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A Newsletter for Riata Ranch Residents

Riata Ranch Neighborhood GARAGE SALE

WHEN: September 8th, 2012

TIME: 7:00 AM- 2:00 PM.

Registration and payment will not be required. Please use your existing sign you have purchased from Riata Ranch from previous or alternatively you can use your own sign if you currently do not have a Riata Ranch garage sale sign.

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We are glad to hear all of the positive feedback and we intend to continue to improving the look and feel of the newsletter according to what you tell us. So get as involved as you like! We look forward to hearing from you.

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TOWN HALL MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

7:00 TO 9:00 PM, COPPERFIELD CHURCH, 8350 HIGHWAY 6 N.

The Copperfield Coalition is facilitating a Town Hall Meeting for all residents and businesses in our area. This meeting will cover several topics concerning safety, crime, and security. It will be held in the main auditorium of the Copperfield Church. (It has three main entrances; there will be no long lines or sign in required like there was at the Town Hall Meeting concerning low-income housing; just come on in and grab a seat.)

The Crimewatch Committees of various communities within the Coalition boundaries will also be participating and discussing general topics of crime and security in this meeting. View our website (CopperfieldCoalition.COM) for the latest updates.

THE MAIN TOPICS WILL BE:

- Excessive speeding and running of stop signs within our communities.
- Prostitution and human trafficking in our area (7+ brothels and growing).
- Drugs, drug distribution centers, and drug paraphernalia shops in our area.
- Needed increase of deputies for our area.
- Ticket revenue to remain in our area to fund needed deputies.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

- State Representative Dwayne Bohac
- Linda Geffin, Chief of the Harris County Attorney's Special Prosecutions Unit.
- Constable Ron Hickman will be giving a presentation on Prostitution and human trafficking.
- Harris County Sheriff's Office.
- Crimewatch Committees.

SPECIAL GUESTS:

- Amy L. Peck, District Director representing Senator Dan Patrick
- Brittany Seabury, District Director representing Congressman John Culberson
- Edith Gibson, District Director representing State Representative Gary Elkins
- Sharon Slover, District Director representing State Representative Allen Fletcher
- Steve Bowers, Director representing Commissioner Jack Cagle
- Ella Edmiston, Community Assistance Commissioner Jack Cagle's Office
- Nancy Hock, Executive Assistant to Harris County Attorney Vince Ryan
- Mike Montgomery, Harris County Fire Marshals
- A representative for Constable Phil Camus will be present
- Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce

THE TOPICS

Speeding and running of stop signs. This is seriously out of control. The speeding and running of stop signs throughout our area has become increasingly worse over the years. A very large

number of people have expressed their concern for the safety of their children. They have indicated to us that they are fearful of riding their bicycles, walking to the playground or pool, and even fearful of playing in their front yard and having a car jump the curb as it has happened numerous times in our community. As you all are aware, many of the streets in our community are not straight, but are curved. There are instances where drivers who are speeding are unable to maintain control and have ended up in people's yards, through their fences, and have even crashed into houses. We have also had numerous complaints of drivers running stop signs. There have been accidents and several near misses (including pedestrians) within our communities due to this problem.

Prostitution and human trafficking. There are quite a few businesses that are operating as brothels. Some use prostitutes while others use forced slave labor. These girls are bought, traded, and sold for the purposes of prostitution (human trafficking). These businesses had plagued the Champions area for some time and now are moving into our community. There is one located at the corner of Tuckerton and Barker Cypress next to the Animal Clinic. There are three located on FM529, one of them is extremely close to Langham Creek High School. It is directly across the street from Kroger, right next door to Apple Dental. The other two are located at Eldridge and FM529 and near 290 and FM529. There are a couple more near the intersection of SH6 and West Little York, one being in an office building.

Drugs and narcotic distribution centers. There have been a couple of homes within the Coalition boundaries that have been raided as they were classified as grow houses (production of illegal substances). There are pharmacies within our area that have been dubbed "Mom and Pop" pharmacies, referring to small privately owned pharmacies that sell prescription drugs in mass quantities illegally. Customers have been known to come as far away as Louisiana for these transactions. There are also three businesses on FM529 which are called smoke houses (drug paraphernalia) shops, one of them being diagonally across from Langham Creek High School.

All residents and businesses in the area are encouraged to attend and voice their concerns, provide suggestions, and ask questions.

In order to save time during the meeting, please submit your questions in advance to Anthony@copperfieldcoalition.COM, or go to our website, copperfieldcoalition.COM, and click on the contact us page.

You remember the Town Hall Meeting we had a few months ago on Low Income Housing? We had roughly 500 people show up to protect their property values and their way of life. We are now planning to have a much more important Town Hall Meeting. These problems mentioned above will affect our property values and our way of life as much or more than low income housing. We urge you to attend, and hope for another large turnout.

