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December 2006

The Champion Forest Women's Club
Wishes you and your family a joyous holiday season!



The Raveneaux Development Proposal

What's Going On and What Does It Mean to CF?

Over the past several months, Board members of the CF Fund (HOA) have attended meetings regarding the proposed development project of Raveneaux Country Club.

It is the Board's goal to stay well-informed regarding community matters that affect the quality of life of CF residents and to communicate to the best of our ability all information obtained on such projects. The newest development plan with potential to greatly impact the Champion Forest community is that which Tony Kindred and Mark Jordan of JP/Raveneaux Partners, LP have presented at a number of community and Cypress Forest PUD meetings (CFPUD).

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Holiday Trash Pickup Schedule

No trash pickup on Monday, December 25.

Trash will be picked up on Thursday, December 28.

No recycling on December 25.

Recycling will resume on January 8, 2007.

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Garbage Survey

Don't forget to fill out your garbage survey at http://www.championforestonline.com/surveys/. Due date for survey is quickly approaching. The Champion Forest Fund will compile data and present fall findings to Cypress Forest PUD.



INTERESTING HEADLINES TO LOOK FOR INSIDE:

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# Champion Forest Women's Club



## FRIENDS IN THE FOREST

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...

CFWC Board Meeting  
No meeting in December

Cypress Forest PUD Meeting  
**Tuesday, December 5**  
PUD Building –  
16215 Champion Forest Drive  
4:30 p.m. (Please note time change.)

CF Fund/HOA Meeting  
**Wednesday, December 6**  
PUD Building –  
16215 Champion Forest Drive  
6:30 p.m.

CF Civic Club  
**Tuesday, December 12**  
PUD Building –  
16215 Champion Forest Drive  
7:30 p.m.

CF Garden Club  
**Thursday, December 14**  
8714 Sterling Gate Circle  
9 a.m.

Dear Neighbors,

This time of year is one of my favorites, as my mind turns to thoughts of peace, joy, and sharing. I am inspired to be a better person and, no doubt, to hang those holiday lights from the roof. Maybe this will be the year!

The Champion Forest Women's Club's 26th Annual Charity Auction takes place at Northgate Country Club the 5th of this month. I must extend a big "thank you" to everyone who made donations, underwrote supplies, purchased tickets, or volunteered their time to prepare for the auction. The beneficiary will be our neighborhood public schools in the form of teacher grants awarded next month. Your support makes a real difference, right here in our neighborhood! Thank you especially to **Heidi Beale** and **Barb Smith** who committed long ago to making our charity auction happen once more. It is volunteers like them that make our neighborhood a better place to live.

Speaking of a better place, I extend special recognition to our retiring newsletter editor, **Nanette McDonald**, and her assistant, **Barb Smith**, for their commitment to our tremendous monthly community newsletter. What a contribution you make to our community. We thank you!

Our Women's Club Board is full of talented, generous women that volunteer their time and talent to create and maintain our unique neighborhood. The fabulous holiday charity auction which neighborhood women have looked forward to for 26 years is only one of the many things the Women's Club does. I am honored to have served with the women of our CFWC Board and am grateful to them for committing their time and talent this year. Thanks also to those women who will be stepping forward to volunteer their time, ideas, and leadership on the 2007 Board.

I am so glad that we chose this neighborhood when we moved to northwest Houston. Our neighborhood has established organizations that provide a chance to get to know our neighbors, has a monthly community newsletter, and raises money for local charity and scholarship. If you are interested in joining us in these activities and getting to know other women in the neighborhood, please send us a completed membership form in this newsletter or contact **Heidi Baty**, our Sunshine Chairperson, at **281-257-2634** and [dbaty@houston.rr.com](mailto:dbaty@houston.rr.com). As always, newcomers are welcome at any of our meetings. Have a wonderful holiday!

*Your neighbor,  
Jenny Herd*

## The 2006 CFWC BOARD

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Please visit us on the web at [www.championforestonline.com](http://www.championforestonline.com)

# Don't Forget!

26TH ANNUAL

*Champion Forest Women's Club*

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON & AUCTION

**"An Apple for the Teacher"**

Tuesday, December 5  
Northgate Country Club

Doors open at 10 a.m.

Proceeds to benefit those public schools  
attended by CF children.



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## CFWC Membership Dues Reminder

If you have questions regarding your membership dues,  
please contact **Christy Geary** at 281-320-2746.



## Welcome New Residents

**Paula Palm Lewis**

16610 Manningtree Lane

Phone: 832-559-7465

Children: **Grace** (4)

Moved from The Woodlands

### Welcome Packets – *Don't Forget*

The Civic Club wants to make sure that every new resident gets a warm "hello" and helping hand. A neighborhood Welcome Packet delivered by a smiling face accomplishes both. If you know of a new resident on your street, please contact any Civic Club member for assistance. The packets include a CF directory, a CFWC newsletter and other helpful information about the community that can aid new residents.

# Make a \$25 Investment in Your Subdivision . . .

Join the Champion Forest Women's Club. For only \$25 you become a member of the group that is responsible for these activities and more:

Monthly Women's Club Programs and Socials  
Special Interest Groups such as Bunco, Bridge, Investment Club, Gourmet, Wine Tasting,  
Mothers With Young Children, Mom's Night Out, Etc.

Sunshine Greetings

Scholarship Fund-raising

Annual Luncheon

Annual Charity Auction

Monthly Champion Forest Newsletter

All Champion Forest Women's Club events are executed by volunteers. Annual Dues are \$25.

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## Champion Forest Women's Club 2006 Membership Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to Champion Forest Women's Club

Mail to: Christy Geary, 8322 Rockford Hall Drive

Membership dues include January 2006-December 2006

## Newsletter Editor

**Nanette McDonald • 16030 Abberton Hill Drive • 281-370-2223**

Please deliver all articles and photos to the front porch newsletter mailbox or e-mail your news to  
**[nmcdonald@houston.rr.com](mailto:nmcdonald@houston.rr.com)**.

The newsletter is published without charge to Champion Forest residents through advertising purchased from  
Champions Printing & Publishing. For Advertising Information call 281-583-7661.

Deadline for the January newsletter is **December 10**.

## Cypress Forest Public Utility District

### Board of Directors

Jim Lynch	President
Tom Petrick	Vice President
Bill Lawrence	Second Vice President
Debbie Jackson	Secretary
Linn Smyth	Treasurer



## Raveneaux Annexation

As of November 10, 2006 Linn Smyth and I (the CFPUD delegates for annexation issues) have received the Metro Study which was received from **Tony Kindred** just prior to the October Board meeting, and a copy of the Development, Financing, and Annexation Agreement between Kleinwood MUD and JP/Raveneaux Partners, KERA Development dated October 5, 2006. This document states that Kleinwood will provide water and sewer to the 39-acre land and the customers located within Raveneaux Country Club. However, the developer needs to submit an Annexation Petition to Kleinwood MUD and a City Consent Petition which is filed with the City of Houston. To the knowledge of CFPUD, this has yet to be done.

CFPUD continues to provide water and sewer to the acres previously annexed into CFPUD. To that end, we have repeatedly requested additional documents that we have not yet received from Tony Kindred and the Partnership.

Our next Board meeting is **December 5**. Please visit our website at [cyforestpud.com](http://cyforestpud.com) for start times. In general we now meet at 5:30 p.m.; however, in **December** we will meet at 4:30 p.m.

## Holiday Pickup Schedule

When regular pickup falls on a holiday, the pickup will be made on the next regularly scheduled pickup day. If your recycling day falls on a holiday, it will be picked up the next week on your normally scheduled recycle day.

