



“The News In Champions Place - Summer of 2014”

Welcome to Champions Place!

We want to take this opportunity to welcome all **New Residents** to our subdivision. All new residents are asked to please call the **Association office (281-583-8922)** and give us your telephone numbers and your permission to publish them in our resident directory. We will honor all requests for non-listing but would like to have your telephone numbers at the office. Also, please remember to update any telephone numbers or emergency telephone numbers that have already been given to us in order to keep our office information current at all times. If we missed anyone, please let us know.

Jon Litt – 14015 Jupiter Hills
Kathy Lafollette – 6610 Preston Trails
Marshall & Janye Anderson – 13902 Jupiter Hills
John Scott & Vargo Williams – 13810 Jupiter Hills
David & Nancy Jones – 6631 Pauma Drive
Francisco Ventura & Rachel Austin – 14118 Jupiter Hills
David Thomas – 6626 Oakland Hills

We would like to congratulate Francisco Ventura and Rachel Austin on the birth of their baby girl, Hayden on June 8th.

Neighbors in Our Thoughts and Prayers

We wanted to let the families of our neighbors who have passed on know that our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Bob Einhorn – 6511 Shinnecock Hills



If we have missed someone, we offer our sincere apologies. Please let us know.

Office Management – Janet Jackson

- Office hours are Monday from 12:00 noon to 6:00 PM.
- Office Phone number is **281-583-8922**
- Office email address is office@championsplace.org
- Champions Place website is www.championsplace.org
- If your phone number or email address changes, please notify the office so we can update our records. We are trying to send out as many general notifications as possible via email.

Champions Place Homeowners Association Board Members

- President – Ted Keuthan
- Vice President – Mike Carrier
- Treasurer – Bob Ziegler
- Secretary – Linn Smyth
- Architectural Control – Patricia Morrow

Financial Report

- See website www.championsplace.org for full financials for 2013.
- As of the end of May, our operating expenses are below budget.

Save the Date!

The Fall Social will be held on Saturday, October 18th. Please mark your calendars now. More details to follow.

Security Alert

A reminder to protect your home while on vacation:

- Leave drapes and shades open. If closed, it's a sign you're gone.
- Leave your outside lights on at night or put them on an automatic timer.
- Don't stop all deliveries. Have someone you trust pick up mail and newspapers every day.
- Leave a radio on. It signals to a burglar that someone's home. Also, turn the volume adjustment on your telephone ringer down so a prowler will be less likely to hear a ringing of an unanswered call.
- Use automatic light timers. Set them to turn lights on and off in different rooms at different times.
- Park a car in your driveway. If you plan to be gone for just a few days, park your second car in the driveway, or ask a neighbor to park a car there. This not only gives the impression you're home but it also stops burglars from backing up a van and loading your possessions.
- **Harris County Sheriff's Department – non-emergency number is 713-221-6000.**
- **Harris County Constable's Office – non-emergency number is 281-376-3472.**
- **Emergency Number – 911 (Call 281-376-2997 or Constable's office if response is too slow).**



THE GRANDPARENT SCAM – DON'T LET IT HAPPEN TO YOU

You're a grandparent and you get a phone call or an email from someone who identifies himself as your grandson. "I've been arrested" he says, "and need money wired quickly to pay my bail. And oh, by the way, don't tell my mom or dad because they'll only get upset!" Or you get a call from someone claiming to be with law enforcement telling you to wire bail money for someone close to you. These are examples of what's come to be known as "the grandparent scam".

The grandparent scam has been around for a few years but the scam and scam artists have become more sophisticated. Thanks to the internet and social networking sites, a criminal can sometimes uncover personal information about their targets, which makes the impersonations more believable. For example, the actual grandson may mention on his social networking site that he's a photographer who often travels to Mexico. When contacting the grandparents, the phony grandson will say he's calling from Mexico, where someone stole his camera equipment and passport.

