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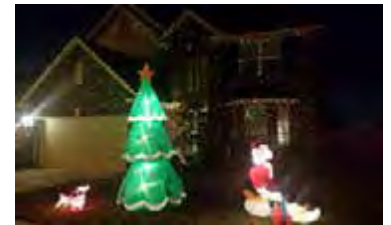
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FESTIVE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

The City of Houston loves Christmas and many homes are decked out in festive holiday display in communities such as River Oaks, Prestonwood Forest, Highland Street and Bayland Avenue.

I have resided in Cypress Park for four years and I was so impressed by the effort the families put into decorating their homes. One minute there were several houses decorated and then at least twenty. Our neighborhood was transformed by spectacular decorations. It truly was a labor of love which started in the front with the "Christmas around the World" decorations and ended in the back. Special thanks goes to those who helped making the entryway festive April, Claude, Oscar, Kaitlynn, Josh, Richard, Lady J, and Dulce.

Talking to proud homeowners about their wonderful lights were the highlight of my visits. It also brought great joy to my soul and helped me to get into the holiday spirit. I hope this becomes a tradition which can be enjoyed by many for lots of years to come.



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CYPRESS HALF MARATHON

On November 15, 2015 the Cypress Half Marathon was held at the Cy-Woods High School.

Our own resident, Laura De Leon participated and we are so proud of her for sharing her experience.

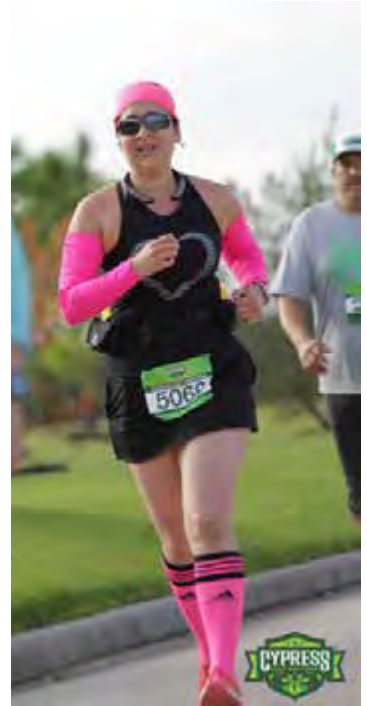
She moved to Cypress Park in October 2013, and has been running for several years. She's competed in about 11 half marathons, 2 full marathons, and is striving to move further into ultra marathon distance, and triathlon. Running offers her many advantages and one of them is getting to know the surroundings while having a workout. Many times she wanted to wake up early and go for 10 or 20 miles run, but always kept from doing so. The Inaugural Cypress Half Marathon was her perfect opportunity to be able to run around her neighborhood with great company, and be able to see the beautiful farms, cows, horses, (horse riding lessons places!) that we have close by.

She states people came out of their houses, and farms to cheer at us, and some even made banners for "random strangers", and that gave many of us a big booster to keep on going. She was able to take a lot of pictures, and even chat with a lot of runners. She hopes that there will be more opportunities in the future for all neighbors to attend one of these events where they can also bring their children and

raise them with a healthy lifestyle example. It is a healthy & fun way to meet your neighbors, and also meet others on the ways that've made a long trip to be in our area.

For all interested in the running events or joining please visit <http://cypressrunningclub.com>.

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FIREPLACES

Inspect your fireplace (s) at least twice each year.

Always open the damper before starting a fire.

Never burn anything in a gas fireplace and burn only firewood in wood burning ones.

Always close the damper after burning the fireplace for preventing the conditioned air in your home from escaping through the chimney.

HEATING SYSTEM

Replace system filters per manufacturer recommendations.

Clean the furnace and air handlers annually.

Also have your system professionally maintained annually.

Test your heating system before you use it. When operated for the first time, oils may burn off and may activate your smoke alarm. If this happens, open a few windows and operate the ceiling fan to expel smoke and deactivate the smoke alarm.

SPRINKLER SYSTEM

Keep the sprinkler heads facing away from the house.

Try to inspect monthly for damaged sprinkler heads.

For preventing cracks, in cold climates, winterize your system by turning the controller off and draining the pipes. In the springtime activate the master valve.

JANUARY OBSERVANCES

January 1 Solemnity of Mary

January 6 Epiphany or Three Kings Day

January 7 Orthodox Christmas

January 11 National Human Trafficking
Awareness Day

January 14 Orthodox New Year

January 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 26 Australia Day

Birth Defects Prevention Month

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FAMOUS CYPRESS NOTABLES

- Mary Kay Ash, founder of Mary Kay Cosmetics, was born in Hot Wells, Texas, which is now part of Cypress, Texas.
- Cammille Adams, Olympic swimmer, was born in Houston, Texas. She attended Cypress Woods High School.
- James Bonamy, country music artist, was born in Winter Park, Florida. In 2002, he resided in Cypress, Texas.
- Danielle Bradbery, Winner of NBC's The Voice (US), was born in League City, Texas. She attended Cypress Ranch High School.
- Jonathan Horton, Olympic gymnast, was born in Houston, Texas and currently lives in Cypress, Texas.
- Iris Kyle, 10-time overall Ms. Olympia professional bodybuilder, was born in Benton Harbor Michigan. She currently resides in Katy, Texas and has previously been a resident of Cypress, Texas.
- Tony Oller, Actor and singer-songwriter; grew up in Cypress, Texas.
- Travis Ortmayer, Professional Strongman, was born in Cypress, Texas.
- Corbin Van Arsdale, former member of the Texas House of Representatives, lived in Cypress prior to 2005.