### SCHEDULE:

**Thanksgiving** – No trash pickup on Thursday, November 23.

Trash will be picked up on Monday, November 27.

Recycling will not be affected by the holiday.

**Christmas** – No trash pickup on Monday, December 25. Trash will be picked up on Thursday, December 28. No recycling on December 25 – will resume on January 8, 2007.

**New Year's** – No trash pickup on Monday, January 1, 2007. Trash will be picked up on Thursday, January 4, 2007. No recycling on January 1, 2007 – will resume on January 8, 2007.

**Memorial Day** – No trash pickup on May 28, 2007. Trash will be picked up on Thursday, May 31, 2007. No recycling on May 28, 2007 – will resume on June 4, 2007.

**July 4** – Does not affect Champion Forest.

**Labor Day** – No trash pickup on Monday, September 3, 2007.

Trash will be picked up on Thursday, September 6, 2007.

No recycling on Monday, September 3, 2007 – will resume on September 10, 2007.

**Thanksgiving** – No trash pickup on Thursday, November 22, 2007. Trash will be picked up on Monday, November 26, 2007. Recycling will not be affected by the holiday.

**Christmas** – Does not affect Champion Forest.

Trash pickup is normal.

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

**Christie Leighton**

Email: [cleighton@wcamerica.com](mailto:cleighton@wcamerica.com) • Phone: 281-368-8397

WCA Waste Corporation of Texas  
15202 Dora Lane, Sugar Land, TX 77478

## Holiday Garbage Service

In an attempt to serve you well, we requested day-after-the-holiday service from WCA; however, they were unable to provide day-after garbage pickup the day after Thanksgiving and the day after Christmas. They did offer 7 a.m.

pickup on the actual holiday at a cost over \$2,000. It was the decision of the Board that this time and date of pickup would not be of benefit, and therefore, it was decided not to incur the additional costs for poor holiday pickup times. The week of Thanksgiving we will have only Monday pickup and the week of Christmas we will have only Thursday.



Your Christmas trees should be taken to curbside for removal. You do not need to bag them, cut them or tie them. Please visit our website at [cyforestpud.com](http://cyforestpud.com) for complete details of our garbage service.

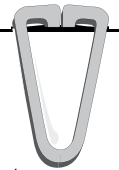
*Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Jackson*

## GOT NEWS?

Email your news to:

[nmcdonald@houston.rr.com](mailto:nmcdonald@houston.rr.com)

or drop it in the front porch mailbox at:  
16030 Abberton Hill Drive.





## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

What a great way to have fun and meet your neighbors! We have many Special Interest Groups with a full variety of interests. Call the Special Interest Chairman of the group that interests you and give it a try. And if there's not a group for your "special interest," contact **Laura Smith** at **281-374-0909**, and she'll see if there's sufficient interest out there to start a new group! Be sure to check out the potential new groups at the end of this section!

The only requirement for participation in CFWC Special Interest Groups is to be a member in "good standing." (Article VIII, Section One.) Membership includes annual dues paid to the CFWC.

### Book Club

Connie Nolan, 281-379-5302

Ruth-Ellen Mack, 281-376-2107

Thank you, **Linda**, for hosting our November discussion of *One Thousand Days in Venice* by Marlena De Blasi. On **Tuesday, December 12** at 12 noon we will have our annual Christmas luncheon at the home of **Karen D.** Please remember to contact the hostess if you are **unable** to attend.

### CF Mothers of Young Children

Elizabeth Stewart, 281-370-6782

Christy Geary, 281-320-2746

Mothers of young children meet weekly for playgroup and monthly for Mom's Night Out. Please contact

**Christy** or **Elizabeth** for more information!

### Couples Gourmet

Second Saturday Evening

Linda Anderson, 832-717-3661

If you are interested in joining the Couple's Gourmet Group, please contact **Linda**.

### Investment Group

#### "Smart Women Finish Rich"

#### New contact information!

Third Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

Diane Wiedenheft, President, 281-370-1653

Sandra Manning, Vice President, 281-583-2584

Please contact **Diane** or **Sandra** for information about this interesting group.

### Mom's Night Out

Ruth-Ellen Mack, 281-376-2107

Happy holidays, everyone. We will resume Mom's Night Out in **January**.

### Wine Tasting Group

Third Saturday Evening

Gloria Myer, 281-379-6783

Meets every other third Saturday evening. If you're interested in this group, please contact **Gloria Myer** at **281-379-6783**.

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## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS - *continued*

### Potential New Groups

**En Francais** – Est-ce que vous voulez parler en Français?  
Téléphonez nous á **281-257-3260** pour discuter l'organisation d'un group de conversation Française.

### Come One, Come All!

Ever thought of joining an Investment Club? Now's your chance! We are currently in the process of organizing a new neighborhood investment club. If you have any interest (or want some), please contact **Evan Bircher** at **713-855-0878**.

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## Sharing News with Your Neighbors

Do you have community news or other information that could be of interest to your neighbors? Share it. Perhaps school events or personal accomplishments have made a recent impact on your family. Let us help you celebrate and extend congratulations. This newsletter is a tool to assist neighbors in communicating. Send any information and/or photos of interest along with any suggestions for future articles to the newsletter editor, **Nanette McDonald**, at 16030 Abberton Hill Drive (front door CFWC Newsletter mailbox) or email to [nmcdonald@houston.rr.com](mailto:nmcdonald@houston.rr.com).

## PET LIAISON

Call **Ruth** or **Jim Lynch**  
at **281-320-9570**  
to report a  
lost or found pet.



## WELCOME TO CHAMPION FOREST

### New Residents



Please fill out this form and return to  
Sue Akers at 15915 Stornoway Drive  
(281-320-0004) before the 10th of the month.  
(Check box(es) that apply):

- We would like to be included in the newsletter
- We would like to be included in the neighborhood telephone directory
- We would like to make changes to our information in the telephone directory
- I would like someone to contact me regarding neighborhood activities

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names and Ages: \_\_\_\_\_

Moved from: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Husband is employed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Wife is employed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sunshine



Are you a proud new parent or grandparent?  
Tell us about it. Better yet, send in a picture.  
Babies brighten everyone's day! Call **Barb Smith**  
with your Sunshine News at **281-251-3093** or email your news  
to [nmcdonald@houston.rr.com](mailto:nmcdonald@houston.rr.com).

# Champion Forest Garden Club News

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We are happy to announce that our nut and candy fund-raiser was very successful. Thanks to the support of this community and the hard work of the members of the CFGC, we are able to give two more scholarships to Texas



A&M students pursuing careers in horticulture. The Champion Forest Garden Club will continue to support many other worthwhile projects in this community as they arise. As gardeners, we hope to educate our community

about environmental and horticultural issues whenever we can. We are concerned about the neighborhood and strive to make it a more beautiful place for everyone who lives here.

We would like to give special thanks to our chairmen of the **Nuts Project** – **Mavis Kiefer** and **Shirley Hall**. Their work and planning made the nut bagging workshop an enjoyable day for all who were there. At our last meeting, we bagged our nut and candy orders, had a delicious lunch and spotlighted our five new members this year: **Edna Gilbert, Carol Newell, Joan Peck, Therese Ray** and **Judy Wood**.

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**Rosanna Fisk and Connie Nolan**  
enjoying refreshments.



2006 Chairmen **Mavis Kiefer**  
and **Shirley Hall**

## Garden Club News - continued



Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, December 14** at the home of **Sally Blackhall**. We will celebrate our annual **Holiday Luncheon and Ornament Exchange**. It's always so much fun.

