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OFFICIAL FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Fairfield Village

HELP

KATRINA VICTIMS

The Fairfield Athletic Center is collecting items for the hurricane victims. To help aid this great cause, the Athletic Center is offering a special to the residents of Fairfield.

Bring a Guest

and during the months of November and December, the \$5.00 Guest Fee will be waived ... just bring a donation for the Katrina victim's collection box.

Some of the items needed are:

Canned goods, baby items, school supplies, everyday items needed to sustain living.

We encourage you to bring an item of equal value to the guest fee.

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Please feel free to drop by the Fairfield Athletic Center anytime, whether you're bringing a guest or not, and donate an item or two.

HOLIDAY ON THE SQUARE



Sunday, December 11, 2005

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Old Market Center

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Lots of fun for the entire family ... Santa Claus, Kids' Area, Holiday Activities, Concessions, and a Vendor Gift Market.

If your group, church, or any other type of organization would like to participate, please contact Kim Moore at 281-373-3807.

ADMISSION:

**Bring a New Toy (unwrapped)
and 2 Non-Perishable Food Items**

FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY GAZETTE

Important Numbers

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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| Ambulance/Fire | 911 |
| Poison Control | 800-222-1222 |
| Sheriff's Department | 911 |

NON-EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| Ambulance | 713-466-4073 |
| Cy-Fair Medical Clinic (24 hr) | 281-890-4285 |
| FBI | 713-693-5000 |
| Fire | 713-466-4073 |
| Harris County Animal Control | 281-999-3191 |
| Sheriff's Department | 713-221-6000 |
| Vacation Watch | 281-647-9371 |

CHURCHES

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|---|--------------|
| Christ the Redeemer Presbyterian Church | 281-357-8880 |
| Community of Faith | 832-875-2520 |
| Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church | 281-469-5533 |
| Fairfield Baptist Church | 281-373-5446 |
| Fairfield Church of Christ | 281-373-1900 |
| Fountain of Life Fellowship | 281-373-9337 |
| Good Shepherd United Methodist Church | 281-373-2273 |
| Harvest Bible Church | 281-304-1441 |
| Messian Lutheran Church | 281-890-3013 |
| Saint Aidan's Episcopal Church | 281-353-3203 |
| The Fellowship at Fairfield | 281-923-5130 |

COMMITTEE NUMBERS

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|--|--------------|
| Crime Watch Chairman: Drew Carter | 713-201-8450 |
| Fairfield Area Swim Team: Carla Tharp | 281-373-3955 |
| Fairfield Women's Club: Casey Buckley | 281-373-3870 |

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|-------------------------|--------------|
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Resident Board Members:

Please remember that the resident Board Members are volunteers with families.

As a courtesy please communicate with them during reasonable hours.

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| Joni Seifert (Chappell Ridge) | 281-256-2853 |
| Kay Jukes (Chappell Ridge) | 281-373-9301 |
| John White (Chappell Ridge) | 281-373-1223 |
| John Hanes (Garden Grove) | 713-431-2245 |
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| Mary Goins (Lakes of Fairfield) | 281-256-1008 |
| Chris Delahoussaye (Lakes of Fairfield) | 281-304-9112 |
| Rick Todd (Trails of Fairfield) | 281-304-1741 |

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GOVERNMENT/STATE NUMBERS

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|--------------------------|--------------|
| Courthouse Annex | 281-859-0685 |
| Driver's License | 713-681-6187 |
| Post Office | 281-373-9125 |
| Voter Registration | 713-224-1919 |

MISCELLANEOUS NUMBERS

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|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| A.M.I (deed restrictions, etc.) | 713-932-1122 |
| Community Meeting Room | 281-373-0834 |
| Cy-Fair College | 281-290-3200 |
| Cypress Area Home Schoolers | 281-890-3792 |
| Fairfield Athletic Club (FAC) | 281-373-0834 |
| Fairfield Information Center | 281-373-1177 |
| Friendwood Development | 281-875-1552 |
| Harris Co. Library (Northwest) | 281-890-2665 |
| Harris Co. Animal Control | 281-999-3191 |
| Harris County Mosquito Control | 713-440-4800 |

SCHOOL NUMBERS

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|------------------------------|--------------|
| Ault Elementary | 281-373-2800 |
| Bus Information | 281-897-4380 |
| Cy-Fair Administration | 281-897-4000 |

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| Cy-Fair High School | 281-897-4600 |
| Goodson Junior High School | 281-373-2350 |
| Keith Elementary | 281-213-1744 |
| Spillane Middle School | 281-213-1645 |

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| Southwestern Bell (phone) | 713-638-7000 |
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FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY GAZETTE

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If you would like to submit an article and/or personal classified ad(s) for publication in the Gazette, please follow these guidelines:

Articles, personal classified ads (limit 30 words), questions regarding regular columns and teen job postings (i.e. additions, deletions, changes) must be submitted to the editor, Holly Reichert, via e-mail at reichert@houston.rr.com.

Please submit all articles and personal classified ads in Microsoft Word only. Photographs and graphics must be submitted as a JPG file.

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Thank you, Holly A. Reichert, #281-304-9956



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| 20302 Lakeland Fall | 5/3.5/2 Pending | \$279,500 | 21726 May Apple C..... | 4/2/2..... | \$150,300 |
| 15218 Brown Eyed Susan Ct..... | 4/3.5/2 | \$232,540 | 20315 Bent Aspen..... | 3/2.5/2 | \$149,900 |
| 20811 Chappell Knoll..... | 4/2.5/2D POOL | \$224,900 | 21750 May Apple Ct..... | 3/2/2..... | \$149,305 |
| 15214 Brown Eyed Susan Ct..... | 3/3/2..... | \$223,060 | 15410 Evergreen Knoll..... | 4/2.5/2 | \$139,900 |
| 15111 Brown Eyed Susan Ct..... | 4/3.5/2 | \$220,385 | 16431 Redbud Berry..... | 4/2.5/2 | \$139,900 |
| 15219 Brown Eyed Susan Ct..... | 4/2.5/2 | \$218,875 | 15431 Court Amber Tr..... | 3/2/2..... Pending | \$132,900 |
| 15207 Brown Eyed Susan Ct..... | 4/3/3..... | \$216,605 | 15407 Chestnut Falls..... | 3/2/2..... | \$129,500 |
| 15203 Brown Eyed Susan Ct..... | 4/2.5/3 Pending | \$213,830 | 20419 Lone Star Oak..... | 3/2.5/2 Pending | \$129,900 |
| 15014 Wildberry | 4/3.5/2 | \$187,920 | 19814 Black Cherry Bend..... | 3/2/2..... | \$125,900 |
| 15027 Wildberry | 4/2/2..... | \$186,050 | 15407 Hillside Park Way | 3/2/2..... | \$124,900 |
| 20815 Chappell Knoll..... | 4/2.5/2 | \$185,900 | 19915 Black Cherry Bend..... | 3/2/2..... | \$124,900 |
| 15718 Township Glen..... | 4/2.5/2 | \$175,900 | 15119 Hillside Park Way | 3/2.5/2 | \$119,900 |
| 15430 Wild Timber..... | 4/2/2..... | \$174,900 | | | |
| 15010 Wildberry | 5/3/2 | \$170,915 | Leases: | | |
| 15031 Wildberry | 5/3/2..... Pending | \$170,015 | 22026 Gold Leaf | 3/2/2..... | \$1,450 |
| 15023 Wildberry | 5/3/2..... | \$168,940 | 15206 Evergreen | 3/2/2..... | \$1,500 |
| 16107 Cumberland Trl..... | 3/2.5/2 | \$158,000 | 15718 Township Glen | 4/2.5/2 | \$1,700 |
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, November 5, 2005
Senior's Theater Trip

Tuesday, November 8, 2006
Aggie Mom's Club General Meeting
MOMS Club of Cypress NW-Fairfield Meeting

Thursday, November 10, 2005
Senior's Pot Luck Supper Night

Sunday, November 13, 2005
American Legion Post #324 Meeting

Tuesday, November 15, 2005
Senior's Game Night
Fairfield Women's Club Meeting

Wednesday, November 16, 2005
Fairfield Book Club Meeting

Thursday, November 24, 2005
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

REWARD

As you are aware, there has been a great deal of vandalism within Fairfield Village. Most recently, there were approximately 60 rotors broken, all repaired and replaced at a cost to you, the homeowner. This vandalism occurred between approximately 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. As the vandalism continues, and the cost to make the necessary repairs and replacement increases, so may your assessment.

Your Association is offering a \$1,000.00 reward leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone, adult or child, seen vandalizing or stealing anything within Fairfield Village. This includes ATV's and/or dirt bikes in the common areas and greenbelts.

