



Champion Forest

Celebrating Friends & Family

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY THE CHAMPION FOREST WOMEN'S CLUB

October 2006



The Champion Forest "Zoo"

Saturday, October 14
8 a.m. to noon
in the driveway at
9515 Tranquil Park Drive

A project to collect stuffed animals for children in need.

Please join us and donate new (or gently used, clean, repaired) stuffed animals to the Zoo.

"Curators" will sort the animals and prepare them for delivery to **Casa De Esperanza.**

To learn more about this event, please see page 3 for more details.

2006 CFWC *Charity Auction* NEWS

We are pleased to announce...

CFWC is pre-selling Charity Auction tickets this year. Purchase your tickets early for the auction items and avoid the long lines!

Please see this month's insert for more information.



Go Nuts

It is that time of year for the Annual CFGC Nut Sale!

Please refer to page 15 for more details.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Join us at

Champion Forest's Annual **Halloween Happening,**

Sunday, October 29
from 2-4 p.m.

at Brill Elementary.

Interesting Headlines to Look For Inside:

CFWC, Help the CF Zoo!; Charity Auction news; Newsletter editors wanted!; CF Garden Club, General information; 2006 Nut Sale begins!; Gardening and witches; CF Civic Club, Several Block Captains still needed; CF Fund, CF Community general information; Other News of Interest, Support the University of Houston Northwest; Kids in the News, Shea Takes 2nd at IronKids Triathlon; School News, Brill Earns Second Annual PE Award, Klein APE, Kleb Dash for Cash; Around Town, AAUW Holiday Tour of Homes



Champion Forest Women's Club

FRIENDS IN THE FOREST



IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER...

CFWC Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 3
Chasewood Bank
9:30 a.m.

Cypress Forest PUD Meeting
Tuesday, October 3
PUD Building
16215 Champion Forest Drive
6:30 p.m.

CF Fund/HOA Meeting
Wednesday, October 4
PUD Building
16215 Champion Forest Drive
6:30 p.m.

CF Civic Club
Tuesday, October 10
PUD Building
16215 Champion Forest Drive
7:30 p.m.

CF Garden Club
Thursday, October 12
At the home of **Nancy Blaker**
8806 Chelmsford Lane
9 a.m.

Dear Neighbors,

This month the Champion Forest Women's Club hosted an evening meeting at the beautiful home of **Lisa Hardin**. Thank you, Lisa! We enjoyed a gourmet cooking demonstration and advice from the Houston Country Club pastry chef, Drew Rogers, sampled tasty food, and had a fun girls' night out. Pictures to come in next month's newsletter!

Our next event will be our Holiday Charity Auction on **December 5**. The auction fund-raising beneficiary will be our own neighborhood public schools, which will receive teacher grants. Teachers can make such a difference, but their supplies are expensive. The grants will help bring to our Champion Forest children's classrooms wonderful teaching ideas. (Lest we forget, the quality of our neighborhood schools does affect our neighborhood property values.) We hope everyone will want to be involved. You can be involved by encouraging your child's teacher to contact **Barb Smith (281-251-3093)** or **Heidi Beale (281-370-0423)** for a teacher's grant application, by donating auction items for the event, or by pre-purchasing your auction item tickets for the event.

Another of our organization's major efforts at building a sense of community is the production of this monthly community newsletter, which we created in partnership with Champions Printing. For this, I thank our editors **Nanette McDonald** and **Barb Smith**.

We are starting to make plans for the year 2007, so let us know if you have any special interests, suggestions or are interested in getting more involved, by contacting Heidi at the number below. We are fortunate to live in a neighborhood which has established organizations that provide a chance to get to know our neighbors, promote community relations, and raise money for local charity and scholarship. The Champion Forest Women's Club does all this without attendance commitments or exclusive membership. 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** or dbaty@houston.rr.com. We would love to talk to you about our group. As always, newcomers are welcome at any of our meetings. You will want to join us!

Your neighbor,
Jenny Herd

The 2006 CFWC BOARD

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Please visit us on the web at www.championforestonline.com

Help the Champion Forest “Zoo”

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Please contact **Judy Bircher** at judy.bircher@c-a-m.com or **Heidi Beale** at hbeale2000@aol.com if you'd like to volunteer to be a “Curator” and help collect, sort or deliver. In the event that quantities collected exceed the needs of Casa De Esperanza, an as yet undetermined, a qualified 501(c)3 recipient will receive a donation from this event.

*A joint project of the Champion Forest Civic Club
and the Champion Forest Women's Club.*

Casa De Esperanza



Our Mission – Casa de Esperanza de los Niños – the House of Hope for Children – is a safe place for children in crisis due to abuse, neglect or the effects of HIV. Casa de Esperanza provides residential, medical and psychological care according to the needs of each child. Counseling is also available to the parents in appropriate situations.

Our Goal – Casa de Esperanza strives to break the destructive cycle of child abuse by offering safe homes to children of families in crisis. The goal of Casa de Esperanza is to return physically and emotionally healthy children to stabilized homes where caregivers can safely provide daily care.

The Champion Forest Women's Club Is Pre-selling Charity Auction Tickets This Year

Purchase your \$1, \$3 and \$5 tickets early and avoid the long lines on auction day.

Ticket bundles will be sold at the CFWC evening culinary event on October 5.



Please see insert for more information.

CFWC Membership Dues Reminder

If you have questions regarding your membership dues,
please contact

Christy Geary at 281-320-2746.

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.

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.

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 November newsletter is **October 10**.

**Wanted:
Newsletter Editors for the Monthly
CFWC Champion Forest Newsletter**

Please consider joining this wonderful group of neighborhood women and become an active participant in our community.

Brief information regarding this position:

- The editors serve as “collectors” of the data. They are **not** responsible for the newsletter layout.
- The newsletter template is in Word; there is no need to have any other “industry software” knowledge.
- The time requirement for this position varies from month to month. On average, one can expect to put in 8-10 hours a month. This includes the monthly meeting with Champions Printing.



This is only an overview of the position. Please contact **Nanette McDonald** at 281-370-2223 (nmcdonald@houston.rr.com) or **Barb Smith** at 281-251-3093 (barb9415@sbcglobal.net) for more information.

Cypress Forest Public Utility District

Board of Directors

**Linn Smyth
Jim Lynch
Bill Lawrence**

**Tom Petrick
Debbie Jackson**

As many of you know, the Cypress Forest PUD has been asked by the owners of Raveneaux Country Club to annex 42+ acres of their land into our district for up to 500 single family water and sewer lines. The Board has agreed to consider the proposal and will be doing due diligence over the coming months to determine if this is a feasible and viable plan for our community. We encourage you to come to our meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. where we will summarize and discuss the requested documents as they become available to us or call **Debbie Jackson** or **Linn Smyth** and make your opinions known.

