

THE TIMES



You Can Help Bring A Dog Park To 1960 Willowbrook Area

If you have ever taken your dog to a dog park you know how much fun they are for people and dogs too. You probably also know there is not one in our neck of the woods if you live in far NW Houston. The nearest off leash public dog park is Bill Archer Park in the Bearcreek Park area on Hwy 6 near I-10. If you have not ever been to a dog park you may soon get a chance to do so here in our own back yard. The Houston Dog Park Association (HDPA) is proud to be partnering with sponsor Barks 5th Avenue to bring a public dog park to far NW Houston. Land next to the Barks 5th Avenue facility on 1960 near Jones Rd. will be donated by the land owner to HDPA to build a public dog park on. HDPA will design, construct and manage the dog park. The plan is in preliminary stages now and more details will be shared at the Kick Off and Fund Raising event to be held October 2nd in the parking lot of Barks 5th Avenue at 10620 FM 1960 West, Houston, TX 77070.

We will be announcing the event details on our web site soon but you can mark your calendar for Oct. 2nd now. Leashed pets will be invited to the event and we'll have lots of fun for people and doggies including a dog and car wash, frisbee dog demonstrations, doggie costume contest, and lots of local vendor tables with freebies and goodies to give away and win. We are seeking vendors and will also need volunteers to help setup and work at the event from washing cars and dogs to entertainment and set up/clean up. HDPA is also seeking sponsors and vendors as well as entertainment for the

event, contact HDPA to offer your services or reserve your space.

You can donate to the NW area dog park construction fund right now on our web site under Programs via Paypal or you can donate at the event. Dog park donations are tax deductible. HDPA has already raised over \$1000 for the NW area dog park. HDPA will be forming a "Friends of the NW Area Dog Park Committee" to help us plan and develop this new dog park and the event and we need volunteers. If you'd like to help us make this dream a reality for NW Houston dog owners email tiffany@houstondogpark.org to learn how you can help. HDPA is a 501c3 non-profit volunteer organization that advocates for dog parks and supports dog park patrons through education. Learn more about HDPA, how you can help, and what HDPA is doing to support dog parks all around Houston on our web site. For a map of all the dog parks around Houston visit www.HoustonDogPark.org. See you at the dog park!

Author Tiffany Moore is President of the Houston Dog Park Association and an Advisory Board Member on the Gragg Park Animal Campus project for BARC. www.animalcampus.org.

**BY TIFFANY
MOORE**



Cy-Fair Republican Women

Come join us this summer and see what we're all about! CFRW meets the second Tuesday of every month at Carraba's Italian Grill on Hwy 6 near Copperfield at 10:30 a.m. Check our website CFRW.net for the latest information. There is always something to learn from our diverse and interesting speakers. CFRW members are also volunteers that try to make a difference in our community, state and nation. Get involved a little or alot, it is up to you. Come hear what's going on with the Jim Murphy Campaign July 13 as he tries to reclaim his Texas Representative seat in the upcoming election. Our August meeting will be very exciting as we welcome Texas Secretary of State Roger Williams to speak at our August Social (held at night). Mr. Williams is running for the U.S. Senate in 2012 (seat of Sen. Kay Baily Hutchinson). Check website to RSVP. Hope to see you there!

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GIRL SCOUTS EARTH SAVER MESSAGE

The United States is the world's largest consumer of bottled water, purchasing 37 billion bottles in 2005. Bottled water produces up to 1.5 million tons of plastic waste per year. As much as 40 percent of bottled water comes from the tap. According to Food and Water Watch, "plastic requires up to 47 million gallons of oil per year to produce. Producing plastic bottles uses energy and emits toxic chemicals." While the plastic used to bottle beverages is of high quality and in demand by recyclers, over 86 percent of plastic bottles are simply thrown away. Plastic waste is now at such high volume that vast amounts of current-bound plastic trash is now spinning endlessly in the world's major oceans. This represents a great risk to marine life, killing birds and fish which mistake our garbage for food. Thanks to its slow decay rate, the vast majority of all plastics ever produced still exist somewhere. Breaking down these plastics can take thousands of years.

