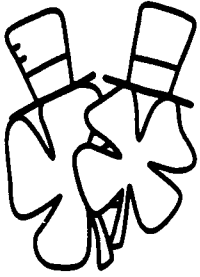


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Village Voice

Notes from the Board

On the back of the Easter Extravaganza Flyer you will find our pool pass registration form. This has to be filled out each year. If you have your previous pass, you may bring that with you and it will save you time. However, the form still **MUST** be filled out yearly. The dates for pool passes are as follows:

Saturday, April 1st 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 8th 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 13th 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 20th 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Sunday April 23rd 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Opening Pool Day , 1st Saturday, May 6th 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Reminder – if you don't come to one of these dates to receive your 2006 pool pass, you will have to drive to the management office of C.I.A. Services and pay an administrative fee of \$20.00. So save one of the dates above!

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Utilize your web site –
www.colonycreekvillage.org

There is a wealth of information contained in
YOUR web site! Advertising is free to all residents!

The ANNUAL MEETING is set for **April 27th**

at our community clubhouse.

Registration begins at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting starts @ 7:00 p.m.

Bring your proxy and learn more about our community. Watch for your proxy coming in the mail soon.

We have a New Publisher but need a New Editor!

CIA Services and the HOA Board have contracted with SW Graphics to publish our newsletter.

*We are also currently looking for a new editor for the Village Voice. All you have to do is be available to collect articles, pictures, etc. from neighbors and proof the newsletter for the publisher. If you have email that's a plus. You can email the information straight to SW Graphics, who will then collect advertising, typeset, print and mail the newsletter. That means no more hitting the pavement to do all that work. It's simple... So if you want to be a part of your neighborhood and give a little of your time please contact **Donna Bingham** of CIA Services at **281-296-2503**. Your help will be appreciated!*

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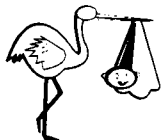
TALK BACK



Got ideas for the newsletter? Want to run a classified ad? Got a relative serving overseas? Birthday or anniversary coming up? Send your story ideas and requests to Bingham@CIAServices.com

Baby News

Do you have an announcement you'd like published in the Village Voice Monthly Newsletter? Please contact Bingham@CIAServices.com.



Cypresswood Trails

What if I told you I was on a wilderness trail standing among our native pines and the only sounds I could hear were the birds singing, the squirrels scurrying amongst the trees, and the creek making its way through the woods? The place I speak of is a tract of woodland, known as Cypresswood Trail (not an official name), which runs adjacent to our neighborhood just on the other side of Cypresswood Drive. These trails, which add a striking beauty to surrounding area (i.e. Terranova West and Wimbledon Estates) are all located within walking, jogging, or cycling distance of where you live.

This treasure in our midst is a mixture of private and county-owned land. The private land is now up for sale and could soon become a strip mall, apartment complex or one of the many other developments we see spring up around us. Homeowners of Terranova West, more so than any other community residents, have the most to lose if this area is developed. Who can tell say with a straight face as they motor down Cypresswood Drive by Spring Gully that this thick blanket of green does not accentuate our neighborhood environment with a striking beauty? Without this land, the quality of life in the neighborhood would change drastically. Development would mean cars creating congestion just outside our neighborhood and perhaps inside (see Kleinwood and Louetta), parking lot lights filtering into some people's homes, increased noise levels, and the loss of a resource that is becoming all too rare in this growing area—nature.

The value of this land goes far beyond its intrinsic beauty. There is now a project underway, known as the Cypress Creek Greenway Project, which will provide a continuous linear park from the upper reaches of Cypress and Little Cypress Creeks downstream to its confluence with Spring Gully in the eastern part of Harris County. Users of Cypresswood Trail have formed a group to try to preserve the trails and the habitat, and this section of land will become a key element of the Cypress Creek Greenway. The trails allow for a user to follow a natural surface trail that starts at Meyer Park and continues downstream, ending just shy of Kuykendahl Road (a distance of 4.5 miles). In other words, you already have a direct and convenient access to this greenway which enhances our quality of life and maintains the desirability of our community.

