police officers, we know that the season is replete with opportunities for crime. **We would like to pass on some safety tips to keep in mind:**

- Always lock your car, even if you're only leaving it for a short time.
- Do not leave valuables visible in your car. Radar detectors, packages, radios, and cameras attract attention and tempt thieves. Remember: "Out of sight, out of mind".
- Make sure all your windows are rolled up completely. Use any anti-theft devices you have, such as alarms, clubs, etc.
- Park in a well lit areas.
- Stay alert. Crooks prey on those that look distracted by typical holiday rush.
- Be conservative in wearing expensive jewelry and other personal accessories and limit the amount of cash and credit cards you carry.
- Go shopping in groups of good friends and family. If you must go alone, take advantage of mall

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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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## HOA Meetings

The Home Owners Association (HOA) meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. to discuss general business and special concerns. The meetings are held at the Fairwood club house, located at 14701 Spring Cypress. All residents are encouraged to attend.

## Welcome



The Village Creek HOA would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest board member, Jason Giddens. Mr. Giddens has taken the role of Director at Large, effective August 2008. He is a great addition to our board and we are looking forward to his service with us.



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## Constable's Corner - (Continued from Cover Page)

parking lot escorts and shuttle services.

- Never lay packages or your purse on top of your vehicle.
- Always have your keys out and ready to open your car door when approaching your vehicle. Approach your car from the front or the back so you can see anybody hiding in between vehicles.
- Report any suspicious behavior to law enforcement.

### If you are planning to go away for the holiday season, please keep the following in mind:

- Activate your home security system if applicable.
- Keep all window blinds closed to afford no view into your home.
- Have the newspaper and other regularly delivered items stopped, or ask a neighbor to pick them up. A pile of newspapers in the driveway is a clear indicator that no one has been home for several days.
- Before leaving on a road trip, check your vehicle for mechanical problems. Most area shops offer this service for a reasonable fee, and it will help avoid being stranded away from home.

*We hope you have a safe and happy holiday season.*

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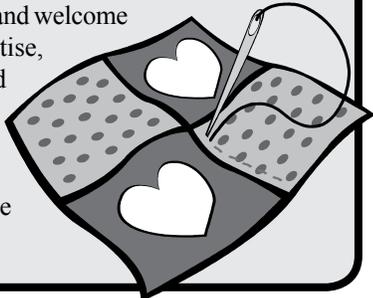
*Meets the 1st Tuesday of the month, 7-9pm*

Meeting Place: Fairfield Baptist Church, 27240 High way 29  
0 just off Muescke Rd, Cypress, TX 77433-4907  
website: [www.tricountyquiltguild.org](http://www.tricountyquiltguild.org)  
*Established 2005*

Some of our activities include Show & Tell, BOM's, Fabric Exchanges, Charity Quilts, Bees, Special Programs, guest speakers and more, with Door Prizes at every meeting!

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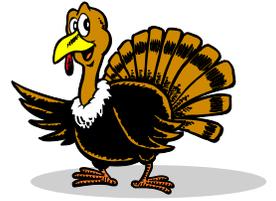
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## Cypress Assistance Ministries

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[www.cypressassistance.org](http://www.cypressassistance.org)

## Donations Needed



Angels' Attic Christmas Room is now open. 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](http://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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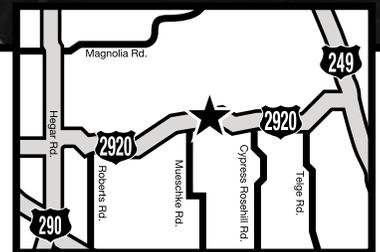
*Christmas Concert*  
Saturday, Dec. 20 at 7:00 pm

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## **Brandon Vick Memorial Run-4-Fun to be held on November 7, 2008**

The Brandon Vick Memorial Fun-4-Fun will be held on November 7 at Cypress Christian School. This event is dedicated in loving memory of Brandon Vick who passed away suddenly in the summer of 2003. Brandon would have been a senior this year.

