



## A NEWSLETTER FOR TOWNE LAKE RESIDENTS

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### Photos with Santa

**Returns to Vintage Park  
Shopping Village Saturdays  
Beginning on Nov. 28**

*Holiday Season Kicks Off with Visits  
from Santa and Keepsake Photos*

Vintage Park Shopping Village is offering keepsake photos with Santa. Santa will be at the park every Saturday beginning November 28 until Christmas.

Photos sessions will be available in the lobby of Building K at the park from 1-5 pm beginning Nov 28 and subsequent Saturday afternoons; Dec. 5, Dec. 12, and Dec. 19. Building K is located directly across from the management offices.

### Cypress Ranch Key Club

*Submitted by Emily Yang*

Key Club is an international student led organization which provides its members with the opportunity to provide service, build character and develop leadership. Members participate in a variety of service projects that showcase our passion for volunteering and our appreciation to those who help make our community (and world) a better place. In the month of October, Cy-Ranch's Key Club conducted a service project for the U.S. military. All the members made cards for the service men and women who were stationed overseas, and we expressed our gratitude, appreciation and respect for everything they do to help keep our nation safe. Every month, Cy-Ranch's key club focuses on one service project to help one aspect of our community. We want to make the world a better place and we know that volunteering-giving back to our community-is the way to do it.

### KIWANIS CLUB OF CY-FAIR HOUSTON

Join us for lunch, followed by a short, informative program. We welcome your visit and invite you to consider membership in this service oriented organization.

Where: Hearthstone Country Club located at 7615 Ameswood Circle in Hearthstone

**Time:** Lunch is served at 12:15pm; adjournment at 1:15pm.

**Dates:** We will meet on November 3, 10, 17

**What is Kiwanis?** Kiwanis is an international service organization focused on changing the world one child and one community at a time. Service is at the heart of every Kiwanis club, no matter where in the world it's located.

**Key Clubs:** The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club sponsors all of the Key Clubs in the Cy-Fair Independent School District. It's primary service project is the sponsorship of these Clubs. The Cy-Ranch Key Club is the largest Key Club in the world. We are proud of all these clubs and support them in their worthwhile service activities. You can enjoy the pleasure of being a part of this service through membership in Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club.

**Fellowship:** Kiwanis members have fun also. Members make new friends when they attend meetings and participate in social events. Kiwanis clubs also provide excellent networking opportunities for professionals. Members meet new people by participating in service projects, fundraising, and attendance at district and international conventions.

**Visit the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club website at:**  
**[www.KIWANISHOUSTONCYFAIR.com](http://www.KIWANISHOUSTONCYFAIR.com)**

For more information, call John Carroll (Copperfield and Hearthstone areas) at 281-463-0373; George Cowl (Jersey Village area) at 832-467-1998; or Peggy Presnell (Fairfield and CyRanch) at 281-304-7127.

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### ARTICLE INFO

The *Tribune* is mailed monthly to all Towne Lake residents. Residents, community groups, churches, etc. are welcome to submit information about their organizations in the newsletter. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, recipes, special celebrations, and birthday announcements are also welcome.

To submit an article for consideration please email it to [townelake@peelinc.com](mailto:townelake@peelinc.com). The deadline is the 9th of the month prior to the issue.

## A Night in Bethlehem

**VISIT BETHLEHEM THIS SEASON ON  
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5TH AND SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER 6TH 5:00-8:00 PM  
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Messiah Lutheran Church is a grace place, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Messiah is located at 11522 Telge Road, ½ mile north of Highway 290. Regular Sunday worship times are: 8 am—Traditions; 9:30 am—The Gathering; and 10:45 am—The Crossing. The Discovery (education) Hour is 9:15-10:15 AM on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or [www.messiahlc.org](http://www.messiahlc.org). All people are welcome at Messiah.