Your Association has spent thousands of dollars, your dollars, repairing irrigation, gazebos, ruts, etc., and now it's time to make these vandals stop.

If you see anyone suspicious, by all means contact the Sheriff on the non-emergency number (713-221-6000) and report the incident.

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Fairfield offers many advantages to Homeowners, but in order to reap the benefits of this fine living, the imposition of some restrictions is necessary. These restrictions are not meant to inconvenience you or invade your freedom, but rather as a means of maintaining harmony in the community and to protect your property values.

As you are aware trash days are Tuesday and Friday of each week. What you may not be aware of is that your contract with Waste Management is for back door pick up. Back door pick up is "at your garage door". Please refrain from placing your trashcans at the curb, it's truly unattractive. Trashcans should always be placed at your garage door and Waste Management will return the emptied cans to your garage door.

Also, trash should not be put out for pickup prior to the night before the scheduled pick up day and trashcans and recycling bins should be removed from view of the street no later than the evening of the pick up day. Other debris, such as tree limbs, boxes, cartons, etc. should be placed at the curb. Tree limbs must be cut and bundled not to exceed 4 feet long and should not weigh more than approximately 20 pounds per bundle. Boxes/cartons should be cut and tied. If you have something unusual such as furniture to dispose of, please contact Waste Management at 713-423-1778 to determine the best way to dispose of it.

Your cooperation in ensuring that your trashcans and recycling bins are stored in accordance with the Fairfield rules is appreciated.

Association Management, Inc.

LAKE FISHING

All the communities in fairfield are concerned that children and adults have been seen fishing in the lakes.

Because the lake water is neither treated nor guarded, there is significant potential for injury or disease.

Please advise your children that under no circumstances are the lakes to be used for fishing or swimming.

It has also been reported that dogs have been seen in the lakes. This is not permitted in Fairfield village therefore please refrain from permitting your dog in the lakes.

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FAIRFIELD VILLAGE HAS A NEW WEBSITE!!!

Association Management, Inc. has donated a website to Fairfield Village for the communities benefit. Check it out!

www.fairfieldvillage.org

All neighborhood governing documents are available; there is ability to send alerts to the community and links to other organizations including Cypress Fairbanks School District. You will need to register as a new user to enter the website.

We will be adding information to the website as gathered from the community and organizations. Please visit the site; we are hoping it will be a great benefit to the residents of Fairfield Village.

Association Management, Inc.

The Clean Side of Hurricane Rita ...

After being cooped up for nearly 48 hours preparing to face hurricane Rita, my neighbor and I decided to step out for a while Friday evening to enjoy the 40 plus miles an hour breeze and have a few beverages. Our wives promptly joined us along with our children who began playing in the street. Soon, many other neighbors joined in with their kids flying kites, bicycling, tri-cycling, steering remote control cars, and toddlers scribbling with chalk on the street.

The fathers and mothers, joined in to talk about their preparation for the storm and how we can depend on each other if we ran out of power or water, all the while nursing soft drinks etc.

We realized, that this little escapade to the street had quickly turned into a hurricane Rita party. The sprits were high and emotions were positive as we retired into our homes to hunker down with these communal reassurances in mind.

As we know, the storm moved off and everything went well. Reflecting on the evening, my wife and I realized what a lovely neighborhood we live in, and what an excellent community Fairfield is, to raise children as well-rounded individuals and as Samaritans.

*Shankar, Melanie and Shrivu
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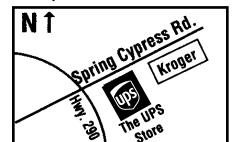
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The Fairfield Sports Page

NEWS

We, the officers and committee members of Fairfield Sports, take a lot of pride in the way we run our various sports programs. To a man and woman all of our decisions are made with the best interests of our kids in mind. All capital improvement decisions are also made in the best interest and growing needs of each sport.

Unfortunately, there is a persistent perception that Fairfield Sports (FSA) is some nebulous organization that makes their decisions secretly and behind closed doors. There is a perception (by some) that FSA makes financial spending decisions without deliberating on the pros and cons of these decisions and that we tend to favor one sport over all the others.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

All the officers and committee members of FSA meet regularly, in an open session, to discuss any and all issues facing each of our sports programs. We explore all reasonable solutions to any problems needing to be resolved. The operating budget, and most importantly, the capital improvement spending decisions are discussed openly and always at the first of every meeting. Any resident of Fairfield, and particularly any parent of a child playing in one of FSA's sanctioned sports, is welcome



to attend these board meetings. We always have an open forum segment at the end of our agenda for anyone wishing to bring up any subject matter that they feel is important.

I'll concede that FSA has not done a very good job of making our meeting dates known ahead of time, and we will strive to do better. We have been meeting the last couple of years on the last Sunday of each month. Since many of us feel that Sunday evenings should be reserved for our families, we will now be meeting the last Monday of each month. If a holiday or special event (i.e. Halloween) happens to fall on the Monday we are to meet, the meeting will take place on Tuesday evening instead.

As always, go to www.fairfield-sports.com for more information. We will now start posting the next 3-4 meeting dates on our website. Feel free to attend, and feel free to express your views. It is your sports association. Get involved!

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Twelve steps to take immediately when your dog is lost:

1. Report your lost dog with <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fairfieldpets>
2. Search all the "links" section of above site
3. Search your property thoroughly
4. Walk the neighborhood, talk to everybody you run across, and leave your phone number
5. You may post a flyer inside Dr. Hick's office (Fairfield Animal Hospital) on the corkboard in the lobby (not on the outside windows, please) and you may also post a flyer at the Fairfield Athletic Center in the weight room (only) for a period of two weeks (please present it to the front desk for approval first).
6. Offer a reward (we do not recommend that you specify an amount)
7. Place strong-scented articles outside your home
8. Call local veterinarian offices during the day. After 5 PM, call veterinarian emergency clinics
9. Visit your local Animal Control, humane societies, and animal shelters (they only hold animals 3 days without I.D) www.countypets.com
10. Find out if your pet has been injured on the road. Call the city, county, and state road crews, DOT, and Animal Control daily to see if they have found your dog
11. Place an ad in your local newspaper. Check the newspaper found ads everyday
12. **Don't give up!**

Tried all these things and still haven't found your dog?

Expand your search area! Dogs can travel amazing amount of distance in a short period of time. One dog traveled 25 miles from home in only three days! Start your search within a 3-mile radius of where you last saw your dog, then go to 10, then 25. Keep expanding your search area until you find your dog.

**~Your pet's ID tag is their
ONLY ticket home!~**



This is "Rita" she is need of a new "FOREVER" home. She was abandoned by an evacuee on 290 in Fairfield during the storm. She is current on shots and has a clean bill of health from Vet. She is estimated to be about 1-1/2 years old. Rita would be great for someone/family who has allergies as she does not shed at all. Please call Jeanne at 281-256-1736 or email at JDIARTE@aol.com



This Kitty is in need of a good "Forever" home as well. She is housetrained and is very affectionate, great with kids and dogs. Please call Darci at 281 373 1953 or email at dsgracey@sbcglobal.net

CUB SCOUT PACK #1533

HAVING A GREAT TIME

BEING SCOUTS!

What a great time to be a Cub Scout! Pack #1533 from Ault Elementary School has been busy both over the summer and this fall with lots of fun and exciting activities for the boys. Elementary age boys in 1st grade through 5th grade enjoyed some great summer events including Cub Scout Day Camp sponsored by The Rising Star District of the Sam Houston Area Council. Wolf Cub Ethan Schultz, in Den #5 earned the Junior USA Shooting Team 2005 patch for scoring over 35 points in BB Guns including 3 bullseyes! Way to go, Ethan! The other Dens enjoyed various summer fun while working on their various achievements, belt loops and pins.

In August and September, Cub Scout Pack #1533 kicked off the new school year with two fantastic Rally Nights. The Pack welcomed 28 new Scouts, including two new Tiger Dens! September also kicked off the Annual Cub Scout Popcorn Sale, which ran through the end of October. Thank you to all that ordered popcorn. Your orders should be here in early November.

The much anticipated Annual Fall Family Camp Out was held October 7th-9th at Birch Creek State Park, Lake Somerville. Approximately 163 people participated in a weekend of great weather, good food, family togetherness and great Scouting activities. The boys earned Belt Loops in Geology, Flag Football and Ultimate. They also listened to a presentation by a Park Ranger. By cleaning up the park, the Pack also completed a service project, bringing the boys one step closer to earning their Cub Scout World Conservation Award.