“Brandon’s education at Cypress Christian School began in 1998. Brandon loved the Lord, loved his family, loved his school, and loved his friends. Whatever Brandon did, he did with all his heart, as was the case with the Run-4-Fun, year after year,” said Brandon’s parents, Dale and Celeste Vick.

“At the end of his 6th grade year, Brandon came home with a heavy heart and asked our family to pray for his friend who might not be able to attend school the following year due to financial reasons. Brandon was a very compassionate person. In keeping with his prayer, a fund was initially set up to assist with tuition needs in these situations.”

Cypress Christian School continues to keep Brandon’s memory alive through the Brandon Vick Memorial Run-4-Fun. Proceeds from this event have blessed the elementary school with items from their “wish list.” In addition, 10% goes towards tuition assistance for elementary students in need.

### **Proceeds from Run-4-Fun have provided the following items over the years:**

- Elementary Computer Lab
- Library Enhancements
- Music Department Enhancements
- Art Department Enhancements
- Playground Equipment
- Technology upgrades
- New Televisions and Stand for the Classroom
- Cable and Wiring for the Classrooms
- Playground Enhancements/ Playground Shade Structure
- Projectors for the Classrooms
- Laminating Machine
- Die Cut Machine and Various Stamps
- Elementary Performances and Competitions
- Teacher Classroom Supply Vouchers
- Map Rails
- Artwork Display Strips for Hallways

For more information on this event or how you can contribute to this fund, contact Jody Pollos at 281-770-5326 or Jody.Pollos@CypressChristian.org. Donations can be made on-line via the school’s website at [www.CypressChristian.org](http://www.CypressChristian.org) under the “Support CCS” tab “On-line donations.”

### **Pet Owners**

Pet owners; please keep your pets on leashes when walking in the neighborhood, as a courtesy to others. Also, take care to pick up after your pooch if they leave a gift in someone else’s yard or in any common area. No one likes to see, smell or step in those gifts!

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## Yard of the Month

### Criteria for Yard of the Month Recipients

#### Rules

- \*Yard of the Month will be awarded during the months of April-Sept.
- \*One (1) home will be selected during each month.
- \*Winner must be willing to have photos of the yard taken and published in the newsletter.
- \*Winners will be selected based on the attractiveness, maintenance, beautification, originality and creativity of their landscaping.
- \*A home cannot receive an award more than once a year.

#### Awards

- \*Yard sign indicating the selection of the winning home will be placed in the front yard of the recipients of the month.
- \*A gift certificate from a local nursery will be presented to each winner from the Landscape Committee.

#### Winners

- \*All winners must be in good standing.

#### Judging Criteria

- \*General upkeep of the yard (well manicured grass, edged, uniformly green and generally weed free).
- \*Bushes and shrubbery are neatly pruned and show good color.
- \*Unique landscaping or originality/creativity.
- \*Pleasant and overall appearance which makes the property an asset to the community.

#### Reporting

- \*The Landscape Committee will advise the Board of the Yard of the Month selection prior to notifying the homeowner/resident.

## Lone Star College-CyFair - November Perspective

In an effort to provide you with important information about Lone Star College-CyFair "Perspective" was developed. This column provides the latest information about news and events. Here is a sampling of what's going on:

### Save the Dates for Art, Music, Theatre and Vocal Events

The Bosque Gallery presents the end-of-the-semester LSC-CyFair Fall Student Art Exhibition Nov. 19–Dec. 4 with a reception Nov. 20 Go to [CyFair.LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery](http://CyFair.LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery) for hours and information. The Theatre Department presents a hilarious, poignant, endearing and Tony award-winning play, "The Laast Night of Ballyhoo" Nov. 13 – Nov. 23. Next month features String Orchestra and Jazz Band concerts, Dec. 1 and Dec. 3 respectively as well as "Messiah – A Sacred Oratorio" Dec. 5 and Dec. 6. For tickets and information call 281-290-5201 or go to [CyFair.LoneStar.edu/boxoffice](http://CyFair.LoneStar.edu/boxoffice).

