

# Back to School

By Michelle Roddy



I can't believe the summer is over already! As we start back to school, there are a few things we all need to remember. Our children will be walking and riding their bikes to school, so please watch out. They tend to walk and ride right out in front of our cars so it's our job to make sure we don't hit them.

Cell phone usage is always a bad idea while driving, but during school arrival and dismissal hours, it can cost you \$200. How important is your call?

Please look out for our crossing guards! These people are

there to make sure your child gets to school and back home safely. I am appalled at how many times



people ignore them and go through the intersection in spite of the stop signs they have up.

You are required by law to stop when a school bus has its red lights flashing and the stop signs flipped out. Some people just go around them. You could be responsible for a killing a child if

you do that.

We, as residents of this neighborhood are the first line of defense when it comes to the safety of our children. We need to all check our driving skills and make sure we let our teenage drivers know how easily they can lose their licenses for things like cell phone use while driving and failure to follow traffic rules.

Our Officers will be out and about in full force when school starts to make sure things run smoothly. They are our friends, so wave and say hello. I hope all of our children have a wonderful school year! Be safe everybody.

## Water Dries Up, Questions Rain Down

By Dave Hochstaetter

*The following are questions directed to Mark Clewis, President of our Water Board by Dave Hochstaetter:*

*Does the City of Houston watering ban extend to Colony Creek as we're now using surface water from Lake Houston?*

His response:

*Dave, Thankfully, no. The surface water we get is through the North Harris County Regional Water Authority who has a water purchase agreement with the City of Houston. We pay the NHCRWA for our surface water. Last week the NHCRWA notified Louetta North that they will start supplying only 500,000 gals/day to us. That is about 50% or so of our peak summer usage. The rest of our need will come from our well which should not be a problem because the well used to supply all the water for the district. Mark*

*I then asked if we could publish his response and he said:*

*Sure, although it should be stressed that just because we have the water doesn't mean we should waste*

*it. We are sending out a letter with the next bill encouraging residents to voluntarily conserve with a list of things they can do. Attached is a sample letter from another district. At this point the District doesn't foresee any mandatory restrictions.*

### REQUEST FOR VOLUNTARY WATER CONSERVATION

The drought conditions continue in the Houston area. While no mandatory restrictions are required at this time, we are asking everyone to take the following precautionary steps to help conserve water and to avoid the type of mandatory plan that is in place in the City of Houston.

1. Water your lawns and gardens on odd and even days based upon your street address. As much as 70% of the water you use during these hot, dry months is to irrigate your lawn and gardens.
2. Do not water during the day as a lot of water is lost to evaporation. If you have a sprinkler system, set it to come on about 2:00 a.m. so that it is done before everyone gets ready for the day. This will help to

keep pressure in the system during peak usage periods in the morning and late afternoon.

3. Let your grass grow longer to about 3". Water deep and infrequently to allow the water to soak in deeply. Taller grass retains moisture better than short grass.
4. Mulch your trees and gardens as this is a good way to retain moisture.
5. Take your automobiles to a car wash as they recycle their water.
6. Make sure that all hoses have an automatic shut off device in the spray handle that you use.
7. Avoid washing down your walks and driveways with the hose. Sweep as much as possible.
8. If you have a pool and a pool cover, use it when not using the pool to reduce evaporation.

Thanks for your cooperation. It will help us all to avoid mandatory conservation steps.

Fall is in the air!

The Annual Colony Creek Fall Festival  
November 5, 3-5pm



Once again, it's time for our annual Colony Creek Fall Festival. As we cleaned out our community storage room last summer, I found the large wooden pumpkins that I made almost twenty years ago to help decorate. Their smiling faces look pretty good in spite of their age. I will pull them out once again on November 5<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm. I love this time of year and enjoy putting on an event that our neighborhood families can attend free of charge.

