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### Dear Residents,

Please be aware that we have had reports of alligator(s) in and around various lakes in the community including those inner lying residential areas. At this time no alligator has been reported to be aggressive and or is not full grown in size.

The lakes are recreational and many of you utilize them regularly for fishing therefore, please remember to take proper precautions when doing so. We are not discouraging recreation however creating an awareness. Some of these alligator(s) are reported to be babies. Teenagers and or children may be enticed to attempt catching, teasing or feeding them. Please **DO NOT** allow this. Teasing them is only an aggravation and may lead to them becoming aggressive.

Below you will find some information we have had posted to the website www.Bridgelandlife.com for your review. Please be aware and educate your families.

Sincerely, Bridgeland Community Associations

### Reports of Wildlife

Please remember that some areas in Bridgeland as well as the surrounding areas are a natural habitat for wildlife therefore it is possible to encounter an animal of this nature. As you are out in the community please be cautious of your surroundings at all times.

As with other wildlife, it is possible that snakes and alligators may be seen and or observed on trails or within our lakes. Swimming in the lakes is prohibited. Never attempt to feed, tease, chase, catch, agitate or otherwise disturb any wildlife, such as an alligator, even if it seems harmless or cute. It is unlikely that they will disturb you if you do not disturb them. Certain species of wildlife are protected under state laws. Please visit the Texas Parks & Wildlife's website or contact them directly to learn more about the habitat of various wildlife within Texas and our region.

Should you encounter wildlife which concern you please contact the Texas Parks & Wildlife at 281-842-8100 and then notify the association of your report, in the event that a threat is present contact 911 immediately.

For additional information regarding wildlife, such as alligators, and their removal please contact the Texas Parks and Wildlife.



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### THE TIMES

### A newsletter for Bridgeland residents.

The Times is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Bridgeland residents. Each newsletter is filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports activity, social group, etc. and would like to submit an article for the newsletter you can do so online at www.PEELinc. com or you can email it <a href="mailto:bridgeland@peelinc.com">bridgeland@peelinc.com</a>. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, special celebrations, birthday announcements and military service are also welcome. Our goal is to keep you informed!

### Crimson Cadette Drill Team Dance Clinic

Cypress Woods High School 16925 Spring Cypress Rd. 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The Cy-woods Crimson Cadettes Drill Team will host their 6th annual dance clinic for K-12 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on August 10-12. This is a major fund-raiser for the team and enables them to participate in activities throughout the 2011-2012 school year. The fee is \$55 and includes dance technique, specially choreographed routines for each age group, a t-shirt, drinks and snacks each day and a picture for each participant. Showoffs will be held the last day at 11:30 a.m. For more information email goodsonms@comcast. net or check out our website at www.crimsoncadettes.com. On the website, you will find a sign-up form and a link to PayPal for easy payment.



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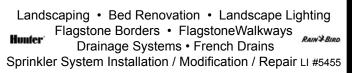
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### **Summer Mixers for New Aggie Moms - 2011**

The Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club will be hosting "Summer Mixers" for new Aggie Moms throughout the northwest Harris County region. The NWHC Aggie Mom's organization provides an opportunity to meet other Aggie Moms, provides valuable information about Texas A&M University, and funds scholarships for Aggie students

and on campus student organizations at Texas A&M. If you are a new or current Aggie Mom, we welcome you to join us at one of the following locations in your area. Please RSVP to Judy Thompson at 281.798.4312 or Tish Otten at 832.722.5983 so our hostesses know how many people to expect. We look forward to meeting you!

Monday, June 21, 2011 – 7 pm (Lakewood Oaks Estate Area) Alicia Collins, Hostess 13510 Cahill Lane, Cypress 77429

Saturday, June 25, 2011 – 2 pm (Lakewood Forest Area)
Tish Otten, Hostess
13114 Chriswood, Cypress 77429

Sunday, June 26th, 2011 – 2 pm (Spring Area) Mary Holub, Hostess 18419 Falling Oak Way, Spring 77379 Thursday, July 7th, 2011 – 7 pm (Tomball Area)
Jo Miller King, Hostess
11918 Mariposa Canyon Drive, Tomball 77377

Sunday, July 10th, 2011 – 2 pm (Copperfield Area) Judy Thompson, Hostess 7519 Wisteria Ridge Ct., Houston 77095

Thursday, July 14th, 2011 – 7 pm (Jersey Village Area)
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### **MEET NATHAN**

What is life like today for a typical ten year old boy? Skateboards, bicycles, computer games, school with kids he has known since he started kinder garden, neighborhood friends to hang out with, parents that make him clean his room and take a bath on a regular basis, but are always there for him; grandparents that spoil him? For a child in the foster care system, many of these things are missing. And those are the most important, namely the relationships with family and long term friends that tend to build trust and security that help the child develop a strong sense of self and build on self-esteem.