### Free Fall Film Series Concludes This Month

The Cinema WOW! Film Series, offered as individual continuing education Film Appreciation classes, includes an engaging discussion after the movie. November films include "Rainmaker" Wednesday, Nov. 5; "Caine Mutiny" Saturday, Nov. 15 (at LSC-Fairbanks Center) and "Buena Vista Social Club" Wednesday, Nov. 19. Registration is available online as well as at the film events, which are open to the community at no charge. For information, go to [CyFair.LoneStar.edu/filmseries](http://CyFair.LoneStar.edu/filmseries).

### L.I.F.E. Lessons in November

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 November, learn about amazing medical breakthroughs with Baylor College of Medicine's Tony Elam Nov. 5; get a tour of Native American culture in movies Nov. 12 and see hands-on demonstrations of geotagging Nov. 19. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to [CyFair.LoneStar.edu/library](http://CyFair.LoneStar.edu/library).

### Register for Mini-mester and Spring Semester Classes

Catch up or get ahead this holiday season! Take a mini-mester course in December or register early for spring. Phone and online registration begins Nov. 10 with on campus registration set Nov. 24. Mini-mester classes begin Dec. 15. Mini-mester courses range from criminal justice, philosophy, sociology and ethics, to algebra, history, government and communications. Spring semester classes begin Jan. 12, 2009. Lone Star College-CyFair provides a variety of options such as weekend, evening, distance learning and even hybrid (part on campus instruction and part online learning) courses. For information, call 281-290-3200 or 832-782-5000 or go online to [CyFair.LoneStar.edu](http://CyFair.LoneStar.edu).

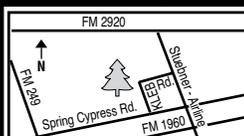
## Go Green

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# Village Creek 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
\$350,000 +	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$300,000 - 349,999	0	0	1	0	0	1
\$250,000 - 299,999	1	0	1	1	0	0
\$200,000 - 249,999	0	0	1	3	2	0
\$160,000 - 199,999	0	1	0	2	0	2
\$160,000 -	0	0	0	0	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Highest \$/Sq Ft</b>	<b>81.97</b>	<b>63.15</b>	<b>88.58</b>	<b>82.36</b>	<b>70.50</b>	<b>83.25</b>

This chart represents the homes that have sold and closed in the past 6 months according the Houston Multiple Listing Service.

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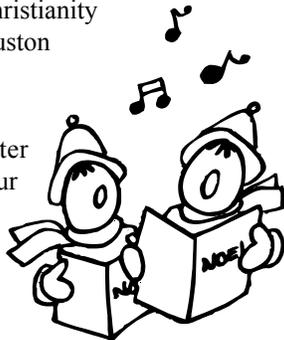
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### Ingredients

1 can pumpkin	1 can evaporated milk
1 cup brown sugar	2 eggs, beaten
1 t. salt	½ tsp. ginger
2 t. cinnamon	½ tsp. allspice
¼ tsp. cloves	

### Directions

Combine and mix well. Pour into pie crust. Bake at 425° for 15 minutes; then 350° for about 45 minutes.

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## Texas Events - November

- 1-29—WEST COLUMBIA:** Farmer's Market (Began Sep. 1.) [www.farmersmarketwestcolumbia.com](http://www.farmersmarketwestcolumbia.com) 979/345-3921
- 2, 8, 12, 14—HOUSTON:** Beatrice & Benedict Houston Grand Opera. Brown Theater. [www.houstongrandopera.org](http://www.houstongrandopera.org) 713/228-6737
- 5-9—HARLINGEN:** 15th Annual Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival Offers five action-packed days of expert-led field trips, seminars and the exciting Birding Bazaar. The premier birding festival in South Texas is set in Harlingen for a simple reason — great birds! [www.rgvbirdfest.com](http://www.rgvbirdfest.com) 800/531-7346
- 6-8—ROCKPORT:** Second Annual Rockport Film Festival International in scope, but local in flavor. Rockport Center for the Arts at Main Street Arts, 902 E. Main St. [www.rockportfilmfest.com](http://www.rockportfilmfest.com) 361/729-5519
- 7-8—EDNA:** Texana Chili Spill/Veterans Celebration Celebration on Friday honors veterans. Includes patriotic music, Texana Community Band, local entertainment and more. Brackenridge Plantation Park & Campground. [www.brackenridgepark.com](http://www.brackenridgepark.com) 361/782-5456
- 8-9—HOUSTON:** 19th Annual Texas Championship Powwow Includes colorful tribal dance contests, Indian artist and traders arts & crafts tent, teepee, honoring ceremonies, dancing, singing and much more. Traders Village, 7979 N. Eldridge Road. [www.tradersvillage.com](http://www.tradersvillage.com) 281/890-5500

