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The Farmers Market at Bridgeland Summer Season Highlights

Submitted by Birgit Eisenkoelbl



Join us at the Farmers Market at Bridgeland on the 2nd Sunday of each month throughout the summer and shop for fresh crisp produce, eggs, naturally raised pork and grass fed beef, a variety of homemade natural products, like sweet treats, pasta, BBQ sauce and salsa, Indian / Italian / Mexican food, spa products, pet food and live plants. Each month offers a special event:

July 13 – Observation Bee Hive – PEAS Farm brings their new Observation Bee Hive, which is a permanent home for bees who produce honey with pollen from the surrounding flowers and blooming trees.

August 10 – Make your own Pickles – Get a pickle kit from PEAS Farm, follow their instructions, and enjoy your own jar of pickles just couple of weeks later.

September 14 – Fall Gardening Class – Learn how to make your garden ready for the fall planting season. Hear about what grows best in our region, how to plant, water and naturally fertilize your garden to produce a rich harvest of homegrown vitamins.

Each market is held between 12:30 – 3:30pm, rain or shine, at the parking lot adjacent to the Activity Center in Bridgeland and is open to the public.

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The Times is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Bridgeland residents. Each newsletter is filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information and more.

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The Northwest Flyers Track Club Youth Cross-Country Team kicks off the fall season with registration and a mandatory orientation for parents and athletes on Monday, September 8, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. Registration will be held at Cypress Creek High School, 9815 Grant Rd., Houston, TX. The first practice will be held at the Cypress Creek YMCA on Thursday, September 11.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a member program of USA Track and Field (USATF), the national governing body for track and cross country. The club is in its 27th year in the northwest Houston area. Ages 6 - 18 may participate in the team, and both beginners and experienced runners are welcome. Middle school and high school cross country athletes can also register, but should compete after their cross country season is over.

Contact Coach Eric Wentworth at emw185@gmail.com, 281-961-6603, or Coach Donnell Carter at dcarter.nwflyers@yahoo.com, 281-467-4727, for more information. Email Coach Carter to get on the email list and you will receive a free running training video. Visit www.northwestflyers.org to get updates and learn more about the team.



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Fit and Fun: Health Tips for You and Your Children

Getting fit and staying fit can be a fun process. That's true for individuals, and it's especially true for families.

Fitness is an important topic, especially when your daily routine involves a lot of sitting, whether at work, at school, or at home in front of a computer or TV screen.

The habits that we learn as children are often the habits we carry into adulthood. As parents, we can help our children build healthy habits and find new, fun ways to motivate ourselves and our children to get active.

Below are some ideas for getting off the couch and having some fun while getting fit:

- Take an active vacation: It's tempting every day to think of your vacation as a time to sit and relax. But isn't that what your body does everyday? Instead, you can plan a trip that includes hiking, biking, skiing, and other activities that the whole family can do together.
- Visit a local park: It doesn't have to take a whole day, but you could spend a few hours playing at a park. Take a ball (football or soccer), a Frisbee, or a hacky sack, and play. You can invite some friends to join you, too. And remember: It's not just about the kids moving around – it's your time, too!
- Hold a block party: Call your neighbors, and block off the closest cul-de-sac for a get together that includes fun and active games. From freeze tag and relay races to hide-and-seek and kickball, there are hundreds of activities to choose from that are fun for everyone.
- Go for a hike: Find a local area where you and your family can go and hike for a few miles. Spend time outdoors, and enjoy what nature has to offer while you all get fit!

For more ideas about fun activities, visit the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance's Web site at: www.aahperd.com.

The Goal: Be instrumental in encouraging children to develop the good habit of moving through space, nurturing their physical power, and getting fit.

For more information about healthy activities, contact your health care provider or your Concentra health specialist. For more information on the importance of fitness for children, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Web site at: <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/physicalactivity/>



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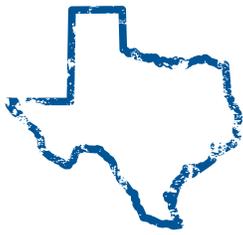
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Keynote speaker shares tips at the July 24 CYFEN meeting

Houston, Texas (June 6, 2014) Come to the Cy-Fair Express Network (CYFEN) luncheon July 24 and be inspired to become more organized, efficient and effective at work and home.



