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April 2008

## Beautiful Tree Donations for the Esplanades

### Helping Champion Forest Bloom

You can celebrate a person or a special event by planting a beautiful tree on a Champion Forest community esplanade. See Champion Forest In Bloom at [championforestonline.com](http://championforestonline.com).



## Easter Fun in the Forest

Saturday, March 8 was a great day for the children of Champion Forest. Civic Club sponsored their annual Easter Egg Hunt and fabulous party at Brill Elementary. You can tell by looking at the pictures that everyone had a great time. Thanks to Heidi Beale and volunteers for organizing a great afternoon of fun.



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## Remember...

CFWC Board Meeting  
**Tuesday, April 1**  
7 p.m.

CF Fund/HOA Meeting  
**Monday, April 7**  
PUD Building  
16215 Champion Forest Drive  
6:30 p.m.

Cypress Forest PUD Meeting  
**Tuesday, April 8**  
PUD Building  
16215 Champion Forest Drive  
5:30 p.m.

CF Civic Club  
**Tuesday, April 8**  
PUD Building  
16215 Champion Forest Drive  
7:30 p.m.

CFWC Spring Luncheon  
**Tuesday, April 8**  
Raveneaux Country Club  
10 a.m.

CF Garden Club  
**Thursday, April 10**  
9 a.m. Social • 9:30 a.m. Meeting

CF Neighborhood Watch  
**Thursday, April 24**  
PUD Building  
16215 Champion Forest Drive  
7:30 p.m.

## CFWC MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

2008 dues are due! Please contact  
**Christy Geary** at 281-320-2746.



## Friends in the Forest

Dear Neighbors,

The women of the CF Women's Club Board hope that you all had a safe and enjoyable spring break. The celebration of spring continues this month with some wonderful events.

Please join us for our annual **Scholarship Luncheon on April 8** at Raveneaux Country Club. This fun lunch is one of my favorite Women's Club events of each year, especially because the proceeds go to the Club's scholarship fund to benefit a Klein High School senior in her college dreams and endeavors. This year's lunch theme of "Going Green" will highlight and celebrate our environment and its precious resources. This lovely lunch will feature Dr. Cain's talk about the school bond issue and a fabulous fashion show by Dillard's.

You just might win one of our great theme baskets in the raffle. Contact **Laura Smith, Susan Barris, Lisa Hardin, Barb Smith** or any other Board member below for tickets and information.

Mark your calendars for **Margaritaville Night on May 15**. This fun fiesta, held at **Kim Leonard's** lovely home and beautiful backyard, is always a great time to catch up with new and old friends and share a margarita and yummy Mexican food catered by a local restaurant. You are very welcome to join us!

Thanks to all who participated in the new courses offered by the CF Fund HOA and its new Neighborhood Watch Committee last month. These courses were very instructional and insightful. Keep connected and informed about new courses and reliable area security news. Visit [www.ChampionForestOnline.com](http://www.ChampionForestOnline.com) to sign up for CF Connection.

Did you know that [www.ChampionForestOnline.com](http://www.ChampionForestOnline.com) also has all the great news, events and information about Champion Forest Women's Club? Current and past CF newsletters are also online. Thank you to the creative and hard work of Elizabeth Stewart and her great collaboration with HOA's Rozann Janek on the website and CFWC's tab. Check it out!

*Your neighbor,  
Angela Greenberg*



## 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.*

## THE 2008 CFWC BOARD

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



▶  
*Bob Jackson  
spoke to the  
members about  
Neighborhood  
Watch.*





## Membership Form

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Champion Forest Women's Club is here for you.  
Please join us for a year filled with sunshine,  
opportunity and friendship.

Make checks payable to "Champion Forest Women's  
Club." Mail checks to **Kim Shahjahan** at 15926 Cumbria.

## CFWC Auction Charity Chosen

### WINGS

Yes, it is true. We are hard at work on the Auction already. Our selected charity is WINGS (Women Involved in Nurturing, Giving, Sharing). The mission of WINGS is to provide comprehensive breast health care services to women in Central and South Texas regardless of their ability to pay. This includes funding for breast health care services, including physicians' fees, outpatient medication and hospital charges. WINGS is designed to fund treatment of women whose mammograms indicate anomalies.



The auction committee needs your help to make this year's auction the best one yet. Can you donate a lake house for a weekend? Do you have a boat you could offer for a fishing trip? Do you have a timeshare retreat you can offer for a ski trip in the mountains? We are looking for items that will be on our silent auction table and can raise some big dollars for our charity and for the scholarship given to a deserving Klein High School student. If you can help, please contact me at your convenience.

*Susan Barris, Auction Chair*  
713-248-2274

*Newsletter Editor*

**Marilou Schopper**

9103 Herts Road

713-302-8851

[marilou@swbell.net](mailto:marilou@swbell.net)

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 May 2008 newsletter is April 10.**

As information pours out to homeowners about the end to a string of burglaries plaguing Champion Forest and surrounding neighborhoods, it is good to be able to finally put a face to a shadowy someone or someones who put all of this crime and heartache in motion.

# Meet the Duggans



**Mr. Billy Duggan's** various claims to fame include being currently on parole for attempted capital murder of a police officer 20 plus years ago and on 40 years parole for felony theft. Mr. Duggan pled guilty to these robberies and is currently serving a 20-year sentence with the Texas Department of Corrections.



The Mrs. (who goes by the name **Diane Marie MacDonald**) was arrested and charged with being the lookout in these robberies. She is now in Harris County Jail pending trial. A \$40,000 bond has been set.

## The numbers are pathetic and amazing

- 750,000 – Dollars of stolen merchandise
- 250,000 – Dollars of stolen merchandise that has been recovered to date
- 0 – The number of dogs (at home) in households which were burglarized
- 2 plus – Alleged accomplices still being investigated
- 3 – Counties involved in this investigation
- 4 – Undercover officers involved in this investigation/arrest
- 16 – The number of months that these criminals have been actively robbing homeowners
- 62 – The number of related home burglaries
- 2,000 plus – Hours worked by the Constable's Patrol on this case

*"The nature of our job makes it sometimes necessary to carry on without a lot of conversation regarding an ongoing investigation. I know it was frustrating to some Champion Forest residents. It was for us, also. But it paid off in the long run."*

**Lt. Larry Finley**  
Precinct 4 Constable's Patrol

# CFWC 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.

## **Mom's Night Out**

Ruth-Ellen Mack, 281-376-2107  
On **Monday, April 21** at 7:30 p.m.  
we will dine at Rockfish. Please let me know if you are planning to attend.

## **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, **Linda**, for hosting our March get-together. On **Wednesday, April 9** we will meet at **Linn's** to discuss *Snow Flower*

and *the Secret Fan* by Lisa See.

As always we will meet at noon but please keep in mind that in April we will meet on the second Wednesday. 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.  
Diane Weidenheft, President, 281-370-1653  
Connie Nolan, Vice President, 281-379-5302  
Please contact **Diane** or **Connie** for information about this interesting group.

