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Successful Picnic in the Park

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The Special Events Committee is proud to announce that we had a successful Picnic in the Park! There was barbeque, snow cones, games for everyone! Some of the children even went for a walk on the moon. A great time was had by all. Many thanks go out to the volunteers that pulled off such a successful event!

National Night Out

National Night Out on August 7th is a nationally known neighborhood safety event. This event is recognized for bringing together the partnership of the local police and the local community in an effort to reduce neighborhood crime and improve neighborhood unity. On August 7th Riata Ranch is planning to be actively involved in this event. We are planning some special activities including appearances from various police patrol units and organizing scavenger hunts within each section. We are encouraging all our neighbors to come outside and get to know each other.

That evening we encourage all neighbors to turn their porch lights on at 7pm as a symbol of neighborhood unity. We will be posting more information about the evenings activities and logistics on the Riataranch.net website closer to the event.

If you are interested in purchasing any official National Night Out gear such as T shirts and banners you can contact the NNO Superstore on the web at www.nationalnightout.org

If you'd like more information on the National Night Out event please stay tuned to our website Riataranch.net and go to events or email us at events@riataranch.net. If you'd be interested in volunteering for this event please consider joining the special events committee!

Screen on the Green

The special events committee is happy to present the first Screen on the Green! At 8pm on August 18th we will be showing a family friendly movie and hope your family will join us for the evening. Come grab yourself a bag of popcorn, sit back, relax and enjoy the show! (Please bring a blanket or

lawn chairs for your family)
Thanks again to our sponsor:

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Food at the Pool - OK

The HOA board has decided to relax the rule about food at the pool and see how it goes. We understand that most people are responsible when it comes to cleaning up after themselves. However there was a problem with people policing their own trash. Food was making its way into the pool pumps and filters. It is not the lifeguard's job to clean up after people. We have decided to allow residents to bring in food and drinks for their own kids. However we would like all large parties where there is a lot of food, cake, cookies, pizza and such to continue to setup in the cabana area. We have notified the lifeguards of this. There are also (3) more sets of tables and chairs on the way and trash receptacles that should

Kindergarten Round UP

Do you have a child going to Kindergarten this year? We have a great event planned for you!! This is going to be so much fun and educational too!! We will be having a special lesson from the Cy Fair Transportation Department on bus safety and rules. You and your child will have the opportunity to get on the bus, take pictures, ask questions and learn about how to get on, off and ride the bus safely

There will also be activities for your kids to get to know other children that they will be going to class with.

Join us at the Kids R Kids gymnasium at 10:00am on August 11th ! (on Barker Cypress in front of our subdivision)

Applicants Sought for Appraisal Review Board Service

HOUSTON—The Harris County Appraisal District (HCAD) is accepting applications from residents interested in service on the district's appraisal review board (ARB).

The review board hears property owner protests about appraised value, exemption denials, and other appraisal district related matters. ARB members sit in panels of three to conduct property owner protest hearings, most of which are during the summer months.

Application forms are available for download from the HCAD website or by contacting Gerry Muzny at 713-957-5291. Applicants selected by HCAD's board of directors as finalists will be scheduled for interviews.

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The services provided at Cypress Assistance Ministries, CAM, are made possible by many dedicated volunteers. If you enjoy working with the public, decorating or merchandising, then serving in CAM's resale shop, Angels' Attic, is the place for you. Our busy community donation area, the Cellar, is looking for people willing to serve by processing donations and restocking Angels' Attic. For a detailed description of all volunteer opportunities, visit our web site at www. cypressassistanceminstries.com, then call 281-955-7684, to schedule an orientation.

Cypress Assistance Ministries, located at 11202 Huffmeister, exists to provide a safe place for individuals or families to tell their story and be offered some measure of hope during difficult times. For a description of our services and Food Pantry requests please see our web site, www.cypressassistanceministries.com.

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Special Events Committee

August 7th: 2007 National Night Out /Kids Scavenger hunt (7pm) A night for the neighbors to come out and help the neighborhood kids with a scavenger hunt. Each section will have their own scavenger hunt and will be a fun way to get to know the neighbors.