We would also like to make you aware that the North Harris County Regional Water Authority charges pumpage fees on each 1,000 gallons of water produced by Cypress Forest PUD in order to offset the cost of mandated surface water conversion within our region. These pumpage fees are included in your water rates. The rate is \$0.64 per 1,000 gallons of water used.

*Respectfully submitted,
Debbie Jackson*

Household Hazardous Waste One-Day Collection Event



Have household hazardous waste? Don't know what to do with it? Get rid of it for **free** at the one-day collection event on **Saturday, October 21** at the Barbara Bush Library, 6817 Cypresswood Drive (enter via York Minster) from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. only. Harris

County holds approximately ten (10) one-day drop-off events for household hazardous waste throughout Harris County each year. The events are typically held during the spring and fall season and are free to all residents of Harris County.

- Residents may bring household quantities of paint products, pesticides, fertilizers, motor oil, gasoline, pool chemicals, household cleaners, aerosols, batteries and automotive tires (5 per household).
- Used electronics such as televisions, computers, word processors, printers, scanners, fax machines, cellular

phones, VCRs, stereos and other small personal electronics are also accepted. Residents may bring up to five (5) of each of these items.

- A mercury thermometer exchange is also held in conjunction with each of the events. Residents may bring a mercury fever thermometer for proper disposal and receive a **free**, nontoxic replacement.
- Participants will receive information on less toxic alternatives to common hazardous household products and can shop for **free** items at the reusable products booth located near the exit of the drop-off site!
- Business waste, medical waste, ammunition, explosives, compressed gas cylinders, washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, photocopy machines, microwaves, or smoke detectors are **NOT** accepted at these events. Businesses may call the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Small Business and Local Government Assistance Hotline (800-447-2827) for information on proper disposal methods for hazardous waste. The hotline offers free, confidential technical assistance.

If you are not a Harris County resident, log on to <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/assistance/hhw/ContactsHHW.html> to find your local HHW contact information and <http://www.earth911.org/master.asp> for drop-off locations. Go to <http://www.cleanwaterclearchoice.org/hhw/collection.html> for more information.

Thomas Markle Jewelers and Jewelry Designer Steven Lagos Join Forces to Fight Heart Disease and Cancer

Internationally renowned jewelry designer Steven Lagos and Thomas Markle Jewelers have joined forces this October to help the fight against heart disease and cancer. For over 25 years Thomas Markle Jewelers has been a fixture in the Willowbrook and Kingwood areas, and year after year he has hosted trunk shows and events to help raise money for the fight against many deadly diseases.

On **October 12** you can meet Steven Lagos at Thomas Markle Jewelers' Willowbrook location and on **October 13** at his Kingwood location and see some of Lagos' rarest, one-of-a-kind couture jewelry. Both events will feature fine catering, live music and discounts on almost every item in the store in an effort to raise research money to help the fight against these deadly diseases. Thomas and Steven are both excited to be giving a portion of the events' proceeds to The American Heart Association on October 12 at the Willowbrook location and Mothers Against Cancer on October 13 at the Kingwood location.

For more information please contact Thomas Markle Jewelers at **832-237-1100** or **281-360-4367**.



Welcome, New Residents

Brian and Deanna Vassigh

14415 Brentshire Lane

Phone: 281-587-0221

Children: **Connor** (9 months) and **Austin** (9 months)

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.

Who Are the Happiest People?

If we look around us, the happiest people are those who have gratitude, serve others, and share what they have. It's just the way it is!

We in Champion Forest are so blessed to live in such a lovely, safe area where our children never go hungry. How can we help others who don't have as much?

One wonderful way is to give to Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM). If you aren't familiar with NAM, call them at **281-885-4555** and take a tour. You'll be amazed at the services that they offer to those in need. \$.87 out of every dollar donated to NAM goes to the client. That's almost unheard of with charities!!

NAM's big fund-raiser, Jeans and Jewels, is coming up on **November 11**. One part of Jeans and Jewels is the incredible

raffle this year – two first class round trip tickets on Continental Airlines to Honolulu from anywhere in the states and a week at the Marriott Waiohai Beach Club resort on Kauaii. The raffle tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. (You don't have to be present at the gala to win.) To win the raffle would be wonderful, but the best part of this is that each of us can help those in need by buying at least one ticket. There are so many things that \$20 can do for NAM clients.



Selling just one \$20 ticket can provide:

- A bag of groceries for a family
- Saturday Meals On Wheels for one month for a client
- One child with a new pair of jeans or a new pair of shoes
- Bedding for two guests in the IHN program
- Help pay for a tank of gas for a family violence client to flee a dangerous situation
- Two families with a turkey for the holidays

If you would like to help those in need by buying a raffle ticket, please contact **Anita Kirk**, raffle chairman, at **281-257-9074**; **Merle Rumsey**, Jeans and Jewels cochairman, at **281-376-0200**. Others selling raffle tickets are **Peggy Jo Coker**, **Steve Hamblin**, **Ruth Lynch**, **Lupe Lopez**, **Kathy Lawrence**, **Jeannette Loverdi**, **Gloria Myer**, **Martee Engel**, **Rena Smith**, **Sally Blackhall**, **Meg Herman** and other members of the CF Garden Club.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if all of the different groups in Champion Forest organized to buy/sell raffle tickets? We can do it! Please call one of us, your neighbors!

Every dollar we bring to NAM, "feeds a child, helps a parent, educates a person, befriends the elderly." What better things could we be doing with our lives and our resources?



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, **Margaret**, for hosting our September discussion of *The Way the Crow Flies*. Our next meeting will be at **Anita's** on **Tuesday, October 10** at noon. We will review *East of Eden* by John Steinbeck. 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

Susie Wallis, 281-374-0473

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

On **Tuesday, October 24** we will dine at 7:30 p.m. at Prime Steakhouse. Please call if you are planning to attend.

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.

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.

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.

A Pile Of Dirt

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



If you happen to be one of the Champion Forest residents who drive down Tranquil Park between Guinstead and Champion Drive, you may know the dirt to which this refers. The esplanade on Brampton Court is void of plants, the beautiful hardwood trees need trimming and the irrigation system is ineffective. It’s just a pile of dusty, eroding dirt.

One of the residents whose home overlooks this esplanade approached the HOA for assistance. A plan was requested and developed by our landscaper, Sundance Earthscapes, Inc. However, in order to turn this esplanade into an area that reflects the beauty of our neighborhood, your help is needed.

The HOA has decided to replace the outdated irrigation system with an efficient drip system and has approved a plan for native plantings. Irrigation is a basic start, but there is a need for other landscaping materials in order to finish the project! The beds will be extended in order to accommodate any future plantings that the residents in the area may so choose to add over time.