## **Threads**

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

## **Potential New Group**

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

# Welcome to the Neighborhood!

## NEW RESIDENTS

**Craig and Marisa Bullock**  
16302 Kempton Park Drive  
Children: **Daniel** (6) and **Alyssa** (5)  
moved here from Tomball

**David and Stacy McComb**  
9207 Appin Falls  
Children: **Abby** and **Carter**  
moved from Tomball

### 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.

### CFWC Sunshine and Welcome

Champion Forest Women's Club would love to share the sunshine in your life. If you are new to the neighborhood, we would like to come by and give you a welcome gift. If you are a new parent or grandparent, please send us a picture and information to brighten up the newsletter. We would like to share anything that brings sunshine into your life. Call CFWC **Laura Smith** at 281-374-0909 or email **Marilou Schopper** at [marilou@swbell.net](mailto:marilou@swbell.net).

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_



# 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 (CFGC) 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.*

## GARDEN CLUB NEWS

### Celebrate the Seasons

April is the peak of spring here in Spring, Texas! We continued celebrating the spring season together at **Anita Griffin's** home, along with co-hostesses **Edna Gilbert** and **Bettye Treadway**. Farrar Stockton from the Piney Woods Wildlife Society and contributor to the Cockrell Butterfly Center at the Houston Museum of Natural Science was our guest speaker. He helped us appreciate the importance and habits of local butterflies and moths, and what we can all do to attract these winged friends to our community. Did you know that butterflies are more attracted to masses of color in the bright sun, rather than isolated plants? They feed on the nectar of certain flowers such as butterfly bush, impatiens, daylily, hibiscus, pentas and plumbago, just to name a few. Once again, thanks to **Anita Martin**, our awesome Program VP! Monarch butterfly caterpillars may be on our butterfly weed now. Don't worry, they won't harm the plant, they just need to feed on the leaves. Don't kill the caterpillars if you want those beautiful Monarchs. Look for hummingbirds to start arriving also. For those of you who are ambitious enough to grow your own gardens, you are enjoying the fruits and veggies of your labor in early winter. For the rest of us (myself included), we can head to King's Orchard, which is now open. Visit them at [www.kingsorchard.com](http://www.kingsorchard.com) for up-to-the-minute details; they tell me they are expecting a bumper crop of strawberries again this year!



## Yard of the Month

**Harold and Nelda Wallace**  
16135 Chasemore Drive

*Congratulations!*

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

Yard of the Month judging for April and May are **April 25** and **May 30**. This is a fun activity for **Edna Gilbert** and **Faye Weatherly**; however, it is often grueling to pick only one yard! Below are the general guidelines our member judges follow in selecting the Yard of the Month.

- **Overall Landscape Design** – Compatible with house, following basic design principles (15 pts.)
- **Grass** – Green, except in winter, mowed and edged; weed free (15 pts.)
- **Beds** – Edged, cleaned, mulched (15 pts.)
- **Color** – Color contrasts, balanced placement of colored shrubs, use of perennial and seasonal flowers and bulbs to add contrast (15 pts.)
- **General** – Neatness, well-hidden utilities (a/c, pool equipment, etc.), garden tools, garbage cans, toys, etc., put up (15 pts.)
- **Shrubs** – Neatly pruned (15 pts.)
- **Walks & Curbs** – Swept and cleaned (10 pts.)

Many thanks to all who make this job both exciting and challenging; your beautiful yards reflect on our entire community.



▲ Garden Club members enjoyed a fabulous butterfly program by **Farrar Stockton**.



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## Garden Tips

### April

- A white web covering on the trunk and limbs of some trees is ok. Beneficial bark lice and insects are at work. If in doubt, take a sample to your nurseryman for analysis before applying chemicals.
- Feed camellias and magnolias with azalea food scratched into the soil and watered.
- Plant colorful flowers in your front yard and back, to help beautify your street and attract beneficials!
- Ornamental grasses add variety to the landscape; add some for continued beauty, especially during our hot months.

Our May meeting will be at **Sally Blackhall's** house, with hostess help from **Bonnie Ellis, Jeannette Loverdi, Lupe Lopez** and **Merle Rumsey**. We will have our final meeting of the garden club year, and will celebrate our friendships with a delicious luncheon and a presentation of our incoming officers for the coming year. This event is always a highlight of our year.

Have a wonderful spring and I hope everyone has an opportunity to enjoy the bluebonnets!

Chris Agan  
Champion Forest Garden Club

## Champion Forest In Bloom

**History** – Champion Forest In Bloom began in the spring of 2005 as the Entrance Enhancement Committee. Members came from The Champion Forest Fund, Inc. (HOA), The Cypress Forest Public Utility District and the CF Garden Club. At that time, entrance renovations were desperately needed. As a result of this committee's efforts, beautiful plantings, lighting, and improved irrigation were achieved around the guardhouses and brick marquees. Almost immediately, surrounding subdivisions and businesses were inspired and beautiful new blooms popped up everywhere. Today, the program has evolved and serves as an adjunct between the Champion Forest Fund, Inc. (HOA), Garden Club and other organizations within Champion Forest.

**Mission** – *The mission of Champion Forest In Bloom is to provide a community resource to assist with the planning and implementation for the continued revitalization of Champion Forest common areas through evaluation, education, recommendation, community outreach and communication. The volunteer members serve at the pleasure of the various organizations within Champion Forest in order to coordinate their many efforts. To get involved, please contact any of the committee members.*

Members – Barb Smith  
Paula Anderson  
Edna Gilbert  
Rozann Janek

# Esplanade 36 – Broadening, Beautifying and Branding

## Conservation Efforts Continue

Setting a new precedence in esplanade care, Champion Forest residents in coordination with CF In Bloom over the past few years have come together with the HOA to fund plantings on internal esplanades and prove that a few people working together can make a big difference. And 2008 has started off just as strong!

A very big thank you is in order to **Brenda Pennington** of Brenda Pennington Commercial Real Estate, Inc. who not only chose to sponsor important programs this year by advertising on the CF website, but has also just recently donated \$500 to the Esplanade 36 Project (E36) located at Champion Drive and Louetta. It is with kindest regard that the CF HOA recognizes Brenda for being a wonderful working partner to the HOA and also the CF Community at large.

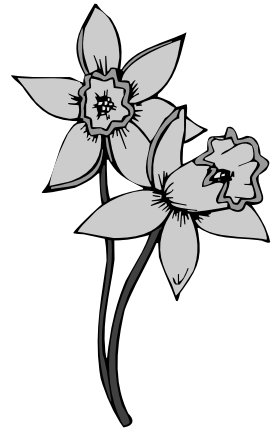
Champion Forest In Bloom and the HOA will continue to solicit community support – both residential and commercial – for the E36 Project over the next few months. You may find the documentation and pictures of the plan on the website at [www.championforestonline.com](http://www.championforestonline.com) under the **CFIB Page**. It is our goal that through continued community awareness, E36 will be accomplished like the other CF internal esplanade projects have been in the past.

