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Hurricane Preparedness

Each year NOAA and the American Red Cross publishes a preparedness guide of tropical cyclones to help us prepare for such an emergency. You can download a copy of that guide at http://www.nws.noaa.gov/os/hurricane/resources/TropicalCyclones11.pdf. This guide gives great information on the metrological terms associated with tropical storms and what to expect from those storms. Most importantly, it lists critical information about how to prepare for an incoming storm.

Guidelines each year prior to hurricane season:

- Determine safe evacuation routes inland
- Learn locations of official shelters
- Check emergency equipment such as flashlights, generators and battery powered equipment such as cell phones and your NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards receiver.
- Buy food that will not spoil and store drinking water.
- Buy plywood or other material to protect your home if you don't have it.
- Trim trees and shrubbery so branches don't fly into your home.
- Clear clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Decide where to move your boat if applicable.
- Review your insurance policy.
- Find pet friendly hotels on your evacuation route.

During the storm and when Houston is in the warning area, you should:

- Closely monitor radio, TV or NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards for official bulletins.
- Close storm shutters.
- Follow instructions issued by local officials. Leave immediately if ordered
- Stay with friends or relatives at a low-rise inland hotel or at designated public shelter outside of the flood zone.
- DO NOT stay in a mobile home or manufactured home.
- Notify neighbors and a family member outside of the warned area of your evacuation plans.

- Take pets with you, but remember that most public shelters do not allow pets other than service pets for people with disabilities.
- Identify pet friendly hotels along your evacuation route.

If you are staying home to "hunker" out the storm:

- Turn refrigerator to maximum cold and keep it closed.
- Turn off utilities if told to do so by authorities.
- Turn off propane gas tanks.
- Unplug small appliances.
- Fill bathtub and large containers with water in case clean tap water is unavailable. Use water in bathtubs for cleaning and flushing only. Do NOT drink it.
- Stay away from windows and doors, even if they are covered. Take refuge in a small interior room, closet or hallway.
- Close all interior doors. Secure and brace exterior doors.
- If you are in a two-story house, go to an interior first floor room.
- If you are in a multi-story building and away from water, go to the first or second floor and stay in the hallways or other interior rooms away from windows.
- Lie on the floor under a table or other sturdy object.



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Cub Scout Pack 3 Fall Rally!!!!

Wednesday, September 7, 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 Wednesday, September 7, 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

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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 July, we had spent 67% 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. 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, compared with a recommended value of \$935. The projection for the accumulated balance of the fund at the end of 2017 is \$1,010 per homeowner, compared with a recommended value of \$1,100.

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 is now earmarked for repairing the two large pumps that service the subdivision's retention pond.

The work associated with removing the damaged retention pond pumps for inspection and repair commenced at the beginning of August but progress has been hampered by the wet weather we have experienced over the last few weeks.

Regarding the surveys conducted recently on proposed changes to our trash collection agreement and the proposed introduction of security patrol services, just over half of our homeowners provided feedback.

The feedback from the survey on trash collection was inconclusive as it was, more or less, split down the middle and, consequently, the decision has been taken to stay with back-door collection for the foreseeable future.

Just over 60% of the homeowners that provided feedback on the proposed introduction of security patrol services indicated that they were not in favor of the suggestion and, as a result, the board will not be taking any further action on this issue at this time.

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CWTC will present Terra Nova by Ted Tally on: Thursday, Sept. 22 at 7:00 p.m. Friday, Sept. 23 at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, Sept 24 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

All shows will be presented at the Cypress Woods High School Drama Studio.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or at www.showtix4u.com.

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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



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The Robison Elementary School PTO will be hosting a Family Fun Fair & Silent Auction on Friday, October 14, 2016 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm on the Robison Elementary fields. The event is open to the public and will be a fun time for all ages. Complete with boardwalk games, cake walks, food and more, you won't want to miss! Bring all the kids and come join in the fun, mark your calendars now!

ROCKETFEST Family Fun Fair & Silent Auction

Friday, October 14, 2016 5:00 - 9:00 pm **Robison Elementary School** 17100 Robison Woods Rd Cypress, TX 77429

Wristbands will be \$30 at the door for unlimited boardwalk games.

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The Texas Driver (from the Texas Driver Handbook)

FLOODS

- Six inches of water will reach the bottom of most passenger cars, causing loss of control and possible stalling.
- Twelve inches of water will float many cars.
- Two feet of water will carry away pick-up trucks, and most other vehicles
- Water across a road may hide a missing segment of roadbed or a missing bridge. Roads weaken under floodwater, get out quickly and move to higher ground. Better yet, when there's water on the road, Turn Around. Don't Drown. Saving your life may be as simple as choosing an alternate route.

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Overnight Coffee Cake



Recipe provided by Sherry Watson. The original source is unknown (cut from an old magazine many years ago). This recipe is unbelievably simple, but it makes a beautiful presentation at the table.

1 pkg. frozen cloverleaf roll dough (about 25 rolls)

1 pkg. (four-serving size) vanilla pudding mix (not instant)

½ cup brown sugar

½ cup pecans, chopped

1 stick butter, melted

Separate frozen roll dough into pieces (each cloverleaf makes three pieces). Other rolls will work, but with larger pieces of dough, use only 20; more may be too many for your pan.

Combine dry pudding mix with brown sugar and pecans.

Melt butter.

Place pieces of frozen roll dough in a well-buttered Bundt pan. (Do not use angel food pan; butter leaks out!) Pour melted butter over frozen dough and sprinkle with pudding mixture.

Leave cake pan out overnight; the dough rises beautifully by morning. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Invert on serving plate to serve. Sticky – but good!



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