



PROUDLY SPONSORED BY THE CHAMPION FOREST WOMEN'S CLUB

December 2007

### A Touch of Pink

Women's Club honored Champion Forest women at the November 7th meeting. (See page 2)



## Happy Holidays

### Klein ISD Holiday

Monday, December 17 through Tuesday, January 1, 2008!

Classes resume Wednesday, January 2.

### Cy-Fair ISD Holiday

Monday, December 24 through Tuesday, January 4, 2008!

Classes resume Monday, January 7.



## Christmas Tree Recycling

### Please Recycle!

Handy location: CJM Trucking & Soils Company, *The Soil Supermarket*. Located at 12202 Cutten Road, past 1960 a bit – on your left. Hours are Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday from 7-11:45 a.m. CJM will take your trees with no stands, no flocking and no ornaments or trim beginning **Wednesday, December 26**. If you have questions, please call 281-537-2377.



*Champion Forest Women's Club*  
**CHARITY AUCTION AND LUNCHEON**  
**DECEMBER 6**



# Champion Forest Women's Club

## FRIENDS IN THE FOREST



### REMEMBER...

Cypress Forest PUD Meeting  
**Tuesday, December 4**  
PUD Building  
16215 Champion Forest Drive  
5:30 p.m.

CFWC Board Meeting  
**Thursday, December 6**  
7 p.m.

CF Civic Club  
**Tuesday, December 11**  
PUD Building  
16215 Champion Forest Drive  
7:30 p.m.

CF Fund./HOA Meeting  
**Wednesday, December 12**  
PUD Building  
16215 Champion Forest Drive  
5:30 p.m.

CF Garden Club  
**Thursday, December 13**  
9 a.m. Social • 9:30 a.m. Meeting

CF Security Committee  
**Thursday, December 27**  
PUD Building  
16215 Champion Forest Drive  
7:30 p.m.

Hi, Neighbors!

Women's Club is ending the year with two fabulous events. We had a wonderful evening on November 7 celebrating with a "touch of pink" honoring all of the women in our neighborhood who are fighting or have fought cancer. It was wonderful to see a women's organization so dedicated to making life better for their neighborhood. We also had an opportunity to buy auction tickets for the charity auction on **December 6**. If you have not bought your tickets, contact any Board member and they can help you.

The **Charity Auction and Luncheon** is going to take place at **Shirley Acres**. The doors will open at 10 a.m. You will have a chance to buy raffle tickets for the auction items at the door and then meander through auction headquarters picking the items you are most interested in winning. It will be a wonderful day with great food, great friends, beautiful style show and fabulous auction items.

This is my last letter from the Board, and I feel the need to reiterate how fortunate I feel to have been part of this group as they have worked to make Women's Club fill a very important role in Champion Forest. I urge all of you who have not been in Women's Club recently or are new to the neighborhood to join CFWC in 2008 and make the wonderful events part of your routine. You will not regret your investment of \$25. It will buy you lots of fun with new and old friends.

**Women's Club wishes all of Champion Forest a Happy and Blessed Holiday Season.**

**CFWC Board**

### CF WOMEN'S CLUB MISSION STATEMENT

*The Champion Forest Women's Club is a neighborhood social and service organization. The mission of CFWC is to bring Champion Forest women closer together through community activities. The CFWC fulfills this goal by hosting programs and socials, sponsoring special interest groups, undertaking fund-raising for scholarships, hosting an annual luncheon and charity auction, and producing the monthly Champion Forest newsletter. Meetings are held on a regular basis in homes and local venues. To be part of Champion Forest Women's Club, contact our membership chairman or any Board member.*

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

## The 2007 CFWC BOARD

Vice President (Feb.):.....**Mia Crum**, 281-251-3339  
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**Angela Greenberg**, 281-379-1559  
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Historian: .....**Lisa Hardin**, 281-655-0845  
Special Interest: ..... Open

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



▼ *Paula Smith's "Paula's Palate" catered Champion Forest Women's Club "Girls' Night Out"*



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FRIENDS IN THE FOREST - *continued*





# 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 Book Club, 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 2007 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 2007-December 2007

## Newsletter Editor

**Marilou Schopper • 9103 Herts Road • 713-302-8851**

Please deliver all articles and photos to the front porch newsletter box or email your news to:  
**[marilou@swbell.net](mailto:marilou@swbell.net)**

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 2008 newsletter is **December 10.**

# CFWC SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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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.

## **Mom's Night Out**

Ruth-Ellen Mack, 281-376-2107

We will **not** meet in December. Ho, Ho, Ho and Happy, Happy to everyone!

## **CF Mothers of Young Children**

Elizabeth Stewart, 281-251-5132

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!

## **Book Club**

Connie Nolan, 281-379-5302

Ruth-Ellen Mack, 281-376-2107

Thank you, **Anita**, for hosting our November meeting. On **Tuesday, December 11** at noon we will have our annual Christmas lunch at **Linda's**

home. If you have forgotten what you signed up to bring, please contact **Ruth-Ellen** or **Linda**. As always please contact the hostess if you are unable to attend.

## **Couples Gourmet**

Second Saturday Evening

Linda Anderson, 832-717-3661

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

## **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**.

## **Investment Group**

### **"Smart Women Finish Rich"**

Third Wednesday 9:15 a.m.

Sandra Manning, President, 281-583-2584

Carol Farrell, Vice President, 281-320-2025

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

## **Threads**

Please contact **Susan Edgard** at **281-655-4332** or [sedgard@houston.rr.com](mailto:sedgard@houston.rr.com) if you are interested in joining us.

## **Potential New Group**

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

## The Perfect Christmas Gift???

I think that I have discovered the absolute best Christmas gift for those away from their friends and family. In a search for a cheap, reliable, personal way to communicate with my son in South Korea, I have come across Skype.

Skype, Skype, Skype. I love it. No one would call me a techie kind of gal, but this is the best. In a very non-techie way, let me tell you a bit about Skype.

- With simple equipment – costs nothing
- Allows simultaneous video and audio communication – for caller and callee
- Can cost nothing
- Makes you feel so very high tech
- Did I say it can cost nothing?



You need a computer, you need a desk-top camera (we had one, but a perfectly good one will cost you \$50-ish), and you need a microphone (we had one, but you're looking at another \$50-ish). Go to [Skype.com](http://Skype.com). Download free software. Start talking.

I can't tell you how awesome it is to be working on my computer, hear "brrng," click on a button, and see my son "full screen" in his dorm room in Seoul. We talk for as long as we like, he picks up the camera and shows me this and that in his room, he can attach a document, and we can review it together. It's just an all-around fun time. For free. Beat that.

I am thrilled. I think that you will be, too. And for those of you who insist on flashing the cash, you can buy all kinds of add-on services at [skype.com](http://skype.com). Knock yourself out.

So, my message for the holiday season is this: Stay close. Send a camera and microphone to your special someone(s) for Christmas. Happy Skype-ing.

## Google This!!

Here's another little semi-high-tech-free Christmas present for you. Get out your cell phone – this may save you some money. It did me. Google offers a free telephone (business and residential) number look-up service. All you need is regular text messaging service on your cell phone. Free and handy.