Common scenarios include:

- A grandparent receives a phone call (or sometimes an email) from a "grandchild". If it is a phone call, it's often late at night or early in the morning when most people aren't thinking that clearly. Usually the person claims to be traveling in a foreign country and has gotten into a bad situation, like being arrested for drugs, getting in a car accident, or being mugged, and needs money wired ASAP. And the caller doesn't want his or her parents told.
- Sometimes instead of a "grandchild" making the phone call, the criminal pretends to be an arresting police officer, a lawyer, a doctor, a hospital, or some other person. And there have also been complaints about the phony grandchild talking first and then handing the phone over to an accomplice to further spin the fake tale.
- Military families are also being victimized. After perusing a soldier's social networking site, a con artist will contact the soldier's grandparents, sometimes claiming that a problem came up during military leave that requires money to address.
- While it's commonly called the grandparent scam, criminals may also claim to be a family friend, a niece or nephew or other family member.

What to do if you have been scammed:

- Contact law enforcement if you think you've been victimized.

How to avoid being victimized in the first place:

- Resist the pressure to act quickly.
- Try to contact your grandchild or another family member to determine whether or not the call is legitimate.
- Get confirmation before sending any money.

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US FOR OUR FLAGS WITH PRIDE FUNDRAISER

The *Cy Creek High School Band* is selling subscriptions for USA flags. For **\$36**, band members will **place the USA flag in front of your yard or place of business on selected National Holidays***. This is a service that shows our patriotism and support for the Cy Creek High School Band. Money earned will help support the Cy Creek Band for many of their endeavors this year. We appreciate your consideration.

*Flags will be flown on the following days. Flags are left out for display between Labor Day & Patriot Day due to the closeness of holidays:

*Labor Day – September 1, 2014

*Patriot Day – September 11, 2014

Veteran's Day – November 11, 2014

Presidents' Day – February 16, 2015

Memorial Day – May 25, 2015

Independence Day – July 4, 2015

***Note: If hazardous conditions exist, the flags will not be displayed.**

Your \$36 commitment will be for the 2014-2015 school year and is not prorated for late subscriptions. Current subscribers will automatically receive a renewal form in the mail in June or July for the coming school year.

If you are interested in supporting the Cy Creek High School Band, please fill out the information below and send it to the address at the bottom of this form (make **checks payable to Cy Creek Band Booster Club (CCBBC)**). If you have any **questions, contact Lisa Sevier at (832) 407-2734 or cycreekflags@gmail.com.**

Thanks again and we look forward to placing the USA flag in your yard this year. Flags to you!

Checks to CCBBC - \$36 per Flag

Mr. & Mrs. Mr. Ms. Dr. Other _____
 Renewal New Customer

First Name _____

Last Name _____

Address _____

Where flag is to be displayed

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ # of flags _____

E-Mail: _____

Cy Creek High School Band

Flags With Pride

10924 Grant Road #414

Houston, TX 77070

For Band Use Only

Check # _____

Check Amt _____

FWP _____

Roof & Garage Door:

- Mark Lane – C & L Roofing – 281-353-8601
- Mark Lane – C & L Garage Doors – 281-586-7780

Construction & Repairs:

- Don Dugan (Plumbing) – A & D Plumbing – 281-686-6955
- Lee Oursler – Lee Oursler Construction & Remodeling – 281-580-2227
- Leo Mendez (Brick Work) - 832-216-9517
- Artemio – (Interior painting) – 832-229-2213
- Brian Winders – (Tile Work) – 713-805-6205
- Nick’s Electrical Service – 281-221-1239
- Lea Plumbing (Bill Riddle) – 281-537-5697
- Herb Rucker – (Air Conditioning) – 281-253-5432
- Wade Highsmith – Highsmith Glass – 832-202-7919
- Ryon Oates – The Door Guys – 832-851-4754
- Armando Gonzalez – Gonzalez Remodeling & Repair – Did the tile work in the office - 713-591-1680
- Haynes Construction – (Concrete Repairs) – 281-373-0303
- Mark White – Southern Concrete Raising – 713-331-0521
- Rene Ruiz – (Handyman) – 847-596-1670
- Bruce Miller – Mr. Sidewalk – 713-532-2300

Miscellaneous:

- Marta Ruiz – (Housekeeping & Childcare) – 847-596-1670
- Champion Safe & Lock – 281-440-3503 (pager)

Please continue to turn in names of reliable contractors so that we can always keep our homeowners updated. It is also suggested that you join Angie’s List to get other reliable names.

