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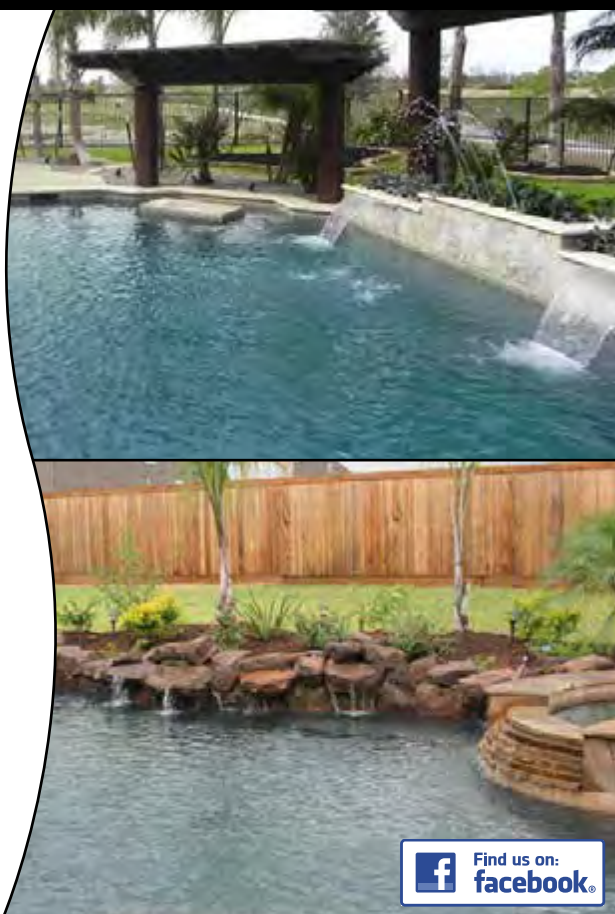
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**November 4<sup>th</sup>**

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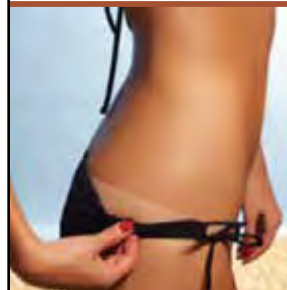
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#### OUR HISTORY:

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 NOVEMBER BUSTRIP PLANS

Wednesday, November 14th, this will be a trip to New Braunfels. We will be travelling to New Braunfels to visit the Conservation Plaza owned by the New Braunfels Conservation Society. Docents will give us a tour of some of the priceless structures that have been preserved. Furnishings of some of the structures include period pieces, mostly of Texas or German origin. We will then proceed to the Gruene Historic District and to the Gristmill Restaurant. You will then be free to wander the district and have lunch whenever you please. German immigrants established this German village on the banks of the Guadalupe River before 1850. The cost will be \$5.00 per person plus the cost of your lunch in Gruene Historic District. There are some great German restaurants available.

To get your name on the list for this trip call: Andy or Mary Lawrence at 281-256-2831 or send email to: [marylawren@aol.com](mailto:marylawren@aol.com)

Checks are to be made out to: Fairfield 50 Plus, and are due no later than November 5th. Checks can be given to Andy, Mary Lawrence, or Mary Lou Cook, and can also be mailed to The Lawrence's at 16618 Shimmering Lake Drive, 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 DECEMBER BUSTRIP PLANS

Thursday, December 20th, this will be a Christmas tour trip. We will enjoy the Christmas Lights of Houston. Come see with us the Christmas decorations that have been put up for the Christmas Holidays in the Houston area. We will have a step on guide that will furnish us with much information as we tour: The Waterwall, Galleria, Tanglewood, Uptown Park, River Oaks, Highland Village, and Greenway Plaza. The cost will be \$15.00 per person plus the cost of your dinner, which we will be having at the Hickory Hollow Barbecue Restaurant. Note: All checks

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#### OUR NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES PLANS

Thursday, November 8: 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. 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 plan on staying and join many of our members that stay to play games or socializing after the meal and to finish up the deserts.

Tuesday, November 13: Game Night at the Cooks' House. 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 October, 14 weekly newsletter.

Thursday, November 22: Game Night at Lakeside Trails Club House. This game night has been cancelled. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

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. <http://home.comcast.net/~seniorgroup/>

#### OUR FUN-LOVERS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER:

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*Chamber to look at future mobility for Cy-Fair at Annual Mobility Forum on Nov. 1*

Cy-Fair residents and businesses can expect to get some much-needed traffic relief on one of the top 25 congested roads in Texas. Thanks to \$168 million in funding provided by state legislators and part of the additional \$2 billion TxDOT identified earlier this year, some key construction projects along US 290 in Houston will be completed up to two decades earlier than originally scheduled. The completion of critical projects also means travelers will see a 40 percent decrease in time spent in traffic along US 290.

