



CYPRESS MILL *Chronicle*

NEWS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF CYPRESS MILL

January 2020

Volume 20, Issue 1

The Power of Volunteerism

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



I often say that I'm working harder now as a volunteer president of a board of directors than I ever did as a paid employee. The hours are long, the work can be frustrating, and worrying about keeping our doors open is very stressful. But all it takes is for me to hold a tiny, helpless little opossum in my hand or witness the release of an animal back to

the wild and I know why I do it. A sense of calm and purpose takes over and I feel great about what I'm doing.

- Makes you feel good
- Contributes to a longer life - volunteers encounter greater longevity and less frequency of heart disease. It can also slow the progress of Alzheimer's and other memory loss diseases.

- Gives purpose – as we age, we sometimes feel isolated but no matter who we are or what our age is, volunteering can give our lives new meaning.

- Combats stress – studies actually show the more you volunteer, the happier you become. Your body releases dopamine in the brain when you help others. This has a positive effect on how you feel.

- Sets a good example – as parents, our greatest hope is that our children grow up to be caring, giving adults. What better way to make that happen than to set a good example?

- Teaches new skills – we see it all the time. Volunteers are afraid to pick up a bird, a squirrel or opossum. With encouragement and instruction, they gain confidence and learn not only to pick them up but to feed them. You can see the pride on their faces!

Don't let fear stop you from volunteering. It's very much like starting a new job and for those of you who work, you know how stressful that can be. Every non-profit knows how valuable volunteers are. Volunteers provide their time, energies and talents to help non-profits fulfill their missions. Most non-profits have limited budgets and volunteers are the reason many non-profits are able to operate and keep the bills paid.

The most important thing to remember is to do what interests you. Do you like working with senior citizens? The homeless? Dogs and cats? If you volunteer somewhere and find it's not for you, keep looking until you find your passion.

If caring for injured, orphaned or displaced wildlife is of interest to you, please contact us. Maybe you don't want to handle animals but would like to recruit fellow volunteers, work in fundraising or design brochures. We have many different areas where you can offer your time and talents. Give Berri a call at 713.468.8972.

Make a New Year's resolution to volunteer. You'll be pleasantly surprised how this will add to your life!

the wild and I know why I do it. A sense of calm and purpose takes over and I feel great about what I'm doing.

People volunteer for a number of reasons. Some are retired and are looking for something meaningful to do. Some are students wanting to learn more about their chosen field of study. Some feel it's a way to pay it forward and some don't have a choice. They have to complete court-ordered community service.

I think we would all agree that helping others makes a person feel good but did you know that studies show there are health benefits from volunteering? According to Rodlescia Sneed, a public health research associate at Michigan State University who has studied the impacts of volunteering, "In my own work I've shown it's linked to improvements in factors like depressive symptoms, purpose in life, and feelings of optimism." It's also been shown to lower blood pressure and reduces the feelings of depression.

Here's a list of all the benefits of volunteering according to Non-Profit Hub:

- Boosts self-esteem
- Expands your connections - some people are just born with the "gift of gab" and have no trouble talking to others. For those that tend to be shy, it's the perfect opportunity to make new friends with people who share the same interests.

CYPRESS MILL

Important Numbers

Robison Elementary.....	281-213-1700
Spillane Middle School.....	281-213-1645
Cy-Fair High School.....	281-897-4600
Cy-Woods High School.....	281-213-1919
Constable Ron Hickman, (24 Hour Emergency)	281-376-3472
Centerpoint Energy Gas.....	713-659-2111
Centerpoint Emergency Gas Leaks.....	713-659-3552
CenterPoint Energy.....	713-207-2222
Poison Control Center.....	800-764-7661
Cypress Mill M.U.D. #1.....	281-374-8989
AT&T Repair Center.....	800-246-8464
Street Light Outages.....	713-207-2222
Comcast Cable.....	713-341-1000
Waste Corporation of America Recycling.....	281-368-8397
Principal Management.....	713-329-7100
Pipeline Company	281-925-3816
<i>Mowing of Pipeline easement; Standing water; Smells or leaks</i>	
Street Lights – Center Point Energy.....	713-207-2222
<i>Damaged or Burned Out Street Lights</i>	
<i>**They will need 6-digit pole number when calling**</i>	
Harris County Road and Bridge	281-463-6300
<i>To request street signs and to report street damage, curb damage, street flooding, or missing/damaged street signs.</i>	
Newsletter Publisher	
Contributing Editor.....	Samantha Y. Obas
Articles.....	cypressmill@peelinc.com
Peel, Inc.	advertising@PEELinc.com , 888-687-6444

