

The Coles CONNECTION

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NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF COLES CROSSING

April 2010

Go Green Coles Crossing *(GGCC) hosts another successful E-waste recycling event!*

Once again, Coles Crossing neighbors have shown that our community is green not just because of our beautiful mature trees. Now in its third year, Go Green Coles Crossing (www.gogreencolescrossing.com) hosted another successful electronic waste recycling event, this time sponsored and staffed by Houston Computer Recycling (www.houstoncomputerrecycling.com). On January 23 from 10am until 2pm, we collected over 110 CRT monitors and over 200 computers; an additional 5-7 thousand pounds of miscellaneous electronic materials were also collected, including stereo equipment, cell phones, LCDs, laptops, batteries, etc. Almost two trucks full of electronics were diverted from the landfill!

GGCC members and HCR team (including Daniel Evans—HCR owner and Coles resident- and his family) greeted residents and unloaded recyclable materials. The recyclables were sorted onsite and packed up for transportation. Several residents had questions answered about the recycling/repurposing process and everyone was pleased to have a convenient and free way to responsibly dispose of their unwanted electronics. Because of safety concerns, this year we were unable to accept tube TVs. GGCC encourages residents to consider donating working TVs



to charitable organizations. Tube TVs that are no longer working may be recycled at the City of Houston Westpark Consumer Recycling Center (5900 Westpark, Houston, TX 77057 – Mon to Sat 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) where they accept up to 5 (five) electronic components per month per customer, or at a Best Buy store. For those who were unable to participate in our recycling event, Daniel Evans generously offered to accept your recyclables for free at HCR's main warehouse (2121 Brittmoore Rd. Suite 200, Houston, TX 77043. Phone: 832-364-6505). Remember to indicate that you are a Coles Crossing resident.

GGCC wants to thank Daniel Evans for sponsoring this great event, the HOA board for allowing us to use the lap pool parking lot and Coles Crossing neighbors for your participation and generous donations. If you have any feedback or questions about this or other GGCC events, please contact us at info@gogreencolescrossing.com or visit our website www.gogreencolescrossing.com

Go Green Coles Crossing hosts a monthly meeting on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm at the CC Community Center. Come join us! Kids are always welcome.

BY ANA FERNANDEZ FRANK

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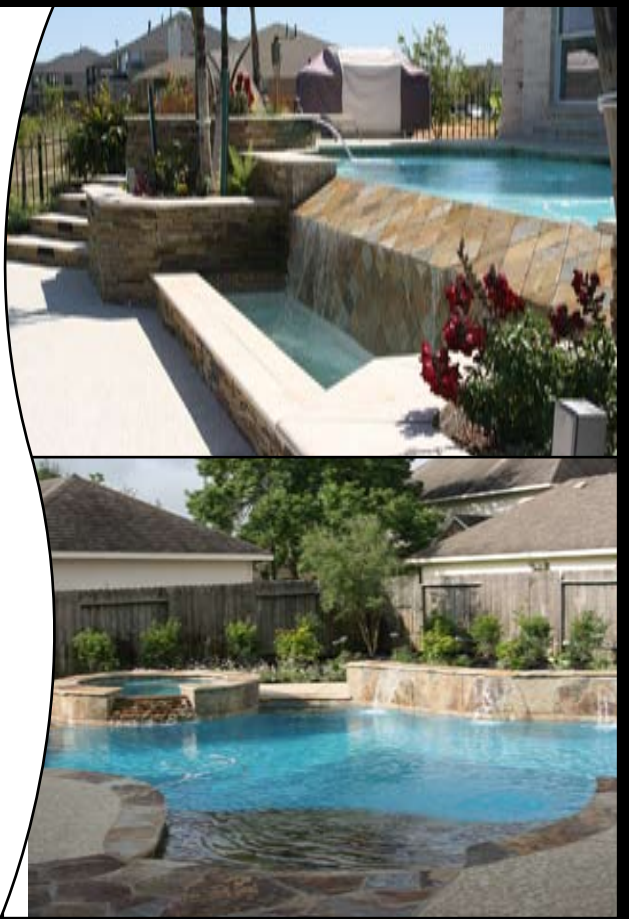
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Annual 12th Russian Children's Folk Festival 2010

Happy Families has been sponsoring orphaned children to participate in our Russian Children's Folk Festival since 1981! We plan to bring 15-20 children ages 6-12 from orphanages in the Kaliningrad region with their chaperones to Houston, TX in June 2010. The children will be staying with host families for 2 weeks.

