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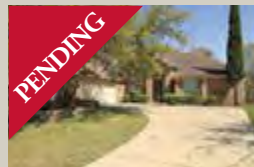
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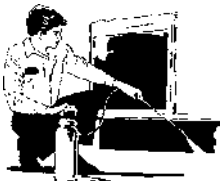


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## Stork Report in Fairfield!

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Unfortunately, he was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) in 2011. He has been hospitalized five times and had to receive three blood transfusions. His battle is till in full swing for the next year. There are so many children going through what Wyatt is going through.

Help us celebrate his courage and raise awareness for ALL. Spread the Word is holding a blood drive at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church.

Come out and honor Wyatt, support a community, and save a life.

To schedule a time contact andiewyrick@gmail.com. Walkups are welcome.

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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 AUGUST BUS TRIP PLANS ARE FOR:** Friday, August 23rd a trip back to the ball park. This trip will be hosted by Ed and Darlene Hofer, our eighth annual Houston Astros ball game trip and it is already completely booked. Those that were able to get on the list, just a reminder the bus will depart from the Fairfield Village parking lot promptly at 6:00 p.m. Please be there by 5:40 p.m.

**OUR SEPTEMBER TRIP SCHEDULE IS FOR:** Saturday, September 21. This will be a theater trip; details will be posted on our web page when finalized. Completed details will also be in next month's Gazette.

Special Notice: Deb DeJarnette has agreed to take over the trip coordinator position starting in October. She will need several trip hosts. Deb DeJarnette and Jackie Wurth have a list of trips that will make excellent trip outings for our group. Contact Deb DeJarnette @ 832-220-6155 or email her at: [debslib@hotmail.com](mailto:debslib@hotmail.com) if you are willing to host a future trip.

*Note: If we do not get people to host a few of these trips. There just may be months that we may have a bus available; but no host and therefore no trip that month.*

**OUR AUGUST ACTIVITIES PLANS:** Thursday, August 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. 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 desserts.

Tuesday, August 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 August, 11 weekly newsletter.

Thursday, August 22: Game Night at Lakeside Trails Club House. It starts around 6:30 p.m., and we have plenty of room at the club house. We would like to see you there to enjoy an evening of games and fellowship with us. Just bring a little snack and plan on having lots of fun. There are some card games, some games that the members bring and of course dominoes.

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.

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**OUR FUN-LOVERS WEEKLY NEWSLETTER:** An event reminder. It is emailed each week to our members and others who have requested it. It provides updated information on any changes from what appears here in the Gazette. We also include member birthdays and prayer requests, other news and items of interest, and links to all our web pages. If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter, send your email address, to [seniorgroup@comcast.net](mailto:seniorgroup@comcast.net).





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# Fairfield Women's Club

## August Meeting

*Submitted by Donna Croswell*

The August FFWC meeting will be Luau (end of summer party) on Aug 20th from 6:00pm - 9:30pm. It will be held at the Lakeside Trails Clubhouse. Hopefully everyone can join us.

## FWC Elects New Board Members

New board members were elected in May and will serve two year terms.

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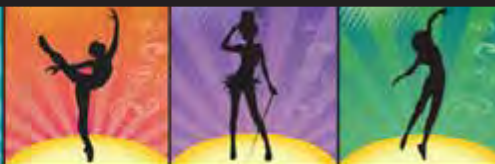
On May 19th, the Fairfield Women's Club honored senior girls graduating from high school at the 23rd annual Mother / Daughter Graduation Tea held at the home of Lisa Cannon. We had a fantastic afternoon and enjoyed meeting all of the wonderful young ladies and their mothers. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend.

Best of luck to all of the graduating seniors in Fairfield as you begin a new chapter in your life!



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For membership inquiries, please contact Stacey M., Membership VP at 281-725-2405, [sjmetts22@gmail.com](mailto:sjmetts22@gmail.com)