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the newsletters is the 9th of each month.
Please email articles to: cypressmill@peelinc.com

Advertising Information

Please support the businesses that advertise in the Messenger. Their advertising dollars make it possible for all Cypress Mill residents to receive the monthly newsletter at no charge. No homeowners association funds are used to produce or mail the newsletters. If you would like to support the newsletter by advertising, please contact Peel, Inc. Sales Office at 888-687-6444, advertising@PEELinc.com

AHFC Junior Hurricanes Soccer Registration for the Spring 2020 Now Open

The Junior Hurricanes Soccer League (JH) is led by professional United States Soccer Federation (USSF) licensed staff and is designed for boys & girls who want to play and have fun in a safe and developmentally appropriate environment. The JHSL program is being offered at multiple locations and in conjunction with CFSA at the Schiel Road Complex. To learn more about each location and to register please visit www.albionhurricanes.org. Season begins in February!

For those wishing only to train, join us in Katy for AHFC Friday Night Academy. Visit Katy Youth Soccer to register for this Friday Fun Program.

AHFC is proud to partner with New Territory and offer New Territory Thursday Night Academy, a 5-week Skills Program.

Email us at jhsl@albionhurricanes.org for more information or questions. Office Phone: 713-939-7473

Want a more competitive program? Join AHFC! Call us and we can find you a team: 713-939-7473. Website: www.albionhurricanes.org

PATIO COVERS | PERGOLAS | CARPORTS | PORTE COCHÈRES
OUTDOOR KITCHENS | DECORATIVE OUTDOOR FLOORING





CUSTOM PATIO STRUCTURES

Committed to Quality, Value & Service


832.570.3990
www.custompatiostructures.com


FAMILY OWNED & OPERATED WITH OVER 20 YEARS EXPERIENCE
FREE ESTIMATES & DESIGN CONSULTATION • 100% FINANCING AVAILABLE

Cypress Christian School

SENIOR SWIMMER QUALIFIES FOR OLYMPIC TRIALS

Elliott Jones is already committed to Auburn University as he looks to defend his TAPPS state titles from the last two seasons. This summer, he qualified for the Olympic Trials being held in Omaha, Nebraska in June of 2020 with a qualifying time of 2:02.88 in the 200-meter backstroke. At the end of the summer, he reached the finals in the Speedo Summer Junior Nationals in both the 100 and 200-meter backstroke. He made the top eight in the 200-meter, which earned him a medal and spot on the podium.



EIGHTH-GRADERS SERVE AT HOUSTON FOOD BANK

The eighth-grade class went to the Houston Food Bank in early December. One group of students worked in the refrigerated section sorting fruit while another group sorted and boxed up dry products. It was a great day spent working together to help provide food for families in need!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Elementary and middle school students donated items, wrote letters and packed 90 Christmas boxes for the Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child" project. The organization works together with schools to assemble shoe boxes filled with various gift items and messages of God's love. The Christmas boxes will be delivered to children in countries all around the world.

Why Join the Cypress Hot Talker Toastmasters (TM) Club?



Ask Roy Monarch, who belongs to Cypress Hot Talkers Toastmasters, who just completed Level Four Presentation Mastery. Many Congratulations to Roy!

The Hot Talkers TM club provides a great opportunity for meeting new residents within the Cypress community, while building confidence, developing communication, and leadership skills.

Our meetings afford everyone an opportunity to:

- Facilitate Meetings (leadership track)
- Deliver prepared speeches (communication track)
- Members present one-to two-minute impromptu speeches on assigned topics
- Offering constructive evaluation

When does the Cypress Hot Talkers Toastmasters club meet?

Our club meets Tuesday January 14 of from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Bridgeland Fire Station #13, 10222 Westgreen Blvd Cypress, Tx 77433. Visitors are very welcome.

Join Us for a Special Business Networking Event

On Tuesday, January 14th at 6:30 pm just before the Toastmasters Meeting, please join us for a half n hour social networking event for business owners in the Cypress area. Business owners are invited as well as folks interested in learning about Toastmasters.

CYPRESS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



KINDERGARTEN PREVIEW: THURS. JAN. 30 7 p.m.
K-12 PREVIEW: THURS. FEB. 6 7 p.m.

