



Village Voice

2003 ANNUAL MEETING

~ Submitted by Jeanette Hill

The 2003 Annual Homeowner's Association Meeting and Board Elections are coming up. This year the meeting will be held on Thursday, April 24 at 7 pm in the cafeteria of Krahn Elementary. I want you to be there!!

Honestly, before I got involved in the neighborhood I had never been to an Annual meeting. I had no clue what one was, to tell you the truth. Now, however, even if I wasn't on the Board, I wouldn't miss one! There is so much information that you are privy to by attending this meeting, like exactly what your money was spent on the year before, and what it is budgeted for this year. We talk about long term plans and improvements, traffic problems, complaints and concerns. Also, you meet us, the board of directors, so you know who we are. You also meet members of CIA Services, our management company, as well as the Association's attorney. Most importantly, we get to meet you!

The meeting is usually less than an hour in length, and is really pretty interesting. There is an open forum in which you are able to ask or say anything on your mind pertaining to the neighborhood. This is a great time to bring up any concerns you may have. Also, during the meeting, we hold the Board elections. Two positions are now available for reelection. We currently have two candidates seeking reelection, incumbents Danny Woods and Myrna Zorzi. If you would like to run for a position, you may do so! You need to get your name on the ballot before the

proxies go out, so you need to contact CIA Services at (281) 296-2503 as soon as possible. We will also be accepting nominations from the floor the night of the meeting.

This year we are also going to add something exciting to the meeting - door prizes! We will have all kinds of door prizes and goodies to give away, and all you have to do is come to the meeting, and I bet you'll go home with something! I might even just bake some of my famous cookies!

If you are unable to come to the meeting, please do return the proxy that you will receive in the mail. It is imperative that we receive a certain number of proxies to even hold the meeting. If we do not reach a quorum, the meeting will be rescheduled and that costs us all money. All homeowners will receive a proxy by mail along with the 2003 Pool Pass Registration information and registration form. If you are unable to attend the meeting, your proxy should be mailed to C.I.A. Services before April 19. You may also submit your proxy to any Board member either by contacting one of us to pick it up, or turning it in at one of the four pool pass registrations held before this meeting.

If you have any questions about the meeting, or anything else, please feel free to give me a call. I would love to meet you, and I hope I get to do that at the Annual Meeting!

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Every time you feel discouraged with life, remember that nobody got to where they are today without beginning where they were yesterday.

CCV/ CW VV Phone Listings

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Kathleen Smith, Events Coordinator	281-376-3505
Rhonda BeMent, Editor	281-655-7482

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Louetta N. P.U.D.	281-376-0190
Southwestern Bell	800-585-7928

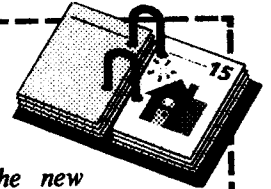
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Emergency	911
Sheriff's Dept.	281-376-0900
Klein Fire Dept.	281-376-4449
Tomball Regional	281-351-1623

Others

C.I.A. Services	281-296-2503
Clubhouse	281-717-3175
Pool Pay Phone	281-251-9066
Klein L.S.D.	832-249-4000
Poison Control	800-764-7661
Animal Control	281-999-3191
Road Maintenance	281-353-8424

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Homeowners Association Meetings are held at the new clubhouse on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. We hope to see you there!

Upcoming Meetings:

February 6th
March 6th
Annual Meeting — April 24th

Clubhouse News ~submitted by Myrna Zorzi

If you rent the clubhouse make sure that you go over the "Cleaning Check List" posted inside the room. As we have mentioned in the past, we are trying to keep the fees low and to do that we need everyone to help out. The clubhouse inspections will be stricter and if the cleaning requirements are not met, the appropriate amount will be deducted from the rental deposit. Please make a special note to take out the trash to the trash-

cans by the parking lot and not to use the one inside the park, because that one gets filled more quickly. The new trashcans by the parking lot were specially ordered for clubhouse use after parties and meetings. Thank you for your cooperation! And remember if you would like to see the clubhouse before renting it; please contact Myrna Zorzi (281) 251-2545

WAYS TO STAY INFORMED/INVOLVED IN 2003

- Read the **Village Voice**.
- Join the **community e-mail group** by sending a blank email to ColonyCreek-subscribe@yahoo.com. This is a free, low volume group where you are sent email reminders of upcoming events and pertinent neighborhood information. No solicitation is allowed.
- Want a more chatty connection with your neighbors? Join the free "**chatter group**" by sending a blank e-mail to ColonyCreekChatter-subscribe@yahoo.com.
- Attend the monthly **Homeowner's Association Meetings** held the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm in the clubhouse.
- Check out the **official community website** at www.ciaservices.com. Download community documents and find out about upcoming events.
- **Volunteer** to help out with an event such as the Easter Egg Hunt or Fall Festival.
- Attend the **2003 Annual Meeting** on April 24.
- Bring your family to the great events such as the Easter Egg Hunt and the Fall Festival.
- **Submit** an article to the Village Voice.
- Join one of the neighborhood groups such as the **Mom's Group** or play **Bunko**.