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# Fairfield Sports Association

## 2016 SPRING BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

### BASEBALL

- Instructional T-Ball (Boys and Girls)– Player must have reached age 4 by 4/30/16
- A – Player must be 6 or younger on 4/30/16
- AA7 – Player must be 7 or younger on 4/30/16
- AA8 – Player must be 8 or younger on 4/30/16
- AAA 9 – Player must be 9 or younger on 4/30/16
- AAA 10 – Player must be 10 or younger on 4/30/16
- Majors – Player must be 12 or younger on 4/30/16
- Majors - 13yrs old Players must be 13 or younger on 4/30/16

### SOFTBALL

*Age Cutoff has changed to 1/1. This year will be grandfathered by request ONLY.*

- 6U Sweetees (Tee Ball) – Player must be 6 or younger on 1/1/16
- 8U Darlings (coach pitch) – Player must be 8 or younger on 1/1/16
- 10U Angels (kid pitch) - Player must be 10 or younger on 1/1/16
- 12U Ponytails (kid pitch) - Player must be 12 or younger on 1/1/16

Ponytails division may have a partnership with Katy Girls Softball Association. Some games may be played at:

**Paul D. Rushing Park**  
**9114 Katy Hockley Road**  
**Cypress, Texas 77493**

### \*\*\*PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NOW A FAIRFIELD RESIDENT ONLY SIGNUP WINDOW\*\*\*

Our league has grown in size and we must allow an opportunity for residents to sign up before non residents. Once the window is closed registration is on a "first come first serve" basis.

All dates are tentative and subject to change!

### CALENDAR:

**NOV 28, 2015 - DEC 4, 2015**

Registration for Fairfield Residents ONLY

**DEC 4, 2015 - JAN 3, 2016**

OPEN registration at: [www.fairfieldsports.sportssignup.com](http://www.fairfieldsports.sportssignup.com)

**JAN 3, 2016th**

Registration CLOSES. Refunds will NOT be given after this date.

**Week of January 11 – 15th**

Coaches Meetings

**January 23rd**

Tryouts for all baseball divisions except T-ball (no tryouts for t-ball)

### January 30th

Tryouts for all softball divisions except T-ball (no tryouts for t-ball)

March 1st - Games begin

March 4th - All sponsorship money DUE.

March 5th - Opening Day Parade and Festivities

March 11th - 20th - No Games: CFISD Spring Break

March 24th - 27th - No Games: Easter Holiday

May 23rd - Tournament scheduled to begin (dependent upon weather)

June 10th - All Star Weekend

### WAITLISTS:

As divisions approach our maximum capacity of registrations, we sometimes need to utilize waitlists in order to ensure that we have appropriate numbers for each team. We also do this to backfill any cancellations. If you receive a note that you have been placed on a waitlist, it does NOT necessarily mean you won't be able to play. However, as we approach the close of registration the possibility of being shut out increases as we reach capacity numbers. Some divisions will be limited due to space and once a division is full, we cannot accept any more registrations.

### 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.

## The Houston Choral Society Presents Matinee Christmas Concert

**Sunday, December 6, 2015, 3:00 PM  
at The Foundry United Methodist Church**

The Houston Choral Society (HCS) presents an afternoon of festive entertainment with its special Christmas matinee concert, Believe, on Sunday, December 6, 2015, at The Foundry United Methodist Church, beginning at 3:00 PM. This family-oriented concert of joyful music is under the direction of Artistic Director Dr. Betty Devine. "This is a diverse program that gives us the opportunity to do works from a wide repertoire of music that has been written for the Christmas season," said Dr. Devine.

In addition to classical pieces like "O Holy Night" and "Hallelujah!" chorus from The Messiah, the afternoon concert includes the opportunity to sing along with beloved Christmas Carols such as "O Come all Ye Faithful," "Joy to the World," and "Jingle Bells." HCS is also continuing an audience participation tradition for our Christmas Concerts with the ever-popular "The Twelve Days of Christmas." HCS strives to be a catalyst for the enrichment of vocal music in other

organizations, and is pleased to be joined for a portion of the concert by talented choral students from Rosehill Christian School, under the direction of Beth Briner, Rosehill Christian School Choir Director. Patrons of all ages will enjoy the presentation by the student choir as well as the combined choral presentation of two songs from popular Christmas movies – "Welcome Christmas" from How the Grinch Stole Christmas and "Believe" from The Polar Express.

In addition to the concert, attendees will be treated to holiday decorations, enticing desserts, and the opportunity to meet and get pictures taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Ticket prices are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors/students/veterans, and \$10 for children ages 5 and younger. Group rates are available. Tickets are available online at [www.houstonchoral.org](http://www.houstonchoral.org). Tickets may also be purchased at the door. The Foundry United Methodist Church is one of the premiere choral venues in Houston with extraordinary acoustics. It is located in northwest Houston at 8350 Jones Road, Houston, TX 77065 with easy access from Highway 290.

