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Riata Ranch Family Day - Easter Egg Hunt & BBQ

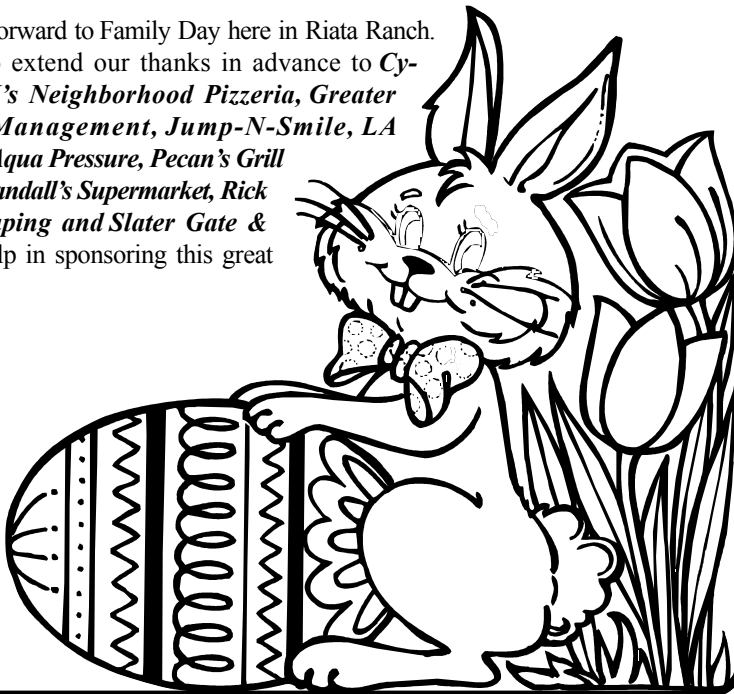
Saturday, April 4th 11:00am - 3:00pm

Current Riata Ranch HOA members are invited to come join in at the park & field area for some family fun. We have combined two of our past events together during a season where the weather is enjoyable for all. The day will begin with a visit from the Easter Bunny so bring your cameras! There will be a Egg Hunt for the little ones starting at 11:00am and a good old Texas BBQ lunch for all at noon. There will be a D.J. to play some country tunes and other activities throughout the day such as a moonwalk, balloons and sack races.

There will be no cost to current HOA members for this events and no tickets will be sold. By March 20th, each resident should receive in the mail, the pool information for the 2009 season and we will include a flyer in that mailing for our Family Day Event. If you are a current HOA member (any monies owed the association are paid in full by February 27, 2009), your tickets will be attached. Please contact Events@riataranch no later than Saturday, March 28th if you require additional tickets or if you feel any error was made. There will be no tickets issued at the event. Hope to see yall there!

Continue to check our website for any other details of the event as they become available.

We are looking forward to Family Day here in Riata Ranch. We would like to extend our thanks in advance to *Cy-Fair Storage, EJ's Neighborhood Pizzeria, Greater Houston Pool Management, Jump-N-Smile, LA Fitness, National Aqua Pressure, Pecan's Grill Bakery, Postnet, Randall's Supermarket, Rick Graham Landscaping and Slater Gate & Fence* for their help in sponsoring this great event.



1st Annual Postma Elementary Golf Tournament

The golf tournament will be on May 16 at Houston Oaks Golf Course. Registration for the 4-person scramble begins at 12:30 pm with a shotgun start at 2:00pm. The entry fee is \$100.00 per person or \$360.00 per 4- person team. The entry fee includes green fee, cart, range balls, goodie bag and fajita dinner. Awards will be announced at the dinner. Additional dinner tickets are available for purchase: \$16.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children under the age of 12. Bring the family out to play and enjoy a great dinner with other Postma families.

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All inquiries, please contact: Kristi Rodriguez krstrodriquez@yahoo.com or 281-856-7109 or Khristina Howton khowton@sbcglobal.net or 281-304-0969

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Riata Ranch Homeowners Meetings

The Riata Ranch HOA Board of Directors encourages all homeowners to participate in the monthly board meetings. The meeting is held on the last Tuesday of every month. If you are interested in participating please contact SCS management in order to add your topic to the meeting agenda.

