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Copperfield Coalition

A Non-Profit Incorporated Organization

MEDIANS ON FM529

The Coalition met with TXDOT officials on December 4th to discuss the FM529 project. A little behind schedule, the construction/modification of medians on FM529 commenced mid-December. TXDOT has made a few more changes to their plans. They have informed us that any median less than 10 feet wide would receive pavers (earth-tone colored brick inserts) rather than being green. They are concerned for the safety of any maintenance or landscaping crews that would be maintaining said medians. They feel that anything less than 10 feet wide would endanger the lives of the workers due to the close proximity to high-speed vehicles. Any and all medians beyond 10 feet will be green. TXDOT will also be installing sleeves to the medians which would allow for future irrigation and landscaping if desired by the communities or the businesses around them. Hearthstone has agreed to landscape the medians from Horsepen Creek to SH6. In the future the Coalition will attempt to solicit other communities and businesses on FM529 to do the same.

PROSTITUTION AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The Coalition met with Sheriff Garcia and his command staff. This was a follow-up from the September 18th Town Hall. One of the topics we discussed was the massage parlors and the new regulations concerning them. The new regulations were passed in Commissioner's Court on Tuesday, October 9, 2012. These were the new SOB (Sexually Oriented Business) Regulations crafted by Pct 4 Commissioner Jack Cagle's and Constable Ron Hickman's Task Force. This will also impact and help control, Human Trafficking in Harris County. The new regulations allowed for a 90 day grace period which will be up on or around January 9, 2013. We discussed the possibility of Sheriff Garcia borrowing manpower from all his different divisions to aid in a mass enforcement of the new regulations the day the 90 day grace period is up. His response was in favor of doing just that.

We had reported that the massage parlor located on FM529, directly across the street from Kroger, next to Apple Dental was

shut down shortly after our Town Hall Meeting. Unfortunately, we have discovered that this massage parlor, which is extremely close to Langham Creek High School, is back up and running again. It is advertising once again on backpage.com under the services of Escorts and Body Rubs. The Coalition will emphasize its concerns that this and all other illegal establishments in, around, and nearby our area are dealt with the resolve to have them shut down permanently. We must send a clear and decisive message to these organizations that they are not welcome in our community and will not be tolerated.

CRIME, SECURITY AND SAFETY

If You See Something, Say Something! "If you see something, say something" is the slogan of Homeland Security. Harris County has also adopted this motto, if you see something, say something no matter how insignificant you may think it is. If you are the slightest bit suspicious, call the Harris County non-emergency number and report it. If it is life threatening or an emergency, of course dial 911. The deputies would rather show up to find out it is nothing than show up later after a crime has been committed, and then it is too late. Let's all take a pro-active stance. Let's stop crime before it starts. Make a call! Non-emergency number: 713-221-6000.

MONTHLY MEETINGS OPEN TO ALL

The Copperfield Coalition meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Copperfield Community Center, 15409 Willow River Drive. The meeting is in the board room; please come in the main door. Please check the website for any last minute cancelations and/or changes before attending.

Come to one of our meetings and find out what we are all about. If you are interested in protecting the integrity of Copperfield, our lifestyle and our property values, then please join us.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in becoming a member, being on a committee, or being an advisory member, then please come to one of our meetings or contact us at Anthony@CopperfieldCoalition.COM.

Sincerely, The Board of Directors, CopperfieldCoalition.com

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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.

Cypress-Tomball Democrats Host January Monthly Meeting

The next Cypress-Tomball Democrats monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, January 15th, 2013. It will be held at Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

January's guest speaker will be Dr. Mark Jones, Chair of the Department of Political Science at Rice University. Dr. Jones will discuss the 2012 election, the 2013 legislative session and the future of party politics in Texas.

All are welcome to attend and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month. For more information, contact Olga Moya at cytomdems@yahoo.com.



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CY-FAIR WOMEN'S CLUB

Women Serving the Community

We had a blast at our December Holiday Party and we marked the end of another successful year for our women's club. We look forward to 2013 with enthusiasm. Happy New Year Everyone!!

In January we will meet for our first annual business meeting followed by a fun game of Bunco. In February, organization is the word. We hope to receive guidance that we can use in all aspects of our lives.

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

Membership for 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 7:00pm 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! If you have any questions about our club or need directions to the church, please contact Cindy Pickens, Membership Chair at cyfairwomensclub@gmail.com.

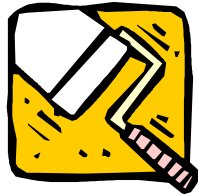
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Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club Registration on Feb 2nd

The Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club will celebrate its 26th Anniversary Season by hosting its annual free Registration/Information breakfast on Saturday, February 2nd, 2013, for all boys and girls who are interested in joining for the 2013 track season. The breakfast starts promptly at 8:30 AM at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center Forum located at 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX, 77379.

The free breakfast is the opportunity for youth athletes to register for the club's 2013 spring/summer track season, and to meet the Northwest Flyers coaches, staff, and other new and returning athletes. The event will be highlighted by a special presentation from a member of the USA Track & Field Olympic organization. All new parents and athletes interested in joining the Northwest Flyers must attend.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a youth (ages 6 -18) track club, affiliated with USA Track & Field (USATF), that provides a full program of sanctioned "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle

distance, distance and relays, and sanctioned "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put, discus and javelin. The Northwest Flyers has approximately 285 members. The club was founded 26 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the Northwest Houston area.

The Northwest Flyers is a member of the "Win with Integrity" program, a partnership between USATF and the American College of Sports Medicine. "Win with Integrity" brings elite track & field athletes and school-aged kids together to promote healthy lifestyles, keeping active, and living with integrity through the sport of track & field.

For additional information on the Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org> or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442 or linette.roach@sbcglobal.net.



Aggie Moms

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 graduation day. Visit our website www.nwhcaggiemoms.org. Open our General Meeting link to see the speakers we have lined up for this year. Come as a guest and leave as a member.

Aggie Moms, as an organization, encourages parents to become familiar with A&M during their student's freshman year instead of waiting for graduation to visit as is the custom on other university campuses. The path to graduation can be a challenging journey; don't go it alone. Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms has been here for 25 years and we're committed to helping your student and you enjoy the TAMU experience.



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PERFECT TIME FOR COOL SEASON HERBICIDE

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But there are some caveats that must be respected for these herbicides to work properly. The one constant in weed control, whether it's a cool season herbicide or a regular post-emergent herbicide, is to use a surfactant. Surfactants help herbicides do their job because most water in our area is considered hard. Hard water tends to just roll off leaf surfaces. There are two ways of adding a surfactant to most herbicides. The simple way is add about a tablespoon per gallon of dish soap to the mix. The professional grade way is to use a relatively inexpensive commercial

surfactant like Hi-Yield's Spreader Sticker or Bonide's Turbo. The other important step would have to be "HOW" it is applied. You should use either a pump-up sprayer or a hand-held trigger sprayer. Avoid the use of Dial-N-Spray hose sprayer because you cannot be as precise with the spray, and over-use of such products on the entire yard can cause a yellowing of the grass. Spot treating is paramount with these controls. There are some concentrates available in a "Ready to Spray" formula that you hook on the end of the hose. If this is the only thing available, concentrate on that spot treatment. That means you've got to be quick on the switch with the ON and OFF lever.

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