Submit your feedback for activities/community improvements by emailing missjeanette@houston.rr.com

Protecting Your Family From Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Understanding the risk ... According to the United States EPA, carbon monoxide poisoning represents a silent, but very real, killer. The colorless, odorless gas is found as a result of "incomplete" combustion. People become ill when their heaters are not properly vented or are broken, when their automobile is allowed to run in a confined space, when indoor appliances such as gas ovens and dryers operate improperly, and in other similar ways. When victims inhale carbon monoxide, the gas enters into their bloodstream and replaces life sustaining oxygen. Carbon monoxide imitates oxygen, thereby fooling the victim's body into thinking that there is no problem. This continues while the victim becomes sicker and sicker. Carbon monoxide mimics the behavior of oxygen without providing its benefits. It is transported through the body and rather than feeding body organs, its cruelly

starves them. Because the body needs even more oxygen, the victim's heart rate increases, which brings on poisoning at a more rapid pace. As poisoning continues, a victim can face difficulty breathing, heart damage, brain damage and coma. If fresh air does not become available, the victim can die.

What to watch for.... Initially, carbon monoxide poisoning creates symptoms that are, unfortunately, similar to the flu. This includes headaches, confusion, and nausea. As gas levels increase in the bloodstream, victims may lose consciousness. Because carbon monoxide poisoning symptoms appear to be flu-like, many who become ill do not realize that they have become poisoned. This can create a real problem, because it is important to remove victims from the poisoned environment as promptly as possible. If you or a family member has been poisoned by carbon monoxide, the EPA recommends the following action: First, get fresh air immediately. Second, turn off the com-

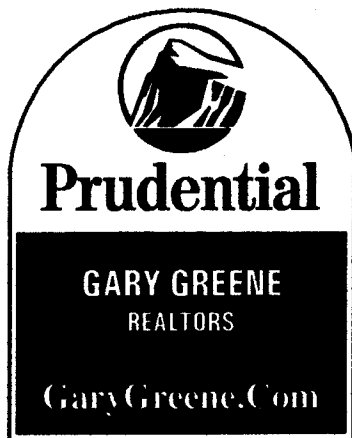
bustion appliances such as heaters, ovens, etc. After leaving your house, or where it is that you have become sick, call for emergency assistance and tell the operator that you believe you have become poisoned by carbon monoxide. This is important because it may not be readily apparent if you later become unconscious. Ten years ago, few people discussed this danger. In 1994, tennis star Vitas Gerulaitis died as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning and that incident helped publicize this threat. It is believed that about 1,500 people die every year in the U.S. from carbon monoxide poisoning. Thousands more become sick. Indoor appliances which are not probably vented or are otherwise faulty can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning. It is important that these appliances be regularly checked. Carbon monoxide detectors can help protect your family. In the last few years, carbon monoxide detectors have become available and these devices can save lives.

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They are inexpensive, easy to install, and generally appear to do their job.

According to the Consumer Products Safety Commission, carbon monoxide detectors and alarms can provide much protection against carbon monoxide poisoning. Some suggest that they be installed in hallways near every bedroom in the house. Care must be taken to ensure they are not covered by furniture or by drapes. In 1993, Chicago became the first municipality to require the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in new residences. Other State and local governments have either followed suit or are considering doing so. For example, a Bill currently pending in New Jersey would require installation state-wide. There are other measures that should be taken to avoid carbon monoxide poisoning. Never burn charcoal inside your home or any other confined space. Also, do not leave a car running inside your garage, even with the door open. And, do not use gas appliances, such as your range, owner or close dryer, to heat your house. The Consumer Products Safety Commission warns that carbon monoxide exposure is most harmful to unborn babies, infants, persons with anemia and persons with a history of heart disease.

PARDON OUR MESS!

Beginning the second week of January, you might have noticed some commotion in the pool area! Please excuse the mess and noise as we work to have the pool resurfaced in an effort to get it ready for the 2003 pool season. Completion is expected by the end of February at the latest.

Third Annual Community Wide Garage Sale

It's time to clean out your closets, garage and attic! Enlist the whole family and start your spring cleaning early! Get all those goodies priced and boxed up because March 29, 2003, is time for the third annual Community Wide Garage Sale!

The Homeowner's Association will pay for ads in several local papers to rally interest for this event, as well as rent a large marquee that will be out at the Colony Creek and Louetta entrance the entire week before the event. All you need to do is "set up shop" outside of your own home.

