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Students at Cypress Christian School Serving our Soldiers

“Want to send your support to a soldier in harm’s way, but have no idea of what to send, who to send it to, or how to send it?”

In the fall of the 2007-2008 school year, Mrs. Carolyn Morgan, fifth grade teacher at Cypress Christian School, asked this same question when planning a class service project. Mrs. Morgan desired for her class to communicate with a soldier and bless him/her in whatever way possible. She logged on to AnySoldier.com to find volunteer soldier “contacts” on the “Where to Send” page. All the soldiers on this web site are military men and women stationed in areas that are in harm’s way. She searched through the names and selected Major Christopher Lindner (shown in middle).

Mrs. Morgan sent a few packages of goodies and supplies along with letters from her students to the address for Major Lindner. Upon receiving the packages, Major Lindner thanked Mrs. Morgan and her students via email and handwritten thank you cards. Mrs. Morgan began regularly corresponding with Major Lindner to determine his specific needs and requests. CCS students and parents jumped at the opportunity to continue blessing their “special” soldier. The back of Mrs. Morgan’s classroom was piled with donations which filled nineteen boxes – all to be shipped to Iraq. Donations included study materials, snack items, toiletries, white socks (which soldiers go through quickly), cards, letters and more. Major Lindner received so much that he was able to share the gifts with “his” soldiers serving alongside him in Iraq. He was even able to use some of the items in the Christmas stockings for his troops.

The fifth graders made it a priority to not only bless their special soldier with material items but to bless him through prayer. Major Lindner emailed specific prayer requests for his situation, his

troops and his family back home in Colorado. In response to notes and cards sent by the students, Major Lindner wrote Mrs. Morgan saying, “I’m in awe of the love and grace that your children obviously have for God’s people. They are truly an inspiration to me, that’s for sure.”



Some may call this a coincidence but Mrs. Morgan gives all the credit to God for directing her to this godly man who needed encouragement while serving his country in a foreign land. Major Lindner said in an email to Mrs. Morgan, “I don’t know if I speak for everyone, but there are many types of people who provide immense value for our country and we are just a small piece. So many people get overlooked regarding their contribution and value to our future. I do miss my family so much, but I know that God has a plan for me and I have to trust that He will take care of the things I cannot. It’s tough wanting to be there for my children and wife to provide that something that only a father can provide. However, I’ve had to realize that God can do that even better than I.” What an example of faith this godly man was to our students!

Special Surprise: When the students who participated in this service project return to school in the fall, they have a special surprise awaiting them. Major Lindner sent the classes an American flag which was accompanied by a Certificate of Appreciation which states that the flag was flown at the Camp Remembrance II Theatre Internment Facility, Baghdad, Iraq, on February 22, 2008 in honor of Cypress Christian School.

We “salute” the men and women serving in the military and say “thank you” for sacrificial service!

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4th of July

The annual 4th of July Parade will take place Friday, July 4, 2008. To be part of the parade, meet at Peddlars Court before 10 a.m. Be sure to decorate your bike, wagon, stroller or scooter, because there will be three trophies awarded for the most patriotic! The parade will end at the pool where there will be fun and games for the whole family!

Trophies are being provided by resident Real Estate Agents:

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HOA Annual Meeting

Your Village Creek Board invites all residents to attend the Annual Meeting to be held on Monday, July 21, 2008 at 7 p.m. at 14701 Spring Cypress in the Fairwood Clubhouse, located across the street from Fleet Swim Academy.

Two Board positions are up for re-election, Treasure, Mike Preiser and Secretary, Don Rumsey. If you can not make the meeting please fill out your nomination form and mail or fax (281-537-0312) it back to Chaparral Management.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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The Home Owners Association (HOA) meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. to discuss general business and special concerns. The meetings are held at the Fairwood club house, located at 14701 Spring Cypress. All residents are encouraged to attend.

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Yard of the Month



Congratulations to Rayeesa Hassan of 17511 Warm Winds for being chosen at June's Yard of the Month.

Criteria for Yard of the Month Recipients

Rules

- *Yard of the Month will be awarded during the months of April-Sept.
- *One (1) home will be selected during each month.
- *Winner must be willing to have photos of the yard taken and published in the newsletter.