"This is a huge win for Texas drivers," said Phil Wilson, TxDOT Executive Director. "Not only will sections of this road be ready 20 years ahead of schedule, they could save drivers 20 minutes in commute time during peak hours on US 290 from IH 610 to SH 99."

TxDOT and the Harris County Toll Road Authority (HCTRA) are working to finalize an agreement to provide the needed funding allocated by the Legislature. Under the agreement, TxDOT will contribute \$787 million and HCTRA \$400 million putting all US 290 projects between IH 610 and SH 99 (Grand Parkway) under construction by the middle of 2014.

### PROJECT PLANS INCLUDE:

- Reconstruction and widening of US 290
- Four general purpose lanes for in- and outbound traffic
- Two to three reversible managed lanes in the middle to carry HOV and tolled traffic Future construction of the parallel Hempstead Tollway
- A bike trail and right-of-way preservation for a high-capacity transit system
- Additional safety improvements that should reduce the number of accidents that typically cause big delays.

"Our economy and our quality of life depend on our transportation system and our ability to efficiently move people, goods and services throughout the state," Lt. Governor Dewhurst said. "We all want to see more roads built so that hardworking Texans can spend less time in traffic and more time at home with their families, but we must resist the natural urge to spend money on easy projects and instead spend our hardworking taxpayers' dollars on projects that will have the greatest impact on our

economy and quality of life -- like the US 290 project."

Leslie Martone, President of the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce, said "The US 290 project is a great example of how strong partnerships between the chamber, state and local legislators, transportation entities and the community can produce results." Martone added, "With this infrastructure in place the Cy-Fair area will be better prepared to accommodate the population growth projected for our region; however, there is still a lot of work to be done and we need to stay vigilant in our planning for future mobility in Cy-Fair."

The Cy-Fair Houston Chamber's 5th Annual Mobility Forum will be held on November 1 at the Berry Center. The event is underwritten by Methodist Willowbrook Hospital and will allow guests the opportunity to look at future mobility options. "This year's theme is 'Trains, Planes and Automobiles'". Martone said. "We want to make sure we stay ahead of the game to meet the needs of businesses and residents in Cy-Fair."

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- George Greanias, Chief Executive Officer, Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County

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



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## THE FAIRFIELD WOMEN'S CLUB (FWC)

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### "DECORATING WITH STYLE"

*For the Holidays*

**WHEN:** Tuesday, November 20, 2012 from 7pm-9pm

**WHERE:** Trendmakers Model Home in Fairfield.

**TOYS FOR TOTS DONATIONS:** We welcome toy donations at this meeting.

Get ready for the most wonderful time of the year with a fun "do it yourself" demo. We will be decorating with style for the holidays! Enjoy a wonderful night of socializing with friends. We will have door prizes, games, food, drinks and so much more! Let's give back to the community! We are looking for non-profit organizations/people to donate to within our community. Please share this information with us during our November meeting. If you are a non-profit organization/person within Fairfield who is interested in receiving donations, please email us at [fairfieldwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:fairfieldwomensclub@gmail.com) to submit a donation request. For more information or to join FWC, please check us out online at [fairfieldwomensclub.org](http://fairfieldwomensclub.org).

## 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!

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## ACT 2

### DECEMBER FUN - Krazy Christmas Carol

Are you ready for some holiday spirit? If so, then you'll be pleased to know that Fairfield Theater group will be having a Krazy Christmas Carol fundraiser to raise money for their trip to New York City. Join in on the fun and sponsor a song to be sung to a family member, friend or neighbor, by this young and talented group. For \$10.00 donation our Krazy carolers will sing Silent Night, Deck the Halls, Frosty the Snowman and We Wish You a Merry Christmas, just to name a few, for the listeners delight.

## ACT 3

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## CY-FAIR WOMEN'S CLUB

### *Women Serving the Community*

We had a wonderful experience spending time with our guest Jeanie Dunnihoo during our October meeting. We are all open to leading healthy lives, so Jeanie taught us about Herb Gardening. In November we will make floral designs for the Holidays courtesy of our friendly HEB. This will prepare us for a fabulous holiday season and of course we are looking forward to our Holiday Party in December!

CWC is a service organization that gives back to the community. This means that all funds raised will go right back to the community in the form of scholarships for graduating high school seniors, at Lone Star College, Cy-Fair and grants to other non-profits in our community, as well.

