



Steeplechase

NEWSLETTER



The Official Newsletter of The Steeplechase Community Improvement Association, Inc. and Steeplechase

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2017

Steeplechase will be participating in National Night Out this year. Please join us October 3, 2017 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p. m. at the clubhouse for ice cream, prizes, and entertainment for the whole family. Support our deputies and community. See you there!



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FAIRFIELD ATHLETIC CLUB



Kids participating in the Fairfield Athletic Club summer camp had a chance to learn about important medical topics thanks to visits from Memorial Hermann Cypress Hospital affiliated physicians and staff. Darrin Tessier, M.D., a UTHealth orthopedic surgeon affiliated with Memorial Hermann Cypress, spoke with children about the importance of hydration in the summer heat. Kids also got a tour of a Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital ambulance and learned about when to call

911 for help. Memorial Hermann Cypress was happy to sponsor the Fairfield Athletic Club summer camp.



St. Aidan's Episcopal Church 4th Annual Fall Festival and Holiday Market - Sunday, October, 29th from 10am – 5pm. 13131 Fry Road just South of 290. Market Booths, Expanded Children's Area, Food Trucks, Silent Auction and Community Service area, Live Music throughout the day, Cake Walk, Gulf Coast Regional Blood Drive, Trunk-N-Treat 3:00, Blessing of Animals 4:00. Lots of vendors with a variety of goods for sale. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Interested in being a vendor? For additional information and register on line, visit our website <http://aidanschurch.org/fallfest>. If you prefer to mail in your registration, you can obtain a Booth Reservation form by contacting us at 281.373.3203, or email fallfest@aidanschurch.org.

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Cy-Fair Hospital.....	281-890-4285
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http://cnp.centerpointenergy.com/outage	
Neighborhood Crime Watch	SteeplechaseSecurity@gmail.com
Library.....	281-890-2665
Post Office.....	713-983-9682
Steeplechase Community Center.....	281-586-1700
Deed Restriction Issues (CMC)	281-586-1700
Water/Sewer	832-467-1599
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Trash Pick-up (Best Trash, LLC) (Wed. & Sat.)	281-313-BEST
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Harris Co. MUD #168.....	hcmud168board@gmail.com
Community Events.....	281-586-1700
Clubhouse Rentals: Private Parties and Community Events (Jinnie Kelley).....	832-922-8030
Traffic Initiative	281-290-2100
Private Pool Parties	281-446-5003

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Cy-Ridge High School.....	281-807-8000

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LOOK FOR ARTICLES IN THE FALL NEWSLETTERS ABOUT THE 2017 RESIDENT SURVEY

The SCIA will be providing responses to various comments from the resident survey. Some articles will be focused on specific comments and others will address common themes or topics. Four dominant themes from the survey were 1) pool issues (tags, cost, usage, non-resident usage, etc.); 2) traffic concerns (speed, enforcement, signage, speed bumps, gated community, etc.); 3) deed restrictions enforcement (too lax, cars blocking streets, poor maintenance on houses/fences, trash, etc.); and 4) assessment (too high, pay mid-year, pay monthly, delinquency, etc.). These four themes will be addressed with newsletter articles prior to year end.

CFISD BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

CFISD's before- and after-school care program, Club Rewind, is now enrolling elementary and middle school students for the 2017-2018 school year.

The fun-filled program gives the benefit of being in a familiar area without being transported to a daycare center. Children remain with their friends and are able to build relationships with varying age groups from their campus, increasing the "family atmosphere" within the school. Club Rewind has access to different areas of the campus to create the ideal environment for each activity.

Revenue generated from Club Rewind is reinvested back into the children of Cypress-Fairbanks ISD. Tuition rates for combination before/after-school care begin at \$310/month with discounts for siblings, students who qualify for reduced or free lunch and varying rates for before only or after-school only services.

Visit www.cfsd.net/clubrewind for more information or register at cpo.cfsd.net.



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CtR Catholic School Parent Meet and Greet Introduces New Principal

Houston (July 31) - Christ the Redeemer Catholic School (CtRCS), in Northwest Houston, welcomed its new principal, Dan Courtney, with a Parent Meet and Greet on Thursday, July 27. To a group of 160-plus parents, Courtney talked with many families after giving a short presentation about his life and experience.

