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## The Women Empowering Women Express Network



The Women Empowering Women Express Network (WEWEN) of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) is proud to announce its first annual winner The Woman

of Excellence Award. This award comes from the Federation of Houston Business Women, an umbrella organization of over a dozen professional woman groups in the greater Houston area. The prestigious award can only be won once in a woman's life. The business woman chosen is selected by a panel of three independent judges selecting a person who not only excels in her career but has made a lasting impact on their local community. A celebratory black-tie Gala will be held on September to honor the winners.

We are pleased to announce Carol Brace, Lecturer & Business Development Specialist for University of Houston-Downtown Davies College of Business as our 2017 Woman of Excellence. As

one of our founding member of WEWEN, Carol quickly stepped into leadership as President-Elect of our league and will take the reins of the Presidency on August 1. Carol was also the formation chair and sponsor to ABWA's newest student chapter called the University Park Express Network (UPEN). She also gives immensely to the community. Touched by the needs of the thousands of displaced workers that were affected with layoffs due to the retirement of the Space Shuttle program she initiated and customized continuing education programs bringing in leaders from various industries and creating a partnership with Mayor Annise Parker's office. She actively serves on 6 boards and 10 committees.

Expand your network, grow your business skills, reach a new audience, or advance your career with the Women Empowering Women Express Network of ABWA. WEWEN meets the first Wednesday of each month from 11AM-1PM. Additional details and luncheon registration (\$25) are available at [wewen.org](http://wewen.org). Contact [communications@wewen.org](mailto:communications@wewen.org) with questions.

## KIDS' RUNNING TEAM'S CROSS COUNTRY SEASON STARTS SEPTEMBER 5TH

The Northwest Flyers Track Club Youth Cross-Country Team kicks off its 30th year with a fall season mandatory orientation meeting for parents and athletes on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at Cypress Creek High School, 9815 Grant Rd., Houston. Registration starts online September 1 at [www.northwestflyers.org](http://www.northwestflyers.org). Practices are held at the Cypress Creek YMCA and Spring Creek Park in Tomball.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a member program of USA Track and Field (USATF), the national governing body for track and cross country. Ages 6 - 18 may participate in the team, and both beginners and experienced runners are welcome. Middle school and high school cross country athletes can also register, but should compete after their cross country season is over.

For more information contact Coach Angela Mosley at [msangela.mosley@gmail.com](mailto:msangela.mosley@gmail.com) or 469-336-9421. Visit [www.northwestflyers.org](http://www.northwestflyers.org) to get updates and learn more about the team.

## INTRODUCING "Get To Know Your Neighbors"

We are all very fortunate to call Cypress Mill home. But, Cypress Mill is more than just a place to live; it is a vibrant community brimming with family-friendly neighborhoods, chock-full of fascinating, talented people. Our variety is what makes us so both unique and extraordinary. However, sometimes, we get so busy, we lose sight of how interesting and diverse we've become. We believe that getting to know the people who live nearby will help us create a sense of belonging and shared identity. We have created a column entitled, "Get to Know Your Neighbors" which we hope will strengthen connections, build trust in our wider community, and contribute to a happier neighborhood for everyone.

If you know of a person or a family that you believe is making Cypress Mill a better place to live, please let us know. We would like to introduce them to your neighbors.

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AHFC is please to offer the Summer Camp Series at multiple campuses in and around Houston . The club invites all interested players to the Canes Fundamental Camp (Ages 5-9) or the Canes Skills & Drills Camp (Ages 10-16).

Please visit [albionhurricanes.org](http://albionhurricanes.org) to register and for more details about each particular campus. The camps will be offered in New Territory, Cy Fair and Katy locations. All information can be found under "Camps" at [albionhurricanes.org](http://albionhurricanes.org).

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## DID YOU KNOW THIS IS ILLEGAL?

