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9TH Annual Salute to Our Heroes Gala

On February 11, 2017, the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation (CFEF) will hold its 9th Annual Salute to Our Heroes Gala at the Omni Hotel Houston at Westside. For the 2nd year in a row, Joe Myers Ford 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 Aggienizers, 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.

Sponsorships and tickets are available for Salute to Our Heroes
Tickets: \$100 individual; \$50 veterans

For more information please contact marie@thecfef.org or visit our website at www.TheCFEF.org.



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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. The deadline is the 9th of the month prior to the issue.

WE'RE HIRING!

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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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.

ABOUT HOUSTON SIDING

Houston Siding Company is a Houston based company that provides replacement siding, installation and repairs along with windows and roofing. They were established in 1991. They are a James Hardie Elite Preferred Contractor. For more information, please see www.houstonsiding.com.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA Troop 533 & 1907

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Good Shepherd United Methodist Church and Fairfield Baptist Church

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
Scoutmaster Chad Gaulding (Troop 1907)*



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.



Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club

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Come join us, on Tuesday, February 14th 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! Come listen to our guest speaker, Nicholas Taunton '07, the Director of Development for the Association of Former Students. In honor of Valentine's Day, there will be a chocolate fountain and beer, and husbands/fathers are invited to attend. We welcome all Aggie Moms, whether of freshman Aggies, current Aggie students or former Aggies. And if your son or daughter is a newly accepted Aggie, please join us! Whoop!

Cy-Fair Hospital now has **SEVEN** locations to serve your Emergency and Urgent Care needs.

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- 4** 8470 Hwy. 6 North at West Rd Houston, TX 77095 281.949.3799

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(open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., 7 days a week)

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Winter Alert! Protect Your Plants and Irrigation Systems

PROTECT YOUR PLANTS:

Water your plants thoroughly ahead of time. You need to be sure the roots are wet, not just the leaves. Much of freeze damage is from dehydration. Watering before a freeze could make a big difference in your tropicals and tender perennials.

Cover your delicate plants. Remember, you want to be sure the roots are protected, covered, or mulched well. Even if you lose the top growth of these tender plants, if the roots are alive the plants will come back in the spring. Do not cover them with plastic touching the leaves of your plants. If possible, use woven frost protection sheets such as N-Sulate (which can be folded, stored, and reused for many years) or sheets and blankets. In a mild freeze or frost, one blanket will probably do for most plants. In a hard freeze (below 30 degrees for any period of time), use a heavy blanket or several layers of sheets. You can even add a plastic over that if you want, since it won't be touching the foliage. Also, don't forget to put rocks or something heavy on the edges of your N-Sulate or blanket to be sure the wind doesn't blow it away, exposing the roots of your plants.

Don't do any heavy pruning on freeze-damaged plants until late

winter, when you think all chance of frost is over.

Remove all protective covering if the sun comes out and the temperature goes up, because it can be 32 degrees today and 70 degrees tomorrow.

Along with protecting your tender plants during the winter, remember it's not a good idea to fertilize tender tropicals that are exposed to outside temperatures during these cold months. Fertilizing encourages new growth, and that new growth is more vulnerable to freezing and near-freezing conditions than old growth is. It's OK to fertilize and encourage growth with indoor or green-housed tropicals, although shorter days usually slow down growth no matter how much you fertilize.

PROTECT YOUR IRRIGATION SYSTEM:

Your backflow-prevention device is the most important part of your irrigation system. It's also the most vulnerable part of your system if there is a freeze. It may be located somewhere right outside the garage and next to the foundation. Cover the top by wrapping the part that is above ground with a towel. It is also best to turn off your valve.

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AHFC Junior Hurricanes (JHSL) Registration Now For Spring 2017 Open

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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.

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"Puttin' on the Ritz" will benefit the Jack and Jill of America Foundation, which supports education, literacy, scientific and charitable projects that benefit children. Tickets are \$65 per person. To purchase tickets, please contact Shirley Carter, at 281-222-7765 or sjmcarter@att.net.

Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is a non-profit family organization which is dedicated to nurturing future leaders by supporting children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving and civic duty. More information about the organization can be found at www.jackandjillinc.org.

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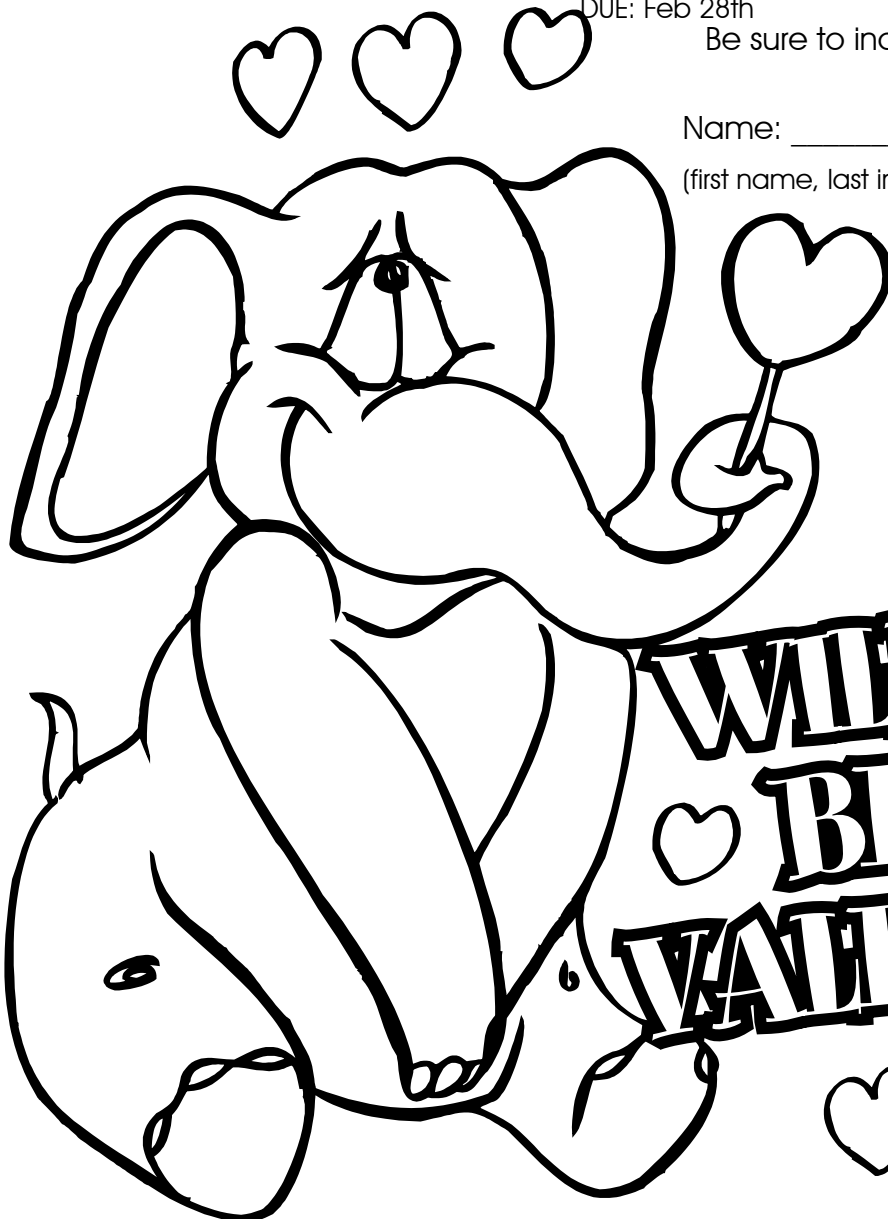
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