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BRIDGELAND CARSHOW April 6, 2019

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The Times is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Bridgeland residents. Each newsletter is filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports activity, social group, etc. and would like to submit an article for the newsletter you can do so online at www.PEELinc.com or you can email it <u>bridgeland@peelinc.com</u>. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, special celebrations, birthday announcements and military service are also welcome.*Our goal is to keep you informed!*





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Bridgeland Garden Club Tour of the Best Garden Nurseries in Houston

Wednesday, March 6, 9:00 a.m

Program: Nurseries in the Heights

Leave from the Activity Center at 9:00 a.m. and carpool to The Heights to visit Joshua's Nursery & Antiques at 502 West 18th Street. We will then go to Buchanan Native Plants & Organics Nursery at 611 East 11th Street followed by a visit to Wabash Feed, Garden and Antiques (buy your chickens & rabbits here!). Lunch at Collina's Italian Cafe 502 West 19th St. Houston Shopping at Penzey's Spices RSVP to kayburkhalter@sbcglobal.net if coming.

Bridgeland Garden Club Boots & Gloves Coffee Hour

Make new friends and learn what fun the Bridgeland Garden Club Gals have. Visitors Welcome

When: 10: am to 1: 00 om Tuesday March 19 Where: 18118 East Allen Shore Drive

What to wear: Your favorite gardening boots/shoes and gloves or just come as you are

What to bring: a dish to share if you have time RSVP to kayburkhalter@sbcglobal.net if you are coming



Art Classes

Presented by Bridgeland Arts Group

Learn to paint Moon Glow at 12:00 - 5:00 on Thursday March 7, at The Activity Center at 16902 N. Bridgeland Lake Pkwy.

All supplies provided, 8 x 10 canvas and acrylic paint for \$25. Please wear old clothes or bring an old tee shirt to wear over your clothes. Only 7 spots available contact Kathy Rowe at krowe003@ att.net to reserve a seat.



Bridgeland Community Garage Sale

Saturday April 6th 8pm-12pm

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Todd A. Worley, MD Bariatric and General Surgery

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Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital 18220 State Hwy. 249 Conference Center, 1st Floor Houston, TX 77070

Refreshments and giveaways

To register, visit houstonmethodist.org/events or call 281.737.2500.



ST. AIDAN'S HOSTS ASHES TO GO

Ash Wednesday is around the corner, and the folks at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church are gearing up for their second annual Ashes to Go event.

"Last year was the first time we held Ashes to Go, and we had such a tremendous response," said the Rev. Les Carpenter, rector at St. Aidan's. "We had more than 160 people come through our drive-through prayer station, wanting to have ashes imposed on them and receive prayer. That's a visitor every six minutes. It was amazing.

"We had people come from all over our CyFair area. We even had some stop by in the morning and tell their friends about us, who showed up later in the day."

In addition to offering the Ashes to Go, St. Aidan's will host two traditional services, one at 6 a.m. and one at 7 p.m.

"We invite everyone in the community to visit us on Ash Wednesday, March 6," Carpenter said. "We will have prayer volunteers in our parking lot from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Twelve hours straight ... welcome to Lent.

"We also will be giving away our Lent in a Bag, which is designed to help families dive deeper into reflection during the Lenten season." Ash Wednesday marks the start of Lent, which is the 46 days before Easter.

"Church-goers receive ashes on their forehead in the shape of a cross, as a reminder that we came from ashes and to ashes we will return," Carpenter said. "Lent is designed to be a period of reflection and renewal and return to God, leading up to Easter, where we celebration the Resurrection of Christ."

St. Aidan's is located at 13131 Fry Road, Cypress, Texas. For more information, please contact the church office or visit us atwww.aidanschurch.org.





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See a Live Butterfly Release!

11:30 am - 3:00 pm | Messiah Lutheran Church | Butterfly Family Festival Sunday, March 31, 2019 | 11522 Telge Rd., Cypress, TX 77429

Come see a LIVE butterfly release, have some great food, and enjoy some family fun! Messiah Lutheran Church is hosting its annual Butterfly Family Festival on Sunday, March 31, 11:30 AM - 3:00 PM.

