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CYPRESS MILL MESSENGER

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Official Newsletter

YARDS OF THE MONTH



14343 Milstone Estates Ln



14514 Huntmont Dr



14618 Mills Park Ln



14618 Windwood Park Ln



18318 Hollow Branch Ct



Cypress Hill M.U.D. #1 Constable Patrol Report

August 2008 Results

Tickets	267
Burglary of a Habitation	0
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	5
Theft from a Habitation	1
Theft of Motor Vehicle	1
Robbery	0
Assault	0
Criminal Mischief	3
Disturbance – Family	6
Disturbance-Juvenile	2
Disturbances-Other	51
Other Calls	65

Report reflects areas of: Cypress Mill, Sydney Harbor, Cypress Ridge, Wal-Mart, Cypress Mill Commercial, Cypress Landing

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Resident Board Members

The Board Members are volunteers, elected by the residents of Cypress Mill. They are working for the well being of our community. Please consider that they have families also and respect their time and privacy.

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Administrative Assistant

Carolyn 281-213-3174

.....carolyn.hoa@sbcglobal.net

Keenagers Pot Luck Suppers carolwatec@sbcglobal.net

Keenagers Monthly Bus Trips wgain@yahoo.com

Other Important Numbers

ACC Changes/Questions - Principal Management:

Jessica Trafton 713-329-7138

Cy-Fair High School281-897-4600

Cy-Woods High School281-213-1919

Cypress Lakes Golf Club.....281-304-8515

Cypress Mill M.U.D. #1, (24 Hour Emergency) ...713-983-3604

Constable Ron Hickman, (24 Hour Emergency) ...281-376-3472

DPS Sex Offenders website http://records.txdps.state.tx.us/

Centerpoint Energy Gas..... 713-659-2111

Centerpoint Energy Gas-Emergency Gas Leaks... 713-659-3552

CenterPoint Energy713-207-2222

Irrigation Leaks/Common Area Repairs - Principal Management
Newsletter Publisher

Peel, Inc.....advertising@PEELinc.com, 888-687-6444

Poison Control Center.....800-764-7661

Principal Management 281-367-8137

Robison Elementary.....281-213-1700

AT&T Repair Center.....800-246-8464

Spillane Middle School.....281-213-1645

Street Light Outages713-207-2222

Comcast Cable713-462-9000

Waste Corporation of America (WCA) Recycling 281-368-8397

Cypress Mill HOA, Inc. Who To Call List

Eagle Water Management

(Cypress Hill MUD#1)..... 281-374-8989

Detention Pond: standing water, repair, & maintenance

Park 5 Playground; repairs

Walking Paths: repairs, irrigation leaks

Individual water meters, leaks, repairs and maintenance

MUD Facilities Lift stations & Treatment Plants: mowing, repairs, maintenance, leaks, and smells.

Storm Water Solutions..... 281-587-5950

Detention Pond Mowing.

GreenPros 713-974-5823

Detention Pond Sprinklers.

Principal Management – Cypress Mill HOA, Inc.

Customer Care..... 713-329-7171

Jessica Trafton..... 713-329-7138

Reserves/Parks/Common Areas: mowing, repairs, irrigation leaks

Deed Restrictions

Architectural Control Applications/Approvals

Recycling Program

Cypress Mill Administrative Assistant – Carolyn 281-213-3174

..... carolyn.hoa@sbcglobal.net

Administrative hours at the Rec Center:

Mon 12-5, Tues 12-5, Wed 9 - 2, Sat 9 - 2

Recreation Center Concerns

Activity Room Rentals

Yard of the Month

Fitness Center

Stork Report

Pipeline Company – Exxon Mobil..... 281-925-3816

Mowing of Pipeline easement; Standing water; Smells or leaks

Street Lights – Center Point Energy 713-207-2222

Damaged or Burned Out Street Lights

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Constable Ron Hickman (24 Hour Emergency) 281-376-3472

Harris County Road and Bridge 281-463-6300

To request street signs and to report street damage, curb damage, street flooding, or missing/damaged street signs.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the newsletters is the 9th of each month.

Please email articles to: Cypressmillmessenger@yahoo.com

(In Word 97-2003 format.)



