



Hi Neighbors, our last planned big project is about to begin. I had said last year when we began the renovation of the playground that we were basically installing the first of a two part play structure and that we would go with the second part after we made sure that our bank account was still plump enough. The HOA board has signed the contract with All Play, Inc. to add the second section and that will begin in either March or April. So watch for some action in that area.

Other matters to bring up are not HOA related but should be addressed. The new trash and recycle bins from Republic sure caught us (and several adjoining neighborhoods) completely by surprise. Most of us have now figured out the scheduling system and that part is working out okay. I will again emphasize that cars (especially in the ends of the cul-de-sacs) need to be off the street on pick-up days. Everything is picked up by mechanical arms. There is only the driver in the truck and he has no additional help to reposition the bins or pick up any items that are left outside the bins. So, if bags of cut grass are outside the bin, guess what---you get to keep the bags of grass. I've watched the driver try to manuever in tight spots----I definitely would not want to be in that position. Also, if the bins are too close to a parked car, the driver can't risk getting too close to that car and would have to bypass that pick-up.

Also, almost all of us have figured out how to store these huge bins but I am encouraging the rest to determine the best thing for theirs. We haven't changed the deed restrictions as we feel that everyone has some good place to keep these out of sight..

Another matter you might be interested in. Several months ago several "mysterious" antennae appeared on poles in three places in our neighborhood---on Chelsea Fair/Holly Shade, Edgewood Place in front of the playground and on Valley Scene near the mailbox cluster. They are from Bridgestone MUD to be used with new water meters which will be read by those transmitters/receivers rather than people who formerly went from meter to meter. Evidently, we will be getting those new meters in the near future.

One last note----we will be looking for some new board members this July. Some are rotating off at the end of their term and we will need replacements. We have board meetings on the third Wednesday every other month for about six meetings over the year. Our meetings are generally less than one hour long, beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested, let me or Chaparral know.

Thanks, Dick Leonard, Pres.

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Saturday's pre-event All that Sparkles is an effervescent party from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for guests to enjoy French champagnes, sparkling wines and nibbles. The luxurious VIP Premium room opens at 5:00 p.m. offering relaxed seating, restroom facilities and great views along with premium wine and delicious food. VIPs also receive a swag bag chocked full.

Wine Fair Cy-Fair is a collaboration between the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce and Food & Vine Time Productions. The community event celebrates Cy-Fair businesses and residents bringing all together for this signature event with interactive anchor areas, sponsor displays, vendors, local artisans and live music. "Wine Fair is a great way to celebrate the Cy-Fair community," Leslie Martone, President of the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce said. "The event continues to grow each year and we are ecstatic to see our community continue to improve the quality of life for businesses and residents in the Cy-Fair area."

Kicking off Wine Fair weekend is One Fine Affair, presented by Mercantil Commercebank. This elegant event is held on Friday, April 10 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Northwest Forest Conference Center's La Hacienda venue. The theme for 2015 is "Boots, Suits and Bling" so put on your fine threads, boots and bling and enjoy the finest Cy-Fair has to offer with elegant restaurants, premium wine and one fine evening as funds are

raised for Reach Unlimited through silent auction and wine pull. Get your tickets early because attendance to One Fine Affair is limited to only 150 guests who appreciate the finer things in life.

"Wine Fair Cy-Fair continues to grow and expand due in large part to the community leaders and businesses who see the value of an annual signature event celebrating life in Cy-Fair ... with a sip. We are grateful for the ground-swelling support through attendance, sponsors and our partnership with the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce. Assisting Cy-Fair charity Reach Unlimited through fundraising and awareness continues to be gratifying," Founder & Co-Producer Constance McDerby said.

Co-presenting sponsors include H-E-B, Lippincott Team and Northwest Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram. Other sponsors to date include Aruba Tourism Live Music Stage, Bridgeland Home Zone, Chad Gaulding KwikKopy Printing, Chloe Wines, Fetzer, Cupcake Vineyards, Tom Gore Wines, Palm Bay International, Community Impact Newspapers, Cypress Village Station, Green Mountain Energy, Houston Chronicle, Houston Event Photos, LeafGuard, eT Craft Burgers and Beer, Lucas Auto Care, Perry Homes, Republic National Distributing Company, SpeedPro Printing The Woodlands, The Hidden Cellar, University of Houston Downtown, Village Builders and Westpark Communications.

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#### **STONE FOREST FLYER**



## Cypress-Tomball Democrats March Meeting

The next Cypress-Tomball Democrats monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, March 17, 2015. It will be held at Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Members are asked to bring four dozen filled plastic eggs for the annual Community Easter Egg Hunt to be held on March 28.

All are welcome to attend the meeting and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month. The meetings are open to all, and always feature great fellowship and informative guest speakers. For more information, visit the website at www.cytomdems.com; contact Glenn Etienne at cytomdems@yahoo.com; or "Like" the club on Facebook.

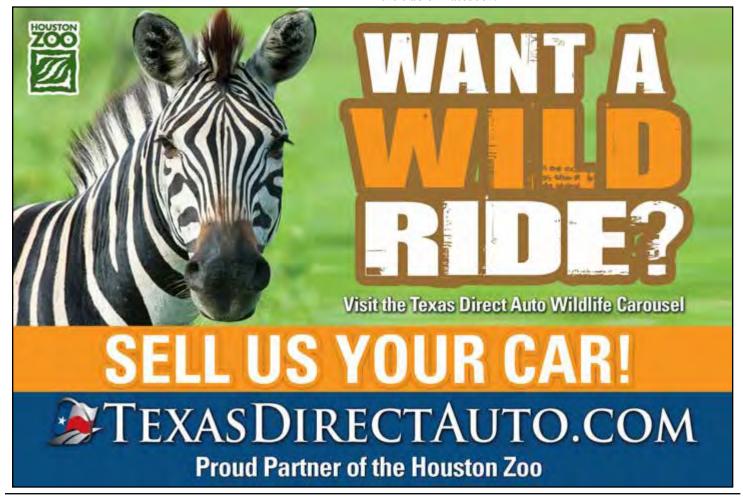
## Easter Egg Hunt Hosted by Cypress-Tomball Democrats March 28th



The Cypress-Tomball Democrats will host their 4th Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 28th from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm. This fun event will be held at the D. Bradley McWilliams YMCA at Cypress Creek, 19915 State Highway 249 at Cypresswood, in the outdoor pavilion.

The free activities are open to the public, and include an Easter Egg Hunt for kids under 12, recreational activities, music, prizes, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Attendees should bring their own baskets and lawn chairs.

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