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## FROM THE *Editor*

Hello Riata Ranch Community and Happy New Year! Can you believe it is already 2010??? New Years are a time for (some of us) resolutions, diets, Christmas credit card bills to pay and lists of what we can do to be better as in ourselves or just in our community. I hope if you made a resolution that it will stick for the entire year. I know I am hoping to NOT break my resolution this time around. Making this short and sweet and wishing you a wonderful 2010 and let's hope it is better than 2009.

*Cindy*

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NEW  
YEAR!**



## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are all looking forward to making 2010 a better year for the residents of Riata Ranch. We hope to accomplish this by keeping costs low and keeping within our budget, in spite of unwelcome surprises, such as equipment failures, vandalism repairs and clean-up, and weather caused damages etc.

A note: regarding some criminal activity in the nearby area. There were two instances of cars being broken into in the L.A. Fitness Club parking lot. There was also similar activity in the parking lots of Randall's and HEB. Please be aware and not leave any valuables visible in your automobiles. Also, when shopping, there is a way to protect yourself. First, be aware of your surroundings. Second, place your purse inside the car, then a child (if present), and finally your groceries. If there are people on bikes in the parking lot, be vigilant.

Repairs have been made to the sewer lines on Riata Ranch Blvd. This was very annoying, especially at night with the generators constantly on to keep the pumps running. This was necessary and the work was contracted by the District. The main work is completed and the landscape has to be put back, as it was.

We are currently discussing Officer Rick putting on a presentation for safety and common sense ideas. He has done this very successfully for others and I believe that it would be beneficial for Riata Ranch residents. Look on the web and in the bulletin for details at a later time.

*Respectfully,  
Drew Lapps  
President, Riata Ranch HOA*

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## *Association Dues*

For those of you that paid your 2010 association dues, THANK YOU! 2010 dues were due on January 1, 2010. If you have not paid your dues kindly pay as soon as possible. If you need any assistance please contact Debbie Shaw at 281-500-7107.

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## *HOA Board Meeting*

We will be having our next HOA board meeting on 1/26/10. If anyone would like to address the HOA Board, please contact Debbie Shaw at 281-500-7107.

We do like to hear from our community. Stop complaining (if you are) and let's try and fix any problems.

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We are glad to hear all of the positive feedback and we intend to continue to improving the look and feel of the newsletter according to what you tell us. So get as involved as you like! We look forward to hearing from you.

## 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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### MORE ITEMS TO RECYCLE:

Recycle your Target/Wal-Mart bags. Wal-Mart has a place inside their doors to recycle not only their plastic bags but anyone's plastics bags. I put all my plastics bags there. They also have a recycle bin for your plastic water bottles and/or coke bottles. Use these easy outlet facilities to recycle as best you can. It really doesn't take much time and again the rewards are endless.

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for the next time around.

Use one of your small grocery plastic bags to hold your other plastic bags and leave them in your trunk. While you're driving around pass by a Wal-Mart and recycle them. There are Wal-Marts everywhere.

One thing I do is put a container in my pantry for papers and cardboard and once a week or so I put the products in my trunk of my car. When I pass by a school or YMCA I recycle my paper and cardboard.

These little things can really help our environment. Try to make this a New Year's Resolution and recycle when you can. Don't make it hard. Try one thing first and add on later. Make it fun and see how much you can recycle. You will feel better as well. I love recycling but it is quite easy on the type of recycling I mentioned above where it doesn't become cumbersome. Try it!

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Did you know that we have 3 full time officers assigned to Riata Ranch Neighborhood and our surrounding communities? I've been told by our officers that Riata Ranch is one of the safer neighborhoods on Barker Cypress. This is all good news. But we all know that things still happen such as car break-ins, graffiti and vandalism. It is up to all of us to keep our eyes and ears open. Be a good neighbor and check into things. If you see someone's kid doing the wrong thing let the parent know. If you see your kids doing the wrong things discipline them. It takes all of us to have a great community and have our kids become better people. Think about it.

## Past/Upcoming Events:

Breakfast with Santa was on December 12th, 2009 from 9am to 11am at Kids-R-Kids. It was a great turnout and hope everyone got some really good pictures with Santa. Santa said HO HO HO on his way back to the North Pole and also says he will see you next year! I would like to thank StoneGate Donots for their delicious donations to our Breakfast with Santa. We appreciate their support.

The next event is TBD. Without volunteers it is really hard to have events. If you are interested in volunteering for future events please go to the RR website and click contact us and tell us you would like to help! In order to have successful events we need your help.



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The grand finale was a 3 mile walk through our neighborhood on November 14th at 8 a.m. They had over 100 walkers for the walk-a-thon that started at Kids R Kids, went down Riata Ranch Drive to Queenston, back up Riata Ranch Drive and ending back at Kids R Kids.

Kids R Kids was pleased to announce that they raised a total of \$10,058.37 benefitting Making Strides Against Breast Cancer!!!!!! Almost half of it came from the walk up Riata Ranch Drive.

They would like to take this opportunity to thank us for our patience while their 100 walkers walked down Riata Ranch Drive early that morning, as well as our HOA Board for all of their support. "We hope that we can make this an annual event." ~ **Erma Wheeler**, Director of Kids R Kids

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The 2010 S.N.A.P. (Senior Night After Prom) Committee of Cypress Creek High School

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A 2010 Cougar Blue Camaro will also be raffled off during the casino night in support of S.N.A.P. Raffle tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. You do not have to be present to win. Contact Mike Wilson at 832-496-2748 or [mew0954@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mew0954@sbcglobal.net) for raffle tickets. Details about the 2010 S.N.A.P. are at [www.cycreeksnap.org](http://www.cycreeksnap.org).