Let's say that I am on my way back to my house from my sister's. I would like a Quiznos sandwich, but I don't know where the nearest one is located. I type in a text message: "Quiznos 77584" ("Quiznos" is the business I am looking for and "space" and "77584" is the ZIP code in which I am located, and where I hope the Quiznos restaurant will be.) Then I send that message to Google at 46645. I know that you may feel uncomfortable that there are only 5 digits in Google's number, but trust me.

In the space of about 6 seconds, you will receive a text message from Google listing the Quiznos(s) in the 77584 area (multiple messages for multiple listings). Let's get fancy: While you are in the message from Google, hit "Options," and then "Use Detail" and then "Phone Number." Scroll down and select the phone number from the text of the message and hit the dial button.

Wow, when you get good at texting, an inquiry will cost you only about 20 seconds in time. No charge from Google. It sure beats the \$1.25 charge from AT&T for each directory assistance call. And, travelers note: I used Google's free phone number search when I was visiting Denver and recently in San Antonio. Works like a charm.

Beginner: Don't forget to add Google's phone number to your cell's address book **now**.

Expert: Copy the Houston ZIP code map from the back of a *Key Map*, laminate it and put it in your car door pocket for quick local reference.



# CHAMPION FOREST *Garden Club*

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

President ..... Chris Agan  
 First Vice President – Yearbook ..... Chris Agan  
 Second Vice President – Programs ..... Anita Martin  
 Third Vice President – Membership.....Kathy Stewart  
 Secretary ..... Donna McDaniel  
 Treasurer .....Linda Peters  
 Club Delegate..... Wendy Fryfogle  
 Parliamentarian.....Faye Weatherly  
 Historian..... Barbara Smith

## MISSION STATEMENT

*The Champion Forest Garden Club (CFG) is a neighborhood special interest organization chartered in 1978. The mission of the CFGC is to stimulate knowledge and love of gardening and floral design, to encourage civic beautification, to promote conservation of our surrounding natural resources and to foster a close community spirit. The CFGC fulfills this mission by hosting monthly meetings and periodic field trips throughout the year, along with various community projects such as our Arbor Day celebration. Meetings are held monthly at a member's home. Board members are elected annually. To get involved, please contact the membership chairperson listed below.*

*Kathy Stewart, Membership Vice President*

# *Yard of the Month*

## *Congratulations!*



**Steve & Sandy Morrow**

16110 CHASEMORE DRIVE

*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.*

# Garden Club News



## “Celebrate the Seasons”

I’m not even close to being a professional gardener, but I truly cherish my time gardening. Every plant seems to have its own personality, and with each season I must get to know that plant and try to understand what it’s telling me. When they’re dry they’re sad, when they’re pruned too much they sulk, and when they’re soggy they droop. It is that fascinating balance of “leave me the heck alone” and “hey lady, I could use a little help here” that guides me as a gardener along my never-ending journey of horticulture education.

As I tune into the winter season, my St. Augustine has told me to stop watering and let it rest and I have re-oriented my visual palette to the cool weather annuals that are showing up in our neighborhood. We have been having so much fun learning about hardy natives and seasonal plants at our meetings; I hope everyone is inspired to try something different

or simply enjoy the routine that goes along with keeping up our wonderful yards with each season.

Our October meeting was exceptional at **Wendy Fryfogle’s** house. Our guest speaker was **Brenda Buest Smith**, the “Lazy Gardener” columnist from the *Houston Chronicle*. She thoroughly entertained us with her lively stories of the plants she so dearly loves to grow in her own garden. What a great time we all had!

November was work, work, work, but it sure was worth it; the annual Nut Sale is our only fund-raiser this year, so it was essential to our club. We had a great meeting and lunch at **Linn Smyth’s** house with help from hosts **Ruth Lynch, Carol Newell, Therese Ray** and **Merle Rumsey**. Then we set up shop, got all our nut orders bagged, and prepared them for delivery. We are very grateful to all those who supported us – you will love the high quality nuts and treats this holiday season! Mega “SNAPS” go to **Shirley Hall, Donna McDaniel** and **Anita Martin**, who flawlessly managed this important event – thank you all! We also enjoyed a very lively presentation from our very own Garden Club member **Edna Gilbert**, who enlightened us on some of Thomas Jefferson’s favorite plants and shared some heirloom seeds with us. Thank you, Edna, for sharing your knowledge with us this season!

Also at our November meeting, **Wendy Fryfogle** previewed a near final design for the esplanade garden at the Louetta and Champions entrance. We are very excited about this demonstration garden and hope it will provide you with ideas for hardy natives that will enhance your yards for



many seasons to come. The continued beautification of our community is important to all of us and is apparent in the esplanades around Champion Forest. We appreciate all involved with these projects.

Each year, we host our sister Garden Club, the WindRose Garden Club, as they come into Champion Forest and judge our Christmas and holiday decorations. I hope everyone has a chance to go around and view the winners of each category. Congratulations go to the winners, and thanks to everyone who “decks their halls” each year just for the fun of it! This is truly a wonderful season to live in Champion Forest.

Our December program will be our annual Christmas luncheon and ornament exchange at **Dee Muysken’s** home, with hospitality help from **Terri Checkles, Shirley Hall, Mavis Kiefer** and **Barb Smith**. We will also donate gifts purchased for a needy family from the Montgomery County Women’s Shelter “Adopt a Family” program. Thanks to **Paula Anderson** and **Faye Weatherly** for coordinating this thoughtful service opportunity for Garden Club. Indeed this is the season for sharing, and our terrific members are always so generous.

*Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays to each of you,  
Chris Agan, CF Garden Club*



▲ **Nut Sale co-chairs Anita Martin, Donna McDaniel and Shirley Hall**



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## *Champion Forest in Bloom*

### **An Update of the Wildflower Project in Champion Forest**

In October of 2005 the Champion Forest Garden Club, with the permission of the county flood control office, planted wildflower seed on the banks of Dry Gully at Hertz Road. This was a new project for our club, and we were all very excited to see if this area would prove to be a favorable place for wildflowers to grow. If you're familiar with growing wildflowers at all, you know that the first spring show of flowers is very sparse with the second spring being when most of the flowers show their blooms. A second planting is recommended during the next fall season to supplement the area of wildflowers for a great show and abundance of flowers for years to come.

Our club followed these steps and applied to the county to be part of their yearly wildflower planting program. In the fall of 2006 the county did accept our request and reseeded this area for us. Unfortunately, subsidence occurred last winter in this location. The county had to do extensive work to stop the situation.

Realizing that the wildflowers had been destroyed because of the work that was done on Dry Gully, our club contacted the county and asked that they consider the Dry Gully area once again and replant the wildflower seed that had been lost. We received great news from the county flood control office just a few weeks ago. The county accepted the Garden Club's request and planted wildflower seed over 300 feet on each side of Dry Gully to the south of Hertz Road. We say thank you to the county for recognizing our neighborhood two years in a row and will be anxious to see if this has been a successful project. Our hope is that this is a beginning for wildflowers in Champion Forest with many more sites in its future.

*Wendy Fryfogle  
Champion Forest in Bloom*



## Garden Tips

### December

- Be prepared to protect your plants from a freeze, even though our average first frost date is December 10.
- Water in-ground plants when a freeze is in the forecast. Group container plants together. If you cover plants, use cloth, not plastic, and remove it promptly when it warms up.
- Don't over-water dormant plants; they are taking a needed rest and will reward you in the spring.
- New Year's day or just before is a good planting time for tulips. They work well with pansies.
- Try primroses for winter color. German primroses can be perennial here.