If you would like to learn more about the trails, the greenway project, and how you can help to preserve this important and beautiful stretch of land, please join our group at:

<http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/cypresswoodtrailgroup/>

Kevin Highfield & Kim Kiunke
Cypresswood Trail Group

Community Garage Sale

Saturday, April 29th



Way to Stay Informed/Intouch in 2006

- 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 (except May & December) at 6:30 pm in the clubhouse.
- Check out the official community website at www.colonycreekvillage.org. Download community documents and find out about upcoming events.
- Volunteer to help out with an event such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Fall Festival or Breakfast with Santa
- Attend the Annual Meeting held in April.
- 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, Bunko, Quilting Club or Scrapbooking Club
- Submit your feedback for activities/community improvements by emailing bingham@ciaservices.com

Attention Animal Owners



CIA Services has received many complaints regarding homeowner's that walk their dogs and allow them to relieve themselves on other homeowner's lawns and do not pick up their waste. No one wants to clean up after someone else's animal, nor do we enjoy surprises in our lawns or on our shoes. Please be a responsible pet owner and clean up after your pet. Be a considerate neighbor and have pride in your community.

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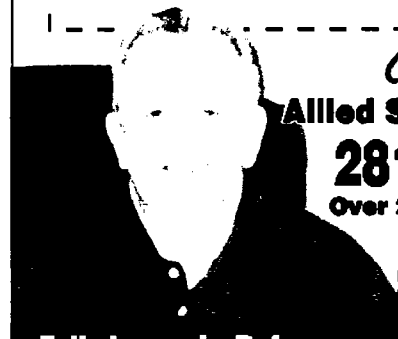


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Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition

LOOK UPSTREAM

FEBRUARY 2006

Are you aware of where you stand in the moving target of flood insurance protection on your home and personal belongings?

Another important update from the Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition. The following news release was received on January 26th.

Multiple disasters threaten to sink flood insurance program

08:22 PM CST on Wednesday, January 25, 2006, by Tom Ackerman / 11 News Washington Bureau

It's something we're all too familiar with around here -- the nightmare of watching floodwaters seeping into our homes. The government-backed flood insurance paid out more than \$2.7 billion in Texas alone between 2000 and 2004. The flood insurance program seemed to be doing all right financially until last year. But the payout for 2005 losses will be \$23 billion--more than the total for the previous 40 years combined. Last year, floodwaters churned up by the busiest hurricane season in history overwhelmed the Gulf Coast. This month, heavy rain submerged parts of the Pacific Northwest. The latest floods now threaten to sink the 40-year-old national insurance program.

"First of all, the flood insurance program is not working, even if you left Katrina out," said Sen. Paul Sarbanes of Maryland. And the program now stands bankrupt," said Sen. Richard Shelby of Alabama.

One reason: Too many homeowners in high-risk floodplains who keep collecting for repeated losses. Another is the premium charges on many houses -- including second homes and vacation homes -- that don't reflect the true risk, but do enjoy a taxpayer subsidy. "They imply about a thousand dollar subsidy -- a little bit more -- per property in the program," said Donald Marron with the Congressional Budget Office.

Meanwhile, FEMA -- which runs the program -- admits that many of its floodplain maps are inaccurate or badly outdated.

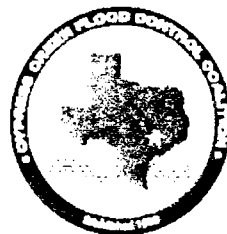
"Only 25 percent of 500-year floodplains have been mapped," said Sen. Elizabeth Dole of North Carolina. So neither the government nor homeowners may be aware of their actual risk. "There needs to be substantive and comprehensive reform, going forward with the program -- not just allow them to borrow more money," said David Walker, U.S. Comptroller General. That means Congress is looking at higher premiums for some homeowners, more coverage limits for others and tougher building restrictions.

Senators blasted FEMA Wednesday for long delays in handling claims appeals and for being nearly a year late in sending all insured homeowners a coverage and claims handbook.

