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### Mason Road Landscape Changes

As we emerge from another winter season, it is time to start spiffing up our personal lawns as well as the community common areas. Fortunately, Cypress has been blessed with some much needed rain that was virtually non-existent last year.

A landscape committee was formed in January to determine the feasibility of improving the landscape appearance at the Mason Road entry and around the rebuilt subdivision monuments for Inwood Park, Garden Grove and Chappell Ridge. It was felt the first impression most people draw when they visit Fairfield is often created by the landscape appearance at Mason Road and Cypresswood Drive. There was concern that past cost reductions to the landscaping of only two of the four center islands at

#### From the White House

this main Fairfield entry point was not the desired great first impression. Tommy Weaver of Friendswood listened to the committee's suggestion for a more permanent vegetation installation with a smaller offering of seasonal color. Tommy directed the Friendswood landscape architect to develop a plan of revised landscape offerings for these designated locations.

The board of directors for the three subdivisions has approved the proposed plans for the permanent addition of Coppertone Loquats, Nearly Wild Roses, Society Garlic and Aztec Grass around their respective entry monuments. An addition of seasonal color will be added to the area in front of the monuments. The installation of these plants will take place in early April.

The four center islands at Cypresswood Drive and Mason Road will also have permanent vegetation consisting of Knockout Roses, surrounded by Indian Hawthorn and Society Garlic and will have seasonal color in the front. The cost of the revised permanent plant installation and flower change-out will be a cost savings compared to the change-out of complete flower beds three times a year. The revised Cypresswood installation cost has been graciously picked up by Friendswood Development. The committee wants to thank Tommy Weaver and Tim Fitzpatrick for listening to our concerns and to implement a fantastic solution to meet our needs.

John White – Chappell Ridge Board Member



## Around Fairfield



## Fairfield's Fifty Plus Fun-Loving Group The Fairfield Seniors

The Seniors of Fairfield are an active, fifty plus, fun-loving group of couples and singles who enjoy fellowship, monthly trips, and various activities together. If you or your spouse is fifty or older, a newcomer to Fairfield Village or have lived here in Fairfield for some time but have never attended one of our functions, you are cordially invited. Come and be a part of our fun-loving group. We're sure you will enjoy it.

#### **OUR HISTORY**

Over these past ten plus years we've taken over a hundred trips. The Fairfield Gazette's web-site has back issues available from September, 2004. In order to go back to our beginning, we must thank **Kelly Peel** of Peel Inc. for locating all our articles from their archives and sending them to us. We now have every article submitted, which enabled us to put together Our History, and a complete listing of all our trips. Just go to Our History in our weekly email to read about our beginning and all the trips we've taken. You can get the complete listing at *http://home.comcast.net/~seniorgroup/History.htm* 

#### **OUR APRIL BUS TRIP PLANS ARE FOR** Monday, April 30th, to Port Arthur, Texas.

The April trip will be to Port Arthur where we will visit the Museum of the Gulf Coast. The museum displays the extraordinary history of the upper Gulf Coast region with an amazing scope of exhibits. There is something to interest everyone including pre-historic fossils, Indian and Hispanic legacy, pioneer settlement and the trauma of Civil War. The modern age section explores the discovery of oil and the building or rail and waterways to popular culture exhibits focusing on the rich musical heritage of performers like Janis Joplin, George Jones and many others. For sports enthusiasts there are displays that chronicle the lives of athletes such as Babe Zaharias, Bubba Smith, Bum Phillips and more

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#### The cost will be \$5.00 per person plus the cost of your lunch. To get your name on the list for this trip call: Jackie Wurth at 281-304-0805 or Sylvia Webb at 504-473-9405.

Checks are to be made out to: Fairfield 50 Plus. Checks can be given to Jackie Wurth, Sylvia Webb, Kay Wheeler, Mary Lou Cook, and can also be mailed to the Wurth's at 21119 North Yellow Bud Court, Cypress, Texas, 77433 or to Sylvia Webb at 20211 Stone Falls Court, Cypress, Texas, 77433. We will depart from the Fairfield Village Parking Lot promptly at 8:00 a.m. Please be there by 7:45 a.m.

#### **OUR MAY BUSTRIP PLANS ARE FOR** Tuesday, May 29th, to Orange, Texas.

This month our trip will take us to the beautiful Shangri La Botanical Gardens and Nature Center in Orange, Texas. This "Shangri La" is nestled within 252 acres near Orange, Texas.

Even if you've been to these wonderful gardens, each season brings a new experience. Today there are 300 species of plants in the five formal garden "rooms". There are also "sculpture rooms": The Line Garden, The Hanging Garden, The Color Garden, The Contrast Garden, The Shape Garden, The Texture Garden, we'll also see the "Pond of the Blue Moon", the Bird Blind, and The Cypress Swamp. The swamp provides a habitat for various species, and is a great outdoor classroom.

This trip will be in three parts. In the morning, we will be on a self-guided tour which will allow everyone to see the gardens at his or her own pace. Lunch will be on the grounds. You will provided with your choices for lunch when you sign-up. During the afternoon there will be a short boat excursion up the Adams Bayou to an educational outpost where there is access to a cypress/tupelo swamp, an upland forest and grassland. Here we'll learn about the unique ecosystems located in the easternmost part of Texas.

The cost for this trip is \$19.00 per person which includes you lunch.

#### To get your name on the list for this trip call: Kay Wheeler at 281-890-1934 or Jackie Wurth at 281-304-0805

Checks are to be made out to: Fairfield 50 Plus. Checks can be given to Kay Wheeler, Jackie Wurth or Mary Lou Cook; also the checks can be mailed to the Kay Wheeler at 10907 Tulip Garden, Houston, Texas, 77065. We will depart from the Fairfield Village Parking Lot promptly at 07:15 a.m. Please be there by 07:00 a.m.

#### OUR APRIL ACTIVITIES PLANS

Thursday, April 12: The Monthly Planning Committee meeting is at 1:00 p.m. at the Lakeside Trails Club House. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings and participate in our upcoming trip plans.

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## Around Fairfield

#### Fairfield's Fifty Plus - (Continued from Page 10)

We really need to see more participation, especially from those that are taking trips. In fact, without more participation we may be forced to cut back on some trips, possibly one every other month.

Then later, around **6:30 p.m.** that evening, we have our **Monthly Pot Luck.** It is also at the Lakeside Trails Club House. However, plan on being there early. Doors open around **6:00 p.m.** for socializing and fellowship. . Then stay and join many of our members that stay to play games after the meal and to finish up the deserts.

#### Tuesday, April 17: Game Night at the Cooks' House. Note: It's the second Tuesday this month.

It starts around **6:30 p.m.** Just bring a little snack and a healthy appetite. This is always a fun evening with great fellowship. The directions are in the Activity page on our website and will also be in our April, 15 weekly newsletter.

**Thursday, April 26:** Game Night at Lakeside Trails Club House. It starts around **6:30 p.m**., and we have plenty of room at the club house. We would like to see you there to enjoy an evening of games and fellowship with us. Just bring a little snack and plan on having lots of fun. There are some card games, some games that the members bring and of course dominoes.

#### For additional information on activities other than trips:

Call Mary Lou Cook @ 281-304-8359 We recommend that you check our website regularly. Things do change occasionally from the time this article was submitted, and it is possible that some of the information in this article has changed.

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#### FAIRFIELD WOMEN'S CLUB PRESENTS NOCHE DE CHICA! GIRLS' NIGHT OUT!

Join us on Tuesday April 17th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Las Mananitas at 15202 Mason Road. We have reserved a private room! Appetizers, dinner and drinks available for purchase. Happy hour prices for drinks! All Fairfield and Lakes of Fairhaven women welcome! See you at our Fiesta!

#### Fairfield Women's Club (FWC) "THE HEART OF FAIRFIELD"

- *What is FWC*? A non-profit group dedicated to making Fairfield an enjoyable community in which to live.
- *Who is FWC?* All Fairfield women aged 18 years and older are invited to join. *What does FWC do?* It meets once per month for a fun evening plus it raises money for local charities and holds community events in Fairfield. Events include outdoor movie nights, triathlon, graduation tea, Independence Day Parade, scarecrow competition, Stop Solicitation campaign, garage sale and more!
- *Where?* The FWC usually meets right in Fairfield either at the Bradford Creek Clubhouse or in model homes throughout the neighbourhood. Sometimes we plan fun "field trips" to nearby venues.
- *When?* The FWC typically meets the third Tuesday of the month.
- *Why should I join?* Meet new people, make new friends, help your community, have fun, get out of the house, try something new, get involved in your community! Are you new to the neighborhood? FWC is perfect for you. Have you lived in Fairfield for a while? FWC is for you, too!
- *Is it a lot of extra work?* There is no obligation to join committees! The monthly meetings which are free, fun events only take 2 hours of your time!
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Responding to the need of their community, in 1961 the Cypress-Fairbanks Volunteer Fire Department was formed. The firefightersto-be who signed up were mechanics, firefighters from other services, police, shop assistants, nurses, lawyers and other ordinary people from homes and businesses in Cypress-Fairbanks. Fire department phones were placed in businesses and homes throughout the region, and extensions run to homes to cover any calls received at night. Fire 'stations' were volunteers' homes, volunteers willing to be woken at any time of night with a cry for help. While the volunteer fire fighters responded, their wives would call the other volunteers - there were no pagers or cell phones in 1961.

