



The Beacon

News For The Residents at Lakes of Fairhaven

www.lakesoffairhavenHOA.org

LETTER FROM THE HOA PRESIDENT

Dear Residents and Neighbors,

If you are anything like me, you are neck deep in the excitement and bustle of the Christmas Season! I trust Thanksgiving was filled with lots of great food, family, friends and football. In the midst of all that, we realize...WOW another year has come and almost gone! It has certainly been a busy 2014 both personally and as a community. Your Board has worked diligently to balance the HOA budget and maintain high quality (and in some cases incremental) services to the community. Unfortunately, we faced our first full year in transition with the tragic loss of our developer and his wife. Our condolences certainly go out to the Walton family, especially at this time of year.

As we approach 2015, your Board wants to ensure you are all aware of the approved 2015 fiscal year budget. Such has been posted up on the community website (www.lakesoffairhavenhoa.org) for your reference. We also want to inform you that we ended 2014 in the "black" and have projected for 2015 the ability, albeit small, to begin to establish a much needed capital reserve. By now, you should have received your annual assessment invoice and will note that, per our projection and commitment, we were able to maintain the 2015 annual assessment level with prior year 2014. The Board authorized the formation of two new committees this year, too. The Community Watch Group Committee (CWG)

with newly appointed Committee Chairman Kevin Strange and the Community Social Events Committee (CSE). At the writing of this letter, the Board is still working to fill the position of Committee Chair for the CSE committee. Please consider your availability to serve in some capacity on one of these committees. You can submit your statement of interest to president@lakesoffairhavenhoa.org.

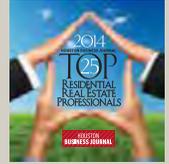
In closing, please note that there will be several items up for community consideration in the first quarter of the New Year. First and foremost is the election of two (2) new Directors at the March annual meeting. Stacie Keneker and I will have served our 2-year terms and our positions will need to be filled. Director Richard Byrd will continue to serve and provide continuity to the new Board. Please consider whether you would be willing to serve your community in this capacity. Additionally, there will be a few governing document revisions that the Board puts before the community for consideration/vote. This will include the combination of all five (5) deed restrictions of the community into a single document as well as a few proposed word changes to achieve better clarity. Please stay tuned on these matters as there will be more information forthcoming.

Thank you all for your continued support and I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and safe New Year! Sincerely,
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BASEBALL

- Instruction T-Ball – 4yrs old (coed)
- Rookie – 5-6yrs old
- AA7 – 7yrs old (coach pitch)
- AA8 – 8yrs old (coach pitch)
- AAA – 9yrs old (kid pitch)
- AAA - 10yrs old
- Majors – 11-12yrs old
- Majors - 13yrs old (Proposed)

SOFTBALL

- Instructional (Tee Ball) - 4U (Proposed)
- Sweetees (Tee Ball) – 6U
- Darlings (coach pitch) – 8U
- Angels (kid pitch) - 10U
- Freshman (kid pitch) - 12U (Proposed)

The proposed divisions will have more information available via the website, www.fairfieldsports.net as we near the opening of registration on Nov 1st.

Instructional Divisions: A child MUST turn 4 Years of Age on or before April 30th, 2014 in order to participate in FSA (in other words, no 3 year old children will be accepted in Instructional Tee-Ball).

ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

Nov 1, 2014 - Jan 11, 2015: Online registration OPEN at: www.fairfieldsports.sportssignup.com

January 10th: In person registration 9:00AM - 12:00PM (1 Day Only)

January 11th – Online registration ends

January 14th – 16th Coaches Meetings

January 17th – Tryouts for all divisions except T-ball (no tryouts for t-ball)

January 21st – 23rd Drafts

March 1st - Games begin for older divisions

March 16th - All games begin

March 21st - Opening Day

March 8th – Opening Day Parade and Ceremony (weather permitting)

May 22nd - Tournament begins (dependent upon weather)

June 13th - All Star Weekend

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NEW WEBSITE

Lakes of Fairhaven has a new community website. Please visit it at www.lakesoffairhavenHOA.org and register to get emails on HOA info and upcoming LOF announcements.



