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CYPRESS *park*

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF CYPRESS PARK

HOA NEEDS YOU

I have been residing in Cypress Park since June 2011. Having good neighbors was so important to me. So, I had a ritual while walking my dogs of stretching out my hands and praying that each vacant lot would be filled by families that could afford the house, would take good care of it, and would be respectable and caring. Well, I must say my prayers were answered because people here are wonderful.

On March 24, 2016 my tenure on the HOA committee will end and I'm praying that my replacement will have similar spirits as myself namely, get involved and make yourself available to the community; not serving for a title but because you want to make a difference; vote on issues from the rightful perspective of validating why and how the vote will impact families and the community overall.

As Vice President, I have met and established some long lasting relationships. I have been invited into residents to chat, attended baby's christenings, watched sporting events, attended holiday gatherings, shed tears of sorrow, and fed many wonderful meals. All these events exemplified appreciation, how we are a village of love, and how I do care about the community and its future.

So if you would like to be part of the HOA or serve as a volunteer for upcoming events, please submit your contact data to Pakamafula@gmail.com.

On March 24, 2016 please be present at Christ Family Church located at 16333 Mueschke Road, Cypress, Texas 77433 before 6:30 p.m. to cast your vote for one who will act in good faith and make sure the decisions made will be in the best interest of the Association. After all, we are elected by the members so we owe our duty of care and loyalty to them, not to the Board. We must have a 10% quorum vote.

HELP IS ON THE WAY

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 located at 15010 Mueschke Road runs a food pantry on Mondays from 3:30 pm to 6:30 pm and the only requirement is that the client should live in zip code 77433 and west of Skinner 77429. Computerized job search and resume preparation and printing are also available. For more information, contact 281-373-9337. Food donations are also greatly appreciated.

Cypress Assistance Ministries (CAM) located at 11202 Huffmeister Road, Houston, Texas 77065, provides financial support, food, goods, education and job placement services. Their goal is to guide individuals and families back onto the road to self sufficiency and avoiding homelessness.

CAM serves areas encompassing zip codes 77065, 77095, 77433, and 77429. For more information, contact 281-955-7684.



IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

EMERGENCY	911
Fire/Ambulance.....	911
Officer.....	911
Poison Control.....	800-222-1222
Cy-Fair Medical Clinic (24 Hour)	281-890-4285
Sheriff Non-emergency.....	281-463-2648

NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Emergency Roadside Assistance.....	800-525-5555
Fire/Ambulance.....	713-466-4073
Harris County Precinct 4	281-376-3472
Texas No Call List Registration	866-TXN-OCAL
Vacation Watch	281-401-6200

SCHOOLS

Bus Information	281-897-4380
Ault Elementary School.....	281-373-2800
Keith Elementary School.....	281-213-1744
Swenke Elementary School.....	281-213-1200
Rosehill Christian School	281-351-8114
Cy-Fair Administration	281-897-4000
Cy-Ranch High School	281-373-2300
Cy-Woods High School.....	281-213-1800
Salyards Middle School	281-373-2400
Spillane Middle School.....	281-213-1645

UTILITY NUMBERS

Eagle Water Management, Inc.....	281-373-8989
Centerpoint (Gas	713-659-2111
Reliant Energy (Electricity.....	713-207-7777

OTHER NUMBERS

AT&T Repair Center	800-246-8464
Street Light Outages (Need to provide the 6 digit pole number).....	713-207-2222
Harris County Animal Control	832-999-3191
Best Trash (They provide free trashcan for recyclables)	281-313-2378
Harris County Public Library.....	281-290-3210
Post Office.....	281-858-9021

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ITS MY PLEASURE TO SERVE

There are many reasons why homeowners volunteer to be a part of your Homeowners Association (HOA). Let's see a few.

1. To help in protecting your property values and maintaining the general well-being of individuals and society.
2. To help in correcting problems within our community. Perhaps parking is an issue, or landscape maintenance is neglected.
3. To honestly give back to your community and neighbors.
4. To be sociable, meet various neighbors, make friends, and gain trust.
5. To advance your career and build your personal resume by including your leadership capabilities of getting others involved.
6. To have fun accomplishing things around your community with the help of your neighbors.
7. To get educated on the many facets of running a HOA such as; the covenants, by laws and regulations, maintenance and repair, and understanding financials.
8. To freely express yourself and be creative while offering your opinion on solutions to your communities' problems.
9. To gain recognition from your peers for your contributions to the community.