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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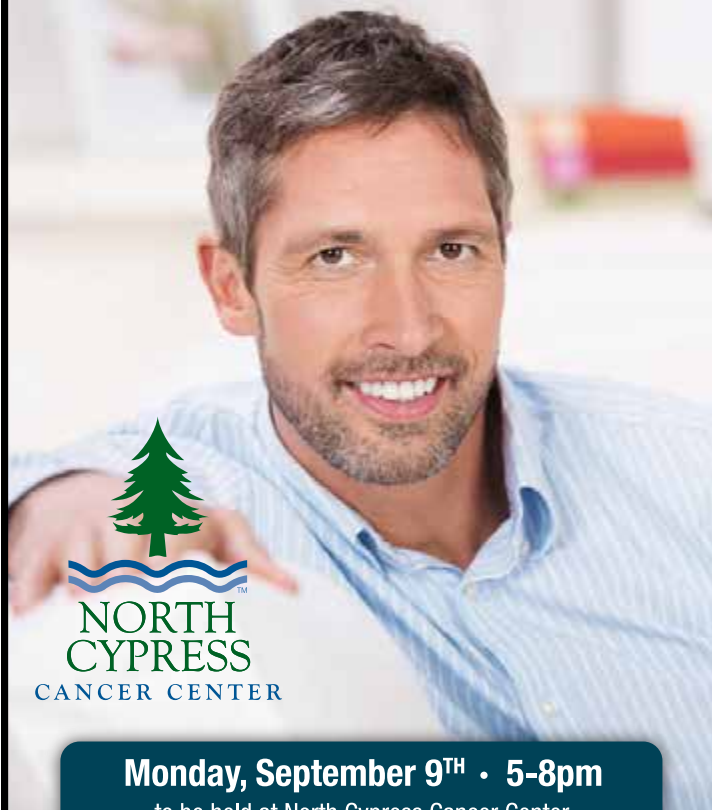
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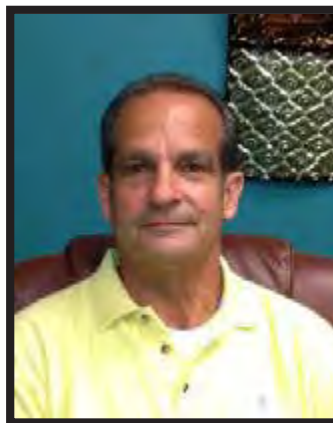
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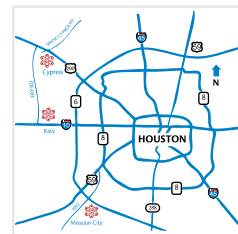


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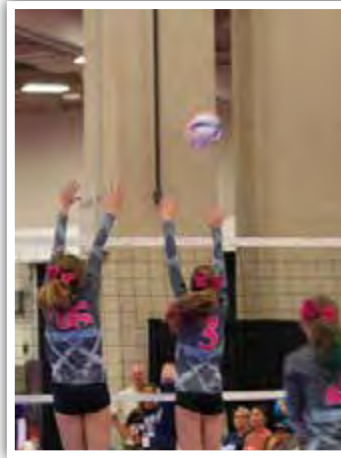
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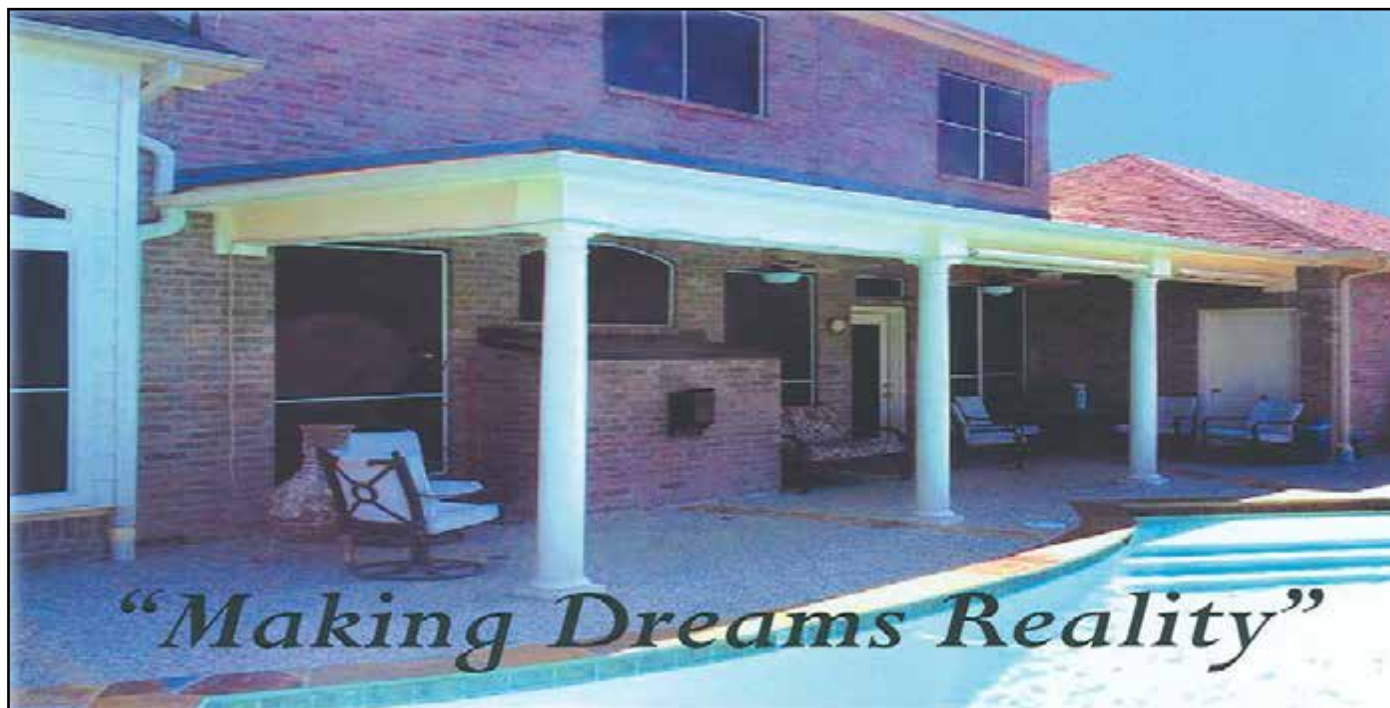
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# TENNIS TIPS

