

# The Tribune

## A NEWSLETTER FOR TOWNE LAKE RESIDENTS

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Towne Lake residents Grace Schlafer and Katie McElroy will be dancing in the Houston Repertoire Ballet's *The Nutcracker* at Tomball High School Theatre on December 2, 3 & 4. We would appreciate it if you would include this in your November issue since the dates for the performance are so early in December.

Houston Repertoire Ballet (HRB), Houston's premier pre-professional ballet company, celebrates its 21st season, beginning with its 15th annual performance series of *The Nutcracker*, featuring professional guest artists Elizabeth Keller, HRB alumna, as the Sugar Plum Fairy, Justin Hughes as the Cavalier, Andrew Taft as the Snow King, and Joe Modlin as Herr Drosselmeyer, with the Cypress Philharmonic directed by Glynneth Lanthier. Performances will be held on Friday, December 2 at 7 pm – abbreviated Arts & Education performance perfect for young children; Saturday, December 3 at 2 pm & 7 pm; and Sunday, December 4 at 1 pm & 4:30 pm at the Tomball High School Theatre, 30330 Quinn Road, Tomball, Texas 77375. For ticket information, call 281-940-HRB1 (4721) or visit [www.hrbdance.org](http://www.hrbdance.org). Tickets are \$18 for students/seniors and \$22 for adults.

*The Nutcracker's* brilliant blend of beautiful costumes, lavish sets, and fresh choreography creates a magical storybook world enjoyed by children and adults alike. With a cast of more than 100 HRB dancers and area children, and live music played by Cypress Philharmonic, HRB's masterful production is the highlight of the holidays!

HRB dancers are committed to sharing the arts with the community. Community engagement events include costumed appearances at various nursing homes, group events, and at Arts & Education performances. HRB brings two matinee performances to Tomball ISD third grade students, fulfilling the arts component of their curriculum. To request an outreach event for your organization, call 281-940-HRB1 (4721).

The Houston Repertoire Ballet (HRB) is a non-profit 501(c)(3), founded by Victoria Vittum and Gilbert Rome, both nationally acclaimed teachers and choreographers who served as its co-artistic directors. Today, Ms. Vittum oversees training and programming with an equal eye to serving the needs of the community.

Major funding for HRB is provided by Houston Endowment, Inc. with additional support provided by Vintage Wellness and AirInnovations.



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### ARTICLE INFO

The *Tribune* is mailed monthly to all Towne Lake residents. Residents, community groups, churches, etc. are welcome to submit information about their organizations in the newsletter. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, recipes, special celebrations, and birthday announcements are also welcome.

To submit an article for consideration please email it to [townelake@peelinc.com](mailto:townelake@peelinc.com). The deadline is the 9th of the month prior to the issue.

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## Oliver, Fagin And The Gang Take Over The Garza Mainstage

*For the holidays, Stageworks Theatre presents the touching story of Oliver!*

How can one small boy defy cruel taskmasters, abusive authority figures, thieving friends, and even a heartless murderer? Join us for *Oliver!*, November 25 – December 18 to find out. With music, lyrics and book by Lionel Bart, adults and children of all ages will enjoy renowned songs such as, “Food, Glorious Food,” “Consider Yourself,” and “Pick-a-Pocket!”

The Garza Mainstage ushers you into Victorian England with a tri-level set—complete with secret passageways, special effects, and amazing transformations! Join us as Oliver, a malnourished, workhouse orphan, becomes the neglected apprentice of an undertaker, only to escape to London and find acceptance amongst a group of petty thieves and pickpockets led by the cunning Fagin. When Oliver is captured for a theft he did not commit, the benevolent victim, Mr. Brownlow, takes him in as his ward. However, fearing the secrecy of his hideout, Fagin employs the sinister Bill Sikes and the sympathetic Nancy to kidnap Oliver, threatening the boy’s chances of discovering the true love of a family. Find out how Oliver makes it through...with a little help from his friends! Join Stageworks, November 25 – December 18 for the Tony and Olivier Award-winning, *Oliver!*

Michael Montgomery, director, explained, “I’ve worked hard to stay true to Dickens’ social activism and Bart’s bold musical storytelling, but mixed that with some of my favorite modern storytellers, such as Tim Burton, Michael and Janet Jackson, and Lin Manuel Miranda. The crisp movement, colorful costumes and scenic imagery is all inspired by some of my favorite musical productions, including *Les Misérables*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Cabaret* and *Hamilton*. It should feel like a fun, familiar mashup of a classic story—one which I hope inspires you to support and defend, with the Oliver grit, those less fortunate in our society this holiday season.”