August 11th: Kindergarten Round-up (10am – 12pm) Is your child starting Kindergarten this August? All children attending Postma elementary for Kindergarten are encouraged to join us for games and activities. This is a fun way to kick off the school year and gives the kids a chance to meet each other before the school year begins!

August 18th: Screen on the Green – Movie @ the Park (8pm) All families are welcome to come sit out under the stars and watch a family friendly movie. Bring a blanket and/or lawn chairs to the 1st annual screen on the green. Prior to the movie there will be activities and a chance to visit with the neighbors!

Fall Activities include:

October

DATE TBD: Future Business Leaders of America – We have all heard the saying "our kids are our future", and we want to inspire our youth to think as business leaders. We are looking for all children in the CY- Fair school district that would like to participate and show off their business. Children in all grade levels our encouraged to participate. We will have an award for elementary, middle school and high school levels.

We are looking for any business concept from lemonade stands, babysitters, lawn mowers, cookie stands to more advanced business ideas. Start working with your kids individually or with a group (ie, girl scouts, boy scout troops, church groups, classes, or other clubs) to develop their business. We are building community support for this activity and would be very interested in local business participation and sponsorship of this event. If your child or group is interested in participating in this event or if you have a business that would be interested in participating as a sponsor please contact events@riataranch.net. More details on this event to come!

October 27th Fall Frolic: Ideas for this event include BBQ, craft exhibits, antiques, art, local merchants, pumpkin patch for pictures, pumpkin carving contest, bake sales, pony rides, dog costume parade/fundraiser, kids costume contest, old fashioned Halloween party games, kids relay races, petting zoo. More details on this event

to come

November 3rd: Fall Garage Sale

November 17th: Special crafts made at the Fall Frolic will be given to a local nursing home.

December 3rd-7th: Collection of Blankets and Coats for Bundles of Love

December 15th: Breakfast with Santa (10am) and Christmas Caroling (6:30pm)

These are just some of the highlights. Stay tuned for more details on each event and others not yet listed. We are looking for volunteers for all activities. We are always looking for sponsors, donations, and new ideas! Please contact us at events@riataranch.net if you can help!

We are also looking for participants to join a Riata Ranch walking team (including kids) to participate in at least one 5k charity walk. If you would be interested we'd love to put our best foot forward in the Houston area! Please join us!

Wake up to MOPS @ The MET

Register now and wake up to MOPS @ The MET on Friday mornings. MOPS @ The MET, Mother's of Preschoolers, offers 2 dynamic groups that meet either the 1st and 3rd Friday mornings or the 2nd and 4th Friday mornings from 9:15am – 11:45am. Childcare is provided with registration. MOPS is a program specifically designed to meet the need of mother's of preschoolers, newborn through kindergarten. You won't want to miss a Friday morning filled with scrumptious food, great door prizes, new friendships, encouragement, awesome speakers and a creative activity that even the most craft challenged gal can do! To find out more about MOPS and to register now for Fall 2007 go to www.metmops.org. Registration is \$50 per semester.

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QUESTIONS? Please Call Cy-Fair Soccer @281-894-1742





POOL SEASON

Pool Tags will be required for admittance. The pool will be open the following days in 2007:

DAYS: May 27 through August 26 September 1, 2, 3

The pool will be open when a lifeguard is on duty during the following hours:

Monday Closed*

Tuesday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm Wednesday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm Thursday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm Friday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm Saturday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm Sunday 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Special Hours:

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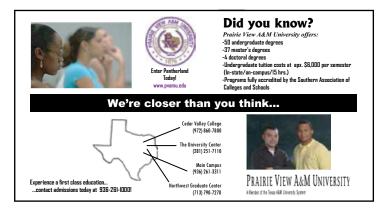
- 1. Tags must be worn at all times while at the pool
- 2. You must be a member of the Association. Members may invite two guests per tag holder.
- 3. Members must be current on all Maintenance Fees in order to receive the tags.