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



## How To Execute The High Volley Approach Shot

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to hit a forehand groundstroke, a two-handed backhand, one-handed backhand, forehand volley, the two handed backhand volley, the serve, the forehand half-volley, the one-handed backhand volley, the overhead “smash”, the forehand service return and the backhand service return.

In this issue, I will offer you instructions on how to execute the forehand high approach shot. This shot is used when a player is caught in “no-person’s land” (around the service line area) and receives a high ball to volley. The important part of this shot is to be able to hit a deep volley to the feet of the opponents and/or to hit a deep volley close to the baseline, so the opponent is put in a defensive mode and hits a softer ball so the player can now move closer to the net for the “killer or placement volley”. In the illustrations, Kathy Smith, a player at the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke. Photos by Charlie Palafox.

**Step 1:** The Ready Position and Split Step: When Kathy realizes that she is caught in “no-person’s land”, she takes the split step by bending the knees and staying on her toes. Her racket is in the volley position and her feet are angled toward the path of the incoming ball.

**Step 2:** The Back Swing: Once Kathy realizes that the ball has been directed to her forehand, she will turn her upper body and will take the racket slightly back. Notice that the left hand is up in front to allow her to keep her center of gravity in the center. She has loaded her weight on her right foot and will be ready to step forward to meet the ball.

**Step 3:** The Point of Contact: Kathy now is ready to step into the ball. She has kept her eye on the ball and her center of gravity now is shifted to the point of contact. Notice the left toe pointing to the ball meeting the racket. The face of the racket is open to allow her to hit behind the ball and allow maximum net height and allow her to hit the ball deep.

**Step 4:** The Follow Through: Once Kathy has made contact with the ball, she finishes the follow through with her wrist laid back. Her left arm is next to her body and her eyes have shifted toward her target.

**Step 5:** The Move for the Kill Volley: As the ball is headed toward her opponent and Kathy realizes that her shot is deep, now she moves close to the net for the put away volley. If her shot was not deep, Kathy will decide to stay close to the service line to protect the lob over her head. By the look in her eyes and her smile, she is ready to go for the “kill volley”.

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## CONTROLLING THE RAT: A COMMUNITY EFFORT

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### CHECKING FOR RATS

The sooner you know rats have entered your home, the easier it will be to get rid of them. Here's how to check.

- Listen. After dark, turn on the lights in a dark room or basement and listen for any scurrying sounds. Listen for gnawing sounds when it is quiet.
- Look. Move stored materials and furniture to uncover any hiding places.
- Look at packaged goods, doors, windows, baseboards, and electrical cords for chewed spots, tooth marks, woodchips or shavings. Check for freshly dug earth near holes around foundations, walls, and embankments. Look under sidewalks, floors and platforms. Check for rub marks - dark smears along hallways, or near pipes, beams, edges of stairs or around gnawed holes. Check near walls, food supplies and pathways for droppings. Fresh droppings are dark and soft; old droppings are hard, or gray and brittle. Fresh droppings are a sure sign of a current infestation.
- Watch. Dusty areas often show signs of pawprints or tailmarks. Sprinkle flour around the area and check for tracks for a few days. Place a small quantity of food where rats can get at it, and check daily for signs of feeding.

### HOW RATS GET IN

Once you know how rats come into a building, you can check your home for places they could use and take steps to prevent them from moving in. Rats (and mice) can enter buildings:

- through cracks or holes in walls or foundations, even holes as small as a dime;
- by digging under house foundations if they are shallow enough;
- through open windows, doors, sidewalk grates, or vents (check in the basement or walls for vent openings);
- by squeezing through openings in the foundation or wall for pipes or wires;
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- from inside large packages of food or merchandise.

### KEEPING RATS OUT

It is much easier to keep rats out than to get rid of them once they have moved in. But, taking these steps help control rats once they have come in. It's a three-step approach.