Service is something Pack #1533 takes seriously. The Cub Scouts stepped up to assist in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina by collecting much needed food and cleaning supplies from our generous Fairfield community. A huge THANK YOU to all those who unselfishly donated. Your generosity is much appreciated. A huge THANK YOU goes to our equally generous Fairfield neighbors, Home Depot and Target, for graciously donating the bags for this service project. It was only with the help of the community that the Cub Scouts were able to collect over 5 pickup trucks full of supplies to assist those in need.

What a great time to be a Cub Scout! It's not too late to join the fun. Every boy is welcome; regardless of what school he attends. If you know of a boy (1st grade through 5th grade) who may be interested in Scouting, please feel free to contact Pack Committee Chairman, Tom Huber at tomh@tdspecialty.com or Cubmaster, Jim West at jwest@geoshack.com for more information. Be sure to check out Pack #1533's website at www.pack1533.org for more news and great photos. It is a great time to be a Cub Scout, especially in Pack #1533.



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Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department Station #7 News



MDA Fill the Boot

Thanks to everyone's generous donations, this year's "Fill the Boot" campaign was a huge success. Our station helped contribute to a combined Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department donation of \$35,000 for MDA's research for a cure. A special thanks to all the members who volunteered their time to collect for this great cause.

Annual Food and Toy Drive

It's time once again for Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department's annual food and toy drive. The event collects non-perishable food and new, unwrapped toys to be distributed to the area's less fortunate families at the holidays. In the upcoming weeks, we will be distributing paper bags to put your donations in. We will then collect the bags on the morning of Saturday, November 19th. Your generosity always makes our drive a huge success.

CPR & First Aid Classes

Do you or a group that you're associated with need a CPR or First Aid Class? The Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department hosts these classes every month. The cost is \$20 each per person or you can take both for \$35. Courses include infant, child, and adult CPR, as well as obstructed

airway and rescue breathing. For more information or to sign up for a class, please call the Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department Business Office at 281-550-6663.

On the NET

Did you know we have a website? Visit us in cyberspace at www.cyfairvfd.org. There's something for everyone including information about the department, becoming a member, upcoming events, and other useful items.

New Members...

Want to join us? Anyone interested in becoming a Volunteer Firefighter, EMT, or learning more about the department is invited to visit the station on any Thursday evening between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. or check our website at www.cyfairvfd.org. No experience necessary.

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Portraits for Generations

If you are blessed with two, three or four generations still alive in your family, I highly recommend a generation family portrait. As time marches on, family portraits of generations become more and more valuable. It is always amazing how time gets away from us; however, portraits have the ability to freeze the moment in time and preserve a portrait history of your family. This is something most families treasure for generations to come. Many times just getting together for the portrait session creates memories for the whole family to remember and enjoy. If it is not possible to get the extended family together, Fall is a wonderful time for an outdoor family portrait of your immediate family. The weather is cooler which makes for a comfortable portrait experience.

Don't stress by over preparing for your portrait, make it a fun experience for the entire family. Keep the clothing simple! Remember, darker colors slenderize; brighter colors and patterns may make people appear heavier in portraits. Solid colors, long sleeves, slacks for men, slacks or long flowing skirts for ladies work best. Please dress head to toe for your portrait because, yes, those nasty tennis shoes will show. Remember, the portrait is of your family, not the clothing! Keep clothing coordinated with simple necklines and solid colors and your portraits will look great!

I know that pets are part of your family, so it's fine to include your pet in the family portrait.

Just don't put off having your family portrait taken by a professional photographer. It is so important to pass down to future generations.

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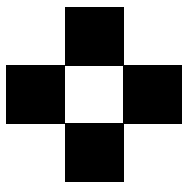
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Fairfield Women's Club News & Events

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Fairfields Fun-Loving Over Fifty Group

The Fairfield Seniors

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SEPTEMBER HAPPENINGS:

Our September 28th trip to NASA had to be cancelled at the last minute, we had just too many cancellations and fell below the number that Harris County requires for using the bus.

NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES PLANS:

Thursday, November 10th:: Our Potluck Night at the Lakeside Trails Club House it starting around 6:30pm. However; make plans on being there early, for some socializing and fellowship. Just bring something to share like a meat dish, casserole, salad, or a desert. Then sit back and relax, enjoy the meal, then after plan on staying to enjoy some games. We have many staying and playing various games, while finishing up the deserts.

Tuesday, November 15th: Game Night at the Cook's starting at 6:30 pm. Directions are in the Activity Details page on our web site and will be in our November 13th weekly planner. This is a fun night with great fellowship. Just bring a little snack food.

Thursday, November 24th: Happy Thanksgiving. No game night at the Lakeside Trails Club House this month.

For All Activities Other Than Trips: Call Mary Lou Cook for more details at... **281-304-8359**

We recommend that you check our web site regularly, for the latest information. Things often change from the time an article must be submitted to the Gazette and when you receive the Gazette. Our Web Address: www.fairfieldseniorsgroup.com

NOVEMBER TRIP PLANS:

Saturday, November 5th Theater Trip. We will be going to Lake Jackson to enjoy a musical review- "Lost in the Fifties". This Lake Theater production will feature many of the songs we all sang and danced to when we were a bit younger. Yes, it's going to be a great evening. Before the show, we will have dinner at the Windswept Restaurant, which is famous for its seafood; however, their menu also offers a variety of meat and chicken dishes. Cost is \$14.00 plus the cost of your meal. For more information and to make your reservations, call Ann Candela at 281-373-3191. The bus departure for this trip is 3:15pm. You should plan on being there by 3:00pm.

DECEMBER TRIP PLANS:

Saturday, December 3rd San Antonio. Enjoy the Christmas Lighting along the River Walk of San Antonio. We will have about four hours to take in the sites, you might want to take the river cruise or just walk along the river walk and enjoy a meal at one of the many fine restaurants along the scenic river walk. Cost is \$2.00 plus the cost of your meal. For more information and to make your reservations, call Judy Fowler in the evening at 281-256-0540. The bus departure for this trip is 12:00 Noon. You should plan on being there by 11:45 am.

FAIRFIELD SENIORS WEEKLY PLANNER:

A planner each week is emailed to our members. It provides the latest information for the upcoming weeks events: activities, member birthdays, and other news of interest. If you would like to receive this weekly email, send your email address to:

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Fairfield Family Photo Day

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What: Fairfield Family Photo Day

Where: Gazebo at Mason Road & Country Fair

When: Sunday, Nov. 20, 2005 from 2 to 6 p.m.

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Aggie Mothers' Club**



Our **November 8th** general meeting will be very interesting. We will have Jason Wilson, from the Student Counseling Service – from Texas A & M be our guest speaker. He will be discussing: **Academic and Career Services Information; Counseling & What to Expect; Personal Counseling; Self-Help, Outreach, & Consultation.** So come, listen and enjoy the fellowship of other Aggie Moms and learn about this area of services which Texas A & M provides to current students and graduated students too.

We invite all Moms who are AGGIES or have Sons or Daughters that are or were AGGIES to come join the AGGIE SPIRIT with AGGIE LOVE. We are the **NW Harris County Texas A & M University Mothers' Club.** Our general meetings are at a new location this year - Houston Distributing Company, Inc. **7100 High Life Drive**, Houston, TX 77066 just off Cutten Road - West of Beltway 8 and between 1960 & Hwy 249. **The meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.**

If you have any questions please visit our web site www.nwh-caggiemoms.com or e-mail Diana Waguespack, President, at dianawagmom@hotmail.com

See you there - Aggie Mom WHOOP!

The MOMS Club of Cypress

NW-Fairfield

is calling all Stay-At-Home Moms

MOMS (Moms Offering Moms Support) Club is a support group for all moms who make the important decision to stay at home to raise their children so whether you are expecting your first child or are a veteran mom with school age kids there is sure to be something of interest in our group. The MOMS Club of Cypress NW-Fairfield serves the entire Fairfield subdivision in Cypress. Interested moms who live outside Fairfield please visit www.momsclub.org.

The MOMS Club has numerous activities including playgroups, babysitting co-op, Moms Night Out, coupon swap, cooking and crafts.

Our next monthly all-member meeting will be held at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church located on Cypresswood Drive in Fairfield on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00 AM.

For more information please contact Kristine Fiala, Membership VP at 281-373-3934 or email kristinefiala@yahoo.com or Carissa Thompson, President, at 281-256-6204 or email carissalt@sbcglobal.net with MOMS Club in the subject line.

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If you are interested in joining us or would like more information, please contact Linda Locke at 281-304-8011 or Linda15226@yahoo.com.



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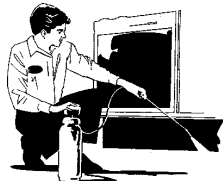
The Cypress Business Networking Group meets every Thursday morning at 7:30 am at Gambino's Pizza in Fairfield. The group is open to all business owners and professionals who want to increase their exposure to the residents and business owners of Fairfield and the surrounding area. There is no fee to join the group.

