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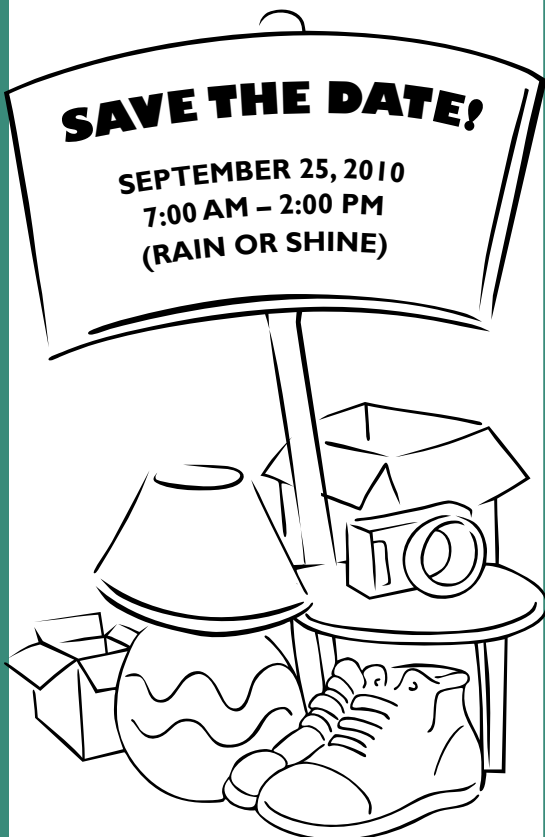
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Garage Sale Information

Registration and payment will not be required this year. Please use your existing sign you have purchased from Riata Ranch from previous years and if you do not have one and would like to purchase one for \$5.00 please contact Cindy at cindyferis@yahoo.com. Please be aware you can use your own sign if you currently do not have a Riata Ranch garage sale sign.

Good Luck!



CONNECTING RIATA RANCH to Water Supply Line

The Riata Ranch board received information about how our drinking water supply will change. As homeowners association we do not have a say in these changes, but the supply line will be installed underground through part of the common grounds of Riata Ranch. We are currently reviewing the proposals but wanted to give homeowners early information.

Below information provided by the WHCRWA (West Harris County Regional Water Authority):

"Residents in west Harris County have traditionally relied on groundwater pumped from individual wells by municipal utility districts or other water suppliers to supply all our water needs. This system has served us well over the years, but the water we have "taken" has caused the depletion of the aquifers beneath us. Several years ago, the Harris Galveston Coastal Subsidence District (HGCSO) mandated the phased reduction of our dependence on groundwater to preserve these important aquifers; to give them a "rest" and time to recharge .."

The surface water supply line for Riata Ranch is 'contract 19' of the West Harris County Regional Water Authority Surface Water Transmission System. "... Every reasonable effort will be made to minimize disruption in our neighborhoods and on local streets and thoroughfares. Even so, while there will be some inconvenience and impact to property as this massive project is underway, the Authority's objective is to construct it cost effectively with an eye to minimizing inconvenience .."

The 24" water supply line will be installed underground mostly in existing drainage easements -- for example the drainage between sections 6 and 7 and the apartments, the drainage between sections 4 and 5, the greenbelt between sections 7 and 10. The WHCRWA is requesting Riata Ranch to create easements in the Riata Ranch park and in section 4.

"Meeting the groundwater conversion mandates is not negotiable...and doing so successfully requires that all of us work together. Your assistance and cooperation will be a critical factor in helping us to achieve this ambitious goal. We are pleased to provide information about the project online (www.whcrwa.com) .."

All residents of the water district received a newsletter from WHCRWA in the mail in June. You can download a copy of the summer 2010 issue of WaterWorks: "A coalition including WHCRWA, the City of Houston and other regional water authorities is pursuing a project through the Coastal Water Authority for a project to divert water from the Trinity River to Lake Houston via the Luce Bayou Interbasin Transfer Project."

"Meanwhile, planning and negotiations are underway on a major 39-mile pipeline to bring that water to the west. The Authority was fortunate several years

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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.

Connecting Riata Ranch - (Continued from Cover Page)

ago to acquire a 44-mile-long pipeline ..”

“.. Make no mistake about it, however, the cost will be substantial. Water customers will see the results as water rates rise, and should take steps now to embrace conservation efforts, authority officials say But if we don't start doing it now, 10 years 20 years from now, there may not be an adequate water supply — and then what would we do?”

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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Letter from the Editor

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As everyone is aware now school is in session you must watch for bus stops and the children close to the streets waiting for their buses. So even if you are running late to work do not speed through the Riata Ranch streets - there will be busses and children around every corner.

If you haven't been around the main park area you should! The construction of the new park is well underway. The exercise equipment is located around the trails and looks really nice. Section 11 is getting a new little park as well.....hope you guys like it. I'm not sure of the actual construction finish date but should be soon. Also tennis players should know that new nets will be furnished after the construction of the park is completed.