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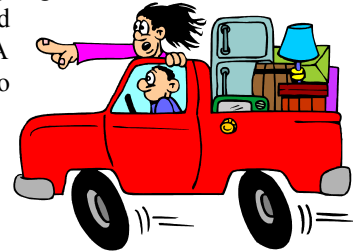
Looking to clean out those closets and make some money? There will be a Community Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, April 18th from 8:00am-11:30am. Registration will be at the pool area Sunday, March 29 from 5:30p.m. - 6:30p.m. Cost of Registration is \$15.00 which includes a \$5.00 fee for advertising and \$10.00 refundable deposit for the lawn sign which will be issued. Registration can be paid by cash or check but there will be no change made; if paying by cash, please bring the exact amount. Your \$10.00 will be refunded upon return of your sign. There will be someone available at the pool following the sale from 11:45am - 12:45pm for you to return your sign and receive a refund of your \$10.00 deposit.

As the signs used in the past have not been returned and are no longer available for homeowners that register, new signs have been ordered and will be issued to each person registering. Our new signs say "Participating Sale" and all ads placed will refer to those signs. No other bandit signs will be permitted. There will be banners placed at the main entrances along Barker Cypress and one sign at the entrance of each section which has registered homes; again, no other bandit signs will be allowed. The gates will be opened for sections 6 & 7 for the hours of the sale, providing there are registered participants.

Many of you have asked in the past about the monies used for advertising..... The plan for advertising is that ads will be placed and those costing money will be done providing the cost is met using fees collected. Please see our website for a list of proposed ads to be placed. In addition, there will be a link on the Riata Ranch website available the week of the sale with a general map marking the location of participating homes. Information regarding that map will be listed in our ads.


The changes made from in the past are to insure that advertising can be planned in advanced and that the signs purchased by our HOA may be reused in the future without the need to spend additional money. Remember, the HOA rules state that private sales are not allowed. Sales are o.k. as long as they are a community sponsored event. Our goal is to see future garage sale events in the Spring & Fall as requested by many of you and not have HOA funds used to do so. If you wish to participate, please register!

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Riata Ranch Residents Can Have an Impact In Cy-fair

Ready for Spring Cleaning? Impact for Life Campus (Bear Creek Assistance Ministries) would love to have your donation. They will be here in Riata Ranch on Saturday, April 18th beginning at 11:30am. Please email your name and address toevents@riataranch.net if you would like to have your home added to their pick-up list.

You can place items you would like to have picked-up in front of your garage marked "Impact for Life" and note if you would like for them to leave behind a donor receipt for use with your 2009 income taxes. Please go to www.riataranch.net and click on "Impact for Life" for more info along with a list of items they are not permitted by law to accept.

YOU DON'T NEED TO GO FAR TO SHOP FOR GREAT BARGAINS

Remember to shop around Riata Ranch for our community wide garage sale on April 18th from 8:00am-11:30am

UPCOMING RANCH EVENTS

- April 4 - Family Day BBQ & egg hunt
- April 18 - Garage sale
- June 13 - Teen Night
- July 4 - Bicycle Parade
- August 8 - Kindergarten Round Up
- Sept. 26 - Garage Sale
- Oct. 9 - National Night Out
- Dec. 12 - Visit from Santa

Plans are underway for our upcoming 2009 events here in Riata. At this time, additional volunteers are needed to assist with Teen Night and our Annual July 4th Bicycle Parade. If you would like to see these events continue in our community, volunteers are needed.

For more info, please contact events@riataranch.net

Recycling At Free Community Event:

Help Us Recycle a Ton! Start collecting now! (and enjoy lots of other fun activities too!)