With your assistance and in conjunction with Champion Forest in Bloom, the HOA and several area residents, Brampton Court could soon be an esplanade to be proud of. The HOA does not have the budget to pay for all the necessary materials, so we are hoping for assistance from other neighbors either in the immediate area, or others who feel this is a worthy project to be duplicated on other internal esplanades (located at Chasemore, Arkdale Court and Stornoway). Should you be interested in contributing to this project or future internal esplanade beautification, please contact **Wendy Fryfogle** at jfryfogle@houston.rr.com or **Rozann Janek** at rrjanek@sbcglobal.net. You may also visit the Champion Forest website at www.championforestonline.com for additional contact information.

The total cost, including installation, is \$2,895. However, since the HOA has decided to incur the irrigation costs, that only leaves a balance of \$1,741.51. Should the funds received be in excess of the actual cost of the plantings, soil, mulch, fertilizer and sod, the residual may be allocated towards a celebratory block party and/or earmarked for other internal esplanades improvement, care and beautification depending upon your wishes. Neighbors pulling together to enhance property values in Champion Forest for all of us is certainly good cause for celebration!

Brampton Court Beautification Project In Progress!

CF Fund Maintenance Association

Champion Forest Garden Club

CFG is off to an exciting start this year. Our first meeting was very informative. We learned all about new and old roses from our speaker, Glenn Schroeter from the Antique Rose Emporium. It was great to see everyone after being off for the summer. Later in September, we all pooled our resources and donated items to support Women Helping Women's Garage Sale.

Our October meeting is at **Nancy Blaker's** home at 8806 Chelmsford Lane on **Thursday, October 12** at 9 a.m.

Suzanne Chapman, Mercer Arboretum and Botanical Gardens' horticulturist, is our program speaker. There will be a demonstration and workshop on using natural and dried plant materials to create holiday decorations.

It is time for our annual Nut Sale! Remember to get your order to a Garden Club member by **October 26**. Orders will be delivered following our Nut Workshop meeting on **November 9**. See our ad for more details.

Just a reminder that the annual Christmas and Holiday Decoration Contest will be the first Monday in December. Judging will be on **December 4** from 6-9 p.m. Get those decorations up early!

AUGUST BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



August 2006 Board Meeting ~ **Chris Agan, Rosanna Fisk, Linda Peters, (out of frame) Shirley Hale, Edna Gilbert, Mavis Kiefer, Faye Weatherly**



*Artist and Garden Club member
Jackie Loafman at her exhibit
~ August 2006*



***Donna McDaniel** and
Anita Martin at the
Houston Garden Center*

*Supporting our members:
Stephenie Russell and
Paula Anderson with **Jackie
Loafman** at the Gallery
opening of her art work in
Houston ~ August 2006*



***Donna McDaniel,**
Anita Martin, **Faye
Weatherly,** **Stephenie
Russell** at the Houston
Garden Center Federated
meeting in September*



Gardening and Witches

I love the fall. Autumn is a wonderful and magical time of year, with its warm colors and falling leaves. It's my favorite season. Halloween is coming up at the end of October. Pumpkins, trick or treat, black cats, ghosts and witches are all part of the magic and fun of the season. One thing you may never have thought of is that witches and gardening have a history together.



The traditional Halloween witch, “the old hag with her pointed hat,” was modeled after the village herbalist. These wise women knew about herbs and their practical uses. They

were nature lovers and used what they had learned about plants to treat physical and mental illnesses. They were the community midwives and healers. They were gardeners, maybe even master gardeners. They studied the seasons and the weather and used their knowledge about the phases of the moon when they planted and harvested crops. These wise women were respected members of the village community. Through the centuries there has been folklore and superstition connected to these people who seemed to have special powers because of their knowledge of natural things and their ability to heal with herbs. There were those who were threatened by this knowledge. They said that the “witches” should be feared, that they were evil. They began to persecute them, and the rest is history! These wise women, who were herbalists, gardeners and healers, became known in history as the scary witch we recognize and dress up as at Halloween.

Here's wishing you a Happy Halloween and a wonderful fall season.

Stephenie Russell

Remember...

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

Contact SCS Management Services, Inc.
281-463-1777

PET LIAISON

Call **Ruth** or **Jim Lynch**

at **281-320-9570**

to report a
lost or found pet.



Champion Forest Garden Club 2006 Nut Sale

It's that time of year for the annual CFGC nut sale. The same varieties which we've enjoyed in the past are again available. All items are first quality and come packaged in strong double-zip freezer bags. Some of our members have used them through the whole year. We hope you'll select from these and perhaps explore new taste sensations that you've not tried before. We will offer:

- Almonds (Roasted): \$5.00
- Almonds (Chocolate Toffee): \$7.00
- Cashews : \$8.00
- Cranberry Crunch: \$7.00
- Dutch Mints: \$7.00
- Mixed Nuts: \$6.00
- Pecans (Chocolate Amaretto): \$9.00
- Pecan Halves: \$9.00
- Pecans (Praline): \$9.00
- Spicy Mix: \$5.00
- Walnuts: \$6.00

Holiday Gift Bags are available for 25¢ each.

Delivery of these nuts and candies will be in time for Thanksgiving, Christmas and holiday celebrations.

Best part of purchasing the above is that a large portion of the proceeds from the Nut Sale will go to support the Garden Club's scholarships to two deserving horticulture students at Texas A&M University. Some of last year's profits were also used for tree trimming in the Champion Forest esplanades, entrance decorations and plantings. This is your chance to enjoy something good to eat and help someone!



You may order the delicious nuts from any member of the Champion Forest Garden Club before **October 26**. You may also call to order from either of the Co-chairwomen for this project – **Shirley Hall (281-251-8935)** or **Mavis Kiefer (281-379-1031)**.

Prepaid orders are due by Thursday, October 26.



*Yard
of the
Month
Congratulations!*

Jimmie & Aileen Gressett

16003 KEMPTON PARK

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 FUND, INC.
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**CF Fund Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 4
6:30 p.m.
16215 Champion Forest Drive**

www.championforestonline.com

Champion Forest Fund, Inc.

(The CF Homeowners' Association)

General Information



The CF Fund Board of Directors has been busy these past few months developing strategies to improve the overall function and appearance of Champion Forest and the surrounding community.

Committees and Community Organizations

CF Deed Restriction Amendments – A deed restriction committee is working with one section at a time to address deed restriction concerns and ballot questions. Currently CF Section 8 is completing deed restriction ballots. If you'd like to help in this effort, or have any questions about the process, please contact **Donna Cox** at **281-376-4822** or any Board member through the website at www.championforestonline.com.

