

The LONGWOOD Letter

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News For The Residents of Longwood

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 (Habitat NWHC) celebrates 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 will thank all those who worked so hard to help them reach this goal and there will be 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." – 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 or at 281-477-0460

For more information please visit www.habitatnwhc.org



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Harris County Health Department	713-439-6260
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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 10th

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, 281-961-6603, or Coach Donnell Carter at 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 to get updates and learn more about the team.

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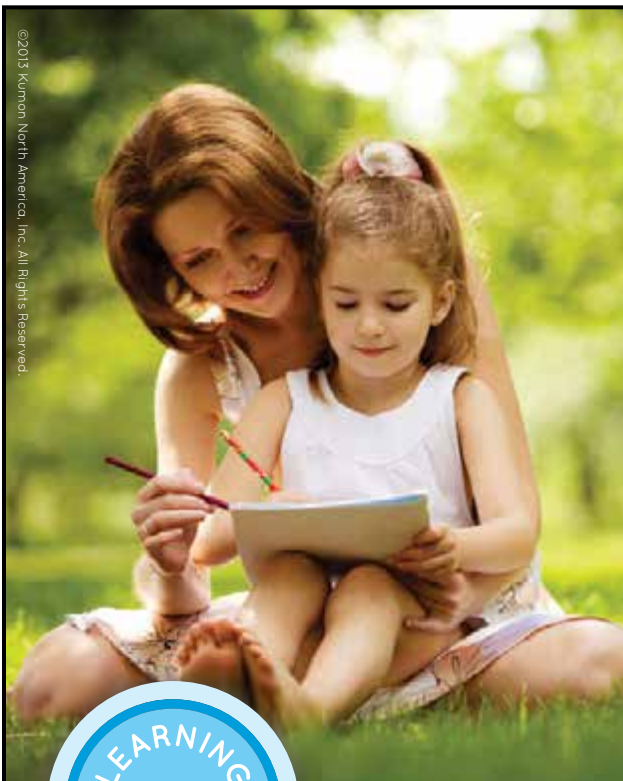
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The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club meets at Hearthstone Country Club on the first, second, and third Tuesday of each month at 12:15 for lunch and informative programs. For more information, call John Carroll at 281-463-0373, George Cowl at 832-467-1998 or Peggy 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.

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 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.

We look forward to welcoming you to our meetings.

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Ongoing: Volunteers needed to distribute water safety packets, info@colinshope.org

August 19: Got2Skate for Colin's Hope Fundraiser, 6:30-8:30pm at Playland Skate Center

August 29: Colin's Hope Got2Swim Lake Austin 10K/10 miler, <http://www.tinych.org/got2swim>

September 8: 5th Annual Colin's Hope Kids Triathlon, <http://www.tinych.org/KidsTri>

October 19: Sharkfest Austin Swim benefitting Colin's Hope, www.sharkfestswim.com



ALERT: 36 Texas children have lost their lives to a fatal drowning this year.

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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.

Time To Slow Down!

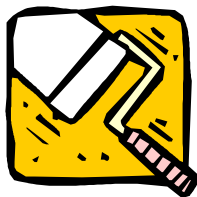
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Please join us for our HOWDY PARTY on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 at 7 p.m. at the Houston Distributing Center, 7100 High Life Drive, conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the intersection of High Life Drive and Cutten Road. This fun-filled Aggie evening is a great way to meet other Aggie Moms, find out about upcoming events and Aggieland trips, buy care packages for your student and win door prizes! Enjoy light refreshments while you shop our Boutique for that one-of-a-kind Aggie treasure. Our hand crafted items celebrate the heart-warming TAMU traditions.

Aggie Moms as an organization, encourages parents to become familiar with A&M during their student's freshman year. Aggie Moms has been here for 25 years and we're committed to helping your student and you enjoy the TAMU experience through graduation.

The Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club meets August thru May on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at 7100 High Life Drive. All meetings are open to Aggies, future, present or past. You will also enjoy hearing from dynamic speakers throughout the year like, Brigadier General, Joe Ramirez, Commandant of the Corp of Cadets or a visit from the Texas A&M yell leaders! For more information on monthly speakers or upcoming events visit our website at www.nwhcaggiemoms.org. or contact Shannon Eberle, Club President at clubpres2012@gmail.com. We are looking forward to meeting all our Aggie Moms!



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