## In The Mail

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As a further response to the reader, **Jeff**, who seemed to be uncomfortable with the flags displayed on our curbs six times a year by Klein High School choir volunteers:

Lenore X (undercover, I'm sure) in the Department of Defense Public Affairs Office returned my call and suggested that I go to the Federal Citizens' Information Center website at [www.pueblo.gsa.gov/](http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/) to get the latest information on the proper display of U.S. flags. I did so and found this information in a thorough booklet entitled, *Our Flag*:

### Flag Laws and Regulations

United States Code Title 4, Flag and Seal, Seat of Government, and the States

#### Chapter 1 The Flag, Section 6

#### §174. Time and occasions for display

- (a) It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaffs in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed twenty-four hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

- (b) The flag should be hoisted briskly and lowered ceremoniously.
- (c) The flag should not be displayed on days when the weather is inclement, except when an all weather flag is displayed.
- (d) The flag should be displayed on all days, especially on New Year's Day, January 1; Inauguration Day, January 20; Lincoln's Birthday, February 12; Washington's Birthday, third Monday in February; Easter Sunday (variable), Mother's Day, second Sunday in May; Armed Forces Day, third Saturday in May; Memorial Day (half-staff until noon), the last Monday in May; Flag Day, June 14; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, first Monday in September; Constitution Day, September 17; Columbus Day, second Monday in October; Navy Day, October 27; Veterans Day, November 11; Thanksgiving Day, fourth Thursday in November; Christmas Day, December 25; and such other days as may be proclaimed by the President of the United States; the birthdays of States (date of admission); and on State holidays.
- (e) The flag should be displayed daily on or near the main administration building of every public institution.
- (f) The flag should be displayed in or near every polling place on election days.
- (g) The flag should be displayed during school days in or near every schoolhouse.

I went on to [uscode.house.gov](http://uscode.house.gov) and checked out just what we would have to be doing to the United States flag to get a \$1,000 fine or one-year imprisonment or both – and here it is:

**United States Code Title 18, Crimes and Criminal Procedure; Part I Crimes And Criminal Procedure; Chapter 33 Emblems, Insignia, And Names; Section 700. Desecration of the flag of the United States; penalties**

**Statute**

(a)(1) – “Whoever knowingly casts contempt upon any flag of the United States by publicly mutilating, defacing, defiling, burning, or trampling upon it shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both.”

*Champion Forest seems to be safe from those penalties.*

*I went back to the U.S. Veterans Administration to see what they have to say for the apparently out-of-date information regarding flag display on their website. No response yet. I will continue to follow up and keep you apprised.*

**Editor**

*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 to **Marilou Schopper** at 9103 Herts Road, Spring, Texas 77379, put it into the birdhouse mailbox on Marilou's front porch, or contact her by email at [marilou@partysport.com](mailto:marilou@partysport.com).*

*Remember: This newsletter will not publish anonymous comments or questions. Please include your name and address.*

*Thank you, Marilou*

*Welcome to Champion Forest*

**NEW RESIDENTS**

Please fill out this form and return to  
Heidi Baty at 16125 Parish Hall  
(281-235-6621) 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: \_\_\_\_\_

*Welcome to the Neighborhood!*

**NEW RESIDENTS**

**J.D. and Angie Slaughter**

9531 Enstone Circle

Children: **Tucker** (10), **Arin** (9), **Kyle** (8) and **Kaylin** (6)  
moved from League City, Texas

**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 Heidi Baty at 281-235-6621. The packets include a CF directory, a CFWC newsletter and other helpful information about the community that can aid new residents.



**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 **Heidi Baty** with  
your Sunshine News at 281-235-6621 or email your  
news to [marilou@swbell.net](mailto:marilou@swbell.net).



**CYPRESS FOREST**  
*Public Utility District*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Jim Lynch.....President  
Tom Petrick ..... Vice President  
Fred Jones ..... Treasurer  
Debbie Jackson ..... Secretary  
Linn Smyth.....Assistant Secretary

**MISSION STATEMENT**

The Texas State Legislature created the Cypress Forest Public Utility District (CFPUD) in 1971. The mission of the CFPUD is to finance, construct, own and operate waterworks, wastewater, and drainage facilities and to provide such facilities and services to its customers. The CFPUD is governed by a five-member board of directors that is elected by the public and has staggered four-year terms. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the PUD Building on Champion Forest Drive. The CFPUD Board also hosts a regular Brown Bag Lunch for all interested residents. To get involved, please contact a Board member.

**Attention, Attention, Attention**

As of February 1, 2008 you will have a new garbage service company, Royal Disposal.

Service will be on Tuesday and Friday at your back gate. The cans must be visible from the street. As before, recycling and yard trash must be at curbside. Please visit our website at [cyforestpud.com](http://cyforestpud.com) for complete details.

The Raveneaux development is moving along. Again our website is your best source of information from our side of this issue.

**Rising Cost of Water**

Many of you may have noticed an increase in water costs on your monthly water bill. This rise is due to multiple factors. Water as we know it will never get cheaper. Potable water is a precious resource that is decreasing. Cypress Forest PUD is endeavoring to stay abreast and on target with the technological changes as they arise. For complete details, please refer to our website at [cyforestpud.com](http://cyforestpud.com).



**Got News?**

Email: [marilou@swbell.net](mailto:marilou@swbell.net) or drop it in the front porch mailbox at: 9103 Herts Road.



## *Pet Liaison*

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

## **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, **Marilou Schopper**, at 9103 Herts Road (front door CFWC Newsletter mailbox) or email to [marilou@swbell.net](mailto:marilou@swbell.net).



# CHAMPION FOREST *Civic Club*

## **BOARD MEMBERS**

President ..... John Shipp, 281-376-0240  
Vice President.....Ellen Thomson, 281-379-1925  
Treasurer ..... Winn Andrus, 281-370-8723  
Secretary ..... TBD  
Civic Events Coordinator.....Heidi Beale, 281-370-0423  
Marquee Coordinator..... Maura Mulvehill, 281-379-5660  
Directory Chairman .....Heidi Baty, 281-257-2634

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

*The Champion Forest Civic Club (CFCC) is a neighborhood service organization chartered in 1995. The mission of the CFCC is to unite the community. The CFCC fulfills this mission by publishing a neighborhood directory, hosting a Halloween Happening, supporting National Neighbors' Night Out, sponsoring the CF Annual Easter Egg Hunt, July 4th Parade, and other events throughout the year. The Civic Club also maintains the marquees at the entrances to Champion Forest.*

*CFCC collects \$15 annual dues from all residents. Board members are elected every other year in October. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at 16215 Champion Forest Drive. To get involved, please contact any Board member.*

**Tuesday, December 11, 7:30 p.m. • 16215 Champion Forest Drive**

## Walking on the Dark Side

Many street lights in Champion Forest are not working. Please phone Reliant Energy at **713-207-2222** to report burned out street lights. You will need the street name and the pole number (runs vertically down pole.) As well as a safety issue, we are charged for these lights whether they are working or not.

## Champion Forest Directory Update to Take Place in January 2008

Block Captains, please pick up your folders on **Tuesday, January 8** (10 a.m.-1 p.m.) or **Wednesday, January 9** (4-7 p.m.) at the home of **Sue Akers**, 15915 Stornoway (281-320-0004; [svakers@comcast.net](mailto:svakers@comcast.net)).