Today, the Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department has gone through many transitions. They have a state-of-the-art communications system. They have equipment that is the envy of many paid departments. And the word Volunteer does not mean Amateur - Cy-Fair has a no-cost training program for members that earns state qualifications in firefighting, EMS and Emergency Communications. But one thing has not changed - neighbors helping neighbors. No matter how good the training, the equipment or the operations, the Department needs neighbors to volunteer. They need YOU to volunteer.

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For more information please call Lisa Cannon at 281-373-1969



## Future, Current, & Former Aggie Moms Invited to Join Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club

#### TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2012

Calling All Aggie Moms to join us for "the end of the school year" meeting at 7 pm, Tuesday, May 8th, 2012 at the Houston Distributing Center conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the corner of Cutten Road and 7100 High Life Drive. The NWHC Aggie Mom's Club supports our Aggie students through scholarships and donations to many campus organizations that enrich and enhance their experience at Texas A&M University. As Aggie Moms we support and encourage each other through fellowship and shared experiences parenting our Aggies through this important time in their lives.

Whether you are sending your first Aggie off to Aggieland or your last, we encourage you to join us this year and be a part of this special group of women! Please plan to attend one of our informal "summer mixers" held in neighborhoods throughout the northwest Harris County area this summer.

Our annual "Howdy Party" which kicks off the new school year will be held this summer on Tuesday, August 14th, 2012 at the Houston Distributing Center. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend especially if you are a new "Fish" mom.

For more information please check our website at www. nwhcaggiemoms.org for a list of dates and locations or contact Tish Otten at clubpres2012@gmail.com for more information. We look forward to meeting all our Aggie Moms!

## Fairfield Book Club

The Fairfield Book Club is a terrific way to meet other women in our community, enjoy great conversations, and develop new friendships. We meet the third Wednesday of each month (rotating homes) from 7 to 9:30pm. Book Club members share food and drinks while discussing the book selection for that month. We read all kinds of books suggested by our members - classics, contemporary fiction, non-fiction, biographies, romance, sci-fi, etc.

There are no book snobs in our group - we read it all! If you are a book lover or simply want to expand your reading and social network, please consider joining us. We invite you to attend one of our meetings as a guest or a member. We currently have openings; however, because we hold meetings in our homes, membership is limited. For membership inquiries, please contact Linda Locke by email (linda15226@yahoo.com, subject heading "Book Club") or by phone (713-298-6514, evenings only).

> BOOK SELECTION FOR APRIL: The Violets of March by Sarah Jio



#### CY-FAIR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT Spring Recruiting Open House

The Cy-Fair VFD will be having a Spring Recruiting Open House at all 12 of our neighborhood fire stations on Saturday April 21st from 9am to 12.

Those interested in joining or learning more about the Cy-Fair VFD can stop by and visit their local fire station and speak to actual volunteer firefighters about the needs and requirements to join.

For more information on joining or to find your closest fire station please visit us at www. cyfairsbravest.org or call 281-550-6663.

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## FAIRFIELD POOL SCHEDULES

#### 2012 Fairfield Athletic Club Pool Schedule

Saturday, May 5th - May 28th (Weekends Only) Saturday ...... 12:00pm-6:00pm Sunday ..... 1:00pm-6:00pm

#### Memorial Day Weekend

Saturday ..... 12:00pm-6:00pm Sunday .....1:00pm-6:00pm (Memorial Day) Monday 12:00pm-6:00pm

#### Friday, June 1st through Sunday, August 26th MONDAY ..... CLOSED Tuesday - Friday .. 12:00pm - 9:00pm Saturday ...... 11:00am - 6:00pm

Sunday ..... 1:00pm – 6:00pm

The FAC Pool will be closed Monday – Friday starting Monday August 27th

#### Saturday, September 1st through Sunday, September 30th

Saturday ..... 12:00pm - 6:00pm Sunday ..... 1:00pm - 6:00pm

> Labor Day-September 3rd 12:00pm -6:00pm

FAC Pool will be closed for the season starting Monday October 1st

#### SPLASH PADS

Central Park Splash Pad and North Park Splash Pad Open 7 days a week 9:00am-9:00pm Beginning April 1st through October 31st

Sunday, May 6th, Central Park Pool and Splash Pad will be closed due to a Swim Meet and the splash pad only will reopen upon completion of the swim meet.

Saturday, May 26th, Central Park Pool and Splash Pad will be closed until 2:00pm due to a Swim Meet and will reopen upon completion of the swim meet.

Saturday, June 9th, and Saturday, June 16th, Central Park Pool and Splash Pad will be closed until 2:00pm due to a Swim Meet and will reopen upon completion of the swim meet.

Sunday, June 17th, Central Park Pool and Central Park Splash Pad will be closed for FAST until 3:00pm.

2012 Bradford Creek Pool Schedule

Saturday, May 5th - May 28th (Weekends Only) Saturday ...... 12:00pm-6:00pm Sunday ..... 1:00pm-6:00pm

Memorial Day Weekend Saturday ...... 12:00pm-6:00pm Sunday ..... 1:00pm-6:00pm (Memorial Day) Monday 12:00pm-6:00pm

#### Friday, June 1st through Sunday, August 26th

Mon. - Wed. ..... 10:00am - 8:00pm THURSDAY ...... CLOSED Friday & Saturday 10:00am - 8:00pm Sunday ..... 1:00pm - 8:00pm

The Bradford Creek Pool will be closed Monday – Friday starting Monday August 27th and will be open Labor Day Weekend

Labor Day Weekend Saturday ..... 12:00pm - 6:00pm Sunday ..... 1:00pm - 6:00pm

> Labor Day-September 3 rd 12:00pm -6:00pm

#### 2012 Central Park Pool Schedule

Saturday, May 5th - May 28th (Weekends Only) Saturday ...... 12:00pm-6:00pm Sunday ..... 1:00pm-6:00pm

#### Memorial Day Weekend Saturday ...... 12:00pm-6:00pm

Sunday ..... 1:00pm-6:00pm (Memorial Day) Monday 12:00pm-6:00pm

Sunday, May 6th, Central Park Pool and Splash Pad will be closed due to a Swim Meet and the splash pad only will reopen upon completion of the swim meet.

Saturday, May 26th, Central Park Pool and Splash Pad will be closed until 2:00pm due to a Swim Meet and will reopen upon completion of the swim meet.

Friday, June 1st through Sunday, July 1st MONDAY ..... CLOSED Tuesday - Friday .. 11:00am - 8:00pm Saturday ...... 11:00am - 6:00pm Sunday ..... 1:00pm - 6:00pm

Saturday, June 9th, and Saturday, June 16th, Central Park Pool and Splash Pad will be closed until 2:00pm due to a Swim Meet and will reopen upon completion of the swim meet.

Sunday, June 17th, Central Park Pool and Central Park Splash Pad will be closed for FAST until 3:00pm.

#### Monday, July 2nd through Sunday, August 26th

MONDAY ..... CLOSED Tuesday - Friday .. 12:00pm - 8:00pm Saturday ...... 12:00pm – 6:00pm Sunday ...... 1:00pm – 6:00pm

Central Park Pool will be closed for the season starting Monday August 27th.

#### 2012 Garden Grove Pool Schedule

#### SAYOR (Swim at Your Own Risk) No Lifeguard on Duty

Saturday, May 5th - May 20th (Weekends Only) Saturday & Sunday

8:00am-8:00pm

Memorial Day Weekend

Saturday, Sunday & (Memorial Day) Monday 8:00am - 8:00pm

#### Monday, May 21st through Sunday, July 1st

Garden Grove Pool will be close at 5:00pm Monday through Thursday from May 21st to July 1st for swim lessons Mon. - Thurs. ..... 8:00am - 5:00pm FRIDAY ..... CLOSED Sat. & Sun...... 8:00am - 8:00pm

#### Monday, July 2nd through Sunday, July 8th

Mon. - Thurs. ..... 8:00am - 8:00pm FRIDAY ..... CLOSED Sat. & Sun...... 8:00am - 8:00pm

#### Monday, July 9th through Friday, July 20th

Garden Grove Pool will be close at 5:00pm Monday through Thursday from July 9th to July 19th for swim lessons Mon. - Thurs. ..... 8:00am - 5:00pm FRIDAY..... CLOSED Sat. & Sun...... 8:00am - 8:00pm

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#### *Fairfield Pool Schedules-*(*Continued from Page 18*)

#### Saturday, July 21st through Sunday, September 23rd

Mon. – Thurs	8:00am – 8:00pm
FRIDAY	CLOSED
Sat. & Sun	8:00am – 8:00pm

Garden Park Pool will be closed starting Monday September 24th for the season.