I have helped put on this event for many years now and really would love to turn it over to someone else. Laurel has been my planning partner for several years, but there is a limit to how many events the two of us can coordinate. If

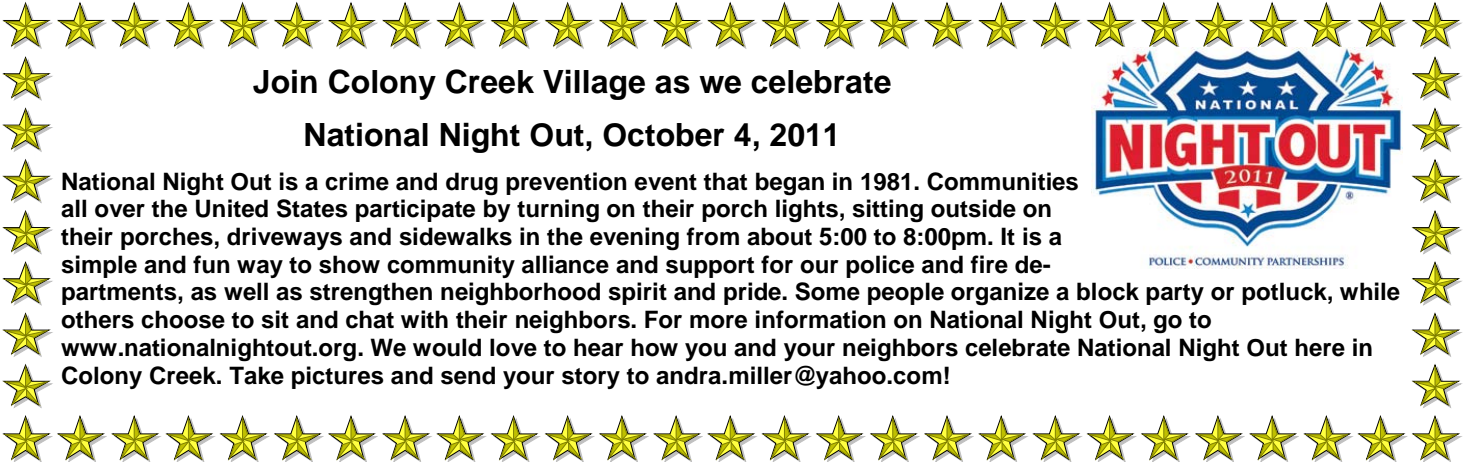
you would like to try your hand at helping with this event, we would love to hear from you! For the Fall Festival, we will hire the attractions so there is not as much work involved. We just have to set up the refreshments, monitor the moonwalks, and clean up. It would be nice to have someone shadow us and maybe take it over for next year.

This is an excellent opportunity for service hours for Honor Society and Scouts. The most crucial need is for people to monitor the moonwalks to make sure nobody gets hurt. It's not hard, it just involves making sure the big kids and little kids are not in the same moonwalk and the number of children inside is not excessive. In all of the years we have done this event and the Easter egg hunt, we have never had an injury and would like that to continue!

So – mark your calendar for November 5<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm and join us for pony rides, moonwalks, a train, and a petting zoo. Bakers, warm up your ovens. We always appreciate the home baked goodies our neighbors contribute! Please let me know if you can help.

Michelle Roddy

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Join Colony Creek Village as we celebrate

National Night Out, October 4, 2011



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National Night Out is a crime and drug prevention event that began in 1981. Communities all over the United States participate by turning on their porch lights, sitting outside on their porches, driveways and sidewalks in the evening from about 5:00 to 8:00pm. It is a simple and fun way to show community alliance and support for our police and fire departments, as well as strengthen neighborhood spirit and pride. Some people organize a block party or potluck, while others choose to sit and chat with their neighbors. For more information on National Night Out, go to [www.nationalnightout.org](http://www.nationalnightout.org). We would love to hear how you and your neighbors celebrate National Night Out here in Colony Creek. Take pictures and send your story to [andra.miller@yahoo.com](mailto:andra.miller@yahoo.com)!

