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NEW CYPRESS CROSSING RETAIL DEVELOPMENT IN WORTHAM

From Community Impact newspaper - https://communityimpact.com/houston/cy-fair/development-construction/2017/01/03/cypress-crossing-breaks-ground-hwy-290-fm-1960/

Caldwell Companies recently broke ground on a new development at Hwy. 290 and FM 1960. Cypress Crossing will consist of two retail centers totaling nearly 20,000 square feet.

Construction on the property is slated to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2017, and retailers will begin opening in

early 2018, said Jennifer Symons, vice president of marketing. Symons said Cypress Crossing will offer hotel, restaurant, retail,

Symons said Cypress Crossing will offer hotel, restaurant, retail, pad sites and office space in the heart of Northwest Houston.

"We recently closed on a transaction with a major medical user for this site and have other users that will soon join the mix at Cypress Crossing," Symons said. "We are in discussions with major national and regional retailers to be part of Caldwell's latest retail development. Leasing for Cypress Crossing is currently underway."



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The North Harris County Regional Water Authority (NHCRWA) was created to transition Cy-Fair (and the entire North Houston area) from groundwater to surface water. The state has mandated that 60 percent of water use come from surface water by 2025 and 80 percent by 2035.

The authority is working on pipeline projects that will help carry water from Lake Houston to pumping plants in the Cy-Fair area, where municipal utility districts and water providers like our own MUD 222 will then pump the water along to residents. (MUD 222 is scheduled to begin receiving surface water in 2025.)

NHCRWA announced that water pumping fees, which are paid by residents through their water bills, will increase by 50 cents per 1,000 gallons starting April 1, 2017. For more information go to www.nhcrwa.org



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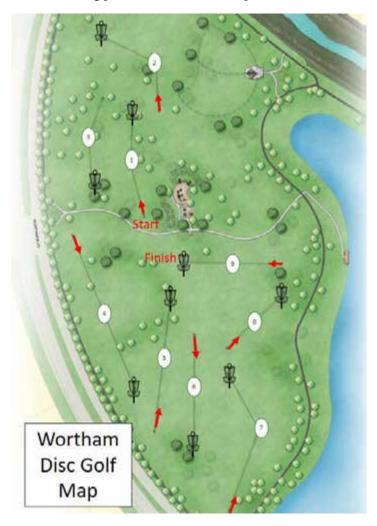


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New Disc Golf Course

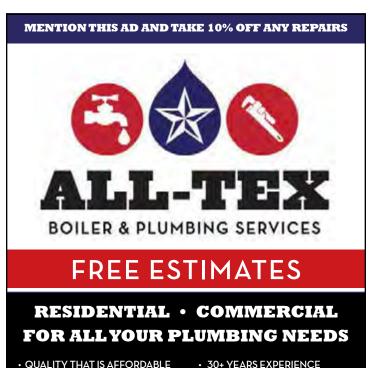
Hopefully everyone has been able to enjoy the new park facilities in the front of the neighborhood. There are a few finishing touches to be added but everything is open and ready for your use. The Disc Golf course was moved to accommodate the new park layout and the tees and baskets has been repositioned to avoid discs flying over sidewalks or dog parks! Here is a course map:





How to Help Keep Our Neighborhood Clean

- 1. Pick up Liter-Litter, trash that people drop all around the ground, is an eyesore. Worse, it can be harmful to children, animals, and the rest of the environment. If you see some trash on the ground around your neighborhood, don't assume someone else will take care of it. Be proactive in taking care of where you live.
- 2. Pick up after your pets- If you have pets that go for walks, especially dogs, make sure you pick up their poop. Nobody wants to see it, smell it, or even accidentally step in it. Follow your pets with a plastic bag to clean up after them, and make sure you throw the bag away in a trash bin. Leaving your pets' waste behind can lead to the spread of disease and promote the spread of flies
- 3. Maintain your sidewalks- Property owners are responsible for keeping the sidewalks clean and clear. Make sure you clean up any debris so people can walk easily in front of your home.
- 4. Keep your storm drains clear-The point of storm drains is to gather run-off from rainwater to prevent flooding and keep that water in local waterways. Make sure trash and other debris doesn't get caught in the drain. You don't want those items clogging the drain, preventing better flow, or flowing into local rivers and streamss.



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Wortham Dog Park Rules

- 1. All dogs must be leashed when entering and leaving the park and owners/handlers must carry a leash with them at all times while in the park.
- 2. All dogs must be under the control of an owner/handler who must be inside the dog park and in view of and within voice control of their dog at all times.
- 3. Dogs and humans ONLY no other animals allowed.
- 4. This park is provided by and intended for the use of the residents of MUD 222. Illegal use will not be tolerated. Harris County MUD 222 is not responsible for any accidents or injuries to dogs or humans.
- 5. All dogs must be at least 4 months old, healthy and free of injury, contagious diseases and parasites. All vaccinations required by the Harris County Public Health Department must be current (Rabies, Bordetella (Kennel Cough), Distemper, Parvovirus). Dogs in heat are prohibited.
- 6. All children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian while in the dog park.
- 7. Dog owners/handlers are responsible for picking up and disposing of dog waste and refilling holes.
- 8. Dogs showing any aggressive behavior must be removed immediately.
- Report illegal activities to Harris County Sheriff's department 713-221-6000 or 911
 Report dog problems to Harris County Public Health 281-999-3191

Use of this dog park is at your own risk and liability!

