



# 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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## Cardiff Ranch Easter/Spring Celebration

Please join us on Saturday, April 15th from 1-3 for our annual Community Cardiff Ranch Easter/Spring celebration.

The Easter Bunny will be here for pictures.

We will also have bounce houses, games, crafts, and snacks.

Hope you can join us.

We will not be holding an Easter egg hunt this year.

Please note the date change.



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

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## 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.

## Driving through Cardiff Ranch

### Social Committee Meeting Saturday, April 8th, 11AM-NOON

Open to everyone in Cardiff Ranch that wants to have input for Community events. The Easter/Spring Celebration and the Cinco De Mayo adult party will be discussed. There will also be an open session.

### UpComing Events

**Friday, May 5th**  
Adult Cinco De Mayo Celebration  
6 p.m. – 10 p.m.  
**Saturday, May 6th**  
Community Yard Sale  
8 a.m. - noon

There have been several complaints regarding driving in Cardiff Ranch. Let's make sure we keep Cardiff Ranch safe. The top 3 complaints are as follows:

- Please make sure you come to a complete stop at the stop signs. Please note these are not 4 way stops.
- Stop for school buses when lights are flashing and waiting until they complete loading/unloading and the flashing lights are turned off before continuing. This includes people that are driving to the bus stop. Please wait so all children can be safe.
- Slow down and drive the speed limit.



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Assassin and ambush bugs have 3 segmented piercing-sucking mouthparts. These bugs come in a variety of colors with assassin bugs usually being darker in color than ambush bugs. Assassin bugs also have a more elongated head compared to ambush bugs. Ambush bugs have thickened front legs used to capture and hold prey. Immatures, or nymphs, look similar to the adults but do not have fully developed wings. Eggs are usually deposited in masses

## ASSASSIN & AMBUSH BUGS

and are cylindrical in shape.

While most assassin bugs are beneficial, the kissing bug or cone-nose bug is considered a pest. Kissing bugs feed on blood of mammals, including humans.

For assassin bugs that are feeding on insects, control is not required. For more information on kissing bugs see this site <https://kissingbug.tamu.edu/>

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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# How to Raise a Confident Child

*Neena Hamamcy, MA, LPC, LMFT*

A child's self-worth is the gateway to social success and sound mental health. Developing healthy self-esteem is the building blocks of child development and affects us at every age of our lives, determining how we act, not just in childhood, but also as adults. Having low self-esteem drives behavior problems, troubles in relationships and school performance, to name a few. As parents, we are greatly influential in how our children perceive themselves, thus ensuring that we raise our children to grow to have confidence and positive self-worth is essential for their success as adults. Here are some ways to help improve your child's self-esteem:

## **Help Your Child Express and Embrace their Feelings**

When your child looks in the mirror and sees themselves, you want to make sure that they like who they see. One way to ensure this is to cultivate a relationship where you encourage your children to express their feelings openly. When you take the time to listen and accept their feelings, you are sending a message that they matter and how they feel is important. A child's feelings are part of who they are as individuals, thus embracing their feelings is in effect embracing them. When a parent listens and validates their child's feelings, it makes a child feel valued and worthy. If a parent repeatedly responds to their child's feelings with hurt, anger, shame or judgment, the child receives a message from a parent that their feelings are wrong and that their parents are not emotionally available. This can lead a child to shut off their emotions, which in turn can lead to behavior problems down the road. The way a child feels about themselves reflects in their behaviors. By listening and accepting your child's emotions, your child will feel loved, valued and reassured that you are capable of meeting their needs emotionally.