Don't feed rats. Limit their food source by placing trash in covered metal or heavy duty plastic trash containers. The heavy duty plastic cans on wheels are resistant to rats' chewing, and so are metal cans. Fix plumbing leaks to cut off their water source. Keep the house and yard neat and clean. Remove uneaten pet foods. Don't fill up your bird feeder. Clean up food spills. Store food in rat-resistant containers. Avoid storing food in basements.

Remove rats' shelter. Indoors, replace wooden basement floors with poured concrete. Place storage racks at a height of 18 inches above the floor. Move appliances, sinks and cabinets so they are flush against the wall or out far enough that you can clean behind them. Outdoors, restrict their shelter by rat-proofing all buildings in the area and removing outside shelters like appliances, junk piles, old fences and walls. Keep the property, including alleys and yards, clean and trash-free. Pile wood and other stored items at least 18 inches above the ground and away from the walls. Clean out the area behind wooden steps, especially those leading into the house.

Keep them out. Put in self-closing doors that open outward, and use latches or spring locks to keep doors closed. Check to see that doors and windows close tightly, and use metal screens on all windows that are kept open. Protect basement windows with a 1/2 inch wire mesh (called hardware cloth). Cover the edges of doors, windows and screens, which can be gnawed, with sheet metal or hardware cloth. Make a collar around pipe and wire openings into the house with pieces of sheet metal or tin cans. Rats cannot easily gnaw through metal. Fasten floor drains tightly to keep sewer rats from coming in.

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- Powerwash deck
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- Fix cabinet hinge
- Clean and repair gutters
- Paint living room

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# School News

## Bus Buddies...Looking Forward To The 2013-14 School Year

*Come Be A Part Of The "Bus Buddies Volunteer Program"  
In Our Cypress-Fairbanks Isd Schools*

### WHAT IS BUS BUDDIES?

Bus Buddies is a partnership between the Cy-Fair community and Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District to provide assistance to elementary students helping them get off the bus at the correct location. The program requires one "Bus Buddy" per elementary bus the first three days of school.

The approximate time commitment is from 2:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. on August 26, 27 and 28. You may choose to volunteer one, two or all three days. Your job is to simply assist the bus driver with making sure the children get off the bus at their correct stops.

### WHAT IS REQUIRED?

- (1) Attend one of the training sessions, if not previously trained.
- (2) Arrive and sign in at your assigned school where campus staff will assist you.
- (3) Enjoy helping the kids and driver!

### WHEN AND WHERE IS THE 1 HOUR TRAINING?

Training is held at our Berry Center located at 8877 Barker Cypress Rd., Cypress, TX.

August 19th - 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

August 20th - 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. (evening session)

August 21st - 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

The Partners in Education (PIE) department is looking for the same strong Bus Buddy support we have enjoyed in the past. Making sure that all of our elementary children get off the bus at the correct stop is an important responsibility. The Bus Buddy Program requires 400+ volunteers in the Cy-Fair community to ride buses to assist the nearly 9000 elementary riders and their drivers. We do encourage all Bus Buddy volunteers to wear a shirt indicating the business or organization they are representing so that our employees, parents, and the community will be aware of your organization's support of CFISD. Volunteers wear many hats! We are asking YOU to wear the very important "Bus Buddy Hat" and support our number one priority goal – the safety and security of our students! Please ... Register for a training session and choose your school by visiting <http://www.cfisd.net> and selecting "Bus Buddies". For additional information about the program, please contact the CFISD Partners in Education Department at 281-894-3949.

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## Important Dates

Aug. 14-15.....New Staff Orientation  
 Aug. 16, 19-23.....Professional Days  
 Aug. 26 .....1st Day of School  
 Sept. 2.....Student/Staff Holiday  
 Oct. 14.....Professional Day /  
 Elem. Parent Conferences  
 Nov. 25-29.....Student/Staff Holidays  
 Dec. 23-27, 30-31.....Student/Staff Holidays  
 Jan. 1-3.....Student/Staff Holidays  
 Jan. 6.....Professional Day  
 Jan. 20.....Student/Staff Holiday  
 Feb. 17.....Professional Day /  
 Inclement Weather Day  
 March 17-21.....Student/Staff Holidays  
 April 18.....Student/Staff Holiday  
 May 26.....Student/Staff Holiday  
 June 5.....Last Day of School  
 June 6.....Professional Day /  
 Inclement Weather Day

## Grading Periods

### Elementary Schools

1st: Aug. 26 - Oct. 25  
 2nd: Oct. 28 - Jan. 17  
 3rd: Jan. 21 - March 28  
 4th: March 31 - June 5

