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News For The Residents at Lakes of Fairhaven

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## WELCOME TO THE BEACON

*A Newsletter  
for the Lakes of  
Fairhaven Community*

The Beacon is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Lakes of Fairhaven residents. Each newsletter will be 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](http://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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Grandpa, Memaw & Papa

Thank You, Debi Wesneske, a.k.a. Nana



## Make your art a priority in 2016!

Our mission is to promote Art Appreciation in Tomball & surrounding communities, to stimulate enthusiasm for the Arts, increase our knowledge and techniques by having renowned artists demonstrate, and to unite artists by having a common meeting place to share new techniques & knowledge. Join Us!

Jan. 9 – Guest Artist, Peihong Endris - Chinese Brush & Ink

Feb. 13 – Kathy Fediw - Pastels

TAL meets at 9:30 a.m. the 2nd Saturday of the month (some exceptions) in the Amegy Bank building, 2nd Floor,

Hwy 249 @ Medical Complex Dr. in Tomball. For more info: [thetomballartleague.com](http://thetomballartleague.com)





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## KIWANIS CLUB OF CY-FAIR HOUSTON

Start the new year by joining the Kiwanis Club of Cy-Fair Houston for lunch at the Hearthstone Country Club! If you live or work in this area, we welcome you to attend our meeting on January 5th, 12th, or 19th.

Time: Lunch is served at 12:15pm, followed by a brief, informative program. Adjournment is at 1:15pm.

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. Members stage nearly 150,000 service projects and raise nearly US\$100 million every year for communities, families and projects. In addition, Kiwanis members actively participate in many service projects in their home communities.

Why join Kiwanis? The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club of Houston seeks to serve this community through sponsoring Key Clubs for high school students, Builders Clubs for middle school students, and Aktion clubs for adults with disabilities. Also, we sponsor Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops. We provide support to various other organizations in the community that serve children and families. Enjoy the pleasure of being a part of this service.

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 Crowl (Jersey Village area) at 832-467-1998; or Peggy Presnell (Fairfield and CyRanch) at 281-304-7127.



First meeting of the new year will be January 12th, 10:30 AM - Noon. (Second Tuesday each month)

Meeting is \$3 -- Meeting w/Lunch at Noon is \$20.

Hearthstone Country Club, 7615 Ameswood, Houston, TX 77095.

Our speaker will be Michelle Samuelson to discuss Social Media. Invite your friends and neighbors for informative, educational guest speakers and great fellowship. Get to know your local candidates during our meet and greet. Candidates are always welcome and encouraged to bring campaign materials.

Please RSVP to [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net) by 1/5/16.

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## NEW WEBSITE

Lakes of Fairhaven has a new community website. Please visit it at [www.lakesoffairhavenHOA.org](http://www.lakesoffairhavenHOA.org) and register to get emails on HOA info and upcoming LOF announcements.





## The Benefits of Hosting Span Borders

Traveling the world and experiencing new cultures is something many dream of but few are able to do. Hosting an Ayusa exchange student provides the opportunity to experience the world while bringing other benefits to their family and local community.

For schools, opening their doors to an exchange student provides their students the opportunity to experience new cultures and expand their understanding of the global society. Not only will students be able to expand their circle of friends, they will be able to reference different perspectives of world events. The new perspectives that both local and exchange students gain through the exchange experience are invaluable for the ever-expanding global community.

Ayusa exchange students are eager to learn and participate in school and community programs. They take their role as ambassadors for their country seriously. Ayusa students are not simply bystanders to their program year; they are active participants looking to make a difference in their host school and community.

Ayusa exchange students are strong academic performers, well-rounded, and open-minded. Prospective students go through an extensive interview process in their home countries and are evaluated for maturity, strength of goals, leadership skills, and

academic background. Ayusa honors all school enrollment standards, academic requirements and student placement criteria specified in school or district policies.

Host families also reap the benefits of opening their home by sharing their America. When they share with their exchange student, they are also able to see America with fresh eyes through the student. Families often learn new things about the U.S. and have different perspectives after hosting. The experiences and memories that are shared during the program last a lifetime and span international borders.

