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- 150 Cedar Ridge High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society on November 14th. Congratulations to all the new members!
- Clothes Closet Coat Drive Nov 28 Dec 9 (Coats and Boys Jeans Needed) – Please leave donations at Cedar Ridge High School main office.
- Cedar Ridge High School hosting SWAP MEET in the CRHS Parking Lot - Dec 3rd Saturday 8am-1pm Unique Items, Food, and Holiday Gifts! 1_gutierrez75@austin.rr.com for info
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<u>The Caddie</u> Announcements, Accomplishments & Accolades!

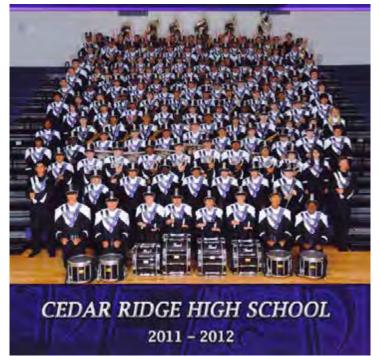
MANY THANKS.....

To The Doherty Family! Stephanie and Ryan Doherty and their two girls have been a part of our neighborhood for four years. Stephanie is very involved with our neighborhood Event Planning Committee, serving as the Secretary, and also being one of our top volunteers for most of our events. She also has taken on the sole responsibility of keeping up with our marquee. Stephanie goes out almost every single day to change up the wording on the marquee and to make everyone feel special with a warm welcoming note, a Happy Birthday or Anniversary. Ryan has been the artist behind most of our fun cut outs and games for our family events, such as the Scarecrow and Bunny cut outs that we use for fun photo opportunities at our family events. How lucky are we as a neighborhood to have such a warm, friendly, caring, and devoted family living right down the street? Thank you Stephanie and Ryan for all that you do to help make our neighborhood special! You both are so appreciated!

Leslie Sterzinger

FC NEIGHBOR

I am so thankful for the kindness of strangers and I hope and opportunity comes along for me to repay their kindness to another stranger someday soon. On August 16 I had taken my 4 year old and my one year old to the pool. We had a wonderful time swimming. As we were leaving, Bennett, my oldest, asked if he could cross the monkey bars. The baby was ready to go home and eat, but I told Bennett he could practice for a few minutes. I spotted him a few times and he was so proud of himself when he was able to cross completely on his own. After he mastered the bars I walked to the bench to pick up my baby's sippy cup and give him a drink. Then I heard a terrible scream and saw a fall no mother wants to see. Bennett had slipped from the monkey bars and landed on all fours. The brunt of his weight fell to his left forearm. I immediately ran to him and I could tell that he had broken it. I started yelling, "Help me. Help me! My son broke his arm!" Two ladies from inside the pool area came to my rescue. Also, a man doing maintenance called 911. The ladies took Callan, my baby, and played with him while I called my husband and my parents and attended to Bennett. The ambulance came quickly and they were wonderful. The whole time, these ladies and their children were entertaining Callan and staying positive for me. Callan is quite a mama's boy and I remember thinking how wonderful it was that he wasn't crying or reaching for me. It was such a comfort to me that they were there to help us all. I truly believe that God places people in our lives at just the right time. I was in such a state of shock that I didn't properly thank them or even ask their names. That is why I wanted to write this in the hope that they would read it and know how thankful I am for their help that day. What a wonderful community we have here in Forest Creek. Alissa Greene



CONGRATS TO THE CEDAR RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL RAIDER BAND

- Awarded Highest Score 1-1-1 in UIL District Marching Band - Advanced to Finals in UIL Regional Competition

We're expecting even greater things next year. GO RAIDER BAND! (It really is quite remarkable when you consider they are only 9th thru 11th graders. They don't have a senior class yet. And they've been competing against very accomplished high school bands that have all 4 grades. We are SO PROUD of them!

CONGRATULATIONS MATTHEW MAGLAYA

Congratulations to our 17 year old, Matthew Maglaya-Semi-finalist in the 7th International Chopin Piano Competition in Houston!

