

# The Ranch Review

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## Community Garage Sale

Looking to clean out those closets and make some money? There will be a Community Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, April 18th from 8:00am-11:30am. Registration will be at the pool area Sunday, March 29 from 5:30p.m. - 6:30p.m. Cost of Registration is \$15.00 which includes a \$5.00 fee for advertising and \$10.00 refundable deposit for the lawn sign which will be issued. Registration can be paid by cash or check but there will be no change made; if paying by cash, please bring the exact amount. Your \$10.00 will be refunded upon return of your sign. There will be someone available at the pool following the sale from 11:45am - 12:45pm for you to return your sign and receive a refund of your \$10.00 deposit.

As the signs used in the past have not been returned and are no longer available for homeowners that register, new signs have been ordered and will be issued to each person registering. Our new signs say "Participating Sale" and all ads placed will refer to those signs. No other bandit signs will be permitted. There will be banners placed at the main entrances along Barker Cypress and one sign at the entrance of each section which has registered homes; again, no other bandit signs will be allowed. The gates will be opened for sections 6 & 7 for the hours of the sale, providing there are registered participants.

Many of you have asked in the past about the monies used for advertising..... The plan for advertising is that ads will be placed and those costing money will be done providing the cost is met using fees collected. Please see our website for a list of proposed ads to be placed. In addition, there will be a link on the Riata Ranch website available the week of the sale with a general map marking the location of participating homes. Information regarding that map will be listed in our ads.

The changes made from in the past are to insure that advertising can be planned in advanced and that the signs purchased by our HOA may be reused in the future without the need to spend additional money. Remember, the HOA rules state that private sales are not allowed. Sales are o.k. as long as they are a community sponsored event. Our goal is to see future garage sale events in the Spring & Fall as requested by many of you and not have HOA funds used to do so. If you wish to participate, please register!

If you have any questions, please contact [events@riataranch.net](mailto:events@riataranch.net)

**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 8 - 11:30 am**

## Family Day - Easter Egg Hunt & BBQ

*Saturday, April 4th 11am - 3 pm*

Current Riata Ranch HOA members are invited to come join in at the park & field area for some family fun. We have combined two of our past events together during a season where the weather is enjoyable for all. The day will begin with a visit from the Easter Bunny so bring your cameras! There will be a Egg Hunt for the little ones starting at 11:00am and a good old Texas BBQ lunch for all at noon. There will be a D.J. to play some country tunes and other activities throughout the day such as a moonwalk, balloons and sack races.

There will be no cost to current HOA members for this events and no tickets will be sold. By March 20th, each resident should receive in the mail, the pool information for the 2009 season and we will include a flyer in that mailing for our Family Day Event. If you are a current HOA member (any monies owed the association are paid in full by February 27, 2009), your tickets will be attached. Please contact [Events@riataranch.net](mailto:Events@riataranch.net) no later than Saturday, March 28th if you require additional tickets or if you feel any error was made. There will be no tickets issued at the event. Hope to see yall there!

Continue to check our website for any other details of the event as they become available.



# Riata Ranch

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### Library

Cy-Fair College Library.....	281-290-3210
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## Riata Ranch Homeowners Meetings

The Riata Ranch HOA Board of Directors encourages all homeowners to participate in the monthly board meetings. The meeting is held on the last Tuesday of every month. If you are interested in participating please contact SCS management in order to add your topic to the meeting agenda.

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or

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SCS Management can offer you a payment plan paying out over a four (4) month period. In order to receive a payment plan, you must make a payment and attach a written request and send to SCS Management.

### ASSESSMENT COLLECTION POLICY

Residents who have not paid their assessment fees by January 31st could incur the following fees:

<u>February</u>	
Late Penalty Fee – 18%.....	\$112.32
Late Penalty Fee for Sec. 6 & 7 .....	\$152.82
<u>March</u>	
Notice of Delinquency .....	\$ 30.00
<u>April</u>	
Notice of Lien Filed .....	\$100.00
<u>May</u>	
Attorney Demand Letter .....	\$ 60.00
<u>June</u>	
Foreclosure Suits Filed.....	\$750.00



Spring is here in Houston and with it comes a little spring cleaning. Take advantage of the great weather for some yard work such as trimming trees, weeding landscapes, removing dead shrubs and replacing dead trees. *Thanks!-Riata Ranch*

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## Cypress N Houston Extension

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## Cypress Christian School Students Provide "Socks for Little Souls"

Fifth graders at Cypress Christian School collected socks in February to donate to children at the Baptist Missions Center. In addition, the students made valentines for the children at the center. The "Socks for Little Souls" project began when the fifth grade classes were asked to find a way to share God's love with those less fortunate for Valentine's Day.