The thoughtful plan for E36 met many conditions for the preservation, renovation and establishment of a conservative maintenance and irrigation care program for this area. And, it is hoped that this area will stand as a beautiful example for our

residents to enjoy and observe truly conservation-friendly plantings and landscaping techniques, especially in the wake of dramatically rising water costs.

Perhaps in the future this model will serve as an inspiration for other external esplanade projects, offering Champion Forest its own brand and presence for a tailor-made European inspired yet environmentally conscious landscaping in order to showcase the traditional homes surrounding them.

We ask each of you to spread the word and assist us in our ongoing efforts for the revitalization of our Champion Forest community.



## 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.



# 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.*



## CYPRESS FOREST PUD NEWS

This month's submission is devoted to the candidates running for the Board of Directors this May. Voting will be held at 16215 Champion Forest Drive on **Monday, April 28 - May 2; Monday, May 5 and Tuesday, May 6 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.;** and then **Saturday, May 10 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.**

### Candidates for the Board of Directors

**Editor's Note** \*\* Due to space limitations, the first plus or minus 140 words of each bio are shown in the following list. To see the full bio of each candidate, log onto [www.championforestonline.com](http://www.championforestonline.com).

#### **Gregory DiCioccio, P.E.**

My wife **Cheri** and I have resided in Champion Forest for the past 12 years. Our daughter **Dana** is a fifth grader at Brill Elementary School. Cheri and I are supportive of Dana's competitive swimming spirit and have served as volunteers for the Premier Aquatics Club of Klein and the Raveneaux Racers' swim team for the past five years.

I am a graduate of the Rochester Institute of Technology, majoring in Civil/Environmental Engineering Technology. I have 27 years of civil engineering experience with a broad range of projects involving municipal utility districts (MUDs), wastewater treatment, water and sanitary sewer systems, land development, and flood control work. For the past 23 years, I have been with the Harris County Flood Control District working for the taxpayers of Harris County in various engineering capacities... \*\*

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# CYPRESS FOREST PUD NEWS - *continued*

## **Patrick Finley**

My name is **Patrick Finley** and I am asking for your vote in the upcoming Cypress Forest PUD Directors Election on **May 10**.

For those of you who don't know me, my wife **RoseMary** and I have lived at 9403 Fenchurch Drive for the past 27 years and we raised our three children here. **Patrick** is teaching in Barcelona, Spain, **Kenneth** has finished his tour in Jordan for the Peace Corps and now works with children in South Korea and **Kathleen** is active in the catering business in Houston and Dallas.

RoseMary and I were raised in New York City but have taken Texas into our hearts, and this will always be our home.

While raising a family and working in the chemical trading business, I took evening classes at the university and received... \*\*

## **Debbie Jackson**

I am an incumbent Director of the Cypress Forest PUD. I have a Masters Degree in Nursing Administration and Gerontology from the University of Texas and advanced certifications in Neurology, Neurosurgery and Critical Care Nursing. I work at Spring Branch Medical Center as an RN where I also teach Neurology and Neurosurgery to our interns and staff.

My husband **Daniel** and I are 13 year residents of Champion Forest. Our daughter **Claire** is 17 and a junior at Klein High School, and our son **Philip** is 15 and a freshman. Since moving to Champion Forest I have been very active in our community and its welfare. I am past VP of the Women's Club and past President of the Garden Club. I presently lead a Women's Bible Study in Champion Forest; I play tennis... \*\*

## **Fred Jones**

Committed to Service

My wife **Ellen** and I have been residents of the Spring Klein area for the last 20 years. We have lived in Champion Forest for the last four years. In 2005, I retired from Hewlett Packard after twenty years of Sr. Management Information Technology and Business Operations assignments for Compaq and HP.

In July 2007, I was appointed to serve out an unexpired term on the Cypress Forest PUD (CFPUD). Since joining the Board, I have contributed to several key activities.

- Assumed the lead financial and budgeting responsibility for the Board.
- Led the effort to update and formalize the Board's long range plans.
- Guided effort to evaluate the bidders for solid waste and recycling contract - recommending that the Board select what is now its current service provider, Royal Disposal and Recycle Company... \*\*

## **Wallace Perry**

- Semi-retired Realtor since 1979 with Coldwell Banker. President, COO for Coldwell Banker United, Realtors for the Houston and East Texas Regions (28 offices) 1997-2005. President, COO for the Carolinas Region (17 offices) for Coldwell 2006-2007, until semi-retirement to help open a title company for our company.

- Past president and BOD of MUD 261, 1993-1997 (approximate dates).
- Member, BOD Cypresswood PUD, 1998-2001 (approximate dates).
- Mayor, City of Keller, Texas, 1991-1992 (transferred out of town and had to give it up).
- Lived in the NW Houston and Spring with my wife of 49 years for over 20 years altogether (transferred in and out 3 times).
- Member of Champion Forest Baptist Church for over 20 years altogether. Teach Bible Study and Deacon.

My main interest in applying for a position... \*\*

#### **Tom Petrick**

My family and I care

- Proven leadership that gets results
- Vice President of the Cypress Forest Public Utility District
- Board and Founding Member of The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts
- Board Member, Friends of Kickerillo-Mischer Preserve
- Champion Forest Fund responsible for Maintenance and Finance, Cypress Creek Cultural District Member, Executive Board SKSA responsible for Fund-raising and Outside Contractors, Nathan Hale Houston Branch Founder, Great Decisions Member NW Houston, Member CF Winetasters.

As a Cypress Forest PUD Director for the last 4 years, I have:

Worked for good relationships with our neighbors. I coordinate our PUD's activities with the HOAs in our district, always focusing on maximizing home value. I am a member of organizations upstream and downstream along Cypress Creek and keep informed of issues affecting our own area. I believe team efforts among neighbors add value for all... \*\*

#### **Arthur "Roy" Riley, Sr, P.E.**

##### **Personal**

- Native of Wink, Texas
- Champion Forest resident since 1980
- Married to Betty Lynn for over 51 years before she passed away in 2004
- Four children, 7 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren
- Active member of Christchurch Baptist Fellowship
- Current President of the Champion Forest Fund, HOA
- Listed in the 1996 50th Edition of the "Marquis Who's Who in America."

##### **Affiliations and Associations**

- Kappa Sigma fraternity
- President of Lafayette, LA Chapter of the National Association of Corrosion Engineers
- Member of the Institute of Shaft Drilling Technology
- Member of the National Huguenot Society and the Huguenot Society of Texas; Life-Fellow of the Huguenot Society of Great Britain and Ireland

Life-Member of the San Jacinto Descendants

Friend of Houston Clayton Library

Charter Member of the Houston Museum of Fine Arts.

Recognized member of "Offshore Oil Pioneer" (1949); current member of Houston's "Pioneer Oil Producers Society" ...\*\*

\*\*To see the full bio of each candidate, log onto [www.championforestonline.com](http://www.championforestonline.com).



