



# The HOME FRONT

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## WELCOME TO THE HOME FRONT

*A Newsletter  
for the Residents of  
Cardiff Ranch*

The Home Front is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Cardiff Ranch 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](http://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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## Residents Mingling at Pizza and Beer Night



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Poison Control .....	800-222-1222
First Service Residential (24/7) .....	877-378-2388
Customer Service and Billing .....	800-932-9449

## UTILITIES

Best Trash.....	281-313-2378
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Fort Bend MUD # 58 (Water) .....	713-405-1750

## SCHOOLS

Katy ISD .....	281-396-6000
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## PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

### Property Manager

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.....	marci.birthisel@fsresidential.com

### Service Specialist - Katy Division

Ty Howery .....	713-984-7282
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### On-Site Community Manager

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.....	crclubhouse@entouch.net

## OFFICE HOURS:

Monday 4 P.M. – 8 P.M.  
Friday 1 P.M. – 6 P.M.  
Saturday 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.

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Raj Gupta – Resident - Vice President  
Rob Kerzee – Resident - Secretary  
Email address – crboard@entouch.net

## Cardiff Ranch 2017 Board and Round Table Meetings

Board Meeting: Mar. 16, @ 5pm  
Round Table: Apr. 22, 2017 @11am  
Board Meeting: May 18, @ 5pm  
Round Table: Jun. 17, 2017 @11am  
Board Meeting: July 20, @ 5pm  
Round Table: Aug. 19, 2017 @11am  
Board Meeting: Sept. 21, @ 5pm  
Round Table: Oct. 21, 2017 @11am  
Board Meeting: Nov. 16, @ 5pm  
Round Table: Dec 9, 2017 @11am

Annual Meeting: Date and location to be announced

\*\* The annual meeting cannot be scheduled until the end of **August**. (Unable to schedule until the new school year to determine availability.)

*All meetings will take place in the Cardiff Ranch club house located at 26818 Wooded Canyon Dr. with the exception of the annual meeting.*

## Cardiff Ranch Committees

The following committees have been established to help aide the Board of Directors.

- Executive Committee – comprised of the advisory members
  - Landscape Committee – overseeing the landscaping needs of the community
  - Events Committee – social events, community events, “kids” committee, community outreach
  - Flag Committee – proper maintenance /respect of the flags at the front entrance
  - Finance Committee – financial information and reporting
- Please email the clubhouse at crclubhouse@entouch.net if you are interested in joining a committee.

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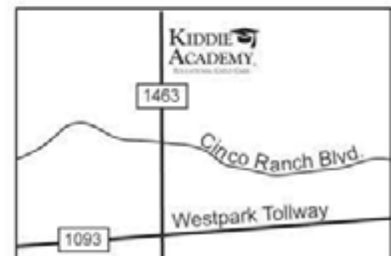
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# CARDIFF RANCH

## Planning on Doing Home Improvements?

The P.O.A. requires a Request for Home Improvement Approval form be submitted and approved prior to the start of any work. A fee and/or deposit may be needed for certain projects. Contact First Service Residential at 877-378-2388 with any questions regarding the form or required fees.

## Reporting a Streetlight Outage

Have a streetlight out? You can go online to report the outage. Just go to [centerpointenergy.com](http://centerpointenergy.com), select customer service – electric outage center – report street light outage. You will need the streetlight number located on the pole.

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Saturday, May 6th – Community Garage Sale 8 A.M.-Noon

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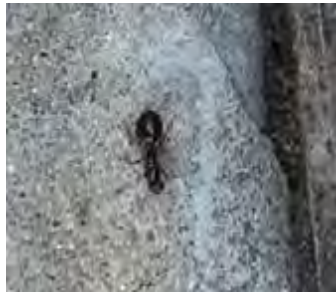


## Red Imported Fire Ants

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I was making dinner the other night and my kiddo was outside playing. He came rushing in panicked. He discovered the fire ants of the season. While I knew it was inevitable, I was hoping that it would occur a bit later in the year. But, it's true. Fire ants have begun to yet again, dot the landscape with their mounds.

Spring time is usually when people see fire ants swarming (although it can also happen in the fall). Swarming is a reproductive process that usually occurs on warm days after a rain event. Winged males and females leave the mound and fly into the air to mate. After mating, they fall to the ground where males die and females break off their wings and search for a location to establish a new colony. Mated females dig a small chamber in soil, lay a few eggs and rear those young by themselves until the young become mature worker ants. At that point workers take



*Fire ant queen without wings.*

over colony functions and the queen continues to expand the population of the colony by laying more eggs.

While searching for a new colony location, many mated fire ant queens are killed by lizards, birds, spiders, other ants, and often my shoe stomping on them. Queens that survive can be managed by broadcasting fire ant bait over your entire property. New colonies are usually very small and may not have substantial mounds for locating easily for individual treatment. When worker ants forage for food, they would have the opportunity to locate, pick up, and carry fire ant bait back to the colony to share with other ants including the queen.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at [www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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## Its Fertilizer Season

This time of year, is a good time to put down fertilizer for the spring. Local Hardware stores carry a variety of fertilizers for your lawn needs. The secret to a green lawn is two stages of fertilizer, first apply a spring starter mix something like a Turf Builder Weed and Feed and then wait 8 weeks (2 months) and apply a different fertilizer like a Bonus S Southern Weed and Feed. Apply the fertilizer after the grass is mowed using a broadcast or drop spreader and apply according to the directions. After the fertilizer is down water the grass according to the directions on the fertilizer. Try not to over water the lawn as you can end up washing the fertilizer off instead of getting it to soak in. It's a slow process, you will see results in a few weeks and it pays off very nicely when the warm weather moves in in May.

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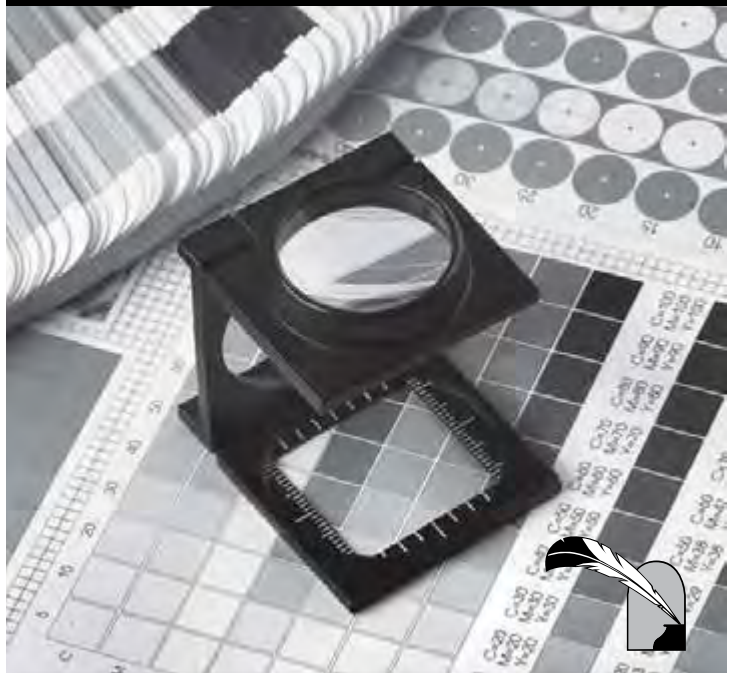
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