The mission of Cypress Christian School is "to equip students to engage and impact their world for Jesus Christ." Community service projects like "Socks for Little Souls" help to encourage students to make a difference in the lives of others both now and throughout their lifetimes.

Cypress Christian School is located at 11123 Cypress N. Houston Rd. at Jones Road and serves families of K-12 students in northwest Houston. For more information, call 281-469-7745 or visit the website at [www.CypressChristian.org](http://www.CypressChristian.org)

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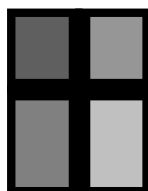


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as He said." Matthew 28: 5-6*



***Saint Aidan's wishes you a blessed Lenten season and a joyous Easter.  
We invite you to worship with us during this time of reflection and celebration.***

April 9<sup>th</sup> Maundy Thursday Worship Service at 7:00pm.  
April 10<sup>th</sup> Good Friday Worship Services:  
7:00am "Stations of the Cross" / Noon "Seven Last Words" / 7:00pm Evening Worship.  
April 11<sup>th</sup> Holy Saturday Bunny Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt at 9:00am.  
April 12<sup>th</sup> Easter Worship Services at 8:00am and 10:30am.

### Regular Worship Schedule

#### Sundays at Saint Aidan's

8:00am Worship  
9:15am Sunday School for All Ages  
10:30am Worship

#### Wednesdays at Saint Aidan's

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## Lone Star College - CyFair "Perspective"

### Teen Driver's Education Available March and April

Spring driver's education courses for teens ages 15 to 17 are available starting March 23 and again April 13. The in-classroom driver's education course covers road rules, road signs, and laws to prepare the teens for the Department of Public Safety's written exam. Other topics are car maintenance, effects of drugs and alcohol, laws and penalties for drinking and driving, emergency situations, basic driving procedures, road rage, and insurance. Parents are responsible for the in-car instruction. Students are required to purchase the Texas Traffic Safety Education Student Manual, which is available at the campus bookstore. Call 832-482-1043 for information.

### Free Tax Preparation Assistance Available

Free tax assistance is available at the Lone Star College-CyFair Library, located at 9191 Barker Cypress Road, with AARP Tax-Aide volunteers from noon to 4 p.m. every Wednesday and Thursday through April 15 in the library, room 131. Taxes may be filed electronically. For information on what documentation to bring, go to [cyfair.lonestar.edu/library](http://cyfair.lonestar.edu/library) and click on free tax assistance under the news section.

### Check out Women's Month Activities

Come to Lone Star College-CyFair throughout March for activities that celebrate, teach and empower women. The theme is "Breaking Boundaries: Contributions of Women - Past, Present and Future." Among the activities are a women's health fair, international women's discussions, vocal performances, films, library displays and more. For information, go online to [CyFair.LoneStar.edu/womensmonth](http://CyFair.LoneStar.edu/womensmonth).

### What's in the Gallery and on Stage?

Check out an ancient method of painting through March 27 at the Bosque Gallery Encaustic Exhibition showcasing the work of a continuing education class. Go to [CyFair.LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery](http://CyFair.LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery) for gallery hours and information. Enjoy Oscar Wilde's popular comedy "The Importance of Being Earnest" on stage through March 8 and a Symphonic Band performance March 27. For information, call 281-290-5201 or go to [CyFair.LoneStar.edu/boxoffice](http://CyFair.LoneStar.edu/boxoffice).

### L.I.F.E. Lessons in March

The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Lone

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## Christmas in March????

Santa's next scheduled visit is not until December, so let's close down the reindeer runway lights. The weather has also been great for pulling out the ladders and getting all of the Christmas lights down. Mrs. Clause will thank you!

### NOTICE: TO ALL DOGS

Woof, Woof, Bark, Ruff, Ruff, Woof, Woof, Wag!.....  
Wag!.....Wag! Bark, Riata Ranch

#### Translated for dog caregivers:

Listen, you always have to wear your leash when you are in the park and trails.

