

# The Ranch Review

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## SPRING COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

*Saturday, April 12th*

*8:00 a.m.*

*Rain or Shine*

It's Garage Sale time – so clean out your garages and attics and make some money! There will need to be at least 60 families registered and paid by March 30th !!

We are doing things a bit different this year. We no longer have signs available. If you have one, feel free to use it. It was very hard to keep track of all of them, and we 5 returned after the last sale. Please remember that your \$5 fee goes to pay for advertising the sale, and not for the sign. We put ads in over 7 different papers across the Houston area. Without the advertising, we don't have customers! Without your fee, we don't get advertising. This is all going to be done by the honor system. Please do your part and send in your fee! We will still be putting up the big signs at the front entrances. Please feel free to make your own signs, but be sure to take them down after the sale.

There are 2 ways to register & pay your fee: You can mail your registration (name, street address, home phone number & \$5 check made out to SCS Management) to Bobbie McKeon 17223 Firecreek Ridge Dr. Houston, TX 77095 or come by the pool Sunday March 30th from 6-7pm. Please don't wait until the last minute! All the advertising must be submitted and paid for two weeks before the sale. You can send in your registration any time from now up through March 30th.

If you have any questions, comments or ideas please contact Bobbie McKeon at 281-213-3140 or [RiataRanchGarageSale@yahoo.com](mailto:RiataRanchGarageSale@yahoo.com)

### Important Dates:

- Now through March 30th – Mail in registration (see info above)
- Sunday March 30th, 6– 7 p.m. – In-person registration at the pool (see info above)
- March 30th – Registration deadline
- April 12th, 8:00 a.m. – Garage Sale

FYI: The HOA rules state that private garage sales are not allowed. Community garage sales are okay as long as they are a community sponsored event and meet the minimum participants requirement.

## Cypress Christian School Annual Golf Classic

Calling all Golfers and Sponsors! Mark your calendar for Monday, May 5 to participate in the annual CCS Golf Classic. This year's Golf Tournament will be held at the Longwood Golf Club, 13300 Longwood Trace, Cypress, TX 77429 with a 1:00 tee-off time. In addition to a great afternoon on the course, golfers will be treated to lunch and dinner. To add to the fun, a silent auction will be held with golfer-friendly/family-friendly items to be awarded to the highest bidder.

To play in the tournament or sponsor the event - which includes a multitude of advertising opportunities - please log on to the school web site at [www.CypressChristian.org](http://www.CypressChristian.org) or contact the Event Coordinator at [Jody.Pollos@CypressChristian.org](mailto:Jody.Pollos@CypressChristian.org) or 281-770-5326. Thanks to our Lead Underwriter, Longnecker & Associates!



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Psalm 126:2-3 "Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.' The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy."

Community Carnival and Family Fun Day - Saturday, April 19, 2008 from 10:00 to 4:00. Rides, games, food and prizes galore are in store for everyone who attends this special event. The carnival will be held on the school grounds located at 11123 Cypress N. Houston Rd at Jones Rd. Ticket and sponsorship information is available on the school web site.

Community Golf Tournament - Monday, May 5, 2008 at Longwood Golf Club: Calling all Golfers and Sponsors! Mark your calendar for Monday, May 5 to participate in the annual CCS Golf Classic. This year's Golf Tournament will be held at the Longwood Golf Club, 13300 Longwood Trace, Cypress, TX 77429 with a 1:00 tee-off time. In addition to a great afternoon on the course, golfers will be treated to lunch and dinner. To add to the fun, a silent auction will be held with golfer-friendly/family-friendly items to be awarded to the highest bidder.

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## Cypress Assistance Ministries Antique and Collectible Sale

Don't miss Angels' Attic Antique and Collectible Sale, April 15th and 16th, 10am - 6pm. A fantastic assortment of vintage glassware, silver, linens and hard to find collectibles can be found at this great event! Donations for this successful, bi-annual sale are also being accepted. As you drop off your donation, please let the attendant know the donation is designated for the Antique Sale. Proceeds from the Antique and Collectible Sale benefit client services at CAM.

