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The Good Neighbor News

Spring, TX

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**FEBRUARY
newsletter
deadline to the
Editor -
Monday,
January 10th**

In recent newsletters, I've made frequent references to the concept of 'community' as something more than the physical boundaries of a subdivision, and how the Cypresswood Board strives to build and maintain activities and services that work towards building neighborhood relationships and neighborhood pride.

Though the warmer weather in early December caused us to postpone our snow day, we still had a terrific turnout for our Breakfast with Santa on December 4th. Huge thank yous go out to our activity coordinators and volunteers. In addition, we've rescheduled the snow day to February and hope to coincide the event with a blood drive benefiting a Cypresswood child needing regular blood transfusions.

Beginning February 1, we will be adding curbside recycling services at **NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE** to Cypresswood residents. You'll be receiving an announcement letter from our new waste collection servicer about the containers they will be providing and instructions on what constitutes a recyclable item. We look forward to your getting the chance to brag about this new service to your non-Cypresswood friends ☺.

Following a meeting this past September where residents provided helpful feedback on updating our Deed Restrictions, we've now completed the

final version that we will begin soliciting for approval in the spring. The main purpose for updating the Deed Restrictions is to add relevance to issues faced by communities today (vs. 40 years ago when the restrictions were originally written) and to consolidate the eight different documents governing 12 different Cypresswood sections into a unified document. The final version that we are

seeking approval for has been posted on the Cypresswood website with hard copies available in the East Clubhouse.

We had the largest turnout in recent memory for our November homeowners association meeting. The increase in attendance was driven by concerns over a rash of break-ins during the first two weeks of November. Two of our contract deputies were in attendance along with their Sergeant. For those residents who at-

tended, I can't thank you enough for the professional and honest way you shared your concerns with the Board and the attending law enforcement. It was a productive 90 minutes that culminated in some focused patrolling in certain areas by our deputies and the addition of a Yahoo group we are now building for security updates. You can join the group by going to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cypresswoodsecurity/>. Please be patient with the Board as we develop a system for making security updates to the group a regular event.

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CCA MEETING @ EAST CLUBHOUSE NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 24, 2010

CYPRESSWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PHONE NUMBERS

HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETS ON FOURTH MONDAY (Unless otherwise noted)*
Cypresswood Community Association (CCA) meets on the Fourth Monday of each month at the East clubhouse at 7 p.m. All Cypresswood Members are welcome.

<u>CYPRESSWOOD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (CCA)</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Russell Wells, President..... (281)350-6827	2012
Jay Thorwaldson, Vice President..... (281)353-2785	2012
Mike Keimig, Secretary..... (281)288-6659	2011
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Brad Rendl, Director at Large.....(281)528-6757	2011
Walt Guillote, Director at Large..... (281)387-8788	2011
Mark Inman, Director at Large..... (281)355-0652	2012

MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Community Asset Management.....(281)852-1155

BOARD MEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

- Architectural Control Committee - Chair: Brad Rendl, Co-Chairs: Mike Keimig, Mark Inman
 - Building Committee - Chair: Jay Thorwaldson, Co-Chair: Russell Wells
 - Communications Committee - Chair: Mike Keimig
 - Events Committee - Kim Sorensen
- Deed Restrictions Committee - Chair: Brad Rendl, Co-Chairs: Walt Guillote, Mark Inman
 - Finance Committee - Chair: Melissa Cummings
- Landscaping Committee - Chair: Jay Thorwaldson, Co-Chair: Russell Wells
- Recreation Committee - Chair: Mike Keimig, Co-Chair: Jay Thorwaldson

Cypresswood Security Numbers

Emergency (Fire, Medical, Police)911
Sheriff's Department 713/221-6000

CYPRESSWOOD IMPORTANT NUMBERS/CONTACTS

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Cypresswood Subdivision website.
Mike Keimig, webmaster 281-288-6659

*Clubhouse Hours

Kim Sorensen, Jennifer Herring
Clubhouse Coordinators

Luez Manriquez, Assistant Coordinator

The Clubhouse hours are:

Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Closed on Sunday

CYPRESSWOOD CLUBHOUSE

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3705 Cypresswood

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To report a street light outage you can go directly to the following link: <http://www.centerpointenergy.com/outage/> and fill out the form with the street light numbers. It will save you the phone call. Or you can still contact Centerpoint Energy at 713-207-2222 or 1-888-572-4399. You will choose option "1" for English, then option "4" to report the street light outage.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
		CYPRESSWOOD WEBSITE - www.mycypresswood.com				
	2	3	4	5	6	7
		KISD Classes Resume			50 Plus Group trip to Grand Theatre in Galveston	Cypresswood Women's Club game day
	9	10	11	12	13	14
		50 Plus Group Meeting 7 p.m. @ E clubhouse		Bridge @ E clubhouse 9-2		KISD Student Holiday/Staff Development
	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Martin Luther King Jr Day KISD Holiday Cypresswood Women's Club game day				
	23	24	25	26	27	28
		CCA Membership Meeting 7 p.m.		Bridge @ E clubhouse 9-2	Duplicate Bridge	Cypresswood Women's Club Outing
	30	31				29
						CCA Assessments Due Clubhouse Closed Today
						Cypresswood Decoration Removal 8:30 a.m. All volunteers welcome!

CLUBHOUSE OFFICE HOURS:
 Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
 Saturday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Sunday Closed

CCA Membership Meeting, JANUARY 24, 2010

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Maybe it's my imagination, but it seemed like we had more holiday lights and decorations on our homes this year. My wife noticed it as well. Isn't that great? Every Christmas, there's the figurative Grinch lurking around our lives. This year has been no exception. We've had a recession, burglaries, a lousy housing market, the uncertainty of new elections and new governments, and enough doom-and-gloom in the news to choke a large moose. I'm a small business owner, and this economy has certainly impacted my family these past two years. Yet in the midst of this chaos, we got in the car and began driving around Cypresswood looking at lights. We passed a home belonging to some friends who were victimized by one of the November break-ins. That's when our five-year old daughter squealed with delight and said, "Daddy, why can't our house look like that?" As wounded as my pride might have been (after all, I put up lights too, just unimpressive ones apparently), I called our friends to tell them what my daughter said. The husband answered the phone, thanked us for the compliment and said, "You know, I was telling my wife this weekend that I can feel a little Griswold coming out." (If you don't know what that means, go rent 'Christmas Vacation' starring Chevy Chase).

Isn't it great that a Cypresswood family can look this year's Grinch in the eye, and respond with a defiant 1.21 jiggawatts of lighted holiday cheer? I thought a lot about that decision, a decision to not be defined by one's circumstances. That takes courage. I have absolutely no idea what 2011 holds for my family, but if we can all choose to bravely summon the Griswold within us, there isn't much 2011 can dish out that we can't make right. I hope you had a terrific holiday season. The Cypresswood Board looks forward to serving you in 2011 and making this new year a great one for our 'community.'

Mark Inman, Director at Large



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Haude Elementary Carnival 2011

The 2011 Haude Elementary Carnival is being held Saturday, April 9th. This is the day

our community will once again come together to support our children, and enjoy a special day of fun and excitement. The carnival will be overflowing with games, food, a silent auction and the sounds of children laughing.

Every year Haude is moved by the support of our families and the generosity of the businesses in our community. The Haude Carnival is the PTO's most ambitious fundraiser. All proceeds raised will go directly back into the school to the benefit of its students, teachers, and staff! Your willingness to donate to the auction or become a carnival sponsor will be recognized by families and friends of Haude.

To obtain information on how you or your company can become a sponsor/donor, please contact Stephanie Lampe at 713-253-6760 or slampe28@gmail.com.

Thank you for supporting Haude Elementary!

Mark Your Calendars! Cypresswood Blood Drive for Cooper Knight & Cypresswood Snow Day February 12, 2011 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

This is your chance to help out one of our very own young residents! Cypresswood is hosting a Blood Drive for Cypresswood Resident, *Cooper Knight* at the East Clubhouse on Saturday, February 12, 2011. We must have a minimum of 25 people signed up in order for the Blood Mobile to come to Cypresswood. Please call the clubhouse to reserve your time, 281-353-9628.

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Our next bus outing is on January 28th and this will be a trip to the Sea Center in Lake Jackson, TX. This will be a great trip as you will learn about how the state is involved in fish reproduction cycles. We will have lunch at Ryan's in Lake Jackson and then travel on to the Brazosport Museum.