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The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club, an affiliate of the International Kiwanis organization, meets three times a month at the Hearthstone Country Club in Hearthstone from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. for lunch, fellowship, and programs including guest speakers on subjects concerning the community and individuals. We invite you to visit with us and learn more about our organization (cost of lunch is \$10). Meeting dates for October are the 4th, 11th, and 18th.

Membership in Kiwanis is open to persons of good character who adhere to the standards of good conduct in their community and believe in and subscribe to the objects of Kiwanis International. If you would like to know more about Kiwanis and the service programs it promotes, call John Carroll at 281-463-0373; George Crowl at 832-467-1998; or Peggy Presnell at 281-304-7127.

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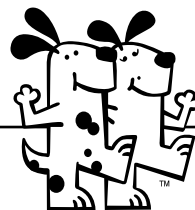
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Little Lambs News

Our students are having so much fun celebrating fall at Little Lambs. We had a great time at our fall festival. The huge slides were a big hit again this year! All of our classes heard some stories out by the pumpkin patch and picked out a special pumpkin to take home. Our 3-5 year-old classes also participated in the Little Lambs Olympics at Cypress Academy of Gymnastics. They are very proud of their gold medals! We would like to thank Cypress Academy for the wonderful experience our students had.



Now with the month of November here, we are ready to begin our Thanksgiving, nutrition and family theme units. We will celebrate Thanksgiving with our little pilgrims and Indians at our annual Thanksgiving feast. Our students are looking forward to the yummy treats at the feast.

Little Lambs Mother's Day Out and Preschool is a weekday ministry of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Fairfield serving children from 18 months of age to five years. We have two and three day program options in our mother's day out and preschool. We also have a four day bridge program for children who are already five but are waiting another year before starting kindergarten. We will be conducting registration for the 2006-2007 school year in February. Watch for registration dates in upcoming newsletters. Currently, we have a few openings in our 3's MWF and WF classes. If you would like more information about our program or to enroll your child, please visit our website, littl lambsmdo.org or give us a call at 281-373-0052.

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- October 7, 2005
- November 14, 2005
- December 12
- January 23, 2006
- February 20, 2006
- March 20, 2006
- April 17, 2006

Collect the following discarded items for Prom Bucks. If you don't have a senior, donate them to a senior. Cell Phones, laser/inkjet cartridges, laptop computers (power cords must be included) and PDAs. Put items in the designated box in the school library. Receive 10,000 Prom Bucks for the 1st item turned in and 1,000 for each subsequent item. Your senior's name must be included with the items in order to obtain credit.

Cy-Fair College November "Perspective"

Escape to the Movies for Free

Cy-College's Fall Film Series continues in November with "Walkabout" Nov. 2, "Internal Affairs" Nov. 5, "Up and Down" Nov. 8, "Kannathil Muthamittal" Nov. 10, "The Motorcycle Diaries" Nov. 16, "Cinema Paradiso" Nov. 19, "Forbidden Planet" Nov. 22 and "The Story of Us" Nov. 29. A professor or student organization at the college hosts each film and a discussion afterward. The film series, presented at no charge to students and the community, is offered as a free Continuing Education class called Film Appreciation. Registration is available at all the film events. The Cy-Fair College Fall Film Series is part of Windows On the World, an effort to promote cultural activities on campus. For information, call 281-290-3257, e-mail robert.obrien@nhmccd.edu or visit http://faculty.nhmccd.edu/robobrien/Film_Series.html.

Check out L.I.F.E. at Cy-Fair College

The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Cy-Fair College Branch Library (Room 131.) **Among the upcoming programs are organizing digital photos, cake decorating tips and tricks, an exploration of one's moral make up and improving memory. Call the library** at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or check the library web page online at www.cy-faircollege.com/library.

Thanksgiving Holiday Youth Camp

Discovery College will be held Nov. 21 through Nov. 23 for ages 6 to 8 and 9 to 12 with all-day sessions available at Barker Cypress campus and both all-day and half-day sessions available at the Fairbanks Center. For three-day camp information, call 281-290-5273 or 832-782-5038.

Library Offers Something for All Ages

The Harris County Public Library Cy-Fair College Branch offers free computer workshops, including a family-friendly class. Topics range from basic computer functions to introductions to the Internet and various software programs. A variety of monthly book clubs, such as women of the world, history and mystery, are available, including a new Democracy Book Club and The Sports Page Book Club. There are plenty of youth programs with activities and book clubs for teens and storytime for younger children. Go online to <http://www.cy-faircollege.com/Library/index.cfm> for information.

Fall C.A.L.L. Courses for Senior Adults

The Cy-Fair College Academy for Lifelong Learning provides opportunities for adults 50 and better to enjoy intellectual and social enrichment. **Annual membership is \$10. Among the upcoming courses are newsletters and clipart, annuities – an objective analysis, Age-ing to Sage-ing, stress management, the process of completing advance medical directives and virtual travel – Galapagos Islands. A book club and a walking club are also available. Call 281-290-5273 for course information or to sign up now.**

Do You Have a Green Thumb?

Volunteer to help the Diane K. Troyer Garden at Cy-Fair College grow. Produce is donated to area food pantries. Join this group Saturdays at 9 a.m. or help out Wednesdays at 1 p.m. in the garden (west of the library) or in the Cy-ber Café when raining. Contact Charles Beresford at charles.beresford@nhmccd.edu or 281-550-7338 or Rob Coyle at robert.a.coyle@nhmccd.edu or visit <http://faculty.nhmccd.edu/rocoyle/Garden.htm> for information.

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Cypress Assistance Ministries


Cypress Assistance Ministries is making a great effort to increase their volunteers.

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CONCERT


– Everyday Sunday and RAE will appear In Concert on Saturday, November 12, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at Windwood Presbyterian Church, 10555 Spring Cypress Road, Houston, Texas. Tickets are on sale now and are \$10 each. You can purchase your tickets by going online at www.ticketsevant.com or going to Grapevine Christian Bookstore. Please call Lisa Ennis if you need additional information. You won't want to miss this Concert!!!



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Don't miss this outstanding musical to be held at Cook Junior High Theater located at 9111 Wheatland off of West Rd. between Jones & Beltway 8. Performances will be held on Friday, December 2 @ 7 p.m., Saturday, December 3 @ 2p.m. and Sunday, December 4 @ 3 p.m.

To purchase advance tickets, contact Mrs. Lisa Matranga in our Drama Department at lmatranga@cccs-hou.org or 281-469-8829 ext. 456. In addition, tickets may be purchased at the door! Also, you may access information on the school web site at www.cccs-hou.org - Upcoming Events Section.

"The Best Christmas Pageant Ever"

The community is invited to Messiah Lutheran Church's presentation of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" on Sunday, December 4. There will be two showings, 4 PM and 6 PM. In this hilarious tale, a couple struggling to produce a church Christmas pageant is faced with casting the Herdman children, "The worst children in the whole history of the world!" You are invited to come along for the chaos and the fun. And look for a miracle as the Herdmans collide head-on with the Christmas story and help everyone else rediscover its true meaning. Admission is free, but reservations are suggested in order to accommodate the crowd. Please call 281-890-3013.

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 worship times are 6 PM on Saturday evenings (a casual service of song and sacrament), and traditional worship at 8 and 10:30 AM on Sundays. The 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.

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Fairfield Athletic Club News:

Hours at the Club

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| Friday | 5:00 a.m-8:00 p.m. |
| Saturday | 8:00 a.m-8:00 p.m. |
| Sunday | 1:00 p.m-8:00 p.m. |

New Website

All FAC news and policies can also be found on the Fairfield community website: www.fairfieldvillage.org

FAC Closed for Holidays and Repairs

The FAC will be closed December 24, 25, 26th for the Holidays and it will remain closed until January 2nd. The basketball gym floor and the wooden floors and the tile floors are all going to be refinished during this time. We appreciate your patience and we are sorry for the inconvenience.

New Card Replacement Policy

The FAC has started a new policy for members that have lost their cards. For anyone who has to have a new card made, we will be charging a mandatory \$2.00 fee. If you have simply misplaced your card, we ask that you try to locate it before requesting a replacement. We thank you for your cooperation, and if you have any questions, please call us at 281-373-0834.

Guests

If you are going to bring a guest with you to the FAC, you will need to pay a \$5.00 guest fee and have your guest sign a waiver. ALL guests must be accompanied by a resident.

Weight Room Orientation

__Orientation will be offered at the club on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Please call the front desk to make sure of the dates, occasionally we do have to change our dates due to our trainer's

schedule.