Community Survey

The Board is also working with a local communications company to establish a survey for CF residents. As old and new issues continue to swirl, it is important for the Board to hear from residents and understand how they would like their neighborhood Board to act on their behalf. The survey will be mailed with an upcoming Cypress Forest PUD bill, so

please look out for it. It will also be available on line at www.championforestonline.com. We're looking forward to *moving* forward with a clear understanding of each resident's wishes.

Committee Efforts

Wally Bircher, head of the Security Committee, and **Lt. Larry Finley** recently organized and conducted a talk at Brill Elementary on the "Choking Game" – a new hazard among children between the ages of 9 and 14. Wally is also launching a search for more volunteers on the Security Committee, as residents representing various parts of the neighborhood prove most effective. To volunteer or learn more about subjects mentioned, please contact Wally at **281-374-7422**.

Heidi Beale is spearheading a number of efforts designed to help struggling CF single moms and community kids. Read more in this issue about her programs or log onto the website to learn more.

Community Development Activity

The CF Board members have also attended a number of meetings regarding the new development plans for Raveneaux Country Club. We encourage all residents to play an active role in this educational "fact finding" process and open dialogue with the Cypress Forest PUD, which is currently assessing the full scope of the project and its impact on the community. A CF PUD vote will take place in the spring that will either facilitate the new development effort or alter its course. Log onto

<http://www.cyforestpud.com/bod/index.html> and contact one of the CF PUD Board members (all CF residents with numbers in the CF directory) to begin a dialogue and learn more.

A New Management Company

The Champion Forest Fund Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Consolidated Management Services (CMS) has been hired to assist in handling the business for Champion Forest subdivision. CMS has a twenty-five year history of working with subdivisions in the immediate area. The principal owner, Ms. Stella Walleck, comes to us with years of experience in working with subdivisions and Legislative Action Committees to promote new legislation dealing with the problems that confront homeowner associations. Ms. Walleck will be the property manager that personally handles Champion Forest.

We wanted to take this opportunity to introduce our new management company and briefly describe their responsibilities. CMS will be responsible for the billing of the annual assessments, collecting the funds for deposit in the Association's account, enforcing deed restrictions, maintaining the corporate records and assisting the Board in the day-to-day responsibilities for the Association.

The office hours for CMS are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday. They will assist you in requests for deed restrictions and

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architectural control applications, deed restriction concerns, payment arrangements for any past due assessments or report any concerns directly to your Board of Directors. They can be reached by phone, fax or email at the following numbers and/or address:

Consolidated Management Services
2204 Timberloch Place, Suite 245
The Woodlands, Texas 77380
Phone: 281-296-9775; Fax: 281-296-9788
email: conmgsvc@swbell.net

“**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

From the Security Committee

Security Report October 2006

The CF Security Committee meets on the last Wednesday of each month at the PUD Building on Champion Forest Drive. Any resident of Champion Forest is welcome to attend and address the committee.

Our last meeting was August 30, 2006. Many security items were discussed including new residents, adding constable dispatch stickers to welcome package, sprinkler system damage both in CF esplanades and Mormon Temple area, support US Grant 287 program and other concerns.

I have exchanged several emails with Constable Hickman in reference to Grant 287. It is a program that provides funds and training to local police to address the immigration problems.

We received an email from a CF resident very concerned about crime in Memorial Northwest subdivision. Hope all saw the article in *The 1960 Sun Champion* where three high school students were arrested for organized crimes there.

There is still a problem with false security alarms. Causes include faulty equipment, poor installation and user error (by

homeowner or their servants). This is a waste of time for our constables and their resources.

The alarm industry suggests that user errors account for the largest portion of false calls. Poor installations are on a decline and faulty equipment is less of a problem given technical advances. Also, these systems need maintenance including replacing batteries.

Constable's Dispatch
281-376-3472



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE
**Annual Halloween
Happening**

Proudly Sponsored by
Champion Forest Civic Club and the
Champion Forest Fund (HOA)

Join us for an afternoon of games,
crafts and Halloween fun!!

Sunday, October 29

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Brill Elementary

For volunteer opportunities or additional information,
please contact Kristin Pollock at (832) 265-0244



Contract Summary Report

Theft – Other

9400 Taidswood Drive – Unknown suspect is alleged to have stolen complainant's pressure washer from the driveway on an unknown date/time.

16000 Champions Drive – Unidentified black male removed a leaf blower that was left unattended on the side of landscaper's trailer.

Criminal Mischief

Enstone Circle – Several juvenile males and females had thrown eggs into houses and fled on foot.

16400 Gravenhill – Unknown suspect is alleged to have damaged complainant's vehicle, possibly with a baseball bat, while it was parked in the street.

9300 Oxted Lane – Unknown suspect(s) had cut the tires of complainant's vehicle while it was parked in the street.

16100 Stewarts Grove Drive – Unknown suspect damaged front gate to complainant's property.

Disturbance – Family

Address omitted for privacy – Adult male was arrested after allegedly assaulting live-in girlfriend who required medical treatment.

Other Calls

9000 Cypresswood Drive – Two vehicle minor accidents. No injuries.

9700 Champions Cove – Complainant discovered the left rear window of his vehicle had been shattered from unknown causes.

16100 Stewarts Grove – Unknown suspect had used complainant's personal information to open an America Online Internet service account without consent.

8200 Landau Park Drive – The complainant reported that he had an accident in his vehicle with an unknown suspect driving a vehicle after the suspect had stolen some items from a construction site that he was working at.

9500 Enstone Circle – Unknown suspect is alleged to have made fraudulent purchases using the complainant's personal information.

16300 Gravenhill – Eighteen-year-old male was arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (DWI). Two eighteen-year-old female passengers were issued citations for consuming an alcoholic beverage.

Champion Forest Patrol Activity Report – August 2006



Constable's Statistical Report Harris County Pct. 4 Constable's Department

<u>TYPE OF ACTIVITY</u>	
Burglary of a Habitation	0
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	0
Theft from a Habitation	0
Theft of a Motor Vehicle.....	0
Theft – Other.....	2
Robbery.....	0
Assault	0
Sexual Assault	0
Criminal Mischief	4
Disturbance – Family	2
Disturbance – Juvenile.....	1
Disturbance – Other	6
Alarms.....	25
Suspicious Vehicles	15
Suspicious Persons.....	5
Runaways.....	0
Telephone Harassment.....	0
Other Calls	220

Calls for Service	
Contract.....	29
District	68
Self Initiated Calls	
Contract.....	353
District	35
Reports.....	25
Arrests	
Felony.....	0
Misdemeanor	9
Traffic Cit./Warnings	188
Recovered Property (\$).....	0
Mileage	4605
Time Out	
Total Minutes – All Shifts	2452
Days Worked	60
Average Time Out/Day	
(Minutes/Day)	40.87

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 lfmley2@hughes.net, and I will be happy to add them to my list.

