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A Newsletter for Riata Ranch Residents

COPPER CREEK MEADOWS COMMUNITY GIRL SCOUTS OF SAN JACINTO COUNCIL



The Girl Scout Cookies are definitely here! More than 1.4 million packages arrived for Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council at the Council cookie pickup on Saturday, Feb 4. Many wonderful volunteers helped to unload, sort and distribute cases of cookies to individual troop Cookie Managers and helpers. Ever wonder how many cases of Girl Scout Cookies can fit in a particular

kind of vehicle? Our cookie pickup volunteers could tell you! Many thanks to all who helped out!

Cookie booth sales at area businesses began on February 17, and run through March 25. Don't miss a chance to try the new S'mores cookie, as well as your old favorites. We appreciate the support of our families, friends and neighbors!

February 22 is "Thinking Day", when we celebrate the international nature of the Scouting movement. This will also be our World Thinking Day event. Each participating troop selects a country from the members of the World Association of Girl Guides and Scouts, and has a display booth. Food, costumes, music, cultural activities, games and swaps are all planned by the individual troops. Troops attending can take a trip around the world by visiting the different booths and learning about other countries.

Leaders and Daughters are looking forward to the fun of our annual Leader/Daughter weekend. This is a time for leaders to spend some special time with their OWN daughters. Rock climbing,

kayaking, and horseback riding are only some of the activities offered. The Dutch oven cook-off (and eating the results!) and the talent show are fun parts of this weekend that we look forward to every year.

A Girl Planning meeting is being held to plan our spring Community outdoor event. Girl representatives from all levels will get together to make decisions about the kind of event, and to plan activities. Girl planning is a very important part of Girl Scouting, and even our youngest Daisy Girl Scouts get involved.

Region 4 has been offering a series of opportunities for Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors, including Program Aide training, and Red Cross babysitting. Older girls from Copper Creek Meadows join with girls from neighboring communities to plan and participate in these activities.

The 2017 catalog for day, twilight and resident camp will be coming out soon. Camp is a great opportunity to learn new skills and make new friends. Where else can you learn all those camp songs, and wear crazy socks and hats?

Cadette troop 16468 hosted a movie night and panel discussion to increase awareness of the importance of girls' access to education. Those who attended watched the movie "He Named Me Mahala". The movie is about Mahala Yousafzai, the youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize Laureate. At the age of 15, she was wounded by Taliban gunmen. She is an educational activist in Pakistan, and campaigner for the worldwide rights of children.

Junior troop 113035 worked on their Simple Meals Badge at HEB. They cooked eggs, and prepared lunch and a desert. They also learned about basic kitchen safety and preparing healthy meals. (Picture).

Girl Scouting is open to all girls ages 5 (must be in kindergarten) through 18, who are willing to accept the Girl Scout Promise and Law. Girls may join at any age, and no previous Scouting experience is required.

Copper Creek Meadows Community serves girls in the residence areas for the elementary schools listed below, as well as the corresponding middle and high schools. Private school and home

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Fire Department.....	281-855-1110
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Memorial City Hospital.....	713-932-3000
Poison Control.....	800-222-1222

SCHOOLS

Cypress Fairbanks ISD.....	281-897-4000
Postma Elementary.....	281-345-3660
Rennell Elementary.....	281-213-1550
Spillane Middle.....	281-216-1645
Cy-Fair High.....	281-897-4600
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Cy-Woods High.....	281-213-1800
Cy-Fair College.....	281-290-3200

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HOA, SCS Mgt.....	281-463-1777
United States Post Office.....	800-275-8777

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Do you have an idea or suggestion for the newsletter? Want to submit a photo, article, or both? It's easy!! Email your articles to riataranch@peelinc.com by the 10th of the preceding month. So if you get your ideas in before the deadline, you should see them in the very next month's newsletter.