This month's keynote speaker is Marla Regan, President of Organized Time. Regan is a certified Family Manager® coach, speaker, author and organizer. An active member of National Association of Professional Organizers and American Business Women's Association (ABWA), Regan has more than 20 years experience speaking to clients across the country. She specializes in

bringing order to chaos and helping people find solutions for everyday situations through various topics related to time management and organization.

All are welcome to join Regan at this month's CYFEN meeting,

which begins with networking at 11 a.m. followed with a prompt 11:30 a.m. start of the program. Monthly meetings are held the fourth Thursdays at the Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd

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 Cy-Fair Express Network (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.

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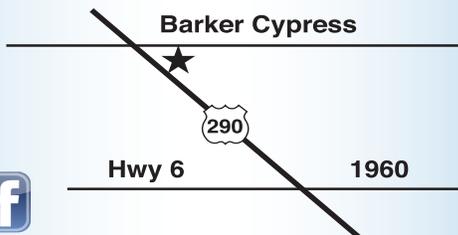
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17th Annual Salute to the Stars Gala

It's almost time to applaud Cy-Fair's educators at the 17th Annual Salute to the Stars Gala. The black-tie, celebratory event to be held on October 16, 2014, at Cy-Fair ISD's Richard E. Berry Center will honor 86 Spotlight teachers, one from each of the district's campuses. Dinner, entertainment, live auction and a raffle will be featured as community and business leaders and elected and school officials give thanks to those who give so much to the students in the Cy-Fair district.

Each year in April, Cy-Fair ISD recognizes one teacher from each of its campuses who represents a unique balance of skill, art and heart in teaching students in his or her subject area or program. "Spotlight teachers and their guest as well as the principal and his or her guest occupy spots at the school's table," said Lauri Baker, event co-chair. "The remaining four seats are for those who sponsor the table. Table sponsorships start at \$1,250; however, there are other sponsor opportunities available as well."

Not only is the event a celebration of the district's top-notch teachers, but it's also a way to showcase the talent of students. "Students will perform a drum line performance, those who have won scholarships from the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation will serve as guest speakers and culinary arts students will serve dinner to guests," said Baker. "Involving our students in the event is a perfect way to remember why we are all here."

All proceeds raised at the event go to the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation which provides college scholarships for district students as well as staff development grants to CFISD. Last year the event raised over \$152,000 for staff development grants and student scholarships, bringing the grand total to over \$1.8 million raised since 1998.

This year's underwriter will be Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center Hospital. Also sponsoring in 2014 will be the Cy-Fair Federal Credit Union as the Red Carpet Premiere Sponsor, Bay- IBI Group Architects as the Superintendent Table Sponsor and Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital as the Teacher Appreciation Sponsor.

