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TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS IN CARDIFF RANCH

Traffic violations appear to be on the rise in Cardiff Ranch. Speeding and running stop signs continue to be a problem in our community, but many more laws are broken on a daily basis. This is a friendly reminder of a few **Texas state laws** that residents may not realize they're violating.

Parking too Close to Stop Signs Everyone knows you are required to come to a complete stop at all stop signs, regardless if any other traffic is present, however, many may not realize that it is a violation to park within 30 feet of a stop sign. Parking too close to a stop sign creates a danger for approaching motorists. It forces vehicles to stop in the incorrect lane of travel and they may be hit by another vehicle attempting to make a left turn.

Speeding All roadways in Texas have a maximum speed limit whether or not it's posted. This is called "Prima Facia Limit" which, in all residential areas, is 30 MPH. Speeding through our neighborhood creates a risk for all residents.

Handicap Parking at Clubhouse We have two handicap parking spaces at Cardiff Ranch Clubhouse for our handicapped residents visiting the clubhouse, gym, and swimming pool. If you don't have the proper documentation to park in one of these spots, please use one of the 30+ non handicap parking spaces provided. Anyone found in violation risks a fine from local law enforcement, vehicle being towed, or both.

Street Parking If there is a reason to park on the street, please try not to park directly across from another vehicle parked on the opposite side. Depending on the types of vehicles that are parked across from each other, it may very well impede other vehicles, including EMERGENCY VEHICLES, from passing. Please try to "stagger" parking to prevent this from happening. Also, anyone parking on the street **MUST** park with passenger side wheels against the curb. It is a violation of state law to park facing oncoming traffic. Please let visitors know this also.



Violation Fines from Fort Bend Country
 Disregard Stop Sign \$190
 Fail to Stop/Remain Stopped for School Bus \$645
 Parking in a Handicap Zone/Space \$560
 Speeding (1-15MPH Over limit) \$190

December 2017 COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- 1....."Mommy and Me Movie: Coco and Marshmallows"
.....@ Clubhouse 10-11:30am.
- 9.....Round Table Meeting
.....Clubhouse 11am All Residence can attend
- 13....."Mommy and Me Movie: Bells, Balloons and Balls"
.....@ Clubhouse 10-11:30am.
- 15..Early Dismissal/School 11:35am Elementary 12:40pm
- 12/15-1/2.....Christmas Break
- 24.....Christmas Eve
- 25.....Christmas Day
- 31 @ Midnight.....New Year's Eve!

January

- 1.....New Year Day
- 3.....Back to School 2018

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 Fort Bend County Sheriff281-342-6116
 Poison Control800-222-1222
 First Service Residential (24/7)877-378-2388
 Customer Service and Billing800-932-9449

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 En-Touch (Customer Service)281-225-1000
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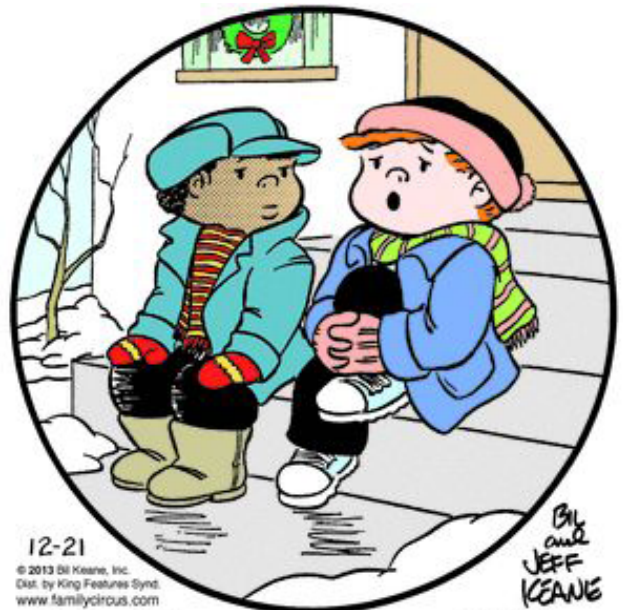
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TREE STAKES

Please help keep Cardiff Ranch Beautiful!

If trees in your front yard are over a year or two old and well established, please remove the tree stakes. If the stakes are not attached to the trees, please remove them. If the tree itself has been removed, please remove the stakes. Our trees are maturing; the removal of these unsightly stakes will improve the appearance of our beautiful community!!

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Eric Zmrhal- 2018 Congress

Lawn care for winter months

SEPTEMBER through February Mowing Continue the recommended mowing practices until the grass goes dormant and does not require mowing.

Fertilizing Continue fertilizing as recommended until 4 to 6 weeks before the first expected frost. At that time, apply a low nitrogen, high-potassium fertilizer such as 5-10-10. Apply no more than 1/2 pound



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New Year Black Eye Pea Texas Caviar

1 pound	dry black-eyed peas
2 tablespoons	olive oil
1	large yellow onion, diced
2	cloves garlic, minced
2 (32 ounce)	cartons chicken broth
8 cups	water
1 pound smoked	ham hocks
1 (14.5 ounce)	can diced tomatoes
5	pepperoncini peppers
1	bay leaf
½ teaspoon	garlic powder
¼ teaspoon	ground thyme
add	salt and pepper to taste

Directions:

Place the black-eyed peas into a large container and cover with several inches of cool water; let stand 8 hours to overnight. Drain and rinse before using. In a large stock pot over medium heat, cook and stir onion and garlic in olive oil until onion becomes translucent, about 5 minutes.

Pour in the chicken broth and 8 cups water, bring to a boil, and reduce heat to a simmer. Stir in soaked black-eyed peas, ham hocks, tomatoes, pepperoncini, bay leaf, garlic powder, thyme, and salt and pepper. Cover and simmer until peas are tender, ham meat is falling off the bones, and the broth is thickened, about 3 hours.

*Corn Bread can be made separate.

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