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NEIGABOR SPOTLIGHT By Samantha Obas



For most of the year, long time Cypress Mill residents Joe and Sue Potak may look like an average couple living in the area, but when fall arrives, they are local celebrities. Their home has become a staple feature for Halloween all due to Joe's talented skills in constructing unique, out of this world structures right on his front lawn.

In an interview in their peaceful home where Joe's work is featured in other small scale structures like

Sue's flowerpot stand and a birdbath, Sue and Joe are all smiles about their good fortune.

"If he doesn't start building at a certain time people ask what's going on," says Sue, a registered nurse. "The whole community loves it and they come by a lot."

So much so in fact that, Joe's colorful, architectural and slow-yourcar-down-to-take-a-better-look structures have drawn roughly "a thousand children" to their home each year. Passerby and visitors have been witness to Joe's edifices of Frankenstein, a haunted pirate ship, a cemetery, the minions, a spaceship and full size gravestones to name a few. According to the Potaks many of the neighborhood children enjoyed taking turns on the haunted pirate ship built last year.

"The neighbors say he's the Santa Claus of Halloween," Sue shares. Halloween is, in fact, Sue's favorite time of the year since her birthday falls on the 28th.

"I love Halloween!" she says emphatically. "I wish [my birthday] was on Halloween."

Each year Joe and Sue begin the process of building without telling

anyone what the structure will be, not even close relatives. He lays the groundwork and leaves clues on Facebook, but of course not much can be gathered from a few pieces of constructed wood on the ground. But everyone is left to guess.

The couple who hails from a small town in Pennsylvania has been living in Cypress Mill for 11 years and will forever call it home.

"We love it. It's close to everything. We're not leaving," Sue muses. Joe works as a construction worker for a local company and was part of the crew that built the first Sonic drive-in fast food restaurant on 290.

"That was built before anything else was around," she says.

And what exactly inspires the construction genius to build every year?

"We do it for the kids," says Joe.

Joe's ideas for structures are from pictures, what's considered "in" (remember those miniature Minions?) or "of his own blueprint." This year's structure, inspired from a real witch's house in Beverly Hills, California, is arguably another masterpiece. Be sure to check it out and slow down to watch the progress!

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Cypress Mill Residents Say Hello to the Fall

Orange, of course, was the featured color in the Cypress Mill community as residents ushered in the fall festive holidays with pumpkins, goblins, skeletons, creepy creatures and other interesting structures. Take a look at what was around "the Mill."



A lost pet's best chance

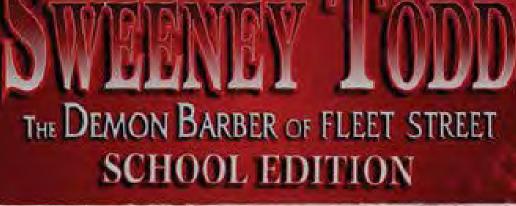
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Content may not be appropriate for young, or immature audience members.

An infamous tale, Sweeney Todd, an unjustly exiled barber, returns to 19th century London seeking vengeance against the lecherous judge who framed him and ravaged his young wife. The road to revenge leads Todd to Mrs. Lovett, a resourceful proprietress of a failing pie shop, above which he opens a new barber practice. Mrs. Lovett's luck sharply shifts when Todd's thirst for blood inspires the integration of an ingredient into her meat pies that has the people of London lining up, and the carnage has only just begun! (Continued from Cover)

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Visit Bethlehem this season on Saturday, December 3rd & Sunday, December 4th 5:00-8:00 pm - The event is FREE!



Imagine what life was like during this miraculous time in history as you visit the Spice Merchant, the Produce Market, sample the wonderful treats at the Bakery and taste the savory soup at the Soldier's Tavern. Listen to the storyteller, and visit the shepherds, & the Inn. Watch for the Roman soldiers. Listen for the Kings arrival at the stable with gifts for Jesus as Mary & Joseph look on. Don't miss this living, interactive recreation of the original Christmas story. Join us for free activities for the family including candle making, create a clay pinch pot, sew a coin bag or play Bethlehem dress-up. Pet the live animals and enjoy cookies, hot cider and coffee.

