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& Hi Everyone *Happy November!*

At the time of me writing this note our park is just one thing shy of being complete. The pavilion that will attach to the BBQ area is what is holding up the completion. The shipment of the pre-fabricated pavilion I was told was to arrive in a couple of weeks and then Phase I will be complete. If you haven't gone to see the new park go check it out. It looks fantastic. A big Thank You to the MUD196 Board Members for facilitating Phase I of improvements to our park!

You will also see improvements to our tennis courts with a new fence, surface and nets as well as a new baseball backdrop out in our field. Coming soon is Phase II of improvements to our park which your current HOA board members are working towards.

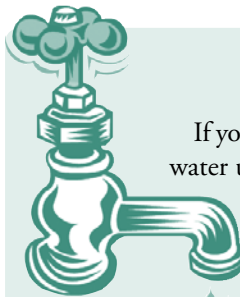
As always if you have any questions, concerns or comments please go to riataranch.net and email us.

Have a great Thanksgiving!
-Cindy



GARBAGE...

Has anyone seen the trash that piles up at the apartments when you are leaving the main entrance of Riata Ranch? Well one of our Board Members has met with the apartment complex to inform them of the unsightly issue we have to see when leaving or entering our neighborhood. The unfortunate part is that the trash overflow mostly happens at the beginning or end of the month when people move in and out. People throw things down the chute of the trash dispenser and things get stuck which will not allow the residents of the apartments to push anymore trash down the chute (since it is stuck with big items people throw away during moving in and out). The solution is to call them directly at 281-758-0226 and talk to the answering service which will let a maintenance person know immediately or you can also call the manager, Michelle Nixon. Please call the office when you notice a problem and speak with Michelle, another employee or the answering service so it can be addressed as soon as possible. The more calls they get with this problem the more likely they will react quicker. In the meantime the HOA board is thinking of alternative ideas so RR residents will not have to see the garbage.



Colder Weather means Cold Water and Cold Pipes.

If you live in a 2-story house please make sure you run your water upstairs such as turning on the water and/or flushing your toilets every now and then.

Also....a reminder on a water tip I've posted before. When you're waiting for your water to heat up out of the sink or bath save the cold water and reuse it for something else. You ask what is that something else? Well you could use it to water your plants, fill up your fish tank and/or fill up your dog/cat's water bowls. Maybe you can think of other things??

UPCOMING EVENTS

Breakfast with Santa December 4th, 2010 from 9am to 11am. It will be located at Kids-R-Kids at 10740 Barker Cypress Rd in the Gymnasium Area. Bring your own cameras and Santa will pose for pictures, read a story and listen to all of your Christmas wishes.

See you there!!!

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Waste Mgt.....	713-686-6666
HOA, SCS Mgt.....	281-463-1777
United States Post Office	800-275-8777

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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.

Association Dues

Good news. The HOA board voted and made the decision to NOT raise association dues this year. We were able to stay within our FY2011 budget with our current HOA rate.

Some things your association money goes to are to cover pool care and maintenance, community grounds and landscaping, water, repair of any vandalism, street light outage, fountain maintenance, special events and mosquito fogging. These are just some of the things your Association fees cover, they go right back to maintaining our neighborhood.



Pet Etiquette

If you have a dog please put them on a leash! If they poop other than your yard, be kind and pick it up even in the RR Park. The RR Park is not a dog poop area. Not only do we have children and adults that could walk in it but it is just plain rude to leave your dog's waste for all others to view.

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.

riatahoa@riataranch.net or

Debbie Spaw, dspaw@scsmgmt.com

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MORE ITEMS TO RECYCLE:

Recycle your Target/Wal-Mart bags, glass and coke cans. All Targets now have a container to recycle all of the following:

- Cell Phones
- Plastic Bags
- Glass
- Aluminum
- Plastic

I was so excited when I saw that Target did this that I recycle everything from my laundry containers to my beer bottles, to my coke cans! Plastic, Glass and Aluminum all go in the same container at Target so you don't even have to sort them!! Just start collecting it in a container, drive up to Target and put in their container (I even keep my plastic bag that I collected my items to use it for next time around). If this is too much then you have seen the recycling program offered in Riata Ranch for a small fee that is posted in this paper as well.

Use these easy outlet facilities to recycle as best you can. It really doesn't take much time and again the rewards are endless.



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RECYCLING IN RIATA RANCH

It's time we start recycling in Riata Ranch!!

"Please help us save the Earth one can or bottle at a time."

Contact A & B Recycling to help do your part and reserve your bins today!



Alex & Ben Hoffman
281-373-2114

****Please Note:**

We ask for a one time deposit fee of \$5/each for your bins.

We provide:

1. One bin for aluminum – for recycling cans and foil (No extra charge for recycling this for you.)
2. One bin for plastic - for all plastic with #1-5 and/or #7 (bottles, jugs and containers). Please wash out and remove caps since they jam the recycling machine. (\$10/month to recycle your plastic...that is only \$2.50/week to provide this service and help do your part.)
3. Weekly pick-up on Mondays.

Alex and Ben Hoffman: "We are two kids that live in Riata Ranch and are deeply concerned about the future of our planet, Earth. We noticed that we do not recycle in our neighborhood and feel it is time for us to recycle in order to reduce air and water pollution, conserve our natural resources, save energy, and help sustain our environment. Please join us in doing our part!!!"

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RICK STEVESTALK & BOOK SIGNING SET NOV. 4

Join European travel guidebooks author and travel show host, Rick Steves, as he presents "Travel as a Political Act" based on his book at 7 p.m. Nov. 4. A book signing will follow his talk held in the Main Stage Theatre, located in the Center for the Arts building. Sponsoring this guest speaker are Harris County Public Library, LSC-CyFair Branch and the LSC-CyFair Branch Friends of the Library.