4. Tags are not necessary for children under the age of six.

5. Tags are issued to full-time household members as listed on your application.

If you need pool tags or have any questions please call SCS Management at (281) 463-1777.





Volunteers Needed

The special events committee is a composed entirely of neighbor volunteers. We need more help to carry off these events and make them a big success. We would like to have at least one member from each section on the committee. We also need volunteers to help get the word out regarding activities. Please contact events@riataranch.net for more information on committee meetings.



Vacation Watch

At your request, the Harris County Sheriff's Department will put your house on VACATION WATCH. Just go to www. riataranch.net and look for the Vacation Watch form in the FORMS and DOCS section.

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This month's tip is focusing primarily on your teenagers. I would highly recommend that you share this important information with them.

For those of you that have teenagers in athletic activity, protection of the teeth can not be emphasized enough. It is imperative that they wear a mouth guard at all times, especially during the roughest of contact sports such as football, basketball, hockey, soccer, or boxing.

There are three kinds of mouth guards:

The first and most effective mouth guard is the custom fitted kind. This one can ONLY be professionally made and fitted by a dentist. This is the number one choice due to the protection provided, because it is made for the individuals' mouth only. It also delivers more comfort, safety and stability.

Your second option is an appliance that forms to the teeth after placing in hot water. These are considered "mouth formed" guards. Although these are slightly better than over-the-counter "pre-formed" guards, they have the tendency to loosen easier which lowers its ability to protect the teeth from injury.

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Don't Miss This Children's Summer Show: Mark your calendars for the children's summer production of 'Tite Rouge, a charming and rollicking retelling of Little Red Riding Hood set at 10 a.m. Mondays through Fridays and noon Saturdays Aug. 6 – Aug. 18.

Check out the All About Beads Exhibition: Beads, beads and more beads will be on display in the Cy-Fair College Bosque Gallery through Aug. 30. This unique art exhibition, using one primary medium - beads, will showcase work from Houston area beaders. Meet the beaders as well as college art faculty and staff at the reception from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Aug. 2. Light refreshments will be served.

Add a Little L.I.F.E. in August: 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.) August programs include benefits of video games for adults, tie dye tee shirts, basics of a painting, looking your best and a Holland trip and bulb tips. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or check the library web page online at http://cfclibrary.nhmccd.edu.

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Personal classifieds (one time sell items, such as a used bike...) run at no charge to Riata Ranch residents, limit 30 words, please e-mail *editor@riatranch.net*.

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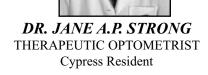
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HELPFUL TOOLS on RIATARANCH.NET

On our website, under DOCS, FORMS, LINKS, there are many helpful tools at your disposal. All of the known forms needed for all neighborhood business and activities are listed on the site, and the list keeps growing. As a new need is realized, the site gets updated with additional links in an effort to give you one place to find everything you need to make the most out of our community.

You will find everything from information regarding mosquitoes and violation summaries, to downloadable forms for vacation watches and ACC applications.

One of the tools that you'll find is very helpful, but not very pleasant. It is a link to the sex offender section of the TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY web site (https://records.txdps.state.tx.us/soSearch/default.cfm). This site contains a mapping tool that allows you to input your address and assess your surroundings and proximity to known offenders.

Although it is a difficult subject to address, this link helps enhance the safety of our community through knowledge.

Use the site. Be knowledgeable and be safe.

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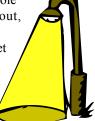
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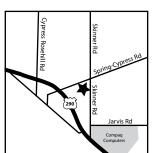




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Neighborhood Section	Active Listings	Pending Listings	Solds	Ave. Days on Market	Ave. Price per Sq. Ft
Section 1	3	1	1	29	67.56
Section 2	3	1	1	2	89.81
Section 3	2	1	3	88	68.91
Section 4	-	1	4	41	70.84
Section 5	7	1	-	-	-
Section 6	3	1	1	-	1
Section 7	1	1	1	-	-
Section 8	1	1	1	-	-
Section 9	1	-	2	13	73.40
Section 10	1	-	-	-	-
Section 11	3	1	-	-	-

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