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## AMAZING FIRST RESIDENTS

Who would have imagined a horse and a pair of shorts would bring together our first residents, Marco and Linda Maya.

Marco is from Havana, Cuba but moved to Midland Texas to be closer to his aunt. Linda was born in San Angelo, Texas and also moved to Midland. Marco's brother was dating Linda's best friend, Connie. Linda had a horse which needed to be boarded so Connie took her to meet Marco's family who had a horse stable for rent at \$5 per month. Linda actually declined boarding her horse there because she thought the rent was too much. She got a great deal for free boarding elsewhere.

Marco remembered the patches on the back of her shorts and that won his heart. They have been married now for 48 years.

Wanting to be closer to their son and daughter prompted them to wind up in Cypress Park. They saw a sign that said Kimball Hill development was being built. They contacted Michael Ybarra, the salesman, who showed them the only model which was in Humble. When they opened the door, they looked at each other and at the same time said "This is it, this is our new home." This was Memorial Day weekend in 2008. On May 31st they picked the lot and within a few months they received the keys to their home.

In 2010, Kimball Hill went bankrupt and Meritage Homes brought the property and named it Cypress Park.

The Mayas have these words of wisdom for new home buyers:

1. While your house is being built, constantly go and look at it.
2. Before the frame is up get an inspection.
3. Before the sheetrock is enclosed get your own inspector/inspectors who specialize in air conditioning, plumbing, etc.
4. It is good to have someone who can protect your interest such as a realtor who knows about proper building.

They have witnessed our village grow by the wonderful diversity and traffic. They ask everyone to respect your neighbors by parking on or in front of your own house. If you want to know more about your community, please attend an HOA meeting or talk to your neighbors.

The Mayas are all about helping neighbors and are the cornerstone of our community.



# CYPRESS PARK

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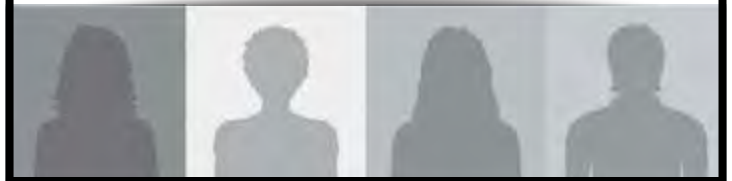
## A VILLAGE OF MANY FACES

Cypress Park originated in 2010 as a result of an acquisition of Kimball Hills. We had 24 completed houses and today we have about 250 houses in the community.

Our residents are from across the country and around the world. And we all have something to offer to our "village" such as community openness and embracing different cultures.

Diversification produces the potential for interesting and productive interactions, numerous cultural products, and delicious ethnic foods. This is demonstrated in our neighboring restaurants, music scenes, venues, and retail shops.

Let's not watch our neighbors from behind the window, instead get out and introduce ourselves one to another. You never know, you may become the best of friends! People are truly the fabric and the heartbeat of communities.



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Twice a year or as needed, pour a cup of bleach solution in the opening provided in the condensate line. This will aid in preventing mineral deposits and algae collection in the line.

### APPLIANCES

A helpful tool to become familiar with is the manufacturer's user guides. They generally provide toll free telephone numbers and websites that provide information on how to operate, clean, and maintain your appliances.

Always register your appliance manufacturer warranty online or by completing the registration card found with the user guide. Apply for extended warranties before the expiration date.

### DRYER VENT

It's very important to prevent lint built up in your dryer, as this becomes a fire hazard. Periodically, move your dryer so that you can clean the vent.

### INSPECTION

Get your own Residential Inspection before your first year of residing expires. Submit a copy of the Inspection to the Meritage Homes Warranty Services.

Check your Warranty Periods listed in the Homeowners Packet provided at closing.



## ASK A . . . MORTICIAN

Your neighbor Claude A. has been a mortician for 7 years. If you have any questions, feel free to email him at [cma\\_nyc@yahoo.com](mailto:cma_nyc@yahoo.com)

*Any tips on getting people to actually talk about death and how they want their end-of-life care to go?*

Unfortunately not, this is a sensitive subject especially in the US where a lot of people believe they are never going to die.

*Do you have any words of advice for someone considering organ donation?*

Yes, do it. Up to 10 lives can be saved from one person's total organ donation.

*I've heard cremation is not very environmentally-friendly. Do you have any thoughts or input on this as more people consider alternative methods of burial?*

When a body is cremated there are gases released in the air. Depending on how much heat is used in the process cremation can be very environmentally-friendly even green.

*Is it true that if a family member wants to watch their loved one be taken care of, they can?*

That is up to each individual funeral home.

*Are there legal limitations as to where cremation ashes can be spread?*

The ashes are in fact cremains; crushed bones are the only part of the body that doesn't burn. Limitations vary state to state.

***\*Coming next month Ask a Nurse.***

***If you have any questions you would like to ask a nurse, please submit them to [Pakamafula@gmail.com](mailto:Pakamafula@gmail.com).***

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- Adopt a Dog Month
- Diversity Awareness Month
- Energy Awareness Month
- Fire Prevention Month
- German American Heritage Month
- Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 to October 15)
- National AIDS Awareness Month
- National Animal Safety and Protection Month
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