Meet Nathan, an active 10 year old child in foster care. He loves the Texas Longhorns and is a talented football and basketball player. He enjoys school, has lots of friends and is always respectful to his teacher. Nathan has so much potential for the future and in finding his forever home, he is destined to reach all of it!!

Stability of loving relationships and predictability in a safe environment are essential elements to help each child reach their potential. Finding a "Forever Family" for a child like Nathan is critical to his continued growth and development. As long as kids like Nathan remain in the foster care system, they always have the mindset that tomorrow may mean another foster home, another school, another set of parents to adjust to. Could you help Nathan or other children like him to gain the trust and security that comes with having a permanent family?

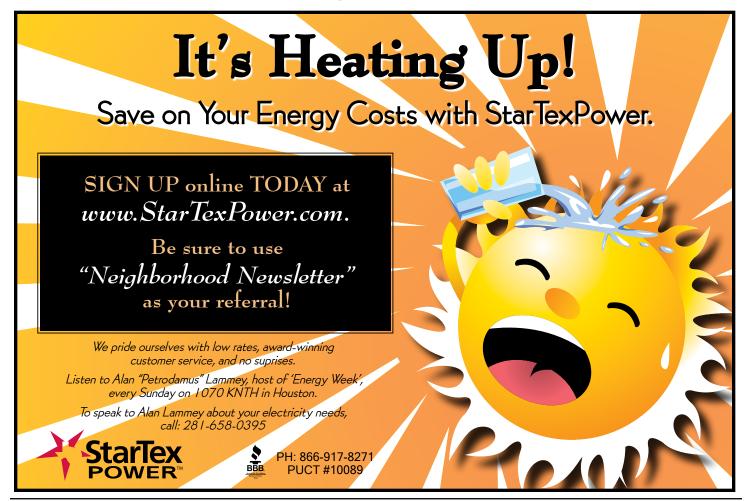
Adopting a child from the foster care system requires little or no cost to the adoptive family and funding may be available to help the adoptive family support the child or sibling group.

For more information, please contact Stephanie Berka, Wendy's Wonderful Kids Recruiter, Adoption Coalition of Texas at



512-450-8750 or email at stephanieberka@adopttexas.org

To learn more about the adoption process and the Adoption Coalition of Texas, please call Bruce Thompson at 512-301-2825 or visit our website at http://www.adoptioncoalitiontx.org



### FINANCIAL FOCUS

### Know Your Investment Risks — and How to Respond

When you invest, you take some risks. While you can't totally avoid these risks, you can take steps to help reduce their impact and increase your comfort level. And the more comfortable you are with your investments, the easier it will be to follow a long-term strategy that can help you meet your goals.

Let's look at the most common types of risk related to investing, along with some suggestions on helping to reduce these risks:

Losing principal — This type of risk is most closely associated with investing. For example, when you purchase a stock, you know that its value could go up or down. If it drops below your purchase price, and you then sell your shares, you will lose some of your principal.

Your response — You can't eliminate the risk of losing principal, but by owning a mix of stocks, bonds, government securities and other types of investments, you can help reduce the impact of volatility on your portfolio. Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, can't guarantee a profit or protect against loss.

Losing value when interest rates change — This type of risk primarily affects fixed-income investments, such as bonds. If you purchase a bond that pays, say, a 4% interest rate, and the market rate goes up to 5%, then the value of your bond will drop because

no one will be willing to pay you the full price for it when newer, higher-yielding bonds are available.

Your response — You can combat, or even ignore, interest rate risk by holding your bonds until they mature. By doing so, you'll get your full principal back, provided the issuer doesn't default, and you'll continue to receive regular interest payments unless the bonds are "called," or repurchased by the issuer. (You can help protect against this by purchasing bonds that have some degree of "call protection" and by owning bonds with different maturities.)

Losing purchasing power — This risk largely applies to fixed-rate investments such as certificates of deposit (CDs). To illustrate: If you purchase a CD that pays 2%, and the inflation rate is 3%, you are actually losing purchasing power.

Your response — Despite their vulnerability to inflation, CDs can offer you some valuable benefits, such as preservation of principal. Yet if you are concerned about fighting inflation, you may want to look for investments than have the potential to offer rising income, such as dividend-paying stocks. In fact, you can find stocks that have increased their dividends for many consecutive years. (Be aware,

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though, that companies can reduce or eliminate dividends at any time. Also, an investment in stocks fluctuates, and you could lose your principal.)

Apart from these individual techniques to reduce investment-related risk, you should also save early and save often — because the more money you accumulate, the greater your ability to follow a long-term strategy that reflects your personal risk tolerance. That's why it's a good idea to contribute as much as possible over the years to your IRA and 401(k) or other employer-sponsored retirement plan.