"I was overwhelmed by the turn out first and foremost," Courtney said. "It's a true testament to how invested and engaged this community is in the education of their children. I felt so welcomed by everyone, and the parents just solidified my initial perceptions of what a truly family-oriented, faith-filled community this is."

Courtney told stories about his family, shared his vision for integrating the behavioral program "Love and Logic," and displayed his enthusiasm for the 2017-18 school year. Courtney also mentioned how he felt led to by the Holy Spirit to become the new principal of CtRCS.

"Sharing my own personal stories of how the Lord called me together with the community was a particularly special moment for me that night," he said. "I felt that the families were appreciative and supportive of my ideas for the future of CtRCS."

Courtney was most recently the assistant principal of grades 4-8 at St. John Paul II Catholic School. This year, Courtney will lead the school as CtRCS will graduate its first-ever 8th grade class. For more information about the school, visit ctrschool.com or call 281-469-8440.

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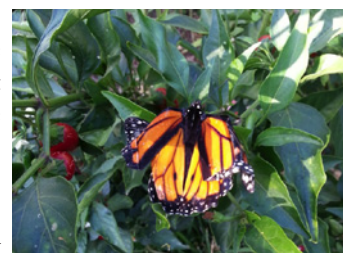
MONARCHS & OE



The protozoan parasite *Ophryocystis elektroscirrha* (OE) infects monarch and queen butterflies. It is an obligate parasite and requires a host to live within and to grow and multiply. It was first discovered in the 1960's infecting monarchs in Florida. Since then, it's been found in monarch populations across the world. It is thought that the parasite has co-evolved with monarchs.

There are three major populations of monarchs in the United States—one east of the Rocky Mountains that winters in Central Mexico and migrate north into the US and Canada; another west of the Rocky mountains that overwinters on the coast of California; the third population are non-migratory and can breed year round in areas such as Florida, Texas and Hawaii. All three populations are infected with OE.

Monarchs infected with OE will have spores wedged between the scales on their body, with the greatest concentration usually occurring on the abdomen. The spores are very small and require a microscope to see.



Female monarchs pass OE spores onto their offspring when they lay eggs. When caterpillars emerge from the egg, they eat the egg shell ingesting the spores. When spores reach the midgut of the insect, they break open and release protozoan parasites. The protozoans move through the gut lining to the epidermis where they reproduce asexually (divides multiple times increasing the number of protozoans). In the butterfly chrysalis stage, the protozoans go through sexual reproduction (again increasing the number of protozoans). Spores form so the emerging butterfly is covered in spores. Spores can also be scattered onto milkweed from butterflies laying eggs or feeding on nectar. Spores on the milkweed can be consumed by caterpillars as they eat foliage.

Once butterflies are infected, they do not recover. OE does not grow or reproduce on the adults; spores remain dormant until they are ingested by a caterpillar.

Infected pupae have dark blotches 2-3 days before emergence. Adults that are heavily infected often have problems emerging from the chrysalis and some may die before emerging. Others that do emerge may fall to the ground before their wings are expanded leading to them dying quickly. Many infected monarchs look healthy, so the only way to determine infection is by looking for spores.

What can you do? Check monarchs for spores and destroy any you find that are infected. I know this seems harsh, but infected monarchs further spread the protozoa and kill more butterflies in later generations. Cut down milkweed several times per year to get rid of any possible spores that may be on the plants and to encourage new, healthy growth.

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

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CYPRESS TEXAS TEA PARTY

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

Saturday, September 9, 2017 NOON - 2:00 PM

Dwayne Bohac, Texas State Representative, District 138

Saturday, September 30, 2017 NOON - 2:00 PM

R. Jack Cagle, County Commissioner, Precinct 4

Chris Daniel, Harris County District Clerk

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.cypresstexasteaparty.org



Cy-Fair Republican Women September Meeting

**Tuesday, September 12th 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

We will have a Discussion Panel with our local State Representatives.

All are welcome! Bring a friend to lunch and enjoy discussing timely topics with informed Republican Women.

RSVP to www.cfrw.net by September 5th. We look forward to seeing you there!

