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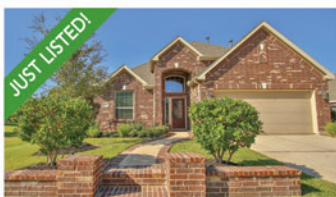
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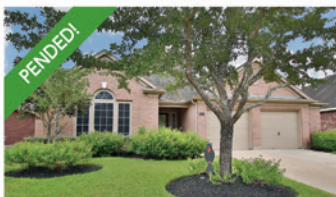
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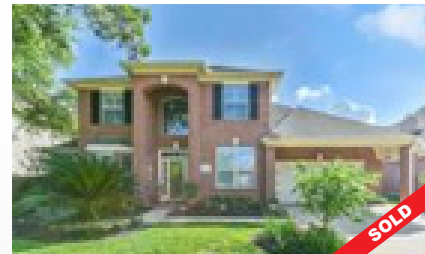
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Editor's Comments

Happy winter 2018 to our Fairfield community and a special welcome to all of our new neighbors who settled in over the holidays. Hopefully, our newcomers have already come to understand why we believe Fairfield is a fantastic place to live, work, play and raise a family.

Just about every story that we've included in this issue gives you additional reasons to be proud of your community. It's our way of introducing you to your neighbors, inviting you to join in the fun, and nudging you to get involved to help Fairfield grow and prosper.

Articles that may be of interest include information on the one-of-a-kind Special Needs Expo to be held at Community of Faith, Amy Osborne's passion for photography, Carson Lee's rise to big leagues and his offer

to help young players when he is back at home.

Three articles offering you places where you can give back or volunteer for service include Bradley Hooton's call for help to become the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Student of the Year, Bridge the Gap SynGAP1's Golf Tournament, and the Green Heart Association that is positioning for exchange student recruitment activities for the fall.

For those of you who want to get in shape or make some new friends, check out the activities at the Juergen's Community Center, the Fairfield 50+ Fun Loving Group, or the Fairfield 50+

Excursion Group also known as the "Tripsters."

Over the past twenty-five years, the Fairfield Community Gazette has strived to build a strong reputation for coverage of its community activities and to help all residents feel part of something larger than themselves. We want you to feel part of what's going on and keep abreast of the things that are happening around you.

We delight in highlighting the activities, involving the tenacity, talents, and trends at work daily that make living in and investing in Fairfield rewarding.

If you know of someone who deserves a pat on the back or needs a leg up, please contact me at jackiedevine@peel.com. You have a friend in the Fairfield Community Gazette.

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Special Needs Expo right in our own backyard!

by Jackie Devine

The Community of Faith 2nd Annual Special Needs Expo will take place February 23, 2018, from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Everyone knows that parenting is a difficult job, even in the best of times and under the most favorable circumstances. But, moms and dads with children of special needs face an entirely different set of challenges that often redefine the meanings of parenthood, stress, anxiety, and isolation. In fact, it has been said that their life is very similar to the pressures felt by soldiers in combat.

Knowing that, and responding to a desire to address the situation in 2016, Cassie Kraus, the current Special Needs Director at Community of Faith, sought out Mark Shook, Senior Pastor, and Bradley Thomas, Connections Pastor of Community of Faith, and posed her idea. Cassie wanted to provide some much-needed assistance to families yearning to attend worship services or other church functions but were unable to do so because their children required special considerations.



*Cassie Kraus,
Special Needs Director*

Cassie received overwhelming support to create a program that not only addressed the needs of parishioners, but has grown to offer collaborative, family-centered assistance to caregivers in other parts of Texas and as far as Louisiana.

Sharing her personal understanding of the issues, Cassie said, "As the parent of a child with autism and a former special education professional in Cy-Fair, I was well-versed in the challenges parents face trying to make their way through the special needs maze.

"We were delighted when we found Community of Faith. Their warm welcome and willingness to work with us to address some of our unique challenges offered us an environment of understanding and respect—one in which we thrived." Continuing, she said, "The special needs community, as a whole, is very small, and when you find a church that is willing to work with you and that looks at each child as their own, that's huge. As the parent of a child with different abilities, it was comforting to find people willing to walk that journey with you who are striving to find the best outcome for your child and to see him or her as a unique individual."



*Bradley Thomas,
Connections Pastor*

Bradley chimed in, "Our special needs ministry has been operating full tilt for about a year and a half now. Cassie brought expertise, heart, and connections to the team, which has added the necessary foundation to create a welcoming, dynamic, family-centered environment.



"We sponsored our first 'Special Needs Expo' last year and over 200 families participated. With Cassie's unbelievable network of organizations willing to step in and provide the needed framework of access, information, and resources, 50 vendors worked diligently to help families get connected and feel supported.

"This year, we're hoping the Expo is attended by anyone that has a need or a desire to help."

He emphasized, "They don't need to go to our church. Our goal is that our Special Needs Ministry continues to build a reputation as a key contact when families need help with parenting, family interaction, physical or emotional well-being, or disability-related support.

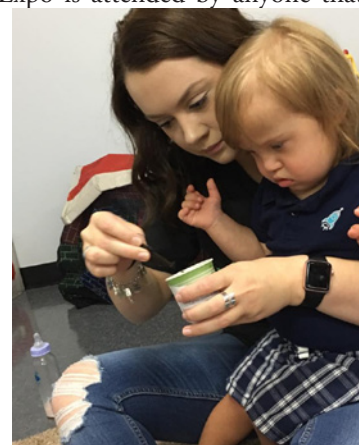
"As advocates for children and adults with special needs, whether it's autism, Downs Syndrome, MS, behavioral challenges or anything in between, we want Community of Faith to be their 'go to' for support and acceptance—the organization that brokers partnerships and relationships for families.

"Community of Faith is unique in that we have made a substantial investment in personnel, equipment, rooms, volunteers and other resources to meet the growing need.