*Winners will be selected based on the attractiveness, maintenance, beautification, originality and creativity of their landscaping.

*A home cannot receive an award more than once a year.

Awards

- *Yard sign indicating the selection of the winning home will be placed in the front yard of the recipients of the month.
- *A gift certificate from a local nursery will be presented to each winner from the Landscape Committee.

Winners

- *All winners must be in good standing.

Judging Criteria

- *General upkeep of the yard (well manicured grass, edged, uniformly green and generally weed free).
- *Bushes and shrubbery are neatly pruned and show good color.
- *Unique landscaping or originality/creativity.
- *Pleasant and overall appearance which makes the property an asset to the community.

Reporting

- *The Landscape Committee will advise the Board of the Yard of the Month selection prior to notifying the homeowner/resident.

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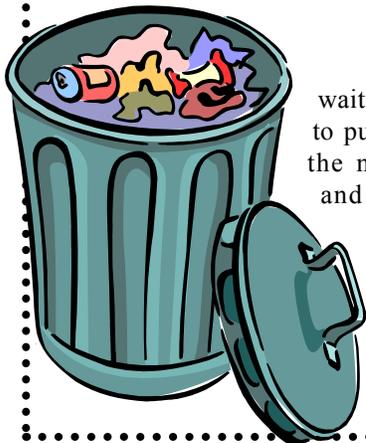
There have been several questions regarding a canopy cover for the observation deck of the splash pad and the answer is yes, we do plan on adding a cover in the near future.

Pool Furniture: Please do not move the pool furniture to the splash pad area. You are welcome to bring lawn chairs and umbrellas from home. Be sure to pick up all trash if you decide to bring a snack to the splash pad, as the life guards are not responsible for the cleaning and maintaining of this area.

Pool Rules: There have been some issues brought to the Board's attention that adults are entering the pool area with alcoholic beverages in nondescript containers and/or cups. **Alcohol is not allowed** inside the pool/splash pad areas and it is posted on the pool rules located just inside the pool gates. If a resident is caught with alcohol, they risk losing your ability to enter either facility by their pool card being deactivated and the Constables will be called. Please remember that the pool and splash pad are family friendly areas within our community.

Pool Cards: If your pool card is not working, lost, or you need an additional pool card, please email: poolcards@myvillagecreek.net, your name, address, phone #, and the number located on the back of your pool card. A replacement/lost card will be \$10 and an additional card is \$2. If you decide to pick up your card from Chaparral Management's office, they charge an additional \$10 processing fee. The HOA will meet you at the pool or hand deliver the card to your home with a receipt for the purchase. We only accept cash, no checks.

It has also been brought to the HOA's attention that several residents are using their neighbor's pool cards. When a resident loans their pool card out to another resident they risk having their own card deactivated. Please advise your borrowing neighbor to contact the HOA and get a new card of their own. There are generally reasons the borrower does not have an active pool card, non payment of annual dues or a delinquent account for legal and other issues within the association.



Trash

If at all possible, please wait until the morning of trash day to put out your trash. Putting it out the night before attracts animals and pests who are not welcome guests! Also, take care to secure loose trash items, as they can easily blow away. Thanks for making every effort to ensure the cleanliness and beautiful appearance of Village Creek!

Make way for duckling!

What seemed like a terminal wait began around the 1st of March with people rummaging through the first nest, eggs disappearing into baby strollers, storms flooding yet another nest - twice - with eggs retrieved then floating away again, delinquents stealing and then breaking the eggs, and rodents taking more eggs.

Finally, even after all those obstacles, our mighty Village Creek Ducks managed to find a good hiding place for their nests and recently hatched at least 10 ducklings. Way



The moms will show them what to eat, but if you are wondering what snacks are appropriate to supplement the ducks/ducklings diet we found a list of at liveducks.com.

Snacks: Cracked corn, fruit, peas, meal worms, night crawlers, fresh finely chopped greens and vegetables.

NO junk food, bread, crackers, popcorn, sweets, chips or people food. Never feed any form of seeds or nuts.

Welcome to the Neighborhood!

