



# The Village Gazette

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## Community Happenings

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the upcoming events in the Village Creek community. The Easter egg hunt and parade will be held on April 4, 2009 and will feature the Easter Bunny leading the parade and posing for pictures with the kids. Please remember to bring your cameras. There will also be a contest for the best decorated bike/wagon in the parade. Don't forget after the parade, there will be two egg hunts and carnival style games. Volunteers are still needed to help at the Easter egg hunt and with the games. Also, save the date for the community garage sale which will take place on May 1-2.

 Happy  
Easter

## It's Almost That Time Again..... *Village Creek gears up for the summer*

As the days get hotter one question is on the tip of every child in Village Creek's tongue. When is the pool going to open? Well, the wait is almost over the community pool and splash pad will be open from Memorial Day until Labor Day from 10 am until 8 pm every day of the week except Mondays. However, some changes have been made at the entrance gates and residents will be issued new pool cards.

The new cards can be picked up at the pool on April 4 and April 18 from 9 am until 11 am or any Saturday in May from 9 am until noon. The cards will not be distributed via mail or delivered to residents' homes. One adult from each household must show up with last year's pool card, and they will be issued one new card per household. If you do not have last year's card a \$30 cash fee will be charged. Residents must be in "good standing" to have new pool cards activated. That is, they must not have an outstanding balance with the Community Association. To inquire about your standing you may contact Chaparral Mgmt at 281-537-0957 or email [poolcards@myvillagecreek.net](mailto:poolcards@myvillagecreek.net).

Also, new this year residents may book the pool for parties. A \$250 refundable deposit will be charged as well as other fees associated with the party. There is a 20 person (swimmers and non-swimmers) limit and parties will not exceed 2 hours or be booked on holidays. Also, no music will be allowed at the party as a courtesy to those who live near

the pool area. For more information check out [www.myvillagecreek.net](http://www.myvillagecreek.net) or to book a party go to [www.haveapoolparty.com](http://www.haveapoolparty.com).

Group and private swim lessons will be offered again this year. For more information visit the community website or go to [www.takeaswimlesson.com](http://www.takeaswimlesson.com) or call 713-771-7665.

Remember while enjoying the facilities this summer to always observe the rules. All pool rules apply to the splash pad and the lifeguard has the final say. Each household may bring up to four guests with them, and families are welcome to bring lawn chairs to the splash pad as seating is limited. Also, no pets are allowed within the gated pool and splash pad area.

With all the buzz about the new splash pad many residents have been wondering what is to become of the old one. The HOA is researching options and would welcome any suggestions. Just email ideas to any board member. Their email addresses may be found on page 2 of newsletter in the Important Numbers box. Some of the suggestions being considered include an outdoor volleyball court or adult exercise area, skateboard park, family gathering area with additional picnic tables, playground, or a dog park. Check the community website for updates.

Gather the kids up and let them know it won't be long now. Summer is fast approaching and the pool and splash pad will soon be open.

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## School Notes

Easter Holiday for Tomball ISD will be April 10-13. Also, this month is Kindergarten Registration on April 16 and Parent and Student Orientation on April 30.

## Attention:

There is a new stop sign at Lake Vista and Cobble Shores.



**Check Out Our Website:** [www.Myvillagecreek.net](http://www.Myvillagecreek.net)

## 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.

## Block Captains Still Needed!!!

The streets below still are in need volunteer block captains. If you'd like to volunteer or would like to receive more information, please visit [www.myvillagecreek.net](http://www.myvillagecreek.net) or email [mike@myvillagecreek.net](mailto:mike@myvillagecreek.net).

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Village Commons  
Village Creek Trail Court  
Willow Breeze  
Wandering Streams-East  
Wandering Streams-West

## Yard of the Month Contest Returns

Bright blooms and lush, green yards mean two things in Village Creek...spring has arrived and the yard of the month contest has returned. One home is selected each month, April- September, and the winners receive not only a sign recognizing their efforts, but also a gift certificate to a local nursery.

