



# The Rosehill

## Report

The Official Newsletter  
of the Lakes of Rosehill  
Homeowners Association

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### Dear Lakes of Rosehill Property Owner

In accordance with the By-Laws for the Lakes of Rosehill Homeowners Association the 2009 Annual Meeting of the members will be held on Monday, April 25, 2011.

The purpose of the Annual Meeting of the members will be to elect three (3) Directors to the Board of Directors of the Association for a term of two (2) years. A quorum of ten (10%) percent of the membership entitled to cast votes, must be present in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting.

If you are interested in being placed on the ballot/proxy for the Board of Directors, please complete the enclosed questionnaire form and return it to the Lakes of Rosehill Homeowners Association at the address above by April 1, 2011. You may also fax your questionnaire form to 281-537-0312 or e-mail it to [cangelo@chaparralmanagement.com](mailto:cangelo@chaparralmanagement.com) by 5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2011. The questionnaire form that is submitted will be copied and printed to be mailed out to the Members along with the proxies.

*Thank you, Board of Directors  
Lakes of Rosehill Homeowners Association, Inc.*

### Ladies' Club

The Lakes of Rosehill Ladies' Club met for the first time at the home of Juli Mayfield to get acquainted and discuss things we would like to do together. Eight of us met and discussed activities as varied as arts and crafts, book and movie discussions, museum or theater trips and charity projects.

**Our March Meeting will be:**

**Thursday, March 24**

**7:30 p.m.**

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Program: Randi Lewis, representative for Close To My Heart scrapbooking and paper products will show us how to create coordinating gift tags, cards and a bag topper. Please bring \$10 to cover the expense of materials.

All women of Lakes of Rosehill are welcome. Please email Juli Mayfield at [jmayfield11@comcast.net](mailto:jmayfield11@comcast.net) if you would like to come so we can save a place for you.

If you would like to come and have not met with us before, bring your ideas for future get-togethers. We welcome more members for daytime or evening meetings.

### Tips for Mastering the Farmers' Market

*By Melanie Dragger, M.Com.*

Many people are taking steps to improve their health and the environment by eating organically grown and raised foods. While some people are selecting organic items at their local grocery store, farmers' markets are becoming increasingly popular. Over the past year, according to the Department of Agriculture, the number of farmers' markets in the U.S. increased by 858, or 16 percent, from 5,274 in 2009 to 6,132 in 2010. When the USDA first began tracking farmers' markets in 1994, there were only 1,755 markets.

Outside of growing your own produce and raising your own livestock, shopping at a farmers' market is the best way to obtain fresh, local, and seasonal fruits, vegetables, and herbs, as well as farm-fresh eggs, meat, poultry, and dairy products. Many farmers' markets also offer artisan breads, honey, and seasonal jams, jellies, and preserves.

**Below are tips to help you master your local farmers' market:**

- **1. Do Your Research** – Before heading to the market, research what produce is in season in your area. Since all products sold at a farmer's market may not be organic, and some organic products sold may not be certified, familiarize yourself with the organic certification process and product labeling. Information on the USDA's National Organic Program can be found at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/nop>.
- **2. Bring Your Own Containers** – While some vendors have bags and boxes available

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## Tips for Mastering the Farmer's Market - (Continued from Cover)

for customers, bringing your own containers is the best way to ensure you will be able to transport and protect your purchases properly. Additionally, recycling containers helps the environment by reducing the number of natural resources used to produce new ones.

- **3. Bring Cash** – Swing by your bank or ATM before hitting the farmers' market. Most vendors do not accept checks or credit cards. Bring small bills, since it may be difficult for some vendors to make change.
- **4. Go Early or Go Late** – The best items usually go first, so try to get to the market early. However, before making a purchase, take a quick trip down the aisles, since prices can vary greatly among vendors. If you can't make it to the market when it first opens, go at the end of the market day to catch deals from vendors trying to unload their remaining products.
- **5. Speak with Vendors** – Shopping at a farmers' market allows you an opportunity to speak directly with growers and farmers. Not familiar with Swiss chard? Looking for a new way to prepare eggplant? Most vendors love to share their knowledge, including discussing their production methods, providing storage and transportation advice, and sharing recipes and cooking tips.

Buying organic products at your local farmers' market offers numerous benefits, including boosting the local economy, reducing the amount of toxic chemicals that enter your body and the environment, and decreasing the amount of fossil fuels used to transport products to consumers. However, organic products can be more expensive than conventionally grown and raised products, and some organic products may be difficult to find in some areas. If going 100% organic is not feasible, use the following list as a guide. According to the 2010 report of the Environmental Working Group, a non-profit organization specializing in research and advocacy related to public health and the environment, these 12 fruits and vegetables consistently contained the highest amount of pesticides when conventionally grown, and should be consumed in organic form when possible:

1. Celery
2. Peaches
3. Strawberries
4. Apples
5. Blueberries (domestic)
6. Nectarines
7. Sweet Bell Peppers
8. Spinach
9. Cherries
10. Kale/Collard Greens
11. Potatoes
12. Grapes (imported)



The EWG's annual ranking of produce pesticide contamination is based on its analysis of tests conducted by the USDA and the federal Food and Drug Administration. More information on the EWG, as well as the full list of fruits and vegetables ranked, can be found at <http://www.ewg.org>.

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## Lakes of Rosehill Homeowners Association, Inc. Questionnaire for Prospective Board Members

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone:(O) \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you owned property in Lakes of Rosehill? \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

1). Have you ever served on a Homeowners Association Board? If so, in what capacity?

