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# THE TIMES

## A newsletter for Bridgeland residents.

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.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports activity, social group, etc. and would like to submit an article for the newsletter you can do so online at [www.PEELinc.com](http://www.PEELinc.com) or you can email it [bridgeland@peelinc.com](mailto:bridgeland@peelinc.com). Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, special celebrations, birthday announcements and military service are also welcome. *Our goal is to keep you informed!*

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2016, 12:30–3:30PM

The Farmers Market at Bridgeland will host its monthly Farmers Market and the Artisan Market on December 11, 2016. Local artists will bring their unique artwork, like pottery, jewelry & accessories, woodwork, floral art and tin can art. One third of the artists are Bridgeland residents, which will make this market very special. Our regular farmers market vendors will offer fresh local produce, eggs, pork/beef/bison/shrimp/wild boar, honey & jelly, breads & sweet treats, Indian/Italian/Mexican food, BBQ sauce & salsa, Texas olive oil and aged vinegars, coffee and tea, orchids, soaps & lotions, pet food, and MUCH MORE!



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## 2017 SPRING BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL INFORMATION

It's almost that time of year again and even though it's getting colder outside we're getting ready for spring...baseball and softball that is!! Please see the information below concerning registration dates and our tentative calendar!!

**All dates are tentative and subject to change!**

### CALENDAR:

NOV 16, 2016 - NOV 30, 2016: Registration for Fairfield Residents ONLY

DEC 1, 2015 - JAN 8, 2016 OPEN registration at: [www.fairfieldsports.net](http://www.fairfieldsports.net)

JAN 8, 2016 – Registration CLOSES

Week of January 16 – 20th Coaches Meetings

January 28th – Tryouts for all baseball divisions except T-ball (no tryouts for t-ball)

January 21st - Tryouts for all softball divisions except T-ball (no tryouts for t-ball)

March 1st - Games begin

March 3rd - All sponsorship money DUE.

March 4th - Opening Day Parade and Festivities

March 13th - 17th - No Games: CFISD Spring Break

April 13th - 16th - No Games: Easter Holiday

May 24th - Tournament scheduled to begin (dependent upon weather)

### BASEBALL

Instructional T-Ball – Player must have reached age 4 by 4/30/17

A – Player must be 6 or younger on 4/30/17

AA7 – Player must be 7 or younger on 4/30/17

AA8 – Player must be 8 or younger on 4/30/17

AAA 9 – Player must be 9 or younger on 4/30/17

AAA 10 - Player must be 10 or younger on 4/30/17

Majors – Player must be 12 or younger on 4/30/17

Majors - 13yrs old Players must be 13 or younger on 4/30/17

### SOFTBALL

6U Sweetees (Tee Ball) – Player must be 6 or younger on 1/1/17

8U Darlings (coach pitch) – Player must be 8 or younger on 1/1/17

10U Angels (kid pitch) - Player must be 10 or younger on 1/1/17

12U Ponytails (kid pitch) - Player must be 12 or younger on 1/1/17 \*\*\*

### WAITLISTS:

As divisions approach our maximum capacity of registrations, we sometimes need to utilize waitlists in order to ensure that we have appropriate numbers for each team. We also do this to backfill any cancellations. If you receive a note that you have been placed on a waitlist, it does NOT necessarily mean you won't be able to play. However, as we approach the close of registration the possibility of being shut out increases as we reach capacity numbers.

### ADDRESS:

Baseball Game Fields - 16055 Mason Rd.

Practice Fields:

All TBall and Softball - Central Park - 15015 Heath Green Cir.

All Baseball - Weaver Fields - 22035 Schiel Rd.

Meeting Locations:

Bradford Creek Clubhouse - 16011 Fairfield Green Cir.

Lakeside Trails Clubhouse - 16125 Country Fair Ln.

Central Park Clubhouse - 15015 Heath Green Cir.

### LATE REGISTRATION:

There will be NO LATE REGISTRATION. Unfortunately, our size has dictated a more strict approach to registration cut-off in order to handle all of the administrative duties and preparation necessary to start the season.

### TRY-OUT/ASSESSMENT:

Only ages 7 and up have a tryout session. All players will be

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assigned to a team and tryouts are simply in place to help keep skill levels even on each team. ALL KIDS WILL PLAY.

**GETTING INVOLVED:**

Lastly, I would like to invite everyone to find a way to take part in your sports association. FSA is a volunteer organization and could use your help to provide the best facilities around. There are jobs ranging from helping with try-outs, opening day help, field maintenance, and concessions duty. We hope you familiarize yourself with the Baseball and Softball Committees via our website and reach out to committee members to see how you can help.