Membership into the Cy-Fair Women's Club is open to all ladies in Northwest Houston/Cypress neighborhoods. Currently we meet the first Thursday of most months at West Houston Church of Christ. Our meetings begin with social time and refreshments at 7:00p.m. immediately followed by a program at 7:30p.m. The church is located at the corner of Queenston and West Road. Our monthly meetings are not only educational and enjoyable, but they develop lasting fellowships. We look forward to meeting you there! If you have any questions about our club or need directions to the church, please contact Susan McLeroy, Membership Chair at [cyfairwomensclub@gmail.com](mailto:cyfairwomensclub@gmail.com)

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# Pinwheels for Peace

*from Girl Scout Brownie Troop #14570*



*Kaitlynn Varastegui, Megan Behenna, Alexandra Hayden, Keely Spinler, and Alyssa Croce*

Girl scouts participate in many different community, group & individual activities, from kindergarten to 12th grade. The girls in Brownie troop #14570 thought it would be fun to make pinwheels and liked the idea that they would be joining a community of peace lovers all over the world by participating in Pinwheels for Peace Day.

The 2nd grade girls worked hard on their home made pinwheels. On one side they wrote their feelings about peace which ranged from "I like peace, its fun!" and "hope, love, God, smile" to "being nice to my sister". On the other side they used their imaginations to visually express their feelings about peace in drawings and colorful designs. We talked about peace and what it means to them in both big and small ways, whether its world wide or just within a friendship.

They made many pinwheels at their brownie troop meeting then some met before school on International Day of Peace to display

them. Swenke Elementary was where we chose to "plant" our pinwheels and they said they wanted to participate too! The students in art classes filled the library windows in the front hall with pinwheels! What a wonderful way to let the girls see the product of their intentions come to life and how special it is when you can initiate community involvement. We hope the display of whimsical, colorful, unique, and heartfully made pinwheels spinning in the wind inspired others to join in for Peace Day 2013! For information [www.pinwheelsforpeace.com](http://www.pinwheelsforpeace.com). The next project troop 14570 will be participating in is Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF <http://youth.unicefusa.org/>. So make sure you have your piggy banks next to your bowl of candy come Halloween eve. Some of your trick or treaters may be out for a greater cause. Leaders troop 14570 are Kristina Behenna & Chelsey Spinler. The service unit will be collecting for CAM in their Thanksgiving Feast Food Drive.

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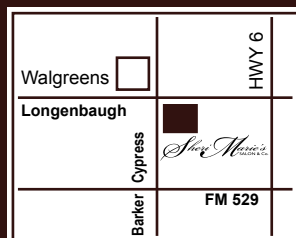
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## 2013 FSA SPRING BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SEASON

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*-- Joe DiMaggio*

Yes, it actually is time to register your kids for 2013 Spring Fairfield Baseball and Softball!

### FSA DIVISIONS FOR 2013

<b>BASEBALL</b>	<b>AGE OF CHILD AS OF APR. 30, 2013</b>
Instruction T-Ball	4yrs old (coed)
Tee Ball	5-6yrs old
AA7	7yrs old (coach pitch)
AA8	8yrs old (coach pitch)
AAA	9-10yrs old
Majors	11-12yrs old
Softball	Based on Current School Grade
Sweetees (Tee Ball)	Kindergarten and 1st Grade
Darlings (coach pitch)	2nd and 3rd Grade
Angels	4th and 5th Grade

FOR BASEBALL, please be aware that FSA does NOT offer a 13/14 year old age division. In addition, a child MUST turn 4 Years of Age on or before April 30th, 2013 in order to participate in FSA (in other words, no 3 year old children will be accepted in Instructional Tee-Ball). REMEMBER GIRLS SOFTBALL DIVISIONS are based on the child's current school grade, rather than the April 30th date.

### 2013 BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL KEY DATES

Other than the registration days, the dates below represent our planned calendar. We will do our best to adhere to these dates, but we ask that you realize that adjustments may take place due to variances in registration numbers and/or inclement weather.

All dates are tentative and subject to change!

Nov. 17th – Online registration begins – [www.fairfield-sports.org](http://www.fairfield-sports.org)

Jan. 12th – In person registration (1 Day Only)

Jan. 13th – Online registration ends

Week of Jan. 20th – Coaches Meetings

Week of Jan. 27th – Tryouts for all divisions except T-ball (no tryouts for t-ball)

Feb. 1st and 2nd – Drafts

Feb. 4th – Practice starts for all divisions

March 4th – Games start for 10U (AAA) and 12U (Majors)

March 18th – Games start for all remaining divisions

March 23rd – Opening Day Parade and Ceremony (weather permitting)

### LATE REGISTRATION

There will be NO LATE REGISTRATION as we are providing 8 weeks to sign up. Unfortunately, our size has dictated a more strict approach to registration cut-off in order to handle all of the administrative duties and preparation necessary to start the season.

