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The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Cy-Fair among fastest growing Relays in the USA!

The American Cancer Society is pleased to announce that the Relay For Life of Cy-Fair has been recognized as among the fastest growing Relays in participation! Relay For Life – Cy-Fair for 2014 placed in the top 4 in attendance growth in the entire USA!

Sincere thanks to all the many volunteers, committee members, and teams whose tireless efforts have resulted in the incredible growth of our event. The valued participation of cancer survivors and caregivers make the American Cancer Society Relay For Life unique and appealing to the entire community, most of whom have been touched by cancer in some way,” said Relay For Life of Cy-Fair Chair Sulema Tamez.

Relay For Life remains the American Cancer Society’s highest-grossing fundraising event in the fight against cancer. Monies raised support the American Cancer Society’s mission to help people stay well, get well, find cures and fight back through cancer research, as well as the free programs and services provided directly to cancer patients and their families.

The Relay For Life of Cy-Fair is seeking sign-ups for both business and personal teams for the April 17-18, 2015 event. The event committee is also seeking volunteers, cancer survivors and caregivers

to participate. If you are interested in signing up or learning more about how you can help the American Cancer Society finish the fight against cancer, please visit: www.relayforlife.org/cyfairtx.

ABOUT THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

The American Cancer Society is a global grassroots force of more than three million volunteers saving lives and fighting for every birthday threatened by every cancer in every community. As the largest voluntary health organization, the Society’s efforts have contributed to a 20 percent decline in cancer death rates in the U.S. since 1991, and a 50 percent drop in smoking rates. Thanks to our progress, nearly 14 million Americans who have had cancer and countless more who have avoided it will celebrate more birthdays this year. As we mark our 100th birthday in 2013, we’re determined to finish the fight against cancer. We’re finding cures as the nation’s largest private, not-for-profit investor in cancer research, ensuring people facing cancer have the help they need and continuing the fight for access to quality health care, lifesaving screenings, clean air, and more. For more information, to get help, or to join the fight, call us anytime, day or night, at 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org.





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The fourth annual and ever popular Wine Fair Cy-Fair presented by H-E-B, Lippincott Team and Northwest Dodge hits Cypress Village Station on Saturday, April 11, 2014 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. A sell-out every year, this year's event welcomes more than 3,000 participants who come out to partake in more than 30 culinary creations tasting stations provided by Cy-Fair's restaurant scene, over 250 wine selections and 40+ craft beer selections in The Backyard Grill Beer Garden.

Saturday's pre-event All that Sparkles is an effervescent party from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. for guests to enjoy French champagnes, sparkling wines and nibbles. The luxurious VIP Premium room opens at 5:00 p.m. offering relaxed seating, restroom facilities and great views along with premium wine and delicious food. VIPs also receive a swag bag chocked full.

Wine Fair Cy-Fair is a collaboration between the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce and Food & Vine Time Productions. The community event celebrates Cy-Fair businesses and residents bringing all together for this signature event with interactive anchor areas, sponsor displays, vendors, local artisans and live music. "Wine Fair is a great way to celebrate the Cy-Fair community," Leslie Martone, President of the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce said. "The event continues to grow each year and we are ecstatic to see our community continue to improve the quality of life for businesses and residents in the Cy-Fair area."

Kicking off Wine Fair weekend is One Fine Affair, presented by Mercantil Commercebank. This elegant event is held on Friday, April 10 from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. at Northwest Forest Conference Center's La Hacienda venue. The theme for 2015 is "Boots, Suits and Bling" so put on your fine threads, boots and bling and enjoy the finest Cy-Fair has to offer with elegant restaurants, premium wine and one fine evening as funds are raised for Reach Unlimited through silent auction and wine pull. Get your tickets early because attendance to One Fine Affair is limited to only 150 guests who appreciate the finer things in life.

"Wine Fair Cy-Fair continues to grow and expand due in large part to the community leaders and businesses who see the value of an annual signature event celebrating life in Cy-Fair ... with a sip. We are grateful for the ground-swellling support through attendance, sponsors and our partnership with the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce. Assisting Cy-Fair charity Reach Unlimited through fundraising and awareness continues to be gratifying," Founder & Co-Producer Constance McDerby said.

Co-presenting sponsors include H-E-B, Lippincott Team and Northwest Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram. Other sponsors to date include Aruba Tourism Live Music Stage, Bridgeland Home Zone, Chad Gaulding KwikKopy Printing, Chloe Wines, Fetzer, Cupcake Vineyards, Tom Gore Wines, Palm Bay International, Community Impact Newspapers, Cypress Village Station, Green Mountain Energy, Houston Chronicle, Houston Event Photos, LeafGuard, eT Craft Burgers and Beer, Lucas Auto Care, Perry Homes, Republic National Distributing

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Sponsorship, restaurant and vendor opportunities are now available. General admission tickets are \$25. All tickets can be purchased at www.winecyfair.com. You must be 21 years or older to purchase tickets. For more information, visit www.winecyfair.com or call the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce at (281) 373-1390 or Food & Vine Time Productions at (713)557-5732.





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Reasons to “Scoop the Poop”

by Jennifer Magness, DVM

Dogs are a very popular pet and are found in many households. There are 70 million pet dogs in the United States alone. Opening up your home to a dog also means accepting responsibility for that pet, including cleaning up their waste.

