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Editor's Comments

It's hard to believe that it's already December! It seems like we were just carving our Thanksgiving turkey. It is even harder to believe that in a few weeks it will be 2018. Students throughout the community are preparing for end of the semester exams and the rest of us are deeply ensconced in preparing for the holidays.

This month's Gazette is focused on a question that Greg Wood posted several months ago on Facebook, asking if anyone knew the history of Fairfield. That question prompted over 40 comments, so I investigated. I found an article written by John White in 2011. It was so good that I asked permission to reprint it. To that, I've attached an update on Fairfield's growth and development. And to add icing on the cake, I've

included a list of some of Fairfield's entrepreneurs who are offering products and services focused on the holiday season.

This issue also serves as a "hats off" and an invitation to the many upcoming events offered by our schools, churches, and businesses to put you in the holiday spirit. For all those who contributed news and information, the community thanks you.

Lastly, the Fairfield Community Gazette thanks you for your continued support, wishes you a Merry Christmas, and wants to remind you to reach down deep to donate to our local food pantries and other charities during this holiday season. And, please remember to contact me at jackiedevine@peelinc.com when you see good things happening around the neighborhood. We enjoy highlighting the way our community pulls together to create a great place to live, work and play.

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From the White House - A Brief History of Fairfield

by John White - Chappell Ridge Board Member (Reprint - article originally published August 2011.) Update by Jackie Devine



Have you wondered how Fairfield got started and who had owned this plot of land over the years?

The tract of land now known as Fairfield was once owned by a partnership of an Aggie and a Longhorn. The duo of Sterling C. Evans, the Texas Aggie, and Gus S. Wortham, the Texas Longhorn, were active in buying up distressed Texas ranch properties.

After graduating from TAMU in 1921, Mr. Evans worked for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. In 1932 Sterling went to work for the Federal Land Bank until he retired in 1959 to spend more time with his expanding business interests with Gus Wortham. He also began serving on the Board of Regents for Texas A & M and served until 1971.



The Sterling Evans Library located in the center of the campus is appropriately named for this outstanding Aggie.

Gus Wortham attended Tarleton State University and the University of Texas before moving to Houston in 1912 to begin a career in the insurance industry. Eleven years later, Wortham with several

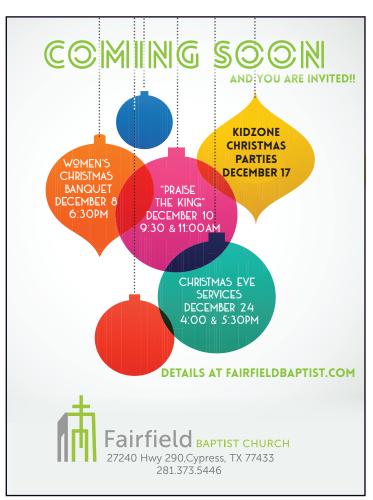
other leading Houston business leaders formed American General Insurance. Gus served as chairman of the board and chief executive officer of American General for almost five decades.

Evans and Wortham worked together to build successful agricultural businesses raising cattle and crops, then find a marketing niche, and

resell the properties at a profit. One of their properties was the Nine Bar Ranch in Cypress, Texas. In 1959, the duo held the first registered Santa Gertrudis sale at the ranch. These auctions were quite the celebrity affairs. Cattle barons such as Winthrop



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Rockefeller and John Connally often attended the Santa Gertrudis cattle auctions. The Houston Chronicle headline in 1961 was "Big Men, Big Money, Big Day at the Bar Nine." Eventually, the Nine Bar Ranch was sold in the 1970's to the Cox Enterprises which was an Atlanta newspaper Group.