We have new residents joining us all the time. Take a moment to see if there are any near you, and make an effort to welcome them home!



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Spring Festival Raises \$510,000 for Boys and Girls Country



The Boys and Girls Country Spring Festival, held on May 3, broke all records for this event, netting over \$510,000. It was a day packed with entertainment, all types of booths for children of all ages, auctions, crafts, and barbecue, hot dogs, and hamburgers. Over 3,200 people attended the festival, including 500 hard working volunteers.

Boys and Girls Country is a residential Home for children, ages five to college age. The Home provides a loving, caring, safe environment in which children from families in crisis can grow into successful adults. Says Shirley Wright, Executive Director, of Boys and Girls Country, "this event not only raised much needed funds to support our work with children, but it was also a wonderful opportunity for our neighbors in northwest Houston to learn how the Home is changing the lives of children".

The event was planned by members of the Spring Festival Committee and co-chaired by Karen Rosales and Frank Todaro. In addition, members of the Northwest Committee provided support in planning, marketing, volunteering at the event, securing booth sponsorships and auction items, and in selling drawing tickets.

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3-4—BAYTOWN: July 3 & 4 Celebration The Coastliners and headliner John Conlee performs from 6 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursday. Friday continues with entertainment, activities, food, arts & crafts, kids amusement area and more. J. Paul Jr. & the Zydeco Nubreeds, Eli Young Band and Tracy Byrd perform at 4 p.m. Concludes with a 9:30 p.m. fireworks show. Bicentennial Park. www.baytown.org 281/420-6597

4—CLEAR LAKE AREA: Fourth of July Fireworks over Clear Lake Begins at 9:30 p.m. Clear Lake Park Boat Ramp. 281/488-7676

4—GALVESTON: July 4 Fireworks Display Begins at 9:15 p.m. 37th and Seawall. www.galveston.com 888/425-4753

4—GALVESTON: July 4 Parade Stages at 25th and Santa Fe Place, travels Santa Fe Place to the Strand, takes 21st to Postoffice, then Postoffice to 24th and 24th to Sealy. Enjoy a celebration with patriotic entertainment at Sealy Pavilion after the parade. galveston.com

4—HOUSTON: Target Summer Symphony Nights The symphony presents a rousing musical salute to Independence Day. Concludes with a spectacular fireworks display. Begins at 8 p.m. Miller Outdoor Theatre. www.milleroutdoortheatre.com 281/373-3386

4—LAKE JACKSON: Fourth of July Celebration & Fireworks

Display 979/297-4533

4—MISSOURI CITY: July 4 Celebration at Buffalo Run Park Hamilton Loomis sings the blues while the "Wheels of Freestyle" stunt team performs BMX demonstrations. Features children's activities, food, crafts and fireworks over the lake. www.missouricitytx.gov 281/403-8500

4—PORT ARTHUR: Independence Day Celebration Lamar State College. 409/984-6101

5—GALVESTON: Art in the Park Offers an open-air market from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sangerfest Park. www.galveston.com

5—GALVESTON: Artwalk Hours are 6 to 9 p.m. Galveston Historic District. www.galvestonartscenter.org 409/763-2403

5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 26-27—HOUSTON: Summer Concert Series Includes honky tonk, Tejano, funk, Cajun and bluegrass. Concerts begin at noon. Traders Village. tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500

11-13, 18-20—GALVESTON: Nipples to the Wind The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894

12—GALVESTON: Family Day: Rigs to Reefs Learn how obsolete oil platforms are being converted into artificial reef habitats and why sea creatures make these structures home. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Ocean Star Offshore Drilling Rig & Museum, Pier 20.