Support the University of Houston Northwest

Result of Higher Education Board Meeting Regarding U of H Northwest

On Monday, August 28, community representatives appeared before the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to support a request to approve a University of Houston Northwest Campus. Asked to publicly speak on behalf of this effort were Representative Peggy Hamric, Representative Debbie Riddle, Representative Corbin Van Arsdale and Senatorial candidate Dan Patrick. Patricia Harless, candidate for District 127, attended in support as well as Lauren Donder, a representative for Senator Lindsay. The Houston Northwest Chamber, the Tomball Chamber, Cypress Creek Cultural District and Spring ISD were represented by Barbara Thomason, Bruce Hillegiest, Betty Reinbach, Rev. Glenn Wilkerson, Tom and Mary Davis, Regina Curry, Bill Franks, and Constable Woody Mitchell. U of H was represented by numerous staff including Dr. Jay Gogue, president of U of H and Dr. Don Foss, senior vice-chancellor and provost of the U of H System.

Opposition was offered by representatives from Prairie View A&M and Sam Houston State University. The primary concern was that the addition of a U of H campus would draw

students away from other universities, causing undue financial losses there.

This campus would be housed in property formerly part of the HP campus on Highway 249 at Louetta. This property consists of over 47 acres with three four-story buildings, two parking garages and a manufacturing building. U of H has a time-limited option to purchase this property. They would introduce this upper-division campus with over forty programs of study in such high-demand occupational areas as education, engineering and IT. If approved, classes could begin as early as spring 2007.

The Coordinating Board was unable to vote on this issue because of a violation of posting requirements for Coordinating Board agendas. It was not an official meeting of the Board, although presentations were heard. The issue will be given further consideration and heard again in thirty days by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. It is not known at this time if the option on the available property will be retained; however, representatives of the community to be served remain optimistic that this campus will be approved.

Fast Facts

- A proposed upper division university center, offering third- and fourth-year coursework leading to bachelor's and master's degrees
- Would provide seamless transition for the 45,000 North Harris Montgomery Community College and other students desiring a degree from U of H
- Would be located at SH 249 and Louetta on part of the HP campus on a Metro bus stop
- Would serve 3-5,000 university students
- Offering 44 degree programs including high-demand disciplines such as business, education, information technology, engineering
- Supported by all area government officials and community leaders. The Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce Board passed a resolution of support several weeks ago.
- To be determined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board in a few weeks
- Questions can be directed to the U of H Office of Development, 713-743-4611; email: pjlipp@uh.edu

Take Action

- Understand the issue, its importance to our young adults, its impact on our economy and the valuable amenity it will add to our community
- Compose a professional, friendly letter to representatives of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board:

Mr. Robert Shepard, Chair
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
P.O. Box 12788
Austin, TX 78711
Fax: 956-428-0730

Dr. Raymund Paredes, Commissioner
Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
P.O. Box 12788
Austin, TX 78711
Fax: 512-427-6127
Email: raymund.paredes@theccb.state.tx.us

- Tell your colleagues, friends and family to act now.

from the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce

Kids in the News

Shelly Shea Takes 2nd at This Year's IronKids Triathlon

This year's Sara Lee IronKids Bread Triathlon for our region was held in Allen (north of Dallas) on August 20. This year's race saw 200 children between the ages of 7 and 14 from Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Mexico participate. Junior racers (ages



7 to 10) swim 100 meters, bike 3 miles and then run 1K (about 0.6 miles). The Dallas area is suffering a heat wave and temperatures were well over 90 degrees at race time. Despite the heat, Shelly trained hard in the weeks leading up to this triathlon and had a great race, placing 2nd for all 10-year-old girls. Shelly was able to complete the swim, bike and run course in a blazing fast time of 22 minutes and 14 seconds.

Sara Lee, makers of IronKids Bread, sponsors 6 IronKids triathlons hosted in different parts of the country every year. This is the 21st year for IronKids triathlons, and way back in 1985, 13-year-old Lance Armstrong participated in these races. More information about IronKids and triathlons is available on the web at www.ironkids.com. Watch out for Shelly as she trains on her bike in our neighborhood for her next race.

School News

KISD Education Foundation Elects Officers

The Education Foundation of the Klein Independent School District elected officers for the 2006-2007 school year. The president will be Mr. Jim Huston who will be serving his second term as president. The other officers include the following: Mr. Floyd Mechler, vice president; Dr. Jim Cain, secretary; Mr. Kurt Schwenkel, treasurer; and members-at-large Mr. Bill Pitcher, Ms. Lynell Brooks, Mr. Dave McIver, and Mr. Jay Porter.

Other members of the Board of Directors are as follows: Mr. Chris Allen, Ms. Marcella Barboza, Mr. Buddy Brown, Mr. Brent Christensen, Dr. Elbert Coker, Mr. Robert Collins, Mr. Terry DuFrene, Ms. Beverly Gibson, Mr. Doug James, Mr. Tom Kikis, Ms. Ellen Kindred, Mr. David Klein, Mr. Loren Klitsas, Mr. Ray Laughter, Mr. Lyle Lovett, Ms. Jo Matthew, Ms. Bilinda Matusek, Ms. Belinda Mensaco, Mr. David Nussbaum, Ms. Christine Pell, Ms. Georgan Reitmeier who is the liaison from the Klein ISD Board of Trustees, Ms. Kempa Rider, Ms. Kris Ruiz, and Ms. Peggy Seigle.

Brill Earns Second National Physical Education Award

Ms. Karen Smith, the principal of Brill Elementary School in the Klein ISD, announced that the school has won its second consecutive designation as a National Demonstration Center in Physical Activity. The efforts of physical education teachers Darlene Sentesi, Jack Hall, and Jennifer Calzo made this award possible.

Brill will serve as a model for physical education instruction for the community and other educators. Ms. Smith noted, "Brill's physical education curriculum provides a wide variety of physical activity, a wellness program, and brain based activities so that Brill students have an opportunity to be healthier and smarter when they leave their P.E. class."

To receive the National Demonstration Center designation, a school must offer a clear emphasis on physical activity and fitness within its physical education center. All students must be encouraged to participate in physical activities, and teachers must monitor student progress. These standards are tied closely to the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS), the state curriculum for public schools.

Dr. Jim Cain invites the parents of all Klein ISD students to a free "Dinner with the Superintendent" on **October 12** at

Wunderlich Intermediate School from 6:30-8 p.m. A pizza and salad dinner will be followed by a presentation by Dr. Cain. Reservations may be made by calling **832-249-4173** (English) or **832-249-4172** (en Español).

