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Letter from the **Editor**

Hello Everyone and Happy 2011! For you that have made resolutions such as save more money, eat less, workout more, or just be a better person. I hope you live up to your promise even though it might be hard at times to stay true. Hope the past holidays were fantastic and wishing you an even better 2011!

Cindy



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Cub Scout Pack 438 Needs Your Help!

To a military family, a phone call home is priceless. The Armed Forces Services Exchange operates telephone call centers in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan, and other countries and aboard ships – anywhere service members are deployed. All of these locations stay busy around the clock to keep up communication between deployed troops and their loved ones. But these phone calls are expensive.

How You Can Help Our Soldiers...

By donating your old cell phones and/or accessories, you not only eliminate electronic waste, you help our deployed troops stay in touch with their loved ones. Your old cell phones and cell phone accessories (gladly accepted, but not required) are recycled and their recycled value is used to purchase calling cards for our deployed soldiers.

How You Can Help Our Earth...

Approximately half of the phones collected will be reused – considered the ultimate form of recycling. Functional phones are reconditioned and reprogrammed before being sold to wholesalers from more than 40 countries. Phones that cannot be resold are dismantled and recycled. It's easy to protect the planet and our environment by simply collecting obsolete cell phones and recycling them.

- The average person upgrades their phone every 16 months.
- An estimated 130 million phones will be retired this year in the United States.
- Approx. 202,000 ounces of gold could be recovered if these phones had been recycled.

Call to Action...

Bring your old cell phone(s) and/or cell phone accessories to Post Net located at 12320 Barker Cypress Road #600 Cypress, TX 77429 in the Randall's parking and deposit them in the collection box now through January 31st. Cub Scout Pack 438, in conjunction with Cell Phones for Soldiers, will take care of the rest. If you have questions, please contact Beth Patterson at 281-304-6036 or bethapatterson@ gmail.com. For your donation receipt, please visit http://cellphonesforsoldiers. com/media_docs/CPFS_Donation_Reciept.pdf.

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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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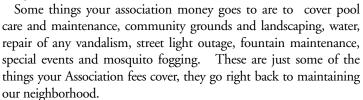
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Association Dues

Good news. The HOA board voted and made the decision to NOT raise association dues this year. We were able to stay within our FY2011 budget with our current HOA rate.

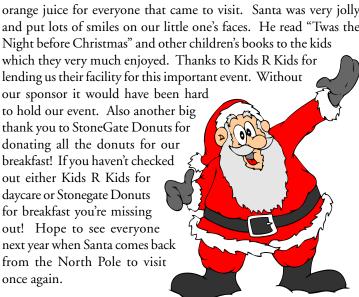


Don't forgot, the last day you can pay your 2011 HOA dues without a penalty is January 31, 2011. So hurry up and pay your dues.

Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast with Santa was a success. There were donuts, milk and orange juice for everyone that came to visit. Santa was very jolly and put lots of smiles on our little one's faces. He read "Twas the Night before Christmas" and other children's books to the kids which they very much enjoyed. Thanks to Kids R Kids for lending us their facility for this important event. Without

donating all the donuts for our breakfast! If you haven't checked out either Kids R Kids for daycare or Stonegate Donuts for breakfast you're missing out! Hope to see everyone next year when Santa comes back from the North Pole to visit



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U.S. Track Olympian to Speak at Northwest Flyers Track Club Registration Breakfast on February 5th

The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host its annual free information / registration breakfast on Saturday, February 5, 2011, for all boys, girls and their parents who are interested in joining for the 2011 track season. The breakfast starts promptly 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 2011 spring/summer track season, and to meet the Northwest Flyers coaches, 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 275 members, boys and girls. The club was founded 24 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.

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Water Tips

Colder Weather means cold water and cold pipes. If you live in a 2-story house please make sure you run your water upstairs such as turning on the water and/or flushing your toilets every now and then.

Also....a reminder on a water tip I've posted before. When you're waiting for your water to heat up out of the sink or bath save the cold water and reuse it for something else. You ask what is that something else? Well you could use it to water your plants, fill up your fish tank and/or fill up your dog/cat's water bowls. Maybe you can think of other things??

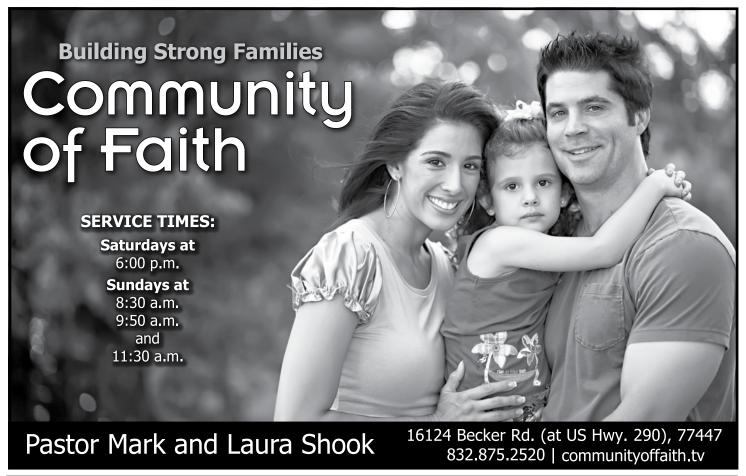
Pet Etiquette

If you have a dog please put them on a leash! If they poop other than your yard, be kind and pick it up even in the RR Park. The RR Park is not a dog poopy area. Not only do we have children and adults that could walk in it but it is just plain rude to leave your dog's waste for all others to view.