Cypresswood Game Day

Game day is open to all Cypresswood residents (men and ladies). Come join us on the first Friday and the Monday of the third week of each month from 10 a.m. til 2 p.m. at the east Clubhouse. Bring your favorite card or board game and teach us how to play, or join us and learn new games. We have had a good turnout lately and have enough people for three or four tables. Be sure and bring your lunch as we break for lunch for about thirty minutes.

The next game day is January 7th and 17th.

Come and join us for some fun games. Hope to see you there.

Cypresswood Home & Garden Club

Please join us the 1st Tuesday of each month for GREAT fellowship while learning FUN

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Next meeting February 1st

subject "Roses are Red" learn all about Roses!

Contact Judy Stevens 281-844-4765

for additional details.

Cypresswood Bridge Card Game

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Security News from Nov 22

At the November 22, 2010 Cypresswood Homeowners Meeting, the daytime deputy, Mike Malloy and our evening deputy, Deputy Jenkins; gave several tips on staying safe.

First of all, it is a major help to you and the police if you have the serial numbers of all your major electronics. Mark them and have electronics identified. If these items are stolen and taken to a pawn shop, they can be more easily recovered and assists with arresting the thieves.

Second, they highly recommended getting an alarm system. They were in no way promoting any type of alarm company. The deputies simply stated that this deters burglars from entering the home when they see an alarm. Other items discussed were just simply taking precautions by putting away valuables in your home, possibly in a locked gun safe. Communicate with the deputies.

Another important item the deputies said was that daytime burglars will knock on the door first to see if anyone is at home. If anyone comes to your door and asks for someone by name, ie. "Is John home?". Immediately call the non-emergency number to report it because they are burglars and might leave your home to go to a neighbor's home. Pay attention to the direction they go when they leave your home.

Your neighbors are the best information source. Be good neighbors. Tell your neighbors what is going on and if you are going out of town. If you see suspicious activity, call and report it.

Do not leave anything in your vehicle. Thieves look with flashlights in your vehicle to see if there are valuables or packages before actually breaking into the vehicle.

Several residents reported constant speeding traffic not only down Cypresswood Dr but also on Cypress Hill.

The deputies stressed all evening that they need residents to let them know where trouble spots in the neighborhood are. They will patrol that area and check out all reports.

If you see anything suspicious occurring in Cypresswood, please call immediately to report it. The non-emergency number is 713-221-6000 and always call 911 if it is an emergency.

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☆☆☆☆☆ **CYPRESSWOOD STARS** ☆☆☆☆☆

The Log wants to recognize the Stars of Cypresswood – YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. Let us know about these special events and people in our neighborhood. Please drop off, mail, or e-mail your information or send a letter/note to the **Log Editor, Paula Raska, 3651 Rolling Terrace (off of Ella), Spring, TX 77388 or parpublishing@sbcglobal.net.** Send us the news about your family by **JANUARY 10, 2010**, to be included in *The Cypresswood Log* and we will recognize these special events and people. We love pictures - send via email as JPEG!

On December 4, Cypresswood had its annual Breakfast With Santa. Special thank you to all of those who supported this awesome event!!

House of Tots; for our **Amazing Breakfast**
 Santa; he's so awesome
 Ponderosa Fire Dept.; for Santa's safe arrival
 Ben Morton; for fantastic pictures
 Terri Dailey for her assistance with breakfast & photography
 HEB; fruits and juices



Sonic
 McDonalds
 Jim Williams; great traffic control
 Tiffany Lopez; her continued support
 James Herring; brawn and photography
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Jack of all Trades
 Jacob and Michael Carol
 Dillon Herring
 Isaac, ViVi, and Alexis Carreon
 The Junior Guild; our events couldn't go on without you all
 Toni Parker; cotton candy maker
 Hannah Phillips



Awesome clean up
 Boy Scout troop #1550; Boy Scout pack #1332
 Marianne Van Ryder
 Christmas Market Vendors



& All of the Cypresswood Residents that joined the festivities!

Breakfast With Santa Photos

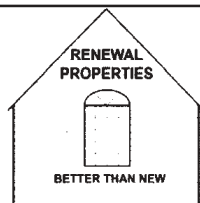
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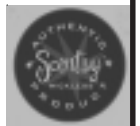
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