If neither of these dates works for you, folders will be available whenever it is convenient. Please let Sue know if you would like to drop by at another time.

## Directory Update Timeline

1. **Tuesday, January 8** (10 a.m.-1 p.m.) or **Wednesday, January 9** (4-7 p.m.): Block Captains pick up folders at the home of **Sue Akers**, 15915 Stornoway Drive (281-320-0004; [svakers@comcast.net](mailto:svakers@comcast.net)).
2. **Tuesday, January 8** through **Wednesday, January 16** 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 to her 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 **Tuesday, January 22**.

3. Block Captains, before folders are turned in to coordinators, please organize forms according to street number. Folders should be returned to your coordinator by **Thursday, January 24**. **Please Note:** After **January 24** all dues and forms can go directly to the Directory Chairman, **Heidi Baty**, 16125 Parish Hall (281-235-6621; [heidi@printing-x-press.com](mailto:heidi@printing-x-press.com)).

As the residents' due date to the Block Captain is the **22nd**, turn in whatever you have to your coordinator on or before the **24th**. Block Captains should not have to worry with forms and/or dues after **January 24**.

The following streets do not have Block Captains. Please phone **Heidi Baty** at **281-235-6621**:

Abberton Hill Drive (15900)	Landau Park Lane
Chipstead Drive (16200-16307)	Napfield Drive
Delachase Circle	Brentshire Lane (14200-14300)
Herts Road (8900-9100)	Dawnchase Court
	Agusta Court
	Shelby Court



# CHAMPION FOREST FUND, INC.

*Homeowners' Association (HOA)*

## BOARD MEMBERS

- President ..... **Roy Riley**, 281-376-0270
- Vice President..... **Rozann Janek**, 281-655-0262
- Secretary ..... **Cristy Hayes**, 281-257-3260
- Treasurer ..... **Ross Richardson**, 281-379-5503
- Director and Security  
  - Committee Chairman..... **Wally Bircher**, 281-374-7422
  - Community Outreach Committee ..... **Heidi Beale**, 281-370-0423

## MISSION STATEMENT

*The Champion Forest Fund, Inc. is a nonprofit tax-exempt corporation chartered in the State of Texas. The association was formed for the purpose of providing for the maintenance, preservation and architectural control of the residential lots within Champion Forest subdivision and promoting the safety, health and welfare of its residents.*

*The annual assessment collected from each lot in the subdivision covers the expenses of the Fund. The following contracts are in place: Consolidated Management Services, Inc. (Management Company); Cypress Creek Pest Control, Inc. (Mosquito Spraying); Harris County Constable Precinct 4 (Security); and Sundance Earthscapes, Inc. (Landscape Maintenance). The Annual Meeting is to be held on **February 1** at a designated location. Monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 16215 Champion Forest Drive beginning at 5:30 p.m.*

**CF Fund Board Meeting – Wednesday, December 12, 5:30 p.m.**  
**16215 Champion Forest Drive**

## Deed Restrictions

### Beautification and Grounds Awareness Program

In order to enhance the beauty of Champion Forest by keeping it attractive and well groomed, and to achieve and maintain high property values, a Deed Restriction Inspector from the management company surveys monthly for homes whose “curb appeal” is not up to par and notifies the homeowners of corrective measures. All homeowners are asked to cooperate in this collective endeavor in order to keep our community attractive. Survey your property frequently to see that it meets the following criteria:

1. Lawn cut, edged and fertilized regularly and shrubbery trimmed and groomed.
2. Street gutters swept regularly.
3. Boats and trailers stored out of sight.
4. Garbage, tree/yard waste and recycling should not be placed curbside until the evening before pickup day, currently Monday and Thursday.



**CF SECURITY COMMITTEE 2007**

Name	Home Phone	Cell Phone	Email
Wally Bircher	281-374-7422	713-858-0983	<a href="mailto:wbircher@houston.rr.com">wbircher@houston.rr.com</a>
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Paul Jackson	281-257-3800	832-722-6738	
Jackie Kern	281-376-0771	281-924-9440	<a href="mailto:kirkkern@aol.com">kirkkern@aol.com</a>
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Susan Slaughter	281-374-8798	713-471-3492	<a href="mailto:susanslaughter@sbcglobal.net">susanslaughter@sbcglobal.net</a>

**SECURITY COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT**

The Champion Forest Security Committee (CFSC) was organized in 2005 as a committee of the Champion Forest Fund, Inc./Homeowners' Association (CFHOA). The committee's mission is to provide a community body to assist in the implementation and continuing improvement of Champion Forest security through evaluation, education, outreach and communication. The volunteer members serve at the pleasure of the CFF (HOA). To get involved, please contact any of the committee members.

**The Constable's Patrol  
Wants Us to Do What??**

In addition to all of our holiday stress with tree trimming, gift giving and entertaining, the Constable's patrol has asked us to go out of our way to help them keep our neighborhood more secure!! Outrageous! They would like us to:

- Empty our vehicles of everything
- Lock our vehicles
- Set our alarms
- Close our garages

I thought security was their job!! Don't we pay them for that??

All joking aside, it is holiday season and crime typically spikes a bit. The Constable's patrol officers say that by doing these small things, we won't give crime much of a chance in our neighborhood. **Note:** This is true year-round.

*Editor*

# Security Report – December 2007

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We received Precinct Four Constable Statistics Report for the month of October 2007. Lt. Findley will cover them in his report; however, there is one item that I would like to address.

## False Security System Alarms!!!

There were 29 in October and 291 year to date. It takes between 30 to 45 minutes to clear a false alarm. That is time that the officer could be patrolling. Harris County will issue a \$75 citation after the fifth false alarm. **Please** have these alarms repaired to prevent this problem.

If you happen to see a patrol car and a wrecker, it might not be an accident. Precinct Four and other agencies have a policy that if any vehicle is stopped and the driver has no insurance and driver's license, the auto will be towed to the County Storage Lot.

There have been some false emails about robberies at area businesses. This is scaring both residents and customers. Please don't forward these types of emails unless you can be sure that they are true.

We are still leaving garage doors open which invites items to become missing.

Be careful during your Christmas shopping.

*Wally Bircher*



During the weekend of October 26 and 27, 2007 the Constable's Department completed a task force of 50+ additional deputies in the area of FM 1960 and I-45. Below are the results of that task force:

**Precinct 4 Constable Zero Tolerance Task Force Activity Report  
October 26-27, 2007**

	Recovered Property in \$\$'s	# of Charges Filed	Warrants Cleared	DWI Arrests	Drug Related Arrests	Misd. Arrests	Felony Arrests	Warnings Issued	Speeding Citations
Oct. 26	\$0.00	6	26	4	3	19	2	114	4
Oct. 27	\$0.00	7	30	4	2	17	2	111	2
Total	\$0.00	13	56	8	5	36	4	225	7

Several times during the year the Constable targets areas within Pct. 4 in an effort to lower the incidents of criminal activity and arrest the offenders. As you can see by the chart, fifty-six warrant arrests were made along with numerous other offenses that were committed during the task force period. There will be more operations such as this all year long.