School age children are one of the most deprived groups of Russian orphans. They have few chances for a bright future in Russia. The festival gives them a unique opportunity to see a different world outside of their orphanages.

These annual events have found much attention from the media, including coverage on ABC's Good Morning America and New York Times and many more. See details at www.happyfamilies.org.

What are the requirements to bring a child? Happy Families needs to raise about \$2,000 to bring each participant. This covers airfare, transportation in Russia, passports, visas, medical insurance, translation and coordination. We are asking for your support and participation in this project. Please contact us for additional information on how you can help.

Sincerely,

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On April 12, 2010 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, the Book Fair will be having Family night. Please help support our school and join us for a sweet treat.

WHEN:

The Book Fair will be open daily from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, April 12, 2010 to April 16, 2010.

WHERE:

Kirk Elementary is located at 12421 Tanner Road, Houston, TX 77041.

MORE:

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The Texas Terrapins 12 & Under Finish Strong at the Spring Champs Meet



The Texas Terrapins Cypress's own year round swimming club finished off the season with a big splash. 27 of the 30 swimmers from area neighborhoods that participated achieve best times, and 18 swimmers moved up to new levels. Outstanding swims were achieved by swimmers of all ages in all the Terrapin training groups.

The following are the Terrapin Team highlights:

8 & Under

The girls' medley relay grabbed first place comprised of Komie Nguyen, Delaney Crowder, Beth McNeese, and Danica Gubic. Beth McNeese took first place honors in 100 back, 200 free, and 50 fly; Delaney Crowder took second in the 50 back and 3rd in the 50 fly; Danica Gubic to 3rd in the 100 IM, Byron Keller sped to first place in the 50 fly, and grabbed second in the 100 free and

IM; Jackson Dement was 4rd in the 50 free; Komie Nguyen was 2nd in the 100 IM; and Collin Stewart took 1st in the 100 IM, 2nd in the 50 breast, and 3rd in the 100 free.

9-10

Luke Bowman sped to a 1st place finish in the 50 fly, and 2nd in the 50 breast. Luke was cheered on by his grandfather – Coach Eddie Reese of the University of Texas. Matt Braswell was 1st in the 50 back. Jacob Eubanks cruised to 2nd place in the 50 back. Makenna Meyer was 3rd in the 50 breast. The girls and boys medley relay both took 4th place.

11-12

Abbie Jones achieve her 4th TAGs time in the 50 back and took 2nd place in both the 200 and 50 free; Lexi Bruno has now moved to the elite level with 3 A standards in the 50, 100 and 200 breaststroke events; Paige Fery placed 6th in the 100 fly, 100 and 200 back; Becca Taylor achieved her first A time in the 100 back placing 2nd, as well as 3rd in the 200 back. Aaron Thomson sped to 2nd in the 50 fly, and 4th in the 100 fly; Emi Strautman was 5th in the 100 free, and 100 % best times.

This was a tremendous team effort in the final meet of the Short Course season for the Terrapins. When you ask your swimmers and families who you want to train with not only to reach your full potential, but to do it in a nurturing atmosphere we hope you think one thing....TTST!!!