CONGRATULATIONS TO MATTHEW EDWARDS

Congratulations to Matthew Edwards, age 11. He reached a new personal best in archery and is now ranked "Senior Archer" with Junior Olympic Archer Development (JOAD)

This new column showcases the accomplishments of our residents, adults and children alike. Here is how you can be included:

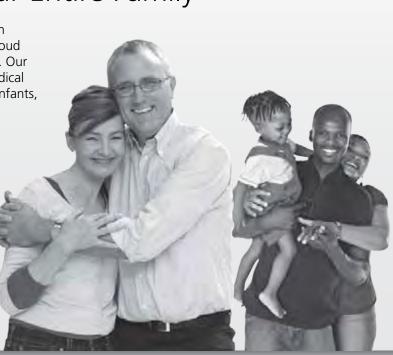
Send an email to gbaypack@sbcglobal.net and write "CADDIE" in the subject line. Your submission should be one or two sentences long and can include birthdays, anniversaries, new babies, scouting accomplishments, sports and academic accomplishments, first steps, etc! Please type all names exactly as you want them to appear, i.e., last name vs. last initial. The deadline for January is December 10th. - Barbara Edwards

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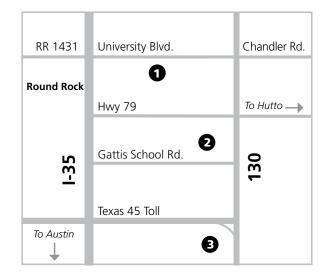
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News from the Grapevine

"It was a dark and stormy night ..." Nope. Although we were WISHING for some rain! "The night was clear, and the moon was yellow, and the leaves came tumbling down..." Well, maybe except for the leaves tumbling' down part ...and it was no longer 100 degrees! So what WAS it? It was the perfect evening to enjoy wine! And we did!

Tom and Vanessa Legere hosted the Forest Creek Wine Club blind wine tasting on October 15th. Thirteen red wines, all blends, from California, Oregon and Washington, were tasted. And that was about the perfect number of wines to taste – not so many that taste buds were burned out from overkill, but enough to enjoy a good sample of wine and be able to enjoy its many nuances.

We tasted wines with interesting names such as, Hey Mambo, Book Mark, and Anticipation. We had reserve wines and your basic red table wines. *And the wine that won was: Fourteen Hands – HOT TO TROT, 2008* – which earned a 94 point rating from Wine Spectator – and which is very affordable! The wine was brought by Marianne Berensen and Kevin Sage (below).

Wines placing second and third places respectively were: 2007 Zerba Wild Z from Walla Walla Washington, brought by Frank and Kathy Harkins and 2009 Sterling Vintner's Collection Meritage brought by Michael and Melodee Hinkley.





Participants were encouraged to wear costumes for Halloween or wine shirts. There were lots of cool wine shirts from "wine girl" who was "sweet, supple, and spicy" ... among other descriptions ... to the "good witch" Angel: And here's a picture of our host, Tom (far right) taking a break while serving wine to some of those who came ...

Because of the holiday season quickly approaching and the Twelve Days of Christmas celebrations, this will be the last wine club get together of the year. We will start up again in January, 2012, so be looking for e-mails to request hosts for tastings for next year. We look forward to seeing many of you during the upcoming holiday events.



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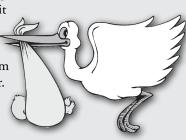
Forest Creek STORK REPORT

The Smith family welcomes baby, Savanna Grace - born October 29, 2011 at 2:34 a.m., weighing 6 lbs., 8 ozs. and measuring 19 1/2 in. long. Our hearts could not be filled with more love and happiness. We are very blessed!

Quote from big sister, Brooke - "I always had a dream that someday I would have a baby brother or sister. I thought it would never come true. But now, my dream has come true! I was so excited when I found out I was going to have a baby sister that I almost fell to my knees. I could not wait and kept watching my mom's stomach grow each day. Finally, I was there

in the delivery room when it happened...my mom gave birth to a healthy baby!