Once again, the **holiday wreaths** that we donated to Champion Forest are displayed at the entrances. We hope to add to the decorations in years to come.

Speaking about Christmas decorations, our annual **Holiday Decoration Contest** will be on **Monday, December 4** and judging will be from 6-10 p.m. **Categories:** Best Door, Best Traditional, Best Whimsical, Best Religious, Best Over-All Presentation. We share this program with the WindRose Garden Club. We will judge their community and they judge ours.

If you have any questions about CFGC, please contact **Stephenie Russell** at **281-370-1223**.



# The Poinsettia



During the holiday season, many of us will decorate our homes with potted poinsettia plants (*Euphorbia pulcherima*). If you follow just a few hints, your beautiful poinsettia will retain its beauty for weeks and some varieties will stay attractive for months.

- After you bring your plant home, make sure that it has good drainage. If the pot is wrapped in decorative paper, poke holes in the bottom so the water can drain out or remove the paper completely.
- Water your plants when the soil feels dry to touch. Discard excess water from the saucer.
- Poinsettias don't like drafts. Keep in temperatures of approximately 60-70 degrees. Poinsettias are natives of Mexico and are considered tropical.
- The delicate colorful flowers are called bracts and are not flowers at all but are leaves. The white and yellow centers are the flowers.

- Do not fertilize while plants are blooming.
- Keep your plant in a sunny location, but not too close to the windowpane.
- If you move your poinsettia outside after the holidays, make sure danger of frost is over. It will need morning sun and moderate afternoon shade.
- By the way, according to the information I have read, poinsettia plants are **not toxic**.
- Poinsettias are a beautiful addition to our holiday decorations. We have come to think of them as a tradition, as well as other plants like holly, mistletoe and the Christmas tree. They all have ancient romantic histories that are interesting and fun to explore.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Stephenie Russell*  
CF Garden Club President

## Champion Forest IN Bloom

Champion Forest In Bloom is continuing its tree donations for the esplanades. Maybe you've noticed a bare spot where a tree has been lost or an area where the trees are struggling to survive as you drive along Champion Forest Drive or Cypresswood Drive. Through Champion Forest in Bloom you can celebrate a particular event or remember a special person by planting a tree in one of those areas. In this way, that person or event is remembered every time you pass by. Several trees have been donated in the past two years, and we're pleased to continue to offer this project.




If you're interested in donating a tree, select from the following (all will be 30-gallon size):

<u>Choice of Trees</u>	<u>Cost (Includes Tree &amp; Planting)</u>
Redbud .....	\$179
Little Gem Magnolia .....	\$225
Crape Myrtle – white.....	\$179
Crape Myrtle – pink .....	\$179
White Chinese Fringe .....	\$255
Water Oak.....	\$235
Replacement of water oak with a new water oak.....	\$500 +\$235

Please contact **Wendy Fryfogle**, Champion Forest In Bloom, at [jfryfogle@houston.rr.com](mailto:jfryfogle@houston.rr.com) or **281-320-1862** if you'd be interested in contributing any of the above or have any questions.

# Yard of the Month



**Ron & Robin Dublin**  
9519 ARCADE DRIVE

## Congratulations!

NOTE: Due to the camera limitations we were able to show only a portion of this beautiful yard. We encourage you to take the time to drive by this home and enjoy the entire yard.  
- the Publisher

# Champion Forest Zoo

## Great Success



The first of several planned community events, the Champion Forest Zoo, sponsored by Civic and CFWC, was a huge success. Your generosity made it possible to meet the needs of the following deserving organizations:

BEAR (Be A Resource For CPS Kids), Casa de Esperanza, Mission of Yahweh, St. John Vianney, Joseph's Coat Resale Shop (shop serves mostly Hispanics and does not get many toys), Doula Project (safe child birthing for at-risk young women), and also Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos, an orphanage in Mexico (items were hand-delivered).



Heidi Beale and Judy Bircher, with the help of neighborhood children Sydney and Jack Seabrook, Noelie Bircher, Kylie Candelari, Sherri, Madison and Grace Kneller, Jaclyn Stoneking and Saralyn

O'Donnell, devoted their time and talent to making this event a Champion Forest *Zoorific* success. The children who helped and those who donated should be happy to know that parting with their precious stuffed animals brought immeasurable happiness to a less fortunate child. They should be pleased with the thought that a child goes to sleep with a new snuggly because they shared their time, their effort and their toy.



# Champion Forest Civic Club News

## Block Captain Vacancies

Please phone **Heidi Baty** at **281-235-6621** to volunteer. It is important to fill these vacancies before our Directory Update takes place in **January 2007**. (Directory Updates are collected by your street's Block Captain.)

- Burwood Park Drive (8300)
- Chelmsford Lane
- Landau Park Lane
- Mindy Park Court
- Mindy Park Lane (14300-14500)

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Directory	
Chairman .....	<b>Heidi Baty</b> ..... 281-257-2634
<p><b>Tuesday, December 12</b>  <b>7:30 p.m.</b>  <b>16215 Champion Forest Drive</b></p>	

# CF Directory Update

The **Champion Forest Directory Update** will take place during the month of **January 2007**. The Block Captains will be delivering to every home in Champion Forest a “**Listing Update Form.**” On the left of the form is your current information whereby changes and/or updates can be made at this time. This LUF form is due back to your Block Captain on or before **Wednesday, January 24, 2007**. Please keep in mind the directory timeline is critical. It will be unfortunate to miss this deadline and not have your updated information printed.

**Directory Chairman – Heidi Baty (281-235-6621)**  
**Directory Co-Chairman – Kathy Hughson (281-586-9008)**

## Directory Update Timeline

1. **Wednesday, January 10, 2007** between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. or **Thursday, January 11, 2007** between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.: Block Captains pick up folders at the home of **Heidi Baty**, 16125 Parish Hall (281-235-6621).
2. **Wednesday, January 10** through **Wednesday, January 17**, Block Captains will be delivering the “Listing Update Form” and collecting \$15 Civic Club dues from each home. Neighbors, please answer your door the first time the Block Captain drops by and return the form as quickly as possible. (Block Captains are busy volunteers.) As noted on the LUF form, everything must be returned to the Block Captain no later than **Wednesday, January 24**.
3. Block Captains, please organize forms according to street number and note on the bottom of the form if dues were received. Folders should be returned to your coordinator by **Friday, January 26**.

## A Big Welcome and Many Thanks to Our Newest Block Captains

Kris Prince      Stewarts Grove  
Donna Tilley    Stratton Park Drive  
Darlene Taylor   Redchurch Drive  
Denise Fraelic    Havering Lane

## Remember...

An Architectural Review Application must be submitted  
BEFORE you begin any home improvements.

Contact  
Consolidated Management Services  
at 281-296-9775 (phone), 281-296-9788 (fax) or  
by email at [conmgsvc@swbell.net](mailto:conmgsvc@swbell.net)  
whenever you need assistance.

## HALLOWEEN HAPPENING 2006



What a great turnout at the 2006  
*Neighborhood Halloween Happening*.  
Everyone had a “boo-tiful” time! Many  
thanks to all the volunteers who made the  
event a great success.

