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NEWSLETTER



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

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8am - 1pm

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Neighborhood Crime Watch .....	SteeplechaseSecurity@gmail.com
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Steeplechase Community Center.....	281.586.1700
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Water/Sewer .....	832.467.1599
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Harris Co. MUD #168.....	hcmud168board@gmail.com
Community Events.....	281.586.1700
Clubhouse Rentals: Private Parties and Community Events (Jinnie Kelley).....	832.922.8030
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### Community Maintenance Concerns

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### Clubhouse Rentals

Private Parties and Community Events (Jinnie Kelley) .....	832.922.8030
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### Pool Company Contact

Aquatic Management of Houston. ....	281.446.5003
<a href="http://www.houston-pmg.com">www.houston-pmg.com</a>	

### Board Member Contact

Chaparral Management Company .....	281.586.1700
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## Schools

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Cy-Ridge High School.....	281.807.8000

## Contact the Management Company

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## CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN MARCH MEETING

**CFRW will meet on Tuesday, March 13th at 10:30 AM.**

**Hearthstone Country Club,**  
7615 Ameswood, Houston, TX 77095

**Meeting is \$3 – Meeting with Lunch at Noon is \$23.**

Darcy Mingoia will be our speaker for March. She is a member of the Cy-Fair School Board and has been an active volunteer for our community as well as having been Executive Director of the Lone Star College Foundation and President of the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce.

See the website for details and RSVP to [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net) by March 6th. Several candidates attend our meetings regularly so come and get to know them.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Nancy Roberts | Publicity Chair | [nancyroberts004@att.net](mailto:nancyroberts004@att.net)

Cy-Fair Republican Women | [info@cfrw.net](mailto:info@cfrw.net)

## AHFC ROYALS

AHFC Royals will make their inaugural season this summer 2018 (May - August). The Royals Premier Development League (PDL) and Women's Premier Soccer League (WPSL) are a pathway for players desiring to play at a higher level. Games will be family fun and played at Tully Stadium. Learn more about the Royals and purchase tickets by going to:

[www.ahfcroyals.com](http://www.ahfcroyals.com)

AHFC Royals are offering a Summer Training Program (STP) for High School Players as well as STP for College players needing to maintain playing condition before the upcoming College Fall season.

Visit [www.ahfcroyals.com](http://www.ahfcroyals.com) for STP or email: [pkasperitis@albionhurricanes.org](mailto:pkasperitis@albionhurricanes.org)





## MEMORIAL HERMANN CYPRESS HOSPITAL CELEBRATES FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF OPENING

CYPRESS – More than 700 babies born, one thousand surgeries completed, and 14 thousand Emergency Center visits. These are just a few of the accomplishments Memorial Hermann Cypress Hospital will be celebrating on the first anniversary of opening on March 31, 2018.

“We’ve seen amazing growth in the hospital’s first year of operation. I am proud that the community has embraced us as a trusted care provider. We will continue to expand services in the years to come to meet the needs of this growing community,” said Heath Rushing, Senior Vice President and CEO of Memorial

Hermann Cypress.

Since opening, the 81-bed facility has added a High-Risk Pregnancy Center, Wound Care, and robotic surgery capabilities. The hospital also began its journey toward becoming a designated Level III trauma center and Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

“It takes time to demonstrate the consistent, high-quality care offered at the hospital in order to receive these designations. We feel confident that we will show the state that we can handle seriously injured and ill patients, and ultimately receive both designations,” said Jessica Rivas, Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer at Memorial Hermann Cypress.

Memorial Hermann Cypress invites members of the community to attend a First Anniversary Celebration on April 7, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The family-friendly event will have carnival-style food and games and a live DJ, as well as opportunities to meet affiliated physicians and receive free health screenings.

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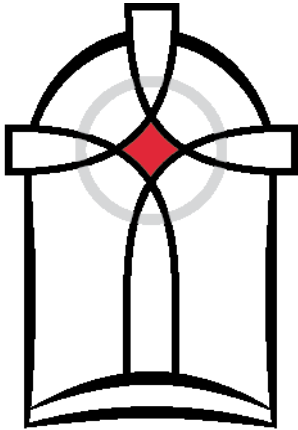
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## ST. JOSEPH ALTAR CELEBRATES TRADITION, CULTURE AND FAMILY AT CHRIST THE REDEEMER



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Houston (Feb. 15) – All are welcome to the annual St. Joseph Altar and Spaghetti Luncheon at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, 11507 Huffmeister Road, Houston, TX 77065. The event will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 11 in the Christ the Redeemer Parish Hall.