2). What areas of the association interested you?

☐ Architectural Control ☐ Landscape/Beautification

☐ Community Awareness Committee-Crime Watch/Security

☐ Deed Restriction Enforcement ☐ Newsletter/Communications/Website ☐ Social

3). The Board of Directors meets every month on the third (3rd) Monday at 6:00pm. Meetings are approximately 2.5-3 hours. Are you willing to volunteer several additional hours per month to serve on the Board of Directors to attend Board meetings and/or special meetings? \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

4). What do you see your contribution to be to the Association?

5). What areas, if any, do you feel need improvement?

6). Have you been delinquent in your assessment fees? If yes, please explain why.

7). Have you received a deed restriction violation letter? If yes, please explain the circumstances and resolution.

## The M.A.N.E. Event Mustang Stampede 2011 1K & 5K Fun Run

The M.A.N.E. Event will host its first annual Mustang Stampede on Saturday, April 9th. The Fun Run will be located at the Bridgeland Activity Center and will start at 8AM. Children and adults can participate in either the 1K or 5K run. Early registration fee for adults is \$25 and for children and students the fee is \$15. It's a great event for the entire family, so come and join the fun. All proceeds and donations go to support the 1st graduating class of seniors at Cypress Ranch High School. The M.A.N.E. Event is a non-profit organization sponsoring a drug and alcohol free after-prom event for the Cy-Ranch senior class.

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The volunteer fire service was started in this country by Ben Franklin. For more than 250 years the volunteer fire service has continued this tradition of "neighbors helping neighbors". But over the past two decades the number of volunteer firefighters nationally has decreased by around 8%. The Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department has almost 400 volunteers today. The Cy-Fair VFD provides community based fire, EMS, and rescue services for 156 sq miles of Northwest Harris County using 12 fire stations. We provide all the necessary training and equipment needed. We have members from all walks of life including doctors, lawyers, bankers, realtors, career firefighters, teachers, mechanics, welders, nurses, and stay at home parents. The only requirements are to have your high school diploma or GED, be 18 yrs old, and pass a drug and background check. The volunteers of the Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department save the tax payers of our area over \$28 million each year.



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## Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department - (Continued from Page 5)

For anyone interested in volunteering there are a number of reasons to join:

- The satisfaction of helping others in your community especially when they are in need
- To gain experience and education in a wide variety of topics including - firefighting, emergency medical services, hazardous materials, fire codes, sprinkler systems and alarm systems
- Meet and work with others in your community, gain a sense of camaraderie with others by working together

**Whatever your age or physical abilities there is something you can do at your local fire house to help out! While firefighters are needed, there are many other jobs where you could help:**

- Drivers and pump operators are essential to all emergency operations (you can't get there without a driver!)
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- EMS personnel are needed for both first responders and ambulances
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- IT personnel to assist with our computers, network, website, and printers
- Help with fundraising and other fire company functions

Please attend one of our open houses and find out how you can help out at your local fire station. If you cannot make one of the dates please call us at 281-550-6663 to speak with a Public Information Officer.

### Recruiting Open House Dates and Locations:

- April 3rd at 6:30 pm at CFVFD Station 9 at 7922 N Hwy 6, near Hwy 6 and Longenbaugh
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## Special Evening for *a Special Boy*

Rosehill Christian School held their annual Sadie Hawkins dance on Saturday, January 29th. In following tradition, the girls asked the boys to be their dates for the evening and the theme was "Cowboys and Indians". This may sound like any other school having just another school dance but something quite remarkable happened at RCS that night. Senior cheerleading squad co-captain, Kaitlyn Burke, asked a very special friend to be her date for the dance, Joshua Wright.

Joshua would not have been the typical choice for a popular, outgoing young lady trying to make every moment special her senior year but that is exactly the choice Kaitlyn made. Joshua is not your average 16 year old boy; he has autism, mental retardation, cerebral palsy, water on his brain and extreme speech delay. He has good days, but he also has not so good days.

Kaitlyn not only gave Joshua a chance to experience a high school dance but also gave his parents the opportunity to share the experience. Lonnie and Beth Wright had the joy of getting their only son ready for a dance. They were overwhelmed with emotion when Kaitlyn thanked them for letting her take Joshua. Mr. and Mrs. Wright wrote a letter to Dean Unsicker, Head of School at Rosehill

Christian, to let him know of the amazing student he has on the campus. Unsicker couldn't wait to share the story and hopes it will reach beyond the Tomball, Cypress and Houston areas.

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Kaitlyn first met Joshua when her sister, Kristen, was giving him tumbling lessons. The families became fast friends and spend a lot of time together. When asked why she chose to ask Joshua to the dance, Kaitlyn replied, "I knew he loved to dance." Kaitlyn has a place in her heart for special needs kids and knew Joshua was the one she wanted to take to the event. She said he danced with lots of people and got those not dancing to join in. "He did a lot of hugging, too", said Kaitlyn with a smile in her voice. A lot of teenagers might have thought it would be a big hassle to attempt such an undertaking but Kaitlyn said it was no big deal. Well it certainly was a big deal to Joshua and his family!

Kaitlyn is the daughter of Kevin and Bertha Burke. She is following her older sister, Kristen, by also graduating from Rosehill Christian School. The Burkes have a son, Kraig, who is currently in 9th grade at RCS. Lonnie and Beth Wright have three children: Joshua, Jaycee and Jessica. Their two girls also attend RCS. Rosehill Christian School is located at 19830 FM 2920, Tomball, TX.

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