Victoria-era London is home to Stageworks regulars Clairey Townsend (*Oliver*), last seen as Zuzu in *It’s A Wonderful Life*; The Narrator from *Into the Woods*, Chris Conway (*Fagin*); also from *Into the Woods* as the Baker’s Wife, Jennifer Stewart (*Nancy*); Jana

Ellsworth (*Widow Corney*), last seen as Vi Moore in *Footloose*; Taylor Fisher (*Bill Sikes*), coming off his performance as Audrey II in *Little Shop of Horrors*; playing another character of questionable morals is JT Fischer (*Artful Dodger*), last seen in *Footloose* (*Chuck*); and Patrick Barton (*Mr. Sowerberry*), last seen as Clarence in *It’s a Wonderful Life*. Other faces Stageworks fans will recognize are Eugene Griesbach (*Mr. Brownlow*), Catherine Campbell (*Bett*), Chad Dyer (*Noah*), and ensemble members: Sam Balest, Kevyn Eddy, Jeff Hirt, Alex Kerry, Kendall Montgomery, Morgan Montgomery, Lindsay Scovil, Noah Sprague, Jett Thompson, Jenna Townsend, Peyton Wilkinson, and Alexandra Wiese. Rounding out the London scene are Stageworks newcomers Amanda Hart Basset (*Mrs. Sowerberry*), Ellen Evans (*Charlotte*), Jennifer Henzler (*Mrs. Bedwin*), Scott Johnson (*Mr. Bumble*), Zachary Salich (*Dr. Grimwig*), Faith Taylor (*Old Sally*) and ensemble members: Thomas Brown, Ethan Chumley, Brennan Ellsworth, Enrique Gomez, Adrienne Guss, Daniel LeCheminant, Chelsea Lerner, Lili Longden, Meghan Longden, Patty Lozano, Caleb Walker and Henry Wolfe.

This Dickens classic come to life with the leadership of Michael Montgomery (director), Jana Ellsworth (music director), Adam Delka & Dru Wiser (choreographers), David Dean (sound design), Ron Putterman (light design), Barbara Terry (costume design), and Stephanie Wisdom (stage manager).

Performances of *Oliver!* are Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:30 p.m., with Sunday matinees at 3 p.m., November 25 – December 18 on the Garza Mainstage at Stageworks Theatre. There will be two special Saturday matinees on Saturday, November 26 and December 17 at 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased online at [stageworkstx.org](http://stageworkstx.org), or by phone at (281) 587-6100. Special pricing is available for groups of 10 or more.

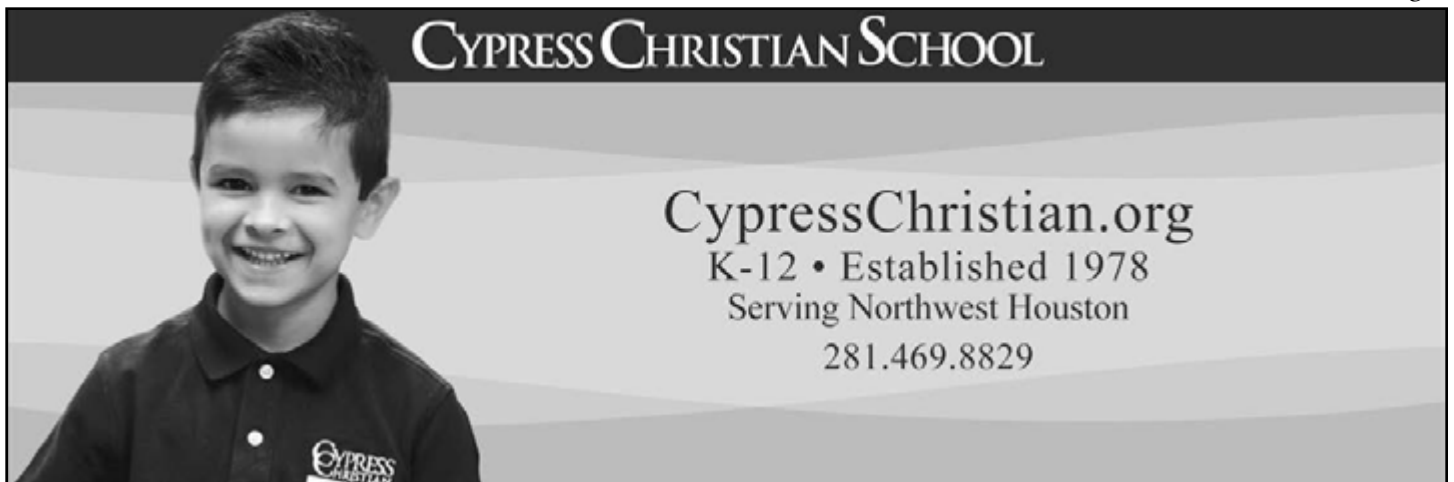
### Performance Location:

