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NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF CYPRESS CREEK LAKES

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2017 SPRING BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL INFORMATION

It's almost that time of year again and even though it's getting colder outside we're getting ready for spring...baseball and softball that is!! Please see the information below concerning registration dates and our tentative calendar!!

All dates are tentative and subject to change! CALENDAR:

NOV 16, 2016 - NOV 30, 2016: Registration for Fairfield Residents ONLY

DEC 1, 2015 - JAN 8, 2016 OPEN registration at: www. fairfieldsports.net

JAN 8, 2016 – Registration CLOSES

Week of January 16 – 20th Coaches Meetings

January 28th – Tryouts for all baseball divisions except T-ball (no tryouts for t-ball)

January 21st - Tryouts for all softball divisions except T-ball (no tryouts for t-ball)

March 1st - Games begin

March 3rd - All sponsorship money DUE.

March 4th - Opening Day Parade and Festivities

March 13th - 17th - No Games: CFISD Spring Break

April 13th - 16th - No Games: Easter Holiday

May 24th - Tournament scheduled to begin (dependent upon weather)

BASEBALL

Instructional T-Ball – Player must have reached age 4 by 4/30/17

A – Player must be 6 or younger on 4/30/17

AA7 – Player must be 7 or younger on 4/30/17

AA8 – Player must be 8 or younger on 4/30/17

AAA 9 – Player must be 9 or younger on 4/30/17

AAA 10 - Player must be 10 or younger on 4/30/17

Majors – Player must be 12 or younger on 4/30/17

Majors - 13yrs old Players must be 13 or younger on 4/30/17 **SOFTBALL**

6U Sweetees (Tee Ball) – Player must be 6 or younger on 1/1/17 8U Darlings (coach pitch) – Player must be 8 or younger on 1/1/17 10U Angels (kid pitch) - Player must be 10 or younger on 1/1/17 12U Ponytails (kid pitch) - Player must be 12 or younger on 1/1/17

WAITLISTS:

As divisions approach our maximum capacity of registrations, we sometimes need to utilize waitlists in order to ensure that we have appropriate numbers for each team. We also do this to backfill any cancellations. If you receive a note that you have been placed on a waitlist, it does NOT necessarily mean you won't be able to play. However, as we approach the close of registration the possibility of being shut out increases as we reach capacity numbers.

ADDRESS:

Baseball Game Fields - 16055 Mason Rd.

Practice Fields:

All TBall and Softball - Central Park - 15015 Heath Green Cir.

All Baseball - Weaver Fields - 22035 Schiel Rd.

Meeting Locations:

Bradford Creek Clubhouse - 16011 Fairfield Green Cir.

Lakeside Trails Clubhouse - 16125 Country Fair Ln.

Central Park Clubhouse - 15015 Heath Green Cir.LATE

REGISTRATION:

There will be NO LATE REGISTRATION. Unfortunately, our size has dictated a more strict approach to registration cut-off in order to handle all of the administrative duties and preparation necessary to start the season.

TRY-OUT/ASSESSMENT:

Only ages 7 and up have a tryout session. All players will be assigned

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to a team and tryouts are simply in place to help keep skill levels even on each team. ALL KIDS WILL PLAY.

GETTING INVOLVED:

Lastly, I would like to invite everyone to find a way to take part in your sports association. FSA is a volunteer organization and could use your help to provide the best facilities around. There are jobs ranging from helping with try-outs, opening day help, field maintenance, and concessions duty. We hope you familiarize yourself with the Baseball and Softball Committees via our website and reach out to committee members to see how you can help.

Three areas needing the most help are baseball committee, nightly field maintenance and concessions. These are opportunities to not only get involved and meet great people, but most of all contribute to making Fairfield one of the best places around for our kids to play sports!!!

On behalf of the Fairfield Sports Association and the Baseball/ Softball committee members, I would like to thank you for all your support.

Sincerely, Ryan Ritchey Commissioner FSA Baseball





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Advent Concert With Healing Prayer

Friday, December 16, 2016 7-10pm St. Aidan's Episcopal Church 13131 Fry Rd. Cypress, TX

Shellee Coley is a Texas-based singer-songwriter with three studio projects under her belt and a fourth on the way. Her songs often bring light to the not-so-celebrated parts of life and walk people through them, into growth and change. There is a clear spiritual undertone to her music that sets a listener up to experience their own faith while listening to her songs. She says, "I want to write music and create spaces that encourage people to see themselves in my stories and hopefully get to know themselves a little more. Because how can you truly know God, if you don't even know yourself?"

Tickets are \$15 and St. Aidan's Clergy will be available for prayer during and after the concert.