Sincerely,

*The Board of Directors
CopperfieldCoalition.COM*

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Boots 'n Whoops NWHC Aggie Moms Event

www.nwhcaggie moms.org

Vendor Call !! Vendor space for our October event is booking now. For booth information contact: Pat Groves @ pat-groves@sbcglobal.net

NWHC AGGIE MOMS will hold their 4TH Annual Boots and Whoops scholarship fundraiser on Sunday October 14 at Red River Dance Hall on 249 from 1:00-5:00, featuring live country western entertainment, barbecue, dancing, arts and craft show, and car show. Aggie or not, you'll want to join the fun. Tickets available through our web site now.

The Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm, at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive and Cutten Road. Aggie Moms won't ask you to wear a funny hat, learn a secret hand shake or give a speech. We simply help you help your student reach their potential. Join us for food, door prizes and speakers. Our next meeting is September 11, 2012.



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GIRL SCOUTS Of San Jacinto Council

Copper Corners Service Unit



Kristina and Jessica also volunteered at the Reliant Center Dog Show on July 21. They filled in so other volunteers could take breaks, walked dogs, and helped out in the sales area. The girls also spent time talking to prospective “adoptive parents” of rescue dogs, and described the day as a “great experience”.



The Bates family (mom Anne and daughters Jessica and Kristina) joined hundreds of other Girl Scouts from around San Jacinto Council for Scout Day with the Astros on July 29. They all walked around the field in a parade, and joined in several hours of fun activities. To top it all off, the Astros won!

Girls and adults in the Copper Corners Service unit have been having a busy summer! Many of our scouts have been attending Council resident, day and twilight camps. Some have been campers, some program aides and others have been camp counselors or volunteers. Council camps always have lots of interesting sessions for all ages, and activities range from fishing (catch and release) to fencing, and from archery to astronomy. That’s not counting sailing, canoeing, swimming and horseback riding. And where else do you have crazy hat days and learn all those camp songs?

Believe In Girls? Want to find out more about activities in San Jacinto Council? The B.I.G. event on Saturday, September 29 at the George Brown Convention Center is one you won’t want to miss! The event runs from 10 am to 4 pm. To purchase tickets, see schedules and find out all the latest event news, go to www.gssjc.org/100th/the-big-event.

Copper Corners will be starting off the new school year with “Rally Days”. That is when we recruit new leaders and form new troops. Our scheduled Rally Days, times and locations are:

Lowery Elementary- Sept. 13 at 7 pm

Fiest Elementary- September 18 at 7 pm

Birkes Elementary- September 19 at 7 pm

For more information, please contact Debra Rieke at 281-856-0118 or Felicia Ferguson, 347-330-7833; (skye2rayne@yahoo.com)

Girl Scouting is open to all girls between the ages of 5 (must be in kindergarten) and 18. Girls may join at any level, and no prior Girl Scouting experience is required. Don’t forget that many of our most exciting opportunities are available for older girls!

If you are over 18, we are always in need of leaders! Girl Scout leaders are as varied as our membership, and have all kinds of different skills and interests. You need a background check and a small amount of training to get started, but lots of training is available. Give us a call to find out more. The council website is www.gssjc.org.

Copper Corners serves girls in the residence areas for Birkes, Fiest and Lowery Elementary schools, Aragon and Libya Middle schools, and the corresponding high schools. Home schoolers and private school students are always welcome.

Girl Scouting has been around for 100 years. A lot of things have changed since 1912, but Girl Scouting is still building girls of courage, confidence, and character!

Debra Rieke

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CY-WOODS HIGH SCHOOL CRIMSON CADETTES BOOSTER CLUB

3RD ANNUAL FUNDRAISER GOLF TOURNAMENT
MONDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2012, 1:00 P.M.,
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The Cy-Woods High School Crimson Cadettes Booster Club will host its 3rd annual golf tournament on Monday, October 29, 2012 at Houston National Golf Club. Proceeds from this event will directly benefit the Crimson Cadette Drill Team and help fund their activities for the 2012-2013 school year. The tournament will be a 4-person scramble format, with a shotgun start beginning at 1:00 PM, followed by dinner and awards at 6:00 PM. Individual and team entries are welcome, as well as various levels of sponsorships. The organization has a 501 (C) 3 designation and tax ID information is available upon request. Your support is appreciated. Come join us for an enjoyable afternoon of fun and competition.

To register for the event or for more information on entry fees, sponsorships and other event details, please visit www.crimsoncadettegolf.com.