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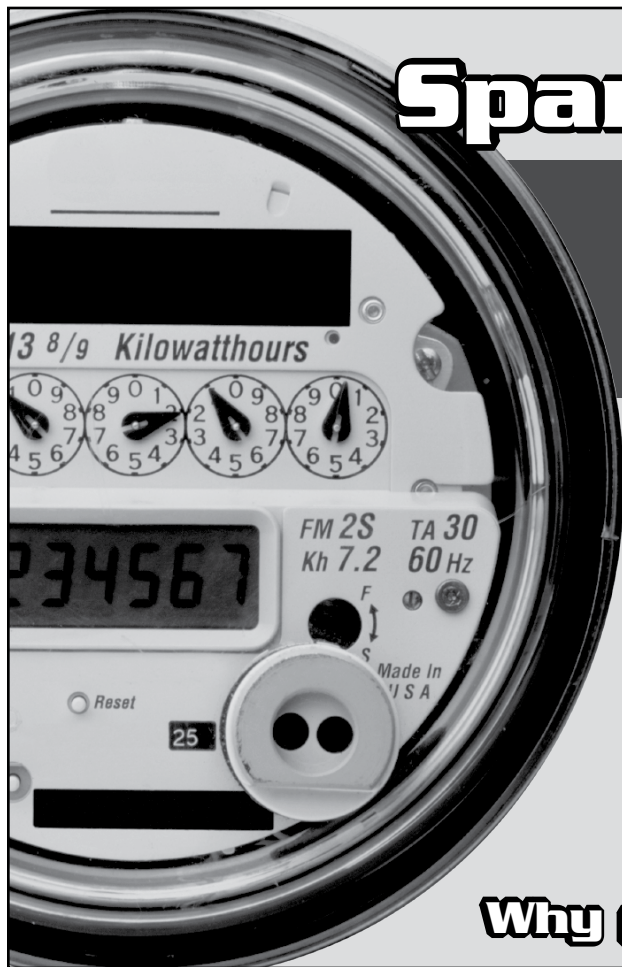
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1. Always have a pool gate around home pools. This includes having a locked and securely fastened gate that is not accessible to little ones.
2. Continuously educate children on water safety. This is a great thing to do at home, on the boat, at the pool, wherever there is water. Each time you are getting your little one ready for a swim session or water play, go over the

rules of water safety. Repetition is key with small children. Make sure your swim instructor incorporates a “Safety Lesson of the Week” into its lesson curriculum. This includes questions about water safety and how to avoid dangerous situations.

3. Designate a “Water Watcher.” This is a responsible adult who sticks to alcohol-free beverages during swim time and who is in charge of keeping both eyes on the pool while it is in use. Or, better yet: consider renting a Lifeguard for your party or group event.

4. Remove all pool toys, floaters, ring buoys and other child-enticing items from the pool area when it is not in use. One wrong reach for that floating rubber ducky could be disaster.
5. Clear homes of common household items that can be dangerous to a curious toddler. It takes just 2 inches of water for a child to drown in a bucket. Put all mop buckets, dog dishes and coolers out of children’s reach.
6. Never leave a young child in the pool or bathtub--even “just to get the phone.”
7. Enroll your child in swim classes. Start lessons early. The longer a child has lessons the more they understand water safety. A great time to do this is in the spring! This way your kids are already prepped and ready to roll for the summer swim season. You’ll want to find an inside heated pool and lesson times geared towards working families.
8. Supervise, Supervise, Supervise! Try to have your eyes on your children in and around the pool at all times. Adults should always be present when any child is in the pool area.

Let’s help our kids love the water while also respecting it by being safe and well-trained at all levels.