### Bushi Ban Champion Forest Demo Team

The Bushi Ban Champion Forest demo team put on a  
great show for the community during our October Halloween  
event. They performed a five-minute karate demonstration  
that simply astounded all of the kids and adults that were

on hand. Several members of  
the Bushi Ban demo team are  
residents of the Champion  
Forest area, including father  
and son team **Chance and  
Bill Marshall**. The youngest  
member of the team, **Geoffrey**



**Herrington**, clocks in at only 4 years old and was the opening  
part of the demonstration. All of the team members have  
been training at Bushi Ban for between 1 and 10 years. The  
other members of the team put on a great show including a  
Kamas demonstration by **Kayla Kaplan**, the only female black  
belt at the Bushi Ban Champion Forest location. Both **Nathan  
McCammon** and **Adrian Acevedo** demonstrated several of

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## HALLOWEEN HAPPENING 2006 - continued



the self defense moves taught at Bushi Ban while **Bradley Bynum** and **Ren Herrington** demonstrated a choreographed demonstration with Wushu swords. The second youngest member of the team, **Joseph Lara**, who is a student at Brill, dazzled the crowd with his open handed form. In addition, **Jonathan Congdon**, a 10th grader at Klein High School, demonstrated an impressive competitive form. The brother team of **Julian and Alexander Karim** demonstrated both open hand and weapons forms for the crowd. **Chris Pelton, Bradley Bynum** and **Julian Karim** all demonstrated both strength and

concentration by demonstrating their board breaking skills. The culminating part of the demo was a truly awe inspiring concrete brick breaking demonstration. **Bill Marshall** was able to punch his way through six 1" concrete blocks, while both **Chance Marshall** (age 15) and **Aaron Pepper** (age 14) sliced through four blocks each.



In all, the demonstration was extremely well received by both adults and children. If you would like more information on Bushi Ban, feel free to visit their website at [www.bushiban.com](http://www.bushiban.com). They are located at the corner of Champion Drive and Louetta in the corner behind El Rincon.

*Brad Kaplan*



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**Wally Bircher** ..... 281-374-7422  
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**Heidi Beale** ..... 281-370-0423

**CF Fund Board Meeting  
Wednesday, December 6  
6:30 p.m.  
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**Champion Forest Fund, Inc. News**  
*(The CF Homeowners' Association)*

**The Raveneaux  
Development Proposal**

**What's Going On and  
What Does It Mean to CF?** – *(continued from cover)*

On the heels of development projects in the community that have involved the clear-cutting of trees and altering of the landscape – which is both obvious to a neighborhood called a “Forest” and “Bird Sanctuary” and subtle with regard to local flooding and air quality – the Board understands residents’ concerns regarding additional development in a recognized floodplain and open green space that has been a notable part of the community for many years. Therefore, at least one member of the CF Fund Board has been in attendance at the various community meetings held by either representatives of JP/Raveneaux Partners, LP, the Cypress Forest PUD, and concerned CF residents to discuss all aspects of the proposed development.

While detailed information and informative news links are available on the CF website ([www.championforestonline.com](http://www.championforestonline.com)),

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## **Raveneaux Development Proposal - continued**

below is a brief summary of the communication and activity that has transpired over the past few months:

### **Scope of Project**

Developer Mark Jordan of JP Realty in Dallas, Texas is now part owner of Raveneaux and together with Tony Kindred from JP/Raveneaux Partners, LP. This group, together with Kera Development, LP proposes building a series of three-story townhouses, referred to as “brownstones,” along Cypresswood Drive between Champion Drive and Maplehurst – with front pull-off/guest parking along the edge of Cypresswood. Additional condos (500 units in all) and new country club/convention center located in the area of the current country club are also proposed. The new facility is expected to have convention/banquet rooms, a health spa and rental units. The golf course will be reduced to a 27-acre golf course.

The goal of the project is to relieve Raveneaux of its current debt and generate a profit.

JP/Raveneaux Partners approached the CFPUD with a request for annexation of a portion of the Raveneaux property. The CFPUD requested time to hear from the community, receive requested documentation from the developers, and

consider an annexation plan beneficial to the community and its residents. JP/Raveneaux Partners indicated to the CFPUD that approaching other utility districts was not part of the “current plan” and that the additional time requested was understood. During this time, the CFPUD continued their requests for documentation and held a series of community meetings to address any questions or concerns residents had regarding the proposed project.

Also during this time, the JP/Raveneaux Partners approached Kleinwood MUD and obtained an annexation agreement, despite earlier assurances.

JP/Raveneaux Partners, LP currently await approval and necessary permits from the Harris County Flood Control Commission. The company has requested a Utility Commitment Letter from the CFPUD for the 7.5 acres of Raveneaux property that currently lies within the boundaries of the CFPUD.

Directors of the CFPUD made a formal statement to the Kleinwood MUD at their October meeting, expressing concern over the transaction and requesting a joint committee in order to ensure due diligence. At the November CFPUD meeting, it was reported that the Kleinwood MUD Board chose not to establish such a committee at this time.

Presentations at recent CF Fund, CFPUD, and informal community meetings included other proposals for the Raveneaux property, which would reportedly not compromise the land – currently seen as a much needed “sponge” for CF and the surrounding community. It is unknown if JP/Raveneaux Partners has considered these other development options.

A petition opposing the proposed JP/Raveneaux Partners development project is in circulation and will be submitted to Precinct 4 County Commissioner Jerry Eversole, in order to underscore concern of the development on a known floodplain and floodway.

A recent article in the *Houston Chronicle* reports the opposition of Harris County Judge Robert Eckels to the currently proposed JP/Raveneaux Partners development plan because of concern over potential flooding – and his request to have “the county’s right-of-way division look into the cost of Raveneaux’s 288 acres by eminent domain and turn it into a park.”

### **Brief Overview of Communication Regarding JP/Raveneaux Partners’ Proposal**

#### **Comments from JP/Raveneaux Partners, LP**

- Raveneaux must change, as the present arrangement is neither profitable nor sustainable.

- This project would be far more advantageous for the community than a Wal-Mart or other shopping center development.
- This is the only way to relieve the country club of its current debt.
- The price per square foot is based on similar structures in the Woodlands.
- This new development would increase the tax base for the utility district in which it resides.
- They will “try” to work with the community groups currently working to connect community walking trails – which would require access to a portion of the Raveneaux property along Cypress Creek.

#### **Concerns Expressed By Residents**

- Additional housing, reduction of open green space, and compromised drainage within a floodplain would reduce CF property values and quality of life.
- Additional traffic could necessitate traffic controls along Cypresswood – further increasing speed and flow of vehicles down main neighborhood streets as well as Cypresswood, making the neighborhood less safe for walkers and bikers.

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## **Raveneaux Development Proposal - continued**

- The same management that contributed to the poor financial fate of Raveneaux Country Club could also negatively impact the outcome of a new development now extended along Cypresswood Drive and in front of golf course/open green space views.
- The price per square foot is inconsistent with comparable housing in NW Harris County and an unrealistic expectation.
- Costs to obtain water and sewer, as well as acceptable drainage for floodplain development, would exceed that which is anticipated and compromise the quality and overall end result of the project presented.
- Extended walking trails seem unlikely given the exclusive nature in which the new club is presented.
- Other less obtrusive development plans presented by local developers have not been considered.
- The unwillingness to give the CFPUD Board time to hear from residents, receive important documentation, and draft a responsible annexation plan seems to indicate a lack of community sensitivity and community commitment on behalf of JP/Raveneaux Partners, LP – ready to develop in the heart of the CF community.