We are glad to hear all of the positive feedback and we intend to continue to improving the look and feel of the newsletter according to what you tell us. So get as involved as you like! We look forward to hearing from you.

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schooled students are always welcome.

Our elementary schools are: Birkes, Fiest, Hairgrove, Horne, Kirk, Lee, Lieder, Lowery, Metcalf, Owens, Tipps, Wilson, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Texas Christian School and Christian Life Center.

For more information on the Copper Creek Meadows Community, please email coppercreekmeadowsgirlscouts@gmail.com. The website for Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council is www.gssjc.org, and the phone number is 713-292-0300.

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6TH ANNUAL WINE FAIR CY-FAIR CELEBRATES LOCAL RESTAURANTS, ART, WINE AND CRAFT BEER

Festival Seeks Sponsors, Restaurants and Vendors to Raise Funds for Deserving Organizations

The sixth annual Wine Fair Cy-Fair presented by H-E-B and The Lippincott Team returns to Cypress Village Station on Saturday, April 22, 2017 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Kicking off Wine Fair festivities is One Fine Affair presented by Mercantil Commercebank on Thursday, March 30 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at Lindsay Lakes. The elegant theme, "Opening Night... Walk the Red Carpet," will attract the desired audience to raise funds for a worthy benefitting organization, Reach Unlimited, Inc.

"We are very grateful for the generosity of Lindsay Lakes whose efforts help underwrite One Fine Affair held at this beautiful venue," Constance McDerby, Founder of Food & Vine Time Productions said. "Together with HEB and The Lippincott Team, Wine Fair Cy-Fair provides the signature community celebration that residents look forward to each year. Helping worthy causes with a sip and celebration is a party with a purpose and every part is important. Food & Vine Time Productions is honored to bring this event to the Cy-Fair community in conjunction with our partners The Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce."

Wine Fair Cy-Fair celebrates Cy-Fair businesses and residents with

interactive anchor areas, sponsor displays, home zone exhibitions, vendors, local artisans and live music. Some of the few sponsorships still available for Saturday evening include one of three Co-Presenting Naming Rights, Official Automotive and Home Zone Naming Rights. The live band from the Aruba Music Stage keeps the crowd dancing the night away.

Vendor booths are available for non-brick and mortar businesses. Booths are offered at \$150 and \$350 with a tent display. Local artisans will be on-site. If interested in showcasing local art or your artistic abilities, the costs are affordable starting at \$150. This is a great way to get in front of more than 3,000-3,500 people in the Cy-Fair community.

General admission tickets are \$25 per person and include access to unlimited food, wine and interactive displays. VIP tickets are \$100 per person and include early entrance to the festival with a VIP lounge offering elevated food offerings in a relaxed, air-conditioned lounge with premium wine selections. New for 2017, VIP ticket holders can take advantage of a VIP Express area in the general Wine Fair

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grounds, so they are always close to great wine.

The Backyard Grill Beer Garden offers 20 tables of cold craft beers including local favorites such as Karbach and 8th Wonder along with Pedernales, Saloon Door and more. There will be more than 30 culinary creation tasting stations from a diverse restaurant scene to delight your taste buds and satisfy your appetite. There is no charge for a restaurant to be on-site at the event; however, restaurants are encouraged to provide 450- 2 oz. sample size tastings to last all three hours of the event. Menus, brochures, VIP gift bag inserts, bounce back offers and other promotional materials are encouraged.

Co-presenting sponsors include H-E-B and The Lippincott Team. Other sponsors to date include Aruba Tourism, Backyard Grill, Bridgeland, Chad Gaulding KwikKopy Printing, Constellation Brands, Dr. Charles E Dyer IV D.D.S., Eat Prime Foods, Hanan's Café, Hometown Social, Lindsay Lakes, Mercantil Commercebank, Palm Bay International, Republic National Distributing Company, SpeedPro Printing The Woodlands, The Hidden Cellar and Tippit Dental.