There's a simple alternative to bottled water: buy a stainless steel thermos, or a reusable water bottle and use it. If you don't like the way your local tap water tastes, inexpensive carbon filters will turn most tap water sparkling fresh at a fraction of bottled water's cost. This message is brought to you by Alexandria Morgan, Isabel Mujica and Nicole Riso, Girl Scouts of San Jacinto Council, Houston, Texas

- SUBMITTED BY MELINDA RISO



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DAYS	HOURS OF OPERATION
Monday	Closed
Tuesday-Saturday	10:00am-9:00pm
Sunday	12:00pm-9:00pm

After August 23rd until September 30th the pool will be open on weekends only. The hours will be as follows:

DAYS	HOURS OF OPERATION
Monday-Friday	Closed
Saturday	10:00am-8:00pm
Sunday	12:00pm-8:00pm

**Labor Day – Monday, September 6th the pool will be open 10:00 am - 8:00 pm. (The pool will close for the 2010 swim season after September 26th.)*

Please Make Note of the Following Swim Meets, Dates and Times:

**Bridgeland Barracuda Swim Team will host swim meets on the following days:*

June 12, 2010 June 19, 2010 *Divisional

The pool is closed during swim meets however limited use of the back pool area MAY be available after 10:00 am. This area will open on a trial basis and may not always be accessible.

Please come out and support your community swim team for a successful swim season! Following swim meets the pool will open for residential use after 2:00 pm although this time may vary.

Pool hours are subject to change at any time based on weather conditions. Acceptable weather conditions are left at the direction of the pool management company.

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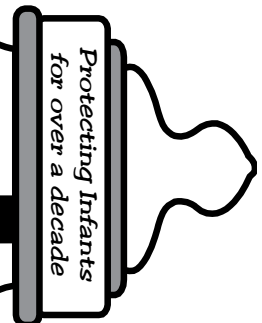
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Krone Earns Eagle Scout Award

Indianapolis native joins father as Eagle Scout



Joining Eagle Scout Patrick Krone, from left, are sister Amanda Krone, Patrick, mother Nancy Krone, and father and Eagle Scout Jeff Krone following Patrick's Eagle Court of Honor at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Cypress, Texas.

Patrick A. Krone, a Cypress resident and Indianapolis, Ind., native, has joined his father in earning the Eagle Scout Award, the Boy Scouts of America's highest honor.

A graduating senior at Cypress Woods High School, Patrick was awarded the Eagle Scout Award during Troop 533's Eagle Court of Honor at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church in Cypress. He was joined by his parents, Nancy and Jeff Krone and sister, Amanda.

Patrick joins his father, Jeff, as an Eagle Scout. Two Eagles in a family are a rarity. Only 3 in 100 that begin in Boy Scouts complete the rigorous requirements for Eagle Scout, making this accomplishment the more remarkable. Patrick is the 36th Eagle Scout in Troop 533, and has earned his Brotherhood in the BSA Order of the Arrow

honor society.

To become an Eagle Scout, a Scout must earn a minimum of 21 merit badges, including 12 of which are required. He must serve actively in a troop leadership position for a period of six months after achieving the rank of Life Scout. While a Life Scout, he must plan, develop, and carry out a service project helpful to a religious institution, school, or community in a manner worthy of an Eagle Scout. He must demonstrate, through the testimony of character references and otherwise, that he lives by the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in his daily life. He must participate in a Scoutmaster Conference. Finally, he must appear before a Board of Review.

Patrick has been in Troop 533 for 5½ years and in Troop 894 in West Newton, Indiana

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Krone Earns Eagle Scout Award - (Continued from Page 6)

for 3½ years before that. He has earned 25 merit badges and has served as Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Chaplain's Aid twice, Troop Guide, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader twice, Senior Patrol Leader, and Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster.

Patrick's Eagle Project was building a Storage and Equipment Room for SIRE of Hockley, Texas. He managed the project from inception through completion, developing and managing the project's budget, construction, team safety, and completion.