For more information about hosting a high school foreign exchange student, please contact your local representative Vicki Odom at 832.455.7881 or HYPERLINK "mailto:vodom@ayusa.org" vodom@ayusa.org or Ayusa at 1.888.552.9872 or by visiting the website at [www.ayusa.org](http://www.ayusa.org).

### ABOUT AYUSA

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## TENNIS TIPS

By USPTA/PTR Master Professional  
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STEP 1



STEP 2



STEP 3



STEP 4

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.

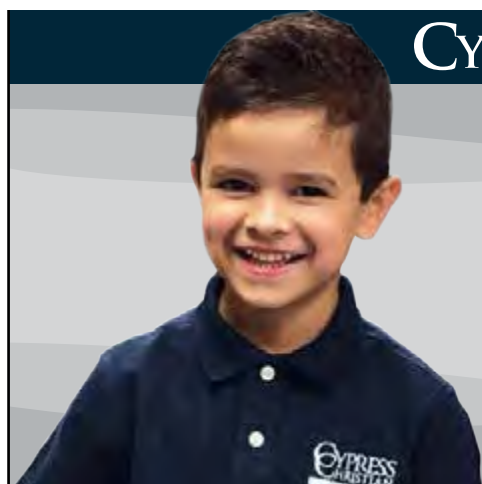
**Step 2: Back Swing:** Since the volley is usually executed when a player is close to the net and there is very little time to react to the

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 loose. 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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## 10 Easy Ways to Make Your Home Safe

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To avoid all kinds of accidents you should make it an accident-proof dwelling. It's really simple if you observe specific steps to keep mishaps at bay.

Here are 10 easy ways to make your home safe and secure. These will help you take care and protect yourself, family members and house-guests. Employ these effective tips:

1. Keep interiors and exteriors well lit. This is important at nighttime and also in winters when daylight is not very effective. Critical areas that need to be illuminated are the stairs, outdoors and foyers.

2. Never leave electrical problems pending at any point. The slightest fluctuation should be attended immediately. Make it a cardinal rule to switch off appliances after use.

3. Smoke alarms are a necessity and you must have the very best. Practice regular safety drills with your family to ensure awareness of procedures.

4. Keep ordinary appliances safely as they could be dangerous. Especially with kids around. Make electrical outlets safe by safety plugging and child proofing them. Keep sharp objects like scissors, knives, weapons and match boxes out of reach.

5. Ensure locks and bolts on doors and windows are in order and tamper-proof. Keep an eye out for suspicious characters and never invite strangers into your home. Teach your children not to entertain queries from strangers.

6. Do not share information about working or school hours. Teach family members to avoid telling people about schedules and routines. Do not put personal information online and never respond to voicemails.

7. The risk of accidents goes up when you are getting maintenance or repair work done. Ensure safety and precaution and be prepared to react quickly to accidents or injuries.

8. Do not attempt repair work of appliances involving undue risk. Many home accidents are the result of improper tampering with tools like lawnmowers and trimmers.

9. Maintain caution when driving vehicles in or out of your home. If you are backing the car up, watch out for children and pets on the road.

Make sure you don't leave stuff on stairs that may cause people to trip and fall. Be watchful when clearing snow from pathways that you do not heap it up in areas where people might walk.



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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 be 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](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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Meet Me in St. Louis

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Location: Cypress Woods High School Auditorium

Run Time: Approximately 113 Minutes with One Intermission

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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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\$351,000--\$450,999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$276,000--\$350,999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$231,000--\$275,999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$201,000--\$230,999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$200,999 and below	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Highest \$/sq ft</b>	<b>\$140.92</b>	<b>\$117.05</b>	<b>\$121.96</b>	<b>\$138.76</b>	<b>\$142.26</b>	<b>\$140.34</b>	<b>\$140.39</b>	<b>\$126.03</b>	<b>\$139.39</b>	<b>\$108.15</b>

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