In 1984, Cox Enterprises sold the Nine Bar Ranch to Friendswood Development which was then a subsidiary of Exxon Corporation. The sale price was reported to be more than \$54 million for the 3200 acres. Friendswood began construction of the infrastructure of a planned community to replace another northwest Houston subdivision, Copperfield, which was soon to be built out. The project started with a \$20 million infrastructure program which included paved streets, a water treatment plant and a wastewater treatment plant. It was estimated the investment in the project would be \$1.6 billion over the next two decades which would result in a community of 21,000 people.

The first new homes in Fairfield became available in 1988 in the Inwood Park and Garden Grove neighborhoods. The growth in Fairfield began slowly as the location was 10 miles from most retail establishments including grocery stores and gas stations. My wife and I moved to Fairfield in 1993 locating in Chappell Ridge which was the

third neighborhood in the community. Shortly after that, there was an announcement that the one thousandth home had been sold.

Several things began to happen which helped to accelerate the growth in Fairfield. At the guidance of Tim Fitzpatrick, marketing manager for Friendswood, and Tommy Weaver, construction manager of Friendswood, the Lakes subdivision was begun. This area was built around two dredged-out lakes which were at different levels with water flowing over a waterfall between the lakes. At about the same time, Cy-Fair ISD began construction of Ault Elementary school which was the first school

in the subdivision. These changes spurred further and faster growth. The Bradford Creek, Bradford Lakes, The Trails and The Estates were brought into the market.

In May of 1995, Exxon put Friendswood Development up for sale. Later that year, a sale of Friendswood to Lennar Corporation was completed. Exxon Mobil retained ownership of Fairfield while Friendswood was hired to continue site development and sales of Fairfield lots to builders. Over the years there has been a broad rotation of builders who have been active in Fairfield.

In late 1996, there were 1,125 homes reported in (Continued on Page 10)



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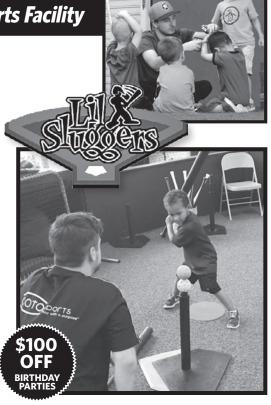
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Fairfield. By April 2007, the number of homes had jumped to 3,652. The community now had Keith and Ault Elementary Schools to support the growing youth population. With the addition of Fairfield Village South, two very large six-acre lakes were added. In 2009, Swenke Elementary School was added to relieve the overcrowding of Ault and Keith.

In the spring of 2008, the Simon Corporation opened the Houston Premium Outlet Mall with 145 stores in front of Fairfield on US290. In 2010, a second phase added 30 stores to this outlet mall. Simon has plans for a Cypress Towne Center in the large acreage between Mason Road and the Outlet Mall.

Considering that the original Nine Bar Ranch was mainly open cattle land, it is amazing to consider that all the pine trees and hardwoods in Fairfield were transplanted to fit the green belts and homeowner lots. Work is under way to identify all of the subdivisions' many miles of fences, water wells, swimming pool facilities, and sports fields so funding can be allocated for replacements for all the community public items. It looks like the original estimate of a population of 21,000 is very possible once the community is built out. The current estimate is that the final build out will occur in 2014.

UPDATE on Fairfield

As the old saying goes, "You've come a long way baby!" Today, Fairfield is in the final stage of completion of its original 3,200 acre spread. It supports 5,800 households, six neighborhood swimming pools, twenty playground parks, miles of greenbelt trails, nine lakes, a dog park, three clubhouses, two splash pads, six tennis courts, and a 1,500 square foot athletic club which is home to a variety of sports that compete nationally.

One middle school and three elementary schools are conveniently situated throughout the community, making it possible for students to walk or ride their bikes to class.

Many churches abound. Second Baptist, Good Shepherd United Methodist, Fairfield Baptist, Fairfield Church of Christ, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, are all within the confines of Fairfield. Community of Faith, Christ Family Church, Ranch Bible Church, Bridge Point Community Church, St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, Harvest Bible, Fountain of Life, and Christ

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Family Church operate just outside its borders.