**COLONY CREEK MOBILE VET CLINIC**

Dog and Cat Vaccination and Health Clinic

**Date:** Wednesday, September 9, 4-7pm

**Location:** Colony Creek Recreation Center Parking Lot

17102 Colony Creek Dr.

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For more information, contact:

[www.themobilevetclinic.com](http://www.themobilevetclinic.com) 832-458-0416 or 936-449-4412



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# Drowning Doesn't Look Like Drowning

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Drowning is almost always a deceptively quiet event. The waving, splashing, and yelling that television prepares us to look for, is rarely seen in real life.

The Instinctive Drowning Response – so named by Francesco A. Pia, Ph.D., is what people do to avoid actual or perceived suffocation in the water. And it does not look like most people expect. There is very little splashing, no waving, and no yelling or calls for help of any kind. To get an idea of just how quiet and undramatic from the surface drowning can be, consider this: It is the number two cause of accidental death in children, age 15 and under (just behind vehicle accidents) – of the approximately 750 children who will drown next year, about 375 of them will do so within 25 yards of a parent or other adult. In ten percent of those drownings, the adult will actually watch them do it, having no idea it is happening. **Drowning does not look like drowning** – Dr. Pia, in an article in the Coast Guard's *On Scene Magazine*, described the instinctive drowning response like this:

1. Except in rare circumstances, drowning people are physiologically unable to call out for help. Breathing must be fulfilled, before speech occurs.
2. Drowning people cannot wave for help. Nature instinctively forces them to extend their arms laterally and press down on the water's surface.
3. Throughout the Instinctive Drowning Response, drowning people cannot voluntarily control their arm movements. Physiologically, drowning people who are struggling on the surface of the water cannot stop drowning and perform voluntary movements such as waving for help, moving toward a rescuer, or reaching out for a piece of rescue equipment.
4. From beginning to end of the Instinctive Drowning Response people's bodies remain upright in the water, with no evidence of a supporting kick. Unless rescued by a trained lifeguard, these drowning people can only struggle on the surface of the water from 20 to 60 seconds before submersion occurs.

*This doesn't mean that a person that is yelling for help and thrashing isn't in real trouble* – they are experiencing aquatic distress. Not always present before the instinctive drowning response, aquatic distress doesn't last long – but unlike true drowning, these victims can still assist in their own rescue. They can grab lifelines, throw rings, etc.

Look for these other signs of drowning when persons are in the water:

- Head low in the water, mouth at water level
- Head tilted back with mouth open
- Eyes glassy and empty, unable to focus
- Eyes closed
- Hair over forehead or eyes
- Not using legs – Vertical
- Hyperventilating or gasping
- Trying to swim in a particular direction but not making headway
- Trying to roll over on the back
- Appear to be climbing an invisible ladder.



*And parents – children playing in the water make noise. When they get quiet, you get to them and find out why.*

Sometimes the most common indication that someone is drowning is that they don't look like they're drowning. They may just look like they are treading water and looking up at the sky. One way to be sure? Ask them, "Are you alright?" If they can answer at all – they probably are. If they return a blank stare, you may have less than 30 seconds to get to them. *And parents – children playing in the water make noise. When they get quiet, you get to them and find out why.*



## Krahn Elementary welcomes new Principal Carole Mason!

September 5 Labor Day Holiday      September 8 Academics in Action: 6:00-6:45 Pre-K-2nd,

September 20 Progress reports issued      6:45-7:15 PTO Meeting, 7:15-8:00 3rd-5th



# Community Information

## Neighborhood Sign Posting

It is against the law for signs to be posted on stop signs, utility poles or any "state controlled sign." Beginning in July, our officers will be ticketing all offenders who tape signage to stop signs, speed limit signs or utility poles. If you are having a garage sale or need to find your pet, please do not tape signs or pictures on stop signs or utility poles. Otherwise one of our nice officers will come see you.

### Wondering how to get involved in our neighborhood? Get plugged in by:

- Visiting our website:  
[www.colonycreekvillage.org](http://www.colonycreekvillage.org)
- Friend us on Facebook  
Colony Creek Village  
Community Association
- Join our Yahoo community group:

If you would like to subscribe to this group:

1. visit  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ColonyCreek/join>

-OR-

2. send email to [ColonyCreek-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ColonyCreek-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

New QR Codes!