Klein High School APE 2007 Needs You

Pansy Sale

\$12.00 per flat or \$8.50 per plant for orders of 9 flats or more per customer. Colors are red, white and pink. Delivery will be around **November 11**.

Poinsettia Sale

\$10.00 per plant or \$8.50 per plant for orders of 9 or more per customer. Colors are red, white and pink. Delivery will be around **December 1**.

Contact Sally Rasch at **281-655-5950** or Kristen Wilburn at **832-419-5245**. **Place your order today ... order deadline is Friday, October 13.**



Houston Chronicle Supports Foundation with Subscription Partnerships

The *Houston Chronicle*, in cooperation with the Klein Education Foundation, provides financial support for the foundation while making subscriptions available at reduced costs. The *Chronicle* Partnership is a major source of income for the foundation each year and helps provide grants to teachers and awards to students in Klein ISD. Subscribers do not need to live in the Klein ISD district to take advantage of these offers.

Nonschool district subscribers may go to <http://www.kleinisd.net/docs/chronnew.pdf> or visit the district's website at www.kleinisd.net and click on Departments/Foundations/EducationFoundation/Donations to find the *Houston Chronicle* Partnership. Subscribers will save from \$9 to \$60 while the Foundation will receive between \$4 and \$30 for each subscription.

Klein ISD employees receive a 7-day a week subscription to the *Houston Chronicle* at half price when subscribing through the foundation's information on Kleinet. The information allows employees to subscribe to the *Chronicle* through payroll deduction.

Klein ISD Earns State's Highest Fiscal Accountability Rating

Klein Independent School District officials announced that the district received a rating of "Superior Achievement" under Texas' Schools FIRST (Financial Accountability Rating System of Texas) financial accountability rating system. The Superior Achievement rating is the state's highest, demonstrating the quality of Klein ISD's financial management and reporting system.

The Texas Education Agency, in response to Senate Bill 218 of the 77th Texas Legislature, in 2001 developed Schools FIRST. The primary goal of Schools FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of school district's financial resources.

"We are very pleased that Klein ISD has received a rating of 'Superior Achievement' under Texas' Schools FIRST financial accountability rating system for the third year in a row," said Thomas Petrek, associate superintendent of finance, "as it shows that our district continues to make the most of our taxpayers' dollars."

"This rating shows that Klein's schools are accountable not only for student learning, but also for achieving these results cost-effectively and efficiently," said Karen Smith, district controller.

District Plans for International Business Academy

In 2003-2004, district personnel and community members developed long range plans for the Klein ISD that recommended specialized high school programs on targeted campuses, including the possibility of academies.

The first Klein academy to be offered will be the International Business Academy to be located at Klein Forest High School. Students from across the district will be invited to apply for enrollment in the academy for the fall semester of 2007. Admission will be based on interest in the program, grades, attendance, recommendations, good citizenship, and interviews.

The initial students will be ninth graders who are highly motivated and interested in international business. A grade level will be added each year until the program becomes a four- year curriculum.

Students will participate in the high school core curriculum with additional academic courses that emphasize business, foreign language, and global culture. Students will choose from one of the following concentrations: finance, entrepreneurship, marketing, or management.

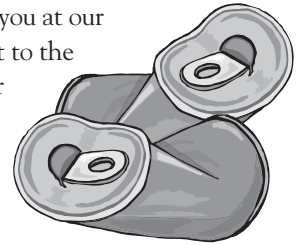
Additionally, students in the International Business Academy will participate in related extracurricular activities and community service projects.

Aluminum Can Recycling at Yeager

Thank you to all of our neighbors who saved aluminum cans over the summer and brought them to the can drive at Yeager in August. We collected a whopping 505 lbs. of aluminum cans! Our next recycling day is **Friday, October 20**. 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 or cans from canned fruits, vegetables, soups, etc.
- Drop off your cans before 8:20 a.m. or after 8:45 a.m. to avoid the line of cars dropping off kids for school.

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**.



Kleb Dash for Cash Coming Soon!

Kleb is excited to announce that our fall fund-raiser, Dash for Cash, will be held at school on **October 27**. This year's theme will be "The Surf's Up – Catch the Wave." It will be a great day full of fun, prizes and festivities. And, the proceeds from this event will be used to enhance the education of our Kleb students.



There are many ways you can jump in and help support this worthy cause. Donations and corporate sponsorships are always welcome; you can support a student with a pledge; and you can also volunteer to help on the day of the dash. So, come on out and cheer for your student as he catches the wave at Dash for Cash.

For more information or to make a donation, please contact Melody Ashmore at 281-655-5572 or kashmore@sbcglobal.net.

Around Town

The MOMS Club of Spring Southwest is holding a garage sale at Uncle Bob's Storage, 8625 Spring Cypress, Spring, TX 77379 (Champion Forest and Spring Cypress) on **October 21** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds go to charity!

(Our garage sale is part of a larger garage sale that the owner of Uncle Bob's Storage has once a month or so for renters of his storage units and other interested parties. So, it's like several garage sales in one place!)



AAUW Holiday Tour of Homes

Plan to kick off the holiday season with this traditional area event! The North Harris County Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) announces its **33rd Holiday Tour of Homes**. This traditional holiday event will be held on **Sunday, November 12** between noon and 5 p.m. The tour will highlight five homes selected for their unique interior design and architectural style.

Beginning **October 23**, tickets will be available for \$15 at Cornelius Nurseries, Inc., Dickinson Interiors, Elsie's Consignment House, eklektik Interiors, Joan West Flowers & Gifts (one of the florists who will be decorating a home tour house), and two Randalls stores (Flagship on FM 1960 West at Glen Erica and Champion Forest Drive at Louetta). Additional sales locations and further tour information will be available in November or you may call 281-376-7998. On the day of the tour, tickets are \$20.



Kringlefest Craft Show

Saturday, November 4
from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Klein UMC
FM 2920 east of Kuykendahl.

See "Major Events" at kleinumc.org.

1960 PC Users Group

The 1960 PC Users Group has several meetings each month: General Meeting (first Thursday) and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are a nonprofit organization with "members helping members" with their personal computers. Visitors are welcome!

Location: Cypress Creek Christian Church and
Community Center
6823 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379
All meetings are from 7 to 9 p.m.

October 2006 Calendar

The General Meeting and Digital Photography SIG will be held **Thursday, October 5** in the Activity Room (middle building). All other Special Interest Groups meet in Room 30 in the Annex Building.