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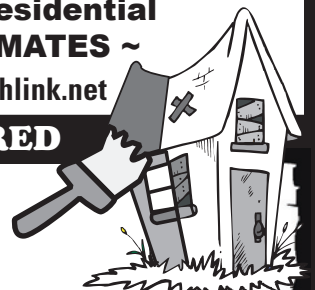
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Speed Limits

Speed limits are used by State, County and City agencies to regulate the speed of vehicles on roadways within their jurisdiction. This ability is granted by the Texas Legislature through The Texas Transportation Code (TTC), Chapter 317, Title 1, section 545.

TTC 545.352 through legislative action set forth Prima Facie Speed limits such as but not limited to :

- 15 miles per hour in an urban alley
- 30 miles per hour in urban district streets
- 60 miles per hour on unnumbered roadways outside urban districts
- 70 miles per hour on numbered highways outside urban districts

TTC 545.353 grants authority for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDot) to establish speed limits up to 75 miles per hour on state maintained highways.

TTC 545.354(h) grants authority of Toll Road Authorities such as Harris County Toll Road Authority (HCTRA) to establish speed limits up to 75 miles per hour on toll roads.

TTC 545.355 grants authority to counties to establish speed limits up to 70 miles per hour on county maintained roadways.

TTC .356 grants authority to cities to establish speed limits up to 75 miles per hour on city maintained streets.

TTC 545.354 (h-1) grants TxDot authority to establish a speed limit up to 80 miles per hour on certain sections of I-10 and I-20 in West Texas.

TTC 545.354 (h-2) grants authority to TxDot to set a maximum speed limit of 85 miles per hour under certain conditions

TTC 545.3561 grants authority to state, counties and cities to establish construction speed zones.

TTC 545. 357 grants authority to state, counties and cities to establish school speed zones.

TTC 545.3562 grants authority to TxDot to impose environmental speed limits not to exceed 65 miles per hour as determined by the Texas Environmental Quality Commission (TECQ) in areas where ozone emissions recommendations are unattainable such as the Greater Houston Area.

Now that we have covered a variety of speed limit laws, let's look at changing speed limits. Speed limits that can be changed are commonly known as "Regular Speed Zones". An example might be those speed limits found on FM 1960 between US 290 and SH 249. Some 50 years ago, the Texas Legislature directed TxDot to create and maintain a Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) and further directed that all political subdivisions (state, county, city) shall follow the guidelines set forth in this manual. To make changes to an existing speed zone or create a new speed zone, a traffic engineering study must be conducted. Anyone can request a study. A traffic engineering study begins

with the study area defined with locations determined throughout the area where a set number of vehicles will be counted and their speed recorded. An average speed at each location is determined and the 85 percentile formula is applied. This determines the initial speed at each location in the zone. This maybe the final speed for each location or it may be raised or lowered based upon but not limited to the following factors:

- Is the area rural or urban
- Is the area residential or commercial or a combination
- Is the roadway flat or hilly
- Location of any intersections and are they controlled by stop signs or signals
- Location of accidents and were there injuries, if so were the injuries minor, major or fatal.

These and possibly other factors determine the final speed limits throughout the zone. Once the study is finished, it is presented to the controlling agency for acceptance and an acceptance document such as a Texas Transportation Commission Minute Order, City Ordinance, etc. is signed. The agency places the proper signing and the speed zone is now ready for enforcement by law enforcement.

Traffic Engineering Studies are also required before a stop sign or signal maybe installed. Some requirements for stop signs or signals maybe different from those for speed limits.

Traffic Engineering Study documents are public documents and maybe requested under the Texas Public Information Act.

Indoor Soccer Program



Technical Development Indoor Soccer Program (TDIS) will be held on Monday evening's from 5:00 - 6:00 PM. The objective is to further the technical skills of each player through innovative drills, guided discovery exercises and fun and challenging game play. This program is open to all players regardless of club affiliation.

All sessions will be held at Dynamic Indoor Soccer, 20212 Franz Road, Katy TX 77449 for nine weeks.