### Secondary Schools






#### 1st Semester

1st: Aug. 26 - Oct. 4  
 2nd: Oct. 7 - Nov. 8  
 3rd: Nov. 11 - Dec. 20

#### 2nd Semester

4th: Jan. 7 - Feb. 21  
 5th: Feb. 24 - April 11  
 6th: April 14 - June 5

## Legend

-  Student/staff holiday
-  Professional day (student holiday)
-  First and last day of school
-  Parent conferences  
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-  Inclement weather day

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## CYPRESS RANCH FOOTBALL

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

**8:00 AM, AUGUST 5**

Freshman Football Camp

**10:00 AM, AUGUST 5**

7th and 8th grade Football Camp

**7:00 PM, AUGUST 5**

Football Pre-Season Parent Meeting (all grades - meeting held in the Commons)

**TIMES TBD, AUGUST 12**

Football practices begin for all grades

**VARIOUS TIME, AUGUST 12**

Mustang Corral

**8:00 AM, AUGUST 24**

Meet the Mustangs

**7:00 PM, AUGUST 29**

*First Varsity Game Vs Cinco Ranch At The Berry Center*

## COME SUPPORT THE MUSTANGS!!!

### SEND US YOUR *Event Pictures!!*

Do you have a picture of an event that you would like to run in this newsletter? Send it to us and we will publish it in the next issue. Email the picture to [fairfield@peelinc.com](mailto:fairfield@peelinc.com). Be sure to include the text that you would like to have as the caption. Pictures will appear in color online at [www.PEELinc.com](http://www.PEELinc.com).



## Summer Service Opportunities

*By Aranka Barbe, Cypress Woods Key Club Junior Representative*

Summer: that time of year every high school student looks forward to the most. For Cy Woods High School Key Club members, however, it means having copious amounts of time to volunteer and serve the community.

Because wildlife flourishes in summer's plentiful sunlight, neighborhood parks need a lot of maintenance. To make their neighborhoods look their best, students can call their Home Owner's Association and offer to trim or mow these parks, or even build a bench or picnic table to make them more people-friendly.

For those who would rather stay indoors, nursing homes are always looking for extra hands. Seniors who need assistance doing everyday tasks often don't have many visitors and spend much of their time without company. Spending time with them can teach teens compassion as well as brighten the day of the community's elderly. Food banks also need helpers. Organizing food drives and distributing the items donated is a great way for Key Club members to volunteer during the summer because it supports the lives of those in need.

Over the course of the year everyone accumulates old paraphernalia that isn't used, but is still in usable condition. An efficient way to get rid of this "junk" is to host a yard sale and donate the proceeds to charities, reducing trash and giving back to the community simultaneously. The items that were not sold can also be donated to organizations like Cypress Assistance Ministries or Goodwill.

Everyone loves animals, and a fun way to turn this love into community service is by volunteering in animal care at the Cypress Science Resource Center. During the school year, volunteers visit elementary schools throughout the district to teach kids about various animals and animal behavior by exhibiting live critters. These furry teachers need to be cared for year-round, and summer is an especially fun time to help because the more time you spend with the animals, the better you get to know them. Animal shelters also look for animal-friendly volunteers, but unfortunately often have an age limit for applicants. For those who are eligible, caring for rescue animals is a fulfilling way to spend the summer.

Although most teens spend their summer relaxing, not all members of the community have this luxury. Troops overseas are in constant need of personal care items and means of amusement. Donating extra (unopened) containers of shampoo, toothpaste, magazines, books, etc. to organizations like Cypress Cares supports our forces abroad.

Cypress has lots of volunteering opportunities during the summer, and for any Key Club member looking to catch up, keep up, or get ahead on their hours, they don't have to look far to find service opportunities that fit them.



*The results of a food drive run by Cypress Woods Key Club to help the less fortunate in the Cypress area. Photo by Aranka Barbe.*





## Back To School

School starts in August, so now is the time for drivers to pay closer attention to the school zones in the neighborhood. We want to remind you that the speed limit in a school zone is 20mph and traffic fines double!

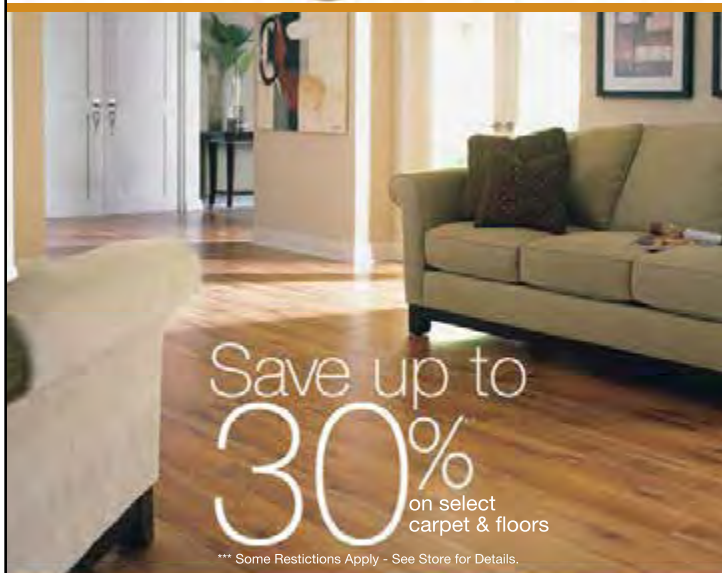
### Other changes to be aware of include;