#### 2012 Inwood Park Pool Schedule

#### Saturday, May 5th - May 28th

*(Weekends Only)* Saturday 12:00pm-6:00pm Sunday 1:00pm-6:00pm

#### Memorial Day Weekend

Saturday 12:00pm-6:00pm Sunday 1:00pm-6:00pm (Memorial Day) Monday 12:00pm-6:00pm

#### Friday, June 1st through Sunday, July 1st

Monday	11:00am – 8:00pm
TUESDAY	CLOSED
Wed Fri	11:00am – 8:00pm
Saturday	11:00pm – 6:00pm
Sunday	1:00pm – 6:00pm

#### Monday, July 2nd

through Sunday, July 8th	
Monday	12:00pm – 8:00pm
TUESDAY	CLOSED
Thurs. & Fri	12:00pm – 8:00pm
Saturday	12:00pm – 6:00pm
Sunday	1:00pm – 6:00pm

#### Monday, July 9th through Sunday, August 26th

Monday	12:00pm – 8:00pm
TUESDAY	CLOSED
WEDNESDAY	CLOSED
Thurs. & Fri	12:00pm – 8:00pm
Saturday	12:00pm – 6:00pm
Sunday	1:00pm – 6:00pm

Inwood Park Pool will be closed starting Monday August 27th for the season.

#### 2012 LAKESIDE TRAILS POOL SCHEDULE

#### SAYOR (Swim at Your Own Risk) No Lifeguard on Duty

Saturday, May 5th - May 20th (Weekends Only) Saturday ...... 8:00am – 8:00pm Sunday ...... 8:00am – 8:00pm

#### Monday, May 21st through Sunday, September 23rd

Mon. – Wed. ...... 8:00am – 8:00pm THURSDAY ...... CLOSED Friday – Sunday ... 8:00am – 8:00pm

Starting Monday, September 24th Lakeside Trails Pool will be closed for the season.



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## Around Fairfield



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MOMS Club<sup>®</sup> is an international organization with a neighborhood feel! We are teachers, business women, counselors, chefs, CPA's and artists who have put those careers on hold and have made the choice to stay home with our kids. MOMS Club<sup>®</sup> is a place to find friendship, support, playmates and sisterhood!

ALL events include our children and we believe there is something for every mom out there! Are you looking for park days, coffee breaks, lunch outings, craft projects, time to sit and chat, cooking club, or someone to share dinner with when your husband is traveling or working late? We even find the time to meet once a month for a mom's night out for a great time to unwind. Or are you interested is helping within the community with service projects? We have that! (And a whole lot more!)

Spring is finally here! My family has really been enjoying the warmer weather with lots of playtime outside. The MOMS Club has some fun and exciting outdoor activities planned for the spring. Do you have young children and looking for some fun things to do? Come join other moms and kids in many great outdoor and indoor activities. Are you new to the area or a new mom and need a friend or support; we are here for you. Don't let yourself feel isolated being a stay at home mom. We invite you to attend two public events to decide if this is the right club for you and your children. Our membership fee is \$20 a year. This MOMS Club is a great opportunity for you and your kids to make new friends in your area. There is a lot of fun and support just waiting for you! Come visit us at our next Monthly Meet N' Greet that is held on the second Tuesday of each month and see for yourself!

For membership inquiries, please contact Julie H., Membership VP at 281-373-0234, julieh07@sbcglobal.net or Erica M., President at 281-755-7610, ericamill@gmail.com, so we can send you our club information and some upcoming events for you to attend. You can also visit us on the web at www.meetup.com/MOMS-Club-Cypress-NW-Fairfield We look forward to hearing from you!

### Northwest Houston Moms of Multiples

The Northwest Houston Moms of Multiples group is having their bi-annual Buy/Sell on Saturday, April 21, 2012! We will be selling every kind of baby gear, baby clothes, kids clothes, maternity clothes, toys, furniture, games,, household items and more! Come see us!

> The KidsRKids parking lot 10740 Barker Cypress Cypress, Texas. 77433 *Come early & bring cash!*

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This is a Multiple Family sale with lots of great stuff! See you there!

## Ladies Prayer Group

Ladies Prayer Group now forming in Fairfield to pray for our children, grandchildren and their teachers and schools. Anyone interested please contact Belinda Thomas at 281-773-0545 or belinda110@gmail.com

## Your Unwanted Books

If you throw out your paperbacks, please give me a call and let me pick them up, if they are in good condition. We spread them around to people who can't buy for themselves (homeless shelters, prison ministry, etc.). Hardbacks and kid's books are welcomed, as well. Thanks! Please call Deanna at (281)-373-4477.

- Deanna Bolbecker

## **F-Bodies Club**

On the third Saturday of every month, the Houston F-Bodies Club meets at Pappa's Burger on Westheimer from 2pm - 5pm. Join us and visit *http://www.houston-f-body.org/forum/* for info about other upcoming events!

## **SHALOM FAIRFIED**

Hi Jewish Community Let's get connected!

To share Shabbat dinners...Chanukah parties... Passover seders...or simply get together!

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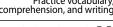
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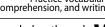


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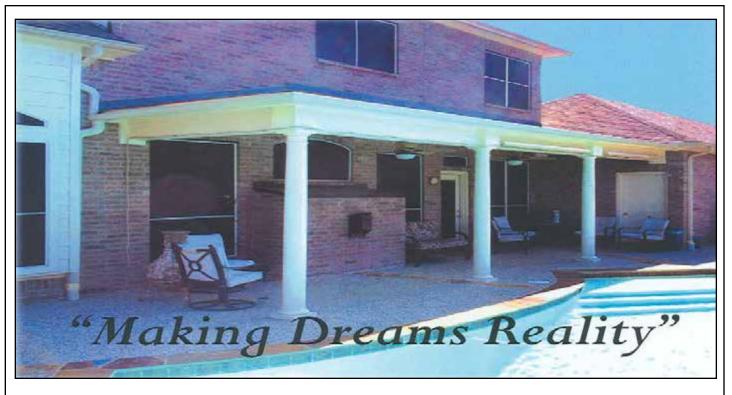
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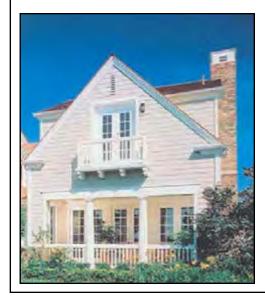
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All Proceeds go to Metastatic Breast Cancer Research

WHERE: Veneto Italian Grill, 8500 Highway 6 N @ West Rd., Houston, TX 77095

WHEN: Sunday, April 29th

**TIME:** 2pm – 5pm; Registration starts at 1:30pm

FEE: \$30 per person

Fee includes goodie bag, 1 free drink ticket for either a Margarita or Bellini Pizza, salad, drink (tea or water), and dessert

#### CASH BAR

Checks made payable to: Causes for A Cure (501c(3) Non-Profit) Send to: Betty Sommer; 11523 Canyon Woods Dr., Tomball, TX 77377

#### **TEAMS**:

Bring a team of 12 players for \$300 and 2 raffle tickets per person

Bring a team of four players for \$100

#### **BASIC BUNCO RULES APPLY**

Rules of game reviewed before play; will play two Rounds of Bunco

#### **FABULOUS PRIZES:**

Most Wins Most Buncos First Bunco of the Round Last Bunco of the Round Best Bunco Outfit Best Dressed Team Special Prizes for "Overall" Winners of Most Wins and Most Buncos (from all teams)

Online Registration available at www.causesforacure.org

## Around Fairfield

## **CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB**

It's Triathlon time! The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club kicks off the first of the Kiwanis Houston Kids Triathlons on MAY 5, 8 a.m., at the Langham Creek YMCA. Boys and girls with birth years from 2000 through 2005 are invited to participate. Participants are divided into groups based on sex and age for each race. Every participant will receive a finisher's medal and t-shirt. For details and registration, go to www.greaterhoustonkiwanis.org. Entry fee for online preregistration is \$25; Race day registration is \$30. This is a USA Triathlon Sanctioned Event and annual youth memberships are available. It promises to be a fun morning for kids and parents.