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LATE REGISTRATION

There will be NO LATE REGISTRATION. Unfortunately, our size has dictated a more strict approach to registration cut-off in order to handle all of the administrative duties and preparation necessary to start the season.

GETTING INVOLVED

Lastly, I would like to invite everyone to find a way to take part in your sports association. FSA is a volunteer organization and could use your help to provide the best facilities around. There are jobs ranging from helping with try-outs, opening day help, field maintenance, and concessions duty. We hope you familiarize yourself with the Baseball and Softball Committees via our website and reach out to committee members to see how you can help.

Three areas needing the most help are baseball committee, nightly field maintenance and concessions. These are opportunities to not only get involved and meet great people, but most of all contribute to making Fairfield one of the best places around for our kids to play sports!!!

On behalf of the Fairfield Sports Association and the Baseball/Softball committee members, I would like to thank you for all your support.



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This year marks Cy-Ranch High School's 7th production year as a theatrical company. We are under the artistic leadership of Cheryl Bradford (department head), Jane Bankston, and Charles Page. Over the past 5 years, our students have performed to sold-out audiences for musical productions including Hairspray, Anything Goes, Legally Blonde, and Shrek the Musical. We anticipate the same with this year's production of The Addams Family. In addition to mainstage musicals, UIL competition, Fresh Faces, Comedy Sportz and various other workshops and performances throughout the year, our students annually attend our state's Thespian festival. This past year, Shrek the Musical received 6 Tommy Tune Nominations. 28 students advanced to the National level and 8 of our students brought home 1st place honors.

CFISD Fine Arts programs do not receive financial support from our school district. Up to this point, our operating budget has been raised through patron attendance and various small-scale fundraisers. On February 6, 2015, the Cy-Ranch High School Supporting Theatre at Ranch (S.T.A.R.) Booster Club will host our second annual Mardi Gras Magic Auction & Gala Fundraiser. This large fundraiser will allow us to go above and beyond our basic operating expenses to help to ensure that we will continue to provide quality opportunities for our students.

The generous support of businesses in our community plays a key role in the success of our program. Donations of merchandise and gift certificates are needed for our Silent and Live Auctions, as well as cash underwriting. Funds raised through Mardi Gras Magic 2015 will be used to help offset the expenses needed to send students to competitions, provide much needed technical equipment upgrades for our theatre and classrooms, and allow us to bring in guest teachers for the continued growth of our program. We are actively seeking partners for this endeavor. Please consider how you can help.

CASH UNDERWRITING

ALL Donors will be listed in our Mardi Gras Magic Program Guide

MASQUERADE

• Donations of merchandise or gift certificates for silent/live Auction, Bid Board or Grab Bags

GREEN MASQUERADE

• \$250 cash gift - Donors also featured on the auction table

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GOLD MASQUERADE

• \$1,500 cash gift - Donors prominently listed on banner; includes a full page business ad in program guide and a table of 8 tickets to the Gala

Contact us for information about matching corporate sponsorships. Please visit www.cyranchtheatre.org for more details and sponsor information.

For more information contact:

Beth Deragon, Jenn Reed and Sharon Stringfellow
Co-Chairs, Mardi Gras Magic 2015
Beth: 281-248-7474
or mbderagon@sbcglobal.net

Jenn: 832-721-8213 or jenniquareed@gmail.com
Sharon: 713-859-3997 or ss-string@sbcglobal.net

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As autumn brings cooler temperatures, it also signals the arrival of another seasonal display – falling leaves!

While Take Care of Texas encourages you to plant shade trees to help lower your utility bills in the summer, these deciduous trees lose their leaves in the fall. Instead of raking and bagging them, where they will head to a landfill, put them back into your lawns and gardens as a valuable source of mulch and fertilizer.

Leaves contain 50 to 80 percent of the nutrients a plant extracts from the soil and air during the season. Grass clippings, leaves, and other yard debris make up 20 percent of the trash sent to landfills each year. It costs Texans over \$250 million a year to collect and dispose of this waste.