ATTENTION ALL CURRENT OR FORMER MILITARY VETERANS



Yeager, our neighborhood elementary school honors military veterans each year in November, around the Veteran’s Day holiday. You can either contact the Champions Place office by phone at 281-583-8922 or email at office@championsplace.org or Yeager Elementary at 281-440-4914. Please provide your name, address and branch of service so you can receive an invitation to be honored at this event.

Landscaping

Ultimate Landscaping Mow & Blow Schedule for 2014

Visit Dates	Tue	Wed	Tue	Wed	Tue	Wed	Tue	Wed	Tue	Wed
	north	south	north	south	north	south	north	south	north	south
Jul 2014	1st	2nd	8th	9th	15th	16th	22nd	23rd	29th	30th
Aug 2014	5th	6th	12th	13th	19th	20th	26th	27th	n/a	n/a
Sep 2014	2nd	3rd	9th	10th	16th	17th	23rd	24th	30th	n/a
Oct 2014	n/a	1st	7th	n/a	14th	15th	n/a	22nd	28th	29th
Nov 2014	4th	n/a	11th	n/a	18th	n/a	25th	26th	n/a	n/a
Dec 2014	2nd	n/a	9th	n/a	16th	n/a	23rd	24th	30th	n/a

Blowing Only (Blow dates includes front yards only)

Dates may change due to weather

Special recognition goes to the following “Yard of the Month” winners:

- April – Gil & Gretchen Baumgarten-Arias – 6618 Shinnecock Hills**
- May – Wanda Brown – 6610 Prairie Dunes**
- June – Larry & Darlene Heidt – 6515 Shinnecock Hills**
- July – Bonnie Lemmonds & Juan Trejo – 6511 Preston Trail**

Summer is here! As you may have noticed, we have made many improvements to our neighborhood over the past few months. Most apparent is the landscaping at the Champions entrance which now includes moss rocks and colorful vegetation. Arbor Trees fertilized and trimmed all of our trees in the common areas to assure they stay healthy and grow strong. We also had the sidewalks leveled throughout the common area to avoid potential trip hazards while walking throughout the park. All of these improvements not only add beauty to our area, but also help to assure that our property values remain high. Enjoy the season and our beautiful neighborhood.



Architectural Control Committee – Deed Restrictions

BEFORE WORK HAS BEGUN for the following, ACC approval is required as per the Champions Place Deed Restrictions.:

- New roof (a sample of the actual shingle is required along with the application).
- Exterior painting (please attach two of the paint color chips along with the application).
- New Mailbox
- New Driveway or sidewalks
- New yard landscaping (include design drawing)
- New or repaired gate or fence
- Foundation work
- TV Antenna or Satellite Dish
- Any and all other repairs, etc.

ACC approval forms can be found in the black mailbox next to the office door, or on the website at www.championsplace.org

Please allow at least 7 days from the date your ACC Application is received in the office before having the work started. That will give adequate time for the request to be reviewed and approved.

- The re-landscaping of the front entrance to Champions Place has been completed. The re-landscaping of the back entrance is still in the planning stages.

Please remember that according to our Deed Restrictions, **no garage or estate sales** are permitted.

Selling & Leasing

If your home is for sale or lease, the Champions Place Deed Restrictions require that the Association be provided with a completed Association's **Notice of Sale or Lease** form. The office can provide you with a form at your request. There is a \$200 fee required for any property sold or leased, and a \$50 fee will be charged if the issued pool key is not returned.