*By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center*

Little did Ernesto Pulido know that he was breaking the law when he disturbed the nests of egrets and black-crowned night herons while trimming trees for the U.S. Postal Service in 2014. He was charged with a misdemeanor violation of the U.S. Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 and because he showed remorse, was only fined \$3,000 to cover the cost of rehabilitating the injured baby birds. He could have been fined \$15,000 and faced six months in jail.

Most people are totally unaware of the Act and that it is one of the oldest wildlife protection laws on the books. Simply stated it's a law that protects birds from people. In 1916 the United States entered into a treaty with Great Britain (acting on behalf of Canada) whereby the two countries agree to end the hunting of insect-eating birds and established hunting seasons for game birds. In order to implement the treaty, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act was passed in 1918 by Congress which makes it illegal to "pursue, hunt, take, capture, kill," or "sell" a migratory bird or any of its parts, including nests, eggs, and feathers except under the terms of a valid permit issued pursuant to Federal regulations. The Act mostly came about because birds

were needlessly being killed for their feathers which made great fashion accessories. Entire birds were stuffed and attached to the tops of hats. Birds were also being served in restaurants.

In 1936, the USA signed a similar treaty with Mexico. Japan and the Soviet Union were added in the 1970s. In 1972 an amendment to the Act added protection for an additional 32 families of birds including eagles, hawks, owls and corvids. Since then more species have been added to include almost every native species in the USA with a few exceptions like the House Sparrow, the European Starling and the domestic pigeon. Some of the birds don't actually migrate but are still protected under this Act. For a complete listing of protected birds go to:

<https://www.fws.gov/birds/management/managed-species/migratory-bird-treaty-act-protected-species.php>.

It wasn't until 2013 that the Department of Justice enforced the Act for the first time by penalizing a wind farmer for killing Golden Eagles and other birds at two sites in Wyoming. The farmer was fined \$1 million. A second wind farmer was penalized a year later and fined \$2.5 million.

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So what does all of this mean to you? Let's say a bird builds a nest above your front door and drops poop everywhere. Can you remove the nest? NO—it's illegal. Can my son take bird eggs to school for show and tell? NO—it's illegal. We collect bird feathers. Is this okay? NO—it's illegal. I found a nest and I brought it in the house. ILLEGAL. We found a dead Blue Jay and we want to have it "stuffed" for display. Guess what? ILLEGAL. We live on a farm and randomly shoot birds for fun. Is this legal? NO, NO, NO. In July 2007, a man was sentenced to six months in a federal halfway house, five years probation with no contact with firearms, and a fine of a \$65,000 fine for killing protected birds on his property.

Although this law may seem a little silly to the average person, it does serve a purpose. It reminds us that we must learn to live in harmony with wildlife and not purposely disrupt or cause harm to other living beings.

TWRC Wildlife Center serves a great purpose as well. We help wildlife that has been injured, orphaned or displaced and return them to the wild. Your donations help us keep the doors open and allow us to provide this service to the public free of charge. Please see our website for more information on what we do and how you can help. [www.twrcwildlifecenter.org](http://www.twrcwildlifecenter.org)

## Cypress Area Food Pantry

Do you know of someone who has trouble putting food on the table? Maybe their employment was suddenly terminated; maybe it's a choice between medications or food; for whatever reason a family can find themselves in a situation where they need a little help.

Fountain of Life Church of God on Mueschke Road runs a food pantry on Mondays from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm and the only requirement is that the client should live in zip code 77433 and west of Skinner 77429. For more information, contact 281-373-9337. Food donations and volunteers are also greatly appreciated.

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## TICK CONTROL IN THE YARD



This article covers what to do about ticks in your yard. I didn't want to make it too long, so I decided to just link to sources giving information on how to treat pets or yourself/ family.

Ticks are arachnids with two body regions, eight legs (except the first stage out of the egg has only six legs and is called a seed tick), and no antennae. Ticks come in a variety of sizes depending upon if they are nymphs or adult, male or female, engorged or not. Ticks require a blood meal before molting to the next stage of their development as well as adult females requiring a blood meal before laying eggs.