For More Information, contact:

Jeff Krone, Troop 533, 713-365-2061

REMEMBER, PLEASE:

Houston leash laws require all dogs to be on a leash when off the owner's premises.



Cy-Woods Crimson Cadettes Drill Team

The Cy-Woods Crimson Cadettes Drill Team will host their 5th annual dance clinic for K-12 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on August 11-13, 2010. This is a major fund-raiser for the team and enables them to participate in activities throughout the 2010 - 2011 school year. The fee is \$55 and includes dance technique, specially choreographed routines for each age group, t-shirt, drinks and snacks each day and a picture for each participant. Showoffs will held the last day at 11:30am. For more information email pjbassine@aol.com or check out our website at www.crimsoncadettes.com.

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Summer is here. That means summer Barbecue in the great outdoors and enjoying the company of family and friends. There are all kinds of tasty foods to grill up, plus those sides, desserts and drinks that round out the meal. Unfortunately, this leads to an influx of excess calories and weight gain. There goes your beach body that you worked so hard for. Here are some simple barbecue alternative recipes that can help keep you lean and healthy through the summer season when grilling.

GRILLED VEGGIE BURGER

- 4 Garden Veggie burger patties
- 2 Medium red vine tomatoes, sliced
- 2 Dill pickles, sliced
- 1 Bottle of mustard, ketchup, and/or light mayonnaise * use sparingly

- Green leaf lettuce
- 4 Whole grain hamburger buns
- 2 Grilled medium onion, sliced

GRILLED SOY HOT DOGS

- 4 Yves meatless hot dogs
- 1 Bottle of mustard and/or ketchup * use sparingly
- 1 Can of Amy's vegetarian chili
- ½ Cup of dill pickle chopped
- 4 Whole or sprouted grain hot dog buns
- 1 Medium red vine tomato, diced
- 1 Medium sweet onion, diced

GRILLED VEGETABLE KABOBS

- 2 zucchini
- 1 red and 1 yellow bell pepper
- 1 onion
- 12 oz halved mushrooms
- 4 skewers

Cut bell peppers, onions, and zucchini into uniform pieces. Thread the vegetables onto the skewers. Optionally brush with oil and vinegar and then place on grill until vegetables are tender and slightly brown.

Optional side dishes: Grilled corn on the cob, baked BBQ chips, watermelon, or fresh fruit mixture.

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STRATEGIES FOR A POSSIBLE LAYOFF



A family's most important financial strategies include defensive ones. What if you or your spouse might get laid off in the near future? But you might not get laid off too, so what types of things should a family do? The challenge is to protect your family's assets while staying on-plan to secure your future finances.

First, stay with your retirement savings plan. Keep on contributing because it reduces your taxes and your company may make matching contributions. Combined, these will do you more good than paying off consumer debt. And avoid borrowing against a retirement plan or worse, withdrawing funds early. The taxes and penalties for this are severe.

Next reduce your spending, say, by 10%. This is a good idea

regardless of your situation and the upside is you might reconnect with what is important. Distinguish between wants versus needs. Include the kids on the family decisions. Now that you have more money, it's time to boost your emergency fund. Everyone needs 3 to 6 months of expenses in a readily accessible account. This helps you avoid going into debt when emergencies arise.

Secure your life insurance. This protects your income stream. If you have a group life plan, it will disappear with a job loss. And group plans often have steep increases when you hit those magic milestones every 5 years after 40. Buying a policy outside the company is called portable insurance, and it's smart.

Next knock down your consumer debt. By that I mean anything with a "minimum payment" box – that's bad debt. Use debt-stacking techniques to get out of debt quicker while paying no more on a monthly basis. It's smart to open a home equity line of credit now but don't borrow against it. Think of it as a safety net.

Lastly, secure your home by refinancing while interest rates are low. While you could get a 15-year note, it's smart to get a 30-year loan and pay it off as though it were a 15-year note using higher payments. In this way if you get laid off you can always revert to the lower payments required by the 30-year note.