Where: Cy-Fair Community Health & Wellness Expo at the Berry Center, 8877 Barker Cypress on Saturday, May 16th at 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

What: Paper, Plastic (#1,2,5 or 7), metal, phones, household batteries and electronics including computers, faxes, printer cartridges

Why: Do your part for the environment! Save the planet! You need to do "spring cleaning" !

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Cypress N Houston Extension

Harris County precinct 3 has reported that the planning of the extension Cypress N Houston to Stonegate has begun. The work is targeted for to begin in May 2009 and targeted to be complete by July 2009. These dates are tentative and are subject to change.

NOTICE: TO ALL DOGS

Woof, Woof, Bark, Ruff, Ruff, Woof, Woof, Wag!.....
Wag!.....Wag! Bark, Riata Ranch

Translated for dog caregivers:

Listen, you always have to wear your leash when you are in the park and trails.

Also, if you poop on the trail, have your caretaker scoop it up! Thanks! Riata Ranch



Stone Gate Stone-Gators Swim Team

We are inviting all young swimmers to come join us for the 2009 season. Registration is at the Stone Gate recreation center March 8th-9th from 1-5:00 PM, with late registration on April 8th from 6-9:00 PM. Practices begin April 20th and the season ends June 28th. Registration is open to all Stone Gate, Canyon Lakes, Canyon Lakes Villages, Canyon Lakes West, Riata Ranch, Copper Grove, Copper Lakes, Copper Stone, Copper Village, and Wheatstone children 5-18 years old who can already swim the width of the pool unassisted. We practice four times a week, and have six Saturday meets. This is a great way to enjoy fun and competitive swimming, improve your swimming skills and make new friends.



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What's in the Gallery and on Stage?

Check out the end-of-the-semester Student Art Exhibition showcasing the work of the college's visual art students April 8 through April 30. Go to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery for gallery hours and information. In the Main Stage Theatre, enjoy "World Folk Music and Dance," a unique costumed choral event April 3; "Constant Star," a bio-drama April 16 through April 19 in collaboration with The Ensemble Theatre and "The Medium," an opera April 30 through May 3. For information, call 281-290-5201 or go to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/boxoffice.

Join the Earth Week Celebration April 20 – April 24

The Environmental Steering Committee welcomes the community to participate in a week of Earth Day Celebrations. Check out the poster exhibition in the library April 21 – April 27; enjoy the film "Flow, For Love of Water" and discussion April 22; and join a sunrise bird banding and the afternoon Charles Darwin Legacy forum April 23. For other events and information contact Sergio Sarmiento at 281-290-5234, Buck Buchanan at 281-290-3919 or go to CyFair.LoneStar.edu.

Teen Driver's Education Available in April

Spring driver's education courses for teens ages 15 to 17 are



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available April 13. The in-classroom driver's education course covers road rules, road signs, and laws to prepare the teens for the Department of Public Safety's written exam. Other topics are car maintenance, effects of drugs and alcohol, laws and penalties for drinking and driving, emergency situations, basic driving procedures, road rage, and insurance. Parents are responsible for the in-car instruction. Students are required to purchase the Texas Traffic Safety Education Student Manual, which is available at the campus bookstore. Call 832-482-1043 for information.

Free Tax Preparation Assistance Ends April 15

Free tax assistance is available at the Lone Star College-CyFair Library, located at 9191 Barker Cypress Road, with AARP Tax-Aide volunteers from noon to 4 p.m. every Wednesday and Thursday through April 15 in the library, room 131. Taxes may be filed electronically. For information on what documentation to bring, go to cyfair.lonestar.edu/library and click on free tax assistance under the news section.

L.I.F.E. Lessons in April

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.) Programs in April include: learning about new neighborhoods around the college April 1, surviving disaster without technology April 8, discovering life and

habitats of the raptor April 15, hearing stories of immigrants with award-winning author Graciela Limon April 22 creating an original pinata April 29. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/library.