The event will include a BBQ lunch, silent auction, raffles for adults and children, games, and activities for all ages. Activities include an inflatable slide and basketball, cake walk, book walk, train on wheels, music with a local DJ, and an egg hunt for children ages 1 to 5 and another one for ages 6 to 10. Raffle items include a Ring Doorbell security system and a basket full of gift cards from local businesses. Tickets for all activities can be purchased that day. Craft booths are available for vendors; please call 281 807 0764 for details.

The day's events will benefit Chrysalis, A Grace Place for Children, by providing scholarships to families that attend our school and improvements to the playground. Chrysalis features a Christian preschool, after school, and summer camp programs. Chrysalis Christian Preschool admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin. Call 281-807-0764 or go to www.messiahlc.org/ events for further information. Messiah Lutheran Church is a grace place, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Messiah is located at 11522 Telge Road, ½ mile north of Highway 290. Regular Sunday worship times are: 8 am—Traditions; 9:30 am—The Gathering; and 10:45 am—The Crossing. The Discovery (education) Hour is 9:15-10:30 am on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or www.messiahlc.org. All people are welcome at Messiah.



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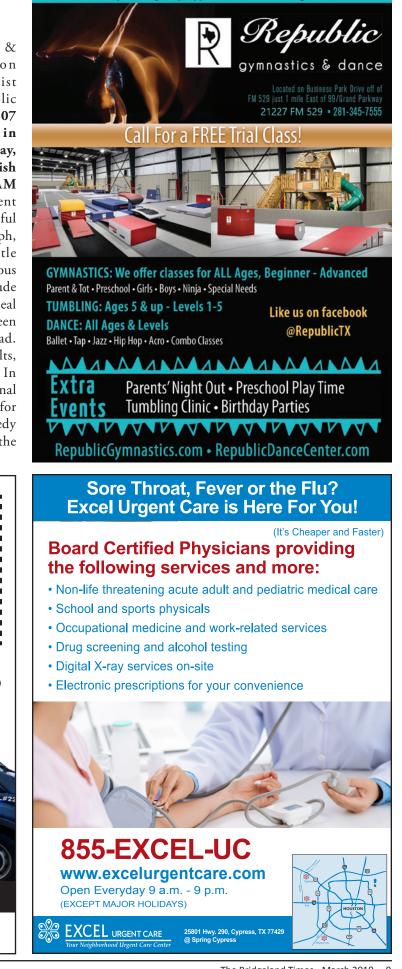
St. Joseph Altar & Spaghetti Luncheon



St. Joseph Altar & Spaghetti Luncheon will be held at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, located at 11507 Huffmeister Road in Houston, TX on Sunday, March 17th in the Parish Hall from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM. The event will include the beautiful Altar, honoring St. Joseph, the procession of little saints, as well as a delicious lunch. Lunch will include a traditional Sicilian meal of spaghetti, Italian green beans, salad, and bread. Tickets are \$7 for Adults,

\$4 for children. Children under 3 years of age 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 the needy in our area. For more information, check out the Christ the Redeemer website at ctrcc.com





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Aeration Now Can Help Your Spring & Summer Irrigation



In order to prepare your lawn for a healthy spring growing season, you should employ basic lawn care practices at this time of year, which includes aerating your yard. It is important that nutrients reach the soil beneath your

grass, and aeration can help you get that done.

Aeration involves making small holes in the soil to allow air, water and nutrients to get to the grass roots.

This helps the roots grow deeper and produce a stronger, more vibrant lawn.

Aerating helps alleviate soil compaction. Compacted soils have too many solid particles in a space, which prevents proper circulation of air, water and nutrients within the soil. Excess lawn thatch or heavy organic debris buried under the grass surface can also starve the roots from these essential elements.

So when is the right time to get this aeration done? These next six to eight weeks leading up to the spring season, when grass begins to grow again, is a good time to aerate.



The two main aeration tools are the spike aerator and a plug aerator. The spike aerator poke holes in the ground with a solid piece of metal. Plug aerators remove a core or plug of grass and soil from the lawn. Most landscaping companies and horticulturists recommend the use of the plug aerator. The machines can be rented or you can have a lawn care service aerate for you. After aerating, it's always a good idea to apply about a half-inch of compost over the aerated yard. The compost fills in the holes left by the plug aerator and brings organic materials into the root zone.

If you have noticed that your turfgrass isn't looking its best or that water has difficulty penetrating through the soil surface, it may be time to aerate your lawn. Lawns with clay soils that get a lot of foot traffic typically require aeration more often as they become compacted over time. Here's a great tip to check to see if your yard needs to be aerated.