*Lt. Larry Finley*  
**Choking Game Prevention Instructor**  
[www.gaspinfo.com/en/home.asp](http://www.gaspinfo.com/en/home.asp)

For the public information synopsis, email Lt. Finley at [lfinley@consolidated.net](mailto:lfinley@consolidated.net) with your name and home address. He will add you to his regular email list.

## CF Patrol Activity Report – October

### Type of Activity

Burglary of a Habitation .....	1
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle .....	0
Theft from a Habitation .....	1
Theft of a Motor Vehicle.....	0
Theft – Other .....	0
Robbery.....	0
Assault .....	1
Sexual Assault .....	0
Criminal Mischief .....	4
Disturbance – Family .....	0
Disturbance – Juvenile.....	0
Disturbance – Other .....	1
Alarms.....	29
Suspicious Vehicles .....	15
Suspicious Persons.....	7
Runaways .....	1
Telephone Harassment.....	0
Other Calls .....	180

Many residents in Champion Forest have not notified their alarm companies as to which law enforcement agency to notify should the need arise. Please contact your alarm company and instruct them to contact the Harris County Pct. 4 Constable's Department at **281-376-3472** should your burglar alarm activate or you hit the panic button and need law enforcement for an emergency.

*There are registered sex offenders living in many neighborhoods. For more information, go to [www.familywatchdog.us](http://www.familywatchdog.us) and follow the links.*

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## Contract Summary Report

### Investigations

**Burglary of a Habitation**  
8300 block of Herts Rd.

**Theft from a Habitation**  
16400 block of Shelby Ct.


**Assault**  
16000 block of Algrave Ln.

**Criminal Mischief**  
9700 block of Appin Falls  
9400 block of Windrush Dr.  
9300 block of Taidswood Dr.  
16100 block of Salmon

**Runaways**  
8200 block of Redchurch Dr.

**Other Calls**  
9400 block of New Forest Dr.  
9600 block of Stockport Ln.  
9300 block of Cypresswood Dr.  
Cypresswood Drive/Champions Dr.  
16200 block of Salmon Ln.  
8600 block of Asprey Ct.  
8400 block of Burwood Park Dr.  
9700 block of Chipstead Dr.  
Champion Villas

**Disclaimer:** The information contained in the Contract Summary Report is provided by the Harris County Precinct 4 Constable's Office. The Champion Forest Fund, Inc. (the "Fund") is not responsible for the content of the CF Patrol Contract Summary and Activity Reports, and the Fund disclaims and denies any and all liability therefor.



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



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

Another renovated esplanade came on board October 16 through the efforts of area Champion Forest residents and Sundance Earthscapes, Inc. The Arkdale Court esplanade located on Tranquil Park just between Maplehurst and Stratton Park/Cumbria now sports a beautiful new look, as well as some advanced irrigation upgrades perhaps less noticeable to the casual observer.

Much like the Brampton Court esplanade project before it, the Arkdale Court esplanade’s beautiful hardwood trees have been pruned, the drip irrigation system installed and the mulch, Bermuda grass and conservation friendly American beautyberry and variegated ginger...planted. The enhancements now provide a beautiful lush habitat deserving of our treasured bird sanctuary – and just in time for the fall season for all to enjoy.

However, in addition to the original core plantings discussed above – one resident requested that the HOA consider additional plantings that would complement the area during the early stage of project development and agreed to not only fund the additions, but all of the plantings for the esplanade. After review and advice from Scott Vann of Sundance, additional plantings of philodendron, Camellia “Shi Shi Gashira” and three 30-gallon crape myrtles were added to the plan. The camellia, a no maintenance long-living shrub, is already loaded with blooms and should produce a spectacular splash of pink color to accent the fall foliage.

Not only are the plantings appropriate, but they also further enhance the uniqueness of the existing custom landscape surrounding the individual esplanade. Amazingly, as each new project is launched and completed, it strengthens our determination to learn and honor new precedence. The HOA would like to sincerely thank all the residents who came forward to donate to this project, once again illuminating the dynamic spirit and generosity of our Champion Forest residents and our capacity to work and share a common vision for the good of our evolving community.

Please take the time to drive by and admire the result of the hard work put forth in preserving our common green spaces, especially at a time when they so desperately need our attention. These types of enhancement projects could easily go unrealized given all that requires our attention, ***but through patient diligence and vision we are making a difference.***

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## Beautiful Esplanade - *continued*



### Irrigation and Water Use Changes

Recently, the Cypress Forest PUD has had to make very tough decisions in order to achieve equity and responsibility for community “irrigators” within the district and associated water use costs, while simultaneously giving thoughtful consideration to the future of the district. While many aspects of the current system were discussed, in the end it became necessary to institute a \$.30 per 1,000 gal. fee for the water used by these groups. Thus, the HOA will incur an increase in water costs – rising from a flat \$500/year cost to approximately \$2,500/year based on current usage.

Fortunately, the HOA has anticipated these increases and continues to broaden our conservation efforts, not only through these types of projects but also through additional means where available. We realize that they directly impact our property values, quality of life, and other associated issues of well being and security. The other internal esplanade projects on the agenda

for 2008 will include those located on Stornoway, Chasemore and esplanade 36 located at the Champion Drive and Louetta entrance (E36).

Esplanade 36 will be a new concept project in that, primarily due to its location, we will be seeking assistance and donations from our Community Commercial Neighbors as well in order to further the scope of renovation to our external esplanades. This project will be utilized as an example of truly drought-tolerant landscaping and is expected to be on a much larger scale, as it will create a working model for the future. The Champion Forest Garden Club has graciously earmarked a \$3,000 donation towards this project which will be completed in three phases, so we are off to a wonderful start for 2008!

Please assist us by offering advice and feedback, as it is always welcomed and much appreciated.

*If you're interested in contributing to the Champion Forest Esplanade Beautification Projects through our dedicated Champion Forest In Bloom account currently ongoing, please do not hesitate to contact **Rozann Janek** at [rmrjanek@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rmrjanek@sbcglobal.net) or **Wendy Fryfogle**. You may also visit the Champion Forest website at [www.championforestonline.com](http://www.championforestonline.com) for additional contact information.*

# Friends of the Library



The Barbara Bush Library Friends sponsored a holiday decorating seminar at the library on **October 15**. The keynote speaker was Pat Clark, an experienced floral designer for Eklektik Interiors on Champion Forest and Louetta. Champion Forest resident **Jeannette Loverdi**, vice president of the Friends, is shown above (second from left) with the program organizers.

## Handy Smoke Repellent Announced

Have you ever been driving along minding your own business, when you spot a vehicle that is spewing vile, black smoke? You know your regular drill...

1. Turn off the a/c and shut the vents.
2. Speed up to pass.
3. Think dark thoughts.

Well, add this new #4 to the list: Report the smoking vehicle to the Texas Department of Public Safety online at [www.smokingvehicle.org](http://www.smokingvehicle.org) or call **1-800-453-SMOG (7664)**. Report where, when and license plate number. I say put the number in your cell phone address book. List it under "Polluter" or "Pee-uuu" or "Stinky Smoke." **Now** you are taking a step in the right direction.