WEIGHT ROOM RULES

No one under the age of 12 is allowed in the weight room. 12-14 year olds must have completed weight room orientation and be accompanied by an adult that is taking responsibility for them. 15 year olds must have completed weight room orientation. We would like to remind residents that proper athletic attire must be worn when working out. We will not allow residents to work out in jeans, blue-jean shorts or other non-athletic apparel.

Rentals

The FAC rents out the Bradford Creek clubhouse, and The Lakeside Trails clubhouse. For rental fees please call the FAC at 281-373-0834 and ask for Darlene.

Tennis

__The Copperfield Racquet and Health Club is now offering the following programs at the Fairfield Athletic Club: a Junior Tennis Academy, Drop-In Drills, and Free Adult Tennis Clinics, Adult and Junior Private Instruction. Also to be offered sometime in November is a Friday night Adult Tennis Mixer. You may call the FAC front desk for more details as we receive them. All checks for these programs are made payable to the Copperfield Racquet and Health Club. You are responsible for paying the tennis pro, John Kudrick, at the FAC courts.

If anyone is interested in finding out more about tennis activities, including leagues, at the FAC you can email factennis@yahoo.com. We also offer lessons through the FAC for adults and children. Please call 281-373-0834 for more information.

If you would like to reserve a tennis court, you must call the FAC to make your reservations and you must bring your card to check out a tennis court key. Each player must bring their card. If you have guests with you they must pay the \$5.00 guest fee and fill out a waiver. *(Continued on Page 27)*

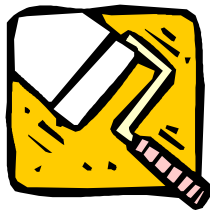
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Fairfield Kids Club Preschool

__November is a fun month at Fairfield Kids Club. We will have our Pilgrim and Indian party and learn about the first Thanksgiving. We are having an Open House and Book Fair on November 8 and 9th. The parents will get to view the children's art and work and purchase valuable learning and reading books. We will have fun with acorns, leaves and all the wonderful sights and smells of fall.

If you are new to the neighborhood and desire your child to attend preschool, we are here for you. Our teachers are very loving and we offer a safe, organized learning environment. We are a preschool and we prepare our children for Kindergarten. We are still accepting students for our fall 2005 program. We are offering 2, 3, 4 or 5 days for the 2's, 3's and 4 yr. olds. We are full in some classes, so please call to find out availability for your child.

Please come into the Fairfield Athletic Club and pick up a registration packet. You can turn in your registration to the front desk anytime the club is open. You are welcome to visit our preschool and see our little learners in action. Please ask to speak to Charlotte Byrne at the FAC at 281-373-0834.

Water Aerobics

__Deep Water Running and Strengthening/Toning class will be offered year round from 6:45-7:45pm on Monday and Thursdays nights at the FAC. Please register and pay at the front desk of the FAC and show your instructor your receipt. Instructor: MichelleMGuppy@yahoo.com

Morning Water Aerobics

__Water Aerobics will be offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday in the morning. The FAC Pool is heated which will allow the class to continue

through the winter. The cost is \$25 per month for 3 days a week. Come drop by for a free class anytime. All ages are welcomed. Class Hours: Mondays: 11:30am -12 noon Wednesdays: 12:00 noon- 12:30pm Fridays: 10:00am-10:30am. Please call the FAC (281)373-0834 for more information.

Adult Lap Swimming

__If you are over the age of 18 you can sign a waiver and lap swim when the FAC is open. Please call the FAC about the time for lap swimming as it changes throughout the year. The phone number is 281-373-0834.

Before and After School Program

Day camp for the Thanksgiving holidays will be offered to elementary children on Monday, November 21, through Wednesday, November 23. Day camp for the winter holidays will be offered Monday, December 19, through Friday, December 23. The cost is \$25 per child per day. There is also an annual holiday/day camp registration fee of \$10 per child if your child is not currently enrolled in the Before and After School Program.

The Fairfield Athletic Club will be closed the week after Christmas, so no holiday camp will be offered the week after Christmas. The Before and After School will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2006. Please call Pam Garner for more information at 281-373-0834.

Aerobics

__Evening aerobics classes are Monday and Wednesday from 6:30pm to 7:30pm at the Golf Center. Please come for a free tryout. For more information contact the instructor: Nancy Wong at 281-256-3711.

Yoga

__Yoga classes, taught by Nancy Wong are on Monday and Wednesday from 7:30pm to 8:30pm at the Golf Center. Please try out a class for free! For more information contact Nancy Wong at 281-256-3711. (Continued on Page 28)



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Harvest Bible Church

What does the Bible say about astrology? According to one astrologer, "The Bible is full of the philosophy of astrology." But when one carefully examines the passages thought to speak favorably of astrology, one is bound to conclude with Drs. Bjornstad and Johnson: "Absolutely NO scriptural passage supports astrology... not a single reference even indicates tolerance of this art."

The Bible condemns faith in astrology as futile and misplaced. In Jeremiah 10:1-3, God issues this warning: "Do not learn the way of the nations, and do not be terrified by the signs of the heavens although the nations are terrified by them; for the customs of the peoples are vanity." God is both the Creator and sovereign Ruler of the heavens; people are therefore to trust and fear Him - not what He has made.

Unlike God, astrology is powerless to deliver those who trust in it. In Isaiah 47, "God condemned Babylon and tells of its impending judgment. In verse 13 He says, "Let now the astrologers, those who prophesy by the stars, those who predict by the new moons, stand up and save you from what will come upon you." But that their efforts would be in vain is clearly seen in the concluding words of the chapter: "There is none to save you." Whatever predictive power astrology has, it is utterly eclipsed by the power of the sovereign Lord who created and rules all things!

Finally, in Deuteronomy 18:10-12, astrology comes under the same condemnation as all other forms of divination. There are likely many reasons for this, but here's just one. If the ideas of astrology are largely discredited, what accounts for its sometimes-remarkable predictive power? The Bible, as well as the frank admissions of some astrologers, indicates supernatural, or spiritual, involvement. But if God condemns astrology, what sort of spirits

are we talking about? Though it may be unpopular to say so, the Bible suggests they are *demons*. And it's eerie how many astrologers actually attribute their predictive powers to the wisdom of their spirit-guides. One professional astrologer of twelve years confessed: "I never met a really successful astrologer... who did not admit... that spiritism was the power behind the craft." Could it be that astrology works (when it works) not because of its discredited and contradictory ideas, but because of the unseen power of the spirit world? If so, God's condemnation of astrology may be partially motivated by a concern to protect people from the influence of such evil spirits.

So, the heavens do not declare the destiny of man, but the glory of the God who made them. It is God, not the heavens, "who works all things after the counsel of His will" (Eph. 1:11).

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Catholic News

"Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Luke 3:11

.....as we enter into the season of Thanksgiving, may we not forget those who lost everything in the hurricane.

We are an active group of Catholic's that attend and support Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church on Huffmeister. If you are new to the neighborhood, please go by the parish office and pick up a welcome packet. Mass times at CtR are Saturday: 5 pm; Sunday: 7:30, 9, or 11am and 5:00 pm. Mon., Tues, Thurs. & Fri at 9 am and Wed. at 7 pm.

We share our faith with the our neighbors in Fairfield through a local C.C.E. program K-8th grade, adult and family faith formation, spiritual activities, etc. These activities are planned by a core group of volunteers that meet on a monthly basis. If you would like to become more involved and get to know your neighbors and Catholic community better, please call Anna Marie Novoa at 281-213-3136.

*****NEW*** Adult Bible Study in Fairfield:** called "Stories Jesus Told: Parables 101".

We will meet in a relaxed, informal atmosphere at the Fairfield Golf Center, so come take part in the discussion of selected parables from the bible. All class time will be during your children's CCE class time, so that means Sunday evenings. Drop your kids off and then head to the Fairfield Golf Center! Come one! Come all! Drop-ins are welcome from 4:40 to 5:50 pm. *Babysitting Provided.* Any questions? Email Matt & Jill Alborn at jmalborn@aol.com

CCE Christmas Program, December 3rd: We need volunteers to lead our Fairfield Christmas Program this December 3rd, 2005. If you have ever attended, then you know how adorable our children look on stage performing *The Christmas Story*. All planning and practicing must begin in early November. If we do not get anyone to volunteer by October 30th, then unfortunately, we will not have the program this year. The new chair and co-chair would be responsible for storing all costumes and props in their garage/home. Due to the overcrowding at Christ the Redeemer, they have no extra storage space. Please contact Katie Smith at 281-373-9008 or email me at Katie.smith@sbcglobal.net if can chair or co-chair this program.