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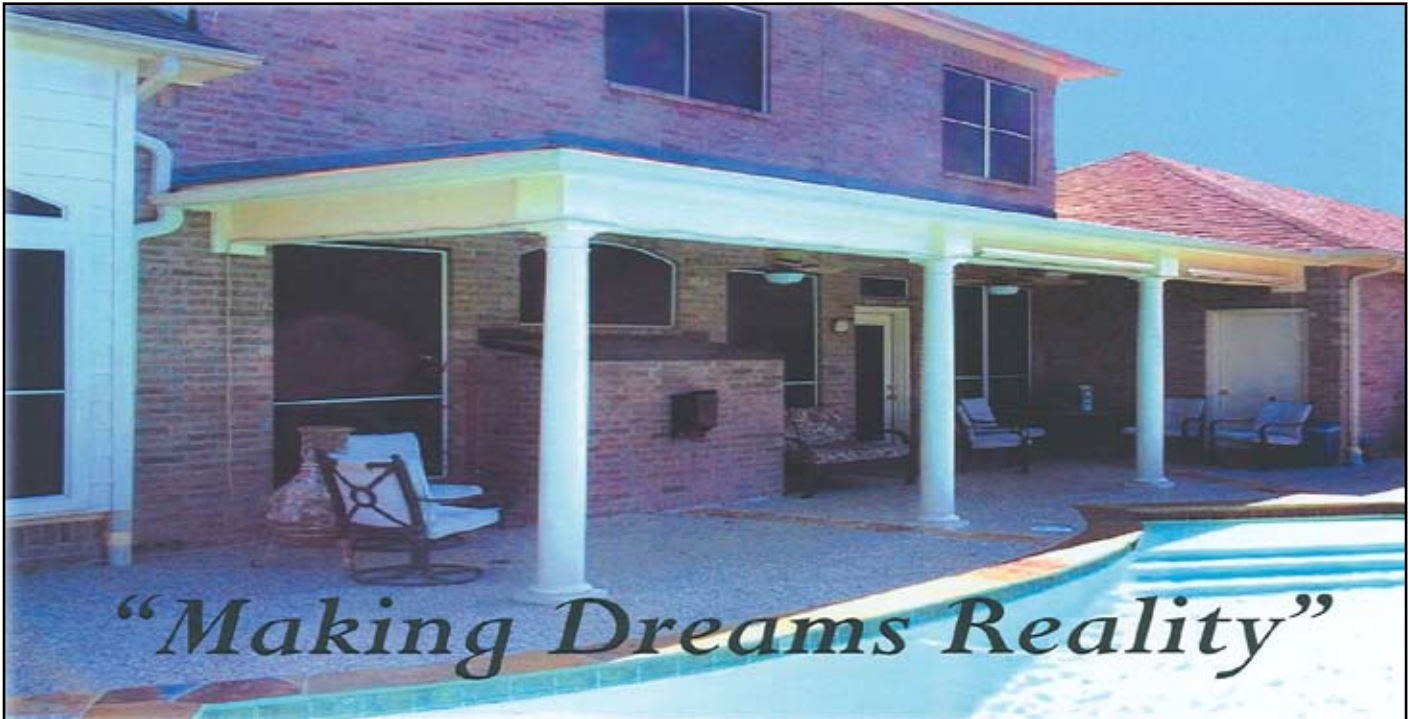
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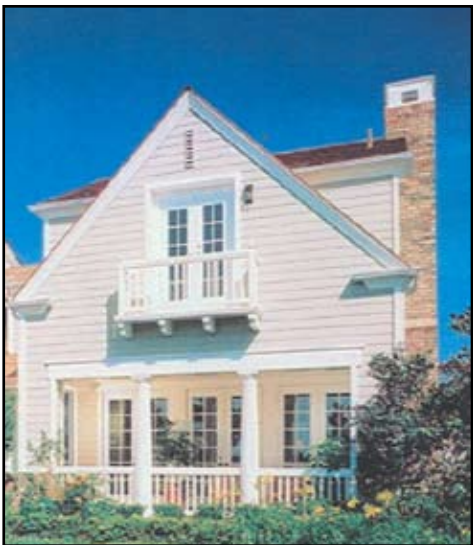
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The musicians from beginner to pro are having a great ole time playing this old-time music of Bill Monroe and Ralph Stanley. There are 3 types of music played – Bluegrass, Gospel, and old-time country. The listeners are so captivated by the joyful energetic music and musicians they are hearing that they also cannot help but do a little toe tapping and clapping themselves. When 4 PM arrives you find the musicians just as enthusiastic and reluctant to leave as at the beginning. The energy comes from the deep love that everyone has for the music.

Pickers and listener are welcome. No charges. Just fun Jammin or listening.

Kleb Woods Nature Center and Reserve (Draper Rd.) is located about 15 to 20 minutes away and is located on Draper Rd., off Mueschke Rd. in Tomball area. The Reserve is a Harris County Park and a bird watchers paradise and museum. From the parking lot you will walk about 200ft to the center. No selling, soliciting, alcohol, or drugs permitted. Check out Kleb Woods web-site at: www.pct3.hctx.net/parks/klebwoodsnaturepres.aspx.

