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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:

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 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 Dec. 19th from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Call (936) 931-5029 for details. Sign-up is requested.

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. Holiday Wonders is on Dec. 12th. Call (936) 931-5030 for more information and to register.

History Discussion Group

A monthly discussion group is uncovering history using books, magazines and movies on 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.

Anna's Crafts

Anna Napolitano is offering a series of craft classes for families on the third Monday of the month from 5 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Gratitude Jars (6 years and up) is on Nov. 21st and Sugar Scrubs (6 years and up) Dec. 19th. Please call (936) 931-5030 for details and to register.

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.

Holiday Hospitality

Join us for holiday cheer with light refreshments every day the week of Dec. 5th through Dec. 9th from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Please feel free to bring a favorite treat to share. Call (936) 931-5030 for more information 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.

Beginning Genealogy

Volunteer instructor Pat Jameson is offering an introduction to genealogy class on Dec. 8th from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Registration is requested. Call (936) 931-5029 for more information.

Napkin Folding for Christmas

Learn how to fold napkins to enhance your Holiday table on Dec. 12th from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Call (936) 931-5029 for details. Sign-up is requested.

Cork Ornaments

Join us to make reindeer, horses, snowmen and other cork ornaments on Dec. 15th from 10:30 a.m. until 12 p.m. Call (936) 931-5029 for details. Sign-up is requested.

Bingo

For those of us who want nothing but a good time, join us for bingo on Dec. 15th from 5:45 p.m. until 7 p.m. Call (936) 931-5029 for details. Sign-up is requested.

Senior Bus Trip to Handel's Messiah

On Dec. 16th, come enjoy a Christmas tradition of awe-inspiring choir and orchestra music at Christ Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Dinner will be on your own at SteaKountry Buffet before the free performance of Handel's Messiah. Registration is required. Please stop by or call (936) 931-5029.

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NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY AGGIE MOM'S CLUB

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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Peppermint Candy Ornaments

We will take hard candies, like peppermints, and metal cookie cutters to create fun ornaments or gift decorations on Dec. 21st from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. Call (936) 931-5029 for details. Sign-up is requested.

Senior Year-End Fashion Show

Everyone is invited to walk on the red carpet on Dec. 30th from 10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at our annual year-end Senior Covered Dish Luncheon and Games event. Wear your favorite New Year's Eve garb or show off a sweater or other piece of clothing you received for Christmas. No registration required. Call (936) 931-5030 for more information.

Senior Bus Trip to Houston Museum of Natural Science

Join others on Jan. 12th for an informative day at two of Houston's prominent museums. You will visit The Natural Science Museum, Luby's for lunch on your own and The Holocaust Museum in the afternoon. Cost of trip is \$8 for admission that is due on the morning of the trip. Registration is required and starts on Dec 1st. Please stop by or call (936) 931-5029.

The Hockley Community Center is closed Nov. 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th and on Dec. 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 31st and Jan. 1st.

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

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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

Cypress Area Food Pantry

Do you know of someone who has trouble putting food on the table? Maybe their employment was suddenly terminated; maybe it's a choice between medications or food; for whatever reason a family can find themselves in a situation where they need a little help.

Fountain of Life Church of God on Mueschke Road runs a food pantry on Mondays from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm and the only requirement is that the client should live in zip code 77433 and west of Skinner 77429. For more information, contact 281-373-9337. Food donations and volunteers are also greatly appreciated.

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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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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 Thursday Night Academy.



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