**Note:** No hard time, just a reminder letter. Sorry to burst your bubble.

– Editor

## 1-800-453-SMOG (7664)

## **Doerre Celebrates a Life and Those Who Saved It**

On September 27, the staff of Doerre Intermediate School gathered to honor Ms. Kay Nauman R.N., Mr. Rodney Reed, Mr. Charles McKinney, and Ms. Monica Romaldo. These Doerre staff members worked together on September 4 to save the life of Jim Settles. After Jim lay on the gym floor following a three-minute run during his physical education class, alert coaches Reed and McKinney recognized that Jim was not just resting. They immediately called for assistance from Ms. Nauman. She and they performed CPR, and she utilized the school's automated external defibrillator three times before an emergency crew arrived.

Working behind the scenes was clinic aide Ms. Romaldo who called 911 and Jim's mother Ms. Sheila Settles. Ms. Romaldo continued giving information to the emergency medical team until they arrived at the school. Jim was transported to Houston Northwest Hospital and later to the Houston Medical Center. He is now at home recovering with plans to return to school this school year.

Although the Doerre staff has always been prepared for an emergency, this was the first time that Ms. Nauman had been called upon to perform CPR or to use the defibrillator.

She remarked that the reminders given by the coaches and the voice of the defibrillator were reassuring, comforting, and calming as she performed life-saving techniques. The information recorded on a chip in the defibrillator allowed physicians at Hermann Hospital to know what was happening in Jim's heart during the episode. Mr. Reed said, "The way we worked together could be used as a safety training film; everything we did worked perfectly. My son is in that same physical education class. I kept thinking that this could have been anybody's son." Ms. Nauman noted, "The defibrillator was close; we knew what to do. We did everything we could for Jim. It was a by-the-book example of how to save a life."

In a message read to the Doerre team about Jim's experiences, Ms. Settles wrote, "We thank those that gave us his life back; the school nurse, coaches, doctors, nurses, and everyone else that kept him with us. Without each of you, things would be so much different than they are now, darkness instead of light. There is nothing we can ever do to show how grateful we are." Mr. McKinney added, "I am thankful that we were able to react in a manner that saved a child's life. The right people were on the scene in a timely manner."

## **Defibrillators Now Available**

Klein ISD will not compromise on issues related to safety of students and employees. As a part of its safety efforts, the district has placed defibrillators on each campus. A trauma response team on each campus has been trained in the use of these automated external defibrillators. When an emergency occurs that causes an individual to become unconscious or when cardiac symptoms are present, a member of the team uses the defibrillator to analyze heart rhythms. The defibrillator provides a mechanical voice that calmly provides verbal directions as to how the caregiver should proceed.

At the district's four high schools, defibrillators are also available in the athletic training rooms. An additional defibrillator has been placed in the Klein Memorial Stadium training room. The district health services coordinator is responsible for the automated external defibrillator protocol and defibrillator maintenance checks.

## **Steps Taken To Identify ISD Future Needs**

The Klein ISD has begun a systematic analysis to determine its needs as related to the building and furnishing of additional campuses and the purchase of technology for instruction, buses, major improvements to existing buildings

and safety and security measures. The first step in the process was the hiring of a demographer to make projections about student growth. The second step was for a group of the district's educators and parents to revise "Findings and Directions" so that instruction and learning will drive building design.

The third step was the creation of a steering committee composed of 107 members of the community, parents, teachers and other district personnel. The co-chairs of the committee, along with Ms. Judy Rimato and Dr. Jim Cain, are parents, Ms. Angie Mentz and Ms. Ozella Terell. At its first meeting on October 15, the committee reviewed the demographic study that can be found at [www.kleinisd.net](http://www.kleinisd.net), the 2004 Bond Plan projects, and the 2008 Findings and Directions revised document. This committee will meet six more times to study the conditions of the current facilities, the building capacity and the need for new facilities, technology, buses and security. They will then present a Bond Plan to the Board of Trustees that represents the needs of the district.

If you are a part of a group that would like to learn more about a possible bond election next spring for the Klein ISD, your group may request that superintendent Dr. Jim Cain visit the group by contacting Ms. Anne Vallette, at [avallette@kleinisd.net](mailto:avallette@kleinisd.net) or 832-249-4753.

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### **KISD Enhances Science Instruction for Sixth Grade Students**

Klein ISD science instructional officer Ms. Mary Bonetati announced that the district has purchased Probeware to enhance hands-on, minds-on scientific investigations. She stated that the new technology “engages students” and creates excitement about learning science.

Probeware supports the investigative approach to teaching science and the use of technology in the science classroom. In support of the district’s curriculum, students are guided to explore key scientific principles through the use of Probeware.

The science technology bundles include Easy Sense Q5 Data Logger, pH sensor, heart rate sensor, pressure sensor and pressure kit, motion sensor, voltage sensor and voltage kit, sensor cables, activities, and the EasySense software site license.

### **Flu Warning**

As the flu season approaches, school nurses advise children and families to do the following things to stay healthy: cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze with the inside of your elbow; avoid touching your eyes and nose; wash your hands frequently; when soap and water are not available, alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers available in supermarkets and drug stores may be used.

Parents will want to make sure children get plenty of sleep and physical activity, drink water and eat good food to help them stay healthy. Parents will remember to keep children home from school if they have a fever of 100.4 or higher or other symptoms of flu. The Texas Department of State Health Services requires that schools exclude students with fever.

If you or your child falls into a high-risk group, contact your health care provider to see if a flu shot is available to you. For further information on ways to protect yourself and your family, you may go to the Klein website at [www.kleinisd.net](http://www.kleinisd.net). In the upper right-hand corner click on the Site Index button and click on Health Services Homepage. Or you may visit the Centers for Disease Control website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

### **KISD Schools Receive State Awards**

The four Klein ISD high schools have received a total of \$43,148 in support of the Texas Advanced Placement/ International Baccalaureate (AP/IB) program adopted by the Texas Legislature in 1993. The purpose of the program is to recognize and reward schools that demonstrate success in achieving the state’s advanced academic goals.

Klein High School is to receive \$15,812; Klein Forest earned \$8,241; Klein Oak will claim \$9,045; and Klein Collins’s share is \$10,050.

In compliance with the regulations, each principal will create a committee to determine how campus award funds will be distributed in continued support of the academics program.

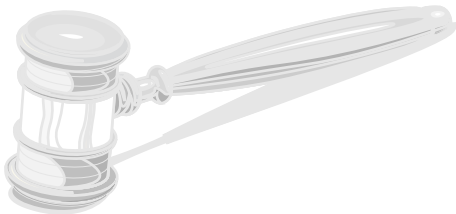
## Judge John Coselli Visits Klein ISD

As a part of a professional development opportunity for staff members of five KISD schools to receive mediation training, Judge John Coselli of the 125th District Court in Harris County spoke on the value of mediation as a tool for changing student behaviors. He explained that when mediation was introduced into the judiciary system it was considered revolutionary. Now, however, mediation has proven to be a “phenomenal success.”

Judge Coselli explained that mediation is important today because of societal problems. He explained that too much money is spent for prisons when more attention should be given to prevention of violent behaviors. He stated that the community must work together to interrupt the cycle of crime. He said, “Learning skills, during the school day, to prevent criminal behavior could make a difference in the future for students.”

The training for the Klein staff members was provided by Ms. Laura Hodges of the Harris County Department of Education in collaboration with the Houston Bar Association, the Dispute Resolution Center of Harris County, South Texas College of Law, Concerned Teens, Inc., and the A.A. White Dispute Resolution Center. Funding was also provided by the government of Harris County.