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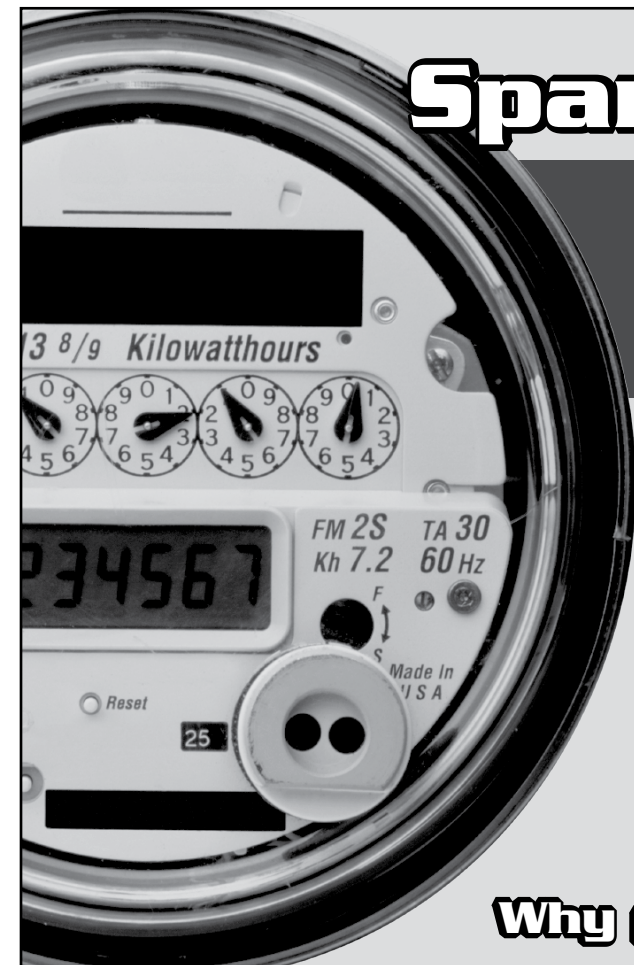
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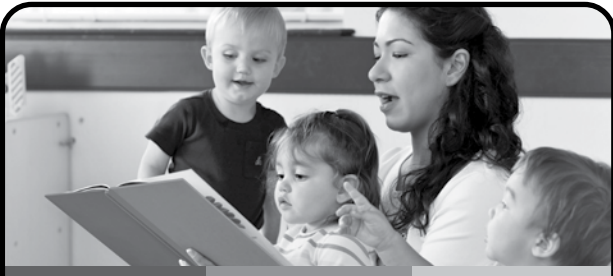


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The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host its annual free information / registration breakfast on Saturday, February 6, 2010, for all boys and girls, and their parents, interested in joining for the 2010 track season. The breakfast starts at 8:30 AM at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center Forum located at 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX, 77379.

The breakfast is the annual opportunity for youth athletes to register for the 2010 summer track season, and to meet the Northwest Flyers coaches and staff, and other new and returning athletes. The event will be highlighted by a special presentation from a member of the USA Track & Field Olympic team.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a youth (ages 6 -18) track organization, affiliated with USA Track & Field (USATF), that provides a full program of sanctioned "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and sanctioned "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin. The Northwest Flyers has approximately 285 members, boys and girls. The club was founded 23 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the Northwest Houston area.

The Northwest Flyers is a member of the "Win with Integrity" program, a partnership between USATF and the American College of Sports Medicine. "Win with Integrity" brings elite track & field athletes and school-aged kids together to promote healthy lifestyles, keeping active, and living with integrity through the sport of track & field.

For additional information on the Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org> or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442 or [linette.roach@sbcglobal.net](mailto:linette.roach@sbcglobal.net).

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## Houston Dog Park Association

*Submitted by Tiffany Moore*

The Houston Dog Park Association is seeking candidates for the Treasurer position on our 5 seat Board of Directors. We are a small 501c3 NFP consisting of volunteers who are passionate about dog parks and responsible dog ownership. HDPA has been incorporated for over 10 years and was the main catalyst that got dog parks started in Houston, beginning with Millie Bush Park in 2002. We have been inactive the last few years and are currently reviving the organization to advocate for dog parks more actively. We each spend a few hours a week working to educate about dog parks, responsible dog ownership, advocating for dog parks that need improvement, and promoting the need for more dog parks.

We have a book keeper volunteer that is a CPA. The ideal candidate would be able to attend one monthly meeting of the Board at

7 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. You will also attend the quarterly Membership meetings held at 3 pm on the third Sunday of the month that begins each quarter. The next one is in January. We also hold about one event per month on average to raise funds and awareness and we ask our Board to try to attend these events as their time permits.

Please submit your resume and experience for consideration. Please include a paragraph telling us why you would be a good candidate.

We are seeking an experienced NFP Treasurer to plan and manage the small yearly budget for HDPA and oversee the book keeper as well as maintaining and advising on HDPA's tax and nonprofit status and filings. Someone with training or knowledge of NFP budget and issues or direct NFP experience is preferred.

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