I'm so, so happy when I'm holding my little baby sister. I love her very much!"





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The Caddie ASK MRS. GREEN

Dear Mrs. Green,

I'm no good at gift giving. I waste time, money and wrapping paper. Also my unused gifts take up precious storage space and inevitably end up in a garage sale. I need your help, any suggestions? *Signed, Ends up Looking Foolish*

Dear E.L.F.,

My gift giving guide is three little letters J - O - Y. Of course each person's "joy" is different. Does Grandma like crafts? Give her a Hobby Lobby or Michael's gift card. Does your nephew have a need for speed? Give him a Six Flags season pass or Austin Park gift card. Does your teenage girl love to shop? (That was a rhetorical question.) Give her a Visa Gift Card so she can bargain hunt the After Christmas Sales at the Outlet Mall. Does your wife need a spa day, facial, or manicure? (That was also a rhetorical question.) There are many salons and day spas that offer packages so she can choose whatever she wants. Now little elf, you have the tools, just go to Santa's workshop and make some JOY! Have a Happy, Healthy and Green 2012

Mrs. Green

GO GREEN & HELP FOREST CREEK ELEMENTARY Take your paper to the Recycling Dumpsters located in the school parking lot. Forest Creek Elementary gets a portion of the profits.



The Million Dollar Question – Part 2 –

By Keith Chandler, Forest Creek HOA, President (Part 1 can be found in the November Caddie)

The question facing the owners within Forest Creek HOA is what major project to take on next. Since the pool project completion, the Board has been building up the "Capital Improvement Reserve Fund" and is projecting to have enough to begin a major project in FY 2012. The decision the HOA members must consider is what they would like to do with the funds, and when. There are a limited number of enhancements that can be undertaken to improve Forest Creek due to the limited public area in our community. The membership approved recycled water project was not able to be accomplished last year due to water quality issues, but changes to the Round Rock treatment plant may make it a possibility within the next year or two. This plan would save on water bills and keep the greenbelt green even in a drought. Another option is building a club house in the park area. This option would be accomplished in the near term and would enhance the appeal of the neighborhood (market value and salability of your home). Neither of these options solves the Fencecrete maintenance or replacement issue discussed last month.

If the HOA members choose to move ahead with the Fencecrete replacement now, it will delay any other major projects for at least 10 years, depending on how we choose to pay for it. If we chose to delay the Fencecrete replacement and build a clubhouse now, it will delay the Fencecrete replacement project by about three years.

Here is a breakdown of one option for replacing the Fencecrete over a 15 year period. This presumes a cost of about \$200 per linear foot of wall with no inflation factor built in. Increases in inflation and the cost of the project would necessitate an equivalent increase in dues to offset the inflation.

Increase dues by \$50/year (to \$600/year plus inflation for the duration of the project) making the amount of our individual dues going into the reserves about \$160/year, and building the reserve at about \$200K per year. Break the project up into 7 phases, each requiring significant funds buildup and consistent commitment and progress by successive Boards over the project period.

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| Phase | Location | Length | Cost | Year |
|-------|--|----------|--------|------|
| 1 | Bobby Jones | 1150 ft. | \$230K | 1 |
| 2 | Forest Creek Dr St. Andrews to Harvey Penick | 1300 ft. | \$260K | 3 |
| 3 | Forest Creek Dr. – NW side - Lake to Crenshaw | 3000 ft. | \$600K | 6 |
| 4 | Forest Creek Dr SE side - Amenity park to Crenshaw | 2200 ft. | \$440K | 8 |
| 5 | Harvey Penick south - N side - Park to drainage ditch | 1700 ft. | \$340K | 10 |
| 6 | Harvey Penick south - S side - Park to Harvey Penick Cv. | 1400 ft. | \$280K | 11 |
| 7 | Harvey Penick north – all | 2400 ft. | \$480K | 14 |