Most people have heard the term “scoop the poop” but some people may not have heard the reasons why this is so important. Some people view dog feces (or what most people call dog poop) as a good fertilizer, but this is actually a myth. Dog diets mostly contain animal products such as chicken and turkey. Thus, a dog’s waste contains substances created by the breakdown of the animal products. It does not enrich the soil for plants such as grass. If not picked up, dog feces can enter waterways via storm drains after it rains. Nitrogen in the feces depletes the oxygen from the water, and the water is made harmful to fish and other aquatics. It is often listed as the third leading cause of water pollution. Dog feces are also considered an environmental pollutant as it contains harmful organisms.



One gram of dog feces may contain as much as 23 million bacteria. Harmful bacteria such as Salmonella and E. coli can be found in dog feces. Parasites such as Giardia, Cryptosporidium, roundworms, hookworms and whipworms may also be found. Many of the parasites (usually in a resistant egg form) linger in the environment for years, even if the rest of the dog feces breaks down over time. Both bacteria and parasites are health hazards for both humans and animals that come in contact with them.

Besides the “ick” factor of stepping in dog poop and the unpleasant odor of it, dog feces can serve to attract pests (such as flies) and rodents (such as rats). Being a responsible pet owner and scooping your dog’s poop is important for the community health of both humans and animals. It helps Improve local water quality. Scooping your dog’s poop also promotes favorable views towards dogs by others in the community.

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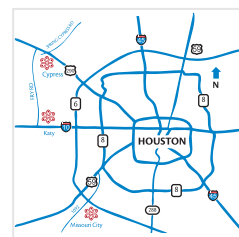


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10:30-11:30am

Luncheon Speaker (Kelly Davis, Founder of Houston Moms Blog)

11:45-12:30

Luncheon and Style Show

11:00-5:00pm

General Admission to the Market

Mother's Day Market is a one-stop shopping extravaganza featuring unique merchandise from carefully selected businesses from all over.

Mother's Day Market is coming to Bridgeland, Cypress, Texas on Saturday, April 25, 2015. This event will feature a shopping market for 75+ booths, a luncheon featuring Kelly Davis, founder of Houston Mom's Blog, as guest speaker, and

style show for moms. Cypress is one of the fastest growing areas of Houston. There will be something for everyone at MDM! Hope to see you at this fabulous event!

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Cypress-Tomball Democrats March Meeting

The next Cypress-Tomball Democrats monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, March 17, 2015. It will be held at Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Members are asked to bring four dozen filled plastic eggs for the annual Community Easter Egg Hunt to be held on March 28.

All are welcome to attend the meeting and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month. The meetings are open to all, and always feature great fellowship and informative guest speakers. 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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Easter Egg Hunt Hosted by Cypress-Tomball Democrats March 28th

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The free activities are open to the public, and include an Easter Egg Hunt for kids under 12, recreational activities, music, prizes, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Attendees should bring their own baskets and lawn chairs.

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Wash Your Hands

Reducing Spread of Disease While at Home and Work

By: Concentra Urgent Care

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) say that nearly 90,000 patients die in U.S. hospitals each year due to a preventable disease – many could be avoided if everyone properly washed their hands.

From germs on office equipment to sick colleagues who decided to come into work anyway, people face the same dangers in the workplace. The same simple fact holds true: Washing your hands regularly is an effective way to prevent yourself from catching or spreading a preventable disease or illness.

WHEN TO WASH YOUR HANDS

The CDC recommends washing your hands every time you:

- Prepare or eat food
- Use the restroom
- Tend to someone who is sick; both before and after
- Blow your nose, cough, or sneeze
- Handle garbage
- Treat a cut or wound
- Change a diaper or clean up after children
- Handle an animal or animal waste

HAND WASHING BASICS

The CDC has issued specific guidelines about effective hand washing:

- Wet hands with water
- Use plain bar or liquid soap
- Create a lather by vigorously rubbing hands together for 15-20 seconds—about the amount of time it takes to sing “Happy Birthday” twice
- Be sure to wash palms, back of hands, fingers, and nails (clean nails by gently scratching nails down your opposing soapy palm)
- Rinse off soap under a stream of water

WHAT ELSE CAN YOU DO?

- Focus on hand washing in the lunch and/or break room
- Be careful when using sponges and dish towels. These are ideal sites for bacterial growth. Always wash your hands after using these items.
- Maintain a clean work area; regularly clean any office equipment, especially shared items such as phones and keyboards.
- Remind your colleagues of the importance of hand washing, particularly when you witness someone neglecting to wash his or her hands.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

To learn more about how washing hands regularly can help prevent disease, ask your health care provider, or visit the CDC’s creative Web site dedicated to raising awareness of the importance of hand washing at www.henrythehand.com.



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	Apr '14	May '14	Jun '14	Jul '14	Aug '14	Sep '14	Oct '14	Nov '14	Dec '14	Jan '15
\$500,000 and above	1	1	5	0	8	1	1	2	1	2
\$451,000--\$499,999	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	0
\$351,000--\$450,999	3	4	3	6	8	5	2	0	11	5
\$276,000--\$350,999	5	0	4	2	5	3	2	1	2	1
\$231,000--\$275,999	3	0	5	1	1	1	1	3	1	2
\$201,000--\$230,999	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	0
\$200,999 and below	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total	13	6	20	13	22	12	7	7	17	10
Highest \$/sq ft	\$150.70	\$88.75	\$175.27	\$136.02	\$159.79	\$138.71	\$151.87	\$155.00	\$160.29	\$130.62

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