Do you want to know more about what is happening now which effects both your neighborhood and the personal investment in your home? If it has to do with the risk of flood damage, new subdivision development just down the street, Harris County drainage requirements and/or the Cypress Creek Greenway initiative to preserve floodplain land and trees before it is lost to bulldozers, make a note to attend our Annual Meeting on March 15 (Wednesday), 7:30 p.m. at the Ponderosa Forest Fire Station, 17061 Rolling Creek (tel. 281 444 8465). Where we stand in our "We can do better" undertaking to overturn FEMA's denial of our appeal to correct inaccuracies in their soon-to-be-published flood maps of the Cypress Creek Watershed -- see last month's article -- will be discussed.

This *Look Upstream* article is one in a series published as a public service in the neighborhood news letters of communities served by the Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition's municipal utility district and home owner association members. For more information visit their web site, www.ccfcc.org or e-mail floodalliance@ccfcc.org.

All meetings are open to the public.



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In consideration for the privilege of using the swimming pool and facilities of COLONY CREEK VILLAGE C.A. and other good and valuable consideration, the undersigned hereby elect to, and do, assume all risk for claims heretofore or hereafter arising from the subject of this Release, in favor of the undersigned, his heirs, executors, administrators, successors, or assigns, and hereby knowingly and voluntarily expressly release said COLONY CREEK VILLAGE C.A., its agents, officers, employees or aides from all liability or claims, demands and costs for or arising out of injuries or damages sustained while using the swimming pool and facilities of COLONY CREEK VILLAGE C.A., or by the negligence of the undersigned.

Further, the undersigned agree to abide by and be bound by the rules and regulations for the operation and safety of the swimming pool and facilities of COLONY CREEK VILLAGE C.A.

The undersigned have read this Release and the Pool Rules and understand all its terms. The undersigned executed voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

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p.m.**



SAVE THE DATE!

EASTER EGGSSTRAVAGANZA

*What: Colony Creek's Annual
Easter Eggstravaganza*

When: Saturday, April 1st, 10am to 12noon

Where: Colony Creek Park

*Who: All residents of Colony Creek 'Champion Woods' Colony
Creek Estates*

*This year we have a lot of fun things planned. Come
jump on the moonwalk and meet the clown. The egg
hunt will begin promptly at 11am with age groups being
0-3, 4-Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grade, and 3rd-5th
grade. Have your picture taken with the Easter Bunny,
and don't forget to bring your Easter baskets!*

*Please contact Kathleen Smith at 281-376-3505 or
ksmith42@austown.com if you would like to help with this fun event.*

GET your 2006 pool pass while your there!

Great fun for all!

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.



April 1, 2006

Library News

AARP Tax Assistance:

AARP volunteers will continue to provide tax preparation assistance in the library in March. The volunteers will be available in the library every Monday, Wednesday and Saturday afternoon through April 17. The hours on Mondays are 1:00-4:30 PM and on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 12:00-3:30 PM. The service is "first come first served," and no phone calls are accepted by the AARP volunteers.



Adult Programs

Fridays in March **Knowledge Exchange** –All ages are welcome. This knitting, crocheting, and conversation group will continue to meet every Friday from 3-4:30 PM in Robin Bush Activity Room. Call 281-376-4610 and ask for Shawn or Val for more information.

Tuesday March 21 **Boomer Generation Program – "Wholly Health – Healthful Balance for a Life."** Were you born between 1946 and 1964? Have we got a program for you!! Bill and Kay Hughes of billandkay.com will present "Wholly Health – Healthful Balance for a Life" from 7:00-8:30 PM. Pre-registration is encouraged at 281-376-4610. This group meets on every third Tuesday evening of the month, to examine topics of particular interest to the Boomer Generation. Do you have a program that would interest a member of the Boomer Generation (individuals born between 1946-1964)? Please call Annette at the library, 281-376-4610.

The Friends' Annual Used Book Sale is coming May 4-6 in the former Cypress Creek Library, 6815 Cypresswood Drive. Watch for more information on hours and prices or call the library at 281-376-4610.