11123 Cypress N. Houston Road, Houston, TX 77065 | 281.469.8829 | CypressChristian.org

Cypress-Tomball Democrats

LILLIE SCHECHTER, HCDP CHAIR WILL SPEAK



The Cypress-Tomball Democrats will hold its next monthly meeting Tuesday, January 21, 2020, at Rudy's Grill and Cantina, 11760 Grant Road, Houston. There is a meet and greet at 6:30 p.m., and the general meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.

Lillie Schechter, Harris County Democratic Party Chair, will be the speaker for the January meeting of the Cypress-Tomball Democrats. Lillie is proud to have recently presided over the Party's most historic county-wide sweep in a single election, thanks to the work she and so many others did during the 2018 midterm election cycle. She is a political strategist and fundraiser who has been advising local and national Democratic candidates and organizations for over a decade. Come out to meet Lillie & help us welcome her to Northwest Houston.

All are welcome to attend and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month.

For more information, contact Undrai Fizer at cytomdemocrats@gmail.com, or visit the club's Facebook page.

Tomball Art League



The Tomball Art League welcomes guest demo artist Susan Giannantonio who loves to paint! She likes, as often as possible, to surround herself with creative people who are comfortable with an occasional bout of fun,

who don't mind getting messy with paint and who consider it a point of pride to wear staining colors under their fingernails. Susan never attended kindergarten and is on a lifelong remedial journey toward achieving that skill set.

"To play is to discover."—SG

Our meetings are held in the LSC-Tomball Community Library meeting room, 30555 Tomball Pkwy, 77375. Join us at 10:30 (doors open at 10:00) for a brief business meeting followed by socializing/networking and finish with an inspiring demo artist.

Are you an artist? Do you work in watercolor, acrylics or oils? Do you work in clay? Pastels? Are you a photographer? If you enjoy fine art we invite you to join the Tomball Art League and see what we are all about. Memberships are a nominal annual due of \$25/single or \$35/family. We gather together to promote Art Appreciation in Tomball and the surrounding communities and are always striving to meet new artists in the area! Meeting and demo is free and open to the public! Check us out, you'll be surprised!

Visit our website for more information.

www.thetomballartleague.com

Are You New to Houston or Gardening?

Join Us at Messiah Lutheran Church for Free Winter Gardening Classes!

February 4-18, 2020

New to Houston or to gardening? Messiah is offering free gardening classes to the community this winter. Join us at Messiah Lutheran Church to learn best practices in organic gardening.

The free gardening classes will consist of three one-hour sessions happening on Tuesday, September 10, 17 and 24 at 7 pm in the Messiah's Community Room. In addition to the gardening classes we will also be offering a free session on Bee Pollination on Saturday, September 21 at 10 am given by Matt Brantley of BZ Honey in our Fellowship Hall.

Evening Gardening Class @ 7 pm

September 10: Planning a Successful Garden

September 17: Soil Management and Plant Selection

September 24: Time to Plant Selection and Resources to Use

If you are interested in learning more about organic gardening, please sign up at <http://www.messiahlc.org/current-events>

Messiah Lutheran Church is a Lutheran Faith Community, 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 9:15-10:15 AM on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or www.messiahlc.org. All people are welcome at Messiah.

Register for the Northwest Flyers Kids Track Club

Ready, Set, Go! Calling all youth ages 6 - 18! Join the Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club for its 33rd Anniversary season by attending a free team Registration/Orientation Breakfast on Saturday, February 1st, 2020. The Breakfast starts promptly at 8:30 AM at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center Forum, 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX, 77379.

This event is an opportunity for you to learn about the team, and to meet the Northwest Flyers coaches, staff, and other new and returning athletes. The event will be highlighted by a special presentation from a member of the USA Track & Field Olympic organization (USATF). All athletes and parents who wish to join the Northwest Flyers must attend the orientation before registering.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a member of USA Track & Field (USATF) and offers a full program of sanctioned "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put, discus and javelin.

For additional information on the Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org>, contact linette.roach@sbcglobal.net, or "Like" the club on Facebook.



LAS VEGAS NIGHT



Ticket
Donation
\$25/person



In the Community Life Center at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
6646 Addicks-Satsuma Rd. Houston, TX 77084

TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED IN
ADVANCE OR AT THE DOOR
(All proceeds to benefit local Knights of Columbus charities)



SNACKS, DRINKS &
\$50,000 PLAY MONEY
ARE INCLUDED

Advance Purchase gets \$10,000 BONUS CHIPS!
Must be 21 or older to enter.



