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Special Events

Teen night and the 4th of July bicycle parade have been canceled due to a lack of volunteers. If you would like to volunteer to spearhead these events, please contact the HOA thru the Contact Us page of this website. The HOA will do what it can to assist, but it is volunteers who make these events happen. It's a lot of work.



Riata Ranch HOA 2009 Pool Schedule

The 2009 Season began Saturday, May 2, 2009.

The pool will be open when lifeguards are on duty during the following hours.

DAYS:

Weekends in May: May 2,3,9,16,23,24,25,30,31

Daily: June 4 through August 24

Weekends in August: August 22,23,29,30

Weekends in September: September 5,6,7

POOL HOURS:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Sunday 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Monday, May 25 (Memorial Day) 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Monday, Sept. 7 (Labor Day) 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

The pool will be open Mondays, if a holiday, and closed the Tuesday after instead.

HOURS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE



Helping Our Community!!

As we all know the economy is weak and people all around us are losing their jobs. When tough times come along we also see an increase in foreclosures in neighborhoods across the country. Riata Ranch has not been immune to this trend. As we all try to make ends meet in this difficult economy the HOA also has to tighten up its belt. When foreclosures happen the HOA loses all monies owing to the association. This puts financial pressure on the Board of Directors to prioritize expenditures. One way the community can help is to maintain the yard of a vacant house near you by mowing and edging the yard. Not only would this help with overall aesthetics, but our property values will stay intact and there would be no invitation for crime. Let's work as a team and think about what you can do as a neighbor and property owner to help keep Riata Ranch looking beautiful!!

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We are glad to hear all of the positive feedback and we intend to continue to improving the look and feel of the newsletter according to what you tell us. So get as involved as you like! We look forward to hearing from you.

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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Take a tour, learn about campus programs, meet with an advisor, choose a schedule and register for fall classes at LSC-CyFair's free new student orientations this summer. Three orientation sessions, including separate sessions for parents and family members, will be available each Wednesday June 17 through August 19. For information, go to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/orientation.

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DISCOVERY COLLEGE OFFERED JUNE THROUGH AUGUST

Registration for Lone Star College-CyFair's popular Discovery College summer camp for ages 6 to 15 is under way. The one-week summer sessions are fun and educational programs to develop skills in a friendly environment. Camps are offered at the Barker Cypress campus and the Fairbanks Center campus, Monday through Friday. For information, go to cyfair.lonestar.edu/discoverycollege. For Barker Cypress camps only, call 832-482-1043 and for Fairbanks Center camps only, call 832-782-5038.

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A fund has been established to assist Kristen's family with medical costs not covered by insurance. For information on making a donation to this fund, please e-mail francisfund@hotmail.com.

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- ☐ Water –At least a five to seven day supply (one gallon per person per day)
- ☐ Food –At least a five to seven day supply of nonperishable/canned food
 - (Change out stored water and food supplies every six months)
- ☐ First Aid Kit
- ☐ Flashlight with extra batteries
- ☐ Battery powered radio
- ☐ Medications and special items (pain relievers, diapers, etc.)
- ☐ Tools and supplies
- ☐ Sanitation (toilet paper, personal hygiene items, etc.)
- ☐ Change of clothes and bedding

☐ Cash

☐ Important documents (birth certificates, insurance/bank account information, etc.)

☐ Food, water, and medicine for your pets

☐ Kennels or crates for pets

You can also visit the Harris County Office of Emergency Management's website at: www.hcoem.org and click on the right side link to natural disasters to access additional information on preparing for and dealing with hurricanes.

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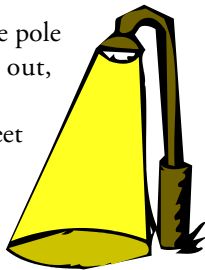
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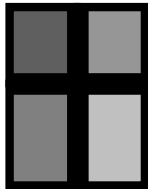
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Regular Checkups Big Part of Staying Healthy

Regular screenings are an important part of staying healthy, but it's hard to remember what tests are needed at what age. Baylor College of Medicine doctors offer guidelines to help maintain good health through the ages.

"It is very important at any age to have regular health screenings," said Dr. Steve Rosenbaum, assistant professor of medicine at BCM and section chief of general internal medicine at Baylor Clinic. "It allows us to appreciate our good fortune for good health, and regular exams can detect problems early, so they can be treated and dealt with more expeditiously."

As we age, it is even more important to have regular screenings, kind of like having a favorite old car that we have to "baby" along, Rosenbaum said. He recommends people come in during their birth month. That way it's very easy to remember.

Just how often people should visit their doctor for regular checkups and screenings is a common question. **For people with no chronic health issues, Rosenbaum suggests:**

- People in their 30s should have checkups every two to three years
- By 40, checkups are recommended every 12 to 18 months
- Annual checkups starting by 50

RECOMMENDED SCREENINGS INCLUDE: CHILDREN

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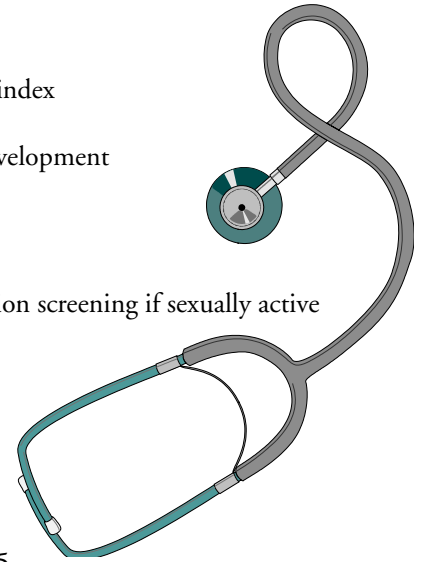
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- Skin cancer
- Stress test
- Hearing



There are many factors that could influence the frequency of screenings.

Family history of certain illness and risk factors should be discussed with your doctor. For some illnesses, like skin or colorectal cancer, if a first degree relative has been diagnosed, screening could be recommended to begin in the early 20s.

Remember, talking about family medical history with your doctor is just as important as staying up to date on your checkups.

Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

				3	7			
						1		
1					9			3
			7			8	2	
	3	6				5		
					2		1	6
	6							1
	2		5				8	
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Section 2	2	1	-	-	-
Section 3	3	2	-	-	-
Section 4	4	2	-	-	-
Section 5	1	2	-	-	-
Section 6	-	1	-	-	-
Section 7	1	-	1	32	79.70*
Section 8	2	2	1	135	71.73
Section 9	1	1	-	-	-
Section 10	4	-	-	-	-
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