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A Newsletter for Riata Ranch Residents

Copperfield Coalition

A Non-Profit Incorporated Organization

LOW INCOME APARTMENTS

A developer, Galaxy Companies (San Antonio), has filed a preliminary application with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA). They have applied for the 9% tax credit. They are planning on constructing a low income housing complex (apartments) on Queenston near the corner of Barker Cypress and the Stone Gate main entrance (12447 Queenston Blvd). This is not the developer who was planning on building a low income complex last year. This is a new developer who has filed an application (2013) for the same location.

TDHCA will have a public hearing in Houston about potential housing tax credit units in May or early June. The last day the public has to submit comments (letters, phone calls, faxes, etc.) to TDHCA is by 5:00 PM June 14, 2013.

Contact your elected officials and TDHCA about your thoughts regarding the proposed unit. Contact Misael Arroyo at TDHCA, (512) 475-2596, misael.arroyo@tdhca.state.tx.us

View our web site under "Links" for a list of all the politicians that serve our area.

GOOD NEWS

A second developer, Kilday Realty Corporation, had also filed for a 9% tax credit to build a low income housing development. It was planned to be built on West Road just west of Telge right next door to the new Kid's World Learning Center.

After the Coalition spoke with Mr. Kilday on three separate occasions, he chose to withdraw his application. Mr. Kilday has canceled his plans to build a low income apartment complex at this location.

CRIME, SECURITY AND SAFETY

We will have Guest Speakers at our next monthly meeting, Tuesday, March 19, 2013. We will have Special Agent Anton Chapman from the Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations, Human Smuggling/Trafficking. We will also have Captain Ricky Ricks from the Harris County Sheriff's Vice Department and Cy-Fair ISD Chief of Police Alan Bragg.

Topics will include Brothels and Human Trafficking, Drug Paraphernalia Shops around our schools, and the safety of our children both on and off school campuses. The safety of our children

is our utmost concern, especially after the death threats allegedly made by a sixth grader at Aragon Middle School (www.youtube.com/watch?v=HlsoSptPTfA). For more details on the threat at Aragon, view our website under News & Events. All these topics are related as brothels and drug paraphernalia shops bring in the unwanted element that endangers the safety of our children and community.

Seating will be limited, so please RSVP to Anthony@copperfieldcoalition.com to reserve your seat (it's free).

THE CY-FAIR ISD LIAISON COMMITTEE

The Copperfield Coalition is concerned about the possibility that Lowery and Copeland Elementary Schools will be given Title I designation due to the increase of its economically disadvantaged student populations. We believe that if either school receives a Title I designation, our property values will be negatively impacted as they were in Aldine, Alief and Spring Branch. The Copperfield Coalition strongly favors all students receiving a quality education. This can best be accomplished by increasing the rigor of the school curriculum.

The Cypress Fairbanks Independent School District Board of Trustees represents the community's interest in the school district. They make the final decision on Title I designations. You are encouraged to send them an email, whether you support or oppose Title I, and let them know your feelings. The email address is board@cfisd.net.

DeBra Edwards, Chair

CFISD Liaison Committee

PROSTITUTION AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The brothel at 18039 C FM529 (across the street from Kroger) was raided by the Harris County Sheriff Department on January 31. Two arrests were made for prostitution. Two citations were issued for not having a license for massage. All evidence gathered will be used by the DA's office to file suit under the Abatement Law to have this establishment shut down permanently. This is made possible by the new SOB regulations that were passed by Commissioner's Court late last year. We would also like to say Thank You to the Harris County Sheriff Department.

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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Sheriff.....	713-221-6000
Fire Department.....	281-855-1110
Cy-Fair Medical Center.....	281-890-4285
Memorial City Hospital.....	713-932-3000
Poison Control.....	800-222-1222

SCHOOLS

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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.

Seeking the Right Fit?

Cheryl Campbell will share hiring tips and time-savers at CYFEN's Feb. 28 meeting. Learn how to find qualified candidates when "Seeking the Right Fit" of staff for your business at the Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN) luncheon Feb. 28. This month's speaker, Cheryl Campbell, president and owner of TPI Staffing, Inc., will help business owners with tips on hiring staff as well as how to utilize a staffing company to simplify life and save time in the selection process to find qualified candidates.