Come join us at the CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB and be a part of sponsoring children's activities, such as the Triathlon. CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE is the motto of Kiwanis Clubs worldwide. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club sponsors nine Key Clubs and three Builders Clubs in the Cy-Fair Schools. In addition, we support Girl Scout, Boy Scout, and Sea Scout troops and activities; provides scholarships to outstanding Key Club members in our district; provide assistance to Cypress Assistance Ministries, Bear Creek Ministries, the Houston Food Bank; and other nonprofit organizations. 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 at 281-463-0373 or George Crowl at 832-467-1998.





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### HARRIS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

#### Free Computer Classes

The Fairbanks Branch of Harris County Public Library is now offers free computer classes! Topics include Computer Basics, Beginner Internet, Beginner Email, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and How to Use Facebook and LinkedIn (a professional networking site). To see a class schedule, go to http://www.hcpl.net/content/events-programs and click "Fairbanks." All classes are held in the library's meeting room, and all classes require registration. Please call the library at (713) 466-4438 to register or for additional information. The Fairbanks Library is located just off Highway 290, at 7122 N. Gessner.

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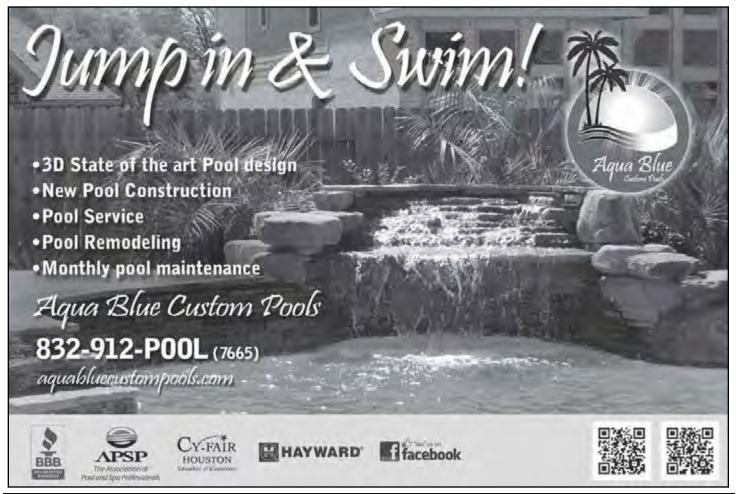
WHO: Fairbanks Library WHAT: Free Computer Classes WHEN: See schedule WHERE: Fairbanks Branch Harris County Public Library 7122 N. Gessner (at Little York) Houston TX 77040 (713) 466-4438

## LIGHT UP FAIRFIELD

I'd like to suggest that we "Light Up Fairfield." I know this won't stop crime, but maybe it will help us see the bad guys around our homes. Every night let's all turn on our porch lights and backyard lights which normally light our driveways also. Hopefully this will prevent some crime.

Having a dog or two barking when someone approaches your home is a great way to alert you of someone being near your property. Cypress Pup Squad would love to help provide a dog that's available for adoption. Motion sensor lights and cameras are great too if you can add one or more.

Beverly Clary - Call, Text, or Email Me -713-829 7994 beverlyclary@att.net







Fairfield Birthdays April 12th - Jacob Joseph Windrum.

Love, Mom, sisters Bethany and Holly April 22nd – Carter Lilley – Happy 3rd Birthday! With lots of Love,Dad, Mom, and Kiki

April 28th - Happy 9th Birthday to Kylie Gray Love, Dad

April 29th – Jacob Crawford

Love, Mom, Dad, Kyla and Kade

### Happy Birthday!

Send your Birthday announcements to fairfieldgazette@peelinc.com





## **Attention All Quilters**

#### or Just Lovers of the Art of Quilting

Come check out Tri County Quilt Guild Serving Northwest Harris, Montgomery, and Waller Counties Meets the 1st Tuesday of the Month, 7-9pm Fairfield Baptist Church 27240 Hwy 290, Cypress,TX

#### On 290 westbound between Mueschke & Mason Roads

We are a very friendly group and welcome quilters of all levels of expertise, from the "Just Love Quilts" and never sewn to the experienced and published. Some of our activities include Guest Speakers, Show & Tell, BOM's, Fabric Exchanges, Charity Quilts, Bees, Special Programs, and more, with Door Prizes at every meeting! *www.tricountyquiltguild.org* 

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## SHOW OFF YOUR SUPERHERO

Parents this is your chance to brag on your kiddos. We want pictures of your kids doing everyday things, school events, plays, sports, etc. Send in your pictures to be featured in the Fairfield Gazette.

E-mail your pictures to Fairfield@peelinc.com by the 9th of the month.







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## What's New for the 2012 Swim Season?

This summer the Fairfield Pool Committee will be adding a second SAYOR (Swim at Your Own risk) pool at the Garden Grove pool. Lakeside Trails Pool will also remain a SAYOR pool this pool season. If you completed a waiver last summer for access to Lakeside Trails pool, you will automatically have access to the Garden Grove pool when the pools open for the 2012 pool season. If you did not complete a waiver last year, you may do so beginning March 1st, at the Fairfield Athletic Club. Please refer to your Gazette for the pool and splash pad schedules. You may also go to www.fairfieldvillage. org for pool and splash pad schedules. As a reminder, the electronic card issued to you by the Fairfield Athletic Club gives you access to the weight room, all guarded pools, North Park Splash Pad and Central Park Splash Pad and the SAYOR pools (upon completion of a waiver) during the 2012 pool season.







## 2012 FAIRFIELD AREA SWIM TEAM (FAST)

#### THE TIME FOR SUMMER SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION IS FAST APPROACHING!

Fairfield Area Swim Team (FAST) is a neighborhood summer swim league that is part of the W1 division of NWAL (Northwest Aquatic League) which currently has over 99 swim teams. Fairfield's swim team has an awesome reputation as a neighborhood swim team, and we have our terrific 8 lane neighborhood pool, right here in Fairfield! Information about our team, practice location, general calendar items, coaches, board members, and more can be found on our website: www. swim4fast.net

This year we are offering our FAST families the opportunity to join FAST online through our new online registration starting March 1st, 2012 and ending May 1st, 2012. If you are interested in joining and are new to FAST Dolphins please come to the New Member Try Outs: Wednesday, April 25th 6:15-6:45 pm at the Fairfield Athletic Center. Look for the lady with the big blue cowboy hat; she will help get you into the right group to be evaluated by the Coaches.

#### Practices begin on April 24th & will be held after school until June 1st, when they will be held in the mornings:

APRIL/MAY	JUNE
<i>Sharks</i>	<i>Eels</i>
<i>Rays</i>	<i>Flounders</i> 8:00-8:45 AM
<i>Flounders</i> 4:45-5:30 PM	<i>Squids</i>
<i>Eels</i> 5:15-6:00 PM	<i>Rays</i> 9:15-10:15 AM
<i>Squids</i> 5:45-6:45 PM	Sharks 10:00-11:00 AM

Our intra-squad trial (Blue & White Meet) is May 6th and meets begin May 19th. We have swim meets every Saturday and finish up with our Divisional Meet (think of this as a swim tournament) on June 23rd. If you are interested in learning more about our program, please explore the website. If you have further questions please contact Shalle Hovorka, President at: president@swim4fast.org.

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#### **CHAMPIONSHIP**

Celtics 25..... Thunder 23

Picture: Bottom row. William Riebel, Ian Reid, Andrew Eddings, Gabriel Williams. Middle row. Aaron Hawkins, John Volpe, Darin Young Jr., Cody Slama. Top row. Asst. Coach Ray Reid. Head Coach Darin Young

## **NW Flyers Track Club**

The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host two free open house / registration sessions for all middle and high school athletes and their parents interested in joining for the 2012 season. The events will be held on Thursday, April 5, and Friday, April 20, from 7:00 - 8:30 PM at Cypress Creek High School, 9815 Grant Rd., Houston.

The Northwest Flyers is a youth (ages 6 -18) track organization, affiliated with USA Track & Field. The club provides a full program of "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin. It is an excellent "offseason" program for young athletes who currently compete on their middle school or high school track teams.

The club was founded 25 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the northwest Houston area. Last year, the Northwest Flyers sent 62 young athletes to compete at U.S. Junior Olympics National Championships in Wichita, Kansas and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Visit the team website at http://www.northwestflyers.org for registration forms and information prior to the session, or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442, or linette.roach@sbcglobal.net.

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO ONE OF THE 10/11 YEAR OLD FSA BASKETBALL ALL STARS!

Pictured - Front row: Max McGinty, Jacob Crawford, Keith Haymond, Andrew Sauer, Chase Payne 2nd row: Brock Stanton, Austin Reid, Case Cuntz, Kristi Crawford (coach) not pictured: Daniel Forlenza



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## PERSONAL CLASSIFIEDS

LOST: Adult Louisville Slugger Outfielder's Glove. Black in Color. Possibly Lost at Practice Fields by Heath Green Street in Fairfield. \$250 Reward. Call 832-220-6086 or 281-684-7172.