Interested in becoming a member of our dedicated volunteer team? Volunteer opportunities are available in Angels' Attic Resale Shop, the donation center, and the Food Pantry. To become a volunteer, contact Lisa at 281-955-7684 to sign up for an orientation.

Cypress Assistance Ministries provides an array of services to families in need within the Cypress and Northwest Houston area. For a description of all our services, volunteer opportunities or Food Pantry requests please see our web site, [www.cypressassistanceministries.com](http://www.cypressassistanceministries.com).

Donations to Cypress Assistance Ministries can be made Monday through Wednesday from 10AM - 6PM and Thursday through Saturday from 10AM - 3 PM.

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Look at the Talent Showcased in the Center for the Arts: The month kicks off with the Choral Department's annual spring "World Music Festival" April 4. Then enjoy a variety of talents at the "Hollywood Boulevard" talent show April 11. In the Bosque Gallery the work of student artists will be highlighted in the "Spring 2008 Student Exhibition" April 15 through May 8. Finally, the Theatre Department presents "A Piece of My Heart" – a riveting drama, for mature audiences only, set April 17 through April 27. For visual and performing arts information, go to [cyfair.lonestar.edu/centerforthearts](http://cyfair.lonestar.edu/centerforthearts).

Diversity in the Information Technology Field Speaker Series: Come hear first-hand about the benefits and rewards of a career in IT from three minority guest speakers who have been successful in a field of Computer Information Technology, one of the fastest growing and constantly evolving industries in the country. Dr. Denise Chatam, Lone

Star College-CyFair Dean of Technology and Institutional Research will speak April 8; Christopher Powe, business systems analyst with BP, April 9 and Janine Mahone, product manager with Symantec. For speaker series or LSC-CyFair Computer Information Technology program information, call Kimberly Hubbard, CIT Professor, at 281-290-3920 or go to [cyfair.lonestar.edu](http://cyfair.lonestar.edu).

Check out L.I.F.E. Lessons in April: The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Lone Star College-CyFair Branch Library (Room 131.) In April, programs feature real estate websites April 2, Harris County history with county district clerk Theresa Chang April 9, create your own Indian artwork April 16, learn about protecting our water supplies April 23, and history of political mud slinging April 30 (Recital Hall, ART 102.) Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to [cyfair.lonestar.edu/library](http://cyfair.lonestar.edu/library).

Spring Film Series Concludes This Month: The Lone Star College-CyFair Spring Film Series is a continuing education course called Film Appreciation. The series is presented at no charge. A professor or student organization at the college hosts each film and an in-depth discussion after the movie. April films include "John Q" April 3 at Barker Cypress, "High Noon" April 10 at the Fairbanks Center; and "The 11th Hour" April 23 at Barker Cypress. Registration is available at all the film events. For information, go to [cyfair.lonestar.edu/filmseries](http://cyfair.lonestar.edu/filmseries).

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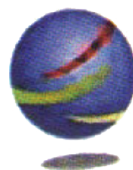
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	6			1	2		3	
1								4
		9		6	3			
		1						
7	4	3						
		2					1	
8		7	4				2	9
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You will find everything from information regarding mosquitoes and violation summaries, to downloadable forms for 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.

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Looking for your refund? If you have already filed your return and want to know the status of your refund, you can now log on-line and find out when you can expect to receive it. This option is available whether you requested automatic deposit into one or multiple accounts or a check mailed to your home address. Log on to: [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for a link to this feature.

**Make sure you:** Maximize your credits! The credits available to many filers are often overlooked. These include:

Child & Dependent Care Credit: may be available for daycare expenses paid even if you participate in a flexible spending program with your employer.