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## November Meeting

The Cypress-Tomball Democrats monthly meeting for the month of November will be held on Tuesday, 15th November 2016, at Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The topic of discussion would be Post-Election Analysis.

Everybody is welcome 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](http://www.cytomdems.com); contact Cris Hernandez at [cytomdems@yahoo.com](mailto:cytomdems@yahoo.com); Follow us on Facebook at Cypress- Tomball Democrats.



## Cy-Fair Republican Women

**Tuesday, November 1st will be CFRW General Meeting at 10:30 AM - Noon.**

*Meeting is \$3 -- Meeting w/Lunch at Noon is \$20.*

Hearthstone Country Club, 7615 Ameswood, Houston, TX 77095  
All are welcome! Candidates, we want to get to know each of you.

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 Sunday, November 27th at 3:00 p.m.  
 Friday, December 2nd at 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, December 3rd at 7:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, December 4th at 3:00 p.m.  
 Friday, December 9th at 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, December 10th at 7:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 p.m.  
 Friday, December 16th at 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, December 17th at 2 p.m.  
 Saturday, December 17th at 7:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, December 18th at 3:00 p.m.

## Ticket Prices:

Adults: \$26, Seniors (65+): \$22, Students (3-18): \$15

## About Stageworks Theatre

Stageworks Theatre, founded in 2005, is a not-for-profit performing arts and educational organization, with a passion for entertaining, enlightening and engaging audiences in Texas. Recent

winner in ten categories for the Broadway World Houston Awards, Stageworks Theatre has also been named Houston's "Best Gem of a Theater" by the Houston Press and "Best Arts and Entertainment" by the "Best of the Northwest" Readers' Choice awards. Stageworks Theatre is a proud winner of the prestigious national American Association of Community Theatre Twink Lynch Organizational Award. Stageworks

Theatre produces a broad mix of classics, comedies, dramas, musicals and new works.

Through its award-winning Acting Academy, Stageworks Theatre offers acting and singing classes, and provides performance opportunities for all ages. To purchase tickets, sign up for auditions or classes, or for more information, please visit [stageworkstx.org](http://stageworkstx.org) or call Stageworks Theatre at (281) 587-6100.

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## The Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club

The Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club will celebrate its 30th Anniversary Season by hosting its annual free Registration/Orientation breakfast on Saturday, February 4th, 2017, for all boys and girls who are interested in joining for the 2017 track season. The breakfast starts promptly at 8:30 AM at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center Forum located at 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX, 77379.

The event is an opportunity for youth athletes to register for the 2017 spring/summer track season, and to meet the Northwest Flyers coaches, staff, and other new and returning athletes. The event will be highlighted by a special presentation from a member of the USA Track & Field Olympic organization (USATF). All athletes and parents who wish to join the Northwest Flyers must attend the orientation.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a youth (ages 6 -18) track club, affiliated with USA Track & Field (USATF), that provides a full program of sanctioned "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and sanctioned "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put, discus and javelin.

For additional information on the Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit the team website at [www.northwestflyers.org](http://www.northwestflyers.org); contact Linette Roach at [linette.roach@sbcglobal.net](mailto:linette.roach@sbcglobal.net); or "Like" the club on Facebook.

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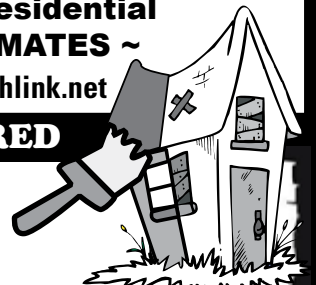
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