Prom Dress Give-Away for Teens in Need

The Fifth Annual Prom Dress Give-Away benefiting teens without the financial means to purchase a dress for prom is set at Lone Star College-CyFair Branch Library, 9191 Barker Cypress from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays April 4, April 11, April 18 and April 25 in the library, room 131 as well as by appointment. Teens in need of a dress should contact the Youth Service Specialist at their high school or Prom Closet organizers Nancy Flanakin at meaford8510@yahoo.com or LSC-CyFair Teen Librarian Elise Sheppard at elise.j.sheppard@lonestar.edu or 281-290-5248.



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Students were encouraged to bring their dimes, nickels, and pennies to class during a two-week mission project called "Change to Change the World for Jesus" The goal of the project was to raise money for His Cherished Ones, an orphanage in Africa run by former CCS teacher Trena Ivy.

"When the students saw the pictures on Miss Ivy's blog of poor African children without shoes or food, they were inspired and motivated," said Miss Shelby. "They gave their Christmas money and money from their own piggy banks. The students also chose to give up their snacks at school and donate the money to the project."

As a result of their efforts, the class collected more than \$1000 to send to the orphanage.



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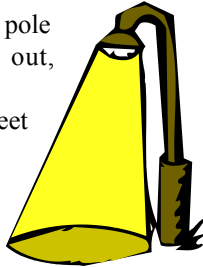


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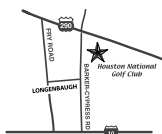
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The Texas Terrapins Year Round Swim Team (TTST), located in Northwest Houston is very proud of many of our swimmers who have done an outstanding job this season. They have achieved so many personal bests and earned many awards (some were medals and lots were ribbons). We are especially proud of Abbie Jones (11) of Keith Elementary who qualified for the prestigious Texas Age Group Meet (TAGS) in March as well as Derek Miller (15) and Michelle Scott (15) of Cy-Ranch High School who both qualified for High School Regionals. Both Michelle and Derek swim year round with the Terrapins while also training with Cy-Ranch. Congratulations to all of you for a job well done!

Our Short Course Season has come to an end, but the fun does not stop! We are inviting our swimmers and their families to a top notch celebration at Lindsay Lakes on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.. We will have tons of food, music, dancing and awards, so we encourage all of our swimmers (new and old) to come 'dressed to impress' and get ready for a night full of excitement and fun!

Lastly, TTST is very excited to announce our first ever Jump Start Program, which is geared towards preparing swimmers for summer league...whether they can barely make it across the pool, or are seasoned with all four strokes, we have a place for them. The program starts now and runs through mid March to late April, however will have many Summer League swimmers continue to practice with us even after Summer League has begun.

For more information about the Texas Terrapins Year Round Swim Team, Jump Start and Learn to Swim programs, log on to www.texasterrapins.com. Remember, you can join our team at any time!



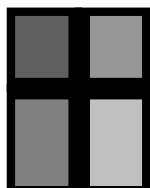
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- April 9 Maundy Thursday Worship at 7:00pm.
- April 10 Good Friday Worship: 7:00am "Stations of the Cross" /
Noon "Seven Last Words" / 7:00pm Evening Worship.
- April 11 Holy Saturday Bunny Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt at 9am.
- April 12 Easter Worship at 8am and 10:30am. No Sunday School.

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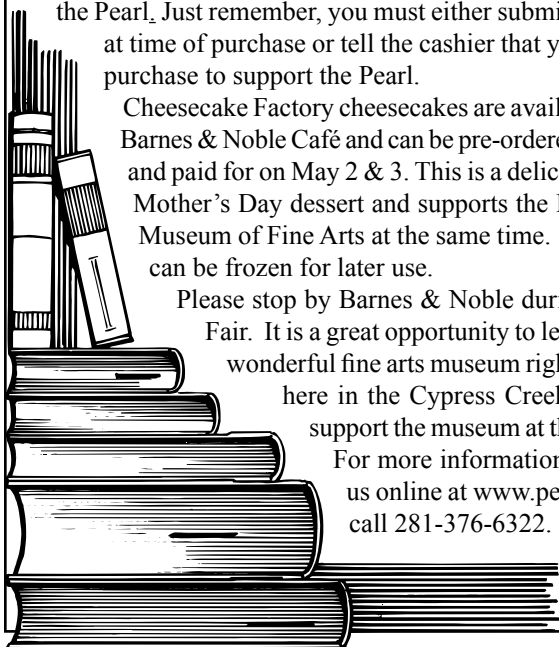
Barnes & Noble Book Sellers at Champions Village will be sponsoring a Book Fair May 2 & 3, 2009. This is an opportunity for our community to support the *Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts (the Pearl)* at no additional cost while shopping at Barnes & Noble. Winning art from the Pearl's 2009 Student Art Contest will be on display at Barnes & Noble on Saturday, May 2. There will also be an art project for the kids and balloons.