"We recognize that the parenting of a special needs child is 24/7. There is no downtime. Not only do we provide opportunities to get them connected to resources, but we also offer opportunities to walk in friendship with them.

"For example, once a quarter, Cassie facilitates a 'Special Needs Family Night Out.' She and her team come up with a unique event where they create a safe and stimulating atmosphere with fun activities, like story time, games, bounce houses, and relationship-building activities for the children and their siblings.

"Parents can confidently leave and enjoy a few hours of freedom to do whatever they want. If they're going to go home and take a



*COF student receiving
love and support*

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nap, that's great! If they're going to go shopping, out to eat, or to a movie they are free to choose.

The Community of Faith 2nd Annual Special Needs Expo will take place February 23, 2018, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

"The way it works is families will check in at the lobby and filter through the multipurpose room where they will have the opportunity to visit with an assortment of vendors, such as therapies, estate planning, school districts, transition services, and adaptive sports (such as cheerleading and gymnastics).

"Attendees will find a variety of resources for families just starting out as well as families entering those adult years. The culmination will be speeches from field experts."

In closing, I asked Bradley, "Plain and simple, what is the ultimate purpose of the Expo?"

Without missing a beat, he said, "Our goal is for hundreds of families living in and around Cypress—members of Community of Faith or not—to know they have a friend. We want every family living with a special needs child to know that they are not alone, and they have someone who will walk with them every step of the way in raising their children all the way up to adulthood."



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Capturing Love Through Portraits

Story submitted by Amy Osborne

In November, while gathering participants for the Fairfield Christmas Vendors List, I ran across Amy's seasonal photo of two little boys in Christmas PJs and fell in love with it. I sent it to the publisher, and he suggested that Amy create a Valentine-themed photo for February and asked that she forward us more information about her talent and passion.



She obliged by submitting the lovely cover photo of Clara, 7, and Micah, 3, two of her children. Joelle, 4, and Luke, (Micah's twin) were not feeling well. Giving background on our cover stars, she wrote: Clara is in 2nd grade and enjoys ballet, gymnastics, and is a very talented drawing artist. Micah attends Mother's Day Out two days a week and loves trucks, trains, and playing in the dirt! Shane is my husband - we have been married for 12 years and

have lived in Cypress since 2012. We are Aggies and moved here for work from College Station. Shane is a commercial construction superintendent for Nash Industries, Inc., and I am the owner/artist of Amy Osborne Photography."



The Osborne Family

We have two German Shepherd dogs, Julian (9) and Mazer (1-1/2). Both are named after characters in the science fiction book "Ender's Game."

We love being outside and spend as much time as we can at our 15-acre property in Grimes County. We hope to retire out there one day and have a huge garden with some chickens and grandkids running around.

With regard to her love for photography, she shared with us the reason for her passion: As a young girl, I was blessed to spend time with my grandmother and great-grandmother. They taught me how to bake, care for plants and enjoy quiet time reading. Perhaps the most important lesson they passed along to me was to cherish

the time that we can spend with loved ones. They both genuinely valued family and assembled a large volume of photo collections spanning many decades. As I flipped through these albums in the sun-filled formal living room, I remember the feeling of being transported back in time. I soaked in every detail of photographs from the early 1900s all the way through my own baby photos from the early 1980s. One of my favorite images is of my great-great grandparents standing in front of their farmhouse in 1912. My great-great-grandmother is holding my great-grandmother and a wagon piled high with hay is in the background. Even though I never got to meet my great-great grandparents, this image gave me a little glimpse into their lives. To be able to see their faces through a portrait over 100 years later is beautiful, amazing and priceless.

Those lovely afternoons spent looking through the photo albums had a profound effect on my own appreciation of family history and portraits. My fascination with viewing photographs developed into getting behind the camera. Since then, I've found significant meaning and enjoyment in taking pictures and preserving them in my own family albums. Looking through these albums brings our family together with lots of memories, joy, and laughter. I smile when I imagine my great-great-grandchildren flipping through the pages, seeing our faces, and getting a little peek into our lives.

This philosophy of preserving joy, love, and laughter is the same mindset that I bring to portrait sessions for my clients. I first meet many of my clients for their maternity and newborn portrait sessions.

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The overwhelming emotions of welcoming a new baby and the fleeting moment of time in which they are a newborn compelled me to specialize in the art of newborn portraiture. Photographing newborns requires extensive training in safety, posing, wrapping, lighting, camera angles, and styling.

I have chosen to keep my newborn portrait work very simple to keep the images timeless. It is imperative to me that my clients love their pictures as much or even more in the years to come than they do today. This is achieved by keeping the color palate soft, using organic textures, and incorporating simple accessories such as headbands and bonnets. All newborn sessions take place in my portrait studio that has everything we need to create beautiful images. As part of their preparation guide, I tell my newborn client parents that all they need to bring is the baby and diaper bag!

The studio is also available for maternity, sitter, one-year sessions and seasonal limited-edition sessions. I also have the pleasure of seeing many of my littlest clients again for their 6-8 month sitter session, one-year session, and seasonal family sessions. I also have several beautiful outdoor locations to choose from for clients wanting an outdoor maternity, sitter, one-year, or family session. To capture these priceless moments in simple, classic, and timeless images is pure joy.

While I always capture the smiling at the camera image, I also capture


images that show the emotion of the event. For a newborn session, this could be the new parents snuggling their new baby or looking into each other's eyes. For a family session, this might look like the family laughing together or little brother whispering something funny into big brother's ear. These emotive images are a beautiful addition to traditional-posed pictures and both result in a well-rounded gallery of images to be treasured for generations to come.

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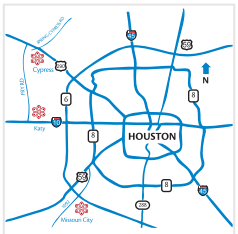
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Born and Bred for Baseball

Submitted by Carson Lee

As everyone knows, Fairfield is chock-full of homegrown greatness. The way I found our most recent superstar was by scouring our Fairfield Facebook feed for breaking news and the latest neighborhood activities.