In the mediation process, mediators and students will come to an agreement to find a solution to a problem. Each side will tell its side of the situation. With guidance from the adults, the students will clarify their needs and goals. Finally, the mediators will lead the students to explore win-win situations and reach an agreement.



## Volunteers Are Very Appreciated

A caring community that is willing to support a school system is essential for a school district to be successful. The Klein ISD is fortunate to have extensive community interest and involvement from over 3,000 volunteers who make a difference for students.

The most important requirement for becoming a volunteer is a love of children. No prior experience as a volunteer is necessary. The application for becoming a volunteer is found on the district’s website at [www.kleinisd.net](http://www.kleinisd.net) in the community relations department pages. To provide a safe environment in Klein schools, the district initiated a criminal background check for volunteers. All information submitted for the background check is handled by the Klein ISD police department to ensure privacy.

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## KISD News - *continued*

### **KISD Bands Earn Top Honors**

On Tuesday, October 23, the four Klein ISD high school marching bands competed at the UIL Region Marching Contest held at Conroe ISD's Moorhead Stadium. All four bands received First Division ratings from the judges.

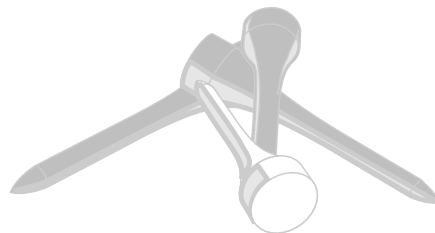
The Klein High Band, directed by Scott Deppe, Ryan Smith and David Gresens, based their show on the music of Argentinean tango composer, Astor Piazzola.

### **Klein High School Places Second in National Mathematics Contest**

Klein High School earned a second place finish in the 2007 Fall Startup Event, a national contest administered by National Assessment & Testing (<http://www.natassessment.com>). Coach Josie Mallery prepared students for the first major mathematics competition of the academic year in which students worked for thirty minutes, racing to answer one hundred problems on a variety of mathematical topics.

### **Klein High and Klein Collins Auto Technology Programs Meet National Standards**

The automotive training programs at Klein High and Klein Collins High schools have achieved certification by the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) in the areas of brakes, electrical/electronic systems, engine performance, and suspension and steering. The ASE is a national organization that tests and certifies repair technicians in addition to certifying automotive training programs. To achieve this recognition, the programs underwent rigorous evaluations by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF). Nationally accepted standards of excellence were used to evaluate the programs.



### **Golf Tournament Big Success**

The Klein Education Foundation earned \$92,397 from its annual golf tournament. Most of the funds will be used to award grants to teachers for the improvement of instruction. Additionally, funds will be distributed to secondary students whose outstanding work supports the mission of the district and elementary students whose work has been published in a professional publication.

The chair of the golf tournament was Mr. A. K. "Buddy" Brown; his co-chairs were Mr. Brent Christiansen and Ms. Jo Matthew. The silent auction chairs were Ms. Val Guillot and Ms. Laura Cline.

## Brill News

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### Support Brill Elementary

Support Brill Elementary by ordering pizza from Papa John's Pizza on the *second Thursday of each month*. 20% of the proceeds will be donated back to Brill for a walking/jogging track around the school. Make sure you mention that the order is to benefit Brill. Thanks so much for your support.

### Cub Scouts Donate Turkeys

In the holiday spirit, Brill's Pack 535 Cub Scouts have joined together to donate 20 turkeys for Brill's families in need. Turkeys will be given to the school on the day of the Thanksgiving food drive and scouts have even volunteered to help load them in the families' cars.

Thanks to Michelle Kalkhoff for organizing this giving opportunity for the boys! And thank you to Mrs. Smith, Brill's principal, for allowing the boys a bit of time to connect with the families. What a great learning experience! That is what scouting is all about!

### Pushmobile Race Preparation Under Way

**December 8** is the big day for Cub Scouts' District Pushmobile Races, and Brill's Pack 535 Cub Scouts are setting their sights on a trophy. Pack 535 will be competing against hundreds of other Cub Scouts – in the grand push-off. The racing story for our Cub Scouts goes something like this: take a bit of lumber, some wheels and a bit of paint. Make a go-machine. Load a scout on board. Get plenty of push power from other scouts – 8 to a team. Push like crazy!

**Note:** There will be plenty of practices in Brill's parking lot after school leading up to the race. If you see the boys out there giving it their all, wish them luck!



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## NORTHWOODS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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### Community Events

#### Once Upon a Christmas

Northwoods Sanctuary Choir presents a musical play based on the story "Where Love Is, God Is Also" by Leo Tolstoy. This is a story of a Russian shoemaker and how his dream of Christmas came true. Join us Saturday, **December 15** at 7 p.m. and Sunday, **December 16** at 7 p.m.

#### Advent Noels

Mark your calendar now for Advent Noels! Each Wednesday in December at noon, Northwoods Presbyterian Church will host a musician to perform in our sanctuary. Come join us on **December 5, 12, & 19** and enjoy a break from the holidays with great music and a meal.

Northwoods Presbyterian Church  
3320 FM 1960 West • Houston, TX 77068  
281-444-8861 • [www.northwoods.org](http://www.northwoods.org)

# Architectural Control Committee Approval Request

All improvements **must** be drawn to scale on a photocopy of the survey. Please indicate how the new structure or improvement relates to the existing structure, and if possible, provide a side and rear view. A sketch for mailboxes and gutters is acceptable. In the case of new construction, please enclose two (2) sets of plans; one will be returned with the decision of the ACC/ARC. **No Contractor Signs Are Permitted.**

## Champion Forest Subdivision

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_ (if Tenant) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate and fully describe the improvement(s) which you propose.

- |                     |                    |                |                       |             |
|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| _____ Paint         | _____ Roof         | _____ Pool/Spa | _____ Deck            | _____ Patio |
| _____ Gazebo        | _____ Storage Shed | _____ Fence    | _____ Basketball Goal |             |
| _____ Room Addition | _____ Wood/Siding  | _____ Other    |                       |             |

Describe improvement in more detail that you marked above: \_\_\_\_\_

Location of improvement(s) which you propose, backyard, sideyard, etc. Be specific, showing to scale the property lines, building set back lines, easements, fences, sidewalks, patios, pools. **A PLAT OR SURVEY IS REQUIRED.** \_\_\_\_\_

Materials planned for the improvement you propose.

- Lumber – Type(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- Brick – Type(s) & Color \_\_\_\_\_
- Screen – Type(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- Fence – Type(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- Shingles – Type(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- Other – \_\_\_\_\_

If you are painting or staining – **YOU MUST** include three (3) paint/stain samples and brand/manufacturer. Please give particular consideration to the color of the brick when making your paint selection.

Brick Color: \_\_\_\_\_ House Color: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Trim Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Garage Door Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Dimensions of Planned Improvement: \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_

Who will work on this improvement?  Homeowner  
 Contractor – List Name and Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For any room additions and storage buildings, you must obtain a construction permit from the City of Houston and/or Harris County within thirty (30) days of the date of approval by the Architectural Control Committee. To obtain a construction permit, contact Harris County, or if you have any questions, call the Building Department at 713-956-3000.