Special Interest Groups:

Tuesday, October 10	Internet SIG
Thursday, October 12	Hardware SIG
Tuesday, October 17	Software SIG
Thursday, October 19	Graphics SIG
Tuesday, October 24	Windows SIG
Thursday, October 26	Genealogy SIG

Visit our website for any changes, details and directions at www.1960pcug.org.

GOT NEWS?

Email your news to:
nmcdonald@houston.rr.com
or drop it in the front porch mailbox at:
16030 Abberton Hill Drive.





Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Gardens

Mercer Arboretum and 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 wanting additional information should contact Mercer by calling 281-443-8731 or via the web at www.hcp4.net/merc.

October Programs

Birding Walk – October 8 (10-11:30 a.m.) Beginner and experienced birding enthusiasts can join Piney Woods Wildlife Society member Rachel Powers for a guided walk through Mercer to observe the birds that call this area home. Binoculars, birding guides, comfortable and quiet walking shoes, and white or light-colored clothing is recommended. Call for reservations. Families are welcome.

Lunch Bunch: Composting – October 11 (12 noon-2 p.m.) Pick up tips from Linda Crum of the Community Associations of The Woodlands on composting and recycling plant material from your kitchen and yard into wonderful soil for your garden. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy during the program which qualifies

as Master Gardener and Master Naturalist advanced training. Call for reservations.

Master Gardener CEU: Bulbs – October 17 (11 a.m.- 1 p.m.) Join Margaret Cherry of Abbott-Ipco for a lecture on great bulbs for our area and bulbs that are being trialed at Mercer Arboretum. Bring a potluck dish to share. Call for reservations.

Drawing Still-Life – October 20 (2-7 p.m.) Join resident artist Cynthia Padilla for a lesson on drawing still-life portraits. Please contact Mercer for class requirements. Members of The Mercer Society, \$65; non-members, \$75 (includes art supplies).

Pen and Ink with Color – October 21 (2-7 p.m.) Join resident artist Cynthia Padilla for a lesson on pen and ink drawing with color. Please contact Mercer for class requirements. Members of The Mercer Society, \$65; non-members, \$75 (includes art supplies).

Field Sketching Nature – October 22 (10 a.m.-3 p.m.) Join resident artist Cynthia Padilla for a field sketching nature. This will include a tour of the trails at Mercer. Please dress for the outdoors and bring insect repellent. Please contact Mercer for class requirements. Members of The Mercer Society, \$65; non-members, \$75 (includes art supplies).

Master Gardener Workday: Tropical Dig – October 24 (9 a.m.-12 noon) Mercer is moving the tropical garden inside for the winter. Help prepare, pot, and move the plants to their winter home in the greenhouse. Wear clothing appropriate for gardening. Call for reservations. This program qualifies as Master Naturalist advanced training.

Ongoing Programs

Mercer Bamboo Meetings – Fourth Saturday of each month (9 a.m. to 12 noon) Monthly meetings feature a morning presentation and an afternoon of hands-on



training in Mercer's bamboo garden. Bring a sack lunch to enjoy.

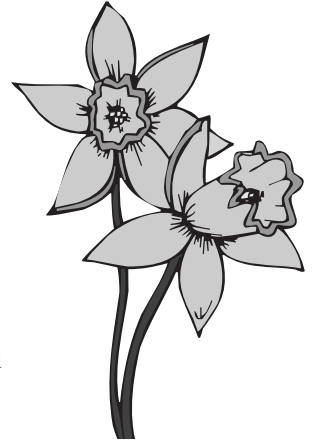
Piney Woods Wildlife Society – *Third Tuesday of each month (7:30 p.m.)* This nonprofit organization is dedicated to the study and protection of the environment.



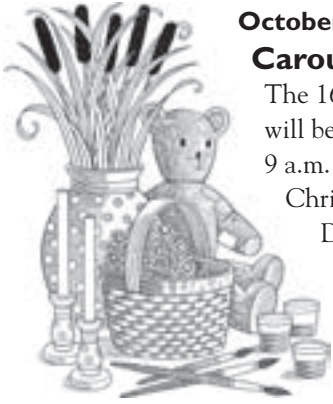
Society for the Advancement of Floral Design

The Society for the Advancement of Floral Design (SAFD) is a nonprofit organization that promotes the study and enjoyment of floral design. Our October meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 17** beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Cypress Creek Christian Center, The Forum, 6823 Cypresswood Drive between Cypresswood police station and the library.

Each month features a professional presenter or a hands-on demonstration of fresh or silk flower arranging. Our group also gives back to the community by designing and assembling 30-40 arrangements per month to cheer up hospice patients. We also have arranged fresh flowers for other nonprofit groups' special events. So whether you are an experienced designer or just wanting to learn, SAFD is the group for you. Membership is \$40 per year and guests are welcome to attend their first meeting for free. If you have any questions or would like more information, call Pam Dube at **281-516-3323**.



Craft Shows, Fall Festivals, and More



October 6-7

Carousel of Crafts Bazaar

The 16th annual Carousel of Crafts will be held on **October 6-7** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Cypress Creek Christian Church, 6823 Cypresswood

Drive. Featured will be unique booths showcasing home decorating items, stained glass and wood art, clothing, jewelry, candles, gourmet foods, florals, adults' and

children's gifts and much more. Visit the Bake Shoppe for homemade desserts and famous Cran-Tea.

October 7-8

St. Ignatius Loyola Church Fall Festival

St. Ignatius Loyola Church will have their Fall Festival on **October 7** from 12-9 p.m. and **October 8** from 12-6 p.m. at 7810 Cypresswood Drive next to Meyer Park. There will be food, games, raffles, auction, bingo, live entertainment, craft booths. Fun for the entire family! Questions or inquiries for booth space, call Julie Nanni, Fall Festival Chairman at 281-384-7438.

October 21

Judy Dierker Craft Classic

The Foundry United Methodist Church will host over 100 vendors at its annual Judy Dierker Craft Classic on **Saturday, October 21** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. You'll find terrific values on handcrafted items, fall and Christmas specialties, gourmet baked goods, children's toys, clothing, jewelry and more in a fun and friendly marketplace, and be sure to stop by the Texas Tea Room, open 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and enjoy salads, desserts and coffees. Admission to the craft show is **free**; purchase tea room tickets at the show for \$10 each (all proceeds benefiting missions). Foundry is located at 8350 Jones Road, 1½ blocks north of Hwy. 290. For more information, call 713-937-9388 or see www.foundryfamily.org.

October 27

Fall Festival

Join us for a fun family night out with food, games, silent auction, costume contest and much more on **October 27** from 5-8 p.m. located at Cypress United Methodist Church, 13403 Cypress North Houston Rd. All proceeds raised will go towards Wee Wuns Weekday Ministries playground improvements.