The "official" hours will be from 9 am until 2pm, although you may open or close earlier than that if you wish. Of course all the money you make will be yours to keep. We are just doing this so that we can get most of the garage sale traffic through in one big push, on one day. People who "garage sale" every weekend tend to be thrilled to find more than one garage sale in an area.

Of course, it is a good idea to post your own, smaller signs leading people straight to your own "garage". Also, make sure you tell your friends! We will continue to post reminders, and we will begin advertising for this in local newsletters at the beginning of the year, culminating in ads in the larger papers in the weeks before the event.

If you have any questions you may contact Jeanette Hill at (281) 320-8890 or via e-mail at missjeanette@houston.rr.com.

Teen Directory

B=Babysitting *Red Cross Cert.
Y=Yard Work P=Pet-sitting T=Tutoring
O=Odd Jobs

Michael	14	PYO	655-7482
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Marcie	17	B*	370-8934
Bryan	13	Y	379-6457
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Ashley	14	*B, P, T	379-2187

To update your listing, age, services, phone numbers, or to place a listing please contact Rhonda BeMent at (281) 655-7482.

Easter Eggstravaganza Coming Soon

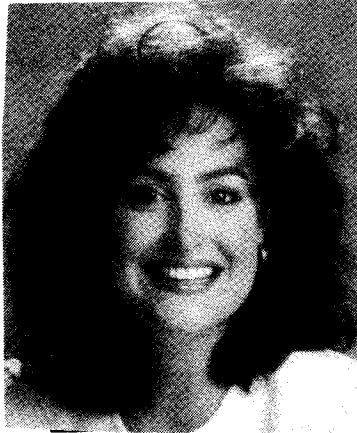
~ submitted by Kathleen Smith

Hi Neighbors! We are in the planning stages of the Easter Eggstravaganza 2003. This fun event will be held on Saturday, April 19th from 10am until noon. At this time I am looking for 2 or 3 volunteers to head various committees. If you are interested in being part of this event, please contact me at psmith840@houston.rr.com or 281-376-3505.

This event is open to all residents of Colony Creek and Champion Woods, and the egg hunt is open to all children 5th grade and younger.

Look for more details in the next newsletter.

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SEPARATE SHOWER,
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JUST SOLD:

**17042 VALLEY PALMS, 16818 KETTLE CREEK,
16814 MARKRIDGE**

2003 Pool Pass Registration

~ submitted by Jeanette Hill

The 2003 Pool Season will be here before we know it! Pool Pass Registration will begin this year on Saturday, March 22, beginning at 9:30 am and ending at 1:30 pm. Each year many residents come to the registrations completely unprepared to obtain or renew their passes, despite the best efforts of the Board to inform them. Please read the following information carefully. This will answer any questions you may have, if you only take the time to review it thoroughly.

Please note that like last year, the registration form that you *must complete to get your passes* will be mailed with the Annual Meeting information and proxies. For insurance reasons, you are **REQUIRED** to fill this form out every year. To save everyone time, please have that form filled out when you come to registration

Please **DO NOT** mail your passes in to C.I.A. Services. Pool passes will be taken care of at one of the 5 pool pass registration dates.

If you are a current pool pass holder, current on association dues, you need only to bring your existing pool passes and your registration form. Your passes will be punched with the 2003 punch and will be validated for this season. If your card is now "all punched out", you will need to have new passes made for everyone in your home age 3 and over. Please note that if you have a damaged card, one that is unreadable, it will be replaced free of charge. However, if you just want a new pass because you don't like the picture on your existing one, you will be charged a \$5 replacement fee.

If you are a new resident, have never had a pool pass or your pass has completely expired, please see the "Resident Passes" section below for information on what you need to obtain your passes.

Please also understand that if you do not make arrangements to get your passes at one of these FIVE pool pass registration dates, and you wish to get passes anytime after 3 pm on May 3, you **WILL** be charged a \$15 late charge per family unless you have moved in after this time.

If you have any further questions, please contact a Board member or C.I.A. Services.

Pool Pass Registration Dates

Saturday, March 22	9:30-1:30
Sunday April 6	1:00-5:00
Saturday, April 12	11:00-3:00
Thursday, April 17	6:00-8:30pm
Saturday, May 3	11:00-3:00

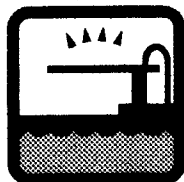
Resident Passes

- **Must be current on association dues to receive passes. (Please note that if you are not current on dues, we will be UNABLE to accept payment at the time of the registration. You must take care of this through C.I.A. Services.)**
- No fee to receive a new pass.
- **New passes require a small picture (approximately 1"x1") for each individual family member ages 3 and up. This picture can be a photocopy of your driver's license picture, a cut out of a snapshot, etc. This photo will be laminated on to the pool pass.**
- **An adult 18 years or older with a valid photo I.D. must be present to return the Pool Membership Form and Rules that will be sent with your proxies by mail. Children may not pick up the passes.**