Dog Owners/Handlers are responsible for the actions and behavior of their dogs at all times!



Large/Active Dogs



Small Dogs Less Active/ Older/ Shy Dogs

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INCIDENT	OFFENSE TOTAL	INCIDENT	OFFENSE TOTAL
911 Hang Up	1		
Accident/Unk Maj Min	4		
Accident/FGSI			2
Accident/Major			
Accident/Minor	7		
Alarm Local			
Assault/Family		MUD Building Check	
Burglary/Business			
Burglary/Habitat		Open Door/Window	
Burglary/Motor Vehicle		Parking Lot Check	
Check Business		Stranded MV	
Check Park		Suspicious Person	
Contract Check		Telephone Harass	
Credit Card Abuse		Theft/Other	
Criminal Mischief		Traffic Initiative	
Discharge Firearm		Traffic Hazard	
Disturbance/Family		Traffic Stop	
Disturbance/Fireworks		Unk Med Emerg	
Disturbance/Loud Noise		Vehicle Abandoned	
Disturbance/Other		Vehicle Suspicious	
DOA			
Domestic/Prevent		Warrant Service	



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Dog Rescue 101

After fostering many dogs for BARC, the City animal shelter, and two rescue groups, I recently experienced one escaping the backyard through an unlatched gate when let out to do his business. My son had just gone back in the house to get my 13 year old Lab to come out when Oliver saw his escape. I do not wish this experience on anyone but unfortunately I have learned it happens daily in our area and it is heartbreaking. I was fortunate to find Oliver after 7 days of searching, posting notices within a 5 mile radius of my house in Wortham, and using social media to the fullest extent including Nextdoor and Facebook Lost and Found Pet pages. Diligence, research, the kindness of friends and strangers, and divine intervention ended in a positive outcome. But it was a full-time job for those 7 days. Oliver had traveled all the way to the Coles Crossing subdivision and appeared to be headed back. I found him near CyFair High School after receiving a sighting; a kind call from a stranger who had seen the posting on social media. Never assume your dog will stay in the subdivision or will return on his or her own.

I hate to admit that I have a poor impression of most pet owners in the Houston area based upon my volunteer work. I could not understand how so many dogs could get lost, let alone all those that are dumped or left behind, or are turned into shelters for ridiculous reasons. But until little Oliver, a street savvy terrier, slipped away in a blink of an eye, I did not realize how easy it was and now have a bit more empathy.

As a result, I have the following suggestions:

Prevention:

- 1. Latch all gates and close doors securely.
- 2. Ensure no holes in or under fence.
- 3. Do not walk your dog off leash (Harris County has a leash law "All dogs and cats must be kept under restraint while in the unincorporated areas of Harris County, Texas.")
- 4. Monitor dogs even in a secure backyard during thunderstorms or fireworks.
- 5. Do not take your dog when you watch fireworks.
- 6. Make sure collar is secure and cannot be pulled over the dog's head. Some dogs have a neck as big as their head; and therefore, need a harness.
- 7. If using a harness, make sure your dog cannot wiggle out of it.
- 8. Be careful when opening an outside door as that is an invitation to escape.

Finding a Lost Dog:

- Review Harris County's and City of Houston's animal shelter websites for tips on finding a lost dog NOW, not after your dog is lost.
- 2. Take good clear pictures of your dog NOW.
- 3. Check which way the wind is blowing immediately; dogs usually travel into the wind.
- 4. Let friends and neighbors know immediately that your dog is lost.
- 5. Prepare a posting that can be printed to post in the

- neighborhood and at least 5 miles out at intersections, and can be posted on social media sites. See Resources and check websites listed for more information.
- 6. Check County and City Shelters both online and in person.
- 7. Register lost dog with Citizens for Animal Protection and other rescues.
- 8. Register with free services that notify vets: Pawboost, Lost My Doggie, etc. (They also have more extensive services for a fee.)
- 9. Post in Starbucks, Panera, Petsmart and other businesses but ask permission first.
- 10. Check Found Dog postings on mailboxes and street lights.
- 11. Keep checking Nextdoor, and the Lost and Found Pet Facebook pages for comments to your posting and for Found Dog postings.

And when your dog is found, take the time to thank everyone who helped. I immediately updated the postings on social media that he was found and expressed my appreciation. With that said, I want to thank my neighbors who kept their eyes open for this little guy and for those who helped me take down signs after he was found. The latter is important too. I hope to have all my signs down before this article is published!