After landing on Carson Lee's post where he was offering hitting lessons to baseball players, I investigated further to find he was one of our home-town guys playing Division I college baseball and then he was picked

up by a West Coast Independent League, and swiftly moved on to professional status.

Immediately, I contacted Carson and asked him to share his rapid "climb up the ladder." His response follows.

I come from a baseball family; my dad coached for 10-plus years before I was born. He coached former major leaguers such as Woody Williams and Ben Weber, to name a few. My uncle played at the University of Houston, so my family is very knowledgeable and passionate about baseball.

Growing up, one of my most significant mentors and good friend has been Chase Lambin, who is the real-life "Crash Davis" from the movie *Bull Durham*. He played 13 years of professional baseball and also played a year in Japan and for the Sugarland Skeeters.

I have been lucky to pluck his brain for knowledge my whole life. When I was in high school, I was fortunate to have my winter training routine include working out with MLB Superstars such as Michael Bourn, Chris Young, Jason Bourgeois, J.R. Towles, and Nick Stavino. The best experience of all was in 2014 when I was a bat boy for the Houston Astros for the visiting team, which gave me a greater insight into the game.



All of these experiences remind me regularly that I have been blessed to have been associated with such unforgettable superstars and to learn the "ins" and "outs" of the game from them.

After arriving home for the offseason, I wanted to give back to the kids in the community and share with them what I have learned over the years. So I started

offering hitting lessons, because, in baseball, "if you can hit, you don't sit!"

During the lessons I give, I teach the proper mechanics of hitting,



the understanding of how the body works together during the swing, the mental side of hitting, and various drills to help weaknesses become strengths. I try to add a little bit of the "new school" feel of how the game is evolving.

But ultimately, it comes down to the player. Everyone is different. So you have to find what works for that kid. I feel as if I have a particular understanding and awareness of the body and how the swing works, which has not only helped me but allowed me to help my colleagues.

Luckily for me, I have been able to work with kids the past few months who want to get better and have had the desire to learn. Each week they have improved, which will better prepare them for their season and career moving forward.

I would love to help any kid who is interested in furthering his baseball career. I want another kid to be fortunate enough to have the experiences I have because playing collegiate and professional baseball is indescribable.

By the time this article goes to press, I will be about to leave, or will already have left for a winter league in California. I'll be gone for a month, but more than likely I will be back for a month or two before heading back out for the season.

If anyone wants to follow my journey, you can go to my Facebook page where I blog all my travels and experiences. I would appreciate the support. Go to "Search," type my name "Carson Lee," and scroll down to the "Pages" section. Click that page and click the "Like" button. You will get all updates from my posting on that page.

Spoiler alert! I may also have a video series coming up detailing all my experiences.

If anyone wants lessons in the future, just wants to talk baseball, or needs advice, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me. Thank you for any support, and I hope to be working with some of you in the future!

Some people say, "Life is like baseball. You will not hit every pitch, but you can make the most of the ones you do." Carson lives by that motto and passes it along every time he coaches players to believe in themselves, keep striving, and to do their best!

Around Fairfield

Good Shepherd *by Jimmy James*



Thirty-seven choir members, spouses, and guests from Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Fairfield left on the 18th of December for Washington, D.C., and returned to Houston on the 21st, a little tired but filled with happiness and joy from being able to sing at the White House.

There were two concerts held in the East Room. The first took place at 2 p.m. on the 19th, after which they toured the East Wing of the White House and viewed the numerous Christmas decorations. The second commenced at 5 p.m. on the 20th.

The concert was divided into four sections:

After opening with "The Star-Spangled Banner," a solo, "Santa Claus is Coming

to Town," was sung by Hannah Allen, the 4-year-old daughter of the choir director, Dr. Sterling Allen. The choir followed with "A Baroque Christmas" which featured "Joy to the World," and three sections of Handel's "Messiah."

The second section, "Prophecy Revealed," featured "O Come, O Come Emmanuel," "Gesu Bambino," a solo by Dr. Allen, "What Sweeter Music" and "Angels We Have Heard on High."

The third section, "Celebrating the Holy Birth", featured "Carol of the Bells", "Mary Did You Know," by soloist Kristen Dunn, "Do You Hear What I Hear?," "O Holy Night" by Dr. Allen, and "Night of Silence."

The final section, followed by an encore was, "Carol Settings by 21st Century Composers," which featured "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "The First Noel," and "O Come, All Ye Faithful."

The rest of the choir's time in Washington was busy. Upon arriving in Washington on December 18th, a three-hour tour of the

sites and markers of the city included stops at the Capitol, the World War II Memorial and the Lincoln Monument. On the 19th, a tour of the city's new venue, the Museum of the Bible, was taken, and on December 20th, several members of the choir participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Washington National Cemetery.

Many members of the choir fanned out during the mornings to visit the other venues in the city.

See pg 13 for additional photos.



Washington Tomb of the Unknowns

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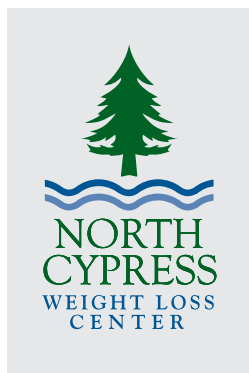


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Bradley's Campaign is in full swing *by Jackie Devine*



Bradley Hooton is running a campaign to be the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Student of the Year in honor of his Dad who lost his battle with leukemia in August 2001. Cancer cut his life short leaving his

mother a widow at 39, and him fatherless at 20 months. Because of his integrity, academics, interest in others and dedication to community service he was selected as a candidate for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Student of the Year.

His kickoff was January 19th, and he is now in the process of collecting funds for his campaign.