Three areas needing the most help are baseball committee, nightly field maintenance and concessions. These are opportunities to not only get involved and meet great people, but most of all contribute to making Fairfield one of the best places around for our kids to play sports!!!

On behalf of the Fairfield Sports Association and the Baseball/Softball committee members, I would like to thank you for all your support.

Sincerely,  
 Ryan Ritchey  
 Commissioner  
 FSA Baseball

**The Cypress Ranch High School Choirs  
 Present  
 "Candles & Carols"**

The Cypress Ranch Choirs will perform their Winter concert, "Candles & Carols," Monday, December 5th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cypress Ranch High School Auditorium.

Join us for hot chocolate, cookies and holiday cheer!

**Save the Date!**

The Cypress Ranch Choirs' annual "Encore" pop show performances will be on

Friday, January 27th, and Saturday, January 28th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Cypress Ranch High School Auditorium.

For more information, please check the Cypress Ranch Choir website [www.ranchchoir.com](http://www.ranchchoir.com)

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## Advent Concert With Healing Prayer

Friday, December 16, 2016

7-10pm

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church

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Shellee Coley is a Texas-based singer-songwriter with three studio projects under her belt and a fourth on the way. Her songs often bring light to the not-so-celebrated parts of life and walk people through them, into growth and change. There is a clear spiritual undertone to her music that sets a listener up to experience their own faith while listening to her songs. She says, "I want to write music and create spaces that encourage people to see themselves in my stories and hopefully get to know themselves a little more. Because how can you truly know God, if you don't even know yourself?"

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# 19th Annual Salute to the Stars Gala

(The Cy-Fair Educational Foundation held its 19th Annual Salute to the Stars Gala in honor of Cypress Fairbanks ISD's 2015-2016 Spotlight Teachers on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at The Berry Center. Gala underwriter, Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center Hospital, along with major sponsors IBI Group, Cy-Fair Federal Credit Union, North Cypress Medical Center Hospital, Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, Prairie View A&M University, Northwest Dodge, S-G Owners Association and Community Impact Newspaper joined us to celebrate the accomplishments of these fantastic teachers.

The evening included performances by the Cypress Creek High School Drumline and the CFISD District Chamber Choir. Butch Milks announced the Spotlight Teacher's as Dr. Henry personally thanked each for their dedication to the students of CFISD. As they left the stage, Marie Holmes and Lauri Baker presented each with a gift and congratulations from the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation. Lifelong Cy-Fair resident and Cy-Fair Educational Foundation Trustee, Robert Adam, delivered the keynote speech recognizing this year's Spotlight Teachers for their outstanding accomplishments, and highlighting the Foundation for its contribution to Today's Students – Tomorrow's Future.

Co-Chairs Lauri Baker and Darlene Hajduk presented Dr. Henry with a check for \$93,025.69 from the Cy-Fair Educational Foundation for innovative staff development grants. After a successful live auction, the evening closed with the announcement of three lucky teachers who were awarded cash gifts. Butch Milks announced the names of Lansing Brown winner of the gift donated by Towne Lake, A Caldwell Community, Kristi Bruns winner of the All American Letter Jackets donation and Dora Zanelli winner of the Balfour donation. Lansing Brown also won the Cy-Fair Federal Credit Union mortgage giveaway.

The evening was a tremendous success. The Spotlight Teachers walked away with gifts from the Foundation, including the beautiful orchid centerpieces and guests were excited to win one of 132 raffle baskets.

Salute to the Stars has raised over \$2 million for innovative staff development grants for district teachers and instructional leaders, and scholarships for graduating seniors. The Cy-Fair Educational Foundation was established in 1970 as a non-profit to raise money to fund a scholarship for high school graduates in the area. Over the past 46 years, the Foundation has grown tremendously through the efforts of the Board of Trustees and the generosity of the Cy-Fair Community. The Foundation has awarded over \$7 million in scholarships to more than 1400 graduating seniors. CFEF is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, all contributions are tax deductible as allowed by the law.

Next year's Salute to the Stars Gala will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2017. For more information, please contact Marie Holmes at [marie@thecfef.org](mailto:marie@thecfef.org) • 281-370-0144, or visit our website at [www.TheCFEF.org](http://www.TheCFEF.org).



# Timely Tips for December Gardeners

Working in your garden is an excellent escape during the holidays. It's a great time of year to do some of the heavy work in the landscape as opposed to sweating it up in the heat of the summer.

Don't put up the mower yet. Although turf grasses have stopped growing, you can use the mower to chop up and recycle the leaves back into the lawn or for a compost pile. Prepare gas-powered engines for winter. The owner's manual is the best guide to winterizing a lawn mower, tiller, garden tractor or other equipment.