# 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.*

## CIVIC CLUB NEWS

# Easter Fun in the Forest - continued



## Block Captains Needed

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

Chipstead Drive (16200-16307)  
 Hexam Drive (16155-16515)  
 Landau Park Lane  
 Napfield Drive  
 Taidwood Drive (9100-9200)  
 Taidwood Drive (9300-9400)

Darschelle Drive  
 Dawnchase Court  
 Augusta Court  
 Shelby Court



## IN THE MAIL

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*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*

### **It's Ok, They're Friendly!**

A few years ago I was out walking my two dogs in the subdivision. They were both very large dogs weighing in at about 80 pounds and 90 pounds respectively. I had them each on a leash. We were coming down the street when two other dogs playing in their front yard caught sight of us. Both came running towards us at full speed. One ran right into me.

They jumped on me and my dogs. They ran in circles around us. Fortunately, I was able to keep my dogs under some control. But they were getting very excited about their new playmates. I was soon entangled with four dogs. By now I was yelling at the two visiting dogs trying to establish some authority. That never works! Finally, the owner hearing the commotion came outside. Seeing her dogs she cheerfully yells at me, "It's OK, they're friendly!" Really? What if my dogs weren't friendly? What if I wasn't? She stayed in her yard and called them repeatedly. They just ignored her. They ignored me. Finally, I was able to drag mine down the street and the others went back home.

I have seen this same scenario play out in our subdivision over the years - dogs running loose chasing children and other dogs, jumping on adults and children out for a walk. They just want to be friends. There are going to be times when your dog is off a leash. He/she runs out the front door, gets out an open gate or escapes the car. Those things just happen. I even came across a pig running down Appin Falls one afternoon... but that is another story. Even on leashes our dogs so well behaved at home can sometimes get so excited on a walk that they pull like sled dogs or bark like Cujo at other dogs they pass on the street. We wonder what happened to that sweet puppy that was just sitting on the sofa. However, letting your dog run free in the subdivision becomes a safety issue for the dog and the neighbors. The dog can be hit by a car, can be attacked by another dog, can get lost or can be stolen.

Also, keep in mind that Harris County has a Leash Law that requires your dog(s) or cat(s) to be restrained as follows:

### **"Section 4. Restraint and Impoundment**

A. All dogs and cats must be kept under restraint while in the unincorporated areas of Harris County, Texas. The custodian of a dog or cat is not authorized to have, harbor or keep any unlicensed dog or cat, or to allow any dog or cat to become a stray.

B. The custodian of every dog or cat is responsible for any behavior of a dog or cat under the provisions of these Regulations.

### **Section 3. Definitions**

**Custodian:** A person or agency which feeds, shelters, harbors, has possession or control or has the responsibility to control an animal, including but not limited to, the owner of the animal.

**Restraint:** The control of a dog or cat under the following circumstances:

(1) When it is controlled by a line or leash not more than six feet in length, if the line or leash is held by a human being who is capable of controlling or governing the dog or cat in question; or

(2) When it is within a fully enclosed vehicle; or

(3) When it is on the premises of the custodian and the animal does not have access to a sidewalk or street.

**Secure Enclosure:** A fenced area or a structure that is locked; is capable of preventing the entry of the general public; is capable of preventing the escape or release of the animal confined therein; and is marked as containing a dangerous dog or a dangerous or restricted animal as required by these Regulations.

**Stray:** Any animal not under restraint as defined by these Regulations. The display of a vaccination tag or license tag does not change the fact that the dog or cat is a stray for the purposes of these Regulations.”

I think most dog owners are trying to do the best for their pets. I think we want them to be safe and happy. But letting them run free may not be in their best interest or safety. This is the first of a two part article. The second part will cover what to do if despite your best efforts your pet gets lost or stolen. How to protect your pet and yourself.

Have a great dog's day and a cat's meow!

*Karolyn Tusa*

The 200-plus percent increase in garbage fees is a huge number in which I had no say. Certainly the survey and re-survey never mentioned that \$16 cost increase, or did I miss it? I remember answering that I would like back door service but that I was not willing to pay for it. What increase in service did I get? My garbage can is now 20 feet up the driveway - not a big change. The folks that let their empty trash can sit out on their yard still leave their recycling bins - no change. I still have to take recycling and yard waste to the curb - no change.

I feel like the residents were not given complete information. This “back door service” is a solution that somebody wanted and the survey and re-survey were engineered to get that answer. I always retrieved my garbage can on garbage day afternoon, like most other residents on my street. I am now paying for someone else's convenience, not mine.

*Milton Schopper*

My name is **Angela Sammons**. I am not sure who I should address this letter to, but I think you can probably forward it to the appropriate person.

It seems most everyone is happy with the new trash service. I am not. It does not help residents with gates or partial brick walls (like myself). I have to move my trash cans on to the driveway so they are visible from the street. After trash is picked up, the cans are placed back in my driveway where I put them, not where the other trash cans are which is just about 2 feet away.

I understand the idea behind a valet service - it looks better and is safer because your cans are not left out. However, if you drive the

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neighborhood on trash day after they have picked up, you will see cans in driveways and in yards. I don't think that looks safe and as if someone is home.

I also feel that if it is valet service, everything should be picked up at the back door - yard waste and recycling. Otherwise, nothing has changed and you are still taking trash to the curb.

I spoke with someone about this at the Champion Forest Women's Club meeting last week. (I can't remember her name!) She said that picking it all up valet would never happen. Well, that stinks and it should not cost us extra if we are still taking trash to the curb. I think if the service picked it all up and put the cans where they are supposed to go then it is worth it. Otherwise, nothing has changed. As stated earlier, cans are left in driveways and yards.

### **Letter to the Editor: Klein ISD Proposed Bond Election**

As residents in one of the older sections of Klein ISD, we need to vote for the proposed bond election this May. It contains some very exciting items that will affect us, our children, and our property values. They are proposing a huge and much needed renovation to Klein High School. As Brill PTO President and a member of the Key Communicator Meetings that are held monthly at Klein ISD's Central

Office, I have had several opportunities to hear Dr. Cain, Klein ISD's Superintendent, talk about the current proposal. I, for one, am extremely excited about their proposal. Please check out the district's website at [kleinisd.org](http://kleinisd.org), click on the **Bond** link for the "official" and most up-to-date information on the proposed bond. The election is scheduled on **May 10, 2008**. Please get out and vote.

*Sincerely,*  
**Cammie DeShazer**  
**Brill PTO President and**  
**Concerned Champion Forest Resident**

CF Neighbors,

Many of you are aware that there is a bond election coming up. I am concerned that most of what has been heard at this point is opposition. After reading the letter in our March newsletter by **L. Ross**, I felt it necessary to let you know there are **many** Champion Forest residents who are excited about this bond proposal. With over 35 schools in our district, certainly no bond will be perfect and appeal to everyone. This bond, however, is a "Win-Win" situation for us here in Champion Forest. The portion of the bond which affects us most directly are the funds which will be given to reconstruct Klein High School where over 10 of the buildings which are at least 35 years old will be torn down and a new school constructed. After completion of the new high school (#5) scheduled to be built on Spring Cypress, Klein High School students will all move into the brand new high school while Klein is reconstructed. Not only will our children have a new, safe, and up-to-code high school to attend, our homes in CF become more desirable for potential home buyers with kids as they consider Klein High School's reputation and the new facilities.