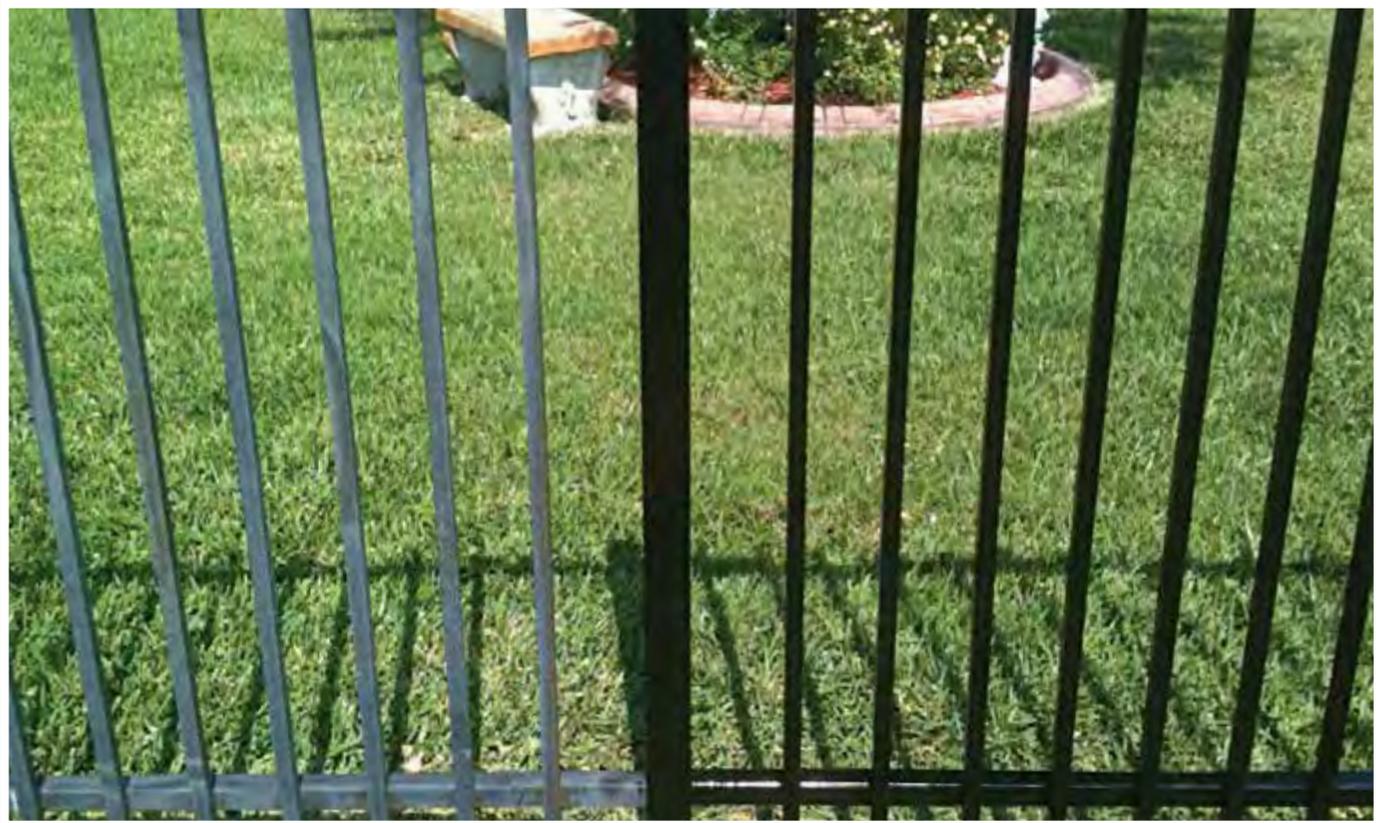
Baker, who has been involved with organizing the event for ten years, has worked in the school district for 30 years and also serves on the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation Board. "I love working with such a passionate group of dedicated people who put on this great event," she said. "It's really a fun night and people are excited to see each other but also so committed to raise money for the Foundation. The community relationship in our district and the compassion of the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation, that does so much for both students and teachers, is unique and rewarding to be a part of," she said.

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Please email Meghan Martin at MeghanMarie918@gmail.com with further questions about getting your family, churches, businesses or groups involved with this event. Thanks!



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The Stallions Stampede and We Can! FitZone aims to promote healthy living in youth through family education, increased physical activity and reduced sedentary time. A USATF Sanctioned event the Stallions Stampede offers 3 races to get the community involved – A Family 2K, a USATF Certified 5K, and a 10K Relay. The We Can! FitZone is free community event offering youth and families fun and useful tools and information for healthful living.

“Stallions XC is excited to welcome Downsize Fitness as a Winner’s Circle Sponsor, their perfect complement to our efforts to raise awareness about childhood obesity”, said Head Cross Country Coach Lavoxkeia Carnes. “Downsize fitness is the world’s first gym for people with more than 50 pounds of weight to lose and offers kids free memberships when their parents join”, said Grover Daly, VP of Downsize Fitness. The Stallions Events Committee

is seeking healthy living businesses and professionals to provide health screenings, education, assessments and other services to our participants.

For more details, visit the event web site at www.StallionsStampede.com or contact Lavoxkeia Carnes, meet director, Texas Stallions Track Club at 832-415-0568 or by email at txstallions@texasstallions.com. Registration is underway for our 2014 Cross Country Running Program, visit www.TexasStallions.org to join today!

Established as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation, the Texas Stallions Track Club mission is to develop youth track and field athletes in the North Houston area through our guiding principles of Dedication, Determination, and Discipline.

Through the Stallions Stampede, Texas Stallions Relays, and the generous support of individuals, corporations, businesses and other organizations, the club is able to provide greater competition and exposure opportunities to its athletes through its growing cross country, indoor track and field and outdoor track and field programs, academic grants, and financial assistance to underprivileged youth. For more information, visit the Club online at TexasStallions.org.



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July's guest speakers are David Jones and Gary Polland, co-hosts of the Houston PBS political affairs program, "Red White & Blue". They will discuss the outlook for the 2014 and beyond campaigns.