Fairfield CCE representative for Christ the Redeemer next year, 2006-07:

Can you believe this is the fifth year of CCE in Fairfield? Over the years we have all witnessed our children growing in their faith together with friends and neighbors. It has been a pleasure serving God and our community by helping coordinate classes and teachers, but at the end of this year, I will no longer be serving as your representative. This volunteer position requires someone who will be dedicated to serving Christ the Redeemer's religious ed. staff. All Fairfield paperwork will be given to you in late summer to start separating and placing children into classes and homes. You will need to keep class lists, teachers lists, teacher emails, return phone calls, etc.... and assist Fredna Kilcummins, RE Director at CtR in any way you can. If you feel you are being called to lead this program and volunteer in this ministry for Christ the Redeemer, please call Katie Smith at 281-373-9008 or email me your concerns at katie.smith@sbcglobal.net. God bless this awesome community!

C.C.E. 2005-06: Fairfield has 43 teachers and aides this year with just over 250 students enrolled in our program. Christ the Redeemer campus has over 2,000 students enrolled in religion classes grades Pre-K through 10th grade. We hold classes in Fairfield on Sunday evenings to support our many local Catholic's by having our children worship together as friends and neighbors through Christ. Many blessings to our teachers and aides that have volunteered to lead our children in their faith this year! If you have any questions concerning CCE classes, please contact Fredna Kilcummins, Religious Education Director, at Christ the Redeemer, 281-469-5533.

BIBLE STUDIES: Men's Bible Study in Fairfield: Every Sunday night, 8:30-9:30, at the Fairfield Golf Center. If you have any questions or concerns, please call Mike Rhodes at 281-373-4170. **Adult at CtR:** Every Thursday at 7 pm at Christ the Redeemer, room 113. For more information call Rose Mary Potter at 281-469-5533. **Jr. & High School at CtR:** T.N.T.,(Tuesday Night Truth), at Christ the Redeemer. For more information call the Christ the Redeemer parish office at 281-469-5533.



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Fairfield Baptist Church

Upcoming Events

The holiday season is fast approaching. Don't miss the chance to enjoy our many ministry programs.

Ladies Night Out The Annual Ladies Christmas Banquet is on its way. Come be a part of our "Homemade for Christmas" banquet as we celebrate His birth and, and light up the world around us! Choose to attend either the dinner on Friday, Dec 2 at 7:00 pm or the brunch on Saturday, December 3 at 10:30 am. Tickets are \$12 and go on sale October 16.

Celebrate the birth of Christ with music. Join with our **Worship Arts ministry** and experience "Shine on Us" on Saturday, December 10 and Sunday, December 11 at 6:45 pm. Revisit childhood as you enjoy the Children's choir sing on Sunday, December 4 at 9:00 am. Join us for our Candlelight Service, December 24 at 5 and 7 pm.

God's Little Angels MDO Thanksgiving Feast is Thursday November 17. Our classes will??? Join us December 13 at 6:30 pm for our annual Christmas program. Enjoy a wonderful evening watching the children experience the meaning of Christmas. We offer a Tuesday/Thursday program from 9 am to 2 pm, for children ages 18 months to Pre-K. For information about enrolling your child, contact Jenny Cunningham at 281-373-5446 or jenny.cunningham@fairfieldbaptist.com.

AWANA teaches kids that God is real, that He loves them, and that He has proven His love through Jesus! Kids also learn how God can help them in their everyday life. AWANA meets each Sunday from 5:00-6:45 pm. It is not too late to join! The AWANA program encompasses children from age 3 through High School. Call 281-373-5446 for more information or check our website at HYPERLINK www.fairfieldbaptist.com www.fairfieldbaptist.com.

Student Ministry: Half Time happens every Wednesday night from 6:45-8:00 p.m. Hang Time follows Half Time. Hang Time for Middle School is on campus in the Education building from 8:00-8:45 p.m. Hang Time for High School is at Wendy's, Chik-fil-a, or Taco Bell from 8:00-9:00 p.m. The first Wednesday of every month Half Time is at Gambino's, for both Middle School and High School, from 6:45-9:00 p.m. Sunday morning Connection Groups meet at 9:45 a.m. in the Education building. Free Shipping happens Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30 p.m. Free Shipping is designed for students that desire to worship through service. **Winter Camp** is scheduled for January 14-16, 2006!!! **"Bigstuf"** registration for summer camp will begin this month, stay tuned! If you are interested receiving weekly e-mail updates, e-mail Vickie.Brummett@fairfieldbaptist.com.

Looking for a place to belong? Want a place to meet people and learn more about God and the practical aspects of living and raising your children? **New Adult Community Group Bible** studies are forming now and welcoming new members. For more information call 281-373-5446 or info@fairfieldbaptist.com.

Services - Fairfield Baptist Church has **Worship Services** and Bible Study for all ages at 9:45 and 11:00 am. **Kidstuf Live**, family worship meets Sunday at 9:00 am. Our Adult Small Groups meet Sunday morning and off-campus throughout the week. Call for times and locations. Join us for Bible study each Wednesday at 6:45 pm.

Location - We are located at 27240 Hwy 290 between Mueschke and Mason Roads. For more information call us at 281-373-5446 or email us at info@fairfieldbaptist.com. Visit our **website** for current information on all activities, events and schedule updates at www.fairfieldbaptist.com www.fairfieldbaptist.com. Come check us out!

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Missionary Activities at Good Shepherd UMC:

God has clearly called arms, his legs, to care and to bear witness and us. Long before the crisis of the last few weeks He has called us to reach out to the hurting and the lost. We usually take this space to show you areas where Good Shepherd can reach out to you – this month we want to show a different side – how through Good Shepherd you can (and are) reach out to others. Through these pictures and text we want to let you see some of the efforts at Good Shepherd and invite you to join us in reaching out.

Good Shepherd started 14 years ago as a missionary effort. Several local churches, combined with the regional body of the UMC saw the need for a new church in far west Harris County and through their efforts and support Good Shepherd was founded. These roots have acted as a reminder that if not for someone else, where would I be. Early on Good Shepherd made a commitment to return the blessing it had received.

Mission activities and opportunities at Good Shepherd are many and varied. If physical labor is your way of expressing service there are opportunities to participate in areas such as Habitat for Humanity, small church rebuilding, and other local efforts. Mission Trips with significant work in meeting the sheltering needs of others include JUMP (for Junior High) UArmy (for Senior High) and the annual trip to Brazil (Youth and Adult). All of these are pictured on this page. Of course the last few weeks have seen many in our family of faith responding to the needs of those along the Gulf Coast. Through the efforts of the Fairfield community and God's amazing grace the multi purpose room was filled with clothing and supplies (pictured) in addition to a massive amount of food. Thanks to all of you who stepped up as so many have been helped. Efforts continue as Good Shepherd works to become a sister congregation to two churches which were destroyed in the Biloxi area.

For those concerned with the spread of the Gospel Good Shepherd actively supports mission efforts both in the US and abroad. Included are direct support to missionaries in Africa, South America, East Asia, and Europe. People's lives are being changed through these efforts and while continuing these efforts we continue to look extend God's reach into more areas.

There are so many different ways we talk about each month where you can grow but we want you to know that Good Shepherd also gives you the opportunity to reach out. Come join us in these exciting times. Good Shepherd is located at 20155 Cypresswood in the Fairfield Community. Saturday worship at 5:55, Sundays at 9:45 and 11:00 and Wednesday at 7:00. Call 281-373-CARE for more information.



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Fairfield Church of Christ (Mason Road and Chappell Knoll)

“Discovering the Heart of Christ, in the Heart of Fairfield.”

Can A 13 Yr old change the world? “I want you to always know that you are loved, especially by me,” the letter says. “And always remember to be positive, polite and never give up. Love Your Friend, Makenzie.” The writer is 13-year-old Makenzie Snyder, who has been sending duffel bags and stuffed animals to foster children since she was 7. Her mission: comfort neglected children who often are shuttled between temporary homes “I like to cheer up foster kids who have no real family,” she says. “They are important, but no one cares for them.

They are mostly forgotten.” Makenzie recently won a national award from the Caring Institute, which was founded in 1985 to honor and promote public service. Some other award recipients this year were Nebraska Congressman Tom Osborne and retired Vice Adm. William Lawrence, a former superintendent of the U.S. Naval Academy. Home Depot and Southern Management Companies built her a backyard office. That’s where she stores a large zoo of stuffed animals and prepares the bags, sometimes with the help of friends and family who take an assembly line approach. Makenzie estimates she has reached about 28,000 children in six years.