Colony Creek Village Website

### Disclaimer:

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**Colony Creek  
Teen Listing**

Elaine, 14, Babysitting  
832-698-2748

Madi, 13, Pet care/Babysitting/House sitting  
832-585-7489

Yusra, 17, Math Tutor (Algebra, geometry, algebra 2, Pre-calc.)  
832-561-7808

If you would like to update your information above, or add/remove your name from the list, please contact  
Andra Miller at  
[andra.miller@yahoo.com](mailto:andra.miller@yahoo.com)

### HOA Meetings

Got something on your mind? Come to our CCVCA HOA meetings. They are held the first Thursday of each month at 6:30pm at the clubhouse. **Residents are strongly encouraged to attend and have their voices heard.**

*"The HOA system is in fact the purest form of democracy. The problem lies in the fact that homeowners themselves refuse to participate. The power is in the hands of the homeowners to address whatever wrongs they perceive to have been committed. However, when homeowners fail to take responsibility and participate, democracy fails."*

T. Harris

## Newsletter Submissions

As you submit an ad or article, keep in mind that the newsletter is a FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED entity that serves the families of Colony Creek / Champion Woods. For cost saving measures, it is printed in black and white with a color background. A color version is typically posted on the Colony Creek webpage after the hard copy has been delivered to homes. Newsletters usually hit homes within 3- 4 weeks after the deadline.

All submissions should be electronic (i.e. business cards, fliers, etc.) must be scanned. It is always FREE for residents to submit a community article or event. Non-profits are typically FREE as well. A list of advertisement fees, and archived copies of previous newsletters are posted on our website, [colonycreekvillage.org](http://colonycreekvillage.org). ALL articles and advertisements are subject to CCVCA Board approval, Submissions are currently being accepted at

[andra.miller@yahoo.com](mailto:andra.miller@yahoo.com).

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## Laurel's Army Night with the Houston Astros

Please join us on Saturday the 24th of September for a night at the ballpark!

\$4 from every ticket we sell will be donated to the Texas Children's Cancer Center. Help us reach our goal of selling 450 tickets !!!!

We look forward to seeing you there !!!!

1st pitch vs. the Colorado Rockies is 6:05pm

**For Tickets** – visit [www.astros.com/laurelsarmy](http://www.astros.com/laurelsarmy)

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We have been given a discounted price of \$16 per ticket for this special event.

For additional donation opportunities, please email [stevebatch@yahoo.com](mailto:stevebatch@yahoo.com)

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## Texas Stallions Track Club Registration

Registration is now open for Texas Stallions Track Club Fall Running Program and can be completed online at [www.texasstallions.org](http://www.texasstallions.org). The Stallions Cross Country program is targeted toward youth ages 6 – 11, but open to youth up to age 18. For more information, call (832) 415-0568. Registration ends on October 10, 2011 and is limited to 50 participants, so register early.

Join us and go running with your friends. This team running program is aimed at getting kids outside and into a healthy environment, with practices two-three times a week and two meets per month on Sunday afternoons. Distances will be appropriate for the age of the runner. Registration is on a first come, first served basis, and all age divisions have limited space. The registration deadline is September 19. Late registrations may be accepted until October 10, 2011 based on availability. The Club cannot guarantee entry into program for registrations received after the deadline. Register online and get more information at [www.texasstallions.org](http://www.texasstallions.org). The first practice will be on August 29, 2011. The Club is also seeking volunteer coaches for its Youth Cross Country and Track and Field Programs. The Texas Stallions Track Club certifies all coaches through the USA Track and Field Association. Background checks will be conducted. See the coach for details, or call 832-415-0568.

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Blog: <http://texasstallions.wordpress.com>

The Texas Stallions Track Club is a 501(c)(3) Texas non-profit Corporation that is sanctioned by the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Gulf Association and the USA Track and Field (USATF) Gulf Association youth track programs for boys and girls from ages 6 to 18 years old.