### GETTING INVOLVED

Lastly, I would like to remind everyone to find a way to take part in your sports association. FSA is a volunteer organization and could use your help to provide the best facilities around. There are jobs ranging from helping with try-outs, opening day help, field maintenance, and concessions duty. We urge you to familiarize yourself with the Baseball and Softball Committee via our website and reach out to committee members to see how you can help.

Three areas needing the most help are baseball committee, nightly field maintenance and concessions. These are opportunities to not only get involved and meet great people, but most of all contribute to making Fairfield one of the best places around for our kids to play sports. On behalf of the Fairfield Sports Association and the Baseball/Softball committee members, I would like to thank you for all your support.

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# Tennis Tips

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional  
**Fernando Velasco**

### HOW TO HIT A ONE-HANDED BACKHAND

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to hit a Forehand and a Two-Handed Backhand. In this issue, I will give you instructions on how to execute a one-handed backhand for a right hander. This stroke is still used by many league and tournament players since it gives players a wider range of reach and flexibility to hit slices and drop shots.

**Step 1: Ready position:** The body is facing the net. The right hand is holding the end of the racket in a forehand grip position and the left hand is on the throat of the racket. The left hand is holding the racket slightly tighter than the right hand. Feet are shoulder width apart and the body is in good balance.

**Step 2: Back swing:** When the opponent's ball is headed to the backhand side, the left hand takes the racket back and the right hand changes the grip with one quarter turn placing the index knuckle at the upper ridge of the handle. The body should start taking the racket back before the ball bounces. Notice the turn of the upper body and the right foot leading the left foot. Eyes are still focused on the incoming ball.

**Step 3: Point of Contact:** The eyes now shift toward the point of contact which should be about 12-18 inches in front of the right foot.



The right hand is holding the racket tight. The racket has made contact with the ball and weight of the player has shifted toward the point of contact. It is important to keep the right shoulder closed and not open the left hip too early. Flexing the right knee will allow more flexibility and power on the ball.

**Step 4: Follow Through:** Once the racket has made contact with the ball, both of the arms need to be extended for better balance. The right arm should be straight and the follow through upwards above the head.

*Look for next Issue: The Forehand Volley*

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Traffic Stops .....	7
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### Fairfield Village Community's 2012 & 2013 Holiday Schedule

Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 22, 2012  
No Service Interruption  
Christmas Day – Tuesday, December 25, 2012  
Serviced on Friday  
New Years Day – Tuesday January 2013  
Serviced on Friday  
Memorial Day, Monday May 27, 2013  
No Service Interruption  
Independence Day - Thursday, July 4, 2013  
No Service Interruption  
Labor Day – Monday, September 2, 2013  
No Service Interruption  
Thanksgiving Day – Thursday, November 28, 2013  
No Service Interruption  
Christmas Day – Wednesday, December 25, 2013  
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New Years Day – Wednesday January 2014  
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## WRAP Events

WRAP (Wildcats Right After Prom) 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. WRAP 2013 is already busy planning the numerous fundraising activities that will raise money for the WRAP party on May 24 at Dave & Buster's on I-10 near 610. If you haven't received emails from WRAP and would like to, please see our web page for a Parent Information Form that you can fill out and return as directed on the bottom of the form. Check out our website <http://www.cywoodswrap.com> or our Facebook page Cy-Woods WRAP 2013 for more information.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

**NOVEMBER 7:** Spirit Night at Willie's Ice House: Good food and a good cause! What more can we say? See the web page for a flyer.

**NOVEMBER 12:** General Meeting 7:00 CWSHS Commons

Come find out what we're doing for our seniors! Attendance is not a commitment to volunteer, though we hope you will! We have opportunities to fit all schedules!

**NOVEMBER 17:** Wildcat Plop: Tickets now on sale for the Wildcat Plop (formerly known as the Cow Plop). For just \$10 you

can purchase a ticket for a chance to win up to \$1,000 in American Express gift cards! See our website [www.cywoodswrap.com](http://www.cywoodswrap.com) for more details and how to purchase tickets.

**NOVEMBER 19:** Spirit Night at Newk's: No need to cook! Bring the family and support WRAP!

**NOVEMBER 28:** Spirit Night at Chili's: Take the night off from cooking and enjoy Chili's with family and friends while helping WRAP raise money. See our web page for a flyer.