**WANTED:** Interested in earning extra cash or supplementing your income. Young adult with special needs will need regular, reliable, weekly transportation to and from our home in Fairfield to his job counselor/training program and eventually to a determined work site (which I expect will be within several miles of Fairfield). If interested in this opportunity to help this young adult succeed in his journey to independence, please contact Tim Bleiler (his father) at 713-202-7199. (To those who responded to my ad in February, please call again if still interested, my cell phone was lost and I was unable to return any calls.)

**WANTED:** Summer Nanny/Babysitter-Looking for a responsible person(at least 16 yrs old) to care for 2 children for the summer in our home. M-F 7am-5pm. There may be weeks that you will get 1-2 days off depending on our work schedule. We will pay a set weekly rate. We are in the Summer Ridge section of Fairfield. Please contact for interviews-Angélle-angelleesparza@yahoo. com or 832-498-1650.

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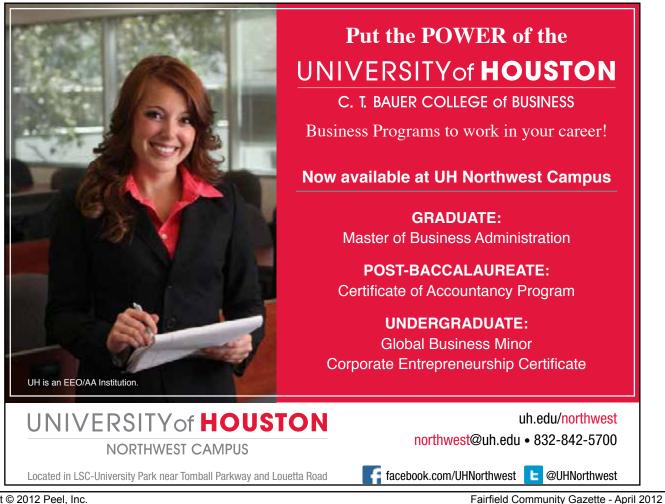
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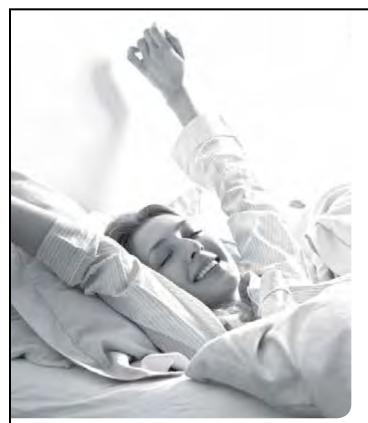
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FOR SALE: Used ps3 40GB console for \$180.6games \$20 each; Metagearsolid4, Rainbow Six vegas 2, COD7 black ops,portal2,Cod4

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#### Personal Classified- (Continued from Page 35)

**FOR SALE:** Ashley Timberline Queen Poster Bed for sale, \$200. Includes headboard, foot board, and side rails; cherry grain. Only 6 months old and in great condition. Call Terry at 281.250.8799.

**FOR SALE:** Bodysmith from ParaBody, Inc. weight bench with leg press and squat attachments; 255 LB Inter National Olympic weight set; 7-ft solid steel Olympic bar and spring collars. Great starter set for your garage or home gym! \$200 or OBO. Call 713-826-3812 or email maples.tobin@comcast.net for pictures/more information.

**FOR SALE:** P. J. Kids Twin Bed, Six-Drawer Dresser with Mirror, Nightstand, and Underbed Storage Drawer; Natural Finish; Excellent Condition; Paid \$1140 New; \$500 OBO. 281-304-4749; Photos Available.

**FOR SALE:** Sofa bed complete with black cover and 2 pillows. Easily converts into a bed big enough for two. Purchased at Ikea. Great condition. \$100. Please call 713.817.2337.

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**FAIRFIELD HOME FOR SALE BY OWNER:** 3/2/2, approx. 1800sqft, 1-story full brick Ryland Home in Inwood Park very close to the Ten Acre Park. Many updates throughout the home including: bathrooms, kitchen, granite countertops, wood floors, ceramic tile in wet areas, recent carpet in bedrooms, fresh paint inside and out (in designer colors). It also has a new roof, recent A/C replacement, oversized patio with arbor, lush landscaping front and back with playground and fire pit in backyard. The garage includes custom built-in cabinets and workbench. Some furniture and appliances available for sale as well. Drive by and check it out at 14822 Carolina Falls Lane. Call or text Teresa to schedule a showing 281-804-8579.

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## From AMI



## It's Irrigation Season!

Here in Texas, we have our seasons. Included with football, baseball, and hunting season, there is a new one called "irrigation season". Spring is here and irrigation systems all over Fairfield are coming on. April means the grass has been green for a month. Trees have their leaves, yards have their weeds, and we have mosquitoes again. With the spring rains we have had to date, I do hope that you have considered not turning on your systems just yet. We have enough moisture in the ground due to the rains, so we haven't had to run our irrigation systems.

Last month, I spoke to you about getting to know your system by taking time to watch the operation zone by zone. Now that this has been performed, you may have seen some areas where your irrigation is just not as efficient as it was the day it was installed. The most noticeable items you may have seen were heads spraying the concrete sidewalk, your driveway, out in the street, or against your house. The nozzle may be broken from a lawn mower or weed eater. The sprinkler may be leaking, and you have a wet spot in the ground. You may not think that a nozzle on your sprinkler head not working properly is wasting a lot of water, but it can add up. Last year I evaluated a system where the nozzle on the sprinkler was spraying onto the house instead of the yard. That nozzle was spraying 2 gallons per minute. The zone was running for 10 minutes, 5 days a week. That one nozzle was running for 50 minutes per week at 2 gallons of water per minute for a total of 100 gallons a week. This is one example of a water waster. Nozzle adjustments can be fixed by homeowners or by a Licensed irrigator.

Another example of water waste is not having a rain sensor. How many of you have seen the irrigation running during or right after it has rained. A rain sensor will shut off the irrigation system so that it will not run after it has rained. There are different settings that determine how long the system will stay off after the rain. There are new devices on the market that will shut down the system before it rains based on weather forecasting. All irrigation systems should have a rain sensor or similar device. It is now a state law for new installations to have a rain sensor.

If you need professional help, there are a couple of companies that advertise in the Gazette and ask them for their expertise. Make sure they are a licensed irrigator in the State of Texas.

Jay Hartley, Licensed Irrigator 5353

## TRASH CANS IN VIEW

You know who you are! Be Fairfield Proud and put your poly cart out of view between trash pickups. Placing behind a column on your driveway doesn't count as out of view either. I am sure you are tired of receiving letters, please be considerate of your neighbors and help keep up the property values in Fairfield. - *Your AMI Team* 



## MUD Meetings Open to the Public

MUD (Municipal Utility District) meetings are open to the public. We encourage homeowners to attend to learn how the MUD's function and how you can have a voice in your local government.

Harris County MUD 322 meets at 12:00 pm every fourth Wednesday Harris County MUD 354 meets at 11:30 am every third Monday Harris County MUD 396 meets at 12:00 pm every second Wednesday Harris County MUD 397 meets at 11:30 am every third Tuesday Harris County WCID 155 meets at 12:00 pm as needed on the second Tuesday

All of these meetings normally occur at the offices of Fulbright and Jaworski, LLP., 47th Floor, South Conference Room. The address is Fulbright Tower, 1301 McKinney, Suite 5100, Houston, Texas 77010-3095.

If you need any further information, please contact Yvette Deitrick, Sr. Paralegal for Fulbright and Jaworski at <u>ydeitrick@fulbright.com</u> or 713-651-3601.



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## From AMI

## **CHECK LIST** (Property Reviews are done monthly)

- □ Check for weeds in lawn (including clover)
- □ Weed and Feed as necessary
- □ Mow lawn as needed
- Edge lawn
- □ Weed tree wells and shrub beds, remove growth from expansion joints if necessary
- □ Shrubbery trim as needed
- Add mulch to tree wells and bed areas
- □ Trees: Trim trees as necessary, (especially the street trees) remove any dead material if you need to replace a tree please apply for replacement type and requirements
- **D** Remove mildew on the house
- □ Paint exterior (Please submit ARC Application\*)
- □ Fence (replace broken pickets or secure if necessary)
- □ Trash Cans (removed from view at the end of pick- up day)
- □ Holidays decorations need to be removed
- □ Toys need to be stored out of public view when not in use except approved basketball goals
- Parking on the street Please be considerate and do not park on the street

#### \*ARC = Architectural Application for Home Improvements

\*\*Please remember these are some of the items that we check for monthly. There may be others that are not listed. \*\*

## Harris County Hazardous Waste Facility

Harris County will accept certain items at no charge at it's facility on 290 near the beltway. Hours are Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on the 2nd Saturday of each month 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The facility takes tires, old paint, oil, batteries and other items. They do not take medical waste or business trash or used appliances. You can call 281-560-6200 for more information or visit the Harris County Website.