There are an estimated 530,000 foster children in the United States. Makenzie occasionally runs into supply lulls. While she usually has plenty of stuffed animals, Makenzie said her supply of duffel bags has ebbed recently. When she received her Caring Institute award, a donor gave her \$5,000. At \$10 a bag, that will bring her supply to 500 — a nice boost. “But it would be really cool if someone would match that, so I could get 500 more,” she said. Ginny Grunley, a court appointed special advocate for foster children in Montgomery County, said Makenzie has excelled at a project that is desperately needed. “A lot of times these kids don’t have anything new to their name so it really makes them feel good,” Grunley said. Makenzie doesn’t get to meet the children, because of confidentiality rules. Still, she said her project makes her feel good that she’s helping others. “I actually want to do it forever, until I help all the 530,000 foster care children in the whole United States,” Makenzie said. Copied-The Associated Press

Wow, what a heart for others. I want you to know today that someone is praying for you. At Fairfield Church of Christ we care, and we would love to get to know you better. I want to personally invite you and your family to take a little time out this Sunday and come to church and together share in a life changing experience with the eternal God.

We have many wonderful things going on at Fairfield church. On Sunday, November 20, at 10:30pm we will be having our annual “Day of Thanksgiving.” Come and join on taking some time to count our many blessings. A free meal will be served after services.

Also, our weekly and continuing events and activities are as follows: Sunday mornings; **Bible Classes** for babies to adults begins at 9:30am. Each bible class is taught by loving, well prepared, Christians utilizing the latest in educational techniques and finest bible curriculums.

Worship is at 10:30am and each service is carefully thought out and planned by our worship ministry leaders. Every service is meant to bring glory to the name of Jesus and help each person realize how wonderful it is when you fall in love with Jesus as your savior.

At 5:00pm on Sunday evenings we spend time in prayer, praise, and casual conversation about God’s word and how it applies to our daily lives.

Each Tuesday is a special “Ladies’ Brown Bag Lunch and Prayer.” Ladies come together at 12 noon and spend time eating and fellowshiping and then a time of prayer. Everyone in the community is invited to come.

Mid-week **Bible studies** are also offered every Wednesday at 7:30pm. This is a great time to pause in the middle of a busy week and be re-energized by fellowship, prayer, and study of God’s word.

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This Thanksgiving, we thank God that He is still on His throne. We are blessed to have the opportunity to minister to this community, to reach out to the youth in our area, and to be able to share the love of God with so many friends and neighbors. Our small groups provide a wonderful environment in which to grow in our relationship with the Lord and develop closer friendships with one another.

Our Sunday night **"Care & Prayer Service"** provides ample opportunity to minister to the hurts of our community as well as celebrate and praise God for answered prayers for healing and financial prosperity. We see the signs and wonders of God's love touching the lives of our neighbors and we truly give Him thanks.

Our Open Invitation

The Good News provides a sanctuary for those who are weary and beautiful hope for the hopeless. Please join us during our Sunday morning service or attend one of our small groups. Our adult small groups meet on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings in one of our members' home.

We are currently studying "God Chasers" by Tommy Tenney. Our children and youth have separate groups, specific to each age group which meet on Wednesday night at our church. We are each special and unique and God's love is more than abundantly sufficient to meet all our needs. Join us in our small groups. If you want prayer, please call our church office and let us stand with you before God and petition Him together.

Come On Home for the Holidays

As we gear up for the holidays, what a perfect time to join us, if you don't have a church "home". Our heart is to bring family and friends together for some good old fashioned fun. The day after Thanksgiving, our ladies join together for a day of fun, shopping, tea, and fellowship at Old Town Spring. Come and share this event and this special time of year with us.

Come join us and learn how God's Holy Spirit equips Christians to live victoriously in today's challenging world. We are located just 1.5 miles off Hwy 290 at 15010 Mueschke Rd. Sunday services start at 10:45 a.m. For more details, please contact us at (281) 373-9337.

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Preparing for the predicted landfall of Hurricane Rita in the Houston area, I found myself taking a trip back in time with memories flashing across the screen of my mind similar to utilizing the rewind feature on our DVD player. Furniture and electronic equipment was left in place without a thought as I considered what to move away from windows. What mattered most to me as I prepared my home for a possible hit from what was then a category five hurricane, were the treasured relationships my photos and gifts from friends represented.

As I looked around my second floor study, my focus was drawn to a framed photo from Beth Moore's Breaking Free video with passages from Isaiah chapter 61 printed across the green lawn of an old Victorian home. It had been a gift from Beth for being a part of her praise team during that Bible study she considers her life message. On the wall near my desk was a framed mural with the signatures of many of the women who participated in the introductory session of my first Bible study, *Journey to the Promised Land*. The framed palm frond, dog tag, and colored copy of the study cover probably only cost a few dollars, but the memento is priceless to this woman who witnessed God speak to that special group of women as He launched a ministry. On another wall hung a collage lovingly crafted by my mother for my office while I was on staff at Cy-Fair Christian Church, a treasured and necessary step in my journey. Most of the items in my study are memorials of portions of my pilgrimage both with God and with the precious women He has called me to minister to through Fruitful Word Ministries.

Recent images from Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama flashed through my mind as I thought of losing my home and all of those precious memorials and memories. I was struck afresh with the importance of my family, friends, and my relationship with my Lord who has made Himself known to me through His Word and His activity in my life and ministry on a regular basis. Everything else in this life can be lost with but a moment's notice.

My heart goes out to all of the people along the gulf coast of the United States who have lost countless gifts and mementos of precious time with friends and family. Homes can be reconstructed, furniture replaced, but for many, the only memories of times past are now held in the recordings of their minds. The loss is tremendous, the grief intense.

As Jesus prepared to depart from His earthly journey – an event that would bring a great sense of loss to His followers - He gave his disciples a powerful reminder of what they should cling to during their time on this earth. Jesus told them:

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going. – John 14:1-4

Our Jesus knows the grief we experience when we lose loved ones or experience loss. He wept with Mary as she grieved over her brother's death (John 11:35 NIV). Jesus' heart overflowed with compassion when he saw the grief stricken widow whose only son was being prepared for burial (Luke 7:13 NLT). There is comfort in knowing our God is not indifferent to our grief. Jesus told us, *Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father (John 14:9)*. Jesus continually displayed compassion for those who mourned and provided for those in need. Our heavenly Father undoubtedly cares about our suffering. One day He will return and bring us to our new home, lovingly prepared with each of us in mind.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." – Revelation 21:1-4 (NIV)

As we suffer hardship or endure loss, like the disciples, we can find strength to move forward by trusting in God. We can anticipate a new heaven and a new earth with no more death, or mourning, or suffering. We can fix our eyes upward, holding fast to the only One who is worthy of all our faith. Through this fragile life, our hope lies in our ability to trust through the mourning.

And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful. -Revelation 21:5 KJV

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Texas Events - November

1, 4, 6, 10, 12—HOUSTON: Mozart's *The Marriage of Figaro* Houston Grand Opera. Wortham Theater Center. 713/228-6737 or 800/626-7372

4-5—BAYTOWN: Arts & Crafts Show Baytown Community Center. E-mail: pard@baytown.org 281/420-6597

5—HOUSTON: Fall Repertory: Mussorgsky's *Boris Godunov* Wortham Theater Center. 713/228-6737 or 800/626-7372

5-6—KEMAH: Symphonies by the Sea Presents a classical concert. Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880

8—CORPUS CHRISTI: Sensational Seafood Taste mouth-watering Gulf of Mexico delicacies prepared by local chefs. Aquarium lobby. www.texas-stateaquarium.org 361/881-1341

10-13—HOUSTON: Nutcracker Market Features holiday decorations, food, clothing, jewelry and furniture. Reliant Park. www.nutcrackermarket.com 713/535-3231

11-12—GALVESTON: *Oklahoma!* The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894

11-12—HOUSTON: *Minus One* The Cullen Series features Les Grands Ballets Canadiens performing. Wortham Theater Center. www.houstonballet.org 713/227-2787

12—GALVESTON: Seventh Annual Texas Aviation Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony & Gala Honors Texans who have contributed to the advancement of aviation. Texas Aviation Hall of Fame. www.lsfm.org 409/740-7722

12—KEMAH: Classic Car Show Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880 or 877/285-3624

12—SPRING: Christmas Parade Begins at 9 a.m. www.oldtownspringtx.com 800/653-8696 or 281/353-9310

12-13—HOUSTON: 16th Annual Texas Championship Powwow Includes traditional singing and dancing, food, tipi villages, demonstrations, storytelling, educational exhibits and authentic Native American arts & crafts. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500

12-13—PASADENA: Fall Festival Re-creates 1890s farm life on the Texas Gulf Coast. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Armand Bayou Nature Center. www.abnc.org 281/474-2551

12-Dec. 24—SPRING: Home for the Holidays www.oldtownspringtx.com 800/653-8696 or 281/353-9310