BAG
RAFFLE

PENNY
RAFFLE

January 25, 2020

Doors open at 6:00pm

Gaming: 6:30pm-9:30pm



Grand Prize Drawings:

Includes 2 - \$500 Gift Cards ~ Smart TV and MORE!

For Tickets or Information Contact:

Tom: 918-633-3806 ~ tdescioli@aol.com or Franklin: 281-732-6809

Come join us for fun & great prizes!

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council #8096

CYPRESS MILL

DISCLAIMER: Articles and ads in this newsletter express the opinions of their authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Peel, Inc. or its employees. Peel, Inc. is not responsible for the accuracy of any facts stated in articles submitted by others. The publisher also assumes no responsibility for the advertising content with this publication. All warranties and representations made in the advertising content are solely that of the advertiser and any such claims regarding its content should be taken up with the advertiser.

* The publisher assumes no liability with regard to its advertisers for misprints or failure to place advertising in this publication except for the actual cost of such advertising.

* Although every effort is taken to avoid mistakes and/or misprints, the publisher assumes no responsibility for any errors of information or typographical mistakes, except as limited to the cost of advertising as stated above or in the case of misinformation, a printed retraction/correction.

* Under no circumstances shall the publisher be held liable for incidental or consequential damages, inconvenience, loss of business or services, or any other liabilities from failure to publish, or from failure to publish in a timely manner, except as limited to liabilities stated above.

The Cypress Mill Chronicle is a private publication published by Peel, Inc. It is not sanctioned by any homeowners association or organization, nor is it subject to the approval of any homeowners association or organization, nor is it intended, nor implied to replace any publication that may be published by or on behalf of any homeowners association or organization. At no time will any source be allowed to use The Cypress Mill Chronicle contents, or loan said contents, to others in anyway, shape or form, nor in any media, website, print, film, e-mail, electrostatic copy, fax, or etc. for the purpose of solicitation, commercial use, or any use for profit, political campaigns, or other self amplification, under penalty of law without written or expressed permission from Peel, Inc. The information in the newsletter is exclusively for the private use of Peel, Inc.

The Cypress Ranch Choir

The Cypress Ranch Choirs' annual "Encore" performances will be on:

Friday, January 31st and Saturday, February 1st, at
7:00 p.m. in the Cypress Ranch
High School Auditorium.

For more information, please check the Cypress Ranch Choir website Cypress Ranch Choir or follow us on Instagram @cyranchchoir.



BASHANS PAINTING & HOME REPAIR

- Interior & Exterior Painting
- HardiPlank Insulation
- Sheetrock Repair
- Cabinet Painting
- Pressure Washing
- Fence Replacement
- Custom Staining
- Custom Texturing
- Wood Replacement
- Interior Carpentry
- Sheet Rock Insulation
- Interior & Exterior Door Replacements
- Stucco Repair
- Wallpaper Removal
- Crown Molding

NO MONEY UP FRONT
30 Years Experience • References Available

Commercial/Residential
~ FREE ESTIMATES ~

BashansPainting@yahoo.com

◆ FULLY INSURED

281-347-6702
281-731-3383



bashanspainting.com
HARDIPLANK®



Happy New Year from
WIRED GENERATORS
ELECTRICAL SERVICES by **WIRED**

713-467-1125

www.wiredes.com

Residential & Commercial Service
Family Owned & Operated

- Panel Upgrade / Replacement
- Additional Plugs and Outlets
- Smoke Detectors
- Troubleshooting
- TV Mounting

\$20 OFF Your Next Service Call!
Not to be combined with any other discounts or offers.
Expires 2/1/20

5 Year Warranty*
100% Customer Satisfaction Guaranteed!



BBB Master #100394 TECL # 22809





OUTSMARTING CANCER

in Northwest Houston
Willowbrook • Cypress • Spring • Tomball

Our nationally recognized specialists are finding new ways to outsmart cancer.

From screenings and diagnosis to the most advanced treatments, our leading cancer care is available at our Willowbrook location, which also serves the Cypress, Spring and Tomball communities. We offer personalized guidance and support, so you can focus on healing, surviving and thriving.



HOUSTON
Methodist[®]
CANCER CENTER

281.737.2500
houstonmethodist.org/cancer-wb



PEEL, INC.

1405 Brandi Ln
Round Rock, TX 78681

PRSR STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PEEL, INC.

CM



START YOUR NEW YEAR OFF BY ADVERTISING TO
YOUR NEIGHBORS! CONTACT US TODAY 512.263.9181