The Cypress/Tomball Area Bluegrass Jam (Northwest Harris County) 4th Saturday Jam is sponsored by The Fairfield Bluegrass Jammers and is being held at the nearby Kleb Woods Nature Center and Reserve outside Tomball, 12 Noon to 4 PM.

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Spring Festival

Tucked away in Hockley, about 30 miles northwest of downtown Houston, Boys and Girls Country has given children from families in crisis a safe and loving Home since 1971. The children live in cottages with trained teaching parents who are there for them with food, hugs, laughter, and a listening ear. Some children stay with Boys and Girls Country for only a few years, others grow up there.

Boys and Girls Country is not a United Way member agency; they receive their support from friends in the community through grants, mailings, e-mail, and special events. Because Boys and Girls Country does not rely on state or federal grants, they are able to continue to care for their kids past high school graduation. In 1997, Boys and Girls Country developed their College and Career Program to support their high school graduates as young adults. Whether they choose college, trade school, the military, or the workforce, Boys and Girls Country provides support as it is needed. Like any other family, they're still there, helping their kids reach their full potential and break the cycles of poverty and dysfunction that they have known.

On May 1st, Boys and Girls Country will host their annual Spring Festival. It takes place from 10:00 – 5:00, and it is a fun event for adults and children of all ages.

Boys and Girls Country turns their 250-acre ranch into a midway jam-packed with booths, food, and fun. There will be a petting zoo with 25 animals, including a llama and a pot-bellied pig. Younger kids can go on a pony ride, or the whole family can take a hay ride around the ranch. There's a Bug's Life Obstacle Course, Volcano Rock Wall, and a Virtual Zone with Wii games and Dance Dance Revolution. Stay for the day and enjoy great food like barbeque, chicken sandwiches, and nachos. Adults will find plenty to enjoy with two stages of entertainment and live, big board, and silent auctions. Bid on items like a 4-night's stay at a resort in Galveston, signed sports memorabilia, or a hunting trip. While at Spring Festival, people will also have the opportunity to tour a cottage and see where the children live.

Spring Festival is a great, affordable outing for families. Admission is free. All-day activities passes are just \$15 per child, and lunch tickets are only \$6. All of the proceeds from Spring Festival will help provide for the day-to-day needs of the children who live at Boys and Girls Country.

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When: Saturday, April 10th
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Who: Cypress Ranch PALS class
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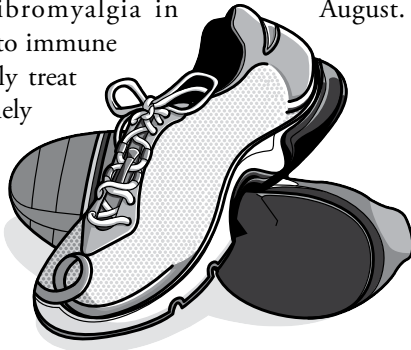
Why: To Help Raise Money for the
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*Thank you for your continued prayers & support. For those of you who might not know, Kelsey was diagnosed with Lupus, Sjogren's Syndrome & Fibromyalgia in August.

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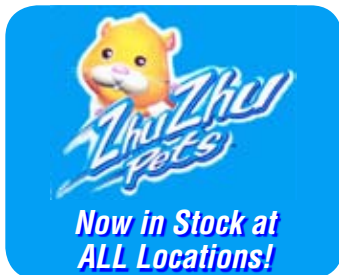


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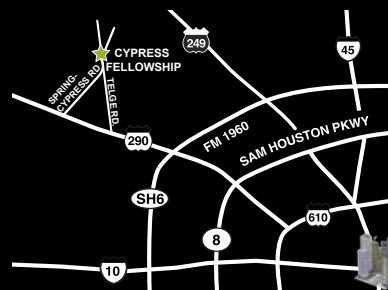
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*Pictured right:
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Lionberger, (left
to right) Heather
H a m m o n d,
Victoria Wright,
and Kelsey
Cannon.*

