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INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

A Successful 4th of July Event and Concert in the Park Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate our 4th of July event

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Back to School Bash!!

Saturday, August 13th NLF Community Pool

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

For Students (entering) Kinder – 5th Grade 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

For Students (entering) 6th - 12th Grade

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All of our committees are seeking volunteers to help continue making our community a fun place to be. Just a little bit of your time can go a long way. If you are willing to help, in any way, please contact a board member with your interest.

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BACK TO SCHOOL INFORMATION

First Day of School: Monday 8-22-2011

FARNEY ELEMENTARY REGISTRATION and MEET THE TEACHER

Registration 8:00 am - 3:00 pm on the following dates: Tuesday 8-9-2011, Wednesday 8-10-2011, Friday 8-12-2011

Tuesday 8-16-2011, Wednesday 8-17-2011

Meet the Teacher Friday 8-19-2011

Last Name (A-L): 9:00 – 9:45 am Last Name (M-Z): 11:00 – 11:45 am Kindergarten Orientation (Parents Only) Thursday 8-19-2011 6:00 – 7:00 pm

This is an informational meeting for parents. Teachers will share important school information, provide time for questions, and give parents the opportunity to complete paperwork.

GOODSON MIDDLE SCHOOL GRIZZLEY GROWL EXPRESS

6th Grade: Tuesday 8-16-2011 12:00 – 3:00 pm 7th Grade: Wednesday 8-17-2011 12:00 – 3:00 pm 8th Grade: Thursday 8-18-2011 12:00 – 3:00 pm Mini-Express (all grades): Thursday 8-18-2011 5:00 – 7:00 pm Students will be able to receive schedules (with locker # and combo

included), school supplies, planner, PE uniforms (Athletic uniforms will be sold during Athletic classes), spirit items, and place money in their cafeteria account.

*MUST BRING COMPLETED & UPDATED EMERGENCY CARD (mailed to you over the summer) WITH YOU IN ORDER TO PICK UP SCHEDULE.

Supplies if ordered on-line in advance: Planner - \$4.00

6th grade- \$60.00 PE Uniforms - \$25.00

7th grade - \$50.00 Athletic Uniforms - purchased

8th grade - \$65.00 during class.

Quantities very limited at the Express.

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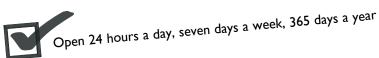
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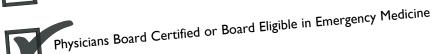
Friday 8-5-2011 11:45 – 2:45 pm

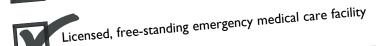
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If you have any questions please call (281)890-1900.

CRIMSON CADETTES DANCE CLINIC

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.





RECIPE CORNER

Millionaire Pie Congratulations to Dakota Willman for her award-winning pie

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup powdered sugar
- ¾ cup margarine
- 1 egg
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups whipped topping
- 8oz crushed drained pineapple
- ½ cup chopped pecans
- ½ cup chopped maraschino cherries

PREPARATION:

Cream together sugar and margarine. Add egg, vanilla and salt. Beat until smooth and creamy and spread mixture in baked pie shell. Chill. Combine whipped topping, pineapple, pecans, and cherries. Spread mixture over chilled filling. Chill again.







Team Tiara Tee'd Off Golf & Bunco Classic

Monday, September 12th, 2011 **Hearthstone Country Club**

Registration 11:00 a.m. Shotgun start 12:30 p.m.

\$175.00/golfer \$650.00/foursome \$60.00/Bunco player

\$220.00/Bunco team of four

Lunch, dinner, snacks, prizes, auction, golf cart and more!

Team Tiara is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation dedicated to funding breast cancer research, education and awareness. In addition to walking in the Susan G. Komen 3-Day for the Cure, we provide realtime assistance to men and women whose lives have been touched by breast cancer. So take some time out of your day and join us for a fun filled day of golf or bunco!

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Maintenance Around the Neighborhood

Upcoming maintenance or improvement projects

- Repair and replacement of stone work around the pool house
- Replacement / repainting of the metal fencing around the
- Repair to asphalt walking trail along the greenbelt
- Additional landscaping along Spring Cypress
- Re-plaster the pool

This year's projects completed to date:

- Installation of No Soliciting, Duck Crossing, Lakes and Recreation Signs
- Replacement of lake pump (water well)
- Installation of a concrete pad under the shade canopy at the park
- Repainting of all metal fencing in the neighborhood
- Installation of new kiddee mulch at the park
- Fertilization of all new crape myrtles
- Clean up along Spring Cypress, north and south of Indian Harbor
- Repair to splashpark pump at the pool
- Repairs to pool fill line at the pool.
- Installation of extractor fans in the pool room / chemical room.
- Fountain pump repair / rebuild Diamond Rock
- Replacement of corroded security doors at the pool
- Replacement of waterfall fountain pump and motor
- Lake wall repair main lake (MUD project \$25,000)
- Replacement of the wooden fences around the Northlake Forest Drive pump station

Announcements!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DICK!!

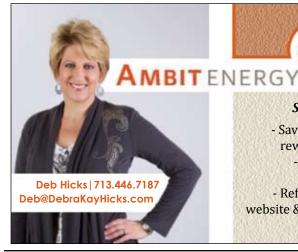
Dick Cummings, of Sunmill Ct, celebrated ANOTHER birthday on July 7th.

CONGRATULATIONS KAITLYN!!

Kaitlyn Cummings, granddaughter of Dick and Maureen Cummings, graduated from Cypress Ranch High School on June 3, 2011. She will be attending Tarleton State University.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CAROLINE

Happy Birthday to Caroline (8/22)!!!!! Love, Mom, Dad, and Victor



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Local Fun for the Summer!