- Children behaving unpredictably
- School Bus Stops
- Crossing Guards – please obey the guards! Remember, they are there for the safety of you and your children
- New areas of traffic congestion
- Be prepared for delays
- Use of cell phones in schools zones is prohibited!

Please give yourself extra time in the mornings and mid-afternoons and remember if you are traveling in a school zone to slow down.

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## Have Book. Will Donate.

*By Gaurav Lalsinghani, Cypress Woods Key Club Representative Coordinator*

The course of nature is in harmony during the summer months as the activities of Cypress Woods Key Club continue. Along with recruiting new and eager members, we have occupied ourselves with various donations, events, and socials. In order to encourage literacy and celebrate the wealth of reading, the Cypress Woods Key Club, along with several other Division 3N Key Clubs, will be collecting books, school supplies, and back-to-school necessities at summer Presidential Council Meetings and other various events to mitigate the worry of financially-struggling families.

I feel this project is significantly important for two major reasons. One being that it is unarguably aimed at celebrating and bolstering children. This is such a great cause in general, but it is also in accordance to the motto of Kiwanis International: Serving the Children of the World. This allows us to support the goals of our parent organization and thus our club itself. Furthermore, the donation drive encourages literacy and thus will teach the importance of reading to the children affected. Even more, this project will also teach them the importance of education in general.



*Cypress Woods Key Club members organize books collected during their book drive.  
Photo by Dang Dinh.*

Such a valuable outcome facilitates the success and progress of the leaders of tomorrow. Our simple donations are steppingstones for children who aim for a better future, wisdom wells for the students whose thirst for knowledge is infinite, and escapes for individuals dreaming of prosperous future. As Dr. Seuss said, "The more that you read, the more things you know. The more you learn, the more places you'll go."

In the course of these summer months, many books will be donated and will begin their journey to transform the lives of many children, eager to learn and prosper. And hopefully, these children will grow to transform the lives of even more people. A cycle as elegant as this could transform

the world undoubtedly for the better. The practicality and applicability of such an event are simple, allowing clubs across T-O to partner up with neighboring organizations and small businesses to reach out to the entire community. The efforts of Key Clubbers are the first steps towards such a future, and I encourage you to fervently imitate these steps in this positive direction for the sake of children everywhere.



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# HOW KEY CLUB CHANGED MY LIFE – *By Nikki Carter, Cypress Woods Key Club Editor*

For my freshman and sophomore years, I was a part of Key Club. However, I use the word “part” very loosely. My friends were joining. It looked good on college applications. Sometimes we get fed at the events. It sounded appealing enough to me, so I joined. Why not, right? I went to the meetings and completed my hours on time, figuring that was all there was to it. At the end of my sophomore year, I applied to be a Junior Representative; I needed another leadership position to list for my National Honor Society application. I got the position with no idea that it would turn out to be one of the best developments of not only my high school career, but my life. It was after this promotion that I finally threw myself completely into the wonderful world of Key Club and figured out that it is so much more than a bullet point on a college application.

Volunteering is a strange concept to many. One gives of his own time and resources willingly to help someone else and expects nothing in return. In a society so focused on personal material growth, the motivation behind this is notion is confusing. However, one detail that is overlooked by those with a financial mindset is that the volunteer actually does get something in return. It sounds cliché, but the sense of worth that one gains after helping another is something that can't be bought or exchanged, and it makes one forget about and not mind not getting paid for



*Cypress Woods Key Club members plant flowers and pull weeds in the gardens outside Robison Elementary.  
Photo by Derielle Keiser.*

his time. This is a fact that I have come to know throughout my time as a Key Clubber; the long, late hours of working concessions at sporting events and the impatient, frustrated parents of Jr. High cup stackers could never dampen my spirits enough to make me want to stop giving my time, because it's not about my own comfort at all.

Another aspect of volunteering that I haven't truly experienced anywhere else is the knowledge that no matter your race, gender, social circle, or past, you can always find a place to belong in Key Club. At my first DCON this past April, I was blown away by how friendly and accepting everybody was. The spirit of volunteering carries over easily into Key Clubbers' social interactions; we put others before ourselves. Making a first-timer like me feel welcome and comfortable at a giant convention like DCON was more important to seasoned attendees than sitting and talking

with old friends. That's a hard thing for most high schoolers to do, and it demonstrates just how incredible the bond is between people who live their lives for others. This organization is so much more than an extracurricular activity to those who truly pour their hearts and souls into it. Key Club has become a beacon of light in my own life by offering me countless opportunities to do the same in the lives of other people, which is, in itself, priceless.