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Important Dates

- Aug. 12-13 New Staff Orientation
- Aug. 16-20 Professional Days
- Aug. 23** **1st Day of School**
- Sept. 6 Student Holiday
- Oct. 11 Professional Day /
Elem. Parent Conferences
- Nov. 24-26 Student Holidays
- Dec. 20, 21 Inclement Weather Days/
Student/Staff Holidays
- Dec. 22-31 Student Holidays
- Jan. 3-4 Professional Days
- Jan. 17 Student/Staff Holiday
- Feb. 21 Professional Day /
Inclement Weather Day
- March 14-18 Student/Staff Holidays
- April 22 Student/Staff Holiday
- May 30 Student/Staff Holiday
- June 1** **Last Day of School**
- June 2 Professional Day /
Inclement Weather Day






ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- 1st 9 Weeks: Aug. 23-Oct. 22
- 2nd 9 Weeks: Oct. 25-Jan. 14
- 3rd 9 Weeks: Jan. 18-March 25
- 4th 9 Weeks: March 28-June 1

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

- 1st Semester**
- 1st 6 Weeks: Aug. 23-Sept. 29
- 2nd 6 Weeks: Sept. 30-Nov. 5
- 3rd 6 Weeks: Nov. 8-Dec. 17
- 2nd Semester**
- 4th 6 Weeks: Jan. 5-Feb. 18
- 5th 6 Weeks: Feb. 22-April 15
- 6th 6 Weeks: April 18-June 1

LEGEND

-  STUDENT/STAFF HOLIDAY
-  PROFESSIONAL DAY
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-  FIRST & LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
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Project Prom 2010 - Cy-Fair High School

POWDER PUFF GAME

April 7, 2010 at Cy-Fair High School

The Senior ladies play Powder Puff Football, guys are the coaches! To be held at Cy-Fair High School. Senior men play volleyball. Opportunity to Earn Project Prom bucks working in the concession stand and baking goods for event. You won't want to miss this one!! Stephanie Harrison

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The Cy Fair Project prom Golf Tournament will be held on April 16, 2010 at Houston National Golf Course in the Stone Gate Subdivision, off Barker Cypress. The cost is \$110 per golfer. If you are a member of Houston National Golf Course, the green fees will be waived and your total cost will be \$65.00. There are many other sponsorship opportunities and volunteer positions available.

This will be a fun tournament with lots of challenges for the golfers. The golf package includes lunch, golf, raffles and a silent auction. The Shotgun start is noon.

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GENERAL MEETING

*Monday, April 22, 2009
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Doors open at 6:30 for shopping. More information can be found at www.cyfairprojectprom.org

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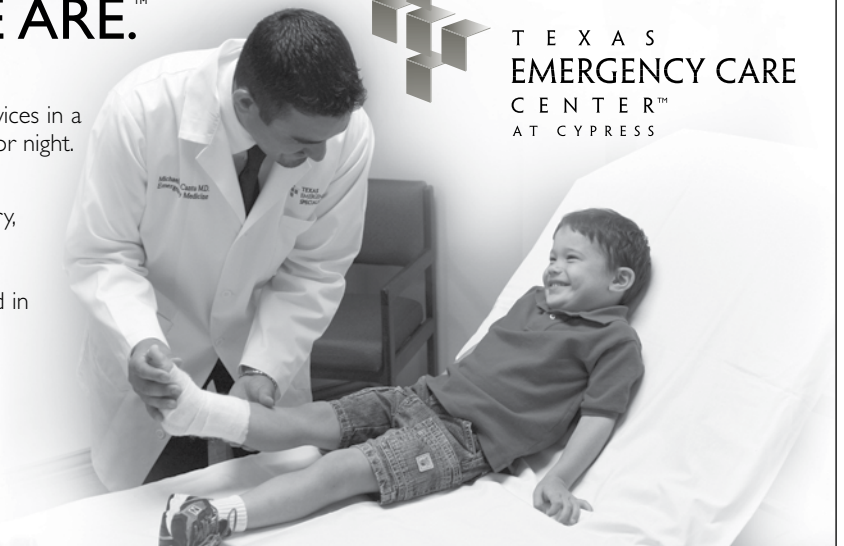
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Other upcoming events include a "Boots N Whoops" western dance fundraiser to be held March 28th and a baseball tailgate party in April. For more information, please see our website at www.nwhcaggiemoms.com.

CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB

The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Kids Triathlon will be held MAY 22 at the Langham Creek YMCA. Kids ages 7 through 12 are invited to participate. Watch for further details in the May Newsletter and in The Sun.

Come join us at the CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB and be a part of sponsoring children's activities, such as the Triathlon. CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE is the motto of Kiwanis Clubs worldwide. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club sponsors nine Key Clubs in the Cy-Fair Schools; supports the Cerebral Palsy SIRE group, Girl Scout, Boy Scout, and Sea Scout troops and activities; provides scholarships to outstanding Key Club members in our district; provides assistance to Cypress Assistance Ministries and Bear Creek Ministries; the Houston Food Bank; and many other nonprofit organizations.

Membership is open to persons of good character who adhere to the standards of good conduct in their community and believe in and subscribe to the objects of Kiwanis International. If you would like to know more about Kiwanis and the programs it promotes, we invite you to be our guest at one of our monthly meetings. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis meet at Hearthstone Country Club on the first, second, and third Tuesday of each month at 12:15 for lunch and informative programs. For more information, call John Carroll at 281-463-0373 or George Crowl at 832-467-1998.



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The Daughters of the American Revolution

Elisha Roberts Chapter, NSDAR meets every third Thursday at Meson 1910 Mexican Restaurant on Mason Rd. The Daughters of the American Revolution is open to any woman 18 years or older who can prove direct lineage to an ancestor who fought in the American Revolution or provided patriot service. Our new chapter is looking for members. If you are interested in joining, please stop by and say hello...meetings start at 7 pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me: Laura Neal at lizardsareicky@sbcglobal.net or 281-256-3545.

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For you readers, here are a few of my favorite free software choices that won't get you into trouble:

For Windows machines, I like Picasa for doing simple editing and cleanup of photos. It's from the folks at Google and you can find it just by going to www.Picasa.com (note that it's Picasa ending with an "a" and not Picasso like the painter with the additional "s"). Do you shop online and like to keep the receipts? Rather than printing them out and storing them in a filing cabinet, use CutePDF to "print" your receipts (or anything else that can be sent to a printer) into a PDF file that you can save on your hard drive. I buy a lot online and CutePDF lets me store all the receipts into a folder on my hard drive that makes life much easier at tax time for my accountant (which is this month if my calendar is correct.) You can download CutePDF at www.CutePDF.com, just download the CutePDF Writer. It installs as if it were a printer and you're ready to go.

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done, done. It works with iCal and Mail. You can download it at <http://www.anxietyapp.com/>. Carbon Copy Cloner lets you backup your entire hard drive to another, allowing you to boot to the 2nd drive should the first one fail completely (and it happens more often than you know.) Download it at <http://www.bombich.com/>.

Stay away from sites offering free music or movies (like LimeWire), this is an excellent way to contract a virus. If you think you're getting something that costs money in a store for free online, it's probably going to cost you more than you know by the time you get your computer cleaned up.

Be skeptical and be safe. One of the best places to go for free software is <http://sourceforge.net/>. You're not going to find Microsoft Office for free, but you might find a program that does something close. Want Photoshop but don't have \$400 to spend, then check out Gimp. There are a lot of genuinely nice people developing programs because they enjoy doing it. Some will ask for but not require a donation, that's only fair. If you like a program, throw a few dollars their way to encourage them to keep improving their program. If you can say "I wish I had a program that", then you'll probably find something at SourceForge.net that meets your needs.

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Playgrounds



 **What's a Sprayground?**

More and more cities are opening spraygrounds, which are water playgrounds. At a sprayground, kids can shoot each other with water cannons and get sprayed by dozens of water jets that squirt from different colored nozzles and hoses.