If you have any doubts about the condition of Klein and the need to rebuild, please go to [www.Kleinisd.net](http://www.Kleinisd.net) website and read the reports of the architectural firm who inspected and evaluated the high school. Better yet, ask a Klein student about the condition of the school, ask any teacher or administrator at Klein, or go take a look inside the classrooms for yourself. Keep in mind, this bond proposal was created based on what the committee sees as the most pressing needs of the students in our district. The proposal committee is composed of community members and administrators within the district who represent many different neighborhoods and schools.

The opposition is making their opinion known. There are many points within the proposal that they oppose. They cite overcrowding at Klein Oak and Klein Collins. These issues are addressed in the bond by adding additional seats at both schools. Another point drawing much attention has been the \$38 million for technology and “putting a laptop in the hands of all high school students.” In actuality, of that \$38 million, approximately \$6.5 million will be spent on tablet computing devices that will be used at Klein Oak, Klein Forest, Klein Collins, Klein High School (at High School #5), HS #5 when it opens, Hildebrandt Middle School and the 2 new middle schools that will be built if the bond issue passes. This is a continuation of the programs that were initiated with the \$72 million for technology that was approved by a vote of 2 to 1 in the 2004 Bond. These devices are already being used at the Vistas High School and Krimmel Middle School. Teachers and students are ecstatic about the computer tablets and the students who have them are truly being prepared for the 21st century world of technology. Each student must purchase an insurance policy for their tablet computing device and a very small portion of these have had to be replaced. The rest of the \$31.5 million is for other technology needed to keep our schools up-to-date. I feel it is

necessary to know that many of the families in the neighborhood that are being very vocal in leading the opposition are eventually going to attend the new high school. However, many are upset that their children will miss out on that opportunity, and have to attend the high school they are currently zoned to while our Klein students will move into the new high school until the Klein rebuild is complete.

The improvements and projects in the bond are necessary to keep our district competitive. Taxes will go up for about four years. However, they will still be lower than they have been in the past (1990s). Additionally, citizens over the age of 65 will not be affected by the tax increases. Their tax rates are frozen.

My husband and I both grew up in KISD and graduated from Klein High School. I am a former Brill Elementary teacher, and a parent whose children are being educated in Klein schools. It is a privilege to be able to vote in this bond election. Whether you are in favor of the bond or object to the bond, I hope you will visit the website at [www.Kleinisd.net](http://www.Kleinisd.net) to learn more about the details. Please make your voice heard and go vote on **May 10**.

*Sincerely,*  
**Tracie Anderson**

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to the article in the March newsletter “Letter to the Editor: KISD Proposed Property Tax Increase” that was submitted by **L. Ross**.

I was a member of the Bond Steering Committee that submitted the 2008 Bond Proposal to Dr. Cain, our superintendent and the

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Klein ISD Board of Trustees. I attended each of the seven meetings and studied many reports and much data regarding the needs of our school district. I truly believe that the proposal we are being asked to vote for is what is best for **all** Klein students at this time. There is no perfect proposal that will satisfy all of the district's constituents, but this proposal does meet the issues of overcrowding in our schools. This proposal includes adding 3 elementary schools, 2 middle schools, 1 new high school, a 700-seat addition at Klein Oak, and a 500-seat addition at Klein Collins. All high schools in the district will then have a capacity of 3,500 students, which is the maximum number the district feels should be on one campus. There is also money allotted for the continuation of the technology plan that was implemented in the 2004 bond issue, and many renovations and improvements to **all** campuses.

One of the biggest issues on the bond proposal, and the one a group of parents, Klein For All, in a neighboring community opposes, is the rebuild/renovation of Klein High School and moving the students at KHS to High School #5 while construction takes place. Moving the KHS students to this facility allows the rebuild at Klein to be completed in 2 years rather than the 4 years it would take if construction takes place while the students are on the campus. It cuts costs and allows the students to be in a safe and secure environment that promotes better learning.

Klein High School is the oldest high school in the district. It was designed to accommodate 400 students when it opened in the

1960s and has had numerous additions and buildings added over the last 40 years. There are currently 15 buildings on the campus. Many of the classrooms, science labs, and the library do not meet the Texas Education Agency space requirements. Several buildings do not have HVAC systems, and accessibility to spaces and restrooms do not meet the Americans with Disabilities Act. A facility assessment identified over \$9 million worth of mechanical, electrical, and plumbing replacement costs and \$8.9 million worth of renovation costs needed over the next several years. Do we really want to spend almost \$18 million on buildings that are no longer adequate and certainly not equal to all the other high schools in our district?

The increasing security and safety issues that a campus with 15 separate buildings presents are also an important reason to consider rebuilding Klein High School.

This issue affects everyone in our neighborhood whether you have children or not. If the children of Champion Forest do not have a high school that is equal to the other schools in our district, how long do you think you will be able to sustain your property values?

The group opposed to this issue has distributed flyers, placed ads in the Houston Chronicle, has a website and has disseminated erroneous information throughout the district.

Dr. Cain will be the guest speaker at the Champion Forest Women's Club luncheon at Raveneaux on **Tuesday, April 8** and will be speaking at four community forums where you will have the opportunity

to listen to the facts, ask questions, and come to your own conclusions about how to vote on **May 10**. The schedule for these forums is:

- April 3** Klein Oak High School at 7 p.m.
- April 7** Klein High School at 7 p.m.
- April 10** Klein Forest High School at 7 p.m.
- April 21** Klein Collins High School at 7 p.m.

If you cannot attend one of these meetings, go to the Klein ISD website, [kleinisd.net](http://kleinisd.net), click on **Bond**, and read in detail what the Bond referendum will do for **all** the students of Klein ISD schools. Or, call me and I will be happy to discuss this with you and show you the statistics.

If this bond issue does not pass there will be severe overcrowding and that will create scheduling challenges and distractions from learning. There will be increased use of portable buildings. Student performance will be lower without access to the technology they need.

If this bond issue does not pass, **all** the students will lose, not those of us who support this referendum.

Let's continue to invest in quality education! Quality facilities lead to quality communities! Quality facilities contribute to quality student performance!

*Sincerely,*  
**Margaret Chiavone**  
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*Homeowners' Association (H.O.A.)*

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**CHAMPION FOREST WEBSITE**

[WWW.CHAMPIONFORESTONLINE.COM](http://WWW.CHAMPIONFORESTONLINE.COM)  
*Log on for the latest neighborhood and community news.*

**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.*



**Consolidated Management Services (CMS)**

For all deed restriction or neighborhood maintenance questions, contact CMS at 281-296-9775 (phone), 281-296-9788 (fax), or by email at [conmgsvc@swbell.net](mailto:conmgsvc@swbell.net).