Please support the Pearl by shopping at Barnes & Noble at Champions Village, 5303 FM 1960 West, for all of your book needs. For these two days, you can use a special Book Fair voucher that is available on line at www.pearlmfa.org. Or if you forget your voucher, just let them know at checkout that you want to support the Pearl. It is that easy. A small percentage of all your in-store purchases (including cheesecakes) will benefit the Pearl. Just remember, you must either submit the voucher at time of purchase or tell the cashier that you want your purchase to support the Pearl.

Cheesecake Factory cheesecakes are available from the Barnes & Noble Café and can be pre-ordered for pick-up and paid for on May 2 & 3. This is a delicious and easy Mother's Day dessert and supports the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts at the same time. Cheesecakes can be frozen for later use.

Please stop by Barnes & Noble during our Book Fair. It is a great opportunity to learn about our wonderful fine arts museum right that is right here in the Cypress Creek area and to support the museum at the same time.

For more information, please visit us online at www.pearlmfa.org or call 281-376-6322.



Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club Information Session

Friday Evening, April 3rd, 2009

The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host a free open house / registration session for all middle and high school athletes and their parents interested in joining for the 2009 season. The event will be held on Friday, April 3, 2009, from 7:00 – 8:30 PM at the Champions Park subdivision clubhouse, 13635 Champions Park Drive**, Houston, TX 77069. The session will begin with a very important program overview / orientation at 7:00 PM. All interested athletes and parents should report on time.

The Northwest Flyers is a youth (ages 6 -18) track organization, affiliated with USA Track & Field. The club provides a full program of "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin. **It is an excellent "off-season" program for young athletes who currently compete on their middle school or high school varsity track teams.**

The club was founded 22 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the Northwest Houston area. Last year, the Northwest Flyers qualified 26 young athletes to compete at the U.S. Junior Olympics National Championships in Omaha, Nebraska.

Visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org> for registration forms and information prior to the session, or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442 or linette.roach@sbcglobal.net.

**** NOTE:** Champions Park Drive is in between Cutten Road and Champions Drive.

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Activities include elementary school choirs, sport stackers, jump rope, and other performance teams. From outside of the district we'll have cooking demos by Clive Berkman, author and chef, a milking cow, dance and exercise demos, martial arts, a bike safety rodeo for K-8th (bring your bike and helmet!), bowling, athletic wear fashion shows, fire department and water district demos, speakers on wills/probate/guardianships, finances/budgeting, internet child safety/stranger danger and more!

Additionally, more than 75 vendors will set up booths in the Berry Center to help

educate the community on mental, physical, spiritual, financial and environmental health and wellness.

A blood mobile will be on site to sponsor a blood drive and free health screenings will be provided by the doctors and medical personnel from various healthcare groups.

To promote environmental health, a recycling drop-off site will be available through CFISD's recycler Abitibi, Houston Computer Recycling, and Sustainable Living in Houston. These groups will provide a drop-off area for electronics, household batteries, paper, plastic and aluminum. In addition, the Lion's Club will be inside collecting used or broken eyeglasses for their worldwide distribution to those in need of optical assistance.

For more information visit the Cy-Fair ISD website at www.cfisid.net and www.cyfairhealthexpo.org. If you have any questions, please call 281-517-2043.

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