

STONE FOREST

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Neighbors,

The Annual Meeting of the Stone Forest Home Owners Association was held last evening at the Normandy Forest Club House. Attendance was adequate that quorum was established and we proceeded with the agenda.

Nominations for the two open Board Officers was opened. Those nominated were: Tod Bisch, Cathy Schmidt and Randal McSwain. Voting proxies were counted and both Mr. Bisch and Ms. Schmidt were returned to the Board for new two year terms.

There remains one Board position open due the resignation of Richard Leonard earlier this summer. The Board is actively seeking someone from the community to volunteer to fill out the remaining year for this position.

Please contact any Board Member or Randie Capps at Chaparral Management if you are interested in participating on your HOA Board of Directors.

Landon Reed from Precinct 4, Commissioner Cagle's office spoke to the group and updated us on various issues of interest for Stone Forest.

- There will be a traffic signal installed at Spring Cypress and Stone Forest Dr. most likely within the next year. Most of the study work has been completed and a contract should be let by fall.
- Two other signals will go to Spring Cypress at Chaseloch (Memorial Chase SD) and Spring Cypress at Glen Haven Estates Dr. (Glen Haven SD).
- Precinct 4 will also be extending the left turn lanes at Spring Cypress at Stubner Airline, along with possible right turn lanes there as well.

- Please see the websites for Precinct 4 for further information regarding road and bridge work or other community activities sponsored by Mr. Cagle's office: hcp4.net/assistance/cad and hcp4.net/community/SAP

The State of the Stone Forest Homeowners Association is good. We are currently under budget compared to last year and should remain so for second half of 2016. We currently have approximately 2.5 times our annual budget on hand in our accounts. We do not foresee any increase in annual dues at this time.

Please remember to file an ACC request should you make any changes to your home. This form can be found at the Stone Forest website listed in this newsletter. The Board has approved a "L" fence for hiding your trash bins. Please contact me or Randie at Chaparral and we can send you a photo of the approved fence design.

Should you see any suspicious activity, speeding, four wheelers around the retention ponds or cars not stopping for stop signs, please contact the Pct. 4 Constables office so that an officer can patrol our community specifically for these activities. 281-376-3472

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as President of Stone Forest HOA this past year, and I look forward my continued participation on the Board for 2016-2017.

Have wonderful and safe Summer.

Tod Bisch
President

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Kids' Running Team's Cross Country Season Starts September 6th

The Northwest Flyers Track Club Youth Cross-Country Team kicks off the fall season with registration and a mandatory orientation for parents and athletes on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at Cypress Creek High School, 9815 Grant Rd., Houston. Registration starts online September 1 at www.northwestflyers.org. Practices are held at the Cypress Creek YMCA and Spring Creek Park in Tomball.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a member program of USA Track and Field (USATF), the national governing body for track and cross country. The club is celebrating its 30th year in the northwest Houston area. Ages 6 - 18 may participate in the team, and both beginners and experienced runners are welcome. Middle school and high school cross country athletes can also register, but should compete after their cross country season is over.

For more information contact Coach Eric Wentworth at emw185@gmail.com or 281-961-6603. Visit www.northwestflyers.org to get updates and learn more about the team.

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BLUE JAYS ARE NOT BLUE?

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



Blue Jays are easy to recognize because of their crest and their beautiful blue, black and white markings. They are also one of our larger birds, some reaching a foot long. Although beautiful, some consider them a nuisance because they can be aggressive.

Aggressiveness towards humans can occur when a Blue Jay is protecting its nest. They've also been known to dive-bomb cats and dogs. They can imitate the sounds of the Red-shouldered Hawk and often do this to keep predators away from the nest. Because they are such good parents and very protective, TWRC Wildlife Center rarely receives any eyes-closed nestlings at the Center.

Did you know that Blue Jays aren't really blue? The color we see is

the result of the inner structure of the feathers. There are two types of color in birds—pigmented and structural. The cardinal looks red because the feathers really are red. This is pigmented. Blue and green are unique colors in the animal kingdom and are considered structural colors. To explain as simply as possible, the blue in the Blue Jay is caused by microscopic structures in the feather that refract light like a prism. When the light passes through a dark layer of melanin, some wavelengths are filtered out, and the bird looks blue. Feathers look blue for the same reason the sky looks blue.

