

# HOME SAFETY AND SECURITY INSPECTIONS

The HCSO's Crime Prevention Unit conducts free home security inspections for a possible 5% discount on your homeowner's insurance premium. Inspections are conducted by HCSO deputies who are certified Crime Prevention Specialists. In order to qualify, your home must meet the requirements in the flyer attached.

When your home meets these requirements, complete the form and mail it to the HCSO address indicated. Once a Program request is received, a deputy will contact you to schedule an on-site inspection. There is typically a two-week waiting period before an inspection can be performed.

## **SPORTS EQUIPMENT** ON COMMON AREA

Sports equipment is not allowed to be placed on community property or to be left in view on private property. Please refer to section 3.52 of the minimum construction standards and guidelines for more specific information. We will place a notice on any equipment placed on common property giving a 24 hour notice to remove it. If it is not removed, we will have it removed. If it reappears, we will remove it without notice.

## Saint Aidan's Episcopal Church 13131 Fry Road Cypress, TX 77433 VBS - July 9-13, 2018

Take an adventure with us for an exciting and adventurous week, July 9-13 at VBS! Early registration is March 1-April 22, costing \$20.00. Regular registration is April 23-June 16, costing \$30.00. Registration can be found at aidanschurch.org! Our theme this year is Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus. Kids will learn what it means that Jesus carries us and with us through life's storms. Registration can be found at aidanschurch.org. For more information, contact Taylor Durr at taylor@aidanschurch.org.

If your home passes the inspection, the results will be forwarded to the Texas Department of Insurance who will then mail you a certificate. That certificate should then be mailed to your homeowner's insurance agency for any applicable discounts.

For more information on home safety inspections, other services or to schedule an inspection, please contact the HCSO's Crime Prevention Unit at (713) 759-9454.

https://www.harriscountyso.org/ReportCrime/HCSO\_SafeHomes.aspx



# Cy-Fair Republican Women **April Meeting**

CFRW will meet on Tuesday, April 10th at 10:30 AM.

Hearthstone Country Club, 7615 Ameswood, Houston, TX 77095

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

April's speaker topic will be Immigration Reform.

See the website for details and RSVP to www.cfrw.net by April 3rd.

Several candidates attend our meetings regularly so come and get to know them.

We look forward to seeing you there. Cy-Fair RepublicanWomen - info@cfrw.net

### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

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Guard House	281-357-4183
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Tomball Independent School Dist	281-357-3100
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Canyon Pointe Elementary	281-357-3122
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Willow Wood Junior High	281-357-3030
Tomball High School	281-357-3220
Tomball Memorial High School	281-357-3170
PROPERTY TAX	
Harris County Tax	713-224-1919
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POLICE & FIRE	
Emergency	011
Harris County Sheriff ( Non Emergency)	
Klein Vol. Fire Dept	
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MEDICAL	/
Tomball Regional Medical Center	
Methodist Willowbrook Hospital	
Houston Northwest Medical Center	
Cy-Fair Hospital	
Texas Sports Medicine Center	
Poison Control	
Cypress Creek EMS (www.ccems.com)	281-3/8-0800
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# TOTALLY AWESOME!

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center

So, what am I referring to? I'm referring to the totally awesome opossum! Now some of you will disagree with me but let me tell you about the opossum and then see if you agree with me.

The first thing you should know is that the opossum is a hero in the fight against ticks. According to the National Wildlife Federation, an opossum can eat up to 4,000 ticks in one week helping to slow down the spread of Lyme disease. In addition to ticks, they eat cockroaches, rats, mice, snails and slugs—actually, they eat almost anything, keeping our environment free of all the nasty things we don't like. Snakes? Yep. Opossums are immune to the venom of poisonous snakes.

Is rabies a concern of yours? Not to worry. Although any mammal can be a carrier of rabies, the chance of opossums being a carrier are very rare. The body temperature of the opossum is very low making it almost impossible for the virus to survive.

Dinosaurs roamed our earth 70 million years ago. Guess who roamed it with them? Opossums. Any animal that can survive for that long deserves my respect.

"Playing 'possum" is a real thing but opossums don't have any control over it. When frightened, some become paralyzed with fear. They drop, their lips draw back exposing their teeth and their anal glands secrete a bad smelling liquid which deters predators. They will recover in one to four hours. Some scientists believe that "playing 'possum" evolved as a defense mechanism because opossums move so slowly and can't outrun predators.