## What Can You Do About Soliciting In The Neighborhood?

Many communities are ripe targets for solicitors – for a variety of reasons. While the Association has no real control over soliciting activities, we have tried to discourage solicitors from marketing in our community by placing "no soliciting" signs in common areas.

The reason that we cannot prevent soliciting is that the streets and roadways within the community are public access ways owned and maintained by the county. This means that no person or persons may be prevented from entering the community. Of course, if an individual or individuals are in the process of breaking the law, the Sheriff or other law enforcement officer can take immediate action.

Your Association recommends the following actions that every owner can take to discourage unwelcome soliciting in the community:

- Report all suspicious persons to the Sheriff's Department and request the deputies on duty be made aware of your concerns.
- Promptly remove all flyers left on your front or garage door.
- Promptly report to the Post Office all flyers left on the mailboxes.
- Refuse to make use of solicitors' offers and refuse to patronize any company being marketed in this manner.
- Notify the managing agent of any companies presently soliciting so that letters can be sent advising them of this policy of not permitting door to door soliciting (they will be reminded of the community newsletter and/or the Green Sheet as marketing options).
- Individual homeowners have the ability to place a small "No Trespassing/No Soliciting" sign at the entry to their homes. Should a solicitor continue to leave flyers, the homeowner then has the authority to file charges against the Solicitor/Company for trespassing on private property.

## **CURBSIDE TREES**

The appearance of your trees at the sidewalk at your home is vital to the overall appearance of your community. The trees are part of the overall plan of development and it is each homeowner's responsibility to ensure the trees are trimmed on a regular basis. Many trees have branches hanging over the street, brushing the tops of vehicles and some are even blocking stop signs. For the benefit of all the Fairfield residents, and the overall appearance of your neighborhood, please check your trees and if necessary, raise the canopy (should be 12-14 ft. from the street), remove dead branches, and shape the tree.

Regrettably, should you chose not to do this, the County has the authority to trim them back and will not take the time to groom them properly. Thank you for your understanding.

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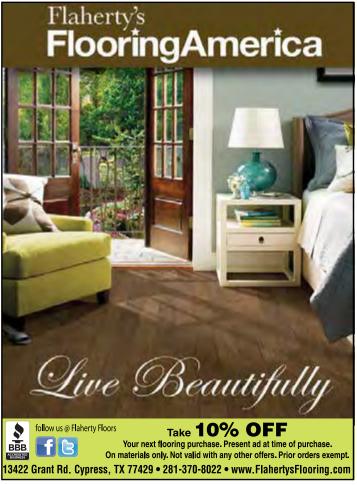




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## 2012 CY-FAIR WOMEN'S EXPO

EVENT: Cy	-Fair Women's Expo
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- **WHEN:** April 26, 2012
- **TIME:** 11:00am 2:00pm
- WHERE: Sterling Country Club at Houston National 16500 Houston National Blvd

Houston, TX 77095

*Save the Date!* The 3rd annual Cy-Fair Women's Expo sponsored by North Cypress Medical Center, Community Impact Newspaper, Houston Premium Outlets, and Champion Energy is Thursday, April 26, 2012, from 11am-2pm, at Houston National Golf Club. Vendor registration and additional information is available @ www. cyfen.org or by emailing expo@cyfen.org.

## 290 Cypress

#### **BUSINESS NETWORKING GROUP**

The 290 Cypress Business Networking Group meets every Thursday morning at 7:30 am at Luby's located at 25660 Hwy 290, Cypress, TX 77429. The group is open to all business owners and professionals who want to increase their exposure to the residents of Cypress and the surrounding areas. Job seekers are also welcome. There is no cost to attend the meeting. If you would like more information, please call Chuck Ransleben at 281-320-0600 or visit our website at 290Cypress.com

### Cypress Oil & Gas NETWORKING GROUP

We will start our 2011 monthly meetings on the 1st Monday of every month in February. We will meet at IHOP(In the glass room) on 290 & Fry road between 6:30 am - 7:30 am the 1st Monday of every month. In 2010 we had a total of 52 people in our data base and look to grow it more in 2011. If you work in any aspect of the O&G Industry come stop by, meet your Industry neighbors, and have a cup of coffee. Network with us as we share Industry news, job openings, event happenings, and much more. Please feel free to call me @ 832-623-2419 or Email me at Kevin.kays@sbcglobal.net



## **Business Section**

## **CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN**



The Cy-Fair Republican Women's monthly meeting will be held at 10:30am on Tuesday, April 10 at Carraba's Italian Grill in Copperfield. This month's presentation will feature Mike Zientek and Karen Othon with the TxDOT US290 Program. The US 290 public involvement staff will provide an update on the US 290 Program. They will explain the reconstruction of the IH 610/US 290 interchange that is currently underway, highlight a few smaller upcoming projects in the Cypress area, and discuss improvements scheduled for the US 290/BW 8 interchange. Their website is www. my290.com and twitter @my290houston.

Please join us for an informative meeting! You can join us for lunch for \$15, or just come and listen, have coffee or tea for \$3. Visit the Cy-Fair Republican Women's website at www.cfrw.net to RSVP and reserve your seat today.

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## **CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB**

It's Triathlon time! The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club kicks off the first of the Kiwanis Houston Kids Triathlons on MAY 5, 8 a.m., at the Langham Creek YMCA. Boys and girls with birth years from 2000 through 2005 are invited to participate. Participants are divided into groups based on sex and age for each race. Every participant will receive a finisher's medal and t-shirt. For details and registration, go to www.greaterhoustonkiwanis.org. Entry fee for online preregistration is \$25; Race day registration is \$30. This is a USA Triathlon Sanctioned Event and annual youth memberships are available. It promises to be a fun morning for kids and parents.

Come join us at the CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB and be a part of sponsoring children's activities, such as the Triathlon. CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE is the motto of Kiwanis Clubs worldwide. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club sponsors nine Key Clubs and three Builders Clubs in the Cy-Fair Schools. In addition, we support Girl Scout, Boy Scout, and Sea Scout troops and activities; provides scholarships to outstanding Key Club members in our district; provide assistance to Cypress Assistance Ministries, Bear Creek Ministries, the Houston Food Bank; and other nonprofit organizations.

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 at 281-463-0373 or George Crowl at 832-467-1998.



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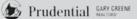
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We would like to thank our student teacher that has been a wonderful part time addition to the teaching and directing of our choirs. Mr. Matthew Perez joined our team in partial fulfillment of his degree plan. While working with our students, he gained respect and admiration that will be carried with him as he continues his musical journey. His time at Cy Falls will no doubt enhance his future career and his presence will be missed.

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## School News

## Rosehill Christian School Student Wins Regional Math Competition

Cypress resident Matthew Grimm placed 1st in the Regional ACSI Math Olympics. This competition was held February 25th in Conroe and included private schools from Houston and the surrounding areas. Students went through several rounds of testing in class, school, and district before being eligible to compete in the Regional meet. Matthew not only placed 1st, but had a perfect score. Matthew is in 3rd Grade at Rosehill Christian School.



## Cypress Ranch ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB

#### WOULD LIKE TO ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

#### APRIL 2ND @ 7:00 PM

in the Cypress Ranch High School Commons - general meeting For more information see the CRABC wesite at www.cypressranchathletics.com



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2012, the parent sponsored volunteer group. MANE stands for Mustangs at Nights End.



### **SAVE THE DATE!** Cy-Woods 6th Annual Golf Tournament April 27, 2012

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## School News



WRAP 2012 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.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

• Support WRAP at the following Spirit Nights: Just mention WRAP at cashier

o Buffalo Wild Wings: Every Monday in March (3/5, 3/12, 3/19, 3/26)

- o Qdoba: First Thursday of each month (3/1, 4/5, 5/3)
- o Raising Cane's: 1st & 3rd Wednesdays (3/7, 3/21, 4/4, 4/18, 5/2, 5/16)

o Willie's: 4th Tuesday (3/27, 4/24, 5/22)

- *'Rangler & Rhinestones Silent Auction & Dinner: Friday March 30th -* Consider becoming a private or corporate sponsor – several sponsorship levels available. To find out more about becoming a community sponsor for this wonderful event please email CyWoodsWRAP@yahoo.com.
- WRAP Night of the Event: Consider donating for the student Raffle or Give Aways. WRAP is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target for suggested donation items. For more information please contact WRAP President at nmnvprm@yahoo.com

#### **MEETINGS:**

General Membership Meetings will be the 2nd TUESDAY of each month at the Cy Woods Commons @ 7:00 pm. Next General Membership Meeting Dates: March 20th & April 19th

Visit us on Cy-Woods W.R.A.P. 2012 and become a fan or www.wix.com/wrap2012/wrap and be an active parent!