**DECEMBER 8:** Runnin' Wild Fun Run: WRAP will be hosting the Runnin' Wild Fun Run December 8 at the trails in Coles Crossing. This event is open to the general public. There will be a 1K and 5K run. We need many volunteers and donations to make this event a success! Contact Becky Rusinovich at WRAP2013@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.

**DECEMBER 10:** General Meeting 7:00 CWSHS Commons: Get all the latest information about everything going on with WRAP!

**DECEMBER 17:** Spirit Night at Newk's: WRAP meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month. Hope to see you there!!!

**NOVEMBER 12 | DECEMBER 10 | JANUARY 14 |**

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Cypress-Fairbanks ISD is so fortunate to be able to draw from such a great diversity of skills and knowledge in our community. VIPS (Volunteers in Public Schools) in Cy-Fair ISD center the attention of their service on supporting students and staff and making a significant contribution to the education of children. These jewels in our district give freely of their time and resources and have an impact on the academic and personal development of Cy-Fair ISD students.

If you are interested in being involved in Cy-Fair schools as a volunteer and making a difference, or would like more information, please contact Pam Scott, Partners in Education Director at 281-894-3950.

### **CY-FAIR ISD & VOLUNTEERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

*November & December 2012 Events*

**November 8: VIPS General Meeting – 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., Berry Center:** Open to all CFISD volunteers, parents, staff and community members. Get the latest information on CFISD volunteering and learn ways to improve your volunteer program through networking with other volunteers in our district!

**November 27: PIE Mentor Training – 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Berry Center:** Training for individuals committed to serve as a role model and friend to CFISD students. There are no VIPS events scheduled for the month of December at this time. Be sure to check us out in January when the opportunities for volunteering are in full swing again.

### **HOW TO REGISTER FOR TRAINING**

Register for training by emailing the PIE office at [vipsrsvp@cfisd.net](mailto:vipsrsvp@cfisd.net). Provide your name and the name and date of the training you wish to attend. Registration is required to guarantee a seat and training materials. Adults only please.



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## Help Eliminate Maternal & Neonatal Tetanus

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Our Key Club is hosting a pancake breakfast on November 3rd, 2012 and we are hoping to raise \$2,000 through this event to donate to the ELIMINATE project. The Pancake Breakfast will take place at Cypress Woods High School from 7 am to 11 pm. The pre-sale tickets will be \$4 and tickets at the door will be \$5. The ticket price includes all you can eat pancakes, sausage and drinks. With every ticket, you will be saving the lives of 3 mothers and all their future children. For presale tickets, please contact cywoodskeyclub@gmail.com or tickets will be available at the door.

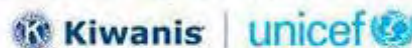
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## Cy-Fair ISD Seeking Community Mentors for Salyards Middle School

*Will You Help Nurture Our Garden So It Grows & Blooms?*

As part of the Cy-Fair ISD Partners in Education community mentoring program, Salyards Middle School is seeking community mentors to serve as positive role models for our students. Being a community mentor is extremely rewarding and only takes a commitment of 30 minutes to an hour a week to mentor/meet with one of our 6th, 7th, or 8th grade students. Mentors must attend a one-time district orientation before they begin mentoring at the school. Then, it just takes 30 minutes a week to truly make a difference in the life of a child. Once you have completed the training and background check, an administrator at Salyards will work with you to match you with a student who would be the best fit for you.

If you enjoy working with children and making a true difference in people's lives, the mentor program at Salyards Middle School is just for you!!

The next two Cy-Fair district mentor training dates are: November 27 – 9:30a to 11:30a and January 31 – 9:30a to 11:30a.

Please contact Jennifer Bell, Mentor Program Coordinator, at (281) 373 - 2393 or by e-mail at [jennifer.bell@cfisd.net](mailto:jennifer.bell@cfisd.net) for more information. Thank you!


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## Learn to Increase Business Success with Speed Networking

*Linda Stiles shares a 7-Touches List technique at the Nov. 15 CYFEN meeting*

What are the relationship and business networking skills needed to increase business success? Join Linda Stiles to find out as she presents "Seven Steps to Speed Networking" at the Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN) luncheon Nov. 15. President and CEO of Stiles & Associates Leadership Consultants, as well as a dynamic speaker and author of "Team Leaders' Toolkit," Stiles is dedicated to turning today's high-potential employees into the next generation of leaders. After 25 years in the corporate world, Stiles has spent the last decade focused on team building.

All are welcome to attend the monthly meetings of CYFEN, which are held at the Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd. This month's meeting features an extended program so networking will begin at 10:30 a.m. followed with a prompt 11 a.m. start of the program.