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CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB

The 25th anniversary of the establishment of the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club was held on May 11! Four founding members were recognized: John Carroll, Dr. Larry Zarker, Dr. Vernon Jones; and Dr. Jim Ramsey. District Lt. Governor, John Sheridan commended the club for giving twenty-five years of outstanding service to the Cy-Fair community. He presented the club with a commemorative patch for our banner. John Carroll gave a brief history of the club, beginning with its founding on April 30, 1985.

David Paul, John Carroll, Larry Zarker, Vernon Jones, and James Ramsey were recognized as 25 year Legion of Merit awardees. Recognized as earning 30 year Legion of Merit Awards were Dr. John Overton, George Crowl, E. J. Messara, and Jim Meadows. Larry Zarker was recognized for having 25 years of perfect attendance.

Scholarships for outstanding Key Club members were awarded to Madhumita Govindu and Deana Ortiz of the Cy-Fair High School Key Club; to Usama Khan of Mayde-Creek High School; and to Andres Ramirez of Cy-Falls Key Club by Peggy Presnell, Scholarship Committee Chair. Kathy Kiklas, advisor of the Cy-Falls Key Club, introduced the winners of \$1000 Scholarships from the Texas-Oklahoma District: Deahna Ortiz, Andres Ramirez, and Lauren Miller, Cy-Woods High School. Jessica Dodd from Cy-falls High School received the T-O district Sophomore of the Year Award.

The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club sponsors nine Key Clubs in the Cy-Fair Independent School District. As you can see from the many scholarships earned, the members are outstanding students in service and academic achievement. We are proud of our Key Club members and commend them for the many service hours they contribute to the community.

Fairfield residents, Louis Islein and Tasmina Quddus, and Mike Larrivee, Heathstone resident, were welcomed as new members by Steve Caton, President.

On May 22, the first of the season's Kiwanis Kids Triathlon series, was held at the Langham Creek YMCA. Kids ages 7 through 12 participated in swimming, bicycling, and running. More than 100 kids from the area participated. Cy-Fair Kiwanians prepared the courses for the events, supervised the races, and presented awards to the winners. All participants received medals and tee shirts for participation. Other Kiwanis Clubs in the Houston area will be sponsoring Triathlons throughout the summer. For information, visit the www.kiwanishouston.sunrise.org.

Come join us at the CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB, enjoy fellowship with members, hear informative speakers, and be a part of sponsoring children and youth activities in our community. Membership

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Preliminary 2010 TAKS results indicate that Cypress-Fairbanks ISD will retain its status as the largest Recognized district in Texas for the third consecutive year.

Based on TAKS performance, 74 of CFISD's 76 campuses (97 percent) are Recognized or Exemplary using the standard accountability system—an increase from 85 percent in 2009.

The district achieved Exemplary status in 24 of the TEA's 25 TAKS indicators, while the other indicator is at the Recognized level. This is an increase from 18 of 25 indicators in 2009.

The district's TAKS results are even more impressive considering that CFISD's 2010 testing population includes 2,850 more students taking TAKS or TAKS-A over 2009.

"We are tremendously pleased with our students' TAKS gains across the board—namely increasing the number of indicators reaching the Exemplary level. Ninety-six percent of the 25 areas measured were at or above the Exemplary threshold," said Roy Garcia, associate superintendent for curriculum and instruction and school administration. "We credit our students for their dedication to personal academic achievement, as well as our teachers and administrators who were committed to making these advancements."

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COMPUTING 101

How's Your Memory?

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Let's start with the hard drive. The hard drive in your computer is your filing cabinet. This is where Windows and all your programs are installed. ALSO, this is where ALL your documents, music, photos and movies are stored. Your hard drive is your storage in the same way that you may have music CD's or DVD's stored on a shelf, or your important papers in a filing cabinet. Getting a bigger hard drive simply gives you more storage. A Terabyte hard drive can hold the equivalent of 1,000 copies of the Encyclopedia Britannica. No one listens to all their music at the same time, or looks at all their photos or movies at the same time – we take what we want from “storage” and use the particular item at the time we want to. That takes us to memory.