The opossum is the only marsupial in North America. Females can give birth to up to 25 babies after a short gestation period of 11 to 13 days. The babies are so small that 20 of them could fit into a teaspoon. The babies make their way to mama's pouch where only 13 teats are available. Obviously, not all the babies survive for this reason. The lucky ones latch onto the teat and stay attached for up to 3 months. They climb out and cling to their mother's back (Continued on Page 4)





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for up to 2 weeks when they "fall" off. They are then on their own.

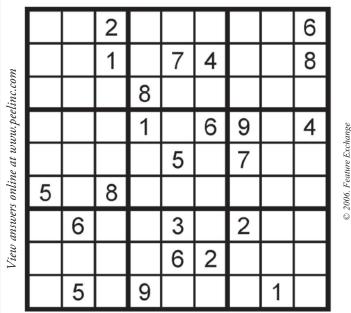
The opossum has 50 teeth—more than any other North American land mammal. The hairless tail is used for balance, grasping branches and carrying nesting materials but is not used to hang upside down. This is a common misconception. They also have opposable thumbs on their hind feet used for holding onto branches.

Are you now convinced that opossums are totally awesome? Even if you're not, we encourage you to "live and let live." They serve a purpose and deserve a place in our world.

If you find a dead opossum with babies in the pouch, please don't remove them. Although difficult, we ask that you place the expired mom in a box and bring her to us. We will carefully remove the babies and care for them until they can be safely released back to the wild.

TWRC Wildlife Center can help you with all of your wildlife concerns. Answers to many of your questions can be found on our website at www.twrcwildlifecenter.org. If you can't find the information you need, please call us at 713-468-TWRC.

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### **Home Security Inspection**

5% Reduction in Homeowner's Insurance Premiums
Chapter 5, Texas Insurance Code, Amended Article 5.33A

With a home security inspection homeowners can receive a discount in their homeowner's insurance premium. Per the Texas Department of Insurance, the home must meet the following requirements to pass the inspection. The requirements are concentrated on the windows, doors and locks.

- 1. Exterior doors are solid core doors that are 1-3/8" thick and are secured by deadbolt locks. Deadbolts must lock with a minimum bolt throw of 1" to penetrate a metal strike plate. If the doors, secured by a deadbolt lock have breakable glass within 40" of the lock, the lock must be keyed from both sides unless prohibited by life safety codes.
- 2. Metal doors are secured by deadbolt locks as described above.
- 3. Double doors must meet the specifications for exterior doors listed above have the inactive door secured by header and threshold bolts that penetrate metal strike plates. In case of breakable glass within 40" of header or threshold bolts, the bolts should be flush-mounted in the edge of the door.
- 4. Sliding glass doors are secured by secondary locking devices to prevent lifting and prying.
- 5. Dutch doors have concealed flush-bold locking devices to interlock upper and lower halves, and are secured by a deadbolt as described above.
- 6. Garage doors are equipped with key operated locking devices.
- 7. Windows are secured by auxiliary locking devices. An auxiliary locking device required by this section includes screws, wooden dowels, pinning devices, and/or key operated locks. In areas in which life safety codes permit, metal bars and gratings, if mounted to prevent easy removal, may be substituted for auxiliary locking devices. Jalousies or gratings mounted as provided above.

NOTE: Electronic alarm systems are not included in these requirements and have no bearing on the inspection. The Texas Crime Prevention Association has strongly recommended that no licensed inspector conduct alarm inspections until the Texas Legislature revises the present bill.

When your home meets these requirements please complete the form below and mail it to us to schedule your inspection appointment. If your home passes the inspection, the results will be forwarded to the Texas Department of Insurance who will then mail you a certificate.

Detach and mail to the address below					
HCSO Crime Prevention Unit 9111 Eastex Freeway, Suite 300 Houston, TX 77093 (713) 759-9454					
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Homes SOLD in February 5 Avg Days on Market 47 Avg Sales Price \$230,280 Average List Price vs Sales Price Ratio 96.15% \*Data is from HAR for 2-1-18 through 2-28-18

#### As of March 1, 2018:

Homes Currently for Sale 5 Price Range \$215,000 - \$290,000

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