APRIL 21 & 22, 2012 SAT: 9:00AM – 5:00PM SUN: 10:00AM – 4:00PM

Cypress Fairbanks Exhibit Center 11206 Telge Rd. @ 290 West



## **CYWOODS KEY CLUB**

When you normally hear clapping or cheering coming from proud parents, it is usually found at an outdoor sporting event, such as basketball, football, and soccer, or during an awards ceremony. Yet, when I heard these sounds, they weren't at an outdoor sporting event but at the annual cup stacking tournament at Goodson Middle School.

At this event, I judged children from the ages as young as five to thirteen, watching large amounts of talent and precision in their abilities to stack cups at great speeds. My day began walking into the preliminary rounds of the competition. I was judging the sevenyear old participants, for whom this might have been their first year participating. They were tasked with completing the 3-3-3, which was an event where they stacked up pyramids of 3 cups and then took them down. After the 3-3-3 they would complete the 3-6-3 which followed the same guidelines as the 3-3-3. After the 3-6-3, would be the Cycle, which is perhaps the most difficult because it involved stacking up the cups the same as the 3-6-3 then after taking the cups down, the cups would be divided into two towers of 6 cups each. They would then stack both towers into pyramids after which they take the pyramids down and then combine the cups into one tower and then build up into one grand pyramid before finishing in the 3-6-3 stance. Also with the singles divisions were the doubles divisions where two competitors would work as one stacker using only one hand depending where they stood to stack the Cycle.

When the preliminaries were completed, next were the team relays where a majority of teams worked against each other and the clock to advance into the next round. The teams completed the 3-6-3. With the 3-6-3 team relays the first person would start the clock and each contestant on the team would stack the 3-6-3, after the last person has stacked, he or she would stop the clock and the judges would compare scores and times to determine the winner.

Finally were the finals where the top 5 in each division would participate in head to head times. During this time, cameras would be set up to record the contestants stacking but there are two reasons for these cameras: one is to record the contestants in case they surpass and set new records, and another is to check whether or not they made a mistake and the time is not recorded as by this time, a majority of the competitors move too fast for the judges to properly observe.

During these events I witnessed many competitors moving at varying paces. The little kids would move at a speed many might describe as a snail's pace while the older competitors might be moving as fast as a fighter jet. But no matter what speed the little kids were moving at, the whole goal was neither their ability nor speed at stacking, but for them to have fun. Witnessing the number of smiles and laughter from the kids, as well as cheering from excited parents, I can tell without a doubt that this goal was accomplished in soaring numbers.

## The Nerd Herd

The Nerd Herd would like to thank everyone who helped us collect toy donations in December. Thanks to you, we were able to help three families have a Fantabulous Christmas! All of the extra gifts that arrived too late were donated to Boys & Girls Country. Special thanks to Orange Leaf and Gambino's Pizza for hosting our toy collection boxes. We couldn't have done this without you! This project was for Destination Imagination's Project Outreach: The World Canvas. We were challenged to find a need in our community and then solve it. We won 1st place at the Regional Competition. We also won the DaVinci Award for our teamwork and creativity. We get to complete at State Competition in April! Thanks again to everyone for their help!



THE NERD HERD KEITH ELEMENTARY'S 5TH GRADE DITEAM Pictured: Lane Taylor, Scott Low, Hunter Castellese, Vivian Evans, Abbie Biggs, Katarina Baehren, D'Lyn Biggs, Team Manager



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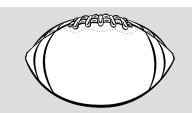
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## School News



## **Are You Ready For Some** Football?

CyRanch is having it's 2nd annual PowderPuff Football Game. (Girls play football and the Boys cheer!)

**APRIL 9TH AT 5:30P.M.** 

#### **TICKETS ARE \$5.00** AT THE GATE.

Come support our 'after prom.' You don't want to miss this!!!!

## **ATTENTION** 2012 Seniors of Cy-Fair Schools Who **Graduated from Ault Elementary**

The Ault Elementary PTO awards a \$1,000 scholarship to one male and one female applicant who is graduating from any Cy-Fair High School and graduated fifth grade from Ault Elementary. Scholarship applications and guidelines can be obtained from the Counselors' office. The deadline for submitting applications is April 18, 2012.



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## THE 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CYPRESS SPRINGS CRAFT SHOW

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2012: 9:00AM-5:00PM SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2012: 10:00AM-4:00PM

The show is held at CFISD Exhibit Center located at

11206 Telge Road, Cypress, TX 77429 1/4 mile north of Hwy 290 (39,000 sq.ft. facility with 24-hour Security)

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#### AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY SEEKING TEAMS FOR Relay For Life Cy Fair!

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Cy Fair is just around the corner. Register your team today by emailing or contacting the local contacts listed below. Relay For Life is a funfilled, overnight event that mobilizes communities throughout the country to celebrate survivors, remember loved ones lost, and raise money for the fight against cancer.

Relay For Life of Cy Fair takes place on at Cy Fall High School located at 9811 Huffmeister, Houston, Texas 77095-2307 on April 13th and 14th, from 7pm to 7am. Teams are encouraged to sign up early as this gives teams more time to raise money. For more information on the Relay For Life or to register a team, see the local contacts listed below. You can also visit RelayForLife. org to connect with other relayers in your community and across the nation.

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## News You Can Use

#### Houston Repertoire Ballet Presents the Classic Cinderella RESERVEYOUR DATE TO THE BALL NOW ON APRIL 28 & 29

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Houston Repertoire Ballet (HRB), featuring guest artist David Armendariz as the prince, while Claire White and Amaris Sharratt will alternate the role of Cinderella.

#### WHAT

The pre-professional ballet company in Northwest Houston proudly presents the Tomball premiere of its full-length production of Cinderella in three acts. Award-winning choreographer Victoria Vittum brings the classic fairy tale to life with her interpretation of this "happily ever after" ballet set to the timeless score of Sergei Prokofiev.

WHEN & WHERE Saturday, April 28 at 4pm & Sunday, April 29 at 2pm Tomball High School Auditorium 30330 Quinn Road Tomball, Texas 77375

#### TICKETS

Reserved Seating: \$15/\$18. For ticket information, call 281-940-HRB1 (4721) or visit www.hrbdance.org.

#### OUTREACH

The dancers of HRB perform excerpts from each production and make costumed appearances at various nursing homes, group events and at Arts & Education performances. Also, HRB will perform for the Tomball ISD fourth grade students, fulfilling the arts component of their curriculum. To schedule an outreach event for your organization, call 281-940-HRB1 (4721).

#### WHAT ELSE

Cinderella's original choreography is the creation of Victoria Vittum, with Barbara Le Gault doing much of the coaching and rehearsing. HRB's beautiful sets transform the stage back into a time where dreams really did come true. The exquisite costumes, designed by an amazing group of volunteers and partnered with Twin Cities Ballet in Monroe, LA, bring the dancers into Cinderella's world of magic and fantasy in this professionally staged production.

#### SYNOPSIS

The magical tale of a beautiful, kind young woman who rises from scrubbing floors to marrying a prince comes to life in Cinderella, a full-length ballet presented by HRB. From the wicked stepsisters' hilarious antics to the lovely pas de deux performed by Cinderella and the Prince, the performance is sure to capture the hearts of all. The ballet opens with the sisters fighting over fabric with Cinderella left to pick up the mess. The wicked stepmother orders Cinderella's father to purchase gowns for the sisters (Skinny and Dumpy) leaving Cinderella home alone. The fairy godmother conjures up fairies representing the four seasons to help Cinderella get dressed for the ball where she and the Prince fall in love. After elves stop time and Cinderella loses one of the glass slippers, the Prince travels the world to find her. Once they are reunited, they marry in an enchanted forest amid waltzing dancers.

#### **ABOUT HRB**

The Houston Repertoire Ballet (HRB) is a non-profit 501(c)(3), founded by Victoria Vittum and Gilbert Rome, both nationally acclaimed teachers and choreographers who served as its co-artistic directors. Today, Ms. Vittum oversees training and programming with an equal eye to serving the needs of the community. Although Mr. Rome is now retired, he maintains his interest and affiliation with HRB, performing as Drosselmeyer in The Nutcracker and as a guest teacher.