## **In Closing**

The CF Fund Board would like to thank the CFPUD for the special meetings arranged in order to allow residents to hear about the project and discuss questions and concerns. The CFPUD approached the annexation request from the Raveneaux Development team in a responsible manner. The CFPUD Board requested a brief period of time to give residents in its district an opportunity to understand and discuss the scope of the project, as well as develop a “community-friendly” annexation plan. The Raveneaux Development team unfortunately chose not to wait and approached the Kleinwood MUD to obtain what it needed. The Kleinwood MUD, with residents less impacted by the proposed development than CFPUD residents, more rapidly approved their request.

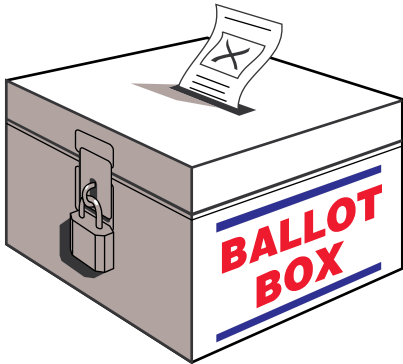
We encourage residents to learn more and get involved in projects affecting the community, our home values, and our families. Look here and on the Champion Forest website ([www.championforestonline.com](http://www.championforestonline.com)) for periodic updates and new links on this development.

## CF Fund Elections Around the Corner

The election of the CF Fund Board of Directors takes place in **February**. There will be three directors with expiring terms, all of which are seeking re-election in order to see ongoing projects through to completion.

Those directors seeking re-election include **Arthur “Roy” Riley** (current president), **Rozann Janek** (current vice president) and **Cristy Hayes** (current secretary).

If you would like to put your name on the ballot, please contact Consolidated Management Services (CMS) at **281-296-9775** or by email at [conmgsvc@swbell.net](mailto:conmgsvc@swbell.net). Ballots will be mailed in **December**.



## A BIG THANKS TO OUR CF DEED RESTRICTION

### *Amendment Volunteers*

The CF Fund Board of Directors would like to say **“thank you”** to the many hard-working volunteers taking time out of their busy lives to make phone calls and meet with neighbors to answer questions regarding the CF Deed Restriction Amendments.

**Leah Borello**  
**Mary Eifert**  
**Kevin Weido**  
**Jim Reed**  
**Tony Hill**  
**Therese Ray**  
**Liz Bowen**  
**Lauren Alexander**  
**Mia Crum**  
**Michael Smith**  
**Wayne Baer**  
**Barbara Smith**

*Thank You!*

# One Beautiful Esplanade

by Rozann Janek, The CF Fund, Inc.  
VP, Grounds and Maintenance

*“A community isn’t just something that you’re part of.  
It’s something that’s part of you.”*

**And boy, did so many come forward to prove that statement true!** Champion Forest residents who drive down Tranquil Park between Guinstead and Champion Drive now have a beautiful new view. On November 1 final touches to the Brampton Court Esplanade were completed by Sundance Earthscapes, Inc. The beautiful hardwood trees have been pruned, the drip irrigation system has been installed and the mulch, Bermuda grass and conservation-friendly plantings of American beautyberry and variegated ginger have all come



together to make for a new thriving habitat for all to enjoy, especially our treasured sanctuary birds.

Many, many thanks go out to the following individuals, who graciously donated their time, services, funds and expertise to this precedent-setting project. They are as follows: **Wendy Fryfogle** of Champion Forest In Bloom, **Scott Vann and Staff** with Sundance; **Marilyn Carren**, resident and owner of One Mother to Another Photography; **Heidi Beale**, resident and volunteer; **Bob Haas** of Aqua Services; **Tom Petrick**, resident and Board member of the Cypress Forest PUD; **Stella Walleck** with Consolidated Management Services; the **Wichterichs**; the **Fuscus**; the **Tandocs**; the **Rutherfords**; **John and Anita Griffin**; as well as the many other residents



who came forward to express an interest in Champion Forest and the other future internal esplanade beautification projects.

*And a very special thank you to Mrs. Courtney Feldman.* Her divine, enthusiastic inquisitiveness, generous donation and personal attention brought this project to the forefront and, finally, to completion. I would also like to thank the CF Fund, Inc., Board of Directors, who immediately saw the merit in such a project and respectfully approved a portion of the funding.

And finally to **Linn Smyth**, past President of the Champion Forest Garden Club and current Cypress Forest PUD Director, whose vision and devoted insight bore the idea of Champion Forest In Bloom and spawned many superior concepts for which the project is certainly one. So, as you can see, together a handful of dedicated residents joining efforts can make a remarkable difference in improving their community one beautiful and small step at a time!



If you're interested in contributing to the other internal esplanade beautification projects currently ongoing, please do not hesitate to contact **Wendy Fryfogle** at [jfryfogle@houston.rr.com](mailto:jfryfogle@houston.rr.com) or **Rozann Janek** at [rrjanek@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rrjanek@sbcglobal.net). You may also visit the Champion Forest website at [www.championforestonline.com](http://www.championforestonline.com) for additional contact information.

**Brampton Court Beautification Project COMPLETE!**

*Continue to look for ongoing information regarding the Champion Forest Community beautification projects in the near future...*



# From the Security Committee

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## Security Report December 2006

All seems to be going well in Champion Forest. Most of the roofs have been replaced, so we do not have as many contracts in our area.

Anyone who wondered about the open holes along Herts, AT&T informs me that they are bringing in new phone cables and will fill them up ASAP.

We are also wondering what effect the proposed changes at Raveneaux will have on our traffic and crime problems.

Our Security Committee has a new member representing Section 10. His name is **Paul Jackson**, and he may be reached at **281-257-3800**. Again I want to remind all that the Security Committee meets on the last Wednesday of the month at the PUD Bldg. at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

**The following is a safety tip from Jackie Kern, a member of the Security Committee:**

Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator.

Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Just press the panic alarm on your car key chain. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break in your house, odds are the burglar or rapist won't stick around...after a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there, and sure enough the criminal won't want that. Try yours to make sure it works before you rely on it. Just know that you must press the alarm button again to turn it off. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there.

This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or prevent a sexual abuse crime.

*Awaiting the next cool front,  
Wally Bircher*

***“The test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposed ideas in the mind at the same time and still retain the ability to function.”***

**F. Scott Fitzgerald**

# Champion Forest Patrol Activity Report – October 2006



## Constable's Statistical Report

Harris County Pct. 4 Constable's Department

### TYPE OF ACTIVITY

Burglary of a Habitation .....	2
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle .....	1
Theft from a Habitation .....	0
Theft of a Motor Vehicle .....	0
Theft – Other .....	0
Robbery .....	0
Assault .....	0
Sexual Assault .....	0
Criminal Mischief .....	1
Disturbance – Family .....	1
Disturbance – Juvenile .....	1
Disturbance – Other .....	3
Alarms .....	15
Suspicious Vehicles .....	13
Suspicious Persons .....	2
Runaways .....	0
Telephone Harassment .....	0
Other Calls .....	242

Calls for Service	
Contract .....	26
District .....	74
Self Initiated Calls	
Contract .....	313
District .....	39
Reports .....	32
Arrests	
Felony .....	0
Misdemeanor .....	0
Traffic Cit./Warnings .....	89
Recovered Property (\$) .....	0
Mileage .....	3581
Time Out	
Total Minutes – All Shifts .....	2948
Days Worked .....	52
Average Time Out/Day	
(Minutes/Day) .....	56.69

If you know of another Champion Forest resident who would like to receive my Champion Forest Security News via email, tell them to send me an email with their name and home address to [lfinley2@hughes.net](mailto:lfinley2@hughes.net), and I will be happy to add them to my list.