You can support him through personal donations cash/check/ or debit card at <http://events.lls.org/txg/HoustonSOY2018/bhooton>. He is selling T-Shirts for \$20. You can purchase one by messaging him, or buy them through the link above. Every dollar raised is one more vote towards his campaign to become the LLS Student of the Year.



As Bradley says, "Nobody realizes how scary cancer is until it reaches their home, and my campaign provides the funds needed to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society to put this money into research. Together, we can say 'No way. Not today. Not EVER' to cancer. Please join me in

this critical fight against cancer to make it NO MORE."

You can follow Bradley by adding him as a friend on facebook, where he will post constant updates throughout his campaign. If you want to donate or read about his story and the foundation, the direct link is <http://events.lls.org/txg/HoustonSOY2018/bhooton>

Second Baptist

Submitted by Jonathan Spencer, Adult Ministries Pastor Second Baptist Church, Cypress



Second Baptist Church invites you to join them for an exciting February at the Cypress Campus! The Second Family will continue its new year campaign titled, "Church is _____." Each

Sunday in 2018, the Cypress Campus has been highlighting one word that describes what the Second Family is all about. For January, they celebrated that the church is fun, church is home, and the church is life-changing. Each Sunday provided special events and programs that reinforced with that week's theme. In February, Second will wrap up their campaign with four exciting weekends filled more fun for the entire community

Sunday, February 4th – Church is a TEAM

Second is grateful to have an amazing team of volunteer leaders that lead out every weekend in all of their Bible Study classes and Worship services. On the 4th, they will honor and celebrate those folks, as well as some special guests that morning. Second will host and recognize our recently crowned UIL 6A Football State Champions,

Cy-Fair High School! Be there to celebrate this amazing team that represented our Cypress community so well!

Sunday, February 11th – Church is FAMILY

Church is an amazing place to raise a family and build relationships. This Sunday will spotlight our incredible children's and youth ministries, and emphasize the positive impact that church can make on the entire family unit.

Sunday, February 18th – Church is SERVING

The Cypress Campus is built on the foundation of hundreds of servant leaders in their church family. This Sunday will highlight different ways that you can get involved in our church family and provide opportunities for anyone to serve in the Second Family and "get in the game!"

Sunday, February 25th – Church is "ALL Y'ALL"

In conjunction with the Houston Rodeo and Livestock Show's kickoff, the Cypress Campus will "Go Texan" this Sunday. Put on your country western clothes and boots, and join this for special games, music, and country attractions for the entire family!

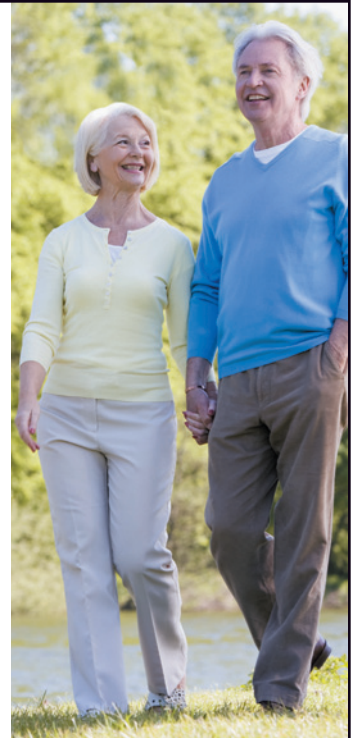
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Around Fairfield

Mission and Golf Tournament

Submitted by Monica Weldon



Bridge the Gap – SYNGAP Education and Research Foundation (501(c) 3) is a non-profit organization whose mission is to serve, educate, and fund research for families coping with the effects of SYNGAP1 mutations. Their goal is to improve the quality of life for people affected by SYNGAP1 and to provide family support, accelerate research, and raise awareness.



Registration opened on January 28, 2018 for this year's event, and they are seeking corporate sponsors, teams, and volunteers to help make it a huge success. Your generous contribution will be used for life-changing programs that will benefit children with rare diseases. The international outreach for SYNGAP1 children gathers critical information, which is needed to drive research

As a genetic mutation in the gene, SYNGAP1 results in non-syndromic intellectual disability ranging from moderate to severe. Ninety-four percent of the children

have epilepsy and may also have associated conditions such as attention deficits, impulsivity, and/or mood disorders. In recent findings, SYNGAP1 has been a gene linked to autism. Every child with SYNGAP1 provides information that can guide to better treatments or a cure.

Bridge the Gap is hosting their Second Annual SYNGAP1 Golf Classic on May 11, 2018 at the Cypress Lakes Golf Club, 18700 Cypresswood Drive, Cypress, TX 77429 at Noon.

Twenty-three teams participated in last year's shotgun start event.



towards more immediate therapeutic solutions.

They invite you to join them as a committee volunteer or a sponsor by choosing from one of their "Sponsorship Opportunity Levels" (\$150- \$7,500) and/or supporting them through donations of various prizes and silent auction items. Through

your sponsorship, you will be promoting your company to a group of people who are very loyal to their sponsors, as well as to the many professionals who will be participating at the golf tournament itself.

Bridge the Gap is anticipating a highly successful and well-attended Golf Classic Tournament. Please show your support for children suffering from the debilitating effects of SYNGAP1 mutations. To be a volunteer or sponsor for this event, email them at admin@bridgesyngap.org. You can also follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bridgesyngap and on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/bsyngap>

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Fairfield Women's Club in Action *Submitted by Lynn Olson*

Our next Fairfield Women's Club meeting will be on February 20th at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at Tute Benne Italian Cuisine in Fairfield, which is located at 15103 Mason Rd (on the corner of Mason & Cypresswood).

Dr. Ashley Wenaas, an ENT from Texas Ear, Nose and Throat Specialists, will be at our meeting to give us tips on how to battle those pesky spring allergies.

There will be a tapas buffet provided (each person will be responsible for purchasing their drinks). We can arrive as early as 6:30 p.m. to take advantage of the happy hour prices.