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE

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The Neighborhood Watch Committee typically meets at 7 p.m. on the last Thursday of each month at the PUD Building. Everyone is welcome, but please contact a committee member to verify schedules before attending.



### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE MISSION STATEMENT

*The Champion Forest Neighborhood Watch Committee is a standing committee of the Champion Forest Fund, Inc./Homeowners' Association (CFHOA). The committee's mission is to mobilize Champion Forest residents and law enforcement professionals to reduce crime against residents' person and property. Our strategy is to drive awareness, knowledge, involvement and community pride via education, multiple communication campaigns, and establishment of a communication relationship via CF Connection. The volunteer members serve at the pleasure of the CFFHOA. To get involved, please visit [www.ChampionForestOnline.com](http://www.ChampionForestOnline.com) and select the "Neighborhood Watch" tab at the top of the home page or contact your Section Leader or any of the committee members.*

## More Neighborhood Watch Information

There are four ways you can stay current on CF Neighborhood Watch news.

### Neighborhood Watch Home Page

Go to [www.ChampionForestOnline.com](http://www.ChampionForestOnline.com) and select the Neighborhood Watch menu item. The Neighborhood Watch page will give you the latest information on education opportunities, crime prevention, Zero Tolerance for Suspicious Persons, and how to contact Neighborhood Watch leaders.

### CF Connection

Go to [www.ChampionForestOnline.com](http://www.ChampionForestOnline.com) and register for CF Connection by entering your email address in the green registration box.

When you register, you are allowed to state your preference for information you would like to receive by email. CF Connection offers alerts and notices regarding Neighborhood Watch, as well as information regarding neighborhood activities and items relating to the Champion Forest Fund (HOA). We will also alert you when neighbor-sponsored solicitations, such as the Girl Scout Cookie drive or the Klein Choir Flag drive are planned.

If you register for CF Connection, be sure to set your spam filters to accept emails from [CFCConnection@ChampionForestOnline.com](mailto:CFCConnection@ChampionForestOnline.com), [NW@ChampionForestOnline.com](mailto:NW@ChampionForestOnline.com) and [Champions@ChampionForestOnline.com](mailto:Champions@ChampionForestOnline.com).

### The Champion Forest Newsletter

We will have a full review of our current Neighborhood Watch plans and programs in every issue of the newsletter.

### Champion Forest Directory

Contact information for our Neighborhood Watch Committee and our Neighborhood Watch Section Leaders will always be at hand with the arrival of the new Champion Forest Directory in the next few weeks. The directory is a valuable tool filled with helpful numbers and description of the scope of each neighborhood organization.

# Neighborhood Watch Section Leaders

Eighteen of our neighbors have volunteered to be Neighborhood Watch Section Leaders.

<u>Section</u>	<u>Section Leader</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
1	Kathy Lawrence	281-370-6925	<a href="mailto:KLawrence@BubblesCarWash.com">KLawrence@BubblesCarWash.com</a>
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## Neighborhood Watch Section Leader Role

### Does:

- Participate in the early Neighborhood Watch training.
- Help set Neighborhood Watch strategy and direction.
- Set a good example.
- Encourage “neighbor helping neighbor.”
- Act as first point of contact for their Section.
- Stay alert to risky behavior and suspicious activities.
- Spread crime prevention information during daily activities.
- Report all suspicious activity to Constable Dispatch at **281-376-3472**.
- Assist with information flow to Neighborhood Watch Leadership.

### Does Not:

- Patrol
- Act as a vigilante
- Engage any suspect or suspicious person

# Our New Signs Are Up!

## “Learn. Protect. Watch. Report.”

**Learn** what to do and what to look for.

**Protect** your home, person, family and car.

**Watch** for suspicious or risky situations.

**Report** suspicious activity at **281-376-3472**.

## New Signs

Ten Neighborhood Watch signs were placed around the perimeter of the neighborhood. The signs are a little different from other Neighborhood Watch signs in that they not only are intended to warn criminals, but also urge residents to report suspicious persons. We believe this will be more beneficial for Champion Forest.



## Resident Action is Key

CF residents log more miles in our subdivision than our patrols do. CF residents spend more time in our subdivision than our patrols do. And, CF residents can very effectively spot something suspicious or out of place. **Trained, alert and active residents are the cornerstone of a successful security program.**

## Champion Forest has Zero Tolerance for Suspicious Persons!

We have placed ten new Neighborhood Watch signs on the perimeter of our neighborhood. The new signs support our Zero Tolerance for Suspicious Persons program with a very clear call to action: **Report All Suspicious Persons, 281-376-3472**.

## Suspicious Persons or Vehicles

Constable Hickman urges residents not to engage these persons, but rather report them immediately to Constable's Dispatch at **281-376-3472**. Do not engage or follow a suspicious person; the Constable's staff is equipped and trained to deal with these situations.

## Solicitors

Solicitors are only a slightly different matter. Constable Hickman has stated that a noteworthy percentage of solicitors have outstanding warrants for their arrest. Residents are urged not to talk or open their door to them – then quickly report them as suspicious persons. They are too often criminal “scouts” searching for an opportunity.

## Flags are OK!

We support the fund-raising efforts of the Klein Choir. And we love other bona fide neighborhood fund-raisers. If a Champion Forest resident wishes to sponsor a fund-raiser for a good cause, please contact [NW@ChampionForestOnline.com](mailto:NW@ChampionForestOnline.com). We will contact you to see if we can help with an alert via CF Connection.

## Community Action

In order to be effective in dealing with suspicious persons, suspicious vehicles and solicitors, it is important that no resident engages these individuals. Call the Constable dispatch at **281-376-3472**.

# Constable's Patrol Report/ Summary Activity Report

## Type of Activity

Burglary of a Habitation .....	0
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle .....	1
Theft from a Habitation .....	0
Theft of a Motor Vehicle .....	0
Theft - Other.....	1
Robbery .....	0
Assault .....	0
Sexual Assault.....	0
Criminal Mischief.....	2
Disturbance - Family.....	1
Disturbance - Juvenile .....	0
Disturbance - Other.....	5
Alarms .....	49
Suspicious Vehicles.....	90
Suspicious Persons.....	12
Runaways.....	0
Telephone Harassment .....	1
Other Calls.....	194

## Summary

### Burglary of a Motor Vehicle – Under Investigation

16400 block of Augusta Court

### Theft – Other – Under Investigation

8600 block of Ashridge Park Drive

### Criminal Mischief – Under Investigation

8600 block of Sterlingate Circle

15900 block of Cumbria

### Disturbance – Family – Under Investigation

8300 block of Burwood Park Drive

### Telephone Harassment – Under Investigation

16200 block of Landau Park Drive

### Other Calls – Under Investigation

9500 block of Appin Falls

## Ongoing Investigations

After a long and continuing investigation by the Constable's office investigators, two individuals have been arrested and charged with the numerous burglaries of homes in Champion Forest and many other subdivisions. Approximately \$250,000 in stolen property has already been recovered by Precinct 4 investigators and the long and tedious process of returning the property back to the residents is under way. The Constable's office expects to make more arrests with the hope of recovering more stolen property.