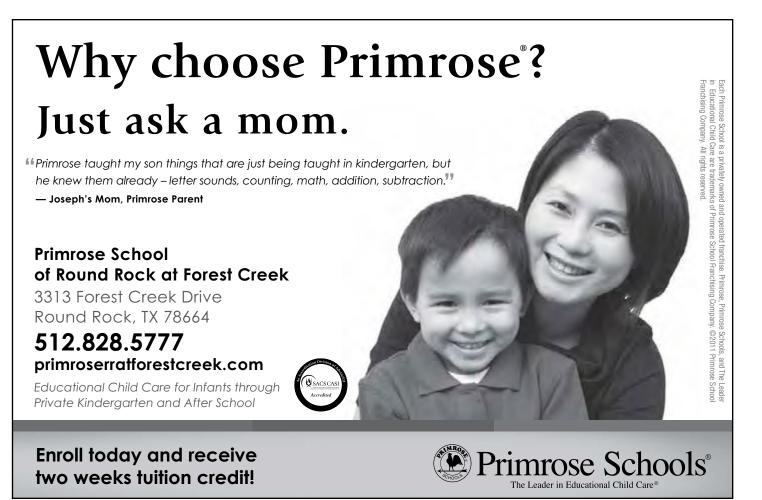
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The advantage of this phased approach is that it spreads the cost over a long period of time and completes each section in a manner that has minimal impact on the uncompleted sections. It also addresses the oldest and worst condition fencing first. This schedule projects replacement near the projected life expectancy of each section of fencing.

The drawback to this extended replacement schedule is the length of time the neighborhood will have two different kinds of greenbelt fencing, the added cost of inflation over the years and the risk that future events will change the funds available or priorities of the future boards.

If the members wished to complete this project in much less time, an additional increase in dues of \$100/year (to \$700) would cut the project time in half. The projected cost of \$200/ ft. is our rough estimate for planning purposes. To get hard costs we first need to perform the soil sampling, surveying and engineering to develop detailed plans and specifications and a Request for Bid. The Board doesn't want to proceed with this design expense unless the members choose to proceed with replacing the Fencecrete. The Board expects with good planning, volunteer help from some of our residents and competitive bids this project could be brought in for a little less, offsetting some of the inflationary costs.

The current Reserves balance would allow us to build a clubhouse or begin phase 1 and 2 immediately, but not both. The HOA members must decide what the next major improvement to our community should be and how we want to schedule and pay for the Fencecrete maintenance or replacement.



ADOPTION COALITION

Conner is a 10 year old energetic child who enjoys skateboarding, karate and playing basketball. He also likes to play with puzzles, action figures and lego's. Conner is very creative and loves to draw and paint. Conner needs a patient, committed adoptive family that will provide him with unconditional love and support. He will benefit most by being the youngest child in the home or the only child.

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By: Concentra Urgent Care

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WHEN TO WASH YOUR HANDS

The CDC recommends washing your hands every time you:

- Prepare or eat food
- Use the restroom

- Tend to someone who is sick; both before and after
- Blow your nose, cough, or sneeze
- Handle garbage
- Treat a cut or wound
- Change diaper or clean up after children
- Handle an animal or animal waste

HAND WASHING BASICS The CDC has issued specific guidelines about effective hand washing:

- Wet hands with water
- Use plain bar or liquid soap
- Create a lather by vigorously rubbing hands together for 15-20 seconds—about the amount of time it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" twice
- Be sure to wash palms, back of hands,

fingers, and nails (clean nails by gently scratching nails down your opposing soapy palm)

• Rinse off soap under a stream of water

WHAT ELSE CANYOU DO?

- Focus on hand washing in the lunch and/ or break room
- Be careful when using sponges and dish towels. These are ideal sites for bacterial growth. Always wash your hands after using these items.
- Maintain a clean work area; regularly clean any office equipment, especially shared items such as phones and keyboards.
- Remind your colleagues of the importance of hand washing, particularly when you witness someone neglecting to wash his or her hands. *





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