February's Lunch Bunch will be 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 8th at Annam Indian Bistro located at 24120 Northwest Freeway #100 (NE corner of Barker Cypress & 290, next to Texas Mattress Direct).

OUR NEXT FAIRFIELD GARAGE SALE WILL BE ON APRIL 7, 2018.

Many of you may know about our awesome patriotic July 4th parade held in Fairfield each year. We have already begun the planning to extend the fun for the 2018 July 4th festivities. The parade will end at Central Park, where we will have inflatable waterslides, a dunk tank, food trucks, community booths, entertainment, and much more waiting for you. So be looking for more information coming your way about The Fourth @ Fairfield.

To join FWC, dues are \$30 a year. You may join at a meeting, online at Fairfieldwomensclub.org, or contact us at fairfieldwomensclub@gmail.com. We are also on Facebook.

Fairfield Women's Club & Briley Green Boutique Shopping Event

March 1, 2018 - 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Bradford Creek Clubhouse

Fairfield Women's Club is happy to offer you a unique shopping experience.

Briley Green Boutique is a home-based boutique that brings its clothing to you.

The clothes are affordable and very trendy. They have Two to Plus sizes.

We will have changing rooms and mirrors to help you pick the newest spring fashions. There will be a surprise discount for our shoppers as well. Light refreshments will be served.

Come shop, visit, and bring a friend. This is just another way Fairfield Women's Club is trying to be of service to our community.

Fairfield's Fifty-Plus Fun-Loving Group

The Fairfield Seniors

The Seniors of Fairfield are an active, fifty plus, fun-loving group of couples and singles who enjoy fellowship and various other activities together. If you or your spouse is fifty or older, a newcomer to Fairfield Village or have lived here in Fairfield for some time but have never attended one of our functions, you are cordially invited. Come and be a part of our fun-loving group. We're sure you will enjoy it.

The Fairfield's Fifty-Plus Fun-Loving Group, The Fairfield Seniors have discontinued trips. However, there is The Fairfield Theatre Group and The Fairfield Excursion Group that are doing trips. Check our website for more information. <http://www.fairfieldfiftyplus.com>

The Fairfield's Fifty-Plus Activity Schedule

Thursday, February 8th, monthly Pot Luck at the Lakeside Club House starts at 6:30 pm, however, the doors open at 6:00 pm for socializing before the potluck begins. Then plan on staying after for games.

Tuesday, February 13th, Game Night at the Cooks' House.

It starts around 6:30 p.m. Just bring a little snack. This is always a fun evening of dominoes with great fellowship. The directions are located on the Activity page on our website and will also be in our February 11, weekly e-newsletter.

Additional Activities in February

First Friday, February 2nd, and the third Friday, February 16th, we have breakfast at Denny's restaurant. We start ordering around 9 a.m.

Second Friday, February 9th, and fourth Friday, February 23rd, we have game afternoons from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lakeside clubhouse. Dominoes, card games, and hand and foot. There will not be any snacks or drinks, so if you like to drink or snack something; you will need to bring your own.

Visit our ACTIVITY page on our website for more detailed information: <http://www.fairfieldfiftyplus.com>.

FAIRFIELD FIFTY-PLUS WEEKLY E-NEWSLETTER

Schedule reminder: The 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 FEBRUARY

Sponsored by the Fairfield Women's Club

Although the winter months take a toll on our lawns, it was delightful to see so many yards still maintained and beautiful. This month the sections featured are from the Lakes Village, which includes The Lakes, The Pines, and The Estates.

February's Yard of the Month was chosen from The Lakes section, off of Country Fair. We would like to congratulate Nancy and James Moore, who live at 20406 Whispering Water Way, for a beautifully manicured lawn.

Their yard is neatly trimmed with rock pavers outlining the beds. Inside the beds, you find Alyssum, Pansies, Silver-Leaf perennials, Blue Hydrangeas, Daisies, Ligustrum shrubs and Variegated Liriope. Urns of colorful annuals accent the entrance to their front door. A stunningly beautiful trellis of climbing ivy accents the brick wall on the side of the house. Overall, their yard is a delight to see winter, spring, summer, or fall.



Honorable Mentions

The Lakes

20323 Whispering Water Way
20410 Whispering Water Way
15919 Lake Loop
15911 Lake Loop
20303 Silverwood
20223 Silverwood Tr. West

The Pines

20102 Misty River Way
15823 Pebble Creek Trail
15802 Pebble Creek Trail

The Estates

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Italian Student Enjoys American Christmas *by Chiara*



My name is Chiara, and I am a Greenheart High School Exchange Student, from Italy. I'm spending the 2017/2018 school year in Cypress TX.

The time since I arrived in America has just flown by since I got here in August. I hardly noticed it was already Christmas break. This particular holiday is a challenge to me, and the other exchange students, because it's a celebration closely connected to the family.

At the beginning of the Christmas season, it didn't even feel like Christmas; everything was different. For example decorations, traditions, recipes and customs. But what impressed me and gave a positive turn to my Christmas was the affection from all the members of my new American family, the Gresells. Some of them didn't even know me, but that didn't stop them from getting me presents and including me in things like making cookies, decorating the house, picking out the tree,---all of which made me feel like part of the family. They included me in their traditions that have been going on for generations. I



even got my own handmade stocking to put by the fire with all of their's, and they managed to make me forget that I wasn't in my home country with the family that raised me.

This year they were my Christmas, and I couldn't wish for anything better. I'll keep these memories in my heart for the rest of my life.

I never thought I could get to love other people this much, but here I am calling them family. I hope everyone gets the chance in their lives to live such an incredible experience like the one I'm living.