There are four basic ways to manage leaves and use them in landscaping:

Mowing: a light covering of leaves can be mowed, simply leaving the shredded leaves in place on the lawn. This technique is most effective when a mulching mower is used.

Mulching: a lawn mower with a bagging attachment provides a fast and easy way to shred and collect the leaves. Apply a three to four inch layer of shredded leaves around the base of trees and shrubs. A two to three inch mulch of shredded leaves is ideal for flowerbeds. For vegetable gardens, a thick layer of leaves placed between the rows functions as a mulch and an all-weather walkway that will allow you to work in your garden during wet periods.

Composting: in addition to leaves, other yard wastes such as grass clippings, pine needles, weeds, and small prunings can be composted. Compost can serve as a soil conditioner that nourishes your yard and reduces the need for outdoor watering up to 60 percent.

Soil improvement: leaves may be collected and worked directly into garden and flowerbed soils. A six to eight inch layer of leaves tilled into a heavy, clay soil will improve aeration and drainage. The same amount tilled into a light, sandy soil, will improve water and nutrient holding capacity.

Visit www.KeepCyFairBeautiful.org to access more Take Care of Texas yard care publications!

An advertisement for TexasDirectAuto.com. The top half features a beagle dog wearing a tan knit hat and a red, white, and black striped scarf, with its tongue sticking out. The background is green with white snowflake patterns. The text "WE TRIPLE DOG DARE YOU" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif font on the left. Below the dog, the text "SELL US YOUR CAR!" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif font on a dark blue background. At the bottom left is a small Texas state flag icon, and the website "TEXASDIRECTAUTO.COM" is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif font on the dark blue background.

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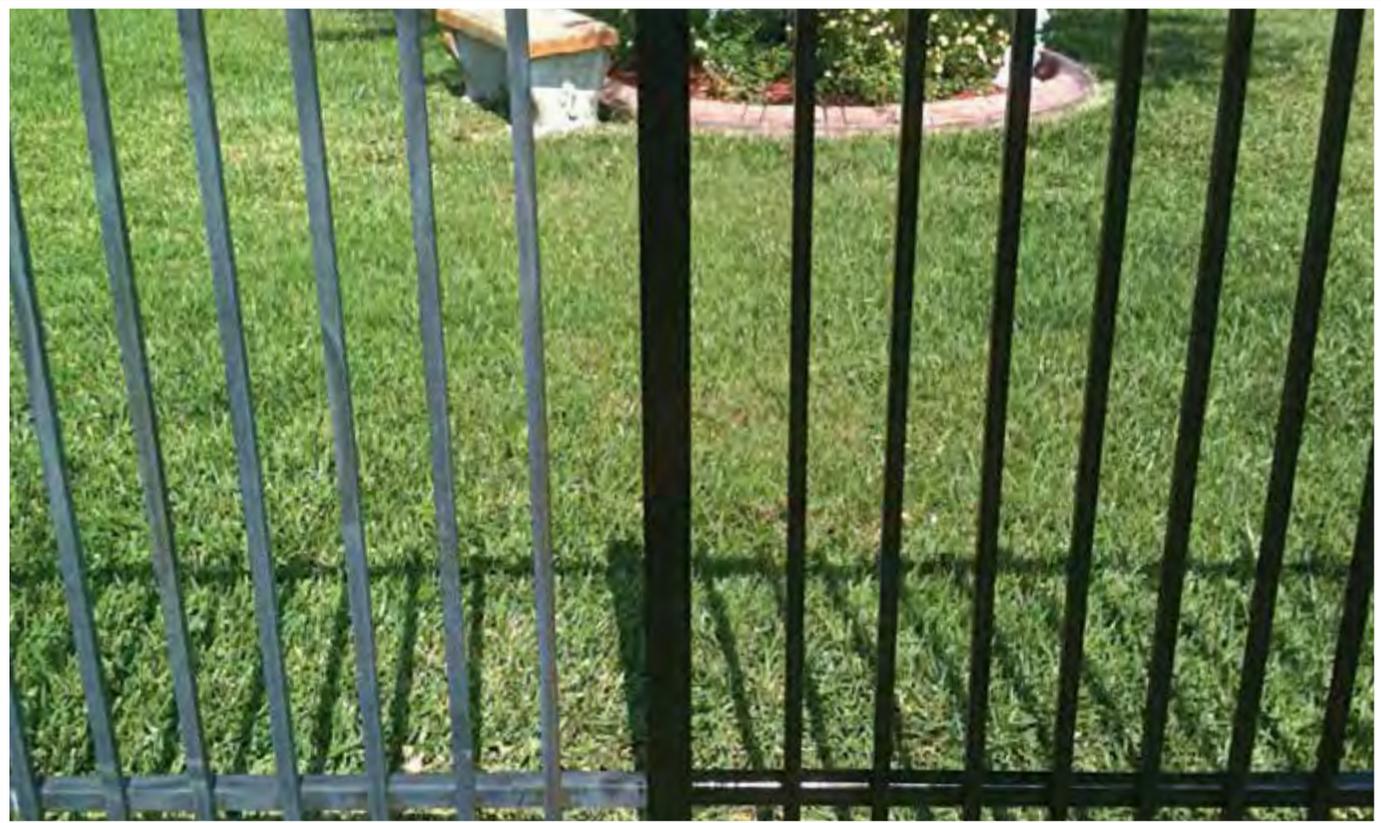
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Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club - Free Registration/Orientation Breakfast

The Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club will celebrate its 28th Anniversary Season by hosting its annual free Registration/Orientation breakfast on Saturday, February 7th, 2015, for all boys and girls who are interested in joining for the 2015 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 2015 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 (USATF). All athletes and parents who wish to join the Northwest Flyers must attend the orientation.

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 28 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>; contact Linette Roach at linette.roach@sbcglobal.net; or "Like" the club on Facebook.



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Players will be evaluated to determine their technical and tactical abilities by the highly-qualified staff at AHFC. Please register at www.albionhurricanes.org prior to tryouts. AHFC office: 713-939-7473.

Questions? Boys: Mark Rufo at mrufo@albionhurricanes.org or call 979-453-1933

Girls: Danny Hill at dhill@albionhurricanes.org or call 713-818-7529

Albion Hurricanes also offer a recreational program JHSL (Junior Hurricanes Soccer League) for children 4 – 8. This ten week program begins in early February. Please visit <http://www.albionhurricanes.org> for more information or contact jhsl@albionhurricanes.org.

CYFEN Member Appreciation and Holiday Meeting Dec. 18

LUNCHEON DETAILS

Thursday, December 18

*Networking 11:30 am; Luncheon begins at 12:00 am
Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd.,
Cypress, TX 77433*

Member costs \$25 with advanced reservations; guest costs \$30 with advanced reservations

Come to the Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN) luncheon Dec. 18 for member appreciation and to learn more about a local charity organization.

This meeting will celebrate the completion of the 'debt free' home built for a well deserving wounded warrior and his family in Cypress, TX. RE/MAX Realty Center partnered with the Texas Sentinels Foundation to make this a reality for a local veteran and his family. With the completion of this home near Christmas the family is in need of many items to make this new start. Needed items are listed on the Cyfen.org website. Donations will be collected at the December luncheon.

In addition, there will be a member gift exchange. Bring a wrapped new gift or gift card valued at \$25 to participate. All are welcome to attend the monthly meetings of CYFEN at the Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd.

This month's meeting begins with networking at 11 a.m. followed with a prompt 11:30 a.m. start of the program. Bring plenty of business cards for networking. The meeting cost is \$25 with advanced reservations made by the Thursday prior to the meeting and \$30 at the door.

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. CYFEN is part of the national organization of American Business Women's Association (ABWA), for more information go to www.CYFEN.org.

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\$500,000 and above	2	2	3	3	2	5	3	5	1	3
\$451,000--\$499,999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
\$351,000--\$450,999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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\$231,000--\$275,999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$201,000--\$230,999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$200,999 and below	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	2	2	3	3	2	5	3	6	1	3
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