13—GALVESTON: 15th Annual End of Season Fly Day Informal flying event features aircraft of the Lone Star Flight Museum and other fly-in guests. Doors open at 9 a.m. Texas Aviation Hall of Fame. www.lsfm.org 409/740-7722

15—GALVESTON: *The Little Engine that Could Earns Her Whistle* Watty Piper's timeless tale comes to life. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894

19—KEMAH: Fifth Annual Beat the Heat See police dragsters and high-power racecars. Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880 or 877/285-3624

19—KEMAH: Tree Lighting Ceremony Includes Harbor Lights Choir, entertainment and more at 7 p.m. Corner of 6th Street and Bradford. 281/538-4632 or 281/538-4165

19—TOMBALL: Holiday Parade Features more than 175 entries. FM 2920. Miss Tomball Pageant is held at the Tomball Intermediate School. www.tomballchamber.org 281/351-7222

19-20—HOUSTON: The 11th Annual *Houston Chronicle* Snowfest George R. Brown Convention Center. www.texasnowfest.com 800/831-3976

1919-20—TEXAS CITY: Model Railroad Festival The Texas City Museum and Showboat Pavilion is filled with model train layouts and vendors. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 400 block of 6th St. www.texas-city-tx.org 409/643-5799

20—ALVIN: Victorian Holiday Includes Victorian sandwich plate desert and cider, entertainment by elementary students singing Christmas carols, auctions and craft booths. Hours are 2 to 6 p.m. National Oak Park. 281/331-2934

24—HOUSTON: Washington Mutual Thanksgiving Day Parade Features floats, marching bands and Santa Claus. www.wamuparade.com 713/654-8808

25—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Lighting of the Island Join Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus for the lighting of the island and caroling at 6 p.m. South Padre Island Visitors Center. 800/767-2373

25-27—HOUSTON: *The Nutcracker* This ballet is a holiday treat. Wortham Theater Center. www.houstonballet.org 713/227-2787

25-27—KEMAH: Christmas in Kemah Includes local bands and entertainment, Santa, and more. "Blizzard on the Bay," with 30,000 pounds of snow on the ground is Saturday. www.kemah.net 281/538-4632 or 281/538-4165

26—GALVESTON: ArtWalk Historic Downtown Galveston. www.galvestonartscenter.org 409/763-2403

26—KEMAH: Nutcracker Vignette Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880 or 877/285-3624

26-Dec. 31—VICTORIA: Christmas Bazaar Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Community Art Center. 361/575-8968

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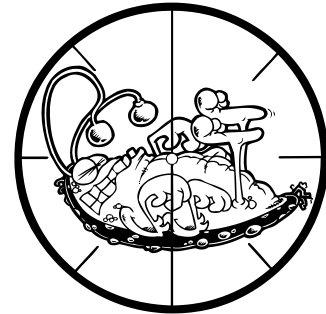
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Exercising In The Cold

The biggest concern for exercising in the cold is hypothermia, or too much heat loss. When you exercise in a cold environment you must consider one primary factor: how much heat will your body lose during exercise?

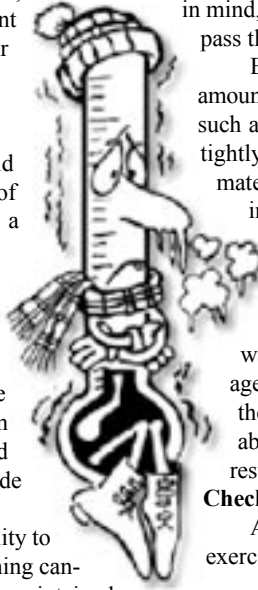
Heat loss is controlled in two ways:

1. Insulation, consisting of body fat plus clothing.
2. Environmental factors, including temperature, wind and whether you're exercising in the air or in the water. Each of these factors plays a role in the body's ability to maintain a comfortable temperature during exercise.

Insulation

Although many people aspire to have a lean figure, people with a little more body fat are better insulated and will lose less heat. Clothing adds to the insulation barrier and is clearly the most important element in performance and comfort while exercising in the cold. One study showed that heat loss from the head alone was about 50 percent at the freezing mark, and by simply wearing a helmet, subjects were able to stay outside indefinitely.

Clothing is generally a good insulator because it has the ability to trap air, a poor conductor of heat. If the air trapped by the clothing cannot conduct the heat away from the body, temperature will be maintained.



Unlike air, however, water is a rapid conductor of heat and even in the coldest of temperatures, people will sweat and risk significant heat loss. With this in mind, you want to choose clothing that can trap air but allow sweat to pass through, away from the body.

By wearing clothing in layers, you have the ability to change the amount of insulation that is needed while many new products can provide such a layered barrier, it is important to avoid heavy cotton sweats or tightly woven material that will absorb and retain water. Because these materials cannot provide a layer of dry air near the skin, they can increase the amount of heat your body loses as you exercise.

Keeping the hands and feet warm is a common concern when exercising in the cold. Lower temperatures cause blood to be shunted away from the hands and feet to the center of the body to keep the internal organs warm and protected. Superficial warming of the hands will return blood flow to prevent tissue damage. Blood flow will not return to the feet unless the temperature of the torso is normal or slightly higher (.5-1.0 degree Fahrenheit (F) above normal). So, to keep your feet warm you must also keep the rest of your body warm at all times.

Check with the weatherman

Always check the air temperature and wind chill factor before exercising in the cold. Data from the National Safety Council suggest

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little danger to individuals with properly clothed skin exposed at 20° F, even with a 30 mph wind. A danger does exist for individuals with exposed skin when the wind chill factor (combined effect of temperature and wind) falls below minus 20° F. That can be achieved by any combination of temperatures below 20° F with a wind of 40 mph and temperatures below minus 20° F with no wind. If you are exercising near the danger zone for skin exposure, it also is advisable to warm the air being inhaled by wearing a scarf or mask over your nose and mouth to warm the air being inhaled.

Rules for exercising in the cold

- Check the temperature and wind conditions before you go out and do not exercise if conditions are dangerous.
- Keep your head, hands and feet warm.
- Dress in layers that can provide a trapped layer of dry air near the skin (avoid cotton sweats and other similar materials).
- Warm the air you are breathing if temperatures are below your comfort level (usually around 0° F).



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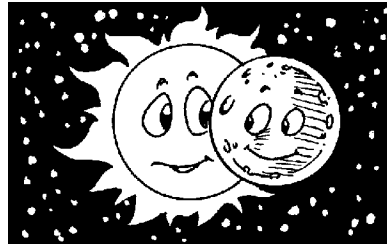
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For booth availability, contact Stephanie Dichero 281-373-0581 or Jerri Knipstein 281-373-9621



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Baylor College of Medicine

The influenza vaccine protected asthma patients who use inhaled steroids against type A flu, although its protection against type B flu was significantly reduced in those taking high doses of inhaled steroids, according to results from a study at Baylor College of Medicine.

"The findings of this study should reassure physicians and patients that influenza vaccine does provide protection against influenza in most asthma patients taking inhaled steroids," said Dr. Nicola Hanania, BCM assistant professor of medicine and director of the Asthma Clinical Research Center. "We certainly don't want asthmatics to avoid taking their influenza vaccine because of these study results."

There are occasional outbreaks of influenza type B, and in the event this happens, people who use inhaled steroids to control their asthma may need to receive other medications in addition to the vaccine, he said.

The immune response of patients on steroids at all doses who received the vaccine was higher than that seen in patients on steroids who received placebo, said Hanania. However, patients on high doses of inhaled steroids had a lower immune response to type B influenza. A previously published study performed by this network confirmed the safety of influenza vaccine in children and adults with asthma.

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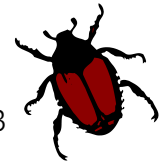
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| Cottage Glen | 0 | - | - | 4 | 0 |
| The Crossing | 6 | \$67.39 | 58 | 6 | 0 |
| The Estates | 1 | \$75.26 | 46 | 1 | 1 |
| Garden Grove | 4 | \$68.21 | 25 | 14 | 0 |
| Glen | 0 | - | - | 3 | 0 |
| Inwood Glen | 10 | \$64.91 | 93 | 3 | 2 |
| Inwood Meadows | 10 | \$65.09 | 88 | 7 | 2 |
| Inwood Park | 14 | \$65.31 | 58 | 5 | 3 |
| Lakes/Lake Ridge 2 | 3 | \$81.57 | 36 | 11 | 1 |
| Landing/Reserve | 2 | \$64.86 | 50 | 7 | 2 |
| Meadows | 0 | - | - | 4 | 1 |
| Oaks | 4 | \$63.44 | 82 | 3 | 1 |
| Park/Retreat | 1 | \$63.49 | 36 | 2 | 1 |
| Pines | 1 | \$70.94 | 197 | 4 | 0 |
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