Fairfield Senior (50+) Tripsters Bus Trips *by Lori Skadowski*

Tuesday, February 13 – 2nd Annual Resale Mania – Charity Resale Shopping. We will visit several high-end resale shops in the

Westheimer/Alabama/River Oaks area: Blue Bird Circle on Alabama, Charity Guild of Catholic Women on Lovette Blvd, The Guild Shop on Dunlavy, Goodwill Store River Oaks and others as time allows. Cost of the trip is \$5.00 plus the cost of lunch at Katz Deli.

We will load the bus at 8:45 a.m. and leave promptly at 9:00 a.m., returning around 5 p.m.

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? – Cost of the trip is \$5.00 plus the cost of your lunch.

We will load the bus at 8:45 a.m. and leave promptly at 9:00 a.m., returning around 4 p.m.

All trips depart from the Fairfield Baptist Church, located at 27240 Highway 290. Please park along the property line near the storage facility only.

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News from Greenheart! *by Melanie Vitosovsky*



In February we'll be holding our annual mid-year meeting where you may see many of our foreign exchange students completing tasks around the Fairfield neighborhood! Watch out for teams in blue, red, and green shirts and say hello when you see them!



It's official! Our name has changed from CCI Greenheart to Greenheart! (Here is the blog entry about it.). <https://workblog.cci-exchange.com/summer-work-travel/its-official-weve-changed-our-name>

We're seeking volunteer host families for this summer and the 2018-2019 school year!

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Around Fairfield

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Students are already sending in their applications and waiting to hear what family wants them. Students begin arriving in August and some families are already talking to their new family member and getting to know them before they arrive. Host families come in all shapes and sizes from empty nesters, single parents, and those with no kids, young kids, or teens. We match student personalities with those of their host families to try and make the most ideal match for your new son or daughter.

Host families are only asked to provide room and board, rules, chores, guidance, and the same love and support you'd show other family members. Students come from over 40 different countries, speak English, and come with their own spending money and health insurance. Local Coordinators here in Cypress provide unparalleled support for both students and host families. They host their own student right along with you and have a calendar of events for students to participate in. There is never any pressure. If you can consider opening your heart and home to an international teenager and make their dreams come true, please call us to get your questions answered! info@exchangestudentsintexas.org or 832-741-7399

In the photos is Adel from Ukraine, one of this year's 17 students in the Cypress community. She attends Bridgeland High School and enjoys going to church, youth group, dance, playing the piano, and games with her friends and family.





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Line Dance

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1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Senior's Game Day

Wednesdays
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Zumba

Monday & Wednesday
9:30 - 10:15 a.m.

Yoga

Tuesday & Thursday
9:30 -10:30 a.m.

Pilates

Fridays
9:30 -10:30 a.m.

Party Bridge

Tuesdays
12:00 - 3:30p.m.

Additional Classes:

The Chemical Free Home

Thursday, February 1st
12:00 - Noon

Memoir Writing Workshop

Thursday February 1,8,15,22
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Grow Your Own Herbal Teas In a Waxed Cardboard Box

Tuesday, February 6th
1:00 p.m.

Other meetings of interest to Fairfield

Fairfield Mah Jongg on Mondays from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Cy-Fair Women's Club on 1st Thursday 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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Around Fairfield

Boy Scouts Of America

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Boy Scouts from Troops 533 and 1907 announce their annual mulch and fertilizer sale – all orders will be delivered right to your door!

The Boy Scout motto is “be prepared.” Well, Troops 533 and 1907 have taken that to heart, and for the last several years have run a local mulch/fertilizer sale to earn money to fund each year’s activities and purchase equipment. This year, they are preparing to experience the rugged outdoors at scout camps in Arkansas and Georgia and a weeklong hiking trip at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

Such ambitious activities would not be possible without the support of the community! In addition to camping, the boys were able to participate in many service projects, including assisting with

cleanup after Hurricane Harvey, Wreaths Across Americas, Scouting for Food, and completing multiple Eagle projects. Troops 533 and 1907 are gearing up for another great year and wish to extend a thank you to everyone who contributed to all the adventures and learning experiences of years past.

So, if you are looking to beautify your landscape and bring your lawn back to life after this chilly winter, all while helping your local scouts, then be sure to place your order! This year’s offerings include high quality Living Earth’s red, black, hardwood or pine bark mulch as well as Southwest Fertilizer’s premium or slow release fertilizer and weed n feed fertilizer. For your convenience, Scouts will be selling door to door in your subdivision beginning January 8th. If you are reading this circular and think we may miss you, please order by emailing BoyScoutsTroop533@yahoo.com. All purchases will be delivered to your home by the Scouts on February 24, 2018.

Yours in Scouting,

Scoutmaster Louis Mayer (Troop 533) and

Scoutmaster Chad Gaulding (Troop 1907)

Congratulations Kyle

Submitted by Phyllis Pirsch

The volunteers of A New Hope Equine Sanctuary would like to congratulate Kyle Burns for successfully completing his Eagle Scout Project! Kyle spent many hours planning, raising funds, acquiring resources, recruiting volunteers and leading them to construct an aesthetically pleasing fence that would keep the rescued horses safe. We are very grateful to Kyle, his helpers and those that donated funds for his achievement!

Congratulations to Senior Girl Scout Troop 14406

Submitted by Elizabeth Hill

Congratulations to Senior Girl Scout Troop 14406 on earning their Silver Awards this past year! To earn a Silver Award girls must have 50 service hours and create a sustainable project that better their community. It is the second highest honor a Girl Scout can receive, with Gold Award being the highest.