Register at our website: http://aidanschurch.org/action/shellee-colley/



Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club

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Come join us, on Tuesday, December 13th at 6:30 pm. at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive, Houston, Texas. This fun-filled Aggie evening is a great way to meet other Aggie Moms, find out about upcoming events, and enter for a chance to win a door prize! We will have our Christmas party and ornament exchange at this meeting – feel free to bring a gift wrapped Aggie Christmas ornament to exchange!! We are looking forward to meeting all Aggie Moms, whether of freshman Aggies, current Aggie students or former Aggies. Whoop!



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Thursday, December 15, 2016
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Houston, TX 77095
Costs \$25 with advanced reservations: \$30 at the door

At the December 15 Cy-Fair Express Network Luncheon, attendees will enjoy a festive celebration during the annual Holiday Luncheon and Gift Exchange Event. As always, guests are welcome and encouraged to join in and network. Please join us and be a part of the fun.

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.







Cy-Fair Republican Women

Glenn Hegar will be our January speaker. Elected as Texas Comptroller in 2014, he serves as Texas' treasurer, check writer, tax collector, procurement officer and revenue estimator. His job is very important for the upcoming legislative session as our legislators grapple with how the state revenues will shape our state budget.

Tuesday, January 10th 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! Elected officials are always welcome as we want to know each of you.

RSVP to www.cfrw.net by January 3, 2017.

December is Officer Installation for Members and their guests. Have a blessed Holiday Season!

Cypress Area Food Pantry

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; contact Cris Hernandez at cytomdems@yahoo. com; Follow us on Facebook at Cypress-Tomball Democrats.







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7TH ANNUAL HOUSTON METHODIST CY-HOOPS INVITATIONAL



Methodist Cy-Hoops Invitational will be here before we know it:

December 8, 9, & 10, 2016. The championship game will be played at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, December 10, 2016 at the Berry Center.

The Cy-Fair **Educational Foundation** in partnership with Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital and Houston Methodist West Hospital will host the 7th Annual Houston Methodist Cy-Hoops Invitational.

Wainwright Dental & Associates, P.C., Underwood Orthodontics, Spradley Endodontics and Spring Creek Oral Surgery and Implant Center have teamed up as a Premier Sponsor for this elite high school basketball tournament. The Cy-Hoops Tournament looks to engage the community, promote the sport of basketball, and foster community spirit, while raising funds for student scholarships and innovative staff development programs for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD.

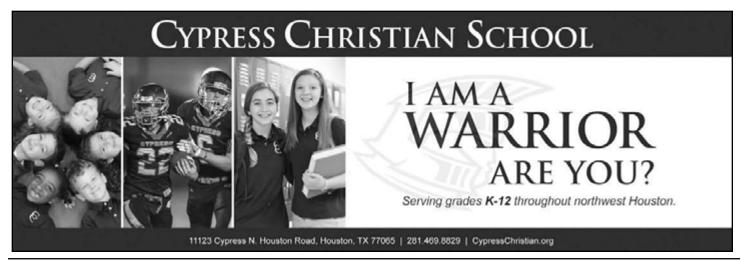
The Houston Methodist Cy-Hoops Invitational was established seven years ago. The tournament is loaded with talent including some of the top teams in the state of Texas and showcases the 10 Cy-Fair ISD boys' varsity basketball teams. Beaumont Ozen, 2014 and 2015 tournament champion, returns to defend its title. They are ranked 5th in the 2016-2017 preseason rankings by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches for Boys Class 5A basketball. Austin Westlake

The Houston is ranked 1st in the 2016-2017 preseason rankings for Boys Class 6A basketball by TABC.

> Join the community in cheering on our teams at the Berry Center, Cy Springs High School, Cy Ranch High School and Cy Lakes High School Thursday through Saturday, December 8-10, 2016. Game times will be posted after Thanksgiving.







Timely Tips for December Gardeners

Working in your garden is an excellent escape during the holidays. It's a great time of year to do some of the heavy work in the landscape as opposed to sweating it up in the heat of the summer.

Don't put up the mower yet. Although turf grasses have stopped growing, you can use the mower to chop up and recycle the leaves back into the lawn or for a compost pile. Prepare gas-powered engines for winter. The owner's manual is the best guide to winterizing a lawn mower, tiller, garden tractor or other equipment.

Drain and store garden hoses and watering equipment in a readily accessible location. Lawns and other plants may need an occasional watering during prolonged dry spell.

In general, once the weather gets and stays cold, pruning of deciduous plants (ones that lose their leaves) can be safely done. Evergreen hedges can be sheared or cut back in the winter also. Wait until February to prune your roses. Remember – Do Not Top your Crapemyrtles! Simply prune to remove seed heads and shape.

Prepare for the cold weather before it hits! One of the best things you can do for your landscape plants is to provide a 2 to 3 inch layer of mulch. Mulching is necessary year round but during the colder periods it provides a layer of insulation for the roots. Water your landscape well before a cold spell. A drought stressed plant is more

susceptible to freeze damage. For more tender plants, purchase frost cloth for extra protection. Cover the plant completely allowing the edges to come all the way to the ground, utilizing the heat which radiates from the ground.