Do you have a favorite playground? Maybe it's a new wooden one that has lots of tall towers and passageways. Or maybe your favorite is an old-fashioned playground with swings and a seesaw. Playgrounds are fun places for kids because there's so much to do and other kids to have fun with. But sometimes kids get hurt at playgrounds. That's no fun, so here are 10 ways to keep safe:

1. Take a grown-up. As kids get bigger, they like doing things on their own. Going to the playground shouldn't be one of them, though. Grown-ups come in handy because they might spot problems at the playground, they can help you down if you get in a tight spot, and they can help if you happen to get hurt.

2. Take a good look around. If the playground has lots of trash, such as broken glass, or the equipment looks broken, don't play there.

3. Keep your size in mind. Many playgrounds have some equipment that's for little kids (like 2- to 5-year-olds) and other equipment that's meant for older kids. Use the equipment that's right for your age. If you squeeze yourself onto a swing for toddlers, you might get stuck. Likewise, if your little brother or sister starts climbing something meant for older kids, guide him or her to the little kid stuff.

4. Don't go too high. Many playgrounds have tall stuff to play on, such as towers or open passageways between equipment. Don't climb higher than you feel comfortable, and feel free to ask your grown-up if you need help getting down. Never climb up the outside of equipment, or hoist yourself up on the roof. The view might be cool, but it's a long way down.

5. Look out below. The best playgrounds put down special surfacing material, such as mulch, wood chips, sand, gravel, or rubber matting. These surfaces can help soften a fall, but that doesn't mean you won't get hurt, especially if you tumble from a high spot.

6. Swing safely. Kids often get hurt at the playground because they get hit by someone on a swing. If you're

swinging, watch out for people who might be getting too close. And if you're walking around the playground, don't get too close to the swingers.

7. Use your head. Sometimes you'll see kids going headfirst down the slide or maybe two or three kids will get on a piece of equipment that's only meant for one. Or some kids might start goofing around and trying to push each other off a swing or off of a high spot. If your grown-up sees you doing this, he or she will probably say, "Knock it off. Someone's going to get hurt." It's true, so try to use the playground equipment properly. And if you get stuck, or don't know how to get down from something, call your grown-up over so he or she can help you down.

8. Report problems. If you see graffiti (when people write or paint on stuff), a broken swing, or find any other problems while you're playing, tell your grown-up. He or she can report the problem so it can be fixed.

9. Clean up. If you bring a drink or snack to the playground, clean up your trash before you leave. When you do, the park will look nice when the next kid comes along to play and you will have shown that you're a good playground citizen.

10. Have a great time! How can you make a good time at the playground even better? Bring a friend and only complain a little when it's time to leave.
Reviewed by: Steven Dowshen, MD
Date reviewed: May 2008

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*Put the Don and Jeanne
Machrowicz Team to work for you!!*

- Marketing on multiple websites for 24/7 exposure of your home
- Don & Jeanne Machrowicz have over 30 years of real estate experience
- Honored by the Houston Business Journal as one of the top 25 residential real estate teams in the city
- Flexible commission plans

Coles Crossing Year-to-Date Sales Report

	May '09	June '09	July '09	Aug '09	Sept '09	Oct '09	Nov '09	Dec '09	Jan '10	Feb '10
\$351,000 and above	0	5	5	2	3	0	2	2	1	0
\$301,000--\$350,000	2	5	1	2	3	1	1	0	0	1
\$276,000--\$300,000	1	0	2	1	2	1	1	4	2	0
\$251,000--\$275,000	2	1	4	4	2	1	2	0	0	3
\$201,000--\$250,000	4	9	6	1	3	4	4	2	2	1
\$200,000 and below	0	5	2	3	0	1	2	2	3	0
Total	9	25	20	13	13	8	12	10	8	5
Highest \$/sq ft	\$90.71	\$128.19	\$99.42	\$125.00	\$107.87	\$101.03	\$119.86	\$95.14	\$89.83	\$91.36

This information is taken from the Houston Multiple Listing Service

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