**Constable's Dispatch**  
**281-376-3472**

# Contract Summary Report

## Burglary Of A Habitation

5700 Glen Allen – Unknown suspect forced entry into complainant's house while they were away and stole property from within.

5700 Glen Pines – Unknown suspect forced entry into complainant's house while they were away and stole property from within.

## Burglary of a Motor Vehicle

16100 Abberton Hill Drive – Unknown suspect made entry into complainant's vehicle by unknown means and stole property from within.

## Criminal Mischief

16100 Hexham Drive – An unknown suspect drove through complainant's front yard and damaged the grass.

## Disturbance – Family

Address Omitted for Privacy – Several officers responded to a family disturbance in which a family member was slightly injured with a knife. Under investigation.

## Other Calls

9500 Oxted Lane – Deputies responded to 911 hang up call to find an intoxicated adult female in the driveway. Subject was released to family member.

Address Omitted for Privacy – Deputy performed residency and compliance verification of registered sex offender.

Address Omitted for Privacy – Deputy performed residency and compliance verification of registered sex offender.

8300 Domer – An unknown person had tried to use a known person's identification in another state. The complainant sustained no losses.

9000 Herts Road – Unknown driver of a motor vehicle struck the complainant's unoccupied vehicle and fled the scene without leaving information.

9400 Taidswood Drive – An unknown suspect used complainant's personal bank information to make a payment without consent.

9600 Enstone Circle – Unknown driver of motor vehicle had left the roadway and struck complainant's house causing extensive damage while resident was out of town.

**16300 Kempton Park Drive** – Two males driving a pickup loaded with mulch were observed as they threw eggs into the front yard of several residences. Incident occurred possibly because complainants refused to buy mulch. One male believed to be responsible cleaned up the debris from the complainant's yard.

**16300 Hexham Drive** – A small dog, after escaping from the house, was allegedly taken by an unidentified male suspect driving an SUV-type vehicle.

**8300 Burwood Park Drive** – A white pick-up truck while backing up out of a driveway across the street struck complainant's mail post breaking it at ground level. Driver then left the scene without leaving required information.

**9500 Arcade Drive** – Unknown suspect(s) removed complainant's front license plate at unknown location at an unknown time and date.

**16300 Kempton Park Drive** – Unknown suspect used complainant's personal information to make unauthorized purchases in another state.

**13 Champion Villa** – Unidentified suspect allegedly used complainant's personal information without consent.

## In The Mail



*This space is reserved for residents with opinions to express, thoughts to share and any question another reader may be able to answer. Jot it down and drop it in the mail (Attention: To the Editor) destined for 16030 Abberton Hill Drive or email [nmcdonald@houston.rr.com](mailto:nmcdonald@houston.rr.com).*

### Houston NW Chamber of Commerce

Dear Ms. Thompson,

I just read in the *Chronicle* about our Chamber and the Wilkinson group's desire to promote the Cypress Creek name for our area.

What in the world are you thinking? Did you know that for instance, Baytown, here in the Houston area, was formerly named Goose Creek? I wonder why the change.

A creek name sure doesn't do much for property values in our area that already makes the national news each time we flood here in Houston, which is quite often. Maybe that is the reason home values here are lower than any other metro area in the United States.

If you desire a unique name, why not a wood or forest name? We live in the most treed area in Harris County. That's a plus, not a flood prone area like the other creeks and bayous around town!

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## In The Mail - *continued*

I came to Houston to live in the Champion Forest area in the early 70s. I love this area as do most of our neighbors. Why would you want to screw it up? I hope your small group will not dictate our dire future without the consent of the community at large.

I would be pleased if you would discuss this suggestion with your peers and sincerely consider its merit.

*Sincerely yours,  
Robert D. Duerr*

### **Dear Champion Forest Neighbors,**

I have intended to write this letter for quite some time. I have tried different avenues of communication; all of which have been received in a mute fashion.

Having lived in Champion Forest since 1984, I have some investment in the neighborhood. Though time does not allow it, because of changes in my life, I have also been a part of the neighborhood growth and activities. Because of this, I feel like making yet another attempt to stop what I and many people that I have talked to find to be a total lack of respect for each and every one of us in this neighborhood.

I find the blow-by-blow description in the patrol summary report inappropriate and more to the point, idle gossip! Unless there are crimes being committed that the neighborhood as a

whole could possibly be a victim to. Sometimes we do need a heads up to be more watchful of our homes and families but announcing personal unfortunate circumstances seems totally out of line.

The sad and tragic things that can happen to all families and friends at some time or another along this road of life in this many times stressed world do not need neighbors and strangers compounding the difficulties we must all face by having the events printed for all to appraise. This simply leads to much wagging of tongues and no one very concerned of the healing of hurts and hearts.

Omitting addresses only leads to the thought of who this could have happened to. The unfortunate people have had their privacy violated, only to relive it in their own "friendly" neighborhood newsletter as much as a month later.

It is of no one's concern. We never know the tough roads we might have to unexpectedly travel, not in our wildest dreams! None of us need to cast any judgment, but more importantly it is none of our business.

The newspaper could be used for more positive purposes. Other neighborhoods usually only print an activity report and let it suffice with that.

Recently there was a very sad death in a family that occurred at home. It amazed me that instead of someone reaching out to that family with some communication of

sympathy for their loss, this came out in a police report. I was very worried for the family because they did not need to read a clinical, cold statement about their loved one after the fact. Can you imagine how they felt in their time of grief? We failed at being neighborly with that loss to our neighborhood.

I am writing tonight because I feel that it is urgent that this stop with the next newsletter. There has been another sad loss, and I do not want them to experience the newsletter this way. It does not represent our neighborhood well at all. I

think we need to put the gossip aside and stick to just the facts of activity, so that we will be aware of possible crime activity. Let's keep our newsletter on an upbeat of the good things in our neighborhood. And let's respect each other's privacy. Let's not feed the gossip!

Let's get our newsletter back to a more neighborly communication of concern and praise for each other.

*Just a neighbor with some heartfelt concerns....*

*Kathy Beck, CF Resident*

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## Neighbors In The News

### 'Tis the Season!

The Bent Sprockets are lubing wheels, greasing spokes and dusting off the Wassail Wagon, which is an indicator that the holiday season is under way! On **Sunday, December 3**, be on the lookout for the Wassail Wagon as **Jerry, Mark, Dave, Steve** and **Dan** wend their way through the neighborhood dispensing one of three types of wassail (manly wassail, wussy wassail and weally, weally wussy wassail) to thirsty people who would like to donate to NAM at the holiday season. Anyone who would like to accompany them is invited; come in your convertibles, bikes, motor scooters or other conveyance. Funny hats are a definite plus. Brauts, chips, cookies and various other goodies will be served to hungry wassailers and a good time is guaranteed to all! The official website is [www.click4ds.com/wassail](http://www.click4ds.com/wassail) where you can

go to add your name to the list of those being "wassailed" and get a map on where the wassailers will be at what time. Call **832-656-5306** on **December 3** if you need to track us down to get your donation to us and ride for a while. All proceeds go directly to NAM for assistance with their holiday giving. Thanks to all who have contributed in the past, hope to see you again this year, as well as some new faces!



*The Bent Sprocket Wassailers, 2005*

# School News

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## Brill Veterans' Day

American veterans were honored at the Brill Veteran's Day ceremony on November 10. The ceremony included guest speaker **Edmund Fisher** who shared his military experiences with the students and a presentation of essays by 5th grade students **Nathan Smith, Raye Bollato, Abigail Fidler, Riquanda Walker, Patrick Kielkowski, Jace Merrell, Ashley Castellanos and Mandy Hamric**. The Klein Band played a medley of service songs, and the Brill choir sang the "National Anthem." Warren Frisbee accepted donations on behalf of Operation Interdependence® from the Brill community to be sent to the troops overseas. For more information on Operation Interdependence® go to [oihouston.com](http://oihouston.com).