*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.*

*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.*

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

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

## Bond Election on Near Horizon

On March 4, the Klein ISD Board of Trustees voted unanimously in favor of a \$646.9 million bond election. The election will be held on **May 10**. The proposed plan reflects the hard work of over 85 members of the Bond Steering Committee and district personnel. The plan will address four areas of a school district that the maintenance and operation budget cannot support and that the community felt should be included in the 2008 bond plan. Please check [www.kleinisd.net](http://www.kleinisd.net) for updates.

### 2008 Bond Fast Facts

#### Growth – \$345.9 million

- Build three elementary, two intermediate and one high school
- Purchase four school sites
- Build an early learning center
- Build a classroom addition at both Klein Oak and Klein Collins
- Build transportable buildings
- Build a multi-purpose Staff Development and Ag center
- Build an addition to the Klein Instructional Center
- Build a South Transportation center
- Purchase buses

#### Renovations – \$256.7 million

- Upgrade and remodel campus academic facilities
- Renovate Klein High School
- Rebuild the Annex
- Upgrade and remodel campus athletic facilities
- Renovate campuses with repairs, upgrades and replacements of HVAC; plumbing; roofing; lighting; electrical systems and flooring

#### Technology – \$38.2 million

- Provide technology equipment to accommodate increased enrollment
- Provide the equipment to continue the Technology Baseline Standard Initiative
- Provide equipment to replace outdated technology equipment
- Increase student access to technology equipment

#### Safety and Security – \$6.1 million

- Purchase equipment to increase access control
- Purchase equipment to add security cameras
- Replace aging security equipment
- Install fire alarm systems in remaining facilities

### Community Forums

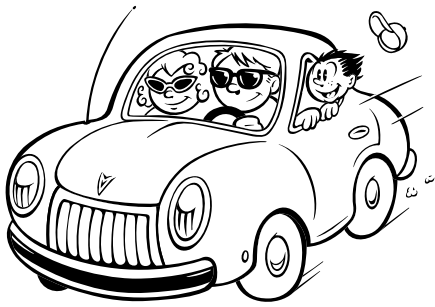
- April 3 Klein Oak 7 p.m.
- April 7 Klein High 7 p.m.
- April 10 Klein Forest 7 p.m.
- April 21 Klein Collins 7 p.m.

### Election Day

May 10 • 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Registered voters will vote at the Elementary School in their attendance zone.

(Early voting April 28 - May 6)



## Get Out and Enjoy Spring with Your Family - You'll be so glad you did!

- April 5-6 70th Texas Dogwood Trails Celebration, [visitpalestine.com](http://visitpalestine.com)
- Saturday, April 5 Katy ISD 23rd Annual Folk Life Festival <http://www.katyisd.org> (click "curriculum" then "outdoor" then "Folk Life Festival")
- Saturdays beginning April 12 1st Annual Grogans Mill Farmers Market, [grogansmillvillage.com](http://grogansmillvillage.com)
- Sat. - Sun. April 12-13 Spring Fling Car Show, [visitrosenberg.com](http://visitrosenberg.com)
- Fri. - Sun. April 18-20 Trade Days in Pedigo Park, [www.ubhookd.com](http://www.ubhookd.com)
- April 26 Coldspring Trades' Day, 936-653-2184
- April 18-20 and April 25-27 Old Town Spring Crawfish & Music Festival, [texascrawfishfestival.com](http://texascrawfishfestival.com)

- April 15, 16, 17 Market Days for Missions, [srlukesmethodist.org](http://srlukesmethodist.org)
- April 26-27 SACF Art Show (Unique pottery for the home and garden), 281-288-0526
- April 26-27 39th Annual St. Theresa Catholic Church Bazaar, [sttheresasugarland.org](http://sttheresasugarland.org)
- April 25-26 The Freeport Riverfest's Cajun Crawfish Jamboree, [freeportriverfest.com](http://freeportriverfest.com)
- April 26-27 Salt Grass Potters Spring Sale, [saltgrasspotters.com](http://saltgrasspotters.com)
- April 26-27 Earth Day and Oleander Festival, [oleander.org](http://oleander.org)
- April 26 52nd Annual Sylvan Beach Festival & Crawfish Jam, [laportechamber.org](http://laportechamber.org)

## Calling all Kindergartners and 1st - 3rd Grader Boys!

Looking for things to do to make more father and son time? If your guy likes camping, arts and crafts, Pinewood Derby, Push Cart races, this is definitely for you! Look for a flyer this month advertising a big Cub Scout recruiting effort for Brill's Pack 535. Cub Scouts only requires a few hours a month and pays off big for a lifetime of skills and values. Did I mention that these guys have fun? These guys have fun. For more information, email **Milton Schopper** at [mschoppe@swbell.net](mailto:mschoppe@swbell.net) or call 713-569-0001.

# Bandit Sign Training Targets Visual Pollution

On February 24, Precinct 4 launched a new, edgy program, the first of its kind in Harris County: Bandit Sign Training. They are not talking about training to make the signs or to put them up correctly and efficiently. Oh, no. They want trainees to graduate from the class and then go out into our world and yank them out of the ground, off the poles and toss them – all for the good of the visual environment.

Near Stuebner Airline and FM 1960 in an unlikely strip center, 2 dozen or so folks met recently as news cameras and various other media covered the effort, to get the lowdown on the hows and wheres of beautifying northwest Houston. Trainees were a mix of civic organization representatives, government employees, homeowners and one lone newsletter editor. The training was 2 hours devoted to nothing but the legalities of taking cleaning up your environment into your own hands by getting rid of a huge source of eye pollution.

You know bandit signs – those quick and dirty advertisements stuck in the ground, on an electric pole or taped to an existing permanent sign in public right-of-way. They might advertise anything from: “4BDRM House for Sale - No Down Payment” or “Tax Service - Call xxx-xxx-xxxx” or be placed 10-in-a-row on the 249 feeder stating “XXXXXXX Homes - Spring Cypress Mega Estates - right on Spring Cypress.” And they come in an endless number of flavors, advertising dog walkers, employment, personal training, Christmas lighting, etc., etc. They are so prevalent. They are so ugly. And now, because of recently passed state legislation, they are illegal. State Representative Patricia Harless and Constable Ron Hickman

are all over it and decided to launch a series of citizen training classes to empower the masses.

There are so many signs. How does a card-carrying graduate know if they are bandit? If they are posted 50-60 feet from the center of the road outward - as a rule - from the center of the road to power lines on each side of the road, they are fair game. The graduates of Bandit Sign Class Number 1 and by now Number 2 are out gunning for them! The smaller offenders, those signs estimated in value of \$25 or less can be plucked out of the ground or off a pole and tossed in the garbage with no documentation. Those \$25 or more in value will be documented by a photograph and a filled out form sent to the Constable's Office. The County Attorney may take it from there. At least the Constable's Patrol will remove the sign and contact the owners for pickup and a fine.