Bring business cards for networking. The meeting cost is \$25 with advanced

reservations made by the Friday prior to the meeting and \$30 at the door. For information on CYFEN, which is part of the American Business Women's Association, go to [www.CYFEN.org](http://www.CYFEN.org).


### ABOUT CY-FAIR EXPRESS NETWORK (CYFEN)

*The Cy-Fair Express Network's vision is to be a community and national leader for the support of professional women by providing a nurturing environment for business development, networking, education and mentoring. Our members have opportunities to pursue excellence and achieve both local and national recognition.*

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## Cypress-Tomball Democrats Host Election Night Watch Party Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>

The Cypress-Tomball Democrats' next monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 6th, will be an election night watch party. It will be held at Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend and to join this growing club. For more information, contact Olga Moya at [cytomdems@yahoo.com](mailto:cytomdems@yahoo.com).



## Elisha Roberts Chapter, NSDAR

The wonderful ladies of the Elisha Roberts Chapter, NSDAR, extend an invitation to any female, 18 years or older, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution.

We are a family oriented, non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's future through better education. Our motto is God, Home and Country. If this sounds like you, please come and join us for a meeting.

We meet the third Thursday of each month, September through May, at the Backyard Grill, located at 9453 Jones Road. Our next meeting will be on November 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact the chapter Regent, Cheryl Partney, at [cpart86@comcast.net](mailto:cpart86@comcast.net) or by phone at 832-654-0306.

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## CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB

Louis Iselin was installed at the October 2 Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club meeting, along with Paula Hoffman, vice-president and president-elect; George Crowl, Secretary; Jim Meadows, treasurer and immediate past president, Andy Lawrence. Newly elected Directors include Steve Gleinser, Aaron Mackey, John Carroll, Edward Ford, and Mike Larivee.

District Lieutenant Governor David Brewer performed the installed rites. These officers and directors will serve from October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013.

The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club is actively seeking new members who are interested in giving service to improve our community and our world.

Visit the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club and learn about the projects in which its members participate to enrich and improve life for citizens in our community.

We sponsor the Key Clubs in the Cy-Fair, Jersey Village, and Katy communities and work with them in service to the Cy-Fair area. Internationally, both Kiwanis and Key Club are participating in the ELIMINATE PROJECT aimed at the eradication of maternal/neonatal tetanus.

Businesses of the community are encouraged to support a representative for membership in Kiwanis. If you work for a business that is oriented toward involvement in community improvement and leadership, suggest to them that you would like to represent that business through

membership and work with Kiwanis. We welcome business and organization representatives as well as individual memberships.

The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club meets 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, George Crowl at 832-467-1998 or Peggy Presnell at 281-304-7127.

We invite you to be our guest at one of the meetings and enjoy the fellowship of Kiwanians from your community as you learn about our organization.

CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE is the motto of Kiwanis Clubs worldwide. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club sponsors nine Key Clubs and two Builders' Club in the Cy-Fair School District. If you would like to work with teens and preteens, join us and work with the outstanding youth in these organizations.

We sponsor the Kids Triathlon; Girl Scout, Boy Scout, and Sea Scout troops and activities; award scholarships to outstanding Key Club members in our district; provide assistance to Cypress Assistance Ministries and Bear Creek Ministries; the Houston Food Bank; and many other nonprofit organizations.

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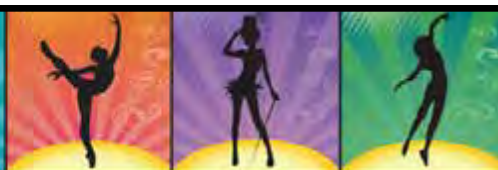
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Pinball, Arcade & Console tournaments for trophies and cash prizes. Featuring the new X-men Pinball, Wizard of OZ Pinball, and Wii Wreck-it-Ralph Contest Sponsored by Activision. Disney Films will be sponsoring this year to help promote the new animated film Wreck-it-Ralph. A story of a classic game character who escapes his game to find himself in a grand adventure!

Activision will be sponsoring our Tournaments with game prizes and give aways! Celebrate Pac-Man's 32th anniversary by playing the real thing!

Speakers will include Dan Ferguson (Lone Star Pinball Museum) on the History of Pinball, Ken Graham former Williams Programmer, Retro Pinball talking shop about their new pinball and many more.

There will be Basic electronics, Pinball, and Arcade repair clinics to help attendees to get their machines back up and running or just to do basic maintenance. Classic Console games will be returning to the mix this year! Game systems. This includes Atari 2600, 5200, 7800, ColecoVision, Vectrex, Intellivision, Sega, NES, Xbox 360 and other modern & classic consoles.

All Weekend at noon Star Wars and other Costume Characters will be at the show come and meet your favorite member of the Empire & the Rebel Alliance!!!