Memory is made up of small chips inside your computer. They work kind of like an old calculator. Turn off the power and it goes blank. Turn on the power and you start filling it all over again. Memory is what your computer uses when it's actually working on something. The processor inside your computer (probably by AMD

or Intel) is what actually does the thinking. Because memory chips are MUCH faster than your hard drive, the computer pulls what it needs at the time into memory FROM the hard drive.

Let me put it into non-computer terms. You have a wall in your office filled with filing cabinets filled with papers; this is your hard drive. You have a desk that you work at that's 3 feet wide and 2 feet deep; this is your memory. YOU are doing the thinking and working with the papers; this is your processor. What happens when you have more papers to work with than desk space? You start shuffling papers around, maybe putting them into stacks and moving stacks around – this slows getting your actual task done. If you had a bigger desk, you wouldn't waste time shuffling papers. This is where more memory comes into play.

So deleting files from your hard drive doesn't speed up your computer any more than throwing away papers in your filing cabinet helps you get the task at your desk done.

When your computer wants to use more memory than it actually has, it does what we do when we get more information than we can remember – write it down! We use paper; the computer uses the

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SEASONAL SALADS

- Asparagus Crab Salad & Preserve Lemon Vinaigrette...9**
toasted almonds, shaved parmesan, baby greens
- Grilled Blackened Chicken Salad & Balsamic Vinaigrette...7**
baby greens, cilantro, tomatoes, walnuts, avocado, shaved red onions
- Tuscan Tomato Mozzarella Salad & Balsamic Vinaigrette...7**
extra virgin olive oil, fresh basil, garlic wheat croutons

FRESH GRILLED MEATS & SEAFOOD

- Salmon..19 / Halibut..24 / Shrimp..19 / Crab Cakes..16 / Tilapia..11**
- Grilled Beef Tenderloin 4oz, 6oz, 8oz.....18, 22, 26**
- Boneless Skinless Chicken Breast 4oz, 6oz, 8oz.....8, 12, 15**
sauteed asparagus & whipped potatoes

ITALIAN CLASSICS

- Chicken Parmesan...14**
angel hair pasta, fresh mozzarella, tomatoes, extra virgin olive oil, fresh basil, garlic parmesan croutons & angel hair pasta
- Fettuccini Alfredo & Chicken...15**
light creamy alfredo, diced tomatoes, fresh basil, garlic bread

MEXICAN FAVORITES

- Beef & Chicken Fajitas Platter...14**
spanish rice, charro beans, salsa, tortillas
- Chicken & Cheese Enchiladas Platter...11**
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hard drive. To "add" to its memory, the computer uses unused space on the hard drive to "extend" its memory. The problem with this is writing to the hard drive is MUCH slower, your computer slows down. The solution, close programs that are running you don't need OR buy more memory. The good news? Memory is cheap! Sites like www.crucial.com will peek inside your computer, tell you what you have inside and what you can upgrade with. The Windows Task Manager will tell you how much of your memory you're using. If you're using 80% or more, you'll be noticing a dramatic decrease in speed. Installing memory isn't hard in most computers, but if you're not comfortable call a professional.

Goodbye Windows 2,000! On July 13th, 2010, all versions of Windows 2000 and Windows XP RUNNING SERVICE PACK 2 will reach the end of support. Microsoft will no longer be updating these products. If you have a system running Windows 2000, it's time to move that machine up to XP. If you're still running Service Pack 2 in XP, you need to download Service Pack 3 to continue getting updates. Go to <http://www.update.microsoft.com/microsoftupdate> to get Service Pack 3, or consider upgrading to Windows 7. Windows XP with Service Pack 3 will continue to be supported by Microsoft through April 8, 2014.

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\$351,000--\$450,000	1	5	1	0	4	0	0	0	1	3
\$276,000--\$350,000	5	1	1	3	7	2	2	1	2	2
\$231,000--\$275,000	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	3	0	4
\$201,000--\$230,000	1	3	0	0	5	1	1	1	2	1
\$200,000 and below	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	2
Total	12	12	7	4	17	4	4	6	12	14
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