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A Newsletter for Riata Ranch Residents

## Copperfield Coalition

*A Non-Profit Incorporated Organization*

### COALITION LEADERSHIP CHANGES

The Coalition has had a change in command. Anthony Cecala, who has been our President for the past several years, has resigned from the Coalition Board to attend to personal business. Joe Perino, previously Vice-President, has been elected president and Mike Holly, one of our Directors, has replaced Joe Perino as Vice-President. The Coalition Board wishes to thank Mr. Cecala for his numerous contributions to the Coalition and the Copperfield Community. From running our website and handling the Coalition's incorporation matters to working with the Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce, Cy-Fair ISD, the Sheriff's Department and our area elected officials, Cecala has been an effective leader, working for the best interests of the community and putting our residents first and foremost. Anthony will be sorely missed. In the meantime, the Coalition is in a transition period and has divided up his duties and activities among the Board members. We will have more information on who is doing what at the next meeting.

### GOOD NEWS ON THE LONGENBAUGH PROJECT

After working with Precinct 3 Commissioner Steve Radack, the Harris County Engineering Department (HCED) and the Copperfield Community Association (CCA), we are pleased to inform you that the County has agreed to modify Longenbaugh's east bound lanes at Hwy 6 to allow Copperfield to again have an attractive median dividing the east and west bound traffic. The four east bound lanes will remain but each will be narrowed by 1 ft. to 11 ft. wide thus creating a median that will be some 8 ft. wide. This will allow the beautification of the median which will be maintained by the CCA. Special thanks to Commissioner Steve Radack, HECD's John Blunt and the CCA for making this possible. Work should begin shortly and be done by the end of June.

### THE CY-FAIR ISD LIAISON COMMITTEE

Recently, representatives of the Coalition were invited to tour Larkin Elementary, a Title One school. What we witnessed was impressive. The principal was very gracious and answered all our questions. She stated that Title One works. We asked about Title One bringing down property values in the area and the principal stated that she doesn't believe it is Title One that brings down the values. We invited her and her staff to speak to the community to better educate us. This request would need to be approved by the CFISD board. We encourage the community to call the CFISD board and request they educate the community about Title One by sending the principal and/or an administrator from Larkin

Elementary to speak on the subject at a future coalition meeting. To contact the CFISD call (281) 897-4000, or write to them at P.O. Box 692003 Houston, Texas 77269-2003

### CELL PHONE TOWER AT LOWERY ELEMENTARY

The saga at Lowery continues. Following our last report about either moving the tower or disguising it, Cy-Fair ISD contacted T-Mobile regarding the options. T-Mobile responded and said that replacing the current unipole tower with a monopine type, relocating the tower or disguising it would all be "cost-prohibitive," but did offer to repaint it to a more acceptable color that would better blend in with the neighborhood. The Coalition rejected the repainting offer because it does not solve the eye sore problem. In addition, the Coalition recently found out that the tower had been sold by T-Mobile to Crown Castle Corporation, a leading independent company that owns and operates shared wireless communications and broadcast infrastructures. Continuing conversations with Cy-Fair ISD revealed that the Lowery tower is not the only tower that Cy-Fair ISD has allowed on school properties. As reported by Channel 13 News and confirmed by Cy-Fair ISD, cell tower leases district-wide has produced some \$245,075.48 in income for the school district including \$27,785 for Lowery. Obviously, Cy-Fair does not want to lose this income, but it is a tiny drop in the bucket compared to their total budget. According to their profile in May 2012, the Cy-Fair Board of Trustees adopted a budget of \$729,191,085, including maintenance and operations, funding broken down as follows: 45.8% from local funds (taxes), 47.5% from state funds, and 6.7% from federal or miscellaneous sources. The Coalition believes that unless Cy-Fair presses T-Mobile and the new tower owner, Crown Castle, to either disguise or move the tower, nothing will change. The Coalition will keep you informed.

### MEMBERSHIP

Please plan to attend our monthly meeting held the third Tuesday of each month at the Copperfield Community Center at 7 PM and learn about the many ways you can become more involved in protecting our property values and preserving our quality of life! Please join the effort by becoming a member at: [www.copperfieldcoalition.com](http://www.copperfieldcoalition.com). Resident membership is only \$25 per year and business membership is only \$250 per year! When we ALL work together, we can accomplish a lot of good for our COMMUNITY! Please join us today.

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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.



The wonderful ladies of the Elisha Roberts Chapter, NSDAR, extend an invitation to any female, 18 years or older, who can prove direct lineal descent from someone who either fought in or provided aid during the American Revolution. We are a family oriented group of ladies who promote patriotism, education and historic preservation. 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 September 19, 2013 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. We look forward to meeting you.

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The choir banquet this year, held at Northwest Forrest Conference Center, was a huge success. Masquerade Ball was the theme on May 17th, as many adorned elaborate masks, or displayed their own facial perfection! The students always shine so bright when they dress up. A huge thank you to Sandra Greer for organizing and decorating for the event. It was a magical evening as the exiting student choir board presented their successors, they will no doubt carry on in commanding style. The power point presentation of past events and happenings is always a delight as the students recall fond times throughout their training, performing, and enjoyment.

