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**Spring, TX**

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**DECEMBER**  
newsletter  
deadline to the  
Editor -  
Wednesday,  
November 10th



**Cypresswood's  
Breakfast with Santa  
&  
Holiday in the Park  
Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 a.m.**



Our annual Breakfast with Santa is on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> and it is bigger and better than ever before! In addition to our visit with Santa, we will also have "Holiday in the Park". This will include a bounce house, train ride, ferris wheel, a live nativity (with camel and donkey rides) and yes, SNOW.

Mom and Dad, we even thought of you this year. While the children are playing in the park, you can do a little Christmas shopping. Merchants will be in the pavilion displaying their goods for all! Hotdogs, hot chocolate and snacks will also be sold in the pavilion!

So mark your calendars for Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>! You won't want to miss out on this year's festivities! SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!!

**Visit with Santa 9 to 11:30 a.m.**

**Photos with Santa 9 to 11:30 a.m. (until line ends)**

**Breakfast Served 9 to 10:30 a.m.**

**Holiday in the park 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

(Snow, train, bounce house, ferris wheel & nativity)

**Shopping in the pavilion 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**



# CCA MEETING @ EAST CLUBHOUSE

## NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 22, 2010

[www.mycypresswood.com](http://www.mycypresswood.com)

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

### 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
Melissa Cummings, Treasurer.....	aggiesinindy@earthlink.net 2012
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

### \*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

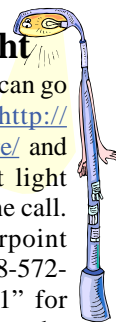
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**281-353-9628**

**3705 Cypresswood**

### Report That Street Light

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.



### CYPRESSWOOD IMPORTANT NUMBERS/CONTACTS

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281-852-5630

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**Harris County Animal Control,**  
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**Harris County Public Health &  
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# November 2010



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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Election Day Cypresswood Home & Garden Club Meeting 7 p.m.	3	4	5 Women's Club gameday 10-2 KC Varsity Football HOME 7:30 p.m. 	6
7 Daylight Savings Time Ends/Standard Time Resumes: Turn clocks back 1 hour	8	9 Cypresswood 50 Plus Group Meeting 7 p.m. @ E Club	10 Bridge @ E clubhouse 9-2	11 	12	13 Cypresswood Christmas Decoration Set-up 8:30 a.m. Meet @ East Clubhouse
14	15 Women's Club gameday 10-2	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 CCA Membership Meeting 7 p.m. @ ECH KISD Thanksgiving Holidays 11/22-26	23	24	25 Clubhouse Office Closed <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	26 Clubhouse Office Closed	27
28	29	30 Bridge @ E clubhouse 9-2				



**CYPRESSWOOD WEBSITE -**  
[www.mycypresswood.com](http://www.mycypresswood.com)

# CCA Membership Meeting, NOVEMBER 22, 2010

## November Letter from the Cypresswood Board

What makes a community 'desirable?' Where does its value come from? How do you balance community fees with community benefits? These are questions that the Cypresswood Board is asked at every monthly meeting and in phone calls we receive from residents on any given day. Ultimately, I believe the mission of the Cypresswood Board is to maintain and enhance a community experience that offers 'unmatched value' when compared to other neighborhoods. And so we pursue this mission by trying to control the costs to residents (i.e., annual fees) while assembling enough of the small pieces to create the final impression of value. I'd like to highlight some of those small pieces:

- 1) Last month I received a call from a resident which was prompted by our mention of obtaining trash collection bids that included recycling alternatives. The resident was

concerned about the possibility of increasing trash collection fees. I think the concern is fair. We're in a tough economy and every penny counts. But I also know that recycling is important to many of our residents. Our family has tried to recycle through community centers in the past, but the drop-off locations are limited in number and not exactly in convenient locations. How do you keep costs fixed and maintain service levels while adding important features? By making periodic requests for bids. The good news is that we've recently received three bids for trash collection. One of those bids maintains the backdoor and curbside collection benefits that we currently enjoy, and adds a once-per-week curbside pickup of recyclable trash, all for a monthly fee that is actually less than what we pay today. We plan to check references and possibly secure this service in the weeks ahead.



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2) Some of our residents have little interest in the maintenance and growth of community facilities. And I can understand their point. There is certainly a significant cost to the community for our parks and rec centers. But it's similar to the school tax assessment within your overall property tax bill. You may not have kids in KISD schools; yet you pay property taxes to KISD nonetheless. And everyone benefits, including you, because being in a district of better-educated kids is a deterrent to crime, a deterrent that I would argue is just as important as our contract deputies who patrol our streets. The same is true with community fees and facilities. Our community benefits by having facilities that support active swim teams and scouts and tennis leagues. Now do I love swim team? Do I love hot, humid Saturdays sweating to death by a pool with 250 kids and a river of cheese puffs flowing from the pavilion? Not always. But I DO love the visibility that our swim team – as made possible through our facilities – brings to Cypresswood. 50% of swim meet attendees are from other communities, and those people walk away with a positive impression of Cypresswood, one of many impressions that are hugely important for all of us.