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Cypress Mill Homeowners Association, Inc.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2008

PRESENT WAS:

BOARD MEMBERS:

Shirley Whitley, President

Chris Jackson, Treasurer

Dena Loughlin, Secretary

PRINCIPAL MANAGEMENT: Jessica Trafton, Community Association Manager

ABSENT: David Layman, Vice President

HOMEOWNERS IN ATTENDANCE: Steve Howard

CALL TO ORDER: A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: The agenda was adopted as presented.

MINUTES: The June 25, 2008 meeting minutes were previously approved via e-mail. Minutes were signed by Dena for minute book.

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORTS: The May 2008 financials were presented. Financials were reviewed. The Board discussed not informing contractors of what has been budgeted for certain items. The best way to address this is to give the contractor a budget to work within.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Plumbing: The Board was presented with a bid from Suncoast Plumbing for the replacement of the commodes in the restrooms at both pools with commercial type toilets. After a brief discussion this item was tabled. Jessica will contact other plumbers to request proposals.

Meadow Estates Park: The Board discussed the work that has been done at the Meadow Estates Park. Jessica informed the Board that Hi-Tech has completed the clean out of the area. The Board discussed the need for landscape replacement now in this area. The Board approved a budget of \$6,000.00 for the installation of irrigation and landscape replacement.

NEW BUSINESS

Electrical Proposal/Solar Energy: This was tabled as the information was not available. The Board took this time to discuss the fact that solar energy is still being considered for the community.

Trophy Case: Jessica stated that she had spoken to a trophy case company regarding the installation of a trophy case in the fitness

center. Jessica states that the advice of the trophy company was not to have a trophy case in an area that has weight as this is a liability. Dena suggested that we close in a window area in the meeting room to form a display case. Shirley suggested that we have a recessed case with plexi-glass in the fitness area. This item will be tabled for further ideas.


Recreation Room Rental: This item was tabled.

Yard of the Month: The Board discussed the receiving of a check by owners for the award for yard of the month. Jessica stated that previously the award was a gift card. The Board also discussed the nominal value of the award. It is currently \$50.00; Jessica stated that there was a discussion last year of reducing the award value. After a discussion by the Board it was voted that the value will stay at \$50.00 and will be awarded in a gift card to one of the local home improvement stores. Awards for the previous Yards of the Month that were not issued will be mailed out.

PMG Website: Dena stated that the website could be a very useful tool for homeowners to use throughout the community.

However it is very hard to navigate around or get in to. Jessica suggested that this could possibly be rectified by having a domain name for the community. Jessica stated that the fee is nominal and is

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Cypress Mill Office Hours

PMG Manager on site: Jessica Trafton
 Telephone: 281-213-3184
 Fax: 713-329-7198
 E-mail: j.trafton@pmghouston.com

Jessica is in the office the following days & hours:
 Monday 9 - 5
 Wednesday 9 - 5
 Thursday 9 - 5
 Friday 9 - 5

Administrative Assistant: Carolyn Hoffmann
 Telephone: 281-213-3174
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a onetime set-up fee. The Board discussed this option. A motion was made by Shirley that a domain name be set up as long as the cost does not exceed \$200.00. Seconded by Dena. Approved unanimously.

Community Committees: The Board discussed the potential of forming committees to work with the Board of Directors. These committees would consist of members of the community. This will be discussed by the Board to decide on the type of committees that serve the community best and request for participants will follow.

Budget: The Budget was briefly discussed by the Board. During the discussion it was mentioned by Steve Howard that the Board had been advised that the pool on Mills Park will need to be resurfaced this coming year. The cost could be as much as \$65,000.00.

Marquee: Steve Howard brought to the attention of the Board that there was damage to the marquee at the entrance of the Estates. This could be possible vandalism or damage caused by the road crew in preparation of the road expansion. Jessica will seek cost of replacement.

Board Member Vacancy: The Board interviewed three (3) potential candidates for the open position on the Board of Directors with the resignation of Steve Howard. The Board discussed at length the qualifications and the interviews with the potential candidates. A motion was made that the position be filled by Gail Norris; motion was seconded and approved unanimously by those Board Members in attendance.

DELINQUENCY REPORT: The Board reviewed the current delinquency report. The Board is pleased to see that there has been a significant amount of outstanding fees that have been collected.