December is a perfect time to plant trees and shrubs so they can develop a strong root system for next Spring. Cool weather color such as Pansies, Snapdragons, Cyclamen, Flowering Cabbage and Kale add splashes of color to your landscape. Spring flowering bulbs can be planted now once they have been properly chilled. Make your home beautiful for the Holidays with a stunning assortment of floral quality Poinsettias, Cyclamen, freshest greenery and Christmas Trees. Add a mix of new indoor and tropical plants to energize your home.

Remember to provide food and water for the birds this winter. You can attract just as many birds with a bird bath as with food, especially during the dry spells. To draw a diversity of birds provide a variety of seeds, like sunflower, thistle, safflower and millet; plus suet. Once you begin putting out bird food, continue feeding them through the spring time.

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Courtney graduated with a
Bachelor of Business in Marketing
and moved to the Dallas area.
She was a buyer for JCPenney
Corporate and enjoyed a nearly
9-year career with them before
relocating to Cypress. Courtney is

married to Casey Adams, and they have two children, a 5-year-old daughter and 3-year-old son.

Katy received her Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies. After college, she began teaching kindergarten in League City. She married James, and they now have a 17-month old daughter. It was during her time as a teacher that she learned about Kiddie Academy. Katy observed that the students who came from Kiddie Academy were kindergarten ready, socially, emotionally and academically.

After careful consideration, Katy and Courtney decided to bring Kiddie Academy to Cypress. They selected a location that is basically in their own backyards because they are committed to being on site daily. Both families are involved in Houston's First Baptist Church, as well as other local organizations that impact this community. Kiddie Academy gives them an ongoing opportunity to continue positively impacting

Cypress by preparing children for school and life.

Both sisters have a passion for children with experience in different areas that makes their partnership dynamic. Katy's knowledge in curriculum and training are invaluable. She has a huge heart for nurturing and educating children, as well as developing strong relationships with their families. Courtney brings operations knowledge, but more than that an understanding of the decision families face in choosing a home away from home for their child, as she had to make that decision as a working mom herself.

Katy and Courtney have worked for over 2 years making this dream a reality. They have already started to enroll students at their academy as they prepare to open their doors before this year comes to a close. They are eager to begin serving the families of Cypress.

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SPECTATOR 19th Annual Salute to the Stars Gala

(The Cy-Fair Educational Foundation held its 19th Annual Salute to the Stars Gala in honor of Cypress Fairbanks ISD's 2015-2016 Spotlight Teachers on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at The Berry Center. Gala underwriter, Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center Hospital, along with major sponsors IBI Group, Cy-Fair Federal Credit Union, North Cypress Medical Center Hospital, Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Prairie View A&M University, Northwest Dodge, S-G Owners Association and Community Impact Newspaper joined us to celebrate the accomplishments of these fantastic teachers.

The evening included performances by the Cypress Creek High School Drumline and the CFISD District Chamber Choir. Butch Milks announced the Spotlight Teacher's as Dr. Henry personally thanked each for their dedication to the students of CFISD. As they left the stage, Marie Holmes and Lauri Baker presented each with a gift and congratulations from the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation. Lifelong Cy-Fair resident and Cy-Fair Educational Foundation Trustee, Robert Adam, delivered the keynote speech recognizing this year's Spotlight Teachers for their outstanding accomplishments, and highlighting the Foundation for its contribution to Today's Students - Tomorrow's Future.

Co-Chairs Lauri Baker and Darlene Hajduk presented Dr. Henry with a check for \$93,025.69 from the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation for innovative staff development grants. After a successful live auction, the evening closed with the announcement of three lucky teachers who were awarded cash gifts. Butch Milks announced the names of Lansing Brown winner of the gift donated by Towne Lake, A Caldwell Community, Kristi Bruns winner of the All American Letter Jackets donation and Dora Zanelli winner of the Balfour donation. Lansing Brown also won the Cy-Fair Federal Credit Union mortgage giveaway.

The evening was a tremendous success. The Spotlight Teachers walked away with gifts from the Foundation, including the beautiful orchid centerpieces and guests were excited to win one of 132 raffle gift baskets.

Salute to the Stars has raised over \$2 million for innovative staff development grants for district teachers and instructional leaders, and scholarships for graduating seniors. The Cy-Fair Educational Foundation was established in 1970 as a non-profit to raise money to fund a scholarship for high school graduates in the area. Over the past 46 years, the Foundation has grown tremendously through the efforts of the Board of Trustees and the generosity of the Cy-Fair Community. The Foundation has awarded over \$7 million in scholarships to more than 1400 graduating seniors. CFEF is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, all contributions are tax deductible as allowed by the law.

Next year's Salute to the Stars Gala will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2017. For more information, please contact Marie Holmes at marie@thecfef.org • 281-370-0144, or visit our website at www.TheCFEF.org.







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