The world-class, clinically-integrated 81-bed Memorial Hermann Cypress Hospital is now open. Fairfield residents have access to nearly 400 Memorial Hermann-affiliated physicians, spanning more than 35 specialties, including orthopedics and sports medicine, neurology, cardiology, and general surgery. The Birthing Center at Memorial Hermann Cypress also features private, state-of-the-art labor and delivery suites, an obstetric emergency center which solely treats pregnant women, and a high-risk pregnancy clinic staffed by affiliated Maternal Fetal Medicine physicians.

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Fairfield Holiday Vendor Listings Saluting Fairfield's Entrepreneurial Spirit

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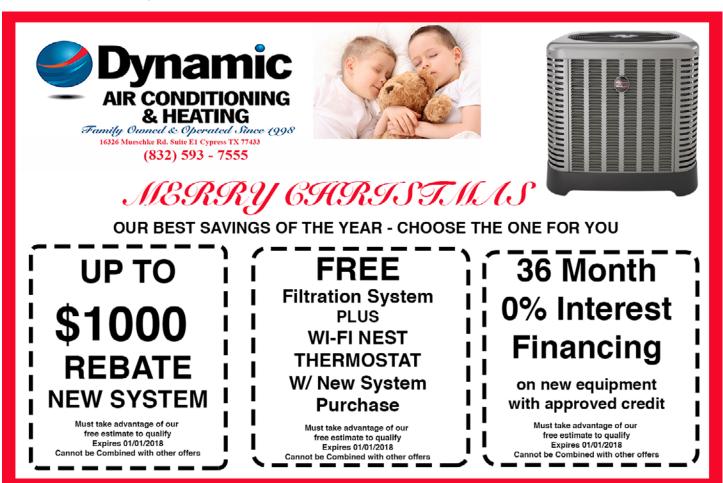
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PHOTOGRAPHY

AOP (AMY OSBORNE PHOTOGRAPHY) will be holding Holiday/ Christmas Pajama Sessions on Saturday, December 9th. Sessions will begin at 10:00 a.m., will last 30 minutes each, and will include eight digital images (which will be delivered within five business days). Session cost is \$150 plus tax and must be paid in full to reserve your time slot. Find Amy at http://www.amyosborne.net or email info@amyosborne.net or www.facebook.com/amyosbornephotography or @aop.timelessportraiture

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Hats for Babies

Submitted by Toni Scott



Fairfield Women's Club donated funds for one of its members, Roxanna Board, to create blankets and hats for the newborn babies at Memorial Hermann Cypress Hospital. She also makes tiny hats for the babies who are born prematurely and must stay in the

Newborn ICU. Roxanna is a lady who loves to share her many talents.

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FAIRFIELD TOWN CENTER FALL FESTIVAL



Scores of Fairfield residents enjoyed THE FAIRFIELD TOWN CENTER FALL FESTIVAL on October 28th. It was held to celebrate the opening of a number of retail stores such as Bath & Body Works, Marshalls, Round Top Collection Gallery, Old Navy, Torrid and Ulta Beauty, plus fast-casual and sitdown restaurants Russo's New York Pizzeria, Yoko Japanese Kitchen, First Watch, Slurping Noodles, Tropical Smoothie Cafe and Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream.

If you didn't attend, you missed

great entertainment and fantastic giveaways. The celebration included a kids' costume contest with prizes, giveaways, shopping discounts, free samples, live music, an ice sculpture show, and more!

Two incredible "on-stage performances" featured Will Carter, playing top country hits and Rapture, playing everyone's favorite top 40 hits.

The Ice Sculpture show featured the 2nd place world-ranked ice artist, Reverend Butter, who made an impressive soaring eagle.

Face painting and two bounce houses were a big hit with kids and adults. Participants enjoyed over 22 retailers who had booths offering free samples, giveaways, and lots of Halloween candy!