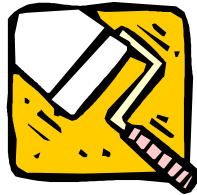
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HEALTH BRIEFS - September 2012

EARLY DETECTION OF GLAUCOMA CAN SAVE EYESIGHT

Annual eye exams should include screenings for glaucoma, even for younger adults, because early detection can prevent long-term damage to sight, said ophthalmologists at Baylor College of Medicine. The biggest problem with glaucoma is that it's a silent disease, a sneak thief of sight," said Dr. Silvia Orengo-Nania, professor of ophthalmology in the Baylor Eye Clinic at BCM. "You could have visual damage occurring over time and not know it. Once damage occurs, it is irreversible and you will not be able to get any vision back that you have lost. This is why screening early is critical." Glaucoma usually occurs when increased pressure in the eye slowly destroys the optic nerve, damaging your ability to see, Orengo-Nania said. Approximately 2 million people in the United States are visually impaired by glaucoma. It is one of the leading causes of blindness. Treatment can help slow down, but not reverse impaired vision, Orengo-Nania said

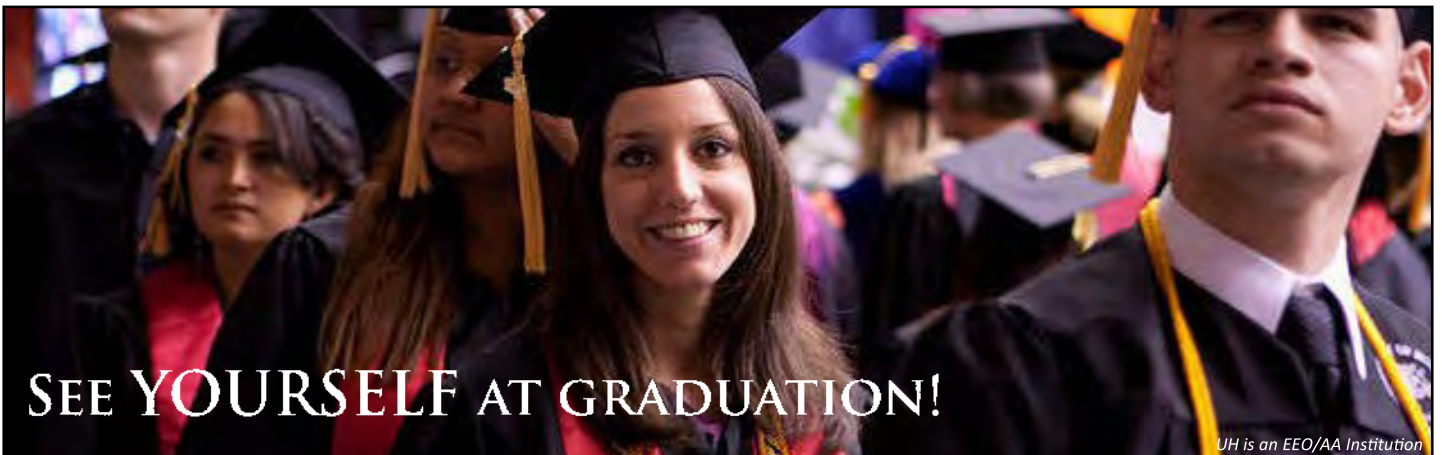
SUMMER IDEAL TIME FOR ANNUAL SCHOOL PHYSICALS

The perfect time to schedule school-required physicals is during the summer. A pre-participation physical exam (PPE) should be performed at least six weeks before preseason practice in order to avoid overbooked doctor's offices, but more importantly to allow time to correct or rehabilitate any detected problems. "If procrastination is due to fear that a health problem will keep them off the team, that fear is usually

unwarranted," said Dr. Julie Jones of Baylor College of Medicine. Research shows less than 2 percent of athletes are denied clearance to play sports due to the PPE. The exam serves various purposes: to determine the athlete's general health, to detect conditions that might predispose the student to injury or illness during competition, to detect conditions that might be life-threatening or limiting an athlete's safe participation, and to meet legal and insurance requirements of the state or school.

MODERATION KEY TO ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

Though drinking small amounts of alcohol can have potential health benefits, Baylor College of Medicine doctors say drinking too much can do more harm than good. "The key to this contradiction is moderation," said Dr. Jeffrey Steinbauer, professor of family and community medicine at BCM. "While many people can drink more than one drink without becoming impaired, drinking higher amounts of alcohol increases the chance of suffering from various health problems." High levels of alcohol consumption contribute to health problems such as weight gain, heart problems, high blood pressure, dehydration, digestive problems including diarrhea and malabsorption, and even cancer. "While liver cancer is not directly related to drinking, some gastrointestinal cancers, like esophageal cancer, are," Steinbauer said. Moderation is the key when it comes to drinking, and you should discuss your alcohol intake with your doctor to determine whether your level is healthy or harmful.



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