Have a great school year!
Cindy

Kindergarten Round Up



Kindergarten Round Up was a success so thank you to all those that participated. We had a wonderful time meeting all the new Kindergarteners going to Rennell. Mrs. Thomas the principal came to visit and read "The Bad Kitty" to our kids which they all enjoyed.

A big thank you to our sponsor Kids R Kids for lending us their facility! Darrell the owner at Kids R Kids was nice enough to show our children bus safety and give them a bus ride to see their new school. We greatly appreciate our sponsors of Riata Ranch. Lastly, we would like to thank Bobbie McKeon at stickymonkeydesigns.com for hosting this event.



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September 25, 2010
7 am – 2 pm

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December 4, 2010
9 am – 11 am at Kids R Kids



HELLO FELLOW RIATA RANCH NEIGHBORS

Please take a look at the new RR website at www.riataranch.net. It has a new format and looks very nice. Here you will be able to get information on our community and any upcoming events and information regarding them. We also put a message board in the main entrance of RR to communicate any events or news as well. If you haven't seen the message board, take a drive and take a look.

ARTICLES/IDEAS NEEDED

Do you have ideas for an article or story that you would like your Riata Ranch community to hear? If so, please go to <http://www.peelinc.com/> and go to the link to submit an article under the Residents tab.

ATTENTION NW HARRIS

County Tri Delta Alumnae

Mark your calendars to join your Tri Delta sisters for our annual "Salad Social" to kick off the year on Tuesday, September 14th at 7:00 pm. Our group meets on the second Tuesday of every month September - April. We have a diverse group of women of all ages from a variety of colleges. For more information, please contact Christina at 281-855-6893 or Karen at trideltanews@yahoo.com

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Alex & Ben Hoffman
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This event has been hosted by the Copperfield Women's Club for many years as a fundraiser for scholarships and community organizations in need. In 2009 the club moved the show to the huge arena in the Berry Center which almost doubled the available booth space. Over 4500 eager shoppers came through the turnstiles last year to enjoy vendors from the Houston area and as far away as San Antonio. 2010 brings even more expansion both in shopping hours and space. Due to overwhelming demand, booth space is expanding into the 16,000 ft. conference center and we have added 2 additional shopping hours.

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CUSTOM WINDOW TREATMENTS

From Budget to Big Bucks

Submitted by Susan Kosteletzky

Custom window treatments are a decorative and functional complement to a home, and add color, texture and softness. Custom treatments can range in price from very reasonable to very expensive. If you are considering window treatments for your home, there are a number of factors to consider. Those factors are: style, budget and function.

STYLE

You can accomplish great style in any budget range. You may already have ideas that you like, from model homes or decorating magazines. You may prefer light and airy, or richly luxurious, casual or formal. If you are working with a window treatment specialist or decorator to determine what style treatments will best fit your home, it is important to discuss the budget you have allotted for this project. You may decide to focus on one room at a time, which makes it easier on your wallet and also to make decisions. Knowing your budget helps your consultant present style ideas and fabrics that will keep the project in your price range.

Some treatment styles require considerably more fabric than others, which generally means more lining and more labor. Fabrics with a very large motif (such as a large bouquet of flowers) may require more yardage in order to center or match the motif throughout the project. Treatments with deep folds or pleats



require more fabric than a flat treatment. Flat does not mean boring: adding contrasting trim, banding, buttons or tassels adds interest. A flat treatment (like a roman shade, cornice or a straight valance) also lets the fabric print be seen completely. If you have fallen in love with a tulip floral print, a flat treatment showcases the tulips much better than a gathered treatment does.

If there are blinds in place, you have many choices to select from to accent your furnishings. Consider how the room is used: a bedroom might dictate room-darkening draperies to permit sleeping late on the weekends. A west-facing

window might require interlining or other linings to prevent light bleed-through, fabric fading and/or rot. Silk may be interlined to add lush body, insulation and to protect the silk from the sun. A kitchen window may only need a fabric accent valance for color and interest. These are options, depending on your goals for your room.

Fabric prices vary greatly. Retail fabric stores offer a good selection, reasonable prices and can generally order fabric for you if they do not have the quantity you require. Outlet stores have very low prices, stock that changes rapidly and cannot be reordered, and may sell "second quality" fabrics that may be flawed. If the price is right, you can purchase additional yardage to offset flaws. The stock changes rapidly, and if you mull over your sample options, the fabric may no longer be available when you go to purchase it. A designer or window treatment consultant has access to the Decorative Center of Houston, which has tens of thousands of fabrics available. The selection of fabric, rods, trimmings, tassels, etc. is far beyond that found in retail locations. This is a huge benefit if you are trying to coordinate with existing fabrics in your furnishings that may be discontinued and no longer available.

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