ATTORNEY STATUS REPORT: The Board reviewed the current attorney status report of the 49 accounts that are currently at attorney status 39 have paid their account in full or have made payment arrangements. 3 have filed bankruptcy, 2 were foreclosed by the lender and 5 are still pending.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business the meeting was properly adjourned at 9:32 PM.

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Reminders of Neighborhood Events: Our neighborhood garage sale will be held on October 18th. This is a good time to clean out your garage. A garage sale ad will be placed in the Houston Chronicle and the Sun.

Christmas Party and Craft Sale: Christmas - yes, Christmas is around the corner. Our neighborhood Christmas party will be held on December 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If you can volunteer your time to help at the Christmas party, please contact swhitley6675@sbcglobal.net.

This year, in addition to Santa, we will be having a craft sale. All persons interested in participating in the craft sale should contact swhitley6675@sbcglobal.net as soon as possible. We will be able to set up about seven tables in the fitness room which will be closed during this event. Since we have a limited amount of space please get your request for a table in early. After 6 tables are reserved you will be required to provide your own table and canopy and set your booth up outside. Two crafters have already reserved their space after last month's article in the Messenger. I am anticipating that the craft sale will be from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Neighborhood Christmas Decorations: All persons interested in helping decorate the neighborhood for Christmas should e-mail swhitley6675@sbcglobal.net as soon as possible. We will be determining the decoration date at our next board meeting and will

require a lot of volunteers. Many compliments were received last year on our holiday decorations. Please e-mail and volunteer to help and get to know your neighbors at the same time.

Hurricane Ike: My husband and I returned last night from a trip to Michigan. We followed Hurricane Ike as best we could on national news and were concerned and worried about the safety of all of our neighbors here and to the south of us. As we drove home yesterday the devastation we saw along Highway 59 was quite heart wrenching. Then, we turned the television on and saw all of the devastation in Galveston and other coastal communities. It was so hard to comprehend all of the destruction that we saw on television, nothing that they were showing up north. This morning I drove around our neighborhood surveying damages. For those who suffered any personal losses we are very thankful we didn't get hit as hard as we could have. Our thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you.

The fitness center and activity room suffered some water damage. There are blown down trees and other landscaping damages which we have are having HiTech landscaping handle for us. Please be patient while this cleanup is taking place. Jessica Trafton, our PMG manager, is working hard to coordinate repairs for all community property.

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Dance classes, private lessons and Parties are going now.

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Be at our Saturday evening Parties with special shows on Oct 4th and Oct 25th!

Please see our website: www.cypressdance.com

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We will be glad to accommodate.



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CYPRESS MILL KEENAGERS (OVER 50 YEARS YOUNG SENIORS)

We are going to start up our potluck suppers, game night and book exchange again. Now that vacations are over the kids and grandkids are back in school, our calendars probably show times to meet some new neighbors and see some previous members.

So, check your calendars for October 10th, Friday (a week after the bus trip) at 6:30 PM for a potluck supper at the recreation center in the meeting room. The theme will be southern cooking. So all you southerners check your family recipes and show us northerners what real good home cook southern meals are really like.

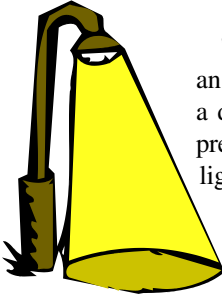
November 7th, Friday, 6:30 pm (three days after Election Day). The theme will be snacks hot or cold and your favorite deserts. We'll have several coffees, teas and creamers. New residents please come and join us. We all know how hard it is to make friends at this stage of life. Some of us have family in the area but we still need friends with whom we share similar joys and concerns.

Please e-mail Carolyn at carolwatec@sbcglobal.net and let me know what you will be bringing. It's never too early to send that e-mail. CYPRESS MILL KEENAGERS (OVER 50 YEARS YOUNG SENIORS)

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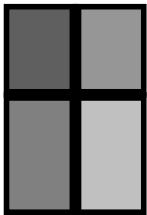
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Keenagers we have had to change up on our bus trips for Oct & Nov

SATURDAY, October 4 - Calvert Victorian Festival

We'll take the bus to Calvert Texas for their Victorian Festival. Calvert Texas is about 1-1/2 hour drive from Cypress Mill; northwest of Bryan/College Station; known for antiques and their Victorian homes. We'll leave the rec. center at 8:30 am & be in Calvert before lunch (with a stop on the way!). The Main Street Fair is free with vendors, crafts, entertainment, and more. Those who wish, may make a reservation for "High Tea" on the lawn at the Barton-Satterwhite Estate @ 404 Maple Street 979- 364-3940; times are from 2:00 to 3:30 pm for \$35.00. We plan to leave Calvert by 4:00 - 4:30 pm, returning home by 6:30 pm.