The event will include the beautiful altar, honoring St. Joseph, the procession of little saints, as well as a delicious lunch. Lunch includes a traditional Sicilian meal of spaghetti, Italian green beans, salad and bread. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$4 for children. Children under 3 years old eat free. In addition, there will

be a bake sale, which includes traditional Italian cookies, as well as homemade cakes.

All proceeds for this event go to Cypress Assistance Ministries to help needy families in our area and those affected by Hurricane Harvey. For more information, visit the Christ the Redeemer website at [ctrcc.com/st-joseph-altar](http://ctrcc.com/st-joseph-altar).

Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church is a community of Catholic Christian believers, in communion with the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. In the spirit of love, hospitality and social justice, we serve the people of the greater Cypress area. Through evangelization, education, charity and service, we are called to use our diverse gifts to grow together and encounter Jesus in Word and Sacrament. Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter, @CtRHouston.

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## CYPRESS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL NEWS

### **Cypress Christian School to Participate in the College Board AP Capstone Diploma Program**

CCS is one of approximately 1,500 high schools worldwide to implement the AP Capstone Program - an innovative program that allows students to develop skills that matter most for college success, such as research, collaboration and communication. Developed in direct response to feedback from higher education faculty and college admission officers, AP Capstone complements the in-depth, subject-specific study of other Advanced Placement courses and exams. The program consists of two courses taken in sequence: AP Seminar and AP Research.

### **State Representative Honors Warrior Football**

State Representative and CCS parent, Dr. Tom Oliverson visited the campus recently to honor the Cypress Christian Warriors football team. He presented each player and coach with a certificate of honor for accomplishing something that had never been done in school history, bringing home the TAPPS Division III State Championship trophy for football. The school was also presented with a Texas flag that was flown at the Capitol of the Sovereign State of Texas.

### **Cypress Christian Upcoming Admission Event**

Thursday, April 12 Cypress Christian School will host a K-12 Preview.

Visit [CypressChristian.org/Admissions](http://CypressChristian.org/Admissions) for more details.

### **FREE COMMUNITY EVENT! 1st Annual Northwest Preschool Preview**

Come learn more about NW area preschools. Representatives from multiple area preschools will be in attendance. This is a free interactive event, open to everyone!

Date: Sunday, April 8, 2018

Time: 1 – 3 p.m

Location: Cypress Christian School  
11123 Cypress N Houston Rd  
Houston, TX 77065





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## REGISTER FOR LOCAL SENATE DISTRICT DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

The 2018 Senate District 17 (Harris County) and Senate District 7 Democratic Convention will be held on Saturday, March 24th at Northbrook High School (Spring Branch ISD), located at 1 Raider Circle South, Houston TX, 77080. (Senate District 17 and Senate District 7 will be holding a joint convention).

Registration/Check-in starts at 8:00 am with a Call-to-Order at 9:00 am. The Convention is expected to adjourn at 3:00 pm. **The Convention is free and open to ALL Democrats but it is important that you pre-register for the convention. To register, visit [TexasDemocraticConvention.com](http://TexasDemocraticConvention.com).**

The Senate District Conventions are held every two years in preparation for the Texas Democratic Convention (to be held June 21-23 in Fort Worth). The purpose of the Senate District Convention will be to: Select delegates to the State Convention; Pass Resolutions that will be forwarded to the State Convention for possible inclusion in the Party Platform; Meet your fellow Democratic activists in your precinct and neighborhood; Hear from Democratic candidates and elected officials.

## SHALOM CYPRESS

Shalom Cypress was established in 2011 by local families seeking a Jewish presence in Northwest Houston. We are the closest synagogue within 25 miles of the nearest synagogue. Many thought that they were the only Jews in the Cypress area, but it turns out that they were wrong! Shalom Cypress has grown to more than 30 affiliated families.

Passover is right around the corner! We will be having a Passover Seder, along with our monthly services. Please visit our website at [www.shalomcypress.org](http://www.shalomcypress.org), or e-mail us at [info@shalomcypress.org](mailto:info@shalomcypress.org) to find out more information.