YARD OF THE MONTH



Yard of the month for January has been awarded to the Kalbs at 15323 Pattington Cypress Drive. Congratulations Mike and Diana! Thank you, your beautiful landscaping makes us all look better. Is your neighbors' yard the envy of your block? Nominate them today at Pakamafula@gmail.com.

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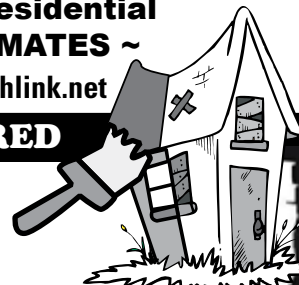
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What steps can I take to make certain I'm still adequately covered by my homeowners insurance?

When considering coverage for your home insurance it's important to remember that you can't base it on price alone. There are many details within the fine print that determine the coverage and exclusions. If possible, search for an all-risk policy to be sure you're getting the maximum amount of coverage offered in Texas. Also, be sure your dwelling amount is up to date as this is the basis for the policy limits for additional coverage.

Could you explain some of the specialty coverages offered by insurance companies?

For home insurance, one of the best coverages for a policy to have is a dwelling extension. This will guarantee additional coverage for your dwelling, in the event of a total loss, if your current policy limit isn't sufficient. For auto, some carriers offer better car replacement. This is important in a total loss claims situation because you'll receive a payoff for a vehicle that is one year newer with 15,000 fewer miles. Essentially, you'll receive a larger payment than you would receive for your vehicle's year and mileage.

Who does my automobile policy cover to drive my car?

Most standard carriers, like Liberty Mutual, will cover anyone that you give permission to drive your vehicle. However if the driver lives with you, and is not listed as a driver on your policy, then the insurance company has the option to deny coverage on a loss because there was a misrepresentation at the time the policy was written.

Why does the insurance company run your driving record and credit check?

Insurance rates are based on the likelihood of the company having to pay out for a claim. If there are tickets and accidents within a 3 to 5 year history then you are more likely to have another incident in the future. Like loss history, credit is a factor in premium as well because statistics have shown that credit scores can accurately predict accident potential.

How do you save money on insurance?

It's important to have a relationship with your agent as they are insuring the most valuable assets you own. Check in with them yearly to be sure you're still receiving the best deal. Often times new discounts are released that you may be eligible for but we have no way of adding them to your policy unless we verify the data with you. What insurance should I get if my family is growing and changing? Life Insurance. You are never too young to purchase protection for your growing and changing family. There is no greater gift than to allow your family to continue living the lifestyle they are accustomed to in the event of your passing. After all, life insurance is not for yourself but for the loved ones you will leave behind.

A relative was sued after a car accident. How can I make sure I'm protected against something like this?

The best way to prevent an incident like this is to increase your auto liability limits and purchase an umbrella policy. Many customers think carrying state minimum limits of 30/60/25 is adequate coverage when in fact it's hardly any coverage at all. Split limits means that in the event of a claim the insurance company will out up to \$30,000 in bodily injury per person with a maximum payout of \$60,000 per accident and \$25,000 in property damage. These limits do not stretch very far when it comes to a major accident. I recommend at least \$100,000 per person in bodily injury with a limit of \$300,000 per accident. An umbrella policy would provide an additional \$1 million in protection, above the limits of your home and auto policy, in any situation where you would be held liable worldwide.

"Coming next month Ask an Engineer. If you have any questions you would like to ask an engineer, please submit them to Pakamafula@gmail.com.

NEW YEAR'S HUMOR

Heartwarming Miami tradition: Asking people not to shoot guns into the air on New Year's Eve.

I like New Years. The confetti covers up my dandruff.

New Years is a time for new beginnings. Now if I could just figure out where to start.

The first week of January, gyms and yoga classes everywhere are packed with people who made New Year's resolutions to tone up. It's like sardines in there. Big sardines! But they're all gone by February.

My New Year's resolution is to eat better, so from now on, I'm going to only date guys who can afford to take me somewhere other than McDonalds.

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to.

This New Years I resolved to lead a better life. Now all I have to do is find someone who will trade lives with me.

This year my New Year's resolution is to win the lottery. That way, if I can't keep my resolution, I can at least blame someone else.

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Instead of New Year's Resolutions let's be realistic and focus on bettering our lives one day at a time. These Positive Life Tips are so amazing and truthful.

You are not alone everybody struggles.

It's not about perfect. It's about effort. When you bring that effort every single day, that's where transformation happens. That's how change occurs.

Go beyond your comfort zone.

Do whatever it takes to live the life of your dreams. And do it on a consistent basis.

You can't expect results when you only give it one shot.

Many people never get what they want because they are too busy holding things they are supposed to let go.

Go to bed with dreams. Wake up with a purpose.

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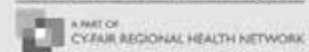
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