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*A Newsletter
for the Lakes of
Fairhaven Community*

The Beacon is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Lakes of Fairhaven residents. Each newsletter will be filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information, and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports team, social group, etc., and would like to submit an article for the newsletter, you can do so online at www.PEELinc.com. Personal news (announcements, accolades/honors/celebrations, etc.) are also welcome as long as they are from area residents.

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If you are looking to beautify your landscape and bring your lawn back to life, then you will be interested to know it is that time of year again for fertilizer and mulch sold to you and delivered to your home by your local boy scouts this spring!

Troop 533 chartered by GSUMC and Troop 1907 chartered by FBC have joined forces once again to conduct their annual fertilizer and mulch fundraiser starting January 9, 2017. Troop 533 has delivered to homes in the Cypress community for more than 10 years and is proud to continue this tradition with Troop 1907. Scouting makes a direct and positive impact on your community by teaching positive values and leadership skills to our youth. Your support ensures Scouting will continue building character, fitness and citizenship for years to come.

The funds from your purchase will directly benefit the troop, and each individual scout, on their continued journey through the scouting program. The proceeds from each scout's sales will help fund activities such as High Adventure Camp, Summer Camp, Treks, monthly troop campouts and so much more. By purchasing your lawn mulch and fertilizer from the scouts, you are directly supporting scouting programs where you live – programs that clean up your parks, gather food for the area needy and even help your community prepare for disaster.

This year's offerings include red, black, hardwood or pine bark mulch as well as premium or slow release fertilizer and weed n feed fertilizer. Scouts will be visiting your neighborhood soon! All purchases will be delivered by the Scouts on February 25, 2017.

For your convenience, Scouts will be selling door to door in your subdivision beginning January 9th. If you are reading this circular and think we may miss you, please order by emailing Troop 533 at BoyScoutsTroop533@yahoo.com.

Yours in Scouting,
Scoutmaster Louis Mayer (Troop 533) and
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SMART TALK ABOUT HOME REMODELING

The temperatures feel like Spring already and the time of year that you start looking at your home and thinking about remodeling is almost here. You may have noticed that the outside of your home needs a little work or you may be looking at putting your home on the market. When it comes to remodeling, where do you start?

Every year, "Remodeling" magazine looks at the average costs of home remodeling projects with the value of those projects retain at resale in over 100 U.S. cities. The smartest investment that you can make when remodeling may surprise you. Many homeowners go to the time honored update of the kitchen and bathrooms to garner the best price per square foot at resale.

However, "Remodeling" magazine ranks "re-siding with fiber cement as the #1 return on investment when compared to other mid-size remodeling projects" for the fourth year in a row. Compared to adding a bathroom, re-siding your house with fiber cement nets a 25 percent higher return on investment. Re-siding with fiber cement will also increase your return by 11 percent over vinyl windows and a whopping 24 percent greater than a major kitchen remodel or roof replacement.

The next question in remodeling is who to trust with your home remodeling project. Choose a company with a good reputation that offers solutions for your remodeling needs. Ask trusted friends for recommendations, check out the company's BBB rating and know that the cheapest estimate may not always be the best. Michael Berry, KTRH 740AM personality and host of the Michael Berry Show, endorses Houston Siding. Berry states, "I have spoken for Houston Siding Company for 10 years and have never had a complaint."

Texas has its own set of challenges with temperatures in the highs and lows as well as high humidity and storm potential. With a familiar slogan in Texas being "if you don't like the temperature just wait a few minutes," you should look for products that are durable as well as suited for the climate.

An innovative product from James Hardie brings new technology to siding. James Hardie Insulated Lap Siding offers siding backed with foam insulation. It is engineered to keep your home cooler in the summer and warmer in the winter. Because foam insulation helps maintain a more consistent temperature in your home, it can help reduce your energy bills and conserve resources for long-term energy efficiency. James Hardie insulated siding is available at Houston Siding, a James Hardie Elite Preferred Contractor.