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## SQUIRRELS

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



What do these three words have in common—grey, fox and flyer? If you guessed they are all in the squirrel family, you would be correct. Squirrels are the most widely known and recognized of mammals and inhabit all continents except Antarctica and Australia.

Squirrels have 4 front teeth, two on top and two on the bottom, that continue to grow throughout their lives. Constant gnawing helps to keep them short and sharp.

At TWRC Wildlife Center, we have two non-releasable grey squirrels that are used as Animal Ambassadors. These squirrels don't have access to the outdoors so TWRC must provide them with materials they would find in the wild to keep their teeth trimmed. One of the squirrels has a malocclusion, the result of a fall when he was a baby. Because of the injury, we must file his teeth every month. If not done, it would eventually cause his death because he would be unable to eat.

### Grey Squirrels (*Sciurus carolinensis*)

- Predominantly grey in color with a whitish belly.
- They are about 14 to 20 inches long with a 7 to 10 inch tail.
- They have 22 teeth.
- Tend to give birth twice a year.

### Fox Squirrels (*Sciurus niger*)

- This is the largest tree squirrel.
- They have a reddish-orange belly.
- They are 18-29 inches long not counting their tail which is about a foot long.
- They have 20 teeth.
- Can have two litters per year but typically only have one.

### Flying Squirrels (*Glaucomys volans*)

- There is a membrane, called a patagium, between their front and back legs that allows them to glide from tree to tree. They can glide up to 150 feet.
- They are nocturnal. This is the reason so few people ever see one.
- They are about 9 inches long with a 4 inch tail and weigh about 3 ounces
- Their preferred den sites are holes in stumps and cavities in trees.

Spring babies are already being brought to TWRC Wildlife Center. If you find squirrel babies, we are here to help. During business hours, we're happy to answer your questions over the phone—713-468-TWRC. If it's after hours, go to our website for helpful information: [www.twrcwildlifecenter.org](http://www.twrcwildlifecenter.org).

## PILLBUGS

Pillbugs, or roly-polys, are crustaceans, more closely related to crayfish and shrimp than insects. Crustaceans usually live in aquatic environments, but pillbugs are terrestrial. Even though they live on land, they still require moist environments for survival. Pillbugs do not bite, sting, transmit diseases, or cause physical damage to the home or its contents.

Pillbugs are ¼- ½" with dark grey coloring. Their oval bodies are convex above and either flat or concave underneath. Pillbugs have seven pairs of legs and two pairs of antennae and roll up into a ball when disturbed.

Pillbugs are scavengers, feeding mainly on decaying organic matter. They may occasionally feed on young, tender plants, but damage is typically not significant. They can be found under mulch, leaf litter, flower pots, compost, stones or other items resting on the ground.

Pillbugs may invade crawl spaces and homes at ground level with common points of entry being door thresholds and expansion joints. When these pests are seen indoors, there is usually a large population breeding outside of the home near the foundation. Since pillbugs require moisture, they do not survive indoors for more than a few days unless there are very moist or damp conditions.

To manage infestations inside the home, rely on sanitation and exclusion techniques. Repair or replace door thresholds and seal expansion joints where pillbugs may be entering the structure. Pesticides are not usually needed indoors to manage these occasional invaders. They soon die on their own from lack of moisture and can be swept up using a broom and dustpan or a vacuum.

Outdoors, move any piles of debris away from the foundation of the home. If there are high numbers in and around landscape beds, turn the mulch to allow it dry out which makes the area uninhabitable. Any leaky faucets or irrigation lines as well as leaking air conditioning units should be repaired to eliminate moisture buildup. You may choose a pesticide to treat mulched areas or other areas that are harboring large pillbug populations. Look for products labeled for pillbugs, sowbugs, or isopods.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at [www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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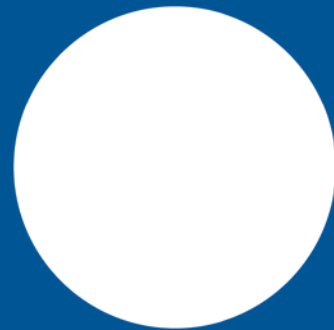
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