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## NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY AGGIE MOM'S CLUB

### Hosts Annual Aggie Ornament Exchange

Bring an Aggie- themed ornament and join us for the NWHC Aggie Mom's Club annual Aggie Ornament Exchange on Tuesday, December 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive, conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the intersection of High Life Drive and Cutten Road.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:** The NWHC Aggie Moms club raises money throughout the year to fund scholarships to students from our local community. Eligible students should check our website for details [www.nwhcaggie moms.org](http://www.nwhcaggie moms.org). The deadline for submissions is February 2, 2016.

### SAVE THE DATE!

Don't miss the Annual China Luncheon and Style Show on Saturday, February 20, 2016 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Shirley Acres located at 217 Woerner Rd., Spring, Texas. Get your ticket(s) at one of our monthly meetings or visit our website. For more information contact Tami Denault at [tamidenault@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tamidenault@sbcglobal.net)

## CYPRESS AREA FOOD PANTRY

Do you know of someone who has trouble putting food on the table? Maybe their employment was suddenly terminated; maybe it's a choice between medications or food; for whatever reason a family can find themselves in a situation where they need a little help.

Fountain of Life Church of God at 15010 Mueschke Road runs a food pantry on Mondays from 6:00 to 8:00 pm (excluding holidays) and the only requirement is that the client should live in zip code 77433 and west of Skinner 77429. For more information, contact 281-373-9337. Donations of non-perishable food items are also greatly appreciated.



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## Library Friends' Sale Offers Bargains

The Friends of the Fairbanks Public Library will be hosting a "Books, Etc., Sale" on Saturday, December 5, from 10 am-3 pm.

The Friends of the Library sell books for less than online bookstores, with no shipping charges or sales taxes! It's a great opportunity to buy inexpensive gifts or stock up on books to read during the dark days of winter. In addition, all proceeds help provide funding for library programs and materials.

Many of the books offered by the Friends of the Library look brand new. They have an excellent selection of hardback bestsellers, as well as paperbacks, cookbooks, romance, mystery, science fiction, fantasy, children's books, young adult books, and other items. There are even some music CDs and some movies!

The library is located at 7122 N. Gessner, near the intersection of N. Gessner and W. Little York. For information or directions, please call the library at (713) 466-4438.



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# NUTTY FOR SERVICE

*By Jordan Miller, Editor of Cypress Woods Key Club*

Four-hundred and fourty seven jars of peanut butter were donated by the Cypress Woods High School Key Club to CAM, a food pantry run by Cypress Assistance Ministries. How did one school raise over 400 jars of peanut butter in three weeks? Old-Fashioned competition.

The Cypress Woods High School football team was about to play Cypress Fair at the Berry Center when Key Club secretary Sharon Zhou thought of the idea to compete with Fair in a Peanut Butter and Jelly War, a competition to see who could raise the largest amount of peanut butter or jelly by October 30th. Zhou decided to contact the co-presidents of Cypress Fair Key Club in order to get the competition started as fast as possible for the maximum amount of jars to be collected. If students kept riding on the momentum from the upcoming football game, they would continue to donate peanut butter. The co-presidents agreed to this 'Peanut Butter and Jelly War' and so the Cy Woods Key Club got to work.

Zhou and her committee who had planned this event got together

and made posters to put up all around Cy Woods. They stationed boxes near the entrance of the school with decorative flyers stating what the boxes were for and the specifics of donating the peanut butter. Zhou decided that two jars would equal one donation hour, then the jars came flooding in. The week of the deadline, over 180 jars were collected in just three days, which went to show how dedicated these Key Clubbers were in the spirit of competition.

Once the 'war' was over, Zhou enlisted the help of other Key Clubbers to help count the jars and stack them up in school administrator Dirk Heath's room. When Heath walked into the room and saw the towers of peanut butter, he remarked on the dedication of Key Club and posed for a picture with all the Clubbers who had made it possible.

The 'Peanut Butter and Jelly War' was an extremely successful venture, and the club plans on doing another like it in the spring-possibly with candy for Valentine's Day. The competitive service event helped two clubs build stronger relationships while also serving their community- the key tenant that Key Club is based on.

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