Messiah Lutheran Church is a grace place, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Messiah is located at 11522 Telge Road, ½ mile north of Highway 290. Regular Sunday worship times are: 8 am—Traditions; 9:30 am—The Gathering; and 10:45 am—The Crossing. The Discovery (education) Hour is 9:15-10:15 AM on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or www.messiahlc.org. All people are welcome at Messiah.



Albion Hurricanes FC Soccer Spring Evaluations December 2016

Albion Hurricanes FC (AHFC), established in 1989, is leading the way in South Texas youth soccer by inspiring and developing young men and women through world class coaching and innovative techniques, as well as instilling the proper framework, self-esteem, confidence and sportsmanship within our athletes.

AHFC has multiple campuses in and around Houston. The club invites all interested players from the ages of 7 to 18, to the Player Evaluations and to become part of our success. We ask that all interested players pre-register before coming out to the fields. Please visit albionhurricanes.org for details about your particular campus.

AHFC offers JHSL (a recreational program for 5 - 10 year olds) at our Cy Fair and Central locations and offers additional training at Katy Friday Night Academy and New Territory Thusday NIght Academy. Questions

Cypress Texas Tea Party

The next meetings of the Cypress Texas Tea Party will be on: Saturday, November 19, 2016 NOON - 2:00 PM

- R. Jack Cagle, County Commissioner, Precinct 4

- Carl Javis, Republican Precinct Chairman and Author, "The United States of Dysfunction"

Saturday, December 10, 2016 NOON - 2:00 PM - To be determined

The Cypress Texas Tea Party meets every three weeks on Saturday Noon until 2:00 PM at: Spring Creek BBQ 25831 Northwest Freeway Cypress, Texas 77429 Map: http://goo.gl/maps/OoNjY

A schedule of our meetings and confirmed speakers can be found at the website, www.cypresstexasteaparty.org

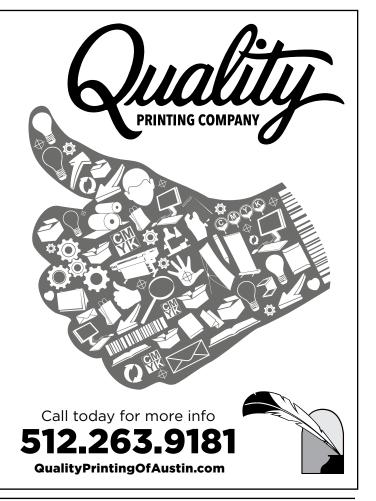


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Hockley Community Center Presents Special Events

In addition to regularly scheduled activities – knitting, crocheting, quilting, oil painting, yoga, stretching, exercise classes, cards and dominoes – Harris County Precinct Three Commissioner Steve Radack's Hockley Community Center is now offering the following upcoming events and activities:

Craft with Ms. Judy

Judy Keck offers after-school craft classes for children every second Monday of the month from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Fun is on Nov. 14th and Holiday Wonders on Dec. 12th. Call (936) 931-5030 for more information and to register.

Lunchtime "Whodunit" Book Club

All curious minds are welcome to attend the "Whodunit" Book Club on the second Tuesday of each month from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Stone Barrington: Dirt by Stuart Woods on Nov. 8th. Please bring a sandwich or snack. The club is taking time off in December to enjoy the holidays. Call (936) 931-5029 for more information.

Anna's Crafts

Anna Napolitano is starting a series of craft classes for families on Mondays from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Beaded Bracelets (12 years and up) is on Oct. 17th, Gratitude Jars (6 years and up) Nov. 21st and Sugar Scrubs (6 years and up) Dec. 19th. Please call (936) 931-5030 for details and to register.