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MARCH TIME

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 National Craft Month
 National Frozen Food Month
 National Irish American Heritage Month
designated by Congress in 1995
 National Nutrition Month
 National Peanut Month
 National Women's History Month
 Red Cross Month
 Social Workers Month

13 Daylight Savings
 15 Ides of March
 17 St. Patrick's Day
 20 International Earth Day - also called Sun-Earth Day
 20 Palm Sunday
 20 Spring (Vernal) Equinox
 23 Purim begins at sundown
 25 Feast of the Annunciation
 25 Good Friday
 27 Easter Sunday



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GIVE US A BREAK

Spring Break is March 14-18, 2016 for the Cypress Fairbanks Independent School District public schools, Rosehill Christian School and most private schools.

The children will be playing throughout the neighborhood, so please be careful while driving. Also, watch out for the pets.

If you are going out of town please utilize the vacation watch provided by Harris County Precinct 4 by calling 281-401-6200.



The advertisement features a circular logo on the left with a cross, a book, and a lamp, surrounded by the text "THE FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC EDUCATORS" and "1906". Below the logo is the motto: "Living, loving, and learning in Christ and the Church." and the school's address: "8646 Adalberto Saturno Rd., Houston, TX 77084, 281-463-1444, www.etasz.org". The main text reads "Come grow with us!" and "St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic School". A starburst graphic says "Now Registering 2015-2016 School year". At the bottom, it lists "EXCELLENCE IN CURRICULUM • ATHLETICS", "COMPUTER & SCIENCE LABS", and "BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS". The background shows a graduate and a child.

St. Patty's Day FACTS

Corned beef and cabbage is the traditional dish on St. Patrick Day. The corned beef part of the meat actually used to be bacon because cows were not generally used for their meat.

St. Patrick used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit while trying to convert people to Christianity.

The official color of St. Patrick's Day, green, has a lot of connections to Ireland and springtime. It's featured on the flag, Ireland is nicknamed the "Emerald Isle," it represents spring and it's the color of shamrock. The holiday was originally associated with the color blue and the shift to green happened because of Ireland's nickname.

Remember if you don't wear green, you are at risk of being pinched and you may find hope, faith, love, and luck.



The advertisement features a large image of a bulldog lying down with a basketball. The text "FULL COURT ADVANTAGE" is written in large, bold, sans-serif letters at the top. Below it, in smaller bold letters, is "WE PAY MORE. WE PAY TODAY." At the bottom, a dark banner contains the text "SELL US YOUR CAR!™" in large white letters, followed by "TEXASDIRECTAUTO.COM" in a smaller white font.

BIRTHDAY FREEBIES

Sign up now so that when your birthday rolls around you will have free presents in your inbox. Go under the individual websites or at www.favoritecandle.com.

Here is a list of some of the vendors:

- Honey Baked Ham
- Genghis Grill
- Baskin Robbins
- Denny's
- IHOP
- Red Lobsters
- Texas Roadhouse
- Rockfish
- Dairy Queen
- Sephora
- On The Borders & T.G.I.F.

MARCH EVENTS

March 4– March 5, 2016

“If Quilts Could Talk”

The Berry Center, 8877 Barker Cypress Road, Cypress, TX

March 19-20, 2015

27th Annual Auto Sway Meet

Traders Village, 7979 N. Eldridge Road, Houston, TX

March 20, 2016

Cypress Creek Lakes Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Photos

10080 Cypress Creek

March 20, 2016

Dream Wedding Bridal Show

Omni Houston Hotel at Westside, 13210 Katy Freeway

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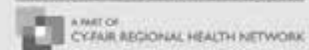
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Zika Virus

Zika virus is transmitted by Aedes mosquitoes and there is no specific treatment or vaccine currently available. The best way to avoid getting the virus is to avoid being bitten by infected mosquitoes. About 20% of people with Zika virus actually get ill. Severe disease, requiring hospitalization, is uncommon and death due to the virus is rare.

The incubation period of Zika virus is thought to be a few days to a week, but is still unknown. Symptoms include fever, skin rash, conjunctivitis, muscle and joint pain, and headache. Symptoms tend to be mild and last from 2-7 days. Zika virus can be contracted through the bite of an infected mosquito, through blood transfusions, through sexual contact, and from mother to child during pregnancy.

The mosquitoes that are able to transmit Zika virus are also able to transmit dengue and Chikungunya viruses. These mosquitoes are daytime biters, but can also bite at night. Aedes mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water-buckets, tires, tree holes, animal water dishes, etc.

To protect yourself from mosquito bites, wear light-colored clothing that covers as much skin as possible, use insect repellent (read and follow label instructions), use screening on doors and windows, use mosquito netting (if needed) while sleeping, and reduce standing water areas.

For more information on Zika virus, please see the CDC website here <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html>

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

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