- 8-9—TEXAS CITY:** Model Train Festival Features model railroad, modular exhibits, interactive kids layout, food and more. 400 block of 6th St. [www.texas-city-tx.org](http://www.texas-city-tx.org) 409/643-5799
- 8-Dec. 21—SPRING:** 28th Annual Home for the Holidays More than 150 shops offer gifts for Christmas and entertainment every weekend. [www.oldtownspringtx.com](http://www.oldtownspringtx.com) 800/653-8696
- 13-16—HOUSTON:** Nutcracker Market Offers unique items for the entire family, including home decor, gourmet food, apparel, toys, garden items and more. Reliant Center. [www.nutcrackermarket.com](http://www.nutcrackermarket.com)
- 15—GALVESTON:** Chubby Checker & the Wildcats The Grand 1894 Opera House. [www.thegrand.com](http://www.thegrand.com) 409/765-1894 or 800/821-1894
- 15—GALVESTON:** Texas Aviation Hall of Fame Induction Gala Honors the Tuskegee Airmen. [www.lsfm.org](http://www.lsfm.org) 888/359-5736
- 15—HOUSTON:** Houston Championship Chili Cook-Off Champion chili cook teams from across Southeast Texas compete for the title of Houston's Best Chili Cook. Traders Village. [www.tradersvillage.com](http://www.tradersvillage.com) 281/890-5500
- 15-Jan. 3—GALVESTON:** Festival of Lights Moody Gardens glistens with more than a million lights and dozens of

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- 16—GALVESTON:** 18th Annual Fly Day Features historic aircraft from WWII. Rides are available in the B-17, B-25, T-6 and Stearman. Lone Star Flight Museum. [www.lsfm.org](http://www.lsfm.org) 888/359-5736
- 16—GALVESTON:** Gospel Stars Family quartet "raises the roof" with joyful music. The Grand 1894 Opera House. [www.thegrand.com](http://www.thegrand.com) 409/765-1894 or 800/821-1894
- 21-22—GALVESTON:** Seaside Treasure Festival Features more than 100 arts & crafts vendors, silent auction, entertainment and more. Moody Memorial First United Methodist Church, 2803 53rd St. [www.moody.org/stf](http://www.moody.org/stf) 409/744-4526 ext. 783
- 21-22—LAKE JACKSON:** Festival of Lights Lake Jackson Civic Center & Plaza. 979/297-4533
- 21-Dec. 28—HOUSTON:** A Christmas Carol Charles Dickens' classic story follows Ebenezer Scrooge's journey with the three ghosts that visit him on Christmas Eve. Alley Theatre. [www.alleytheatre.org](http://www.alleytheatre.org) 713/220-5700
- 26—BEAUMONT:** Crockett Street's Thanksfest Includes an outdoor stage with live bands, food and festivities. [www.crockettstreet.com](http://www.crockettstreet.com) 409/832-2944
- 27—EDNA:** Turkey Program Learn about the Thanksgiving bird in the morning and make a turkey to take home in the afternoon. Lake Texana State Park. 361/782-5718
- 27—HOUSTON:** H-E-B Holiday Parade Begins at 9 a.m. [www.hebparade.com](http://www.hebparade.com)
- 27—HOUSTON:** Uptown Holiday Lighting Ring-in the holidays with twinkling lights, festive music, holiday characters, special appearance from Santa and a fireworks extravaganza. [www.uptown-houston.com/about/events/upcoming.html](http://www.uptown-houston.com/about/events/upcoming.html)
- 28—ROCKPORT:** Karankawa Thanksgiving Begins at 7 p.m. Goose Island State Park. 361/729-2858
- 28-30—CLUTE:** Elizabethan Madrigal Feast Begins at 7 p.m. the Center for Arts & Sciences. 979/265-7661
- 28-Dec. 28—HOUSTON:** The Nutcracker Wortham Theater Center. [www.houstonballet.org](http://www.houstonballet.org) 713/227-2787 or 800/828-2787
- 29—GALVESTON:** Oliver! The Grand 1894 Opera House. [www.thegrand.com](http://www.thegrand.com) 409/765-1894 or 800/821-1894