Guest Passes

- Please purchase your guest passes when you renew your 2003 pool passes.
- Guest passes will not be available at the pool for immediate use after the final registration date, so please purchase yours in advance.
- Guest passes have no expiration date, so they can be used next year, or you can use those you purchased in the years past for the 2003 season.
- The cost is \$1 per guest per day. If you have a guest staying for an extended period of time, please let us know. We can work with you.
- Guest passes may be purchased in \$5 and \$10 increments. We accept cash and checks made out to C.C.V.C.A.
- Guests may not access pool area unless passes are present and a member accompanies a guest.

If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette Hill at (281) 320-8890 or via email at missjeanette@houston.rr.com.



Daddy O's Kitchen

Good eats made simple

So, we all did a little bit of holiday eating. Ok, ok, a bunch of holiday eating. At this time of the year, we are all looking to do some damage control around the waist-line! This issue will feature a delicious fajita salad for dinner!

The Ingredients:

1 Head of lettuce	4 roma tomatoes
3 pounds of chicken breast	1 package croutons
2 cucumbers	1 fajita seasoning
1 bottle of salsa or picante sauce	

This is about as easy as it gets Dads!! Give Mom a break, and make dinner this weekend. You can do it, piece of cake!

Start by adding a couple tablespoons of olive oil to your chicken breasts. Marinate in a bowl or glass baking pan with a generous amount of fajita seasoning. I usually let this go a couple of hours to let the flavor really sink in. While your chicken is marinating, prepare your veggies.

Shred the lettuce. Slice the tomatoes into quarters. Skin and de-seed cucumbers, then slice.

There are two ways to cook the chicken. Fry,,, yes fry in a couple more tablespoons of olive oil on a very high heat. This is convenient, and believe it or not, the olive oil is actually good for you. Sprinkle with more fajita seasoning while in the pan, ad a little more after you turn the meat. Fry, (I know, bad word), until browned on both sides.

Daddy'O never does anything the simple way. Just my nature, I guess. Marinate as explained above and cook on a medium to high heat on the grille. The faster and hotter you cook chicken on the grille, the more juice and flavor stays inside the meat. Just the opposite of cooking with BBQ sauce. Add extra seasoning as you cook on the grille. Cook just until the middle is not pink, try not to overcook.

Assemble your salads with a bed of lettuce, the cucumbers, and tomatoes. Slice chicken, and lay right on top. Sprinkle with croutons. Serve with spicy picante or salsa. DaddyO cheats and uses ranch dressing with this salad. So ... I will walk it off... some day.



DaddyO

Harris County Public Library

Cypress Creek Branch

The Barbara Bush Branch Library at Cypress Creek will have an exhibit of the works of Martha Barr on the second floor of the library in February 2003. The exhibit will include paintings of flowers, Native American dancers, still life, and portraits. Barr is an award winning versatile professional artist who enjoys painting Native American dancers, flowers, still life, and religious themes. She is also an outstanding portrait artist. She has been a graphic artist and designer. Her works, which are primarily in pastel, oil and acrylic, are included in collections across America, Mexico and England. Barr has been published in the "Artist of Texas" catalogue, the "Southwest Art" magazine, as well as other publications. She has a studio in Cleveland, TX.

AARP tax assistance from 1:00-5:00 PM every Monday afternoon from February 3 until April 14, 2003.

February 10, there will be an open house in the Young Adult Department on the second floor of the Barbara Bush Library from 6- 9 PM. Come and meet the new Young Adult Librarian, Melanie Atkinson and see what the new librarian and her department have to offer.

February 4: " 'Has anyone seen my desk?' the paper explosion--getting control" is the title of a program presented by Denise Landers, owner of Key Organization Systems, Inc., a productivity service helping businesses and individuals become more organized thus increasing their efficiency and productivity. The program will be in the Earl Elliot room of the library from 7:30-8:30 PM.

February 11: Maggy Wooden of Real Estate Consultant, Inc., will present a program detailing tips on how to buy a house. The meeting will be held in the Earl Elliot Room of the Barbara Bush Library from 7-9 PM.

AARP will provide tax help on a first-come first-served basis from 1:00-5:00 PM every Thursday afternoon from February 6 to April 10, 2003.

February 13 , there will be a Children's Valentine Craft at 4:30PM

The library will be a distribution point for IRS forms. The library will carry the most common forms available for distribution. If the necessary form is not on the open shelf, it may be at the reference desk in a binder of forms provided by the IRS for copying at \$.15 per page. Forms are also available on the Internet at <http://www.irs.gov>

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