Drain and store garden hoses and watering equipment in a readily accessible location. Lawns and other plants may need an occasional watering during prolonged dry spell.

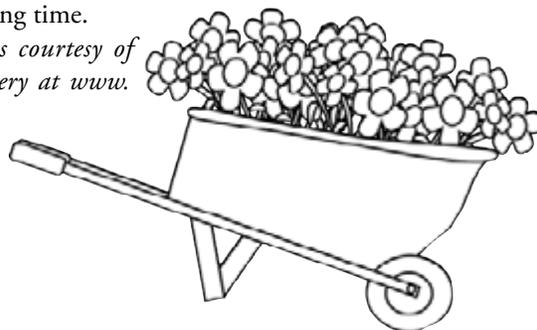
In general, once the weather gets and stays cold, pruning of deciduous plants (ones that lose their leaves) can be safely done. Evergreen hedges can be sheared or cut back in the winter also. Wait until February to prune your roses. Remember – Do Not Top your Crapemyrtles! Simply prune to remove seed heads and shape.

Prepare for the cold weather before it hits! One of the best things you can do for your landscape plants is to provide a 2 to 3 inch layer of mulch. Mulching is necessary year round but during the colder periods it provides a layer of insulation for the roots. Water your landscape well before a cold spell. A drought stressed plant is more susceptible to freeze damage. For more tender plants, purchase frost cloth for extra protection. Cover the plant completely allowing the edges to come all the way to the ground, utilizing the heat which radiates from the ground.

December is a perfect time to plant trees and shrubs so they can develop a strong root system for next Spring. Cool weather color such as Pansies, Snapdragons, Cyclamen, Flowering Cabbage and Kale add splashes of color to your landscape. Spring flowering bulbs can be planted now once they have been properly chilled. Make your home beautiful for the Holidays with a stunning assortment of floral quality Poinsettias, Cyclamen, freshest greenery and Christmas Trees. Add a mix of new indoor and tropical plants to energize your home.

Remember to provide food and water for the birds this winter. You can attract just as many birds with a bird bath as with food, especially during the dry spells. To draw a diversity of birds provide a variety of seeds, like sunflower, thistle, safflower and millet; plus suet. Once you begin putting out bird food, continue feeding them through the spring time.

*Information is courtesy of Calloway's Nursery at [www.calloways.com](http://www.calloways.com).*



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# 7th Annual Houston Methodist Cy-Hoops Invitational

The Houston Methodist Cy-Hoops Invitational will be here before we know it:

December 8, 9, & 10, 2016. The championship game will be played at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, December 10, 2016 at the Berry Center.

The Cy-Fair Educational Foundation in partnership with Houston Methodist Willowbrook Hospital and Houston Methodist West Hospital will host the 7th Annual Houston Methodist Cy-Hoops Invitational. Wainwright Dental & Associates, P.C., Underwood Orthodontics, Spradley Endodontics and Spring Creek Oral Surgery and Implant Center have teamed up as a Premier Sponsor for this elite high school basketball tournament. The Cy-Hoops Tournament looks to engage the community, promote the sport of basketball, and foster community spirit, while raising funds for student scholarships and innovative staff development programs for Cypress-Fairbanks ISD.

The Houston Methodist Cy-Hoops Invitational was established seven years ago. The tournament is loaded with talent including some of the top teams in the state of Texas and showcases the 10 Cy-Fair ISD boys' varsity basketball teams. Beaumont Ozen, 2014 and 2015 tournament champion, returns to defend its title. They are ranked 5th in the 2016-2017 preseason rankings by the Texas Association

of Basketball Coaches for Boys Class 5A basketball. Austin Westlake is ranked 1st in the 2016-2017 preseason rankings for Boys Class 6A basketball by TABC.

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AHFC has multiple campuses in and around Houston. The club invites all interested players from the ages of 7 to 18, to the Player Evaluations and to become part of our success. We ask that all interested players pre-register before coming out to the fields. Please visit [albionhurricanes.org](http://albionhurricanes.org) for details about your particular campus.

AHFC offers JHSL (a recreational program for 5 - 10 year olds) at our Cy Fair and Central locations and offers additional training at Katy Friday Night Academy and New Territory Thursday Night Academy.



## Cy-Fair Express Network Holiday Luncheon and

## Gift Exchange Event

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### Luncheon Details

Thursday, December 15, 2016

Networking 11 a.m.; Luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m.