Homes can only be selected once a year and are judged on criteria that includes a well manicured yard and unique and creative landscaping. Also taken into consideration are the appearance of shrubbery and whether or not the yard has a pleasant and overall appearance which makes the home an asset to the community.

## Cypress Christian School Students Raise Money for Orphanage

When students in Miss Shelby's second grade class started studying money in math, they learned a two-fold lesson: how to count change and how to change someone's life.

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."

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| ½ lb. fresh mushrooms                         | 1 (2 oz.) jar pimientos |
| 1 green pepper 1 tomatoe                      | Salt & Pepper           |
| 1 cucumber                                    |                         |
| 1 (8 oz.) can water chestnuts (drained)       |                         |
| 1 (8 oz.) bottle Zesty Italian salad dressing |                         |

#### Directions

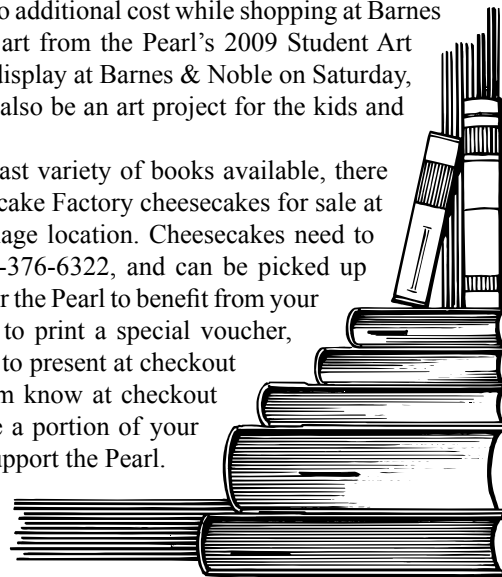
Chop vegetables. Add salt, pepper, and salad dressing. Chill 8 hours or overnight.

*If you would like to submit YOUR recipe email it to [articles@peelinc.com](mailto:articles@peelinc.com).*

## BOOK FAIR Benefiting *The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts*

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.

Along with the vast variety of books available, there will also be Cheesecake Factory cheesecakes for sale at the Champions Village location. Cheesecakes need to be preordered, 281-376-6322, and can be picked up May 2-3. In order for the Pearl to benefit from your purchase you need to print a special voucher, [www.pearlma.org](http://www.pearlma.org), to present at checkout or you may let them know at checkout that you would like a portion of your purchase to go to support the Pearl.



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## Pool Access Cards

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Be sure and include your name, address and telephone number in the e-mail. If your card isn't working, also include the number located on the back of the card.

## Featured Deed Restriction *Deed Restriction, Article IX, Section 17* *Lot Maintenance*

All lots shall be kept at all times in sanitary, healthful, and attractive condition, and the Owner or occupant of all lots shall keep all weeds and grass thereon cut and neatly maintained and shall in no event shall use any lot for storage of material and equipment except for normal residential purposes or incident to construction of improvements thereon as herein permitted, or permit the accumulation of garbage, trash or rubbish of any kind thereon, and shall not burn garbage, trash or rubbish.

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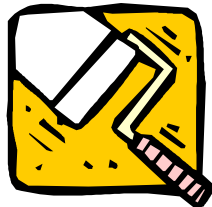
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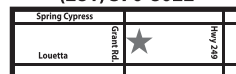
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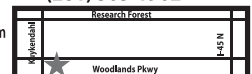
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METRO has recently installed bike racks at the Cypress Park & Ride, and these will be used to secure the bicycles. There is also limited space for taking a few bikes in the sub-floor storage compartments of the # 217 buses.

Residents will assemble at 6:50 am on Friday, May 1, 2009 at the Coles Crossing Community Center parking lot and depart at 7:00 am sharp. Use of helmets, front & rear lights, red rear reflectors and articles of reflective clothing will be mandatory. Residents will ride on the sidewalk south on Barker-Cypress Rd. to Jarvis Rd., whereupon the group will transition to riding on Jarvis Rd. in a vehicular cycling mode. The total ride distance

will be about a mile each way, and the time to the Park & Ride from the neighborhood will be about 6 minutes.