*Students read their Veteran's Day essays to the guests.*



*Girl Scout Troop 10982 presented the colors.*



*Edmund Fisher shares his experiences with the students.*



*Veterans rise as their branch of service is recognized.*





Warren Frisbee, Operation Interdependence Representative, accepts Brill's offer of 170 pounds of donations and over 300 letters to be sent by the organization to troops serving overseas.



Fellow veterans Robert Stalford and Wally Bircher thank each other for their service to the country.

Edmund Fisher (Veterans' Day speaker) and Veterans' Day ceremony Chairman Sherri Stalford prepare for the ceremony.



Wally Bircher, Barbara Bircher, Barbara Fisher and Edmund Fisher attend the Brill Veterans' Day ceremony as honored guests.



Mr. Frisbee discusses the role of Operation Interdependence®.

The Brill choir sang the "National Anthem" and "God Bless America."



## School News - *continued*

### **Brill Elementary School Receives an IBM/Tike Young Explorer System**

Brill Elementary School received a unique PC. Named the IBM/Tike Young Explorer, IBM and Little Tikes have partnered to create a unique learning center that combines furniture, a computer and software in one integrated product. The IBM/Little Tikes' Young Explorer PC Pal combines a child's desk with a fully functional child-sized PC. Designed for children ages 3 to 7, the multimedia computer comes preloaded with educational software and is supported by curriculum guides.



This gift was possible under IBM Matching Grants Program where IBM Corporation and the Wally Bircher family combined to cover the cost of the system. The Bircher family presented the system to Brill Elementary on Tuesday, October 31, 2006.



*Left to right: Karen Smith, Principal of Brill; Mary Walker and Myra Munsch, Pre-K teachers at Brill; Jim Smith, Trustee of Klein ISD; Wally and Barbara Bircher. Seated on the bench are Hannah Munsch and Noelle Bircher.*



### **KISD Nominated For Fire Prevention Award**

The Klein ISD has been selected as a finalist for the inaugural Best Practices Award from the Harris County Fire Marshal's Safe Schools Inspection Program. This program was created to identify and correct fire and life safety hazards in public schools. The Fire Marshal, Mr. M. S. Montgomery, in speaking of the Klein ISD stated, "Your district's efforts have helped lead the way to success. The Best Practices Award provides recognition for those districts that have demonstrated an ongoing commitment to fire prevention and life safety."

# Kleb News

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## **Come to the Annual Dinner and Auction!**

Thursday, February 8  
5:15-7:15 p.m. at Kleb

The annual Kleb Dinner and Auction will be here before you know it! This is an evening of fun for the entire family. It begins with a delicious dinner catered by Carrabba's Italian Grill. After dinner, you'll be able to bid on an array of items in the silent auction and get involved in the raffle excitement. In addition, you can visit with your children's teachers at the open house to follow.

Look for ticket order forms in the upcoming editions of the *Kleb Pawprint*. You can also download an order form from the Kleb website at [www.kleinisd.net](http://www.kleinisd.net). Completed order forms (with payment) can be sent to school with your child or dropped off in the front office. Tickets are \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door.

Attending the auction is a great way to show your support for Kleb. All proceeds from the auction will be used to purchase products to enhance the education of our students!

## **Donations Needed for Kleb Auction**

We still need donations for the Kleb Auction! This is a wonderful opportunity for you or your business to help raise

money for Kleb! And, if you don't have an item or service to donate, we would welcome a cash donation to help purchase items for the raffle/auction. If you are interested in making a donation, please contact **Kellye Foster** at 281-376-4235 or email to [kellyef1234@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kellyef1234@sbcglobal.net). All donations are tax deductible, and the money raised will buy educational items for our children.

## **Thank You, Kleb Volunteers!**

Three cheers and a whole lot of thanks to the many volunteers who helped this semester at Kleb. We started before school began, and our volunteers have come through. Thank you for the student/teacher packets, school supply sale, lock sales, volunteer kickoff, vision/hearing screening, fall pictures, Veterans' Day, teacher banners, lost and found, choir/band/orchestra trips, and other behind-the-scenes help. Your time is appreciated, and **you made a difference**.

Many thanks from your volunteer coordinators – **Sonja Anderson** and **Heidi Beale** (and the PTO, staff and students at KLEB)!

**Barnes & Noble Book Fair Voucher  
Supporting Kleb Library**

Saturday, December 16  
Barnes & Noble Champions  
5303 FM 1960 West

Voucher valid **December 16-23**

Simply present this voucher at the cash register at the time of purchase. A percentage of the net sale will be donated to your organization.\*

**Office Use Only:**

Register #: \_\_\_\_\_ Transaction #: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of sale before tax less purchases of Gift Cards, Membership Cards, and Café consumables.  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*The following transactions are not included in Book Fair totals: The purchase of Gift Cards, Membership Cards, and café consumables. Nonprofit and business account discounts may not be applied to Book Fair purchases.



**Kleb Library Day at Champions Village  
Barnes & Noble on December 16**

Buy gifts, encourage reading, and support Kleb Intermediate School library all at once on **Saturday, December 16**, at the Champions Village Barnes & Noble bookstore. Use special vouchers available at the store or from Kleb to make sure a percentage of your purchase will go to the library at Kleb, helping local students in grades 6 through 8. Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to finish some holiday shopping, buy birthday and other gifts for the year ahead, and provide funds to allow Kleb to provide new books, programs, and materials enhancing the educational experience for all students.

Kleb is looking for volunteers, students, and parents to read to small groups of children or wrap packages at Barnes & Noble that Saturday. If you'd like to help, please contact Kleb librarian and Champion Forest resident **Ruth Villarreal** at 281-655-0346 or email to [radkinsvillarreal1@kleinisd.net](mailto:radkinsvillarreal1@kleinisd.net) or phone the Kleb library at 832-249-5532.

**BARNES & NOBLE**  
BOOKSELLERS

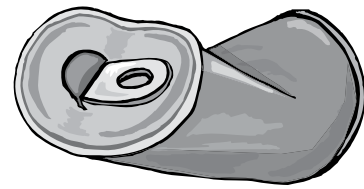
## KISD STUDENTS FINALISTS IN **Mascot Contest**

Kelsey Hazzan of Klein Collins High School and Brittany Leach of Klein High School were the first place winner and the first runner-up in the first Capital One Houston High School Mascot Challenge. Kelsey won \$5,000 to be donated to her high school athletic department, while Brittany's athletic department will receive \$4,000. The second place runner-up will have \$3,000 donated, and the athletic department of the third place runner-up will receive \$2,000. Winners were announced at the University of Houston football game on October 28.

Kelsey appears as Tootsie the Tiger when she portrays the school's mascot. Brittany's mascot persona is as Boomer the Bearkat.

Kelsey is a twelfth grade student who plans to attend Texas Tech or Arizona State to study interior design. She is an athlete who played volleyball, still competes in basketball, and will throw the discus during the spring track season. In the summers, she works as a lifeguard and swimming teacher. This fall she works at Hollister, a clothing store in the Woodlands Mall.

Brittany was a theater arts student in intermediate school who describes herself as "out there – a having fun kind of girl." She chose to try out for her school's mascot as a way to become involved and have fun. On October 6, she was interviewed twice on Channel 2, KPRC television, as Boomer. Last summer, at NCA Mascot Camp, she learned skills and safety tips that have been valuable to her as she stirs up spirit for the Bearkats.