Sterling Country Club, 16500 Houston National Blvd.,  
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Costs \$25 with advanced reservations; \$30 at the door

At the December 15 Cy-Fair Express Network Luncheon, attendees will enjoy a festive celebration during the annual Holiday Luncheon and Gift Exchange Event. As always, guests are welcome and encouraged to join in and network. Please join us and be a part of the fun.

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[www.nwhcaggiemoms.org](http://www.nwhcaggiemoms.org)



# Cy-Fair Republican Women

Glenn Hegar will be our January speaker. Elected as Texas Comptroller in 2014, he serves as Texas' treasurer, check writer, tax collector, procurement officer and revenue estimator. His job is very important for the upcoming legislative session as our legislators grapple with how the state revenues will shape our state budget.

Tuesday, January 10th will be CFRW General Meeting at 10:30 AM - Noon.

Meeting is \$3 -- Meeting w/Lunch at Noon is \$20.

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December is Officer Installation for Members and their guests.  
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Computerized job search and resume preparation and printing are also available.



## Cypress Texas Tea Party

The next meetings of the Cypress Texas Tea Party will be on:

Saturday, December 10, 2016 NOON - 2:00 PM

Saturday, January 21, 2017 NOON - 2:00 PM

The Cypress Texas Tea Party meets every three weeks on Saturday

Noon until 2:00 PM at:

Spring Creek BBQ  
25831 Northwest Freeway  
Cypress, Texas 77429

Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/OoNjY>

A schedule of our meetings and confirmed speakers can be found at our website, [www.cypresstexasteaparty.org](http://www.cypresstexasteaparty.org)

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The Houston Choral Society (HCS), directed by Artistic Director Dr. Kevin M. Klotz, announces open auditions for its two concert 2017 Spring Concerts.

### AUDITION DATES AND TIMES

Auditions will take place on Saturday, January 7, 2017, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon, and Monday, January 9, 2017, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM by appointment at Foundry United Methodist Church located in Northwest Houston at 8350 Jones Road, Houston, TX 77065.

### GENERAL AUDITION INFORMATION

Singers can make an appointment for an audition time slot by emailing Penny Nelson at pennynelson@gmail.com or calling her at 281-578-3127. Please include your vocal part, preferred email address, and best contact number in your request. Singers will receive a phone call and an email response with an assigned time slot. Auditions will be performed in front of an audition panel, including the artistic director, section directors, and board members.

HCS is looking for strong singers ages 18 and over who have previous choral experience. Auditions are open to the community.

HCS always welcomes new faces!

Auditions will consist of the following:

- Vocalization.
- Repetition of short melodic patterns.
- Short sight-reading excerpt.
- One song selection of your choice (accompanist will be provided).

### REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

Rehearsals are held at Foundry United Methodist Church and begin on Monday, January 9, 2017. Rehearsals are from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. There are occasional sectional rehearsals that start at 7:00 PM. The week of a performance there is an additional Thursday rehearsal from 7:30 to 10:00 PM. One or two rehearsal conflicts can usually be accommodated with the exception of two weeks prior to a performance. There is one choral workshop on Saturday, January 28, 2017, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

The two concerts are:

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married to Casey Adams, and they have two children, a 5-year-old daughter and 3-year-old son.

Katy received her Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies. After college, she began teaching kindergarten in League City. She married James, and they now have a 17-month old daughter. It was during her time as a teacher that she learned about Kiddie Academy. Katy observed that the students who came from Kiddie Academy were kindergarten ready, socially, emotionally and academically.

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Shield Bearer, a 501c3 nonprofit charity and a lead agency in the movement for healthy marriages, families, and communities, provides counseling, education, and prevention programs to thousands in the community each year. Executive Director Roy Wooten stated, "Our work with human trafficking survivors, victims of crime and abuse, and veterans and their families is only possible because of support from the community. Many individuals and families are in desperate need of services and cannot afford to pay for them. When you support Shield Bearer, you give hope and healing to these families." Event sponsors included Halford Busby Construction Consultants, Klein Funeral Homes and Memorial Parks, Insurance One, and Community Impact Newspaper. Associate Director Melissa Rotholz stated, "This event would not have been possible without our sponsors and the many local individuals and businesses that donated auction

items. Every donation furthers the mission of strengthening and uniting families here in Houston and surrounding areas."

Shield Bearer currently has five locations in the Houston area including Cy-Fair, Tomball, Cypress Station, and Montgomery County. Interested volunteers are encouraged to attend an upcoming free community breakfast held on the first Tuesday of each month at 12340 Jones Rd. Ste 290, Houston, TX 77077 at 9am. Find out more at [shieldbearer.org](http://shieldbearer.org) or contact [volunteer@shieldbearer.org](mailto:volunteer@shieldbearer.org) or (281) 894-7222.



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