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# BOARD REPORT

The day-to-day Operating Expenses of the Homeowners Association, such as Administration, Utilities, General Maintenance, Amenities, Landscaping, and Miscellaneous Operating Expenses, are covered by the Annual Assessment Fee. Our Operating Budget for 2016 is based on utilizing 98% of the income raised from our 2016 Annual Assessment. At the end of April, we had spent 31% of our budget and we are currently anticipating that our total Operating Expenses for 2016 will be on budget.

The Capital Reserve is used for the extraordinary maintenance, repair, enhancement and end-of-life replacement of assets and funding for this comes from the Reserve Assessment. A third party study of projected Capital Reserve needs for the next 30 years was undertaken in 2012 and, based on that study, it was recommended that the accumulated balance of our Capital Reserve Fund be built up to be equivalent to \$935 and \$1,100 per homeowner by the end of 2016 and 2017, respectively. As things currently stand the projection is that the actual accumulated balance of our Capital Reserve Fund will be equivalent to \$760 per homeowner by the end of 2016 and \$1,010 per homeowner by the end of 2017.

A Special Assessment of \$600 per homeowner was approved in October, 2014 to provide the funds needed to undertake some extraordinary asset repair work on the flood control system in 2015. At the close of the 2015 financial year we had used approximately 70% of the funds raised through the Special Assessment. The balance of the funds available from the Special Assessment has been rolled over to 2016 and, as outlined below, it will be used to cover the cost of performing a limited number of extraordinary asset repair jobs in the coming months.

The Annual Meeting of the HOA scheduled for April 18, 2016 was cancelled as a result of the extensive flooding experienced throughout the Northwest Harris County area on the day of the meeting. The Annual Meeting was re-called and held on May 16, 2016.

The purpose of the Annual Meeting was to elect two directors to the HOA Board for a period of two years and to update the homeowners

on the state of the Association.

As a result of the Annual Meeting elections, the make-up of the Board will be as follows for the next year:

President Mike Kucharski
Vice President Robin Border
Secretary Mike Finke
Treasurer Mike Bock
Director at Large David Luck

The financial results for 2015 and for the first quarter of 2016 were presented and thoroughly reviewed. Homeowners were reminded that the approved increase in the Reserve Assessment will apply from this year and that the new rate of \$250 per homeowner will be due for payment in July.

A significant part of the meeting was spent discussing issues relating to the Tax Day Storm event and the Board made a commitment that the lessons learned from the event would be reviewed thoroughly with a view to implementing those measures that can be demonstrated to reduce the risk of flooding the subdivision to a level that it is as low as reasonably practicable.

With this in mind, the Board stated that the balance of the Special Assessment funds that had been rolled over to 2016 are, in the main, earmarked for improving the subdivision's flood control system. In particular, the following elements of the flood control system will receive specific attention in the coming months:

- The conduits (large diameter corrugated pipes) in way of the bridge at the North end of the West drainage ditch will be repaired
- The eroded areas of the levees along the West drainage ditch will be repaired
- The existing power supply and control systems will be upgraded, where possible, to improve the reliability of the retention pond level management system

The Board outlined the findings from their recent review of proposed options for improving security in the subdivision and

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indicated that the annual cost per homeowner for an effective security solution would be of the order of \$220. Given the projected level of cost, the Board requested that the homeowners present at the meeting decide whether there was value in the Board continuing to develop a firm proposal to put to a formal vote by the members of the Association. By a show of hands, the homeowners, in attendance, recommended that the Board proceed with the development of a formal proposal.

The current garbage collection contract is based on back-door service but a large number of homeowners appear to prefer to present their garbage for curb-side collection. Moving to a curb-side service would provide each homeowner with a saving of approximately \$10 per month. The Board requested that the homeowners at the meeting indicate whether the issue was worthy of being put to a vote by the members and, by a show of hands, those present recommended the development of a formal proposal.

It has been brought to the attention of the Board that there has been a spate of illegal dumping in and around the retention pond area in recent months and the Board requested the support of the homeowners in preventing illegal dumping by calling the Harris County Sheriff on (713) 221-6000 should they come across anyone dumping trash illegally.

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Everybody is welcome to attend the meeting and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month. The meetings foster great fellowship and feature informative guest speakers. For further information, visit the website www.cytomdems.com; contact Cris Hernandez at cytomdems@yahoo.com; Follow us on Facebook at Cypress-Tomball Democrats.



## Cy-Fair Republican Women

June 14th is the Cy-Fair Republican Women's General Meeting

10:30 AM - Noon. (Second Tuesday each month)
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About ABWA

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# Cypress Woods Key Club Awarded Seventh out of Texas and Oklahoma Clubs

By Jordan Miller

On April 21, Cypress Woods Key Club embarked through the floods on a four-hour journey to Dallas, Texas where the 67th annual Texas-Oklahoma Key Club District Convention (or DCON) was held. The convention is held in order to recognize the Key Clubs throughout Texas and Oklahoma that went above and beyond in service projects, amount of hours, or any other unique way they promoted service. The club was recognized as #7 out of all Texas and Oklahoma Key Clubs while also receiving two senior scholarships for Secretary Sharon Zhou and Historian Gina Zhang. Cypress Woods Key Club President- junior Leia George- received the position of Treasurer on the Texas-Oklahoma District Board, which will require her to connect with all Key Club treasurers throughout the Texas-Oklahoma district while also attending board meetings in Dallas a twice a year.

The recognition of the club as seventh overall at DCON did not come easy according to Cypress Woods Key Club Secretary junior Ashley Kawakubo.

"This past year Cy Woods Key Club has worked very hard

in completing hours, turning in reports on-time and has truly experienced the meaning of volunteering," Kawakubo said. "Our outstanding officer team and members have allowed our Key Club to succeed in becoming number seven in the district."

Current President Anushua Mantrala agrees with Kawakubo and believes the main reason for the club's success came from the extensive planning that went into their activities.

"Our Key Club really tried to do as many events as possible," Mantrala said. "We would plan activities with our Builders Club (which is our Middle School Branch), plan service projects to do in the meetings, plan socials with the other Key Clubs in the area, and so much more. We really tried to be as involved as we could and as active in service in the community."

Immediate past Secretary Sharon Zhou played a crucial role in getting the club to be seventh out of all of Texas and Oklahoma and received the \$1000 William & Ann Gay Bishop scholarship for her hard work.

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"As Secretary, one of the things I personally did was try and make sure we got the maximum amount of points per month via [our] monthly report," Zhou said. "This year, we also had a much larger number of interclubs and socials, which is something that we improved upon from previous years. Even something as insignificant as having more officer meetings per month, or reminding members to show up to their events and get their hours forms signed helped in tiny ways to help improve the club as a whole."

When the names of clubs were being called out starting with the rank of 25 at the final convention ceremony Mantrala felt adrenaline rush through her- she was sure of the club's top 25 ranking, but did not know what ranking they would receive beyond that.

"Whenever the countdown was in the single digits, I was getting more and more excited because that meant we placed high," Mantrala said. "When they announced us as seventh I was so thrilled because I knew how hard our officers worked to make the year successful. It was so touching to see some of us in tears of joy because it really showed me how if you have a deep passion in something, you're going to try your hardest to make the biggest impact and to succeed-which is what our club did."

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