## Aluminum Can Recycling at Yeager

Thank you to all of our neighbors who recycle aluminum cans at Yeager Elementary. You are a huge factor in our success! Our next collection is **Friday, December 15**. Just bring your empty aluminum cans to the recycling truck in the Yeager parking lot that morning **between 8-9 a.m.** A couple of reminders:

- Please bring your cans in **tied-up plastic bags**, as they are loaded into open crates for transporting.
- Bring aluminum cans only. (These are the cans used for soft drinks and other beverages.)
- We cannot recycle aluminum foil, disposable baking pans or cans from canned vegetables, soups or fruits, etc.
- You can drop off your cans before 8:20 a.m. or after 8:45 a.m. to avoid the school traffic.

Thank you again, and we will see you at our next recycling day! If you can't make it to the recycling day, ask a neighboring Yeager family to take your cans. Questions? Call Cindy at **281-580-6912**.

# First Service Credit Union Makes Donation to KISD Health Services

Mr. Jerry Shrode, the president and CEO of First Service Credit Union, and Mr. David Itz, the chairman of the board of First Service Credit Union, presented a check for \$4,500 to Ms. Laurie Combe, the health coordinator for the Klein ISD, and Dr. Jim Cain, the superintendent of the district. These funds will be used to purchase replacement pads for the 43 district defibrillators distributed among each school in the district.

At the check presentation ceremony, Dr. Cain expressed appreciation for all that First Service Credit Union has done for the district. First Service Credit Union has participated in several business partnerships with the district. Branch offices located in the Klein ISD have adopted schools in the Adopt-A-School program. Through the Education Foundation, the credit union has given support to the district convocation and golf tournament. Mr. Chris Allen, who is a First Services Senior Manager, serves as a director of the Klein Education Foundation. With the donation of defibrillator pads, First Service is a program supporter, supporting the district's health and safety program.

Mr. Shrode explained that First Service wants to be an integral part of the community where their credit unions are located. He praised the KISD for being proactive in placing defibrillators in each school in the district.

In addition to working closely with Mr. Allen, the KISD also works with Ms. Alisha Wade who is the Vice President of Business Development for First Service Credit Union.

## Around Town

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### WINTER PROGRAMS AT *Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens*

Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Gardens, a Harris County Precinct 4 facility under the leadership of Commissioner Jerry Eversole, is located at 22306 Aldine Westfield Road, one mile north of FM 1960. Harris County Precinct 4 programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, sex, religion, national origin, or physical ability. Anyone requiring special assistance to participate in any program or to obtain additional information should contact Mercer at 281-443-8731, or on the web at [www.hcp4.net/mercer/index.htm](http://www.hcp4.net/mercer/index.htm).

#### **Lunch Bunch: Battening Down the Frost Cloth**

Wednesday, December 13 from noon to 1 p.m. Are you ready for winter? Come out and learn how to protect your garden when the cold wind blows. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy. Call for reservations.

#### **Lunch Bunch: Selection and Care of Gardening Tools**

Wednesday, January 10, noon to 1 p.m. Choosing the right tool for the job makes gardening much easier. Learn the best assortment of tools to have on hand and how to take care of them so they will last a lifetime. Call for reservations.

**CEU: Proven Fruit and Nut Trees for the  
Houston – Galveston Area**

Tuesday, January 16, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join John Panzarella as he discusses which fruit and nut trees are successful, and which are not in our area. Call for reservations.

**Arbor Day Tree Lecture**

Saturday, January 20, 10 a.m. to noon. Celebrate Arbor Day with a free tree and a lecture on the best trees for our area. Trees will be given away from 8 a.m. until supplies last.

**Mercer Bamboo Meetings**

Fourth Saturday of each month, 9 a.m. to noon. Monthly meetings feature hands-on training in Mercer's bamboo garden. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy. Call to confirm meeting times for the month.

**Piney Woods Wildlife Society**

Third Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. This nonprofit organization is dedicated to the study and protection of the environment.



## Classified Ads

**For Sale:** Solid wood entertainment center, great condition – lighted glass front cabinets, storage for games and DVDs, will hold up to a 60" TV and more! \$500 OBO. Please call Heather at 281-376-4436.

**Reliable Live-in:** Experienced housekeeper seeks employment. With current employer 16 years, honest and dependable, Champion Forest references available upon request. Inquiries in care of Jane at 281-376-8242.

**For Sale:** Baldwin small upright piano, \$1,100; air hockey table, \$100; foosball table, \$100. Call Don at 281-376-2881.

**For Sale:** Sportcraft Turbo air hockey (paid \$500 plus), asking \$250, already assembled; Yukon weight bench/plate tree/plates (paid \$500 plus), asking \$200. Call Romy Godwin at 281-543-3965.

**Huge Moving Sale:** 9803 Oxted Lane on December 8-9 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

### CF Lost and Found

If you've found a lost item and would like to try to get it back to its owner, please contact  
Kathy Lawrence at 281-370-6925.

## **Youth Services**

Find your new Champion Forest Baby-sitter, Lawn care or Pet Care provider here!

**Notice:** Please take the time to check the information on this page carefully. If deletions, additions or updates are needed please let the editor know as soon as possible so that the names/ages/phone numbers are accurate and up to date. **Thank you!**

**Nanette McDonald**, 16030 Abberton Hill Drive, email: [nmcdonald@houston.rr.com](mailto:nmcdonald@houston.rr.com)

**Please Note:** Law enforcement agencies advise that publishing children's contact information on the Internet compromises their security. For this reason, the teenage job seekers list has been omitted from the online version of your newsletter.

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Singing
- O – Odd Jobs      S – Party Serving and Clean-up      PS – Pool Service
- P – Pet Care      L – Lawn care      C – Car Detailing
- SW – Swim Lessons

Services	Name	Address	Telephone
B, P.....	Mary Agan .....	Harwick Dr.....	281-320-0838
B.....	Natalia Angulo .....	Fenchurch Dr.....	281-370-8011
P, S.....	Sarah Bindhammer.....	Herts Rd.....	281-257-2284
C.....	Carter Blake .....	Chelmsford Ln.....	281-376-1150
W, L, O.....	Anthony Bollato.....	Tranquil Park.....	281-379-3638
P.....	Melissa Bounds.....	Abberton Hill Dr.....	281-379-3244
B, P, S.....	Britney Burger.....	Winchmore Hill Dr.....	281-320-1178
B, P.....	Richard Burger.....	Winchmore Hill Dr.....	281-320-1178
P.....	Angeleah Cleek.....	Tranquil Park.....	281-376-7508
B, P.....	Kristen Crandal.....	Herts Rd.....	281-257-3371

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Civil Division	
Record Division/Becky Bates	
Patrol Division	
Administrative Line	
Victim's Assistance	
Judge Adams .....	281-376-5512
Judge Lawrence .....	281-446-7191
County Clerk (Cypresswood).....	281-379-1057
Animal Control.....	281-999-3191
Sheriff's Office (Report Section) .....	713-921-8750
Tax Office (Tags, Title, Taxes).....	713-224-1919
Alarm Detail .....	713-755-4600
Pct. 4 Commissioner Jerry Eversole .....	713-755-5000
Flood Control .....	713-684-4000
Health Department.....	713-439-6000
Pollution Control .....	713-920-2831
Texas Parks & Wildlife .....	281-931-6471
Reliant Energy (street lights out).....	713-207-2222