Watch for the next exciting event to take place in spring 2018. For more information about Fairfield Town Center, please call (713)470-5020 or visit www.fairfieldtowncenter.com.





Fairfield Senior (50+) Bus Trips 2018 Sneak Peak

Submitted by Lori Skadouski

Thanks to Debbie Rials - Our Wednesday, January 17 bus trip is to the Houston Museum of Natural Science. We will see, "Knights," a special exhibit showing the exquisite craftsmanship of the objects used by the Knights.

A list of the permanent exhibitions includes; Hall of Ancient Egypt, Hall of Paleontology (dinosaurs), Hall of Gems and Minerals, Wiess Energy Hall, Hall of the Americas (Aztec, Incas, and American Indians), Hall of African wildlife, Texas Coastal Ecology, Vintage Texas wildlife Dioramas, and Hall of Malacology (shells).

With such a long list you will want to choose exhibits of interest and start your adventure after our "Knights" special exhibit viewing.

After that, it is off the Downtown Aquarium for more fun, fellowship, and lunch. Here we will dine with a 150,000-gallon centerpiece aquarium with excellent views of sea life. The menu has a variety of seafood specials, steaks, chicken, salad, pasta dishes, and decadent desserts. The portions are huge! Cost of the trip is \$17.50 which includes entry to the museum. **Lunch is not included.**

For Reservations: Please email lorilynn@pdq.net or phone 281-395-1385. Payment is due upon sign up. No Refunds. Please make checks payable to Lori Skadowski 16906 Thomas Ridge Lane, Cypress, Texas 77433. We will depart from the Fairfield Baptist Church, located at 27240 Highway 290 promptly at 8:00 a.m. Be there not later than 7:45 a.m. We should be back around 4 p.m.

Save the date:

Tuesday, February 13 – 2nd Annual Resale Mania – Charity Resale Shopping <u>Cost of the trip is \$5.00</u> plus the cost of lunch at Katz Deli.

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Wednesday, March 7th – Get out your spurs and rodeo duds for our "Daytime Pass" to Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Let's get to the grounds and walk around and look at the exhibits, check out the folks in their fancy rodeo attire, and visit the animals. Can't you just smell that BBQ and great food? – Details TBD

Women's Club

The Fairfield Women's Club will not have a meeting in the month of December. We wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas, and we will see you in the new year. Here is a list of our planned future events:

- January 16, 7:00 p.m., Bradford Creek Clubhouse Demonstration by Cookin' with Kim.
- February 20, 7:00 p.m., Bradford Creek Clubhouse Dr. Ashley Wenaas, Texas Ear, Nose & Throat Specialists, will talk to us about spring allergies.
- March 20, 7:00 p.m., Bradford Creek Clubhouse Game Night. We will have a fun game for the whole group.
- March 22, 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m., Bradford Creek Clubhouse. Come ready to shop with Briley Green. There will be a 10% discount on all purchases that day.
- April 7 Spring Garage Sale
- May 15 Banquet for all current members.
- July 4 Parade and event

Lunch Bunch—Every second Thursday of the month at 12:00 p.m. Location will vary.

If you have any specific questions, please contact us at fairfieldwomensclub@gmail.com. All women in Fairfield and Lakes of Fairhaven are invited to join us. If you wish to become a Fairfield Women's Club member, membership dues are \$30 per year. You may join at a meeting or online at Fairfieldwomensclub.org or contact us at fairfieldwomensclub@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

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and be a part of our fun-loving group. We're sure you will enjoy it.

DECEMBER BUS TRIP PLANS:

Wednesday, December 13: Santa's Wonderland, College Station. (Thanks to Lori Skadowski)

Ho. Ho. Experience Santa's Wonderland. We will visit Santa's Town, a nostalgic Texas Christmas Village, and the magnificent Trail of Lights! Santa's Town is the place for a hayride, food, wine, musical entertainment, shopping, and a myriad of fun and unique activities. The Trail of Lights provides a tour of exquisitely crafted Christmas scenes that sparkle with over 3 million lights! Santa's Wonderland is a place for making memories!