- 3) We are fortunate to have a clubhouse staff that serves well and smiles often. Kim and Jennifer and Luez proactively seek opportunities to plan and serve at community events with a watchful eye on minimizing event costs.
- 4) Landscaping and walking paths are maintained. Scouting groups and fire departments and similar community-friendly organizations have faithfully supported our ongoing efforts to promote the Cypresswood brand to the greater Spring/Klein area. We even host a voting precinct in our community center.

I got a call last week from a friend in a neighboring community. He had been nominated to join their HOA board. So he asked me what I thought about being a community board member. Their annual community dues are less than ours. And it shows in the perception of community value. Their dues can't support the use of a management company to consistently and persistently enforce deed restrictions, and so many of

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# Your Time Will Expire in 60 Days!

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the houses have remained an eyesore for years on end. Their community services are rarely re-evaluated for better alternatives or pricing. Damages to facilities from weather or normal wear-and-tear go untended for months. Streets are poorly lit. And the list goes on. So I asked my friend what he planned to do as a member of the board to maintain and enhance the community when he had insufficient funds for those improvements. He couldn't answer my question. And I felt as bad for him and his family as I feel good about ours. There is no worse feeling as a homeowner than discovering you ended up in a stagnant or dying community. Cypresswood is turning 40 years old. Thanks to the efforts of residents and board members who have been contributing small pieces since 1970, our community is as vibrant today as when young families began picking floorplans at the sales office at the corner of Cypresswood and Cypress Spring.

Thanks for your help in creating and maintaining our community value. Oh yeah, and Happy Thanksgiving too.

**Mark Inman, Director at Large**

## **Volunteers Needed**



**We are looking for volunteers to help decorate Cypresswood for the Holidays.**

**November 13<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 a.m.**

**Bring gloves and wire snips.**

**Call the clubhouse for more**

**information or**

**to volunteer:**

**281-353-9628.**

**Thank you,**

**Kim & Jennifer**

**(Clubhouse**

**Coordinators)**



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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.

### Cypresswood Bridge Card Game

Meet your new best friends by playing bridge on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month! For information call, Mariann Reynolds at 281-528-2981 or [mariann.reynolds@gmail.com](mailto:mariann.reynolds@gmail.com)

### Neighborhood Garage Sales

In accordance with Cypresswood Community Association Nuisance Policy officially adopted November 25, 2008, No. 14: "Garage sales shall be limited to 2 (two) sales per calendar year and limited to household items only. Garage sales shall not be used for commercial sales."

If you are a concerned resident and your neighbor is having more than 2 garage sales per calendar year, you are welcome to submit a photo with the date of the garage sale to Cindi Sargent at [Community Asset Management csargent@communityassetmanagement.com](mailto:csargent@communityassetmanagement.com). It will take homeowner involvement to help enforce this policy. Residents are encouraged to be more proactive. Be assured the complainant's name will not be used or identified.

When having garage sales, please be considerate of your neighbors. Garage sales cause increased traffic on the street.

Any garage sale signs that are placed inside the flowerbeds or in the landscaping throughout the neighborhood will be removed. No sale signs should be placed in those areas. Also, garage sale signs become unsightly when not removed at the conclusion of the sale. Your continued attention to this issue is of great importance to all Cypresswood residents.

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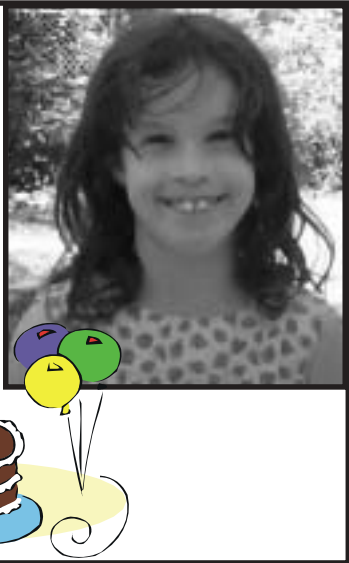
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The Log wants to recognize the Stars of Cypresswood – YOU AND YOUR FAMILY. Let us know about these special events and people in our neighborhood. Please drop off, mail, or e-mail your information or send a letter/note to the **Log Editor, Paula Raska, 3651 Rolling Terrace (off of Ella), Spring, TX 77388** or [parpublishing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:parpublishing@sbcglobal.net). Send us the news about your family by **NOVEMBER 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!

Happy 8th Birthday to our Princess, **Lauren!!** We love you very much! Mommy, Daddy, Haley & Ryan



**Cypresswood Women's Club**

Our November trip is going to be local and we will carpool to the Cypress Creek Christian Church to attend their Dicken's Victorian Christmas Market on Friday, November 19th. We will have lunch nearby and return to the east Cypresswood Clubhouse. HEB is going to present a floral design demonstration beginning at 1:00 p.m.

Our December Christmas luncheon & gift exchange will be on December 10th and we will carpool to The White Flamingo (located at 24307 Aldine-Westfield, Spring, TX). We will be in their Tea Room. Please plan on arriving at 11:30 a.m. Put this date on your calendar.

**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 days are November 5th and November 15th. Come and join us for some fun games. Hope to see you there.



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