Please contact Gail Norris to confirm: wgainl@yahoo.com or phone 281-256 9859

Saturday, November 1 - Port of Houston Boat Tour

Due to a conflict with the Port Authority, they had to cancel Oct 4th so we rescheduled for Nov. 1st. We will leave rec. center at 12:45 pm to arrive in time to board the SS/Sam Houston for our 2:30 reservation for a 90-minutes "FREE" tour of the Ship Channel. After enjoying the view from inside the air-conditioned ship or outside on deck, we will ride our bus to Navigation Blvd. to dine at the "Original" Nifna's, home of the Fajitas.

Please contact Gail Norris to confirm: wgainl@yahoo.com or phone 281-256-9859

Monday, December 8 - A Day in The Woodlands

For those wanting to shop for Christmas, we are planning a day at "Shopping Heaven", The Woodlands Mall & Town Center, leaving rec. center 9:30 am. If you are not a shopper, join me at the movies; we have a choice of 2 theaters, both on the trolley line joining the Mall with the Market Square. There is also a water taxi for those interested.

National Night Out

Please note that National Night Out has been moved to Tuesday, October 7, 2008.

We hope for more success in the cooler weather of October.

An evening to come out and meet your neighbors. Families can visit and play. Please have your porch light on to support the community.

To learn more about National Night Out, visit:

www.natinalnightout.org/nno/

New Cypress Mill Website

Have you tried to visit the website for Cypress Mill? Was it a hassle trying to get there? The Board has approved a dedicated domain name for the website. Starting September 21, 2008 you will be able to visit the community website at www.cypressmillhoa.com. Here you will be able to review your homeowner account, review the current financials for the community, view the newsletter, and have access to community announcements. Should you need your log-in account number please feel free to contact Jessica at 281-213-3184.

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Mr. Bob Henry, Vice President

Mr. Tim Halloran, Secretary

Ms. Angell Swedlund, Treasurer

Mr. Jerry Bryant, Assistant Secretary

<http://www.cypresshillmud1.com/contact/index.html>

Did You Know?

- Gail Norris has joined the HOA Board. Welcome Gail!
- US flags are placed in your front yard by the block captains, courtesy of your local realtors. Please remove them before they become weather-beaten or torn
- CM community garage sale will be on October 18. Ads will be placed in local newspapers and signs will be placed at all the subdivision entrances on the day. Shoppers come very early, so be prepared. Individual garage sale signs should be removed once the sale is over
- CM craft sale is being organized for Saturday, December 6. If you are interested in participating, please contact Shirley Whitley, email: swhitley6675@sbeglobal.net. A great opportunity for local crafters!
- You can view the Cypress Mill Messenger in color. Go to www.peelinc.com and click on community newsletters
- We have a new regular column; "Gardening Tips by Twila". Read her article each month and email her with questions or ideas you would like to share
- Cypress Mill MUD has a website where you can view the monthly agendas and meeting minutes or contact them with any concerns. The address is www.cypresshillmud1.com.
- Jessica Trafton from PMG Management Company is now working on site at Cypress Mill. Her office is in the recreation center; stop by and say hello to Jessica and also Carolyn
- National Night Out is October 6. Contact your block captain to find out what's happening
- There are many opportunities for you to participate in community activities. New committees are being formed; social, fence, newsletter, children's activities, etc. Contact any board member if you would like to be involved or have any suggestions
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Halloween Safety Tips

Trick-or-Treaters

- Carry a flashlight
- Walk, don't run
- Stay on sidewalks
- Obey traffic signals
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods
- Don't cut across yards or driveways
- Wear a watch you can read in the dark
- Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground
- Shoes should fit (even if they don't go with your costume)
- Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house
- Carry only flexible knives, swords or other props
- If there is no sidewalk, walk on the left side of the road facing traffic
- Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape
- Approach only houses that are lit
- Stay away from and don't pet animals you don't know