Home and Garden

Landscaping Schedule: March

--Victor Flaherty, Owner. Plants for All Seasons

- Lawns: Fertilize early to encourage your lawn to green up from winter. Use a 15-5-10 analysis. If you choose to use a weed and feed be sure you read the directions carefully. Some are watered in and some are not. Spot treat existing weeds by spraying, if necessary.
- Trees and Shrubs: Prune shrubs that are not spring bloomers this month. Fertilize non-blooming shrubs with a high nitrogen fertilizer. For blooming shrubs use an azalea fertilizer. Watch for aphids on new growth.
- Bulbs: Plant all your summer blooming bulbs this month. Caladiums, cannas etc.
- Annuals and Perennials: It is spring, so you should be able to plant now. Be sure to use root stimulator and apply slug baits when planting. Also work fresh soils into your annual beds at this time.

Stop the Crape Murder!

*from a lecture given at Mercer Arboretum
by Greg Girant, horticulturist, author
and on staff at Stephen F. Austin University
-Barbara Rogers*

I know of NO educated horticulturist or arborist that endorses the practice of topping crape myrtles (or any ornamental trees for that matter.) It leaves brutal scars that last forever. But still the practice of trimming crape myrtles goes on and for absolutely no reason. Crape myrtles are among the toughest, most adaptable, and showiest plants that we can grow in our Texas landscapes. They have very few pests. They bloom all summer long. They require no supplemental irrigation. They have exfoliating (it peels off) bark that reveals spectacular smooth trunks. They happen to have a branching structure that a floral designer would crave. They pretty much do everything but mow the lawn for us.

But you say you have a crape myrtle that is too big. Most folks don't realize that there are many, many, cultivars of crape myrtles that have an ultimate height range from a small 3 feet to a tall 30 feet. So if you have a 30 foot crape myrtle in a space designed for a 10 foot one, the fault is not with a crape myrtle. You might as well dig it up and start over, or even cut it to the ground and let it start over. But don't make it ugly by trimming the top. Also, that is why it shoots off suckers from the ground. The only pruning crape myrtles require is thinning out the trunks on young trees leaving somewhere around 3 to 7 permanent trunks. The fewer you have, the more you can admire their muscular shape and smooth texture. Each year around early spring, all you do is remove any new suckers that appear from the ground or from your main trunks. That's it. If you want more information, you may contact Barbara Rogers 281-376-9637. But for now, Stop Crape Murder!

-Barbara Rogers

Events Around Town for the Ladies



Champion Ladies Investment Club

Ladies, learn how to do your homework before investing. Champions Ladies Investment Club has a few opening for new members. Meeting are held the third Thursday of the month at 7 pm. Call Carol at 936-273-3223.

Friendship Cafe

Ladies!

Friendship Cafe is a place for women of all ages to enjoy coffee, being together, and receiving encouragement and strength for the journey of life.

March 2006 topics include:

Your Spiritual Personality, March 1 & 8

March 15, no meeting - Spring Break

Pampering Day with Chocolate, March 22

Search for Significance, March 29 & April 5

Meetings are every Wednesday from 9-11 am at 16707 Squyres Road (off Louetta between Champion Forest & Stuebner-Airline). Childcare is available. For more information please call the church office at 281-376-2027. Sponsored by the *Fellowship of Champions*, "A church helping people win at life!"

Moms in Touch

Moms in Touch offers mothers a consistent time to meet for one hour each week to pray for their children and the schools they attend. Moms in Touch is a non-denominational international organization with over 33,000 groups worldwide in over 95 countries. If you would like more information about Moms in Touch, please contact April Balch at 281-655-1246 (aprilbalch@sbcglobal.net) or Dana Grindal at 281-374-0892 (corey_and_dana@sbcglobal.net).