May 24th found the school taking over as the all choir lock in took place. The games they come up with are such a blast, and statue is always a favorite. Food consumed by the pound and fun exploding through the evening. Thanks to all who participated, as it all occurs because of you!

Schlitterbahn was high school city on the 25th as our students and chaperones, along with some other schools, took over the water city. The cool waters are always so refreshing, and the technology of the water runs/coasters is always amazing and enjoyed. Who can go wrong with fun AND sun???:!!!

It was a quite ride home, and no doubt, there were heavy sleepers

that night!

Our final spring concert was held on May 7th. in our school auditorium. We bid adieu to our out going seniors and many achievement awards are presented. The highest of these is the all around outstanding student, decided by the choral directors. This award was recieved by Abi Amadin. In addition, two scholarships, one academic and one musical, funded by the Choir Board Members. The the musical scholarship to Lauren Lafferty, followed by the academic scholarship going to Abi Amadin. Congratulations to these well deserving students! Congratulations continue as we acknowledge our seniors going forth to better our world. You will be missed and fondly remembered! Abi Amadin, Paige Baker, Khai Bui, Vanessa Clarke, Marissa Cummings, Bailey Doucet, Katie Ferrigan, Andrew Harris, Deondre Johnson, Thomas Kang, Lauren Lafferty, Leah Lebeau, Casy Long, Jennifer Lopez, Jarek Malinowski, Amanda Nguyen, Ronald Pabello, Gabriela Pineda, Xavier Richardson, Jordan Svehla, Gabriel Tan Buenaventrua, Kin Van, Gilberto Victoria, and Paul Yacoub. We expect nothing but the best from you, as you have shown us through out your time here at Cy Falls.

The executive board also gives overflowing thanks and a heartfelt farewell to our treasurer Ann Ferrigan. We have enjoyed your friendship and partnership through these years and wish you happiness in all you do. Thank you for your service and dedication to our young men and women and for keeping us financially in line!

Have a safe and fun filled summer. Embrace your many blessings, share your light with others and keep a song in your heart! We will see you in the fall. GO EAGLES CHOIR!!!



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## Girl Scouts Of San Jacinto Council, Copper Corners Service Unit

Copper Corners Service Unit held a Bridging ceremony on May 2. Family and friends were present as members of twelve different troops made the change to their next Girl Scouting level. The evening began with a flag ceremony and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance and the Girl Scout Promise. When each troop came forward, their leaders spoke about the troop's activities and service projects for the year to the applause of the audience. As each girl's name was called, she walked across a wooden bridge to be greeted by a sister Girl Scout from her new level. Many of the girls wore their new vests or sashes for the first time. Daisy troops bridging to Brownies were troops 16048, 16171, 16460, 16462, 16465 and 16467. Brownie troops bridging to the Junior level were troops 16407 and 16320. Junior troop 16464 bridged to Cadette Girl Scouts. Cadette troops 16137 and 16170 bridged to Senior Girl Scouts. Senior troop 5131 crossed the bridge to become Ambassador Girl Scouts. We are very proud of all our bridging Girl Scout!

Girl Scouts from the Copper Corners Service Unit have been participating in a variety of activities. Brownie troop (now Junior troop) 16320 presented an Earth Day program for our service unit. Troop 16398 reports that they "had a blast" when they visited "Color Me mine" in Cypress. They would like to thank Wren Hartley for making the day so special. Menchie's has been a popular destination for field trips. Troops 16172 and 16109 were recent visitors. Troop 16109 discovered that 11

girls could fit in a Menchie's freezer...they can really claim to have had a "cool" time! National Lemonade Day on May 5 was a troop effort for 16100. They held their troop lemonade stand at a local Kroger. The day is designed to "teach kids the business of business" and encourage the entrepreneurial spirit. Selling Girl Scout cookies also helps develop many business skills. Troop 16464 participated in Geocache at Sheldon Lake State Park. While summer may slow the activities of individual troops, many Girl Scouts participate in resident, day and twilight camps. There are many opportunities to learn new skills and make new friends, and it is not too late to sign up! Camp information (and lots of other information!) can be found on the Council web site, [www.gssjc.org](http://www.gssjc.org)

Girl Scouting is open to all girls ages 5 (must be in kindergarten) to 18 who are willing to live by the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Copper Corners service unit serves girls in the residence areas for Birkes, Fiest and Lowery Elementary schools, Aragon and Labay Middle schools and the corresponding high schools. Home schooled and private school students are always welcome. Girls may join at any level, and no previous Scouting experience is required. Don't forget that many of our most exciting opportunities are available to older girls! It is not too late to join Girl Scouts now! We welcome girl members and adult volunteers. Please contact Dianne Massie at 281-550-9148 ([Dianne.massie@att.net](mailto:Dianne.massie@att.net)) for more information

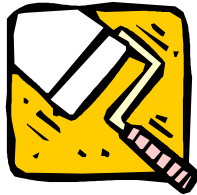
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