Parents

- Make your child eat dinner before setting out
- Children should carry quarters so they can call home
- Ideally, young children of any age should be accompanied by an adult
- If your children go on their own, be sure they wear a watch, preferably one that can be read in the dark
- If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame-retardant material
- Older children should know where to reach you and when to be home
- You should know where your children are going
- Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything
- Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspicious

Homeowners

- Make sure your yard is clear of such things as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flower pots that can trip the young ones
- Pets get frightened on Halloween. Put them up to protect them from cars or inadvertently biting a trick-or-treater
- Battery powered jack o'lantern candles are preferable to a real flame
- If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing
- Make sure paper or cloth yard decorations won't be blown into a flaming candle
- Healthy food alternatives for trick-or-treaters include packages of low-fat crackers with cheese or peanut butter filling, single-serve boxes of cereal, packaged fruit rolls, mini boxes of raisins and single-serve packets of low-fat popcorn that can be micro-waved later
- Non-food treats: plastic rings, pencils, stickers, erasers, coins

Gardening Tips by Twila

Summer's hot, dry days will soon be a memory and the cool days of fall will finally be here.

It's a perfect time to plant perennials and spring blooming bulbs. Be sure to consider the plant's needs; sun, shade, etc., before planting. If you want color in your beds, there are plenty of cool season annuals to be had. Pansies and violas are probably the most popular. Add lots of organic matter and wait until late October to plant these. Petunias will do well until a heavy freeze; and snapdragons and dianthus will bloom on into spring.

Now is the time to plant your early blooming flower seeds after you have put down mulch.

With a little planning, you can have a beautiful yard all year round.

Don't forget to supervise the Halloween pumpkin carving and be sure to use a specially designed pumpkin carving tool. Check out this link for some free cool pumpkin face patterns, from easy to advanced: www.hersheys.com/trickortreats/activities/stencils.asp.

Twila is a resident of Cypress Mill and her gardens are a collage of color, whatever the season. She has graciously consented to share her passion with readers and will be submitting an article every month. If you have any questions or ideas you would like to share, please email them to cypressmillmessenger@yahoo.com, for the attention of Twila.

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By Sgt. J. Blackledge

With the rise in population and the presence of more businesses in the Cypress Area, there has been a climb in the crime rate. There are several areas that you can do to assist in the protection of your property. The most likely time for a burglary will be during the daytime while you are away. A common used tool in the burglar's arsenal is to simply knock on your door and see if anyone is home. At this same time, he/she can look inside your windows and see at a glance what type of property you have inside your home. It is a helpful tip to always answer your door if you are home. If you notice that it is a solicitor or someone that you don't want to talk with, simply do not open the door, but ask them to leave. Try and shut your blinds during the daytime around exterior windows this will prevent someone from looking inside and seeing your property. Also at night, please make sure that you shut your garage doors and locked your vehicles trying not to leave any items within your vehicle. This will prevent car burglaries from occurring. If you park a car in the driveway of your residence overnight, do not leave the garage door opener in that vehicle. This invites criminals to get into your vehicle and gives them access to your garage and residence at night. If you are home and see someone out of place on the street or at your

neighbor's residence at any time of the day or night, please call our office to allow the deputies to respond and investigate the presence of the person/vehicle. Remember, the person stealing from your neighbor today that gets away, will be back tomorrow to steal from you.

When you are out working in the yard, even during the weekend, try and keep your garage shut unless you are within eye sight of it. Most people keep high dollar lawn equipment and items inside their garage and a thief will enter the garage taking as much as he can carry while you are in the backyard mowing.

I ask that parents remember that there are no off road motorcycles, four wheelers, or mini-bikes allowed on public roadways. I receive a large number of calls in regards to this over the year. In the past, a stern warning has sufficed in reminding the offender and it usually does not happen again. With the rise of incidents still occurring and complaints from neighbors, citations may be issued to persons caught riding illegal off road vehicles on the road. Together we can help keep Cypress Mill an excellent community to live in.