Child Tax Credit: generally available for taxpayers having qualifying children with adjusted gross income under \$110,000

Education Credits: for higher education expenses two different credits apply, the Hope Credit and the Lifetime Learning Credit

Adoption Credits: a nonrefundable credit available for taxpayers with qualified adoption expenses

**Watch Out For:** The IRS has new substantiation requirements for common itemized deductions such as employee business deductions and charitable contributions including non-cash contributions.

Make sure you get with your tax advisor if you think any of the above could possibly benefit you as each individual situation is different.

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4-20—HOUSTON: Rounding Third Two well-meaning dads are eager to coach their sons' Little League team to victory but struggle to resolve their differences. [www.stagestheatre.com](http://www.stagestheatre.com) 713/527-0123

10-12—HOUSTON: Spring into Summer Doll Festival & Competition Registered participants can attend lectures, workshops, auction and more. The public can shop the sales room or visit the competition display room to see the top ribbon winners in doll artistry. [www.bayareadollclub.com](http://www.bayareadollclub.com) 281/614-0077

10-13—HOUSTON: Bay Area Houston Motorcycle Rally Includes Texas Women's Riders Symposium, classic motorcycle show and auction, MST safety classes and courses, daily poker runs and tours, boat cruises, entertainment stage, barbecue cook-off, two parades and a special Rock the Dock venue at Kemah Boardwalk. Space Center Houston. [www.bayarearally.com](http://www.bayarearally.com) 888/725-5989

10-13—HOUSTON: Outlaw Music Festival [www.outlawmusicfestival.com](http://www.outlawmusicfestival.com) 281/996-0831

11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 26—HOUSTON: La Boheme Four young bohemians test the boundaries of friendship and art, love and life. Houston Grand Opera. [www.houstongrandopera.org](http://www.houstongrandopera.org) 713/228-6737

12—HOUSTON: Manuel Barrueco with Cuarteto Latinoamericano Brilliant Cuban classical guitarist performs with the noted Mexican string quartet at the Wortham Center's Cullen Theater. [www.dacamera.com](http://www.dacamera.com) 713/524-5050

12-13—HOUSTON: 2008 BP MS 150 Bicyclists ride from Houston to Austin to raise funds for multiple sclerosis-related research and Lone Star Chapter client programs and services. [www.ms150.org](http://www.ms150.org)

14—HOUSTON: Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band Toyota Center. [www.toyotacentertix.com](http://www.toyotacentertix.com) 866/446-8849

18-19—HOUSTON: Spring Showcase Features the gifted young artists of Houston Ballet's Ben Stevenson Academy. Wortham Theater Center. [www.houstonballet.org](http://www.houstonballet.org) 713/227-2787

19-20, 26-27—HOUSTON: Houston International Festival Spotlights Out of Africa with a comprehensive cultural tour, featuring cuisines of Africa, artwork, interactive exhibits and performers from around the world. Downtown Houston. [www.ifest.org](http://www.ifest.org) 713/654-8808

23-27—HOUSTON: The Grand Wine & Food Affair An array of renowned winemakers, celebrated award-winning chefs and others offer exotic and sumptuous samplings. [www.thegrandwineandfoodaffair.com](http://www.thegrandwineandfoodaffair.com) 713/747-9463

25, 27—HOUSTON: Billy Budd Accusations of mutiny and an accidental death leave a sailor in danger of hanging for murder. Houston Grand Opera. [www.houstongrandopera.org](http://www.houstongrandopera.org) 713/228-6737

26-27—HOUSTON: 37th Annual Houston Pod Chili Cook-Off Held under the auspices of the Chili Appreciation Society International, chili cooks from as far away as New York City will be joined by chiliheads. Traders Village, 7979 N. Eldridge Road. [www.tradersvillage.com](http://www.tradersvillage.com) 281/890-5500

28—HOUSTON: Classical Superstars: Mozart & Haydn Zilkha Hall, Hobby Center for the Performing Arts. 713/315-2525

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