AGE GROUP: (BOYS & GIRLS) U8 - U10

DATES Fall 2017 Option 1:

August 7, 14, 21, 28

September 4, 11, 18, 25

October 2

COST: \$200

For further information please contact Eliel Pierre:
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Calling all Aggie moms!!! Whether you are a mom of a past, current, or new Aggie, come check out the Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club!! We meet the second Tuesday of every month (Aug-May), at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive, Houston, Texas. Socializing starts at 6:30 pm, and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Each month, we have interesting speakers, and a chance to win a door prize, a fun money raffle, and a chance to enter the book award drawing! We have a lot of fun in our quest to support our Aggie students, and in awarding a number of student scholarships each year. The scholarship applications are due by early Feb, and are awarded in April.

On October 14th is our Hullabaloo Huddle football watch party at Swanny's Grill! Please refer to our website for details on our upcoming meetings and events. We hope you will join us!! Gig 'Em and God Bless!

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The American Cancer Society (ACS) says one in seven men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime. September is Prostate Cancer Awareness month, and urologists are using this

time to urge men to talk with their doctors about beginning annual prostate cancer screenings between 40 and 50 years of age.

“Prostate cancer can often be treated successfully, especially when caught early. The most common prostate screening is a prostate-specific antigen, or PSA, blood test,” says Ajay Kwatra, M.D., a urologist affiliated with Memorial Hermann Cypress Hospital. “The results of the PSA test will help your physician determine whether further testing is needed, and how long a man may wait until having his next screening. It is also very important to have a regular digital rectal exam to check for any abnormalities that might not be detected by a PSA test.”

Prostate cancer symptoms may include a need to urinate frequently, painful or burning urination, painful ejaculation, or blood in urine or semen. However, the ACS says not all men who have prostate cancer experience symptoms of the disease. The ACS says family history, age and ethnicity can also play a role in the development of prostate cancer.

“It’s important to talk with your physician about these risk factors, as that may impact when they suggest beginning annual screenings. For example, a man with a family history of prostate cancer may need to begin screenings at age 40. Others may be able to start at age 45 or 50,” says Dr. Kwatra. “If you are diagnosed with prostate cancer, there are a variety of treatment options. It’s important that men have a trusted physician who will help evaluate those choices based on the patient’s preferences. The most important thing is to have regular checkups every year.”

Dr. Kwatra is a board-certified urologist as well as a member of the American Urological Association and South Central Urology Section of the American Urological Association. He treats patients 5 years and older.

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Rehabilitating wildlife can take you from the highest of highs to the lowest of lows. Take, for instance, the family of opossums in Houston that was purposely set on fire. The mom and all but two of the babies perished. Houston Police Officers were able to save two little ones who were found in Mom’s pouch. Burned, stressed and in obvious pain they were taken to and treated by the Gulf Coast Veterinary Specialists for initial treatment. From there they were brought to TWRC Wildlife Center for

further care and rehabilitation. Sadly, the injuries sustained by one of the babies were so severe we were unable to save him.

Can you imagine the pain these little opossums experienced? You know what it’s like when you burn your finger or get a sunburn. Imagine these little animals, weighing about the same as an egg yolk, experiencing this excruciating pain. In addition to the pain, wild animals experience extreme stress, dehydration, infection along with the loss of mom and littermates.

The main priority of our staff and volunteers is to provide pain-free solutions to every animal we admit to our Center. The baby opossum that didn’t make it was treated with compassion, dignity and respect and we made his passing as easy as possible for him. At least he received the respect he deserved in passing that wasn’t to be his during his short life. The one that survived is now receiving home-based care by a State permitted rehabilitator and is expected to recover and be released back to the wild for a second chance at life.

So just in this one situation, we experienced the lowest of lows and the highest of highs. Knowing these animals suffered needlessly at the hands of some cruel people is incomprehensible. However, we saved one even though the odds were against the little baby surviving. The absolute peak of our happiness and pride will come when we see the opossum walk off into the woods, healthy and free.

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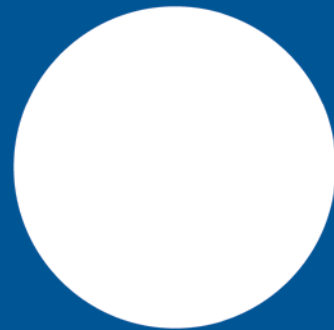
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