



The LONGWOOD Letter

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News For The Residents of Longwood



THE NUTCRACKER BALLET

Artisan Ballet Company invites you to attend its annual performance of the timeless ballet classic, *The Nutcracker*, at the Berry Center, 8877 Barker Cypress Road, Cypress, Texas 77433. Performances are at 3pm and 7pm on Saturday, December 8th and at 3pm on Sunday, December 9th. Longwood ballerina, Jessica Ivey, will be among the dancers in this year's presentation. Jessica is cast as one of the Big Rats, a Snowflake, and as a flower in the Waltz of the Flowers.

Please support Artisan Ballet Company and our young neighborhood dancer by attending either one of the performances.

CONTACTS FOR TICKET INFORMATION:

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Suspicious Activity - Children Approached in Longwood

On Thursday, Sept. 27 at 4:30 p.m., two young females with brown hair approached a group of elementary students just after they got off their school bus north of Louetta in Longwood. The women stopped their car, rolled down the window and asked the children, "do you want any candy?" The alert children answered NO! while another screamed for her brother to go into the house and the pair sped away. It appeared to witnesses that the two women were unfamiliar with the area as they had to search to find their way out of the neighborhood and back to Louetta.

The women were in a light blue, Mazda CX-5, with paper license plates on the front and back and a white sign or advertisement on the side of the car. Please be alert should you see a similar vehicle in the area and contact local law enforcement authorities should you have any information related to this incident.

Longwood Safety Team

HOA BOARD MEETING

The monthly HOA Board Meetings are now being held on the 4th Thursday of each month. Exceptions to this (e.g. November and December) will be conveyed to the residents at the appropriate time. All residents of Longwood Village are invited to attend the meeting, where you can ask questions and hear the discussions regarding the running of our community's business.

The monthly meetings are held at 6:30 pm at the Lakewood Glen Clubhouse at 13310 Louetta Road, just South of the McDonalds at Louetta and Grant. Our next meeting will be this Thursday, September 27, 2012.

To review the Minutes of any previous Board Meeting, please visit our Longwood Web Site at www.longwoodvillagehoa.com and click on the Document Library tab on the Home page. There you will find previous HOA Meeting Minutes.

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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.

We welcome your visit at our Club meeting and your consideration of membership in our service organization. Have lunch with us and learn about Kiwanis.



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TeamFINS Adopts A Road



TeamFINS participated in our Adopt-a-Road trash pick-up on September 15th. Our piece of road stretches between Champions Forest Dr. and Steubner Airline Dr. along both sides of Spring Cypress. In attendance was Coach Bill and many swimmers and family members from TeamFINS including Emily Hollenbeck of Longwood.

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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

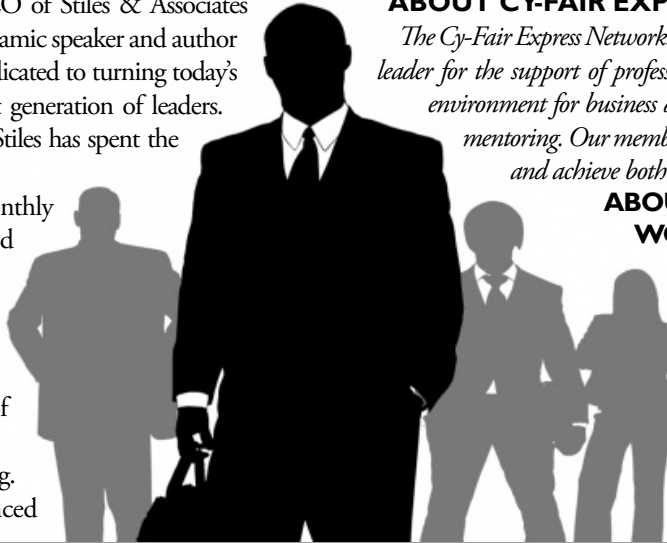
reservations made by the Friday prior to the meeting and \$30 at the door. For information on CYFEN, which is part of the American Business Women's Association, go to www.CYFEN.org.

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.

ABOUT AMERICAN BUSINESS WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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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 CWS 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 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 CWS 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-Tomball Democrats Host Election Night Watch Party Nov. 6th

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.



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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

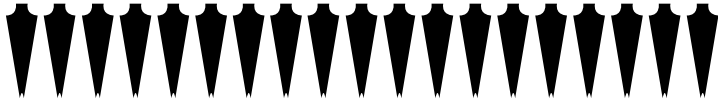
November & December 2012 Events

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. 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.



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 or by phone at 832-654-0306.

We look forward to meeting you.



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“If I Installed Solar, How Much Electricity Would It Generate and How Much Would I

By Chris Lee

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 (NREL), which is operated by the US Department of Energy, has created a website allowing anyone to calculate the amount of electricity a PV (photovoltaic) system (aka: 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>

Here's a shortened link: <http://goo.gl/bRurv>

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 Austin, 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:

- 1. Array Azimuth in degrees.**
- 2. DC Rating in kW.**
- 3. 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.



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