Using a shovel, dig a square-foot section of grass about six inches deep and take a look at it. If the grass roots don't extend further than two inches deep into the soil, your lawn would benefit from aeration.

If you plan to aerate your own yard, here are a few helpful tips to get the job done.

• Before you get started, make sure the soil is moist enough. There's nothing more frustrating than trying to aerate soil that is bone dry. Aerating the day after a rain shower or watering your lawn the day before is advised.

• Most aeration machines cover only a small percentage of soil surface per pass, so make multiple passes over the most compacted areas. Save resources (and your energy) by leaving unaffected areas alone.

• The soil plugs can be left on the ground after aeration and allowed to decompose. Or, you can rake them into piles to throw in the compost bin. However, this isn't necessary as it should take about two to four weeks for the soil cores to break down naturally. Sprinkle compost (sand or peat moss can be used instead of compost) over the lawn to fill in the holes.

• An aeration myth is that if you apply a pre-emergent herbicide on your lawn in the spring, aerating your lawn will destroy the herbicide "barrier." This is not true — research shows that aeration will not affect crabgrass control or weed prevention.

After aerating, it's important to continue appropriate lawn care practices.

Aerating will help you save water over the spring and summer seasons. Instead of running off or only penetrating a few inches, water will be better absorbed in an aerated yard. That makes your entire landscape and your water bill happier.

Did you know...

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, outdoor water use varies greatly depending upon geographic location. In dry climates such as that in the Trinity Glen Rose District, a household's outdoor water use can be as high as 60 percent. Some experts estimate that as much as 50% of that irrigation water is wasted due to inefficient watering techniques, wind and evaporation.

Blessings for Food Pantry & Children: Messiah Lutheran's Community Garden

Why are people growing little plants under lights in their dining room? Why are other people growing 35 sweet potatoes in pots on their porch? It might seem suspicious or odd, but these people are getting ready for the spring planting at Messiah Lutheran's Community Garden.

Mike Strickler notes, "It is awesome to be part of this team project. Besides delighting in God's creation, we donate these vegetables and fruits to Cypress Assistance Ministries (CAM). We recognized a need for fresh produce for those who are less fortunate and decided to use our varied talents to make a difference." In the past year, over 365 lbs. of fresh produce were donated.

Imagine the weight of crates filled with produce or the smell of cilantro filling the car. When Diana and Mike Kalb witnessed these deliveries to CAM, they were filled with pride and joy. They understood the hard work of preparation, planting, and harvesting that had been involved.

Henry Lombrana, the Director of the Food Pantry at CAM, notes that clients love having fresh produce, instead of only canned goods. This option is not available at some other food pantries. Fortunately, CAM's partners like Messiah Lutheran and some local grocery stores provide fresh vegetables and fruits, which are otherwise too expensive for a limited budget. Also, CAM has "Special Delivery" clients (mostly seniors or individuals with disabilities) who appreciate receiving fresh produce. These items are a God-send, especially if they are on low-sodium or low-sugar diets and cannot use most of the canned goods at the food pantry.

Gardening also evokes good memories of working with soil, mulch, and plants for many people. If you like getting your hands dirty, come and join us in tending to God's creation. If you want to learn more about gardening, take some free classes from our master gardener, Ron Richter, and maybe make small plots in your own yard. These classes are offered on a regular basis.

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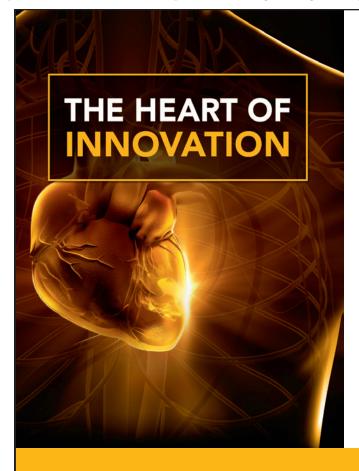
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They really like being outside and having hands-on learning. They are excited to work their own plot, water the plants, and harvest the goods. Plus, the children get to taste different varieties of vegetables and to take a baggie of delicious home-grown produce to share with their families. Given that a theme this summer is "Garden to Table," some kids might be imagining their own garden one day!

Gardening is special in so many different ways. Messiah Lutheran is deeply grateful to connect with God's creation and care for God's people with their Community Garden.



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