- Hobby Lobby at Spring Cypress/290 has Art Classes all summer long for kids of ALL ages. The teacher's name is Sandy and her email is: sandys_art@peoplepc.com—the classes are very reasonably priced and she provides all the material.
- The Artist Within also has some great Summer Camps—www. artistwithin.net
- Painting with a Twist on Barker Cypress has cool paintings for the kiddos to do---www.paintingwithatwist.com
- 1960 Playhouse has camps as well for some cool kids plays this Summer- www.ph1960.com
- Broadway Center of Houston, right here at Spring Cypress and Huffmeister has Summer Workshops for June, July and August. www.broadwaycenterofhouston.com
- Home Depot and Lowes both have Saturday morning workshops for kids.
- Cy-Fair/ Lonestar College on Barker Cypress has a great program
 in their library that is free for kids...including Movie Day and a
 Book Club for kids.

- Barnes and Noble has a reading program.
- Cinemark has 10 movies for \$1 each on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 9:30.
- Champions Skate and the Aerodrome have public skating hours available all summer.
- ITZ and Mountasia and Chuck E. Cheese also have different specials throughout the summer.
- The Cypress Creek YMCA has weekly summer camps and day drop-in rates available for members and non-members—great pools and canoeing, different theme each week.
- Further away, but also cool is the Houston Zoo has weekday camps that are vary for all ages. They have half day and full day camps. And of course our neighborhood pool and park are great places to enjoy a picnic!

Thank you to Michelle Mickelson for submitting this article for the Newsletter!



ARCHITECTURAL REQUEST FOR IMPROVEMENTS

JUST A REMINDER: Any changes or improvements to the exterior of your home (new garage doors, installing a pool, new windows, covered patios/decks, walkways, painting etc) must have the approval of the Architectural Committee. The ARC has up to 45 days to approve plans so keep that in mind when hiring a contractor. Forms and instructions can be found on our website at www.northlakeforesthoa.com under NLF Forms.

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Northlake Forest Pool Hours 2011

JULY:

Monday: CLOSED Tuesday-Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Sunday: 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

AUGUST:

1st-21st - then weekends only Monday: CLOSED Tuesday-Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Sunday: 11:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER:

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GOING 100 PERCENT ORGANIC NOT FEASIBLE?

By Melanie Dragger, M. Comm.

The Environmental Working Group (EWG), a non-profit organization specializing in research and advocacy related to public health and the environment, has released its 2011 updated "Dirty Dozen" list of the 12 fruits and vegetables containing the most pesticides. Topping this year's list? Apples. This begs the question, "Can eating an apple a day really keep the doctor away?"

The answer may lie in where you get your apples. Although the EWG's ranking was cited as an overestimate of the risk by the Alliance for Food & Farming, a non-profit organization with the stated mission of providing a voice for farmers to communicate their commitment to food safety, consuming organically grown products can reduce the amount of pesticides that enter your body. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), long-term exposure to pesticides can lead to death or serious illness, including developmental and reproductive disorders, impaired nervous system function, and certain cancers. Further, the WHO has found children to be at higher risk from exposure than adults.

However, organically grown products are typically more expensive than conventionally grown products, and some organic products may be difficult to find in some areas. If growing your own fruits and vegetables is not an option, and purchasing 100 percent of your produce in organic form is monetarily unfeasible, the EWG's list offers a good starting point for consumers.

According to the EWG's 2011 report, which is based on its analysis of tests conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the following 12 fruits and vegetables (the "Dirty Dozen") consistently contained the highest amount of pesticides when conventionally grown, and should be consumed in organic form when possible:

- 1. Apples
- 2. Celery
- 3. Strawberries
- 4. Peaches
- 5. Spinach
- 6. Nectarines (imported)
- 7. Grapes (imported)
- 8. Sweet bell peppers
- 9. Potatoes
- 10. Blueberries (domestic)
- 11. Lettuce
- 12. Kale/collard greens

Alternatively, according to the EWG, the following 15 fruits and vegetables (the "Clean 15") consistently contained the least amount of pesticides, and by adhering to this list, individuals can get their recommended daily allowance of fruits and vegetables without incurring the expense of buying



organic products in order to limit their exposure to pesticides:

- 1. Onions
- 2. Sweet Corn
- 3. Pineapples
- 4. Avocado
- 5. Asparagus
- 6. Sweet peas
- 7. Mangoes
- 8. Eggplant
- 9. Cantaloupe (domestic)
- 10. Kiwi
- 11. Cabbage
- 12. Watermelon
- 13. Sweet potatoes
- 14. Grapefruit
- 15. Mushrooms

Underscoring the importance of the consumption of fruits and vegetables was the release of MyPlate, also in June, replacing the classic food pyramid. The USDA's new food icon is a simple, visual cue that advises individuals to "make half your plate fruits and vegetables," graphically shrinking the role of meats and dairy products in the national diet. More information on the EWG, as well as the full list of fruits and vegetables ranked, can be found at http://www.ewg.org. More information on the Alliance for Food and Farming can be found at http://www.foodandfarming.info. To learn more about the USDA's MyPlate, visit http://www.choosemyplate.gov, and to discover more about the WHO, visit http:// www.who.int/en.



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Total	3	1	0	1	2	2	2	1	3	2	0	2
Highest \$/sq ft	\$80.55	\$53.42	-	\$71.42	\$88.87	\$92.87	\$82.27	\$78.58	\$69.90	\$81.87	-	\$83.60

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