The cost of the trip \$31.00, which includes entrance fee, service charge, tax and gratuity. Limited early bird discount tickets have been purchased in advance for this trip at a savings of \$13.00 per ticket. Remember when sending payment for multiple trips, be sure to write one check per trip.

For more trip details concerning this event, go to... www.fairfieldfiftyplus.com

DECEMBER FAIRFIELD 50-PLUS ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

The December Pot Luck & Gift Exchange has been canceled, due to so many other activities that our members have scheduled. We will have our annual gift exchange at our January potluck.

Note: The club will be providing turkey and ham for the January Pot Luck and Gift Exchange, just bring the side dishes and desserts.

Our Annual Gift Exchange Rules & Procedures: For the annual gift exchange everyone brings a gift (around \$15.00). Ladies bring a woman's gift, and the men bring a man's gift. Then after our meal, everyone will receive a number. The first person whose number is called will select a gift from their gender's gifts. They then open the gift and show it to everyone. When the next number is called, that person has a choice to either select a gift from their unopened gender gifts or take one from someone.

Note: A gift can only be only taken twice. If the gift you had previously selected is taken, you will then have a choice, to either select a new gift or take one from someone else. This continues until everyone has a gift. It's really an exciting and enjoyable evening.

Tuesday, December 19: Game Night at the Cooks' House

It starts around 6:30 p.m. Just bring a snack and a healthy appetite. This is always a fun evening with great fellowship. The directions are on the Activity page on our website and will also be in our December 17th weekly e-newsletter.

Visit our ACTIVITY page on our website: www. fairfieldfiftyplus.com. Click on, "For Activity Information" at the top of the page for more information on all our other activities.

OUR FAIRFIELD FIFTY-PLUS WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER:

Our E-Newsletter is emailed each week to our members and others who have requested it. It provides updated information on any changes from what appears here in the Gazette, plus the complete information on all our activities. If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter, send your email address, to wmcook@fairfieldfiftyplus.com or wmcook@comcast.net



YARD of the MONTH December

This month, we are featuring the north section of Fairfield Central which includes: Lakeside, The Glen, Summer Ridge, Tuscan Estates, The Landing, The Retreat, The Reserve, The Park, The Crossing, and The Meadows. As usual, there were many yards that were very attractive, and we thank you for your efforts as you continue to make Fairfield a beautiful subdivision.

December's Yard of the Month honor goes to Abhay and Elaine Mars, who live at 16106 Bradford Shores in Tuscan Estates. The landscaping of this yard accents their home beautifully. You first notice three tall, stately Italian Cypress trees, which are accented with a variety of annuals scattered throughout the flowerbeds. They include Lantana, Vinca, and Bougainvillea. These are balanced with Sago Palms and Pittosporum shrubs. All of the flowerbeds are outlined with attractive limestone bricks. Thanks to the homeowners who do a fabulous job of manicuring their yard.



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Tuscan Estates

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The Reserve

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The Retreat

15310 Turning Tree

The Park

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21419 Pebble Pine 15303 Cumberland Oak

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Sock Hop was a success!



The Staff at Keith Elementary School held our annual Sock Hop fundraiser on Friday, November 3rd. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who played a role in making this fun, family event possible. It enabled us to raise funds in support of our school, students, and staff; and members of the community who were affected by Harvey.

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Our Sock Hop fundraiser always reminds us what a caring community we live in, and that was especially evident this year. Despite the unique challenges Harvey presented, donations still arrived to support games, lighting, the silent auction, and so much more.

We are humbled by your generosity and will be donating a portion of funds raised to aid those impacted by the hurricane. Thank you to our volunteers, National Honor Society, and Cy Ranch Key Club for the gift of your time and hard work during the event. Words cannot express how much we appreciate every one of you.

