



# CYPRESS MILL *Chronicle*

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## NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF CYPRESS MILL

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## BALLOONS ARE DANGEROUS!

*By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center*

Really?

I can remember in grade school how we all attached notes to balloons before letting them go in hopes that the balloon would be found by someone far, far away. It was exciting to think that maybe someone from New York or California would find it and contact me. It never happened. I've been to weddings and graduations where helium balloons were let go as part of the celebration. What I didn't know is the enormous amount of damage these balloons can do to our environment. I know now. If you think about it, helium balloons are nothing more than floating litter. Would you throw a deflated balloon with string on the ground? Most people would not. It makes for ugly trash especially on our beaches.

According to an article in February of this year on the Huffington Post website, balloons are among the top 3 most harmful pollutants threatening marine wildlife but they also harm domestic animals such as cattle, dogs and sheep.

Seabirds are most at risk. Deflated balloons are mistaken for jellyfish or squid and are eaten by the birds. Not able to digest the balloon, it will clog the bird's stomach and the bird will eventually die of starvation. Choking is also a threat.

The ribbons or strings that are attached to the balloon are a hazard to birds because they can become entangled in them when the balloon lands in a tree. They may also use the materials to build a nest causing a risk factor for the hatchlings.

In its natural state, latex is biodegradable but when processed for balloons and treated with chemicals, plasticizers and dyes, it can no longer be classified as natural. It can take a balloon from 6 months to 4 years to decompose. Think of the damage it can cause in that time. Shiny mylar balloons can take even longer.

How can you help? Explain the dangers of releasing helium balloons to your children. Don't plan balloon releases at any of your celebrations and if you know of someone who is planning this, please discourage them from doing so.



## What Can a Girl Scout Do?

Let's rephrase that question with...what CAN'T a Girl Scout do?

While some people still think of Girl Scouts as just cookies, campfires, and friendship bracelets, Girl Scouts is so much more! They are big thinkers, ground-breakers and role models. They design robots, improve their communities - and yes, Girl Scouts sell the best cookies on the planet!

A Girl Scout is a G.I.R.L. (Go-getter, Innovator, Risk-taker, Leader)<sup>™</sup>. Girl Scouts teaches girls to empower themselves by engaging in girl-led, collaborative and hands-on experiences. Guided by supportive adults who help them pursue their goals, girls participate in a variety of fun and challenging activities.

Girl Scouts is the largest leadership organization for girls. To join, girls must be in grades kindergarten – 12th grade. The annual membership is \$25 and financial assistance is available, if needed. Join us at the event below!

CyFair Girl Scout Expo - Saturday, September 9, 2017

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM - Science Resource Center

11206 Telge Road, Cypress, TX 77429

For more information, please contact Jo Anna Harris at [jharris@sjgs.org](mailto:jharris@sjgs.org).

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## Cy-Fair Republican Women August Meeting

Tuesday, August 8th will be CFRW Evening Social,  
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We'll have a great speaker and heavy appetizers \$20.  
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RSVP to [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net) by July 28th. No walk-ins.  
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# CHIGGERS

Chiggers are the immature stage of a mite. They climb onto people walking through infested areas, crawl upwards, and wander around the body seeking a good site to settle down and feed. Feeding preference for these mites is in areas where skin is thinnest or where clothing fits tightly, such as the ankles, waist, behind the knees, and the groin area.

Chiggers do not burrow into skin as many people believe, so "smothering" them with nail polish is useless. When chiggers feed, they inject a digestive enzyme that breaks down skin cells which are then eaten. Itching and redness is caused by our body reacting to the enzymes injected into our skin. Itching typically begins 3-6 hours after being bitten, peaks at 24 hours, and can last up to two weeks.