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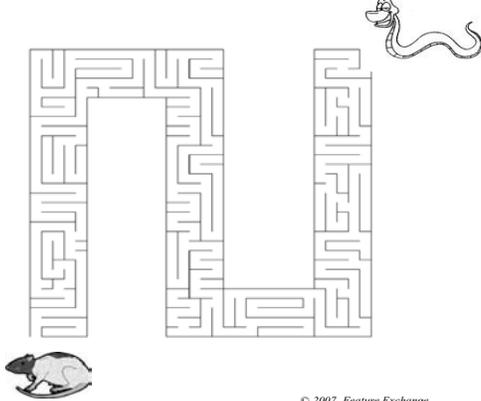
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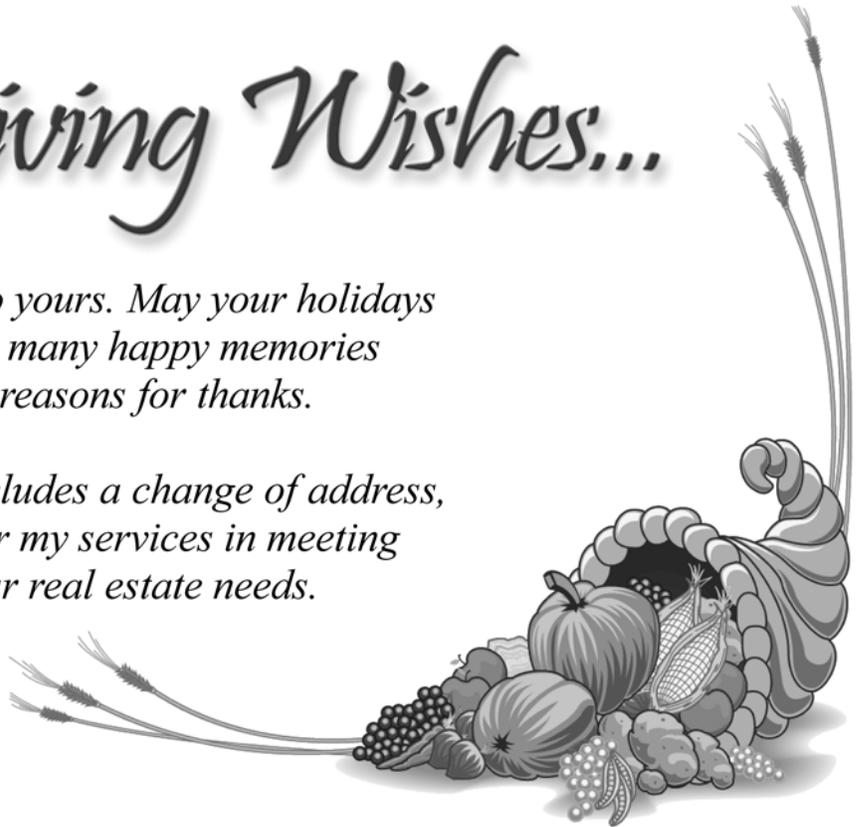
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