Join us for a Flower Fiesta in March

On Tuesday, March 21st, Nora Cisneros, a local florist from Flowers of Kingwood will present "Body Flower Fiesta". Nora, who is a Texas Master Florist and has been in the industry for over 13 years, will demonstrate different styles and new techniques for corsages and other body flowers. It is a program you will not want to miss with Mother's Day and Prom just around the corner.

S.A.F.D. stands for the Society for Advancement in Floral Design. We are a non-profit group that promotes the study and enjoyment of floral design. Each month from September to May we meet to learn more about floral design. We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at Cypresswood Creek Christian Center, 6823 Cypresswood Drive beginning at 6:30p.m. Guests are always welcome. If you have an interest in learning more about joining SAFD, please call Pam Dube at 281-516-3323.



The Trinity Lutheran MOPS Spring Craft Show

Saturday, April 1st from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. The event will be held in the Family Life Center of Trinity Lutheran Church which is located in Spring at 5201 Spring Cypress Road, ½ mile west of Kuykendahl and ½ mile north of Louetta. Strollers are welcome! A limited number of booth spaces are still available. For more information, contact Brooke at 832/717-5608 or cbmccarty@sbcglobal.net.

Spring Fest

March 18th-19th, 2006

You are cordially invited to join us at the 8th Annual Springfest 2006 Wine, Art and Food Festival.

Texas style in Old Town Spring

March 18, 2006: 10 am to 7 pm

March 19, 2006: Noon to 6 pm

This event is an annual two-day celebration of Texas wines, artists and foods. Come stroll through Old Town Spring while sampling Texas wines and foods and enjoying Texas Art. A wonderful variety of foods will be available from local restaurants as well as specialty vendors from all over Texas.

Ticket cost (\$15 for pre-registration, \$20 at the event) includes a souvenir wine glass, five drink tickets and access to a selection of wines from various Texas wineries. Additional drink tickets are \$1 each.

Volunteers to pour wine are welcome. Each shift is 3 hours and we will have five shifts throughout the weekend. Volunteers will receive free admission; a wine glass and five drink tickets for their efforts.

Teen Directory

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Holly, 17	B*	281-379-3138
Taylor, 14	BPT	281-379-4237
Chase, 17	Y	281-251-9876
Kelly, 17	B	281-376-5079
Bryan, 13	Y	281-379-6437
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Allison, 13	BP	281-320-8259
Kesandra, 14	B	281-379-1930
Tera, 12	BP	281-379-2311
Ashley, 14	BPT	281-379-2187
Jamie, 13	BP	281-320-0449
Genevieve, 13	BP	281-251-7334
Kayla, 13	BPYO	281-374-0950
Eric, 13	BPTO	281-376-7693

Teenage

JOB SEEKERS

We are in the process of updating our Babysitting, Yard Work, Pet Care, and Pool Care List. In order to provide correct information to all residents and to have your name on the list, please fill out the form below and email to Bingham@CIAServices.com.

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Address: _____

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Colony Creek Real Estate News

Information is taken from MLS. Some sales or properties for sale may not be reflected.



What's Selling in the Neighborhood...

2005 Sales (Jan-Dec)	Price Range	2006 Sales (Jan-Feb)		
		Available	Pending	Sold
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15	\$100,000 - \$109,999	1	1	0
25	\$110,000 - \$119,999	0	3	3
18	\$120,000 - \$129,999	3	1	1
6	\$130,000 - \$139,999	2	2	2
3	\$140,000 - \$149,999	5	0	0
7	\$150,000 - Up	7	2	0

About Connie Ward...

HONESTY, INTEGRITY, KNOWLEDGE and **PROFESSIONALISM** is what I represent as your Full Service Real Estate Agent. I have worked as a liaison for many years in Germany for the US Military and started in the real estate business when I moved to the United States 6 years ago. It gives me great pleasure and satisfaction to help others achieve their dreams. I am dedicated to my work and will always put my client's interest first. From searching for that perfect home to selling your existing home to financing, closing and beyond I will guide you and be by your side every step of the way.

"There's more to it than a Commission... it's about meeting new people, helping them achieve dreams and goals, but most of all for me it's about developing friendships that will last a lifetime"