Since 1994, HRB has contributed to the cultural fabric of Harris and Montgomery Counties by providing excellent dance training to the area's young ballet stars and dance educators of tomorrow, while also presenting two high-quality productions annually at affordable prices. The Nutcracker and its Spring Program, this year Cinderella, introduce area children and their families to the world of classical and contemporary ballet. Today, HRB is considered to be the premiere pre-professional ballet company in the Houston region, and is recognized for sharing its gifts with the community and beyond.

The program attracts and develops some of the finest young dancers in the greater Houston area, with many of the dancers advancing to professional ballet companies throughout the country. HRB graduates can be seen with New York City Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, Miami City Ballet, Pacific Northwest Ballet, Atlanta Ballet, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre and other prestigious companies. HRB has three graduating seniors this year and each will continue with dance at the university level. For more information, please visit: www. hrbdance.org.

#### MISSION

HRB's mission is dedicated to providing the finest classical ballet instruction, education and performance experience to local gifted students, and to preparing them for a professional career in the world of dance. HRB also is committed to serving the suburban Houston region with high-quality theatre productions that educate, engage and entertain residents of all ages and perpetuate their appreciation of dance as an art form.

Major funding for Houston Repertoire Ballet provided by Houston Endowment, Inc and ConocoPhillips. Cinderella is funded in part by a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts through the Houston Arts Alliance.





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## News You Can Use

## Annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life Cy-Fair

We are contacting you to inform you of an upcoming free event that will take place in your neighborhood.

The members of the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Cy-Fair planning committee are proud to announce that we will be hosting our Annual American Cancer Society Relay For Life Cy-Fair. The event will begin the evening of APRIL 13th and last until the morning of APRIL 14th held at CY-FALLS High School, 9811 Huffmeister Road, Houston TX 77095.

The Relay is a 12-hour, overnight, continuous walk to help raise money to further the American Cancer Society's mission of eliminating cancer by helping people stay well, helping people get well, by

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finding cures, and by fighting back.

The event will include a live band, disc jockey, carnival type games, food, contests, silent auction, etc. GREAT FAMILY FUN with all profits going to the American Cancer Society.

Relay activities kick off at 7pm with the opening ceremony. We extend a heartfelt invitation to you and your family to participate in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Cy-Fair. If you have any questions or would like to be involved in the fight against cancer, please contact:

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## **Cypress United Methodist Church Donates Thousands to Local School**

#### \$8K TO GO TOWARD ADAM ELEMENTARY'S (CY-FAIR ISD) RUNNING TRACK

People normally think of church as a place that accepts donations, but this week Cypress United Methodist Church is giving a donation of \$8,000 to Adam Elementary School to be used to complete their running track. The check presentation ceremony was Wednesday, February, 29, at 11:30 a.m. at Adam Elementary, 11303 Honeygrove, in Houston.

"Our theme for our Christmas Eve offering was 'Give It All Away'," says Jerome Brimmage, Senior Pastor at Cypress UMC. "We felt led to give 100% of our Christmas Eve offering to support local and global missions. Locally, that portion of the money is going to Adam."

The track project at Adam has been in the works for eight years, but had stalled due to lack of funding.

Cypress UMC "adopted" Adam Elementary in 2011, and has been instrumental in providing backpacks, school supplies, and volunteers to help the students and staff at the school. The program has been so successful; other local schools have contacted Cypress UMC, to see if they can be adopted as well.





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## 5th Annual Skim Jam

Skim2Live will be hosting the 5th Annual Skim Jam event on April 21, 2012. Skim Jam is the largest skimboarding competition in the state of Texas. There will be a silent auction, food, music and FREE skimboarding lessons from Pro Skimboarders across the U.S. All proceeds are donated to The Rose, A Non-Profit Breast Cancer Organization. The event will be held in Cypress Creek and parking will be availiable on Jarvis Rd. For more information on the even visit http://www. theskim2livetour.com/#!skim-jam.



#### The Ladies of The Elisha Roberts Chapter, NSDAR CORDIALLY INVITEYOU TO ATTEND ONE OF OUR MEETINGS

We are currently seeking any lady aged 18 or older who can prove direct lineage to someone who provided aid or fought in the American Revolution. We meet every third Thursday of every month with the exception of March, June, and July. We take off for summer. We are a friendly group of ladies and we are very family oriented. Our motto is: God, Home and Country. We promote patriotism, education, and historic preservation. If this sounds like you, please join us for a meeting.

Our next meeting is in April. We will be meeting at Palio's Pizza and Italian Grill on FM 529, next to Langham Creek Highschool. The meeting starts at 7 pm. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact me, Laura Neal, Regent at lizardsareicky@ sbcglobal.net or 281-256-3545. We look forward to meeting you.

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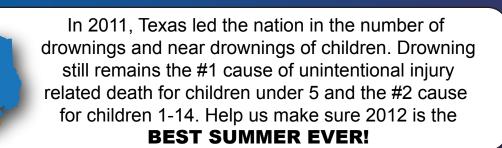


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## News You Can Use

## The Zeta Tau Alpha Pink Tie Affair Casino & Silent Auction

The Zeta Tau Alpha Cypress, Texas Alumnae Chapter meets often to foster friendship, encourage service to the community and to support breast cancer awareness and education by raising funds for the ZTA Foundation. We invite any interested Zetas to reconnect with the Fraternity by joining our group! For more information on our group and registration please visit our website at www.cypresszta.com.

#### **SAT., OCTOBER 6, 2012 PINK TIE AFFAIR CASINO & SILENT AUCTION**

The ladies of the Zeta Tau Alpha Cypress Alumnae chapter have started plans for their Second Annual Pink Tie Affair to be held on October 6, 2012 at the Sterling Country Club at Houston National! The first annual Casino and Silent Auction night held last October was a great success raising \$7,000 to benefit breast cancer awareness. Be sure to mark your calendars for October 6, 2012 to join the fun and to help support a great cause, Breast Cancer awareness and education! For more details on the event and clips of last year, please contact Natalie Taylor at daisemail@ comcast.net or visit our website at www.cypresszta.com.



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## Fit & Fun: Health Tips for You & Your Children

Getting fit and staying fit can be a fun process. That's true for individuals, and it's especially true for families. Fitness is an important topic, especially when your daily routine involves a lot of sitting, whether at work, at school, or at home in front of a computer or TV screen. The habits that we learn as children are often the habits we carry into adulthood. As parents, we can help our children build healthy habits and find new, fun ways to motivate ourselves and our children to get active.

#### BELOW ARE SOME IDEAS FOR GETTING OFF THE COUCH & HAVING SOME FUN WHILE GETTING FIT:

• Take an active vacation: It's tempting every day to think of your vacation as a time to sit and relax. But isn't that what your body does everyday? Instead, you can

#### By: Concentra Urgent Care

plan a trip that includes hiking, biking, skiing, and other activities that the whole family can do together.

- Visit a local park: It doesn't have to take a whole day, but you could spend a few hours playing at a park. Take a ball (football or soccer), a Frisbee, or a hacky sack, and play. You can invite some friends to join you, too. And remember: It's not just about the kids moving around – it's your time, too!
- Hold a block party: Call your neighbors, and block off the closest cul-de-sac for a get together that includes fun and active games. From freeze tag and relay races to hide-and-seek and kickball, there are hundreds of activities to choose from that are fun for everyone.

• **Go for a hike:** Find a local area where you and your family can go and hike for a few miles. Spend time outdoors, and enjoy what nature has to offer while you all get fit!

For more ideas about fun activities, visit the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance's Web site at: www.aahperd.com.

#### THE GOAL: BE INSTRUMENTAL IN ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO DEVELOP THE GOOD HABIT OF MOVING THROUGH SPACE, NURTURING THEIR PHYSICAL POWER, & GETTING FIT.

For more information about healthy activities, contact your health care provider or your Concentra health specialist. For more information on the importance of fitness for children, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Web site at: http:// www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/physicalactivity/



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## Report

Neighborhood	3 <sup>RD</sup> Quarter Results		
	Sold	\$ per SqFt	DOM
Autumn Park	1	\$67.31	52
Bluebonnet Glen	0	\$0	0
Baker's Ridge	3	\$62.85	79
Chappell Ridge	6	\$70.45	75
Cottage Glen	1	\$90.63	106
The Estates	1	\$84.04	19
Garden Grove	7	\$70.39	59
Glen	3	\$73.71	46
Inwood Glen	5	\$69.38	61
Inwood Park	12	\$61.94	85
Lake Crest	2	\$78.59	55
Lakes/Lake Point	7	\$74.13	103
Crossing/Landing/Reserve	3	\$65.61	40
Meadows/Park/Retreat	12	\$69.55	83
Oaks/Trails	4	\$70.04	90
Pines	0	\$0	0
Summer Ridge	3	\$71.13	47

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