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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



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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 involvement in work with Kiwanis. We welcome business and organization as well as individual memberships.

CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE is the motto of Kiwanis Clubs worldwide. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club sponsors nine Key Clubs and one Builders' Club in the Cy-Fair School District; sponsors the Kids Triathlon; Girl Scout, Boy Scout, and Sea Scout troops and activities; awards scholarships to outstanding Key Club members in our district; provides assistance to Cypress Assistance Ministries and Bear Creek Ministries; the Houston Food Bank; and many other nonprofit organizations.

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## TWO FAMILIES RECEIVE KEYS TO NEW HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME

*Thrivent Financial and area churches support affordable home construction*

Habitat for Humanity Northwest Harris County celebrated the construction of two more Habitat NWHC homes at a dedication ceremony on July 20, 2013 at 8:30am at Hamill Crossing, a completely designed and built Habitat NWHC neighborhood. The new homeowners, Katherine Garrett and Martha Turcios thanked all those who worked so hard to help them reach this goal and there was an open house of the newly completed homes directly following. Each Habitat for Humanity homeowner puts in what we call 'Sweat Equity' by working on the construction site to build their home alongside local volunteers. Ms. Garrett and Ms. Turcios were no exception and both put in well over the minimum of 350 Sweat Equity hours required by the program. They will both be closing on their homes the week following the dedication ceremony.

Ms. Garrett's home is unique because it was sponsored and built by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and area Lutheran churches. Sponsorship is the process by which a church, company or organization gives a financial donation that Habitat then uses to purchase the materials to build the house. This generosity helps increase Habitat's ability to build more homes in its ongoing effort to eliminate substandard housing here in Northwest Harris County. Ms. Turcios is unique because upon closing on her home, she will be the oldest homeowner that Habitat NWHC has ever had. At 74 years

of age Ms. Turcios has never owned her own home or even had her own bedroom. Ms. Turcios' home was also sponsored and built by area churches.

Ms. Turcios and Ms. Garrett worked hard and formed a warm relationship with the volunteers that helped build their homes and the end result is two beautiful homes that their families can enjoy for many years to come. Through donations of money, materials and volunteer labor, Habitat NWHC was able to build the homes and sell them at an affordable price. Ms. Garrett and Ms. Turcios will purchase their homes with a no-profit loan, and their monthly mortgage payments will be used to build more Habitat houses.

"It has been exciting to get to know these two neighbors during the construction of their homes and the completion of the Habitat program. I was talking to Katherine [Garrett] just the other day about how amazing it is that all these people that didn't even know her before came out and worked so hard so that she and her family could have a decent place to live. It truly is an amazing and awe inspiring process," said Karly Grilliot, Habitat NWHC Development Manager.

If your company, church or organization is interested in partnering with Habitat NWHC please contact Karly Grilliot at [kgrilliot@habitatnwhc.org](mailto:kgrilliot@habitatnwhc.org) or at 281-477-0460. For more information please visit [www.habitatnwhc.org](http://www.habitatnwhc.org).



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## HPD Officer to Address Human Trafficking

The next Cypress-Tomball Democrats monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, August 20, 2013. It will take place at Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

August's guest speaker will be HPD Officer Rafael Pantoja, who is a member of the Houston Mayor's Committee on Human Trafficking. The Committee is tasked with keeping the community informed about how to take a stand against human trafficking globally and in our local area.

All are welcome to attend and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month. For more information, visit the website at [www.cytomdems.com](http://www.cytomdems.com) or contact Glenn Etienne at [cytomdems@yahoo.com](mailto:cytomdems@yahoo.com).

## Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo awarded \$866,000 in scholarships to 49 deserving high school seniors in the Cypress Fairbanks Independent School district in May. Community Liaison, Jeanne Mason, is shown here at Cy-Springs High School.

Jeanne says, "Thank You! to our community for their continued support with our fundraising efforts. It's such a wonderful feeling to present scholarships to deserving students knowing full well that it will change their lives forever."

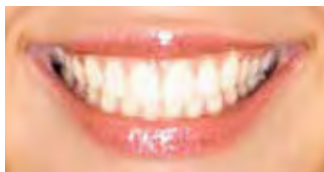


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## Kids' Cross-Country Team's Season Starts September 10<sup>th</sup>

The Northwest Flyers Track Club Youth Cross-Country Team kicks off the fall season with registration and a mandatory orientation for parents and athletes on Tuesday, September 10, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. Registration will be held at Cypress Creek High School, 9815 Grant Rd., Houston, TX. The first practice will be held at the Cypress Creek YMCA on Thursday, September 12.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a member program of USA Track and Field (USATF), the national governing body for track and cross country. The club is in its 26th year in the northwest Houston area. Ages 6 - 18 may participate in the team, and both beginners and experienced runners are welcome.