## **Teach Ownership**

It is important to distinguish between a child's feelings and their actions. You want ensure that your child feels loved, but you also want to hold your child accountable for undesirable actions. Setting clear expectations and having consequences is essential for teaching accountability and promoting self-esteem. Helping your child take ownership for their actions helps them learn that their actions have consequences and that they can control the outcome based on their choices. "If I make good choices, then good things follow, if I make bad choices, then bad things follow." Just as kids learn to be accountable for their mistakes, they also learn to own their achievements and success. Without this accountability, children miss the opportunity to experience the joy and satisfaction that comes from mastering their efforts. It is important to allow children to learn from their missteps and develop the resiliency to deal with their failures and the difficult feelings that accompany. We have morphed into a society that struggles with negative emotions and what we often see are parent's trying to protect their children from

unpleasant feelings. Where everyone is a winner and there are no losers; where in an effort to preserve self-esteem, we try to protect our children from feeling bad about themselves. This approach actually produces the opposite outcome; it creates children that are spoiled, entitled and view themselves as victims. A parent who intervenes and tries to protect their children from difficult feelings and situations, inadvertently interferes in learning lessons that build self-esteem and resiliency that set the path for success in adulthood. Parenting with accountability allows children to own their failures as well as their achievements and empowers kids to see they have control over the outcome of their lives.

## **Create Experiences to Help Your Child Feel Successful**

Help your child find their strengths and acquire skills, whether it be academically, socially or in extracurricular activities. One way children measure their self-worth is by how other's perceive them, and in our society that is full of measuring and comparing, children can be vulnerable to heightened criticism and comparison. Emphasize to your child that you accept and love them regardless of their performance. Create opportunities for them at home and outside the home, where they can accomplish goals and feel the satisfaction of completing a task. Experiences of success create confidence and foster self-esteem. Experiences that can foster self-esteem include having chores and responsibilities at home, participating in athletics, or other areas of social or extracurricular interest. Encouraging their independence and helping your children be responsible will encourage positive self-worth.

## **Try to Understand and Heal your own Self-Worth Issues**

Parenting can be emotionally intoxicating as well as draining. Becoming a parent tends to bring out the best and worst of ourselves. As we navigate through such an intensely emotional relationship with our children, we are often confronted with our own insecurities and fears. Becoming a parent has a way of bringing to the surface our own unresolved emotional issues stemming from our relationships with our own family or origin. Our children's self-worth is not genetic, but rather learned and especially in early childhood, is a reflection of the parent's sense of self, particularly the mother. A parent's unhappiness is passed down to a child, and children view your unhappiness as unhappiness with them. It is important to address your own insecurities and fears because no matter how many parenting books you read, if you don't address your own self-worth issues, you are bound to pass them to your kids. Looking at your own wounds from your early childhood and trying to understand the positive and negative ways your parents influenced your self-esteem can help you identify ways to break the cycle in your own relationships with your children and help promote your own self-worth as well as your children's.