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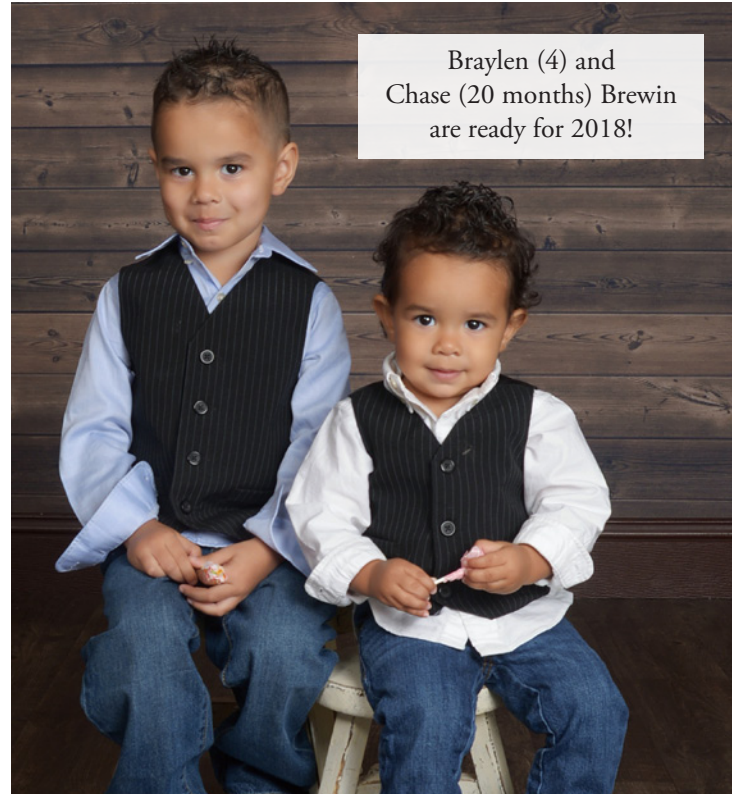
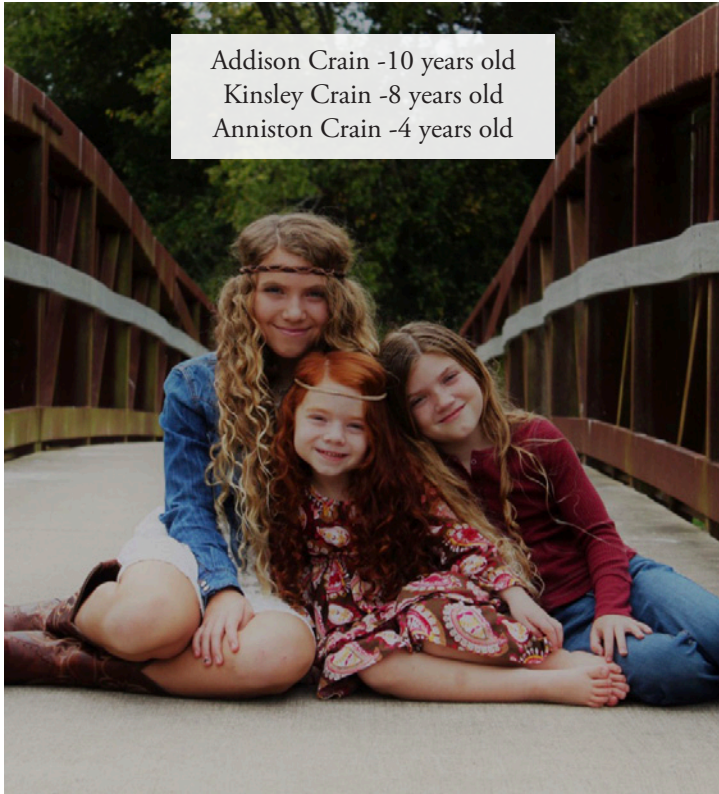
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Fairfield Photos

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Sports Section

CFSA 2017 JV Bears Superbowl Champions!

Submitted by Amanda Lewis

Way to go boys and girls. You had an amazing season working as a team! We Enjoyed watching you have fun playing football and cheerleading. Fear The Tradition!



Fairfield Sports 10U Girls Soccer

Submitted by Amanda Lewis

Fairfield Sports 10U Girls Soccer team went undefeated all season. Thank you Coach Steven and Coach Brandon for an amazing season.



First Residential

Please Pick Up After Your Pet

It doesn't take much to remember that we have pets in our community. In fact, if you don't watch your step, you're liable to step in one such reminder!

Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children and other pets who play in the community. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter.



When walking your dog in our community, remember that it should be leashed. Also, it is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly.

By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community. Thank you for your cooperation!

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Stats include the Commercial and Residential areas of Fairfield

Burglary Habitation	2
Burglary Vehicle	11
Theft Habitation	1
Theft Vehicle	4
Theft Other	30
Robbery	0
Assault	2
Sexual Assault	0
Criminal Mischief	2
Disturbance Family	6
Disturbance Juvenile	3
Disturbance Other	25
Alarms	72
Suspicious Vehicles	47
Suspicious Persons	16
Runaway	2
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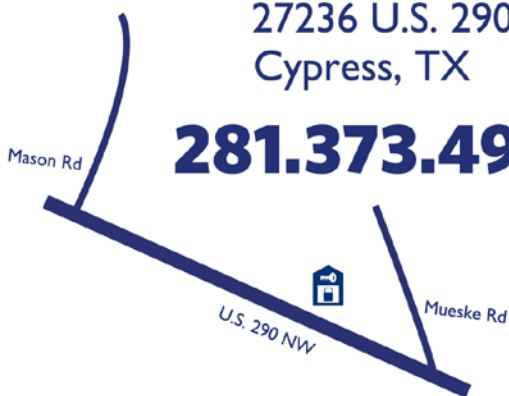
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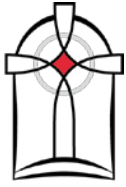
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We generally meet once a month, usually at a member's home, or a local restaurant, and occasionally at Christ the Redeemer. Our meetings consist of food and drinks, prayer and fellowship! We occasionally have a speaker on

topics that pertain to our faith, have fun craft nights, attend Christ the Redeemer events, try out new restaurants, and we also "give back" to the community and the church with some sort of charity or donation activity several times a year.