Since ticks can feed on multiple hosts during their lifetime, including humans and other animals, they are capable of transmitting disease organisms through their bite. For more information on diseases transmitted by ticks see this link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/diseases/index.html>

Ticks wait hosts by climbing up vertical surfaces such as vegetation, fences or shrubbery. When a host brushes past, ticks grab on and locate a suitable spot for feeding. To reduce ticks in your yard you

can try some or all of the following:

- Keep grass mowed
- Clear brush, weeds, or overgrown areas
- Discourage wildlife
- Remove debris from the yard
- Treat yard with insecticide making sure to go up surfaces as ticks will climb upwards to grab onto a passing host
- Treat pets

For information on how to deal with ticks on your pet(s) see this source: [https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/on\\_pets.html](https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/avoid/on_pets.html)

For how to avoid getting, properly inspecting for, or removing ticks from yourself or family members see this source:

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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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## Cy-Fair Republican Women July Meeting

Tuesday, July 11th will be CFRW General Meeting  
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Meeting is \$3 -- Meeting w/Lunch at Noon is \$23.

Hearthstone Country Club,  
7615 Ameswood, Houston, TX 77095

All are welcome! Bring a friend to lunch and enjoy discussing timely topics with brilliant Republican Women! Speaker to be announced. RSVP to [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net) by July 3rd. We look forward to seeing you there!

## CYPRESS TEXAS TEA PARTY

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

**Saturday, July 8, 2017 NOON - 2:00 PM**  
**Saturday, July 29, 2017 NOON - 2:00 PM**

Spring Creek BBQ  
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A schedule of our meetings and confirmed speakers can be found at our website, [www.cypresstexasteaparty.org](http://www.cypresstexasteaparty.org)

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## HOCKLEY COMMUNITY CENTER PRESENTS SPECIAL EVENTS

### Bingo for Children

On July 12th, July 26th and August 9th join volunteer Delores Rasmusson from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. for Bingo. All children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is suggested. Call (936) 931-5029 for more information.

### Beginning Finger Crochet

Learn to make scarves, belts or placemats just using a ball of yarn or two, your fingers and a pair of scissors. This program is for ages seven and up and meets on July 3rd and 10th from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Call (936) 931-5030 for details and to sign up.

### History Discussion Group

A monthly discussion group is uncovering history using books, magazines and movies on July 27th and August 31st from 1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. All are invited to join and decide which topics to talk about during future meetings. Call (936) 931-5030 to register.

### Craft and Play: Memory Games

Children, turn bottle caps into memory games on July 6th from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. After you have created your very own pieces using paint, stickers, markers or rubber stamps, test your game and your brain playing with the other children participating in the class. Call (936) 931-5029 for details and to register.

### Craft and Play: Flying Disks

Children, turn large plastic container lids into fun, personalized flying disks that train your motor skills and hand-eye coordination on July 13th from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. After you have made your disk, you will get to play games like Disk Tic-Tac-Toe, Disk Bowling and Disk Golf. Call (936) 931-5030 for more information and to register.

### Share & Sample: Foods with Garlic

Join our food tasters club on July 24th from 12 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. when everyone brings their favorite dish with the ingredient garlic. Be prepared to share the recipe and stories revolving around food or other topics. Call (936) 931-5030 for more information and to register.

### Craft and Play: Jump Ropes

Children are invited to make their own jump ropes on July 31st from 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. and to try them out in the company of others on site. Call (936) 931-5030 to find out more and to register for the class.

### Special note:

The Hockley Community Center will be closed on July 4th for Independence Day. Advance registration for special activities is typically requested. An adult must accompany and remain with anyone under the age of 18 visiting the center. The Hockley Community Center is located at 28515 Old Washington Road in Hockley. A calendar of events is available at the Harris County Precinct Three website at [www.pct3.com](http://www.pct3.com).

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\$176,000--\$200,999	2	3	2	0	2	1	1	1	1	4
\$151,000--\$175,999	1	3	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	0
\$141,000--\$150,999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$121,000--\$140,999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$101,000--\$120,999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$100,000 and below	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>
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