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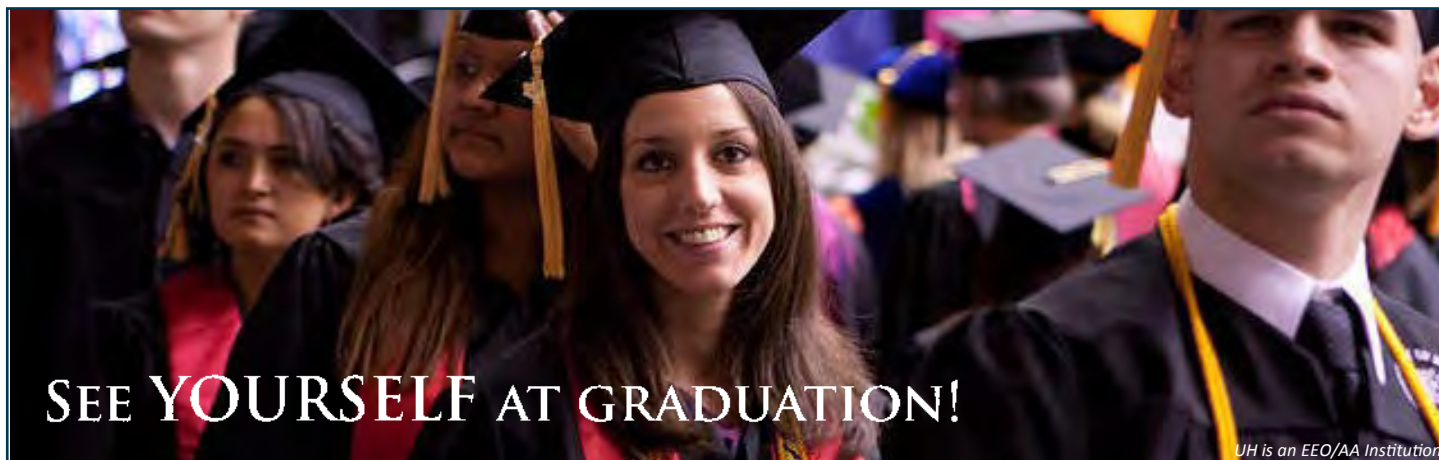
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## Solar Savings

For those of us living here in Houston, we're all acutely aware that the sun is a plentiful, if not unrelenting, source of heat and sunlight (okay, the heat is really a byproduct of the intense sunlight). And for many of us I bet that we've thought, "Gosh, if I could harness just some of that free sunlight..." The harder part is trying to answer the obvious questions about installing a solar array or solar panel system on the roof of your home - "How much electricity would it generate and how much money could I save on my electric bills?"

Without having to know much about solar or needing to contact a solar installer or solar company, you can easily get those estimates at your fingertips. The National Renewable Energy Laboratory, which is operated by the US Department of Energy, has created a website allowing anyone to calculate the amount of electricity a solar panel array system would generate. Here's the website (notice that it already takes into account that you're in Houston): <http://rredc.nrel.gov/solar/calculators/PVWATTS/version1/US/Texas/Houston.html>. Once on the website, for your initial estimate, you can use the default information presented and just click on "calculate" at the bottom. On the results page you will see that in Houston, a South facing solar panel array (which means the Array Azimuth = 180 degrees) that's built for 4 kW of electricity generation, would generate 4879 kWh in a year and save you \$473.26. To give you a better estimate, there are 3 settings you can go back and change: *Array Azimuth in degrees, DC Rating in kW, and Cost of Electricity in cents.*

**Array Azimuth:** If you're considering placing your solar array on the side

of your roof that gets the most sunlight and that part of the roof faces due South, then the Array Azimuth would be 180 degrees. If your proposed solar array will be facing Southwest, the azimuth would be 225 degrees. Southeast would be 135 degrees. And so forth. The more accurate your submission, the more accurate your estimate.

**DC Rating:** The DC Rating (in kW) default is 4 kW in the calculator. This would be the "size" of electricity generation by your solar array - basically, by adding (or subtracting) more solar panels to your proposed system, the DC Rating would increase (or decrease). Makes sense - if you add more solar panels to your array, you'll increase the amount of electricity generated and therefore increase the amount of money saved.

**Cost of Electricity:** The default is the Texas state average of 9.7 cents per kWh. For those of you with an electricity provider with higher (or soon to be higher) rates, you should change the rate accordingly to get a more realistic estimate.