Contact Coach Eric Wentworth at [emw1105@gmail.com](mailto:emw1105@gmail.com), 281-961-6603, or Coach Donnell Carter at [dcarter.nwflyers@yahoo.com](mailto:dcarter.nwflyers@yahoo.com), 281-467-4727, for more information. Email Coach Carter to get on the email list and you will receive a free running training video. Visit [www.northwestflyers.org](http://www.northwestflyers.org) to get updates and learn more about the team.



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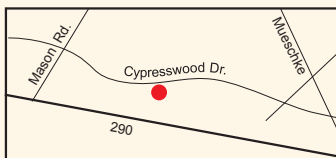


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"Mom!" you yell down the stairs. "Where's my math book? I can't find it and the bus is coming! Please help me ... it's an emergency!"

It is kind of an emergency with the bus coming and all, but what about a medical emergency? That kind of emergency is usually more serious. If you don't have your math book or miss the bus, that would be bad. But a medical emergency means someone needs care from a doctor right away. Let's find out the right thing to do.



### Be a Hero - the Smart Way

In an emergency, a kid might think about playing the superhero by driving a car or racing into a burning building. Don't do it! You could cause another accident or make the situation worse. If you get hurt, too, who will call 911?

After calling for help, your first thought might be to rush over to the person who's injured. But stop and look before you do. Make sure the scene is safe. If it's not, wait in a safe spot until a grown-up or an emergency team arrives.

If the scene is safe, and as soon as Liz is sure someone is calling 911 — or she has called it herself — she could return to her brother and wait until help arrives. (She shouldn't move her brother at all because he could have a neck or other bone injury. Moving someone who has that sort of injury can make it much worse.) She can help him feel

calm by being calm herself.

### QUICK THINKING: WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Liz and her little brother Jamie are out for a walk. Jamie decides to race ahead down a very steep hill. He's running pretty fast when he suddenly trips. Over and over he falls, rolling down the hill at high speed until he's sprawled out on the sidewalk at the bottom. Liz rushes to her brother's side, hoping that he's OK. Then she sees some blood on the pavement. And Jamie isn't moving at all. What should she do? First things first: Liz should look around for a grown-up and call him or her to help right away. If no one is close by, she should make a phone call either on a cell phone or from the closest phone. Calling for help is the most important thing a kid can do in an emergency. If you're going to be the one making the emergency phone call, here's what to do:

- Take a deep breath to calm down a little.
- Call 911.
- Tell the operator there's an emergency.
- Say your name and where you are (the exact address if you know it).
- Explain what happened and how many people are hurt. (The operator will need all the information you can provide, so give as many details as you can.)
- Follow all of the operator's instructions carefully.
- Stay on the line until the operator says it's OK to hang up.

### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

The best way to handle an emergency is to be prepared for one. Knowing what to do ahead of time can help you stay in control so that you can help. Here are some suggestions on how to be ready to help in an emergency:

- When you're outdoors, make sure you're in an area where you can call out for help even if you don't have a phone with you.
- Know how to dial 911 or your local emergency number (in most areas in the United States, it's 911).
- If you have one, carry a cell phone or know how to use your parent's cell phone.
- Learn first aid. Look for basic first-aid classes with your local Red Cross, the YMCA or YWCA, the Boy or Girl Scouts, 4-H clubs, your local hospital, and other organizations. Or ask your school nurse to have a first-aid class just for students in your school.

It's scary to think about someone getting hurt. But the truth is that accidents can and do happen. They happen when people are being careless and careful. Sometimes, kids are the ones who get hurt. Sometimes, grown-ups get hurt. Either way, it's good to know what to do if someone needs emergency medical help. Even though you're a kid, you can make a big difference by doing the right thing.

Reviewed by: Kate M. Cronan, MD Date reviewed: October 2010

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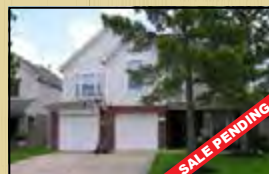
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Lakes/Lake Point	5	\$82.10	70
Crossing/Landing/Reserve	3	\$64.65	71
Meadows/Park/Retreat	3	\$75.16	13
Oaks/Trails	2	\$72.68	128
Pines	1	\$69.31	62
Summer Crossing	5	\$72.03	55
Summer Gate	1	\$76.38	26
Summer Ridge	5	\$72.95	50

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