The rain date for this ride is May 15, 2009.

There will be a highly recommended pre-ride safety briefing at the Coles Crossing Community Center parking lot on April 25th at 8:00 a.m. where helmets, lighting, bike commuter clothing, and vehicular cycling will be discussed, as well as a test ride of the route. This briefing will be led by a League of American Bicyclist certified cycling instructor.



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## Constable's Corner

By Sergeant James Rouse

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There are numerous traffic violations that play part in the cause of traffic accidents. Here are just a few that police see on a regular basis. **All of these violations are listed in the Texas Transportation Code.**

1. Following Distance- Always maintain a safe distance between your vehicle and the vehicle that precedes yours. If you run into the back of another vehicle, you were too close regardless of your speed or traffic conditions.
2. Disregard Traffic Control Device (Traffic Light/ Stop Sign) - You can enter an intersection when the light is yellow. If the light is red prior to entering the intersection, you must stop. A vehicle must come to a complete stop at a Stop Sign. Officers look to see if the tires come to a complete stop.
3. Fail To Yield Right of Way- Private Drive- This is when a vehicle pulls out of a business parking onto the roadway and gets struck

by a vehicle on the roadway. All vehicles on the roadway have the right of way.

4. Changing Lanes When Unsafe- Always check your mirrors and look over your shoulder when changing lanes.

5. Racing on Highway (Drag Racing) - The younger drivers tend to do this. This is very dangerous. Please educate the younger drivers to prevent them getting involved in this type of activity. Racing is also an arrestable offense- Class B Misdemeanor.

In the event of a traffic accident, call the police and/or EMS . If you choose to ex-change accident information with the driver of the other vehicle involved without calling the police, the police will not complete an accident report a later time. Police must respond to the scene of the accident in order to complete an accident report.

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\$200,000 - 249,999	0	1	0	1	0	1
\$160,000 - 199,999	2	0	2	0	0	3
\$160,000 -	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Highest \$/Sq Ft</b>	<b>83.25</b>	<b>66.30</b>	<b>76.42</b>	<b>95.41</b>		<b>90.53</b>

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## Lone Star College-CyFair Perspective

### All are Welcome to Four Free Events

The 2009 Student Activities Talent Show with a "Vegas Showcase" theme is April 8. The Spring Poetry Slam is April 9. The "Who's Your Hero" Speech Contest is April 16. Deaf professionals speak out at Deaf Can! (followed with an ice cream social) April 17. For information on these events, go to [CyFair.LoneStar.edu](http://CyFair.LoneStar.edu).

### 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](http://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](http://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](http://CyFair.LoneStar.edu).

### Teen Driver's Education Available in April

Spring driver's education courses for teens ages 15 to 17 are 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](http://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](http://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](mailto:meaford8510@yahoo.com) or LSC-CyFair Teen Librarian Elise Sheppard at [elise.j.sheppard@lonestar.edu](mailto:elise.j.sheppard@lonestar.edu) or 281-290-5248.



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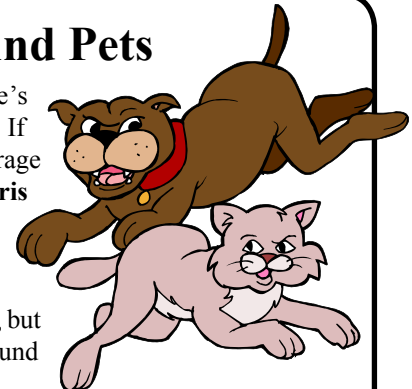
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### Lost and Found Pets

Have you found someone's pet? Have you lost your pet? If your answer is yes, we encourage all residents to please call **Harris County Animal Control** at **281-999-3191**. The HOA offers their sympathy when one has misplaced a cat or dog, but please do not report lost or found pets to HOA Board Members.



# The Village Gazette

## Texas Terrapins Year Round Swim Team

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](http://www.texasterrapins.com). Remember, you can join our team at any time!



Michelle Scott



Abbie Jones



Derek Miller

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