By understanding the different types of investment risk, and by acting to help lessen them, you can reduce much of the stress sometimes associated with investing — while you increase your prospects for achieving your objectives.

### CY-RANCH HIGH SCHOOL

If your son/daughter will be attending CyRanch High School next school year and you are not currently on our email list, please email us at cypressranchvips@gmail.com and let us know that you'd like to be on our list and tell us what grade(s) your child(ren) will be in.

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Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN)

Event	Monthly Networking Luncheon
When	June 23, 2011
Time	11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Where	Houston National Golf Club
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- 2 lbs. Velveeta cheese, cubed
- 1 13 oz. can evaporated milk
- 1/4 lb. margarine
- 2 onions, chopped fine
- 2 or 3 garlic buds, minced
- 12 or 14 whole green chilies, seeded & mashed
- 1 large jar pimentos, chopped
- 1 large can taco sauce

- -Melt cheese in double boiler with milk. Saute onions. garlic in margarine until soft but not brown.
- -Add green chilies, pimentos and taco sauce.
- -Cook about 10 minutes covered.
- -Add cheese mixture.
- -Blend well, but do not boil. Serve hot or cold. -Keeps well in a glass jar in refrigerator.
- -Reheat in double boiler or microwave.
- -Can be used as a dip, or a sauce on broccoli, cauliflower, or green beans; or a spread for toast or stuffing for celery. All 1 T to scrambled egg for "eggs Espanole".

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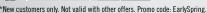
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#### Summer Shows in the Center for the Arts

On stage, enjoy the summer children's show "Cinderella" 10 a.m. daily except Saturday at noon June 13 through June 18. For event information, go to LoneStar.edu/boxoffice. In the Bosque Gallery, see "New Forms in Printmaking: Anna Mavromatis and Clarke Curtis" June 7 through July 7 with a reception June 15. For gallery information, go to LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery.

### Registration Under Way for Summer and Fall

Lone Star College-CyFair offers options and flexibility, so register now for Weekend College, CORE Friday courses, online courses, Dual Credit courses and more. Sign up for Summer Session II classes that start July 14. And it's never too early to register for fall classes which start Aug. 29. For information, go to LoneStar.edu/registration.

### L.I.F.E. Lessons in June

The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Lone Star College-CyFair Branch Library (Room 131.) Programs in June include "Great New Summer Reads" June 1; "The Miracle of Omega 3s" June 8; "Eat it Raw!" June 15; "Royal Wedding Madness" June 22 and "What's a Wobble?" June 29. Call the library at 281.290.3214 for L.I.F.E. program information.

### Library Offers Summer Fun for Everyone

The Harris County Public Library Lone Star College-CyFair Branch offers a Summer Reading Program for children and adults. A variety of monthly book clubs for all ages are available as well as plenty of programs and activities. Registration for the Summer Reading Program begins June 6. Go online to LoneStar.edu/library for information.

### Get Licensed to Drive – Summer Teen Driver's Education Available

A class for teens, ages 15 to 17, is available June 27 and again July 6. The driver's education course covers road rules, road signs and laws to prepare the teens for the Department of Public Safety's written exam. Other topics are car maintenance, effects of drugs and alcohol, laws and penalties for drinking and driving, emergency situations, basic driving procedures, road rage, and insurance. Parents are responsible for the in-car instruction. Students are required to purchase the Texas Traffic Safety Education Student Manual, which is available at the campus bookstore. For information, call 281,290,3460.

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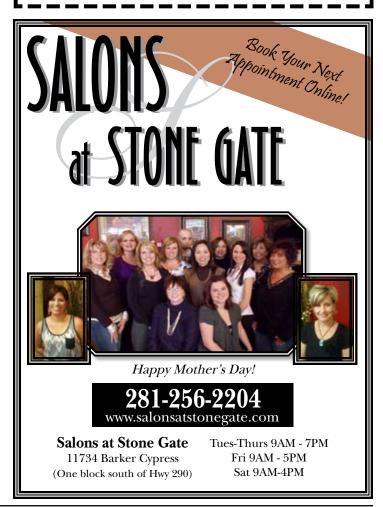
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\$451,000\$499,999	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	0	
\$351,000\$450,999	4	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	
\$276,000\$350,999	4	2	4	3	1	5	4	1	4	2	
\$231,000\$275,999	1	4	1	1	2	1	0	4	2	2	
\$201,000\$230,999	0	3	0	1	4	3	0	1	2	2	
\$200,999 and below	4	1	2	2	0	2	2	2	0	1	
Total	13	11	8	8	8	14	7	11	12	8	
Highest \$/sq ft	\$107.05	\$97.68	\$101.92	\$102.63	\$105.94	\$107.89	\$103.05	\$108.22	\$153.19	\$100.12	

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