So that's it, an easy way to determine what you would be generating with a solar array on the roof of your home. This is a simple but fairly accurate way to determine the benefit of installing solar on your home. Of course, YMMV (your mileage may vary) but by getting a fairly accurate estimate of the amount of electricity generated and the money saved, you can better determine whether or not installing a solar array on your roof would make financial sense for you and your family. If you have any questions, please ping me at [leec89@gmail.com](mailto:leec89@gmail.com).



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## STAY *Sun* SMART

### *Skin Cancer Screenings, Prevention Tips*

By Adam J. Mamelak MD, FRCPC, FAAD

Skin cancer is on the rise, affecting more Americans over the past three decades than all other cancers combined, according to the Skin Cancer Foundation. The good news is that you can do much to prevent it. "The danger in skin cancer is gravest when it goes undetected," says Dr. Adam Mamelak of Sanova Dermatology in Austin. "It is extremely treatable, and in a large sense preventable when caught early."

To help reduce your risk, follow these sun-smart practices.

#### **7 WAYS TO REDUCE SKIN CANCER RISK:**

**1. See your physician every year for a professional skin exam.** Regular total-body checkups are the best way to make sure your skin is healthy and stays that way. The American Academy of Dermatology recommends annual skin exams. You can receive a FREE skin cancer screening through 2012 at Sanova Dermatology, 12319 N. Mopac in Austin. To schedule your free screening, call (512) 837-3376; no purchase or insurance coverage is necessary.

**2. Avoid tanning and UV tanning booths.** Even occasional sunbed use almost triples your chances of developing melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer. Young people – including teenagers – are especially sensitive to the ultraviolet radiation from tanning booths.

**3. Seek the shade and do not burn.** Stay in the shade especially between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., when the sun's rays are often strongest. Avoid getting burned; even a single sunburn increases your risk of developing melanoma.

**4. Cover up with clothing and UV-blocking sunglasses.** Protect your skin with densely woven and bright- or dark- colored fabrics, which offer the best defense. Wear a hat with a brim of 3" or greater to protect the face. Use wraparound sunglasses that block 99-100% of the sun's UV rays, which helps prevent cataracts and melanomas of the eye.

**5. Use a broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen.** Every day, year-round, use broad spectrum sunscreen with UVA and UVB protection and an SPF (Sun Protection Factor) of 15 or higher. For extended outdoor activity, use a water-resistant broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or more. Apply 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) of sunscreen to your entire body 30 minutes before going outside. Reapply every 40-80 minutes or immediately after swimming or excessive sweating.

**6. Help protect children from sun damage.** Keep newborns out of the sun, since their skin possesses little melanin, the pigment that provides some sun protection. Sunscreen should be used on babies over the age of six months. Make sure your children are well-protected with clothing, hats, sunscreen and sunglasses. Ask the pediatrician to examine your child's skin thoroughly as part of a yearly check-up – especially important for those with fair skin, light eyes and hair, and those with a family history of skin cancer.

**7. Examine your skin head-to-toe each month.** Look for skin changes and let your doctor know about any sore that does not heal or spot that changes in size, texture or color.

*Adapted from the Skin Cancer Foundation*

## PET CORNER

### **CAN I GIVE MY DOG THANKSGIVING SCRAPS?**

*Submitted by Kristen West*

We know it's tempting, but most Thanksgiving scraps are not safest treat for your pets. Cooked turkey bones are a big no-no as they can splinter and result in a trip to pet ER. Additionally, overindulging your pet in other fatty foods can lead to stomach upset, diarrhea or even life-threatening pancreatitis. Other items to avoid are onion, sage, garlic ... and please, don't ever give your pet alcohol.

If you can't turn away from those puppy-dog eyes, a bite or two of pet-safe veggies like plain broccoli, sweet potato or carrots, or a small taste of plain turkey is usually OK. Put the treats in a Kong or other puzzle toy while you sit down to eat with your family so that your furry begger is happily preoccupied!



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	Sold	\$ per SqFt	DOM
Autumn Park	2	\$68.71	42
Bluebonnet Glen	1	\$78.49	12
Baker's Ridge	2	\$69.26	13
Chappell Ridge	4	\$58.33	55
Cottage Glen	0	\$0	0
The Estates	0	\$0	0
Garden Grove	4	\$64.27	100
Glen	2	\$61.70	84
Inwood Glen	1	\$69.40	161
Inwood Park	4	\$63.13	119
Lake Crest	1	\$69.49	161
Lakes/Lake Point	2	\$80.51	81
Crossing/Landing/Reserve	4	\$67.07	117
Meadows/Park/Retreat	1	\$70.70	78
Oaks/Trails	4	\$71.77	144
Summer Crossing	2	\$61.79	53
Summer Ridge	1	\$73.52	7

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