Sponsorship, restaurant and vendor opportunities are available. Sign up today! If interested in participating in One Fine Affair or Wine Fair Cy-Fair, visit www.winecyfair.com or call the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce at (281) 373-1390 or Food & Vine Time Productions at (713) 557-5732.



Cy-Fair Republican Women March Meeting

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

Meeting is \$3 -- Meeting w/Lunch at Noon is \$23.

Hearthstone Country Club, 7615 Ameswood, Houston, TX 77095

Our guest speaker will be Harris County Republican Party Chairman

Paul Simpson.

All are welcome! Come and enjoy like-minded fellowship and relevant speakers. Our goals include educating our community about the workings of all levels of government.

RSVP to www.cfrw.net by March 7th. We look forward to seeing you there!

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



This month's extended luncheon will feature Jim "Mattress Mack" McIngvale, a Texas-grown phenomenon who knows how to "Save You Money, TODAY!"

In 1981, Mack and his wife Linda started Gallery Furniture with five thousand dollars and a dream. Mack began television advertising early on and with his motto of "Early to bed, early to rise, work like hell and

advertise", he quickly became a household name.

In 2009, Gallery Furniture opened a second store on Post Oak Blvd in the Houston Galleria area. This proved to be a blessing as Mack, Linda, and the entire Gallery Furniture family faced a horrific fire on May 21, 2009 at the flagship I-45 store location which destroyed the warehouse. By bringing their positive approach and "TODAY" philosophy to everything they do, Gallery Furniture re-built the "World's Greatest Furniture Store" bigger and better than ever with a full Grand Opening less than four months later.

Gallery Furniture has seen a lot of expansion over the years with the re-build of the flagship store, the addition of the Galleria location and, coming in Spring 2015, the third and largest store located in Fort Bend County on the Grand Parkway, which will feature a

165,000 square feet showroom. Even with multiple locations, Gallery Furniture still lives up to its promise of delivering quality furniture, mattresses and home electronics TODAY.

The success of Gallery Furniture is mostly attributed to Mack's "do-whatever-it-takes" approach to pleasing the customer. Currently with just 2 locations, Gallery Furniture sells the most furniture and mattresses in the nation per square foot including Gallery Furniture's own line, Mack-O-Pedic, as well as other name brands such as Tempur-Pedic, Mayo, United Leather, American Leather, Lane, Broyhill, Flexsteel and of course solid wood furniture, made in America.

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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Southern Cypress Beauties Cypress Area Food Pantry

A few Southern Cypress beauties from Cypress Ranch High School on the way to the annual Classic's Drill Team Winter Ball 2017. (L to R- Ally Buckley, Kiley Evans, Mia Soto, Natalie Crowninshield, Natalie Epperson, Maggie Lucas and Hannah Campbell).



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.



Cypress Texas Tea Party

The next meetings of the Cypress Texas Tea Party will be on:

Saturday, March 4, 2017 NOON - 2:00 PM

- Debbie Riddle, Texas State Representative, District 150
- Jeremy Newman, Director of Public Policy, Texas Home School Coalition

Saturday, March 25, 2017 NOON - 2:00 PM

The Cypress Texas Tea Party meets every three weeks on Saturday

Noon until 2:00 PM at:

Spring Creek BBQ
25831 Northwest Freeway
Cypress, Texas 77429

Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/OoNjY>

A schedule of our meetings and confirmed speakers can be found at our website, www.cypressstexasteaparty.org



March Meeting

The Cypress-Tomball Democrats monthly meeting for the month of March will be held on

Tuesday, March 21st 2017, 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 will be "Indivisible- Role of Political Activism". Well versed guest speakers will be guiding the discussion.

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If you are not a member it is an exciting time to join the club and actively participate in the current political scenario. Your ideas and participation would be welcome and appreciated. For further information, visit the website www.cytomdems.com. Also like and/or follow us on Facebook at Cypress- Tomball Democrats.



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