TALENT IN THE BOSQUE GALLERY

Stop by to see "Head Count" an exhibition through Nov. 11 that deals with the human head in inventive ways. See how artist Patrick Palmer utilizes abstraction, mixed media, text and more in his art. Then check out the end-of-semester "Student Art Exhibition" Nov.

30 - Dec. 9 to see LSC-CyFair's visual art students' work they have completed in their classes. Meet the artists Dec. 2 at a 4:30 p.m. reception. Go to LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery for gallery hours and information.

CELEBRATE THE HOLIDAY SEASON AT LSC-CYFAIR!

Mark the calendar for several family events to enjoy this holiday season. How about an opera about two young lovers who keep finding the laws of the Mikado in the way of their wedded bliss in "The Mikado" Nov. 18-20? Or an evening of free activities, music and photos in the Annual Lighting of the Lake Nov. 29? Or hear the LSC-CyFair Concert Choir and Symphonic Band featuring Cy-Springs High School Choir in "A Holiday Celebration: Dec. 3-4? Or enjoy a free holiday concert of classic pieces by Handel, Mozart, Rutter and more

in "String Power" Dec. 6? Or try a rousing show and a family favorite "projectjazz" Dec. 8? For information on these events, go to LoneStar.edu

FREE L.I.F.E. LESSONS IN NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Lone Star College-CyFair Branch Library (Room 131.) Programs in November include "Graveyards and Genealogy" Nov. 3; "Help the Honey Bees" Nov. 10; "Leadership and Virtue" Nov. 17; (no program Nov. 24 due to Thanksgiving) "A Sentimental Journey" Dec. 8; and "Chicken Soup for the Bowl" Dec. 15. (no programs Dec. 22, Dec. 29 or Jan. 5 due to winter holiday.) Call the library at 281.290.3214 for L.I.F.E. program

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REGISTER NOW FOR MINI-MESTER & SPRING SEMESTER CLASSES

Catch up or get ahead this holiday season!

Take a mini-mester course in December or register early for spring. Registration begins Nov. 8. Mini-mester classes begin Dec. 20. Spring semester weekday classes begin Jan. 18, 2011. For information, call 281.290.3200 or 832.782.5000 or go online to LoneStar.edu.

FREE FALL BUSINESS SUCCESS SEMINARS SERIES ENDS NOV. 10

The Business Success Seminars finish this fall with two topics: "Blogging for Business" Nov. 3 and "When the Banker Says No" Nov. 10. Seminars are held Wednesdays from 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. in library room 131, on the campus at 9191 Barker Cypress. No sign up is required and there will be door prizes. Sponsoring this series are the Small Business Development Center and the Lone Star College-CyFair Branch Library. For information, go to LoneStar.edu/library/business-seminars or call 281.290.3214 or 832.482.1057.

OIL & GAS

Networking

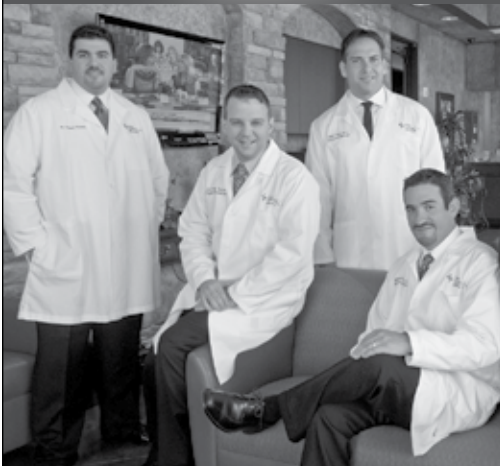
If you work in any aspect of the Oil & Gas Industry and would like to network and meet your Cypress neighbors in your field, please come say Hi!

We will meet the 1st Monday of each month at IHOP on Hwy 290 (Next to CVS on Fry Road) between 5:30 am and 8:00 am.

Come by have a cup of coffee and get the latest events and happenings in the Industry. If you have any questions please feel free to email me at Kevin.Kays@sbcglobal.net



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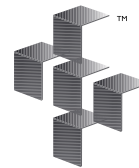


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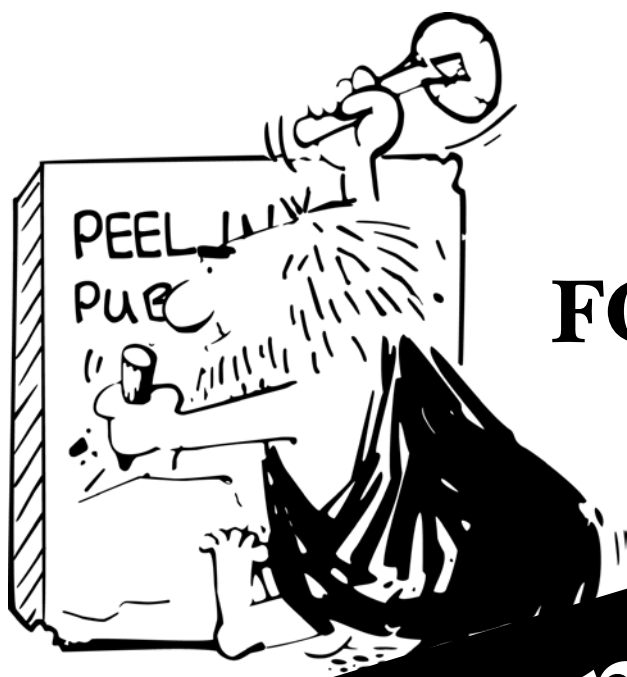
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