**The best way to avoid getting chiggers is to avoid infested areas. Since this is not always possible, here are some other things to try:**

- Wear protective clothing- tightly woven items that fit loosely; including long sleeves & pants; shoes or boots
- Tuck pant legs into boots
- Avoid sitting on the ground
- Remove & launder clothing ASAP after being in infested areas
- Shower/ bathe after being in an infested area; scrub vigorously with a washcloth
- Use an insect repellent with DEET or picaridin

**To treat chigger infestations around the home try the following:**

- Keeping lawn trimmed
- Maintain vegetation; do not allow weeds to grow up & keep brush cleared
- Targeted residual pesticide sprays, usually pyrethroids

**For chigger bites:**

- Do not scratch pustules; opening pustule might lead to infection
- Oral antihistamines or topical anti-itch creams to relieve itching sensation

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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## Give Back Through Volunteering

The newly opened Memorial Hermann Cypress Hospital is now taking applications for its volunteer program.

"Volunteers provide support to our staff so that they can focus on patient care, as well as provide positive interactions with patients and their family members," says Lorena Hurtado, the volunteer services coordinator at Memorial Hermann Cypress. Volunteer tasks range from working at the front desk, to nursing unit assistance, helping discharge patients and much more. Dozens of volunteers have already joined the program, but there are more spots available.

"Volunteering is a great experience. The nurses and staff are so friendly and professional, and many of them live in the area. As a long-time Cypress area resident, it makes me feel even better knowing the hospital is staffed by people who share the same love for this community that I do," says Toni Scott, a volunteer at Memorial Hermann Cypress.

Four-hour volunteer shifts are available seven days a week from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Adults are asked to complete an application and schedule an interview with the volunteer coordinator. *Learn more at:* <http://www.memorialhermann.org/locations/cypress/volunteer-at-memorial-hermann-cypress-hospital/>

## ROTARY CLUB OF CYPRESS-FAIRBANKS



The Rotary Club of Cypress-Fairbanks donated proceeds from their 2017 Mother's Day Brisket Sale to Shield Bearer. Funds provide counseling services and prevention programs for local families, including those affected by crime, trauma, human trafficking, and more.

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## 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.

Computerized job search and resume preparation and printing are also available.



## AHFC Junior Hurricanes (JHSL) Registration Now For FALL 2017 Open



The Junior Hurricanes Soccer League (JHSL) is led by professional United States Soccer Federation (USSF) licensed staff and is designed for boys & girls who want to play and have fun in a safe and developmentally appropriate environment. The JHSL program is being offered at multiple locations and in conjunction with CFSA at the Schiel Road Complex.

To learn more about each location and to register please visit [www.albionhurricanes.org](http://www.albionhurricanes.org).

For those wishing only to train, join us in Katy for AHFC Friday Night Academy. Visit Katy Youth Soccer to register for this Friday Fun Program.

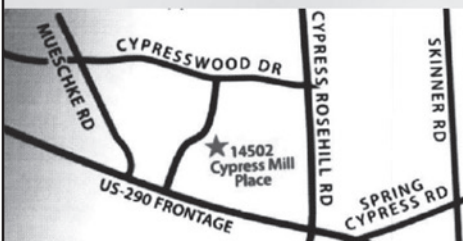
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## FETAL CLINIC OPEN

Getting high-risk pregnancy care is now more convenient for many in Cypress, thanks to a new clinic at Memorial Hermann Cypress Hospital. The Maternal Fetal Medicine Clinic provides onsite diagnostic testing, genetic counseling and highly specialized care from maternal-fetal medicine specialist from UT Physicians. Currently, the clinic is open on Mondays. Please consult your OB/GYN physician to schedule any maternal-fetal medicine services you may require. For more information, call 713-222-CARE.

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\$176,000--\$200,999	3	2	0	2	1	1	1	1	4	7
\$151,000--\$175,999	3	0	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	3
\$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>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>	<b>13</b>
<b>Highest \$/sq ft</b>	<b>\$118.41</b>	<b>\$102.58</b>	<b>\$107.78</b>	<b>\$119.26</b>	<b>\$97.55</b>	<b>\$102.65</b>	<b>\$119.58</b>	<b>\$100.83</b>	<b>\$113.13</b>	<b>\$136.00</b>

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