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Salyards Orchestra



Fourteen Salyards Orchestra students participated in the Region 27 Orchestra Concerts at Cypress Park High School on Saturday, November 11th. Congratulations to

these members of the Salyards Chamber Orchestra!

Congratulations to the entire Salyards Chamber Orchestra! Every single member was on the honor roll for the first grading period! Well done, orchestra scholars!

We would like to invite the community to our winter concert, which will occur on **December 6th at Salyards**. Festive, wintery tunes will be played. The concert will begin at 6:30 in the cafeteria. Start your holidays with inspiring music!

Glynnes Lanthier | Orchestra Director Salyards Middle School

A Seussified Christmas Carol



The Salyards Theatre Company will be presenting "A Seussified Christmas Carol" on December 4th and 5th. The Advanced Theatre Arts students will be performing this production under the direction of Wendy Gillikin.

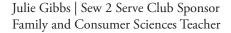
Join us for some holiday fun as we follow Ebeneezer Scrooge on his journey from the past, to the present, to the future. Show dates: December

4th and 5th at 6:30 p.m. Tickets will be \$4 for students and senior adults, \$6 for adults. Happy holidays from the Salyards Theatre Company!

For questions, please contact Jonathan Hubbard, Theatre Arts Director, 6th-8th Grade, Salyards Middle School (281)373-2434.

Sew 2 Serve

The "Sew 2 Serve" sewing club at Salyards Middle School is hand sewing cute little Bengal pillows for some lucky Salyards staff members. Soon they will begin working on their holiday service project.







Big Things Are Happening At Keith

by Vanessa Schultz



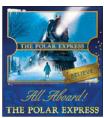
This is a such a special time of year, and in addition to all the celebrating, there are several events happening which should be of interest to our Fairfield community.

Keith Elementary's Angel Tree will be set up in the front office beginning Thursday,

November 16. In the spirit of giving, the tree is adorned with paper ornaments which identify the gift wishes of several families in need this holiday season. Parents and staff may take ornaments from the tree and return the ornament along with new, unwrapped gifts. Keith parent volunteers graciously wrap and deliver gifts to the families.

On December 1, Keith PTO will present Polar Express Movie and Game Night. Bring the kids to campus to watch the movie and play reindeer games! Keith families may purchase tickets online at keithpto.membershiptoolkit.com.

The 3rd Grade will present its Holiday Music Program in the Cafeteria on December 12.





Also happening on December 16, Keith, Swenke, Ault, and Salyards will host the 7th annual Candy Cane Fun Run 5K run/walk. Registration is open through December 12. For more details, visit candycanefunrun.com.

Then on December 19, the 5th Grade will hold their Holiday Music Program in the Cafeteria.

Our 2017 Grand Finale is our Class Holiday Parties, which will be held on December 21.





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The 8th Annual Fairfield Triathlon

submitted by Charlotte Byrne, Race Director

During the weekend of October 21st and 22nd, 191 children participated in the Kids' Triathlon on Saturday, and 250 Racers competed in the Adult Triathlon on Sunday.

Thank you to all our Sponsors:

Tru Tri Sports, VillaSport, Crystal Eyecare, Avanti Senior Living, TSO Cypress, Creed Orthodontics, Crossroads Chiropractic, Memorial Hermann Cypress, RE/MAX Fairfield, Active Life Dentistry, Fairfield Animal Hospital, Children's Lighthouse, First Service Residential, Labrada Nutrition, Denny's, Nyam Nyam Cafe and H-E-B Fairfield.

Thanks to Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department for providing our EMS support and to Patrick Wong & Michael Livingston for coordinating our ham radio support. And a humongous thank you to Tru Tri Sports for donating a bike for the Kids' Triathlon Grand Prize Drawing.

Everyone would agree that a gigantic hit this year was the Cypress Denny's hospitality and scrumptious food. They provided pancakes, eggs, and hash browns for our VIP Breakfast, which was topped off by Nyam Nyam's delicious gourmet coffee.