In an effort to provide and protect each individual homeowner's rights and values, it is required that any homeowner or group of homeowners considering improvement (examples: exterior paint, patio covers, fences, sidewalks, decks, etc.) on their deeded property other than landscaping, submit a request for home improvement approval to the Architectural Control Committee for approval by the Homeowners' Association prior to initiating work on planned improvements. If any change is made that has not been approved, the committee has the right to ask the homeowner to remove the improvement from his property. I understand that the Association Architectural Control Committee will act on this request as quickly as possible and contact me in writing regarding their decision. I agree not to begin property improvement(s) until the Architectural Control Committee notifies me of their approval.

Signature of Homeowner \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### For Association & Office Use Only

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted to ACC/ARC: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments for Committee from CMS: D/R \_\_\_\_\_ Assessment \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  Approved  Denied

Comments or Contingencies from ACC/ARC: \_\_\_\_\_

ACC/ARC Signatures: \_\_\_\_\_

Return Request Form To: Consolidated Management Services • 2204 Timberloch Place, Suite 245 • The Woodlands, TX 77380  
 Phone: 281-296-9775 • Fax: 281-296-9788 • Email: [conmgsvc@swbell.net](mailto:conmgsvc@swbell.net)

\*\*Please provide drawing of improvement with distances labeling the location of improvements to scale.

# Re-Roofing Guidelines

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

- ELK Prestique I (30-Year) or Prestique Plus (40-Year)  
Colors: Weathered Wood, Sablewood, Antique Slate, Barkwood, Capstone Granite, Hickory
- GAF Timberline (30-Year) or Timberline Ultra (40-Year)  
Colors: Weathered Wood Blend, Charcoal Blend, Slate Blend, Pewter Gray Blend
- GAF Slateline (40-Year) Colors: Weathered Slate, English Slate Gray, Antique Slate
- Owens Corning Pro 30, Pro 40 or Pro 50 Colors: Brownwood, Onyx Black, Estate Gray, Colonial Slate, Driftwood
- Certain Teed Grand Manor, Landmark TL Ultimate, Landmark Premium and Landmark Special  
Colors: Heather Blend, Weathered Wood, Moire Black or one approved by the **Architectural Control Committee**.

It is further agreed that new roof shingles shall not be installed over existing shingles. In the case of replacing wood shingles, the existing wood shingles shall be removed. For rafter spacing up to 16 inches, 15/32 inches CDX, 15/32 CDX with radiant barrier laminate, 7/16 OSB or 7/16 OSB with radiant barrier laminate decking will be applied prior to installing felt and the fiberglass asphalt roof shingles.

Other re-roofing materials including cedar shingles, hand split cedar shingles, aluminum shingles, copper standing seam, slate, and certain tiles will require approval.

Under no circumstances shall any form of color, paint or stain be applied to any roofing material.

Consideration should also be given to adding "Algae-Eater" or "StainGuard" to your shingles for extended color protection. Also, do not overlook the need for proper ventilation in your attic. This can be accomplished with soffit vents, ridge vents, turbines, power vents, roof vents, etc. or a combination thereof.

Please note that an Architectural Review Application must be **submitted** and **approved** prior to commencement of work.

## Architectural Review Applications may be obtained from:

Consolidated Management Services  
2204 Timberloch Place, Suite 245  
The Woodlands, TX 77380  
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[conmgsvc@swbell.net](mailto:conmgsvc@swbell.net) • [www.championforestonline.com](http://www.championforestonline.com)

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

Thank you,

**Champion Forest Fund, Inc.**  
**Architectural Control Committee**

## 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.

## Classified Ads

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**Wanted:** Baby-sitter for our 2-year-old, 4 hours a day, 2 days a week while we work at home. Hours and rates negotiable, references required. Please contact John and Sally at 832-717-0735.

**Piano Teacher:** Experienced with all ages, National Guild Teacher certification, in your neighborhood. Call Diane Cameron at 281-376-3804.

**For Sale:** 1995 Mustang convertible, 5.0 automatic, 70,000 original miles, price \$6,900. Call 281-384-9376.

**Must Sacrifice/Motivated Seller:** 8-foot pool table, Presidential Billiards with African wood and Italian slate top, custom black felt, ornate tassels on pockets, 2 years old, mint condition, retail value \$4,200, sell for \$2,400. Call Ana at 713-539-9861.

**Help Wanted for Lady with M.S.:** 4 to 5 days per week, approximately 12-5 p.m., light housekeeping, cooking, laundry, and errands. Call 281-440-0035.

**Free House-sitter!** Going out of town for an extended trip? Enjoy your vacation knowing that your home is in good hands with an adult live-in house-sitter at no charge! Call CF resident Jenny Mueller at 713-805-0947 (cell) for details.

**Wanted:** Klein High School t-shirts, year 1998 to 2001 homecoming, APE, track, etc. Call Therese at 281-251-6030.

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## 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.*



### It's Time to Clean House!

After the publication of this December 2007 Champion Forest newsletter, the content of the Youth Services page will be deleted.

To be listed again, please contact **Marilou** at [marilou@swbell.net](mailto:marilou@swbell.net) or leave a hard copy on her front porch bird's nest mail box at 9103 Herts Road.

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**O** - Odd Jobs

**SW** - Swim Lessons

**C** - Car Detailing

**P** - Pet Care

**W** - Pressure Washing

**E** - Entertainment, Piano, Singing

**PS** - Pool Service

\* Klein Vol. Fire Dept. Certified

**L** - Lawncare

**S** - Party Serving and Clean-up

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### Animals

Dead in Public Roadway –  
Commissioner Eversole's Office..... 281-353-8424  
Loose – Animal & Rabies Control ..... 281-888-3191

### Electricity

Reliant Energy..... 713-207-7777

### Garbage

WCA ..... 281-368-8397

### Gas

CenterPoint Energy ..... 713-659-2111

### Mosquitos

Harris County Mosquito Control..... 713-440-4800

### Neighborhood Eyesore

Consolidated Management Services ..... 281-296-9775

### Phone Repair

Southwestern Bell Telephone ..... 1-800-246-8464

### Security

(Nonemergency) Constable's Dispatch..... 281-376-3472

### Street

Curb Repair –  
Commissioner Eversole's Office ..... 281-353-8424  
Repair –  
Commissioner Eversole's Office ..... 281-353-8424  
Signs –  
Commissioner Eversole's Office ..... 281-353-8424  
Sweeping –  
Commissioner Eversole's Office ..... 281-353-8424

### Water

Cypress Forest P.U.D. – 713-983-3604

**Emergency? Call 9-1-1.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# December 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>KISD Holiday • December 17-January 1</b>  <b>CFISD Holiday • December 24-January 4</b></p>						1
2	3 Trash Pickup	4 Cypress Forest PUD Meeting at 5:30 p.m.	5 <i>First Day of Hanukkah</i>	6 CFWC Board Meeting 7 p.m. Trash Pickup	7	8
9	10 Trash Pickup	11 CF Civic Club Meeting 7:30 p.m.	12 CF Fund/ HOA Meeting 5:30 p.m.	13 Garden Club 9 a.m. Trash Pickup	14	15
16	17 KISD Holidays Dec. 17 - Jan. 1 Trash Pickup	18	19	20 Trash Pickup	21	22 <i>First Day of Winter</i>
23	24 CFISD Holidays Dec. 24 - Jan. 4 Trash Pickup	25 <b>Merry Christmas</b>	26	27 CF Security Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m. Trash Pickup	28	29
30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>		26 <i>Kwanzaa Begins</i>	27	28	29