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Neighborhood Watch

Neighborhood Watch has been a successful partnership of local communities and law enforcement across the Houston area and nationwide. It teams local residents with our law enforcement colleagues to reduce crime in communities. Our program is in its infancy and we are ready to take the next step, which are as follows:

1. Select Block Captains for each block in our neighborhood
2. Block Captains sign up their neighbors as participants in the program
3. Village Creek achieves a 50% or better sign-up rate
4. Neighborhood Watch signage is posted throughout our neighborhood

We have had the information meetings. Now those interested need to step forward as Block Captains. The following streets are still in need:

Briar Harbor	Feathers Landing	Lake Vista
Carriage Glen	Flower Mist Court	Leeside
Cloverview	Friar Village	Leeside Court
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Opal Valley	Sky Haven	Village Commons
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Warm Winds	Willow Breeze	Streams East

Neighborhood Watch simply asks us, as residents to step forward and advise law enforcement when we observe unusual activities in our neighborhood. Doing so will send a message to all that we care about Village Creek and want it to continue be the place that it is today, safe and comfortable. Criminals and vandals will get the message.

Go Green

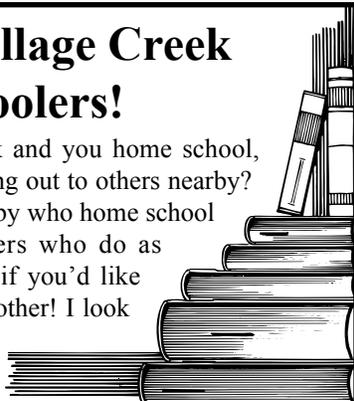
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- www.catalogchoice.org allows you to decline any unwanted catalogs you are currently receiving for free.
- www.greendimes.com allows you to stop junk mail, for a fee.

Looking for Village Creek homeschoolers!

If you live in Village Creek and you home school, have you thought about reaching out to others nearby? There are many families close by who home school and would like to meet others who do as well. Let me know via email if you'd like to meet and get to know each other! I look forward to hearing from you!

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Website for Street Light Outages

When there is a street light that is out near your home, please report these to the website www.centerpointenergy.com/outage or 713-207-2222. You will need the home address near the street light that is in question and the number located on the pole. Help keep our neighborhood safe!



Identity Theft Warning

Remember to shred all personal information including credit card applications and old checks before putting them in the garbage. Incidents of people going through trash have been reported in other neighborhoods and serve as a reminder that no one is above this terrible crime. For more information on how you can protect yourself from Identity Theft visit the Constable's website at www.cd4.hctx.net.

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12—GALVESTON: GCVA Galveston Summer Heat Tournament Presented by the Volleyball Association. Begins at 9 a.m. Stewart Beach. www.galveston.com

15-20—HOUSTON: Disney's When You Wish Features some of the best-loved Disney songs of all time. Begins at 8:15 p.m. Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park. www.milleroutdoortheatre.com 281/373-3386

19—GALVESTON: Family Fishing Clinic All the basics will be taught and then practiced with hands-on fishing. Galveston Island State Park. 409/737-1222

19—PORT ARTHUR: Cayman Night in Port Arthur Carl Parker Multi-Purpose Center/Lamar College. 409/963-1107

24-26—GALVESTON: Texas Race Week in Galveston More than 50 sail boats race on the waters of the Gulf of Mexico. Begins between

10 a.m. and noon. The recommended places to watch the races are East Beach, Stewart Beach or a few miles down the Seawall. 888/425-4753

29—HOUSTON: Beauty & the Beast Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park. www.milleroutdoortheatre.com 281/373-3386

30—HOUSTON: Freedom Train Presents an inspiring tale of a family's journey to freedom along the Underground Railroad through Texas into Mexico. Begins at 11 a.m. Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park. www.milleroutdoortheatre.com 281/373-3386

31—HOUSTON: Peter Rabbit Begins at 11 a.m. Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park. milleroutdoortheatre.com 281/373-3386

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Pet Owners



Pet owners; please keep your pets on leashes when walking in the neighborhood, as a courtesy to others. Also, take care to pick up after your pooch if they leave a gift in someone else's yard or in any common area. No one likes to see, smell or step in those gifts!

Reminder:

There are lots and lots of kids living in Village Creek – and we love them all! Please be aware that as the weather turns warmer more and more of them will be out and about playing. If at all possible please park in driveways and not on the street. Parked cars along streets can make it difficult for drivers to see children running back and forth.