We could not have hosted the race without our volunteers. Thank you to Nike Factory Outlet, who provided volunteers for set up on both days of the triathlon. These six people worked nonstop through the cold



Tyler Smithmier (7yrs) Jack Smithmier (4yrs) cheering on their big sister, Ella Smithmier (8yrs).

wind and rain. Thank you also to our three Key Club volunteers.

Thank you to Jeannie Stahl for all her help and communication with the HOA. We appreciate Darlene Sedelmeyer and the Fairfield Athletic Club for giving their support on race day.

Our charities stepped up to the plate, too! Thank you to Team Tiara for water station #1 on both days and to Phred's P.L.L.A.C.E., who passed out medals at the finish line.

Greg Zarate and Jack McClintic with Run Houston Timing did a great job timing our event, even in the pouring rain on Sunday.

Many thanks to our Triathlon Committee & Race Coordinators who did a super job on both days—all came off without a hitch!

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- Mike Angel—Police Officers' Coordinator



Our race benefited five charities: JDRF, Team Tiara, Phred's P.L.L.A.C.E., OMS Life and Teddy Bear Drive, and Gulf Coast Lupus Foundation.

Last, but not least, we want to thank the racers who came and supported the Fairfield Triathlon! We appreciate your participation! Our racers made a big difference for our charities, donations, giving teddy bears, sharing hope and prayers.

All enjoyed a safe race and a good time!

Ella Smithmier (8yrs) enjoying a deserved chocolate donut after her first Triathlon.

Parents: Eric & Rachel Smithmier







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Disturbance Family: 10 Suspicious Vehicles: 41

Other Calls: 332

Theft Habitation: 2 Assault: 0

Disturbance Juvenile: 3

Suspicious Persons: 11

Theft Vehicle: 0 Sexual Assault: 1 Disturbance Other: 11

Runaway: 2

Second Baptist's Month of Celebration

Submitted by Jonathan Spencer



Second Baptist Church invites you to join them for an incredible month of celebration this Christmas season!

Throughout the entire month of December, the Cypress Campus will offer specialized services, events, and activities FREE of charge for the whole community.

Every Sunday will be a Christmas

celebration, with unique attractions such as train rides for the kids and wassail and hot chocolate being served in the lobby. Second will be featuring beautiful train displays, Christmas décor, and fun photo spots for families to capture the perfect Christmas picture. Most importantly, every Sunday will offer dynamic Bible study and worship services featuring beautiful Christmas music and powerful messages focused on the story of Christ's coming.

The Second Family invites you to join them every Sunday for 9:30 a.m. Bible Study & 11 a.m. Worship, as well as these special Christmas events:

The Kids' Crazy Christmas Show – December 7th (6:30 & 7:30 p.m.), December 8th (6:30 & 7:30 p.m.), December 9th (10 & 11 a.m.). Bring your family to this exciting program that is sure to entertain both children and adults, as we take a look at the Christmas story in a very creative way. This FREE production will feature live actors and dancers, as well as puppets, lights, and amazing Christmas music!

Second Christmas Spectacular – December 10th (4 p.m.)

This family-friendly event will offer an outdoor Christmas festival

featuring smores, hot chocolate, hay rides, inflatables, and outdoor music. At 5:30 p.m., the party will move inside to the worship center for a special Christmas concert led by the most exceptional musical talent from all six Second Baptist campuses!

Storytime at the Trains – December 6th, 14th, 22nd (10 a.m.)

Bring the kids and enjoy a FREE program inside our beautifully decorated lobby. This event features a special scavenger hunt at the train displays, cookie decorating, hot chocolate and an interactive Christmas storytime, led by our Second Kids Staff.

Candlelight Services - December 22nd and 23rd (6 p.m.), December 24th (11 a.m. and 4 p.m.)