And if you have time, take a picture of every lost dog or cat sign you see posted just in case you come across a lost pet on your walks or even in your front yard. Take a picture of the lost pet, and if possible, safely coax them into your backyard or garage with fragrant food. But, at the least, call the possible owner. Time is of the essence to reunite a lost pet.

Resources:

Harris County Animal Shelter: www.countypets.com, click on Services, Find a Lost Pet

BARC, City Animal Shelter: www.houstonbarc.com, click on Lost a Pet

Citizens for Animal Protection: www.cap4pets.org, click on Programs, Finding Lost Pets

Nextdoor (join now, if not a member, just in case) Facebook pages:

- Lost and Found Pet Cypress, Texas
- Houston Lost and Found Pets



BIRDING

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



There are many different levels of bird watching from the casual observer to professionals whose goal is to see as many of the 8,850 species as possible. In North American there are approximately 800 species. Some people use nothing more than the naked eye to observe and others spend thousands of dollars on binoculars, telescopes, cameras, video and audio equipment, tripods and field guides. "Birding", as it's sometimes called, is also a competitive event and there are both national and international organizations.

Some of the best bird watching, perhaps in the world, is in the Houston area. Approximately 570 types of birds either call this area home and are permanent residents or are migratory and just pass through on their way to some other destination.

The Cornell Lab of Ornithology is a great resource for anyone

interested in birds. If you ever have a problem identifying a bird, their free Merlin Bird ID app is a must-have. According to Cornell, "If you can snap a bird photo with your phone—or even take a photo of another photo—chances are Merlin can help you ID it."

Birds face the same threat as almost all other wild animals and that is habitat loss. Trees, brush and grasslands are being destroyed to make way for roads and buildings. The best way to help our feathered friends is to replace some of what has been lost. Plant trees and shrubs using native plants, minimize pesticide use, set up nest boxes, provide water and keep your cats indoors. Leave some dying and/or dead trees on your property. Many species depend on cavities in these trees for nest sites. Next to habitat loss, the next highest cause of bird deaths is collisions with windows. Covering windows with screening or applying decals or tape to windows can help significantly. Make sure to check the web for instructions on how to apply these safeguards.

TWRC Wildlife Center is gearing up for another busy spring. If you'd like to help us feed and care for orphaned baby birds, details will be available soon on our website at www.twrcwildlifecenter.org or you can call 713-468-TWRC for more details.



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WORTHAM VILLAGES **BOARD MEETINGS**

Wortham Villages Board meetings are open to all homeowner's. Monthly board meetings are generally held the third Wednesday of each month from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm at the offices of Crest Management (17171 Park Row, Suite 310, Houston, Texas 77084), but may be changed for various reasons, including due to scheduling conflicts. For an accurate notification of board meetings, dates and times please visit Crest Management's website www.crest-management.com, then click on communities, then scroll down to Wortham Villages and click on it. There is box for you to put your email address that will notify you when the board is going to meet. The board does meet on a regular basis, although do cancel occasionally if the board cannot obtain a quorum. If you are interested in attending a board meeting, we do ask that you contact Crest Management beforehand so time can be scheduled and set aside during the meeting to address your comments or request.

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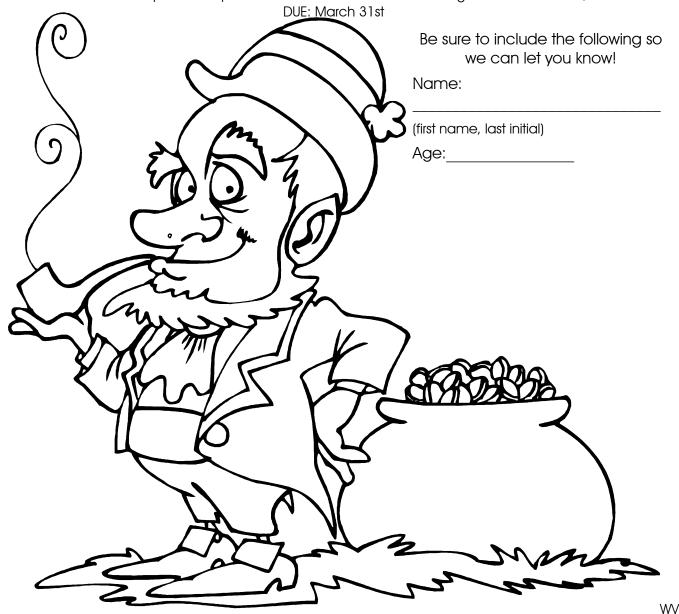
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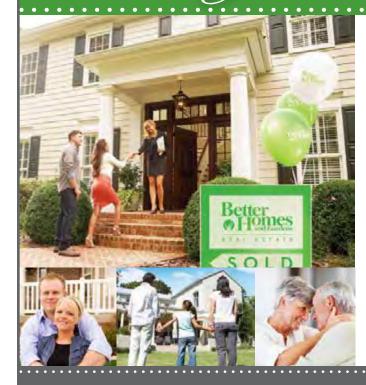
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