Serving the staffing industry for 25 years and an advocate of women-owned businesses and women's education, Campbell has been the recipient to many recognitions, including Top 50 Woman-Owned Texas firms. All are welcome to attend the monthly meetings of CYFEN, which are held the fourth Thursdays at the Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd. This month's meeting begins with networking at 11 a.m. followed with a prompt 11:30 a.m. start of the program. Bring business cards for networking. The meeting cost is \$25 with advanced reservations made by the Thursday prior to the meeting and \$30 at the door. For information on CYFEN, which is part of the American Business Women's Association, go to www.CYFEN.org.

ABOUT CYFEN

The Cy-Fair Express Network's vision is to be a community and national leader for the support of professional women by providing a nurturing environment for business development, networking, education and mentoring. Our members have opportunities to pursue excellence and achieve both local and national recognition.

ABOUT ABWA

ABWA's mission is to bring together businesswomen of diverse occupations and to provide opportunities for them to help themselves and others grow personally and professionally through leadership, education, networking support and national recognition.



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MONTHLY MEETINGS OPEN TO ALL

The Copperfield Coalition meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Copperfield Community Center, 15409 Willow River Drive. The meeting is in the activities room; please come in the main door. Please check the website for any last minute cancelations and/or changes before attending.

Come to one of our meetings and find out what we are all about. If you are interested in protecting the integrity of our communities, our lifestyle and our property values, then please join us.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are interested in becoming a member, being on a committee, or being an advisory member, then please come to one of our meetings or contact us at Anthony@CopperfieldCoalition.com.

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**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT
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MARCH MEETING FEATURED SPEAKER**

Please join fellow Aggie Moms for our monthly meeting on March 12th at 7 p.m. featuring Dr. R. Bowen Loftin, President of Texas A&M University. If your senior is Aggie bound, you'll want to take this opportunity to get up front and personal with the President of the best darn University in the country. All meetings are open to the public and prospective students, current students and Aggie families are always welcome! Refreshments will be served! Details on our website www.nwhcaggiemoms.org.

Aggie Moms, as an organization, encourages parents to become familiar with A&M during their student's freshman year instead of waiting for graduation to visit as is the custom on other university campuses. The path to graduation can be a challenging journey; don't go it alone. Northwest Harris County Aggie Moms has been here for 25 years and we're committed to helping your student and YOU enjoy the TAMU experience.

The Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. (August-May), at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive and Cutten Road. Drop on by and say Howdy. We'll be darn glad you did! Feel free to contact Tish Otten, Club President at clubpres20122@gmail.com.

Our up-coming events include awarding scholarships totaling \$14,500 to 13 Fighting Aggie Students for the 2013-2014 academic year. Information on our club's scholarship program is on the web site.

In addition, the CyFair A&M Club encourages area former students and Texas A&M supporters to join its uniquely targeted Aggie experience in its dual mission to raise scholarship funds for students exclusively from the CyFair area, and to support the community. Just two of its many springtime events include the April 21 Muster and May 17 golf tournament, both right here in CyFair at Sterling Country Club! Tournament sponsorships are still available, as well as golf foursomes at \$100 per entrant. For more information on these and other springtime events, and to get involved with the CyFair A&M Club, please visit www.cyfairags.org. Thanks and Gig 'em!



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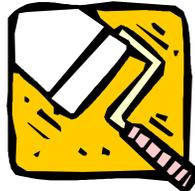
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David M. Wilson
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Cypress-Tomball Democrats *Host March Monthly Meeting*



The Cypress-Tomball Democrats monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19th, 2013. It will be held at Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

March's guest speaker will be Lisa Falkenberg, metro columnist at the Houston Chronicle, where she writes on Tuesdays and Thursdays about topics ranging from politics to education to the death penalty.

All are welcome to attend and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month. For more information, contact Olga Moya at cytomdems@yahoo.com.



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Alzheimer's and Dementia *Worship Service / Support Group*

Fairfield Baptist Church is considering a special worship service each week for those with memory impairments such as Alzheimer's or Dementia.

We would also welcome those with other disabilities that make it impractical, or feel uncomfortable, attending a standard worship service.

During this time we would invite the caregivers to attend worship service or a small group of their choosing.

We would also welcome those from other local churches to consider dropping off their family member for this service. They could then return to their home church for worship.

We are also considering facilitating an Alzheimer's Support Group for caregivers that would meet during the week.

If you, or someone you know, would benefit from such a service, or if you would like additional information please contact Dan Ward at dan.ward@vectortg.com / 832-492-5310.



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