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NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF CYPRESS CREEK LAKES

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WELCOME TO THE SPECTATOR

Newsletter the Cypress Creek Lakes

The Spectator is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Cypress Creek Lakes residents. Each newsletter is filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information, and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports team, social group, etc., and would like to submit an article for the newsletter, you can do so online at www. PEELinc.com. Personal news (announcements, accolades/honors/ celebrations, etc.) are also welcome as long as they are from area residents.

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COPPER CREEK MEADOWS COMMUNITY GIRL SCOUTS OF SAN JACINTO COUNCIL

Copper Creek Meadows Community held a "Cookie Kickoff" for the Annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale. We celebrated the 10th anniversary of the "Lemonade" cookie, and enjoyed "frosted lemonade". We also learned fun facts about Girl Scout cookies, played games, and did other activities to help develop skills such as goal planning and financial responsibility. The annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale began on Dec. 19th and continues through March.

Sales of Girl Scout Cookies provide funds for individual troop activities, and help to support our Council camps and a variety of programs. Proceeds from the Cookie sale help to feed and shoe the horses, maintain the sailboats and canoes, and buy archery equipment. We greatly appreciate the support of our friends and neighbors! Thank you!

Information on Council Day and resident camps has been sent to registered girls, but you can also check on the Council website, www.gssjc.org.

Troop 113017 celebrated the birthday of Juliette Gordon Low, our Founder, with a pajama party on Oct 31. The pink hats and a variety of masks added to the fun.

Troop 113035 participated in a painting badge workshop at Rice University. The workshop finished with a birthday celebration and cake for Juliette!

Our Leader/Daughter holiday craft event was a lot of fun for those who attended. Thanks to all who assisted with the event!

Our Spring Leader/Daughter event is coming

up in April. This is always a popular event, with camping, shopping, and all kinds of activities. In the past, activities have included riding, rock climbing, talent show, and Dutch Oven Cookoff. Can't wait to find out what is on the schedule this year

Our World Thinking Day event is coming up in February, when we celebrate our membership in the international Scouting movement and learn about other countries. Last year, we had some very

creative booths, decorations and swaps, and we can't wait to see what our troops will be doing this year!

Second year Brownie Troop 16150 volunteered to decorate a float for the Great Pyrenees Rescue Group at the Brenham Christmas parade. The girls also made jingle sticks and walked with the group in the parade.

These busy Brownies also joined with other Copper Creek Meadows troops who made cards, letters, and drawings for soldiers serving in Afghanistan.

Troops from our community also joined in creating ornaments for the Girl Scout Christmas tree at the Museum of Natural Science. This year's theme was "Back to Nature".

Girl Scouting is open to all girls ages 5 (must be in kindergarten) through 18, who are willing to accept the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Girls may join at any age, and no previous Scouting

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experience is required. Older girls whose schedules may not allow for participation in a troop may join as "Juliettes" (individually registered girls).

Copper Creek Meadows Community serves girls in the residence areas for the elementary schools listed below, as well as the corresponding middle and high schools. Home schooled and private school students are always welcome!

Our elementary schools are Birkes, Fiest, Hairgrove, Horne, Kirk, Lee, Lieder, Lowery, Metcalf, Owens, Tipps, Wilson, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Texas Christian School, and Christian Life Center.

For more information, please contact Marlo Folwell (713) 854-9426 (marlo.folwell@c-a-m.com). You can also contact Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council at 713-292-0300 or check the website at www.gssjc.org.

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"Work-Life Rhythm for Busy Business Women"

Luncheon Details Thursday, January 28, 2016 Networking 11a.m.; Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd., Houston, TX 77095

Costs \$25 with advanced reservations; \$30 at the door At the January 28 Cy-Fair Express Network Luncheon, Leslie Marchand, a clinical social worker (LCSW), yoga instructor (RYT-500) and certified life coach (TDM) and Founder & President of SoYoCo Wellness Services, will present Work-Life Rhythm for Busy

Business Women.

How do you manage your own stress while juggling personal and professional responsibilities? When your peers, co-workers and employees interact with you, do they see a model of work-life balance or someone who lives for the job or for their business? Can you really have it all, be it all, do it all? We will explore these questions and look at the latest research and strategies of how to find a rhythm between work and life that works for you, your family, your co-workers/ employees and your business.

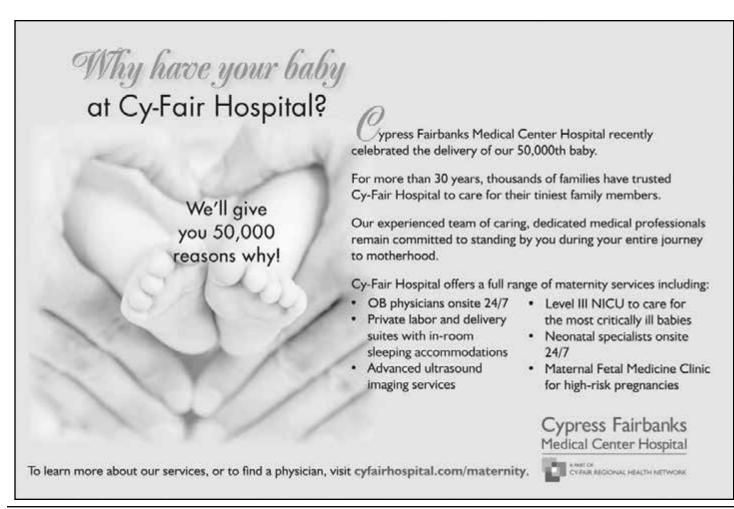
This month's CYFEN meeting begins with networking at 11 a.m. followed with a prompt 11:30 a.m. start of the program. Luncheons are held at the Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd.

About Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN)

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"SPRINGTAILS"

Springtails are very small, jumping insects that can sometimes become a problem inside homes. Springtails are usually found in areas of moisture, so indoors they may located near potted plants, sinks, bath tubs or kitchen compost areas. These insects are typically found outside in gardens, near swimming pools or near where there is excessive moisture or standing water.

Springtails are small (about 1/16 of an inch long), wingless and come in various colors. These insects have a "tail" that latches into a space on the underside of the body that they can use to "jump" several inches into the air.

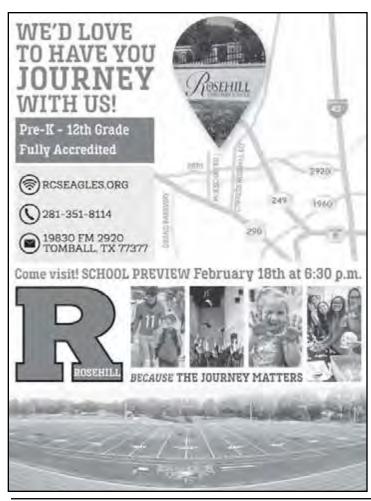
Springtails are considered a nuisance insect, but some may chew on roots and leaves of sapling plants. They usually do not cause enough damage to warrant control measures to be taken. If you have springtails in your home it points to a moisture problem that should be fixed.



Options for helping reduce springtail problems:

- Remove excessive mulch and/ or leaf litter near the home
- Change watering schedule to reduce the amount of moisture near the home
 - Use fans or dehumidifiers to reduce moisture indoors
- Seal cracks, crevices, pipe & wire penetrations on the outside of the home
- Replace or repair any screening on doors and windows that is damaged
- Replace weather stripping around doors and windows that does not provide a good seal
 - Suck up any indoor infestations with a vacuum

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com





TENNIS TIPS

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional Fernando Velasco Owner, Manager and Director of Tennis Grey Rock Tennis Club, Austin, TX



In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to hit a forehand groundstroke, a two-handed backhand, one-handed backhand and a forehand volley. In this issue, I will give you instructions on how to execute a two-handed backhand volley for a right hander. This stroke is used whenever the player is forced to hit a ball in the air. In these pictures player Robyn Fuller from the Grey Rock Tennis Club demonstrates the proper form and technique.

Step 1: Ready Position: The body is facing the net. The right hand is holding the end of the racket in a forehand grip position and the left hand is next to the right hand. The left hand is holding the racket slightly tighter than the right hand. Feet are a shoulder width apart and the body is in equal balance. For beginners it is okay to use the forehand and backhand grips for the forehand and backhand volleys. As the player gets stronger and the balls come at a faster speed, it will be best to use the continental grip for both volleys.

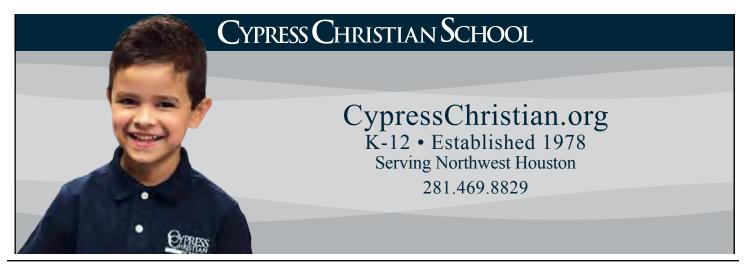
Step 2: Back Swing: Since the volley is usually executed when a player is close to the net and there is very little time to react to the

incoming ball, the back swing is very short. The left hand will make a slight change of the grip and the right hand will be relaxed and lose. The left shoulder should take a short turn and the head of the racket should align to the flight of the ball. The left wrist should be "cocked" back slightly and the head of the racket should be above the wrist. Eyes are still focused on the incoming ball.

Step 3: Point of Contact: The right foot is now taking a step forward and the racket is making contact with the ball. It is important to keep the left shoulder closed and not rotate the right hip too early. Flexing the right knee will allow more flexibility to find the proper point of contact and give power to the ball.

Step 4: Follow Through: Once the racket has made contact with the ball, the follow through is very short to allow the player to immediately get back to the ready position. The right arm should be close to the body.

Look for in the next Newsletter: The Serve



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Cypress Woods Theatre Company presents Meet Me in St. Louis!

In celebration of the 10th anniversary of Cypress Woods High School, the Fine Arts Department and Crimson Cadettes will join the Theatre Department in presenting this classic musical comedy. Tickets are on sale now at www.showtix4u.com or at the door.

Meet Me in St. Louis Music & Lyrics By Hugh Martin, Ralph Blane Book By Hugh Wheeler Thursday, February 4th 7:00 PM Friday, February 5th 7:00 PM Saturday, February 6th 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM Location: Cypress Woods High School Auditorium Run Time: Approximately 113 Minutes with One Intermission

This classic, romantic musical comedy that focuses on the Smith family, specifically the four sisters, on the cusp of the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair. The musical spotlights the sisters' education in the ways of the world, which includes, but isn't limited to, learning about life and love, courtesy of the prototypical boy next door. In the end, love conquers all.

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