History Discussion Group

A new discussion group is uncovering history using books, magazines and movies on Oct. 27th, Nov. 17th and Dec. 29th from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. All are invited to join and decide which topics to talk about during future meetings. Call (936) 931-5030 to register.

AARP Smart Driver Course

On Oct. 31st from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. instructor David Graham offers the AARP Smart Driver Course, which may be used by seniors

in applying for a discount in automobile insurance. Call (936) 931-5030 for more information and to register.

Hockley Support Group

A support group offers an effective way of dealing with concerns, stress, hardship and pain. The Hockley Support Group is an open group that will meet Oct. 31st, Nov. 14th and Dec. 19th from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Call (936) 931-5030 for more information. Sign-up is not required.

Coloring for Adults

Bring your colored pencils or fine-tip markers and enjoy coloring intricate adult designs in the company of others on Oct. 31st, Nov. 14th and Dec.19th from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Call (936) 931-5029 for details. Sign-up is requested.

Edgar Allan Poe Halloween Readings

The Halloween spirit will permeate the center when we get together to enjoy some creepy, spine shivering Edgar Allan Poe readings. Dress up and bring Halloween treats, if you like, on Oct. 31st from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Call (936) 931-5029 for details. Sign-up is requested.

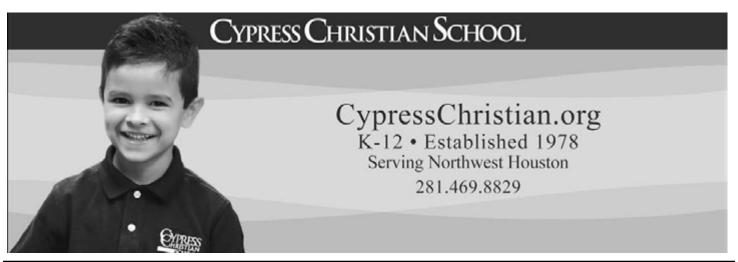
Beginning Genealogy

Volunteer instructor Pat Jameson is offering introduction o genealogy classes on Oct. 13th, Nov. 10th and Dec. 8th from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Registration is requested. Call (936) 931-5029 for more information.

Senior Bus Trip to Woodville

Come along to Woodville's Heritage Village – a living museum of pioneer history – on Nov. 3rd. Lunch is at Pickett House before the bus takes you to Governor Allan Shivers Museum and the Big Thicket National Preserve. The cost is \$18 including lunch. Registration is required. Please stop by or call (936) 931-5029.

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Senior Bus Trip to Houston International Quilt Festival

Join other lovers of quilts and crafts on Nov. 4th for a trip to the largest quilt show in the world. Tickets may be purchased on your own or Tara Webb has offered to order tickets. Deadline to turn in order is Oct. 21st. The cost for a pre-ordered ticket is \$9. Lunch is on your own. Registration is required. Please stop by or call (936) 931-5029.

Child and Adult Protective Services

CPS and APS play important roles in helping individuals and families. Harris County Assistant County Attorney Tiffany Reedy will present on this topic on Nov. 21st from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Registration is requested. Call (936) 931-5029 for more information.

Pine Cone Christmas Trees

Do you want a little Christmas spirit to give as a gift or liven up your home? Join us as we make miniature trees from pine cones on Dec. 1st from 10:30 a.m. until 12 p.m. Call (936) 931-5030 for details and to register.

Share & Sample: Cookie Exchange

Bring your favorite cookies and be prepared to share the recipe on Dec. 5th from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Call (936) 931-5030 for more information and to register.

Special note:

The Hockley Community Center is closed on Nov. 24th, 25th and 26th.

Advance registration for special activities is typically requested. An adult must accompany and remain with anyone under the age of 18 visiting the center. The Hockley Community Center is part of the Harris County Precinct Three Recreation Complex at 28515 Old Washington Road in Hockley. A calendar of events is available at the Harris County Precinct Three website at www.pct3.com. For more information, call (936) 931-5030.

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