Main Entrance Apartment Trash

Has anyone seen the trash that piles up at the apartments when you are leaving the main entrance of Riata Ranch? Well one of our Board Members has met with the apartment complex to inform them of the unsightly issue we have to see when leaving or entering our neighborhood. The unfortunate part is that the trash overflow mostly happens at the beginning or end of the month when people move in and out. People throw things down the chute of the trash dispenser and things get stuck which will not allow the residents of the apartments to push anymore trash down the chute (since it is stuck with big items people throw away during moving in and out).

The solution at the current time is to call them directly at 281-758-0226 and talk to the answering service which will let a maintenance person know immediately or you can also call the manager, Michelle Nixon. Please call the office when you notice a problem and speak with Michelle, another employee or the answering service so it can be addressed as soon as possible. The more calls they get with this problem the more likely they will react quicker. In the meantime the HOA board is thinking of alternative ideas so RR residents will not have to see the garbage.



American Business Women's Association

Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN)

EVENT: Cy-Fair Express Network Monthly Networking

Luncheon

WHEN: January 27, 2011 **TIME:** 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

WHERE: Houston National Golf Club

16500 Houston National Blvd

Houston, TX 77095

NETWORKING AND BUSINESS LUNCHEON

Cy-Fair Express Network invites you to their monthly meeting and luncheon. Bring plenty of business cards for networking. Please make reservations online by January 21 @ www.cyfen.org or call Darlene Hajduk @ 713-939-9730.

We are now accepting sponsorship and vendor registration for the 2011 Cy-Fair Women's Expo on April 28, 2011. More information @ www. cyfen.org. Our mission is to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support, and national recognition.



Calling All Houston NW Kappa Kappa Gamma Alums!

Come join your fellow Kappas this New Year at our annual Silver Auction Luncheon

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For more information on this or future events & membership please contact Natalie Bunton at gnat02@gmail.com or 832-717-3294.

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WRAP 2011 Planning Is Underway!

WRAP is Cy-Woods High School's parent-driven Project Prom organization. The purpose of WRAP is to provide a drug- and alcohol-free all-night party for the graduating seniors and their guests after their prom. This year WRAP will be held at ITZ on May 27, 2011, as an overnight lock-in party, it is a fun-filled evening of shows, games, activities, food, gifts and prizes!

WRAP still has openings for event chairs and co-chairs! Earn mega bucks by serving as a chair or co-chair!

Have you filled out your Parent Information Form yet? We need this to get you on our e-mail list!

Visit www.cywoodswrap.org and be an active parent!

MEETINGS: FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE CY-WOODS COMMONS.

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CY-WOODS KEY CLUB

Key Club is a high school service organization that frequently volunteers to better the community. Last month they Cy-Woods key club volunteered with the Houston Food Bank. Members assisted with things like sorting food, packaging food, and making boxes of food. Key Club also helps with events like working at Middle School concession stands during the football games, allowing the parents to watch their children in the game. Another popular event that we love to volunteer at during this time of year is church and school Fall Festivals. If you know of any event that needs volunteers, the Cy-Woods Key Club would love to help! Contact us at cywoodskeyclub@ gmail.com



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The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club sponsors nine Key Clubs in the Cy-Fair High 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; assists at Cypress Assistance Ministries , Bear Creek Ministries; the Houston Food Bank; and other charitable groups.

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 (Copperfield and Hearthstone areas) at 281-463-0373; George Crowl (Jersey Village area) at 832-467-1998; or Peggy Presnell (Fairfield and CyRanch) at 281-304-7127. If you live anywhere in the Cy-Fair Communities, you may call any one of the above for information. COME, BE A PART OF OUR FELLOWSHIP. See www.kiwanishoustoncyfair. com for more information.

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NW HARRIS COUNTY AGGIE MOMS CLUB EVENTS

Meeting - Tuesday, Jan 11, 2011

Get your 2011 year off to a great start with the Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club! All new, current, and former Aggie Moms are invited to join us to hear an awesome motivational speaker, Jim Bob Solsbery. Jim Bob is a former Aggie, class of '67, who is both a comedian and motivational speaker. He is the author of a book entitled, Humor is an Attitude: Sometimes You Just Have to Laugh Your Way Out. Mr. Solsbery has spent the last 30 years as a business owner, entrepreneur, educator, professional trainer, and served as the Executive Director for U.S. Department of Agriculture. Jim Bob is the recipient of the National Association of Humor Writers Award and he speaks to groups across the nation about keeping a positive attitude and a healthy sense of humor. Please invite your husbands and Aggie students to join us for a night of humor and get your year off to a great start!

Our meeting will be held at the Houston Distributing Center conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the corner of Cutten Road and 7100 High Life Drive. Please join us there Tuesday, Jan. 11, at 7 pm for refreshments and fellowship with other Aggie Moms. Listen to an excellent speaker, learn more about upcoming Aggie Mom events, explore gift items in our Aggie Boutique, win door prizes and book money for your student, and learn more about upcoming scholarship opportunities. For more information about NWHC Aggie Mom events, check out our website at www.nwhcaggiemoms.org or contact Vickie Hamley at 713-466-4494.

Accepting Scholarship Applications - Deadline Feb 7th

The time for submitting Aggie student scholarship applications to the NWHC Aggie Mom's Club is fast approaching! They are now accepting Scholarship Applications for the 2010-2011 school year. Last year 6 scholarships totaling \$6750 were awarded to area Aggie students. Complete applications and eligibility requirements are available at www.nwhcaggiemoms.org and also at the general meetings. The application must be postmarked no later than Monday, Feb. 7th, 2011. Parents do not have to be a member of the organization in order for their students to apply.

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