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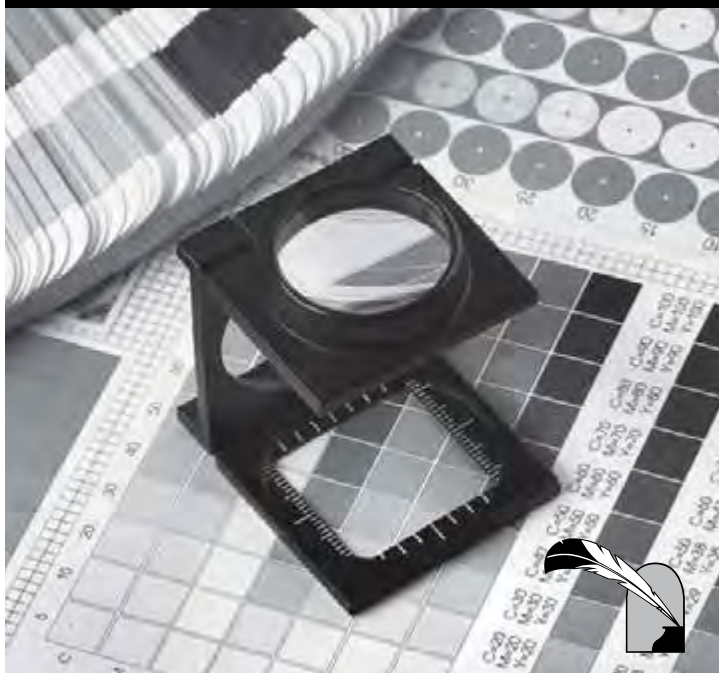
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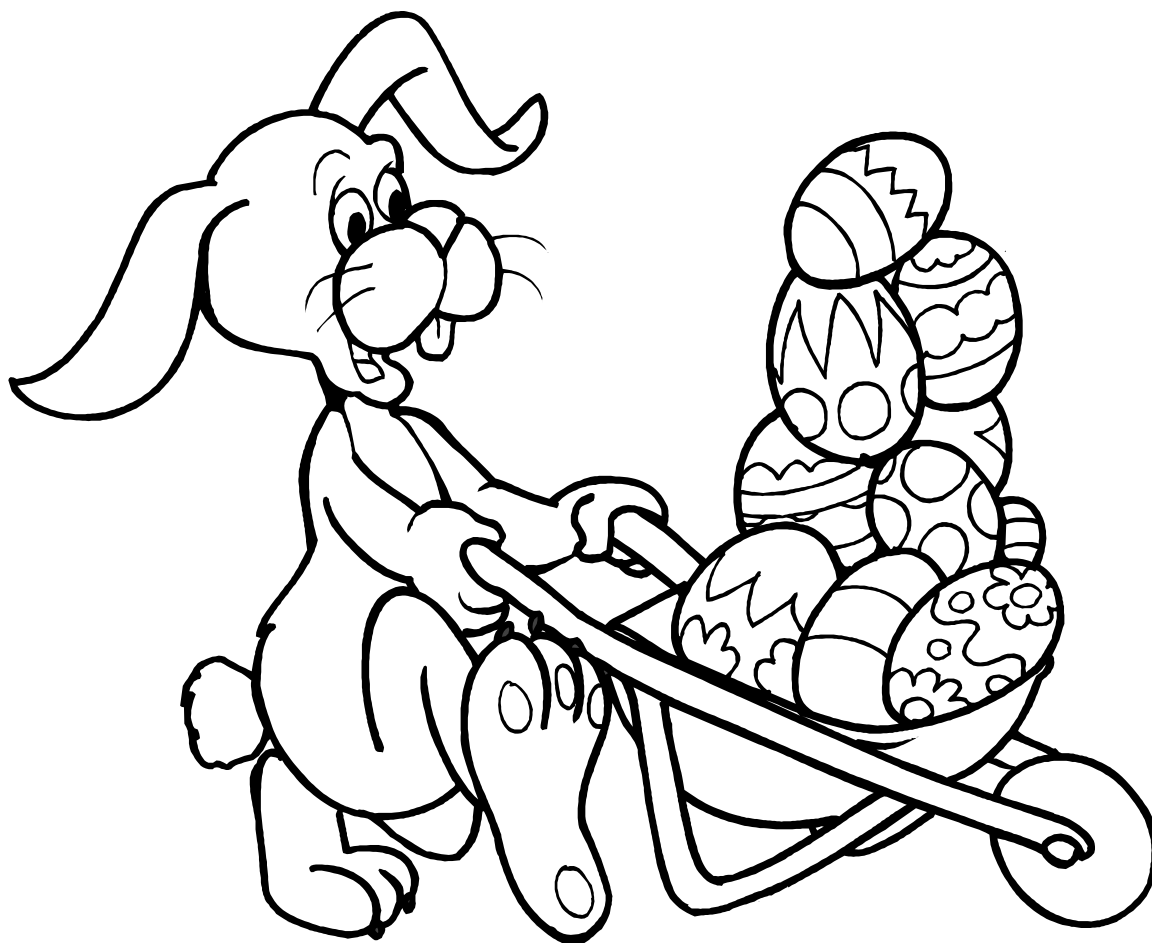
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