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Courtesy of "DAVID FLORY"

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

	Mar 08	Apr 08	May 08	Jun 08	Jul 08	Aug 08
\$200,000 +	0	0	0	0	0	1
\$180,000 - 199,999	1	0	0	0	0	0
\$160,000 - 179,999	1	1	3	1	1	0
\$140,000 - 159,999	0	3	1	4	2	6
\$120,000 - 139,999	3	5	4	3	1	6
\$120,000 -	0	0	3	0	1	0
TOTAL	5	9	11	8	5	13
Highest \$/Sq Ft	70.82	76.07	78.25	80.76	80.36	83.49

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Attention Aggie Moms!

Be sure to attend the monthly meeting of the Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms on October 14, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. We will meet for food, fun, and fellowship at the Houston Distributing Company conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the corner of 7100 High Life Drive and Cutten Road, just south of FM 1960.

From the first "Howdy" you experience when you visit the Texas A&M campus to the Elephant walk for seniors, come learn how the Traditions Council helps keep the unique culture of Texas A&M alive. In addition, come hear about how our club will be supporting another student organization, Change, as our annual project. This organization helps ensure eligible seniors who demonstrate financial need are able to graduate with a coveted Senior ring.

The purpose of our club is to support our students, the university's many clubs and organizations, and each other as our students go through this important stage in their lives. Come be part of this friendly and supportive group of women. We can't wait to have you join us!

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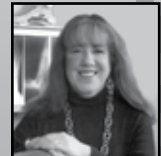
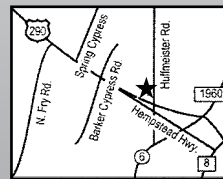


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The top sidewalk areas and areas behind your fence and top of the ponds slopes are mowed by another company. This mowing is once a week. The remaining areas around the detention pond, including the side slopes and bottom of the basin are only scheduled for mowing once a month all year. ALL of the Mud ponds including those in Cypress Ridge,

If you notice that these areas are not being mowed on a regular schedule, please notify the MUD, using the contact section of their website: www.cypresshillmud1.com. This would also be the place to notify the MUD of any concerns about these areas, such as dead or damaged trees, broken/cracked walking path, illegal dumping of trash, ant hills, broken sprinklers, etc.

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FUN PUPPY TRIVIA

What are the most popular male and female dog names according to Veterinary Pet Insurances?

What are the 5 most intelligent breeds of dog according to WorkingDogWeb?

Do dogs sweat?

What breed of dog is the fastest and at what speed can this dog travel?

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Our members are moms of various ages and backgrounds with kids of all ages (newborn to high school age).

Our business meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of every month. If you are interested or would like more information, please visit our web site at www.geocities.com/momsclubcypressn or contact Lara Golwas, Membership VP, at 281-246-1045 or lgolwas@entouch.net, or Jennifer Hopkins, President, at 281-256-2868 (hopkinsjena@sbcglobal.net) for location, directions, or any questions.

We are happily welcoming new moms at each meeting. Hope to see you there!

15th ANNUAL WOW CRAFT SHOW

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 9:00 – 4:00

The Women of the Word invite you to our annual craft show. We have indoor and outdoor vendors offering many beautiful and useful items - from jewelry, candles, purses, baby items, wooden arts, and yard art to Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations. This is your chance to get ahead of the holiday shopping rush!

There will be a Silent Auction, a Bake Sale sponsored by Women of the Word, and delicious food sold by Boy Scout Troop 533.

Our United Methodist Men will be sponsoring their annual Pumpkin Patch. So bring your family, browse through stacks of pumpkins and capture that "Kodak" moment!

Admission to the Craft Show is \$1 for adults and kids are free. All proceeds go to support our local missions, including Boys and Girls Country, CareNet Pregnancy Center and Cypress Assistance Ministries as well as our missionary families.

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church is located in the Fairfield Subdivision at 290 and Mason. From Mason, turn right on Cypresswood Drive and follow the signs to the church located at 20155 Cypresswood Drive. The Craft Show will be inside the gym and in the parking lot.

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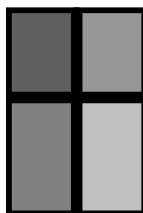
Lauren is 5 years old. She has a twin sister Elizabeth and a younger brother Jack. Lauren laughs, explores, plays and loves just like many 5 year olds. Lauren is deafblind. Lauren will learn to communicate with her hands - but she needs an intervener to open these doors. In the United States, interveners are not recognized as licensed professionals as they are in Canada. All interveners in the United States must be privately funded. So providing an intervener for a child in Texas becomes the sole responsibility of the family. Intervenors are \$1,000-\$1,500 a week. Lauren's family is looking for help in the form of donations to pay for Lauren's intervener.