All are welcome to attend the meeting and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month. For more information, visit the website at www.cytomdems.com; contact Glenn Etienne at cytomdems@yahoo.com; or "Like" the club on Facebook.



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Why join Kiwanis? Kiwanis is an international service organization focused on changing the world one child and one community at a time. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club of Houston seeks to serve this community through sponsoring Key Clubs for high school students, Builders Clubs for middle school students, and Aktion clubs for adults with disabilities. Also, we sponsor Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops. We provide support to various other organizations in the community that serve children and families.

What is Kiwanis? Service is at the heart of every Kiwanis club, no matter where in the world it's located. Members stage nearly 150,000 service projects and raise nearly US\$100 million every year for communities, families and projects. In addition, Kiwanis members actively participate in many service projects in their home communities.

Kiwanis members don't just do service—they have fun. Members make new friends by being part of a club where they attend meetings and participate in social events. Kiwanis clubs also provide excellent networking opportunities for professionals. Members meet new people from all over their region and the world through service projects, fundraising and attendance at district and international conventions.

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The Modern Game: The Forehand Approach Shot

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to execute the basic strokes for players who are just beginning to play tennis or who want to resume playing.

I am now offering suggestions on how to play the “modern” game mostly geared towards players who are happy with hitting the ball over the net and controlling the point with consistency. These players may be already playing for leagues or in tournaments and are looking for more “weapons” on the court.

In this issue, I will offer instructions on how to execute the Top Forehand Approach Shot. This shot is used when an opponent hits a soft shot that has bounced high over the net. The player will take advantage and will charge to the net, thus hitting with top spin high over the net and hit with power. When the ball hits the court, it will take a big hop, forcing the opponent to fall back close to the fence, or to hit the ball on the rise. This shot can be used as a “winner” or as an “approach shot.”

In the illustrations, Christian Smith, one of the top players of the Grey Rock Tennis Academy, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke. Christian is coached by the Director of the Tennis Academy, Darin Pleasant.

Step 1: The Back Swing: When Christian sees the opportunity, he makes a quick turn of his upper body and takes the racket high and back. The head of the racket is now at shoulder height, his shoulders are turned, the left hand in front of his body for balance. He has loaded his right hip to help him drive his weight forward. His grip is relaxed and his wrist is “laid back” to allow maximum

point of contact.

Step 2: The Point of Contact: The success of a top spin shot is keeping the ball on the strings going from low to high in a 30 degree angle and accelerating the racket head around the outside of the ball. Christian started the swing high and “looped” it to allow the head of the racket to drop down. He will be brushing around the outside of the ball as he makes contact with it. His right shoulder is almost opening and his weight has now been shifted toward the front.

Step 3: The Follow Through: In order to get maximum control and power, Christian is keeping his left arm in front as he extends through the shot. He has “snapped” his left wrist and has the head of the racket facing down. His weight is in the process of shifting forward.

Step 4: The Finish: Christian’s upper body acceleration forced his head of the racket to “wrap around” his left hip, thus creating the most power and topspin on the ball. His legs are already in position to move forward the net for a volley.

Step 5: The Ready Position: Once Christian hits the ball, he must get ready to volley if the ball was not a “winner”. By the smile on his face, his forehand approach shot was successful and is waiting for an easy return to “kill” the next shot. His knees are slightly flexed, he is in a good athletic stance and his eyes are focused on the oncoming ball.

Look in the next Newsletter for: “The Modern Game: The Backhand Approach Shot”

Youth Art Contest - Enter by November 1

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	Aug '13	Sept '13	Oct '13	Nov '13	Dec '13	Jan '14	Feb '14	Mar '14	Apr '14	May '14
\$500,000 and above	3	2	1	3	2	1	2	3	1	1
\$451,000--\$499,999	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
\$351,000--\$450,999	4	6	4	2	3	3	2	1	3	4
\$276,000--\$350,999	6	3	4	4	7	4	4	2	5	0
\$231,000--\$275,999	2	4	1	4	5	1	5	1	3	0
\$201,000--\$230,999	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0
\$200,999 and below	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	17	16	12	15	19	9	13	7	13	6
Highest \$/sq ft	\$125.14	\$137.06	\$139.82	\$142.28	\$172.19	\$139.29	\$132.55	\$134.52	\$150.70	\$88.75

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