October 27-28

"Street of Shoppes"/Fall Festival

St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church's 35th Annual "Street of Shoppes"/Fall Festival will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on **October 27-28** at 14301 Stuebner Airline (one-fourth mile north of FM 1960). Items available will include handmade gifts, ornaments, collectibles, plants, pottery, jewelry, baked goods, snacks, a silent auction, and much more! Come and enjoy fun activities and an antique car show for the whole family! Booth space will be available for local crafters on **Saturday, October 28**. For more information about booth

rental and application forms, go to www.saintdunstons.org or call 281-655-9056 or 281-440-3995.



October 28

14th Annual Arts & Crafts Show

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, K. of C. #8096 Ladies Auxiliary, will be having their 14th Annual Arts & Crafts Show on **Saturday, October 28** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Approximately 110 booth spaces in five buildings consisting of awesome homemade items, high quality items from around the world, a silent auction, huge concession stand with barbeque, spuds, chicken salad, hot dogs and homemade goodies. The bazaar will be held at 6646 Addicks-Satsuma, between N. Hwy. 6 and Eldridge and between FM 529 and W. Little York. Any questions, please call Sonja Gurule-Griffin at 281-650-7808 or email her at Sonja@griffinsworld.com for information.

November 11

Annual Rolling Fork Craft and Christmas Bazaar

On **November 11** the annual Rolling Fork Christmas and Craft Bazaar will be held at the Rolling Fork Castle from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 9110 Rodney Ray Blvd. (off of Fairbanks N. Houston and north of 290). Questions or inquiries for booth space, please call Carol Bloomfield at 713-937-8259. Items for the bazaar can be anything from potpourri, Christmas ornaments, food products, flower arrangements, craft items and more.

December 2

Holiday Market

Come have an enjoyable shopping experience at Wee Wuns Annual Holiday Market and Craft Show on **Saturday, December 2** from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Cypress United Methodist Church located at 13403 Cypress North Houston Rd. We'll have jewelry, clothing, kids stuff, home accessories and so much more! If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please contact Michelle Imler at michelle.imler@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Cy Creek FACE



Pipe Dreams

Friday Concert Series in The Centrum Zoya Shuhatovich, Pianist

www.zoyapiano.com

Friday, October 6
8 p.m.



The first of eight monthly Friday night concerts will feature *The Romantics* performed by renowned Russian pianist Zoya Shuhatovich on **Friday, October 6** at 8 p.m. in the Centrum located in the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center, 6823 Cypresswood Drive, Spring.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Season passes for all performances are also available. The proceeds will benefit the Rosales Opus 28 Pipe Organ to be housed in the Centrum. For ticket purchases and information call 281-613-1498 or visit our website www.thecentrum.org.



Northwest Houston Business and Professional Women

“Celebrate Your Life” is the subject of Fran Padgett’s talk to be presented to the Northwest Houston Business and Professional Women on **October 19**. Ms. Padgett, artist, author, and speaker forever touched by breast cancer, left her successful business career of many years to return full time to her passions for painting and writing. Through her art and through her book *Breast Cancer Recovery: No One Wrote a Manual*, she shares the triumphs, the sadness, the intensely personal choices and much more in her survival journey.

Women in business are invited to attend the luncheon held at Wyndehaven Terrace on Cutten Road; networking begins at 11 a.m., buffet lunch at 11:30 a.m. The cost is \$20, and reservations may be made with Pamela Grant at **713-628-3278**, email at pcgrant@lifecallings.com or the website at www.bpw.cc. The Northwest BPW is a networking organization whose mission is to unite business women both on a professional and personal level.

NAM Opens Workforce Development Program

Northwest Assistance Ministries now offers a workforce development program to help people find and keep jobs. The new program is part of NAM’s Rotary Learning Center and is open to anyone interested in overcoming the issues that keep them from employment. “Our goal with the Rotary Learning/Workforce Development (WD) Center is to treat participants with dignity and help them obtain employment so they can move toward a better quality of life,” said Selena Mason, NAM Deputy Director of Service Programs.



The WD program offers a range of services including interview training, resume assistance, application assistance, job leads, job coaching, job retention services, a resource library, computer laboratory access, one-on-one job counseling and job fairs. People interested in workforce development can learn about the program and meet the staff at orientation sessions from 9-10 a.m. on Mondays and from 1-2 p.m. on Wednesdays at NAM’s main building, 15555 Kuykendahl. The workforce program staff also can assist employers with pre-applicant screening, candidate interview preparations, free listings and job coaching.

Anyone interested in the program should anticipate spending two hours for orientation, evaluation and an initial meeting with a job developer. For information on the WD program, call **281-885-4506**. The WD office is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

ReRoofing Guidelines

Architectural Control Committee guidelines for reroofing permit the use of Fiberglass Class A Asphalt Roof Shingles throughout Champion Forest Sections One through Ten provided they are one of the following heavyweight or super heavyweight laminated shingles:

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or one approved by the Architectural Control Committee. It is further agreed that these fiberglass asphalt roof shingles shall not be installed over existing wood shingles. The existing wood shingles shall be removed and 1/2" CDX plywood decking be applied prior to installing the fiberglass asphalt roof shingles.

Other approved reroofing materials include cedar shingles, hand-split cedar shingles, aluminum shingles, copper standing seam, slate, and certain tiles. Please note that an Architectural Review Application must be submitted and approved prior to commencement.

Architectural Review Applications may be obtained from:

SCS Management Services, Inc.
7170 Cherry Park Drive
Houston, Texas 77097
281-463-1777, 281-463-0050/FAX

Please allow up to 30 days for application processing and approval.

*Thank you,
Architectural Control Committee*

Alley Theatre

Alley Theatre Begins 60th Anniversary Season with *Much Ado About Nothing*

October 6 – November 5

One of Shakespeare's freshest comedies, *Much Ado About Nothing* is a lively showdown between the sexes. Beatrice, independent and forthright, and Benedick, a self-confessed "woman-hater," pass the time constantly goading and scorning each other. When they are thrown together to defend a friend's honor, their true feelings begin to emerge. *Much Ado About Nothing* is directed by Scott Schwartz (the Alley's production of Steve Martin's *The Underpants* and director of Matthew Broderick in *The Foreigner* and *Golda's Balcony* on Broadway). Schwartz will direct the Alley Company, who revisit Shakespeare following the popularity of *Twelfth Night*, *Hamlet* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Low price \$19 "Cheap Thrills" tickets are available every Sunday and Tuesday evening throughout the run of *Much Ado About Nothing*. All tickets can be purchased at www.alleytheatre.org, at the Alley Theatre Box Office, 615 Texas Ave., or by phone at 713-228-8421.

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Nanette McDonald, 16030 Abberton Hill Drive, email: nmcdonald@houston.rr.com

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