As Spring time approaches and remodeling projects start, you want to ensure that you're using the best possible products and company for your next remodeling project.

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NEW WEBSITE

Lakes of Fairhaven has a new community website. Please visit it at www.lakesoffairhavenHOA.org and register to get emails on HOA info and upcoming LOF announcements.



CFISD Superintendent's Fun Run & Festival

Registration is now open for the fourth annual CFISD Superintendent's Fun Run & Festival, set for Feb. 18, 2017 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Berry Center (8877 Barker Cypress Road) and Towne Lake. Underwritten by Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center Hospital, the fun run supports student scholarships through the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation.

Options include a chip-timed 5K run, a 1-mile run/walk and a family fun path. Children's games and activities, music entertainment and food trucks make this a fun event for the entire family.

Register by Jan. 6 and receive an early bird discount of \$5 off! Find more information and register at www.cfisd.net/funrun.

Cypress-Fairbanks ISD



Cypress-Fairbanks ISD is now hiring for the spring season of the SPLASH! swim lessons program. The season begins Feb. 27 and runs through May 18. Lessons take place Monday-Thursday, with three time slots offered for participants beginning at 5 p.m. Instructors are needed for all time slots and instructors may be scheduled for up to three hours per night depending on availability and enrollment. Applicants should possess strong swimming skills, excellent communication skills and a desire to work with children, as well as the ability to occasionally teach beginning level adult swimmers. Hourly rates begin at \$18/hour.

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Leadership- A Noun or a Verb?

Leadership is defined as a "noun- the state or position of being a leader". However, that definition restricts leadership to simply a position of authority or an individual, when the word could mean so much more as a verb. Leadership can be used as a verb instead of a noun when a group of individuals makes a choice to be an example of passion, excellence, and service.

Leadership does not have to be constricted by the parameters of being a noun, person in authority, or position. In fact, it should be quite the opposite. Leadership is when a person, who doesn't have to be a prominent figure in society, acts on behalf of a community or organization to ameliorate said association or group. Furthermore, leadership does not have to be classified as an individual. Leadership can be expressed through an entire group of individuals acting as a whole in order to improve the community. Oftentimes, the action of leadership can be confused with the title of a leader. The two are quite different; a person could be referred to as a leader, but perhaps does not apply leadership skills on a daily basis. However, leadership on the part of every individual in the organization, not simply the leader, will yield better results and stimulate growth in the community and organization. Such leadership can be clearly seen in the Cy- Ranch Key Club- a group of individuals committed to

serving the community with passion and excellence. Every individual in this club operates as a leader and provides an example to those



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around them on a daily basis. The students of the club treat the word leadership as a verb and not a noun by serving the community with a positive attitude and by acting for the greater good of the area. Cy-Ranch's Key Club is committed to service, the action of leadership, excellence, and passion on a day to day basis.

In conclusion, leadership is not a noun, but is in fact, a verb and should be treated as such. The word leadership to Key Club does not simply mean a title or a position of authority, but it means an action of a group of individuals dedicated to the betterment of society, both around the community and around the world.



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For those wishing only to train, join us in Katy for AHFC Friday Night Academy. Visit Katy Youth Soccer to register for this Friday Fun Program.

AHFC is proud to partner with New Territory and offer New Territory Thursday Night Academy, a 5-week Skills Program.

Email us at jhsl@albionhurricanes.org for more information or questions.

Office Phone: 713-939-7473



Cy-Fair Republican Women February Meeting

Tuesday, February 14th will be CFRW General Meeting from 10:30 AM - Noon.

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

Hearthstone Country Club, 7615 Ameswood, Houston, TX 77095

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Lincoln has generously underwritten this gala that honors the brave men and women who have served to protect our freedom and liberty. Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center Hospital has been a Major General Sponsor for Salute to Our Heroes since 2011. This year's Brigadier General Sponsors include Hightower Electric Company, Memorial Hermann Cypress, North Cypress Medical Center and Station & Ayers Insurance Services & Consulting. The evening will include a Missing Man Table and Honors Ceremony to honor our missing loved ones [or missing comrades in arms, for veterans] and entertainment by the Aggenizers, Barber Shop Quartet from Texas A&M's Singing Cadets.