In late summer you may see a bald Blue Jay. Don't automatically assume that it is sick or has been attacked by another animal. Blue Jays, as well as Cardinals, go through a complete molt of their head feathers but they do grow back.

During the spring, TWRC Wildlife Center admits hundreds of Blue Jays, both adults and babies. They are admitted to our on-site care program and require daily care. If you'd like to learn how to feed and care for Blue Jays, volunteer and become a part of our Baby Bird Program. It's fun, it's rewarding and you'll be helping our wildlife. For more information go to www.twrcwildlifecenter.org.



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Go the Distance with Scouting!

Girls kindergarten to 12th grade are provided amazing opportunities and experiences as a Girl Scout! Not only can they dream about earning a Gold, they can earn it by going the distance in scouting!

Like any good team we also need good coaches! Consider volunteering as a troop leader or co-leader and help girls reach their own Bronze, Silver and Gold! As a troop leader your journey earns an award sure to exceed any Gold!

Girl Scout membership is \$15. Girls and adults can join Girl Scouts and register online at www.gssjc.org, or join us in person to learn more about Girl Scouts at our Fall Rally.

We are looking forward to another great year of Girl Scout adventures and hope you'll go the distance with us!! Be a Girl Scout Olympian and join Girl Scouts today!

Heart of Texas Girl Scouts Fall Rally

KG – 12th grade

Saturday, September 10, 2016

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Good Shepherd United Methodist (Gym)

20155 Cypresswood Drive, Cypress TX

Did you know?

Did you know that Girl Scouts are more likely than non-Girl Scouts to...

- Advocate for herself and others
- Set ambitious goals and think about her future
- Be mentally and emotionally stronger
- Be financially independent
- Overcome failure and fears and so much more!

Through a girl's experience in Girl Scouting, she has additional opportunities to make new friends, have new experiences, and work together with other girls to serve in her community. Girl Scouts is about charting the course of a girl's destiny so she grows up confident, knowing she is capable of achieving great things in life of being successful and doing something significant!

It's August and that means the summer is winding down and school is starting soon. As you start planning your daughter's activities, we hope you plan make Girl Scouts a part of it. If you'd like your daughter to explore new interests, achieve her goals, or simply to make new friends to overcome their shyness, look for Girl Scout recruitment events in your school. Girl Scouts is for girls in grades kindergarten to 12th grade and the cost is \$15.

You can join Girl Scouts at www.gssjc.org or contact Jo Anna Harris at jharris@sigs.org. We are looking forward to another great year in the Cypress area and hope you can join in on the fun!

Cub Scout Pack 3 Fall Rally!!!!

Tuesday, September 13, 2016

7:00 pm @ Robison Elementary Cafeteria

Boys 1st - 4th grade

Cub Scouts provides elementary age boys and their families a wonderful opportunity to explore the world around them, experience the outdoors, learn new things and most of all just have a lot of fun!! Boys interested in Cub Scouts, and families wanting to know what Cub Scouts is all about, Pack 3 will be hosting a Fall Rally on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the Robison Elementary Cafeteria. Families are welcome to attend! Cub Scout Pack 3, chartered thru the A. Robison Elementary PTO, currently has 50 boys, grades 1-5, who primarily attend A. Robison Elementary School. You are not required to attend Robison Elementary in order to attend this rally or to register with Pack 3. You are also not required to join Pack 3 should you register at this rally and wish to join a Pack at your school. So grab some friends and come see what fun is all about! Start your adventure now, join Cub Scouts!!

We hope to see a lot of new faces!

Yours in Scouting

Cub Scout Pack 3

cypresspack3.org

KIWANIS CLUB OF CY-FAIR HOUSTON

If you live or work in the Cy-Fair area, we would welcome the opportunity to meet you and tell you about the service the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club gives to our community. Be our guest at our meeting on August 2, 9, and 16.

Time and place: Meetings are held at the Hearthstone Country Club. 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. 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.

For more information, call John Carroll at 281-463-0373; George Crowlat 832-467-1998; or Peggy Presnell at 281-304-7127.



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