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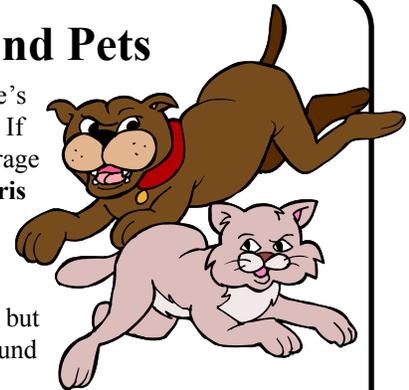
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Have you found someone's pet? Have you lost your pet? If your answer is yes, we encourage all residents to please call **Harris County Animal Control** at **281-999-3191**. The HOA offers their sympathy when one has misplaced a cat or dog, but please do not report lost or found pets to HOA Board Members.



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Village Creek Market Report

Courtesy of "DAVID FLORY"

This market information report is provided to keep you informed of resale market activity in your subdivision.

	Dec 07	Jan 08	Feb 08	Mar 08	Apr 08	May 08
\$350,000 +	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$300,000 - 349,999	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$250,000 - 299,999	0	0	1	2	1	0
\$200,000 - 249,999	2	3	0	0	0	0
\$160,000 - 199,999	1	0	0	1	0	1
\$160,000 -	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	3	3	1	3	1	1
Highest \$/Sq Ft	94.42	69.97	76.25	101.30	81.97	63.15

This chart represents the homes that have sold and closed in the past 6 months according the Houston Multiple Listing Service.

#2 Realtor In Texas

Realtor Teams per Remax 9/2007

David "Super Dave" Flory



- Top 1% of Realtors in the U.S.
- Selling Over 600 Homes A Year
- Over 96% of David's Listings Result in a Sale

HIGHEST PRICE PER SQ.FT. resale homes sold
in Village Creek: \$101.72



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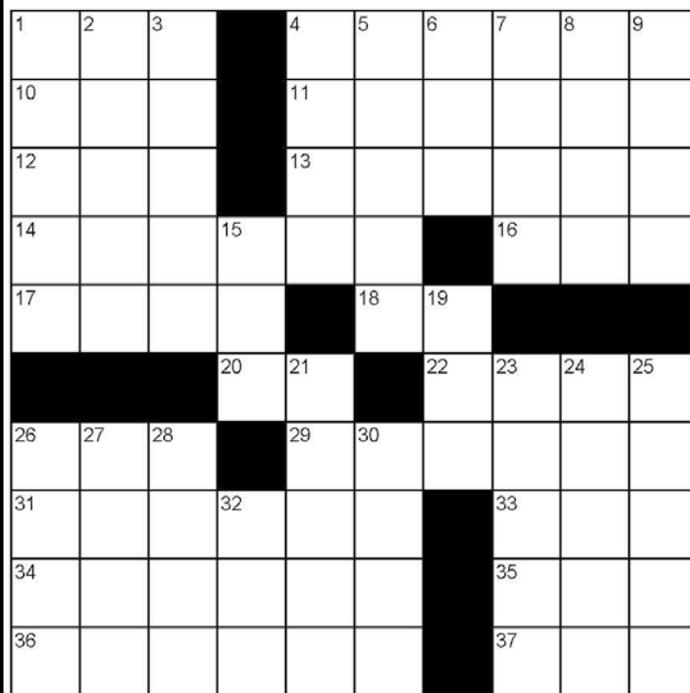
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The Village Gazette

Crossword Puzzle



*See solution at PEELinc.com

ACROSS

1. Unrefined metal
4. Young pigeons
10. Gender
11. Australian
12. Alternative (abbr.)
13. Climbing
14. China stone
16. Hoopla
17. Shaft
18. Teacher's assistant, for short
20. Doctor
22. Believe
26. Terminal abbr.
29. Skin problem
31. Infamous Nazi concentration camp
33. Tear
34. Wring
35. Sick
36. Work fussily
37. Hurricane center

DOWN

1. City
2. Mellow
3. Worship
4. Japanese dress
5. Fivesome
6. Ship initials
7. Continent
8. Tie
9. Sego lily's bulb
15. Limb
19. Wood tool
21. Sea jewel
23. Spooky
24. Author Dickinson
25. Tree
26. Eve's garden
27. Cab
28. Acting (abbr.)
30. Nice looking
32. Pig

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