Our main goals are:

- To bring the CtR women of these two neighborhoods together to make social connections with each other,
- To support one another,
- To surround ourselves with women who share a common faith.
- To bring those that are hesitant to attend CtR each weekend for Mass (due to the large size of the parish) back to Mass because there will be a friendly face in the crowd.



For more information, please contact Amy Wilkes at apw1974@juno.com, or search for our group on Facebook - Fair Ladies of Christ the Redeemer (FLOC) - and request to join our closed group.

We look forward to meeting you at our next event!



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Shield Bearer Running for Hearts 5K Family Fun Run and Walk

The Shield Bearer Running for Hearts 5K Family Fun Run and Walk will take place on April 7, 2018, from 7:00AM to 11:00AM, at Windwood Church at 10555 Spring Cypress Road in Houston, Texas. This family friendly event will feature a 5K timed, trail style run, a 1-mile family walk, games for the kids, t-shirts, food, prizes, and lots of fun for all ages. Race registration is \$25 for adults (ages 14 and up) and \$10 for children (ages 13 and under) before March 20, 2018. Registration, sponsorship, vendor, fundraising, and volunteer information is available at shieldbearer.org/5K.

Proceeds for the event will fund services and programs at Shield Bearer, a Houston based 501c3 nonprofit counseling and community resource center that provides services on a sliding scale. Shield Bearer has five locations in Houston and serves individuals, couples, and families including those recovering from the trauma of human trafficking, domestic violence, crime, abuse, war, and Hurricane Harvey. Additional information about services and programs can be found online at shieldbearer.org or by calling (281) 894-7222.



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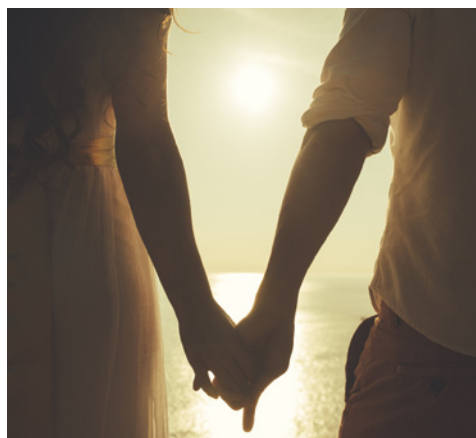
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Help Your Marriage and Others During National Marriage Week

Local non-profit Shield Bearer is hosting several marriage building activities during National Marriage Week February 7-14, 2018. Shield Bearer has been on the front lines strengthening marriages through counseling, marriage saving intensive experiences, and



workshops since 2007. Executive Director Roy Wooten states, "Strengthening marriages is at the core of our mission and National Marriage Week is a great time to focus on the benefits of a strong marriage. We have seen these benefits first hand, from helping couples live longer and happier lives, to increased economic stability, to positive and lifelong impacts on the health and wellbeing of children. We know it takes focus and determination to maintain a strong marriage and are committed to getting resources and support to as many couples as possible."

Shield Bearer will host a special Life Together Forever Couples Workshop on February 10th from 9AM-3PM at their central counseling office (12340 Jones Rd Suite 290) in Houston. "This workshop is a fun and meaningful way to strengthen your relationship, reconnect with your spouse, and rekindle your romance," states Clinical Coordinator Allie Scott. "Couples explore topics that affect every marriage including speaking and hearing the truth, having courageous conversations, forgiveness, romance, healthy expectations, and more. It's a great way for healthy couples to refocus and celebrate what is truly important in their relationship."

On February 9th from 11:30-1PM, Shield Bearer will present a special Marriage Edition of their Hope After Harvey Workshop. "Since the storm, we have provided Hope After Harvey workshops free of charge to anyone struggling from the trauma of the storm, including being displaced, losing loved ones, losing possessions, jobs, and stability, and then also to the first responders, caregivers, and volunteers helping Harvey survivors rebuild their lives. These workshops focus on the ups and downs of trauma recovery and provide resources for coping and thriving. During National Marriage Week, we will also dive deeper into how marriages are affected by trauma and ways to come together during a crisis."

Shield Bearer also offers a unique counseling experience for couples that think there is no hope for their marriage. "Shield Bearer's Marriage Saving Intensive experience is a unique approach to couples counseling. Couples on the brink of divorce spend an entire day with two of our counselors. We are able to accelerate the process of the more traditional, weekly couples sessions and have seen great success. This model has saved hundreds of marriages that would not have endured with a more traditional process," states Ms. Scott.

Shield Bearer will also provide a free online marriage resource each day of National Marriage Week to followers of their online community page at facebook.com/shieldbearer.counseling. Mr. Wooten adds, "Even just a few minutes focusing on your relationship each day can make a big impact. We encourage all married couples to participate in some type of marriage strengthening activity during National Marriage Week and to remind your friends and family to do the same. Strong marriages create a stronger community for everyone."

For additional details and registration for National Marriage Week activities, call (281) 894-7222. For more information about Shield Bearer, a Houston based 501c3 nonprofit counseling and community resource center that serves individuals, couples, and families including those recovering from the trauma of human trafficking, domestic violence, crime, abuse, war, and Hurricane Harvey, visit shieldbearer.org or call (281) 894-7222.

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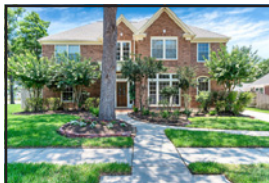
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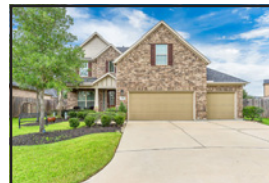
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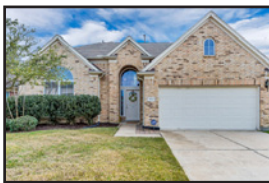
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Oaks/Trails	2	\$110.85	87
Silver Lake	2	\$115.51	153
Summer Crossing/Ridge	4	\$99.63	87
Travis Point	2	\$121.85	31