Join us for one of our four candlelight services as we remember God's Perfect Gift to us at Christmas. Our worship services will feature familiar carols, a children's nativity scene, and a powerful message designed for the entire family. Invite your friends and family, and join us for this meaningful worship experience.

Jonathan Spencer | Adult Ministries Pastor Second Baptist Church, Cypress







News You Can Use

The Christmas season at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

Submitted by Mark Eaves, Director of Media Ministries



The Christmas season will be a time of festive celebrations and concerts for your whole family at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church.

Saturday, December 9th and Sunday, December 10th at 4:00

p.m. our annual Christmas at Good Shepherd will be presented. Timeless Christmas classics and contemporary favorites will be performed by the church choir, orchestra, and contemporary band in the Worship Center.

On Friday, December 15th, a holiday favorite returns, the Good Shepherd Christmas Hayride and Hot Dog Roast. Families are invited to make hot dogs and s'mores over open fires outside, watch Christmas movies on a big screen, sing Christmas carols from beautifully lighted hay wagons as they progress through the nearby, decorated neighborhoods, and return to the church to visit with Santa. The fun begins at 6:00 p.m. and ends at 9:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 17th the Good Shepherd Choir and Orchestra will present **Handel's Messiah** at 4:00 p.m. in the Worship Center.

On December 19th and 20th, the Good Shepherd Choir has been invited to sing at the White House in Washington, D.C. They will be performing in the Great Foyer there as visitors enjoy seeing the White House Christmas decorations.

On Sunday, December 24th, there will be **four worship services**:

- 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning worship
- 3:00 p.m. Family Christmas Eve Service Annual "Throw-Down Christmas Pageant" where children are invited to dress in costume and participate in a reenactment of the Biblical Christmas story.
 - 5:00 p.m. Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
 - 7:00 p.m. Contemporary Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

The celebrations will continue with the Good Shepherd Christmas TV Special program, airing on station KUBE-Channel 57 on Christmas Eve, December 24th at 10:30 a.m. and Christmas Day, December 25th at 11:00 a.m. The special will feature a variety of musical performances and spoken devotional messages.

Admission to all Christmas events are free.



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Hope City Now in Cypress

Submitted by Taylor Janney

Since its launch in January 2015, Hope City has been a place to call home for many families in the greater Houston area. Every weekend, people of all different backgrounds and walks of life come together for a life-changing experience. It's church like you've never seen before!

Since 2015, Pastors Jeremy and Jennifer Foster's heartbeat has been to create a place where families can grow together, and children can learn about Jesus in a safe environment. It's a place where you can find engaging messages, dynamic worship, and fun for the whole family!

"Our mission is to create a place where everyone, from the booming business professional to the thriving artist, can all come together under the banner of hope," said Jeremy Foster.

Since its launch two years ago, Hope City has experienced explosive growth and has opened campuses in both the Memorial area (Houston) and Katy. A few weeks ago, Hope City landed right in our backyard with the launch of its third campus.

Hope City Cypress first opened its doors at Salyards Middle School on October 29th and has been actively serving the community since. Every weekend, hundreds of people walk through the doors and find the hope. With connect groups meeting in the community every week, this church is building friendships that will last a lifetime.

"Our hope is to come alongside parents with our state-of-the-art children's ministry to encourage their children in a safe, fun, Christ-

centered environment," said Cypress Campus Pastor, Devin Lowe.

Hope City Cypress meets every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

"We are passionate about loving and serving the Cypress community and we would love to see you this weekend at one of our weekend experiences," said Jeremy Foster.

You can learn more about Hope City on their website: yourhopecity. com or visit their Facebook page: facebook.com/yourhopecity.

Pictures with Santa



Fairfield's 11th Annual "Pictures With Santa" will take place on Saturday, December 2nd, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bradford Creek Clubhouse.

Bring your kids and even your pets! And remember, this is the season of giving, so please donate one new toy to the Toys For Tots drive supported by the Marine Corps.

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