The state isn't messing around, either. Fines range from \$500-\$1,000 dollars per sign per day and can carry civil as well as criminal penalties. Ouch. The County Attorney's Office representative stated that there are currently two test cases going to trial - both against home builders - and both with huge penalties.

There is a little bit more hope for all of us - as far as visual blight is concerned. Now is the time for individuals to get involved. The second class had organized and was filled before the first class had



*Some folks attending this class have been yanking signs for years, and boy do they have war stories to tell.*

begun. The third had started filling, as well. You can be a part of this joyous effort, too. For information on future classes, call Deputy B. L. Stephenson at 281-580-1210.

**Note:** In the Don't Try This at Home category - Class graduates are trained in what is legal and not, they know how to bend at the knees when removing the signs, and they have picture identification stating who they are. Freelancers beware!

**Seen at Bandit Sign Training**

**Warren M.**, northwest Houston homeowner and concerned citizen: *"This is a huge problem that the state has finally recognized. The citizens have been given the power to correct it. I am proud to be a member of this first class."*



**Phyllis Stephenson**, resident of Lakewood Oaks Estates and member of their HOA Board: *"These eyesores affect property values in such a negative way. I am determined to make a difference."*

**Rachel Gallagher**, Assistant County Attorney: *"I was born and raised in northwest Houston and never recognized the problem - it was just visual noise. Now, after the legislation was passed, it has become so evident how these signs are negatively affecting our community. I care a great deal about making this effort successful."*



# Raveneaux Racers Rock

## Non-Members Invited to Join!

The 2008 swim season is just around the corner, and it is time to register all swimmers 18 and under! **New and exciting** this season - Coach Bryan Hutchinson, and Non-Raveneaux members that live in Champion Forest, Estates and Windrush, Sterling Gate Estates, Stonegate Court, Champions Cove and Champions Villas can join our swim team!!! **And**, for the duration of the swim team season, each family will receive full access to the Raveneaux Country Club pool, a guest card to Le Grande Café and the snack bar, and new member incentives.

Racer Registration will be held on **Sunday, April 13**, at the Raveneaux pool. Members please register between 12 - 2 p.m. Non-members please register from 3 - 5 p.m.

### 2008 Registration Fees:

<u>Raveneaux Members</u>	<u>Non-Members</u>
\$75 for 1 swimmer	\$275 1 child
\$140 for 2nd	\$340 2 children
\$185 for 3 or more	\$385 3 or more
15-18 year olds swim <b>Free</b>	15-18 year olds \$200

Practice will begin on **Thursday, May 1** for new team members only. Practice for returning members will begin on **May 5**. See the schedule below for more information.

### Practice Schedule Monday-Friday, May 1 - June 9

6 and under	3:45 - 4:15 p.m.
7-8	4:15 - 5 p.m.
9-10	5 - 6 p.m.
11 and Up	6 - 7 p.m.

### Meet Schedule

<b>May 10</b>	Home - Time Trials
<b>May 17</b>	Away at Willowforest
<b>May 24</b>	No Meet - Open Weekend
<b>May 26</b>	No Practice - Memorial Day
<b>May 31</b>	Home vs. Cutten Green
<b>June 7</b>	Away vs. Champions (at Raveneaux pool)
<b>June 14</b>	Home vs. High Meadow Ranch
<b>June 17</b>	Pentathlon
<b>June 21</b>	Divisionals (location TBA)
<b>June 22</b>	Awards Banquet
<b>June 28-29</b>	Post Season Invitational

SPIRIT party details to follow!

The Racers are always looking for sponsors to help support our wonderful program. Many families were able to sponsor last year as well as some local businesses. If you or your company is interested in being a Raveneaux Racer sponsor, or you need information about joining the team, please call **Kim Pieri** at 281-351-0312 or email her at [KimPieri@comcast.net](mailto:KimPieri@comcast.net).



## Important Voter Date

Primary Runoff Election Day  
April 8, 2008

## CLASSIFIED ADS

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

**Wanted:** Music... Vinyl records, LPs. If you want to get rid of those old records you have never used for ages and never will, please call me and I'll be glad to come and buy them from you! I am your neighbor and my hobby is collecting and listening to records. I am interested in LPs/33s vinyl records and collections of all kinds of music: jazz, rock, blues and mostly progressive music from all over the world (not interested in classical, country or pop/easy listening music). If you want to get rid of your turntable, I'll help you with that too. Thanks. Call John at (cell) 832-368-4543, email [jchara@oceaneering.com](mailto:jchara@oceaneering.com) or Helen at (cell) 713-458-0907, email [helengeorgiadou@hotmail.com](mailto:helengeorgiadou@hotmail.com).

For Sale: S-Type Jaguar. Black exterior and gray leather interior, 51,000 miles. Call 281-384-9376.

*Editor's Note: The Champion Forest newsletter's classified ads are available at no charge for resident personal property wanted or for sale, or for resident services that directly help the children of Champion Forest. Submitted ads are run in the newsletter at the discretion of the editor. The Champion Forest Women's Club board of directors will hear an appeal to the editor's decision. Thank you.*



### *Pet Liaison*

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

## CF LOST AND FOUND

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

## YOUTH SERVICES

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

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|--|---------------------------------------|
| <b>B</b> - Baby-sitting                  | <b>P</b> - Pet Care                   |
| <b>C</b> - Car Detailing                 | <b>PS</b> - Pool Service              |
| <b>E</b> - Entertainment, Piano, Singing | <b>S</b> - Party Serving and Clean-up |
| <b>L</b> - Lawncare                      | <b>SW</b> - Swim Lessons              |
| <b>O</b> - Odd Jobs                      | <b>W</b> - Pressure Washing           |

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Royal Disposal and Recycle ..... 713-526-1536

### 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

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

### Street

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 Commissioner Eversole's Office ..... 281-353-8424  
 Traffic Signals  
 Houston Transtar ..... 713-881-3210

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 or drop it in the front porch  
 mailbox at 9103 Herts Road.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 CFWC Board Meeting 7 p.m. Backdoor Trash Pickup	2	3	4 Backdoor Trash Pickup & Recycling	5
6	7 CF Fund/HOA Meeting 6:30 p.m.	8 CFWC Spring Luncheon CF PUD Meeting CF Civic Club Mtg. Backdoor Trash Pickup	9	10 CF Garden Club Meeting 9 a.m.	11 Backdoor Trash Pickup & Recycling	12
13	14	15 Backdoor Trash Pickup	16	17	18 Backdoor Trash Pickup & Recycling	19
20 <i>Passover Begins</i>	21	22 Backdoor Trash Pickup	23	24 Neighborhood Watch Committee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	25 Backdoor Trash Pickup & Recycling	26
27	28 CFISD Professional Day/Student Holiday	29 Backdoor Trash Pickup	30			