Also, if you poop on the trail, have your caretaker scoop it up! Thanks! Riata Ranch



### Lone Star College - (Continued from Page 5)

Star College-CyFair Branch Library (Room 131.) Programs in March include: learning techniques for a good night's rest March 4, creating a produce garden March 11, knitting from stress relief to a business March 18 and talking with Commissioner Steve Radack March 25. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/library.

### Prom Dress Give-Away for Teens in Need

The Fifth Annual Prom Dress Give-Away benefiting teens without the financial means to purchase a dress for prom is set at Lone Star College-CyFair Branch Library, 9191 Barker Cypress from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays March 21, March 28 (room change to Kids Korner), April 4, April 11, April 18 and April 25 in the library, room 131 as well as by appointment. Teens in need of a dress should contact the Youth Service Specialist at their high school or Prom Closet organizers Nancy Flanakin at meaford8510@yahoo.com or LSC-CyFair Teen Librarian Elise Sheppard at elise.j.sheppard@lonestar.edu or 281-290-5248.

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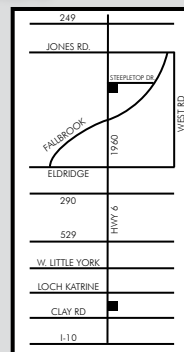
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## Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club Information Session

*Friday Evening, April 3rd, 2009*

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The Northwest Flyers is a youth (ages 6 -18) track organization, affiliated with USA Track & Field. The club provides a full program of “track” events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and “field” events such as long jump, triple

jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin. **It is an excellent “off-season” program for young athletes who currently compete on their middle school or high school varsity track teams.**

The club was founded 22 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the Northwest Houston area. Last year, the Northwest Flyers qualified 26 young athletes to compete at the U.S. Junior Olympics National Championships in Omaha, Nebraska.

Visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org> for registration forms and information prior to the session, or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442 or [linette.roach@sbcglobal.net](mailto:linette.roach@sbcglobal.net).

## Special Events needs Special People!

If you are looking for a way to get involved in our community, there is no better way than the Special Events Committee. If you have any questions please contact [events@riataranch.net](mailto:events@riataranch.net)

## Classified Ads

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## Postma Pack 834

*Submitted by Judy Sample*

Postma Pack 834 is proud to announce that our Tigers and Wolves, have now earned their badges, and are preparing to make the transition to the next level of Cub Scouting! The Cubs also have been working on strengthening family relationships, developing good character, developing responsibility, and handling difficult situations. We're continuing to have great time learning through fun and adventure in Pack 834. Do you know we went to an Aero Hockey Game for Scout night? Boy, did we have fun! In one of our den meetings, the boys were taught the basics of playing Chess, computer basics and about a food pyramid. We also visited the radio Station known as, KGOW The Game! The Cub Scouts were allowed to speak on a microphone, about themselves, and have it recorded!

Now it's time to focus on making and preparing a block of pinewood into a car and racing it in what is known as a "Pinewood Derby!" This would be a perfect opportunity for boys to join and be a part of

all the fun we're going to have making those cars and racing them. Our Pinewood Derby race will be held in May, 2009. We'll share the details with you in the next issue. But don't wait, why don't you come on out and see for your selves, how much fun we're having! There are plenty of other activities and events available before summer and we'd like to take this opportunity to extend a hearty welcome to all boys, grade 1st through 5th, to join, or to just visit with us.

We are Pack 834, chartered by Postma Elementary School. We are a part of the Copperhead District ([copperheaddistrict.org](http://copperheaddistrict.org)), which is also a part of the Sam Houston Area Council ([www.shac.org](http://www.shac.org)), of the Boy Scouts of America ([www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)).

If you are interested in joining Postma Pack #834, we meet twice a month, and you may contact either Charles Torres 281-660-7899 or Stacey Torres 281-224-7633, for dates and times of meetings.



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Contemporary Services: 9:20 a.m., 10:40 a.m.

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## Berry Center Events

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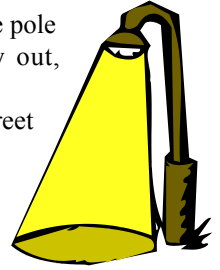
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- The nature of the problem; completely out, flickering, etc.
- Location of the pole, such as the nearest street corner.

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