Kris Paronto, former Army Ranger from 2nd Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment and private security contractor is our guest speaker. Paronto was part of the CIA annex security team that responded to the terrorist attack on the US Special Mission in Benghazi, Libya, September 11th, 2012. His team's involvement was paramount in the saving of US lives and assets while fighting off terrorists from the CIA Annex for over 13 hours. Mr. Paronto's story is told in the book "13 Hours" written by Mitchell Zuckoff and his five surviving

annex security team members.

In 2009, Edward Station, former CFEF Trustee, envisioned a gala to recognize and honor our military while raising scholarship funds for the Foundation. Salute to Our Heroes has funded more than \$600,000 in endowed scholarships for students graduating from the Cypress Fairbanks ISD.

CFEF 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 more than \$7 million in scholarships to 1400 graduating seniors. CFEF is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, all contributions are tax deductible, as allowed by the law.

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Luncheon Details

Thursday, February 23, 2017

Networking 11a.m.; Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.

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Costs \$25 with advanced reservations; \$30 at the door

Houston, Texas (January 9, 2017) Jena Rodriguez, Brand Strategist + Business Coach, Speaker and Author, will be the guest speaker at the February 23 Cy-Fair Express Network Luncheon. Jena is passionate about transforming businesses from so-so to WOW with brand clarity, strategy, and profit enhancement expertise. She is founder of Brand With

Jena, a business coaching company that educates, elevates, and

inspires entrepreneurs internationally, supporting them in getting their BRAVE ON!

Jena shows entrepreneurs what it takes to work with clients they LOVE and make the money they TRULY desire by elevating their perceived value so they can charge what they're worth. By doing so, she's helped clients surpass the 6-figure mark with increases of 600% + in their business. How big is YOUR BRAVE?

This month's CYFEN meeting begins with networking at 11 a.m. followed with a prompt 11:30 a.m. start of the program. Luncheons are held at the Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd.

About Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN)

Now over 60 members strong, Cy-Fair Express Network's vision is to be a community and national leader for the support of professional women by providing a nurturing environment for business development, networking, education and mentoring. Our members have opportunities to pursue excellence and achieve both local and national recognition. CYFEN is part of the national organization of American Business Women's Association (ABWA), for more information go to www.CYFEN.org.

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A large advertisement for TexasDirectAuto.com. The background is yellow with radiating lines. In the center, the text "SELL US YOUR CAR!" is written in large, bold, black letters. Several puppies are positioned around the text: one at the top left, one at the top right, one in the middle left, one at the bottom left, and one at the bottom right. At the bottom of the ad, there is a blue banner with the Texas state flag logo on the left and the text "TEXASDIRECTAUTO.COM" in white, serif capital letters.

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About American Business Women's Association (ABWA)

Founded in 1949, ABWA provides business training and networking opportunities for women of diverse occupations and backgrounds. ABWA has dedicated 60 years to women's education, workplace skills and career development training. For more information, visit, www.abwa.org.



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DEEP CYPRESS GARDENS

Wednesday, February 15th: Lunch and Learn at Café Marrese from 11:00am-1:00pm. Guests are encouraged to attend to hear about the Deep Cypress Gardens by the Deep Cypress Alliance. Guests are encouraged to arrive promptly, as keynote speakers will begin shortly after 11 AM. The Deep Cypress Gardens has been a project in the works for quite some time, and we are excited to share our plans with the Cypress community.

Box lunches will be available for purchase, and beverages will be provided. Please RSVP by email at lindsey@endicottpr.com, or by phone at 281-509-9576 EXT 4.

Saturday, February 25th: Groundbreaking event onsite at Deep Cypress Gardens. Details TBD.



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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\$231,000--\$275,999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$201,000--\$230,999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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