## Carousel of Crafts

Cypress Creek Christian Church  
6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX  
Friday, October 7th  
Saturday, October 8th  
9am - 5pm



*The 21th annual Carousel of Crafts Bazaar features unique booths showcasing home decorating items, stained glass, wood art, jewelry, clothing, candles, gourmet foods, florals, adult and children's gifts and much more.*

*For your pleasure, a light lunch will be offered each day by Tea for Two Tea Room. Visit our Bake Shoppe for homemade desserts and our famous Cran-Tea. This show benefits outreach projects of the Christian Women's Ministry which includes Boys and Girls Country, NAM, CAM, Youth Mission, NAM's Children's Clinic, and Star of Hope.*



# Community Information

## Red Hatters Celebrate 4th Anniversary Warning!



“When I am an old woman I shall wear purple  
With a red hat which doesn’t go, and doesn’t suit me,  
And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves  
And satin sandals, and say we have no money for butter.  
I shall sit down on the pavement when I am tired  
And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells  
And run my stick along the public railings  
And make up for the sobriety of my youth.  
I shall go out in my slippers in the rain  
And pick the flowers from other peoples’ gardens  
And learn to spit...

...But maybe I ought to practice a little now?  
So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised  
When suddenly I am old, and start to wear purple...”

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This poem, written over 25 years ago, became the official anthem adopted by women over 40 who have chosen to embrace its words and share its sentiments with others. The Red Hat Flamingoes, here in Colony Creek, will celebrate their 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on September 13<sup>th</sup> with dinner at Gringo’s. At that time, we’ll also make plans for the coming year. If you’re over 40, or just “close,” then join us for an evening of friendship and laughter. Interested? Just email former Queen, Cathi Deal, at [cathi.deal@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cathi.deal@sbcglobal.net) or call her at 832-289-4490, and she’ll add you to the list. We’ll meet at 6:30 p.m. at Gringo’s Mexican Restaurant, on the corner of Stuebner Airline and Cypresswood Drive. Need a ride? Let us know and someone will pick you up. Be sure to wear a red hat!

Wonder what happens at a Red Hat meeting? Whatever you want! After living lives filled with rules of order, set ideas and such, we celebrate by having none. Frequently we’ll get together for an evening of games, dinner, or whatever the hostess that month would like to schedule. I have to warn you however; that even with games, the rules aren’t always followed too closely! This year, we’ve also been invited to take a field trip to Ft. Worth to visit one of our charter members, June Seely.

On a serious note; the best part of becoming a Hatter has been the chance to make new and cherished friends; in fact most of us Flamingoes would never have met without it. As we age, the number of girlfriends in our lives has also dwindled - RH gives you the chance to meet the women who will become the girlfriends of our maturity - that is the heart of the Red Hat movement. So ladies, if you’d like to have fun with women your own age, go out to dinner, play some games or perhaps see a play or a concert, give us a call and join the fun! We hope to see you September 13th. If you can't make it that night but want to be on our mailing list, just let me know. Hope to meet you then!

Cathi Deal

## Kleb Intermediate Cheer Clinic



Calling all **SPIRITED**  
**KIDS**.....that love to **CHEER!**

Please join the National Award Winning **KLEB Cheerleaders** for a Cheer Clinic on Saturday, September 24 from 12:00pm to 4:00pm at KLEB Middle School.

The clinic will focus on teaching basic cheer to ages 4 – 6 and 7 – 9 as well as intermediate cheer to girls ages 10 thru Grade 7. There will be a special Middle School Cheer tryout candidate section to help prepare older girls for middle school cheer tryouts.

A parent show will be performed at 3:30pm - so plan on joining us to see your child in action!

All participants will receive a photo with Beary the Bear cub and clinic shirts are free to all participants that pre-register prior to September 17.

To register, please contact the KLEB Cheer Sponsor, Amanda Rivera @ [ariveral@kleinisd.net](mailto:ariveral@kleinisd.net) or Linda De Shazer @ [ldeshazer@cablelock.com](mailto:ldeshazer@cablelock.com).

Registration forms will be sent to local elementary schools and will be available at Kleb’s front office thru Friday, September 23.

Cheers and Go Bearcubs!

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