On the morning of Saturday, October 18, the Northwest Houston Mothers of Multiples (NWHMOM) will hold a Bake Sale during their Fall "Garage Sale" at the Outback Steakhouse Parking lot (7070 Highway 6 North, Houston, TX 77095; in the Best Buy/Barnes & Nobles shopping center). The proceeds from the Bake Sale will be donated to Lauren's family to help with the costs of Lauren's intervener.

In addition, NWHMOM will host a Vendor Day on Saturday, October 25 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Coles Crossing subdivision clubhouse (13050 Barker Cypress, Cypress, TX 77429) to further help support Lauren's intervener costs. The Vendor Day will have a variety of merchandise: from home décor to clothing and accessories, jewelry, fall and holiday decorations and gifts, food items and much, much more. Come out and start your holiday shopping early!

For more information about Lauren please visit her website: www.HelpLaurenLearn.net NWHMOM hopes to see everyone at the Bake Sale and/or the Vendor Day. Please come out and support Lauren!

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			9		6		8	
8	3			4				6
				1		2		
		5		7				9
			3			5	7	8
	6		5	9				
		2	4					
	9	4				8	6	

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Recipe of the Month:

Mini Cheesecakes



Ingredients

12 vanilla wafers	½ C sugar
1 8 oz. packages cream cheese, softened	1 tsp. vanilla
	2 eggs

Directions

Line muffin tin with foil liners. Place one vanilla wafer in each liner. Mix cream cheese, vanilla, and sugar on medium speed until well-blended. Add eggs. Mix well. Pour over wafers, filling 3/4 full. Bake 25 min. at 325°. Remove from pan when cool. Chill. Top with fruit, preserves, nuts or chocolate.

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Cy Fair Marching Band of 2008-2009

By Hector and Cynthia Quian

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The full band has been practicing the show since mid August. The band has also held several functions like their annual pool party and lock-in. Thanks to the support of all the sponsors these events went very well. The Marching Band also performed the "National Anthem" at the Astros' game on August 13th. One band member even got pulled out on the field by the Astros mascot to play her cymbal.

The Color Guard has also been very busy practicing and learning their routine for the Marching Band Show. The Color Guard marches with the Band during the fall then starts competing in the Texas Color Guard Circuit in the Spring.

The Color Guard has many upcoming events. You can find out more information about the Color Guard at <http://www.cyfairband.org/colorguard.html>.

Congratulations to the Marching Band Leadership of Drum Majors Tatiana Claros, Andrew Juran, and Casey Moss

We would like to congratulate the Officers of the Color Guard:

Co-Captain Zo Onyese, Co-Captain Marlenabeth Aguilera, Lt.

Sonya Wolf, Lt. Shannon Tevlin, Lt. Alexis Koeuth. Marching Band Drill Instructors Kelli Brown, Jennifer Burden, Megan Cavanaugh, Corey Klein, and Lauren Rice, Drum Drill Captain Maggie Still, Squad Leaders, Amy Alderman, Taylor Bell, Hannah Boyer, Christopher Brown, Rosemarie Cabading, Emily Cummings, Aaron Davis, Mathew Janik, Simi Kavthekar, Charlie Keifer, Jenna Luecke, Christie Maloney, Chris Mills, Andrew Mintz, Malcolm Nichols, Brandon Quian, Becky Retzloff, Natasha Seaton, Morgan Shockley, Greg Slatton, William Veenstra, and Jonathan Wilcox

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Neighborhood	1 st Quarter 2008			Current	
	Sold	\$ per SqFt	DOM	Avail	Pending
Cypress Mill					
Up to \$125,000	6	\$45.78	65	5	1
\$125,001 - \$140,000	6	\$58.21	88	9	2
\$140,001 - \$155,000	3	\$56.74	66	16	2
\$155,001 - \$170,000	2	\$69.04	37	9	1
\$170,001 - \$200,000	0	-	-	2	0
Cypress Mill Estates					
All Price Ranges	6	\$70.85	87	6	2

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