Rules for Being a Good Neighbor

- Pick up after yourself. Pick it up even if it's not your litter.
- Control your pets. Leash dogs, pick up poop. Don't let dogs bark incessantly. Keep kitty home.
- Keep your porch lights on. It makes for a much safer neighborhood and doesn't cost that much.
- Be quiet. Good neighbors are seen, not heard, especially at night or in the wee hours of the morning. Translation: Turn down your music. Check engine noise from vehicles and motorcycles in residential areas.
- Go slow. Stop at stop signs.
- Park in your own space. Don't be a six car family.
- Take care of your property. Follow deed restrictions.
- Do not place trash at the curb until the evening before pick up.
- Be a good citizen. Keep an eye on things and report suspicious activity to law enforcement.
- Remember the Golden Rule. Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Pool Notes

POOL RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES



The pool is closed and cleaned twice (2) a week during summer, normally Monday and Thursday mornings. If a holiday falls on a Monday, the pool will be open.

Pool hours are from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

POOL RULES

1. A Champions Place resident must be present at all times for guests or children 12 and under.
2. Children not toilet trained must wear water resistant swim diapers.
3. NO GLASS containers or loud music.
4. No alcohol or tobacco products.
5. No pets.
6. No private parties unless authorized by the Champions Place Homeowners Association Board of Directors.

WARNING:

No lifeguard is on duty. Swim at your own risk.
No diving, running or rough housing.
Thunder or lightning means the pool is CLOSED.

Keys to the pool and tennis courts are not to be loaned out or used by anyone other than a resident.

Children 12 years and under are not to be granted the use of the keys.

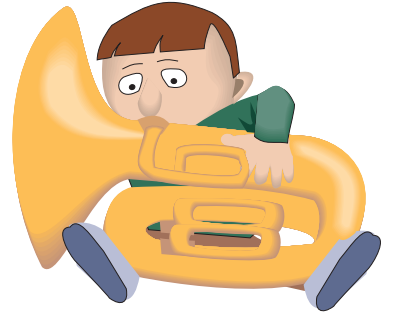
People who come to the gates, of either the pool or tennis courts, claiming to have left their key at home are more than likely to be non-residents. Please **DO NOT** open the gate for anyone. Please keep gates closed and locked.

In order to keep our insurance for the recreational areas, these areas must be as secured as possible.

A key for the pool/tennis courts/restrooms can be obtained from the office. Keys must be picked up and signed for at the office. If you are leasing, the form must be signed by the owner of the property. A \$50.00 fee will be assessed for a replacement, if the key is lost. As the office is staffed only on a part time basis, please call first and leave a message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. The office number is **281-583-8922**.

Cy Creek High School Band

As a fundraiser, the Cy Creek High School Band is selling subscriptions for USA Flags. If you are interested in supporting this fundraiser, see the flyer enclosed. Please note that new subscriptions won't start until **Labor Day 2014**. **If you sign up before then, you will be charged again at renewal time, which is Labor Day.**



Champions ESD News



FIREWORKS SAFETY

- Fireworks are illegal inside the incorporate limits of the City of Houston. This includes the areas known as Limited Purpose Annexations (LPA) that encompass the FM 1960 corridor as well as other areas within our community. If you are caught with Fireworks in these areas you can be cited.

Hurricane Season ~ Are You Ready?

Before a Hurricane

- To begin preparing, you should build an emergency kit and make a family communications plan.
- Be sure trees and shrubs around your home are well trimmed so they are more wind resistant.
- Clean loose and clogged rain gutters and downspouts.
- Plan to bring in pets, all outdoor furniture, decorations, garbage cans, and anything else that is not tied down.
- Fuel your vehicles and generators.
- **Listen** to the radio or TV for information.
- **Secure** your home and secure outdoor objects or bring them indoors.
- **Ensure** a supply of water for drinking as well as for sanitary purposes, such as cleaning and flushing toilets. Fill the bathtub and other larger containers with water.

During a Hurricane

- **Stay inside.** Don't go outside unless absolutely necessary. If the eye passes over, don't get caught in the calm of the storm.
- Avoid windows and stay in the interior areas of your home.
- Our HCFWSD 52 water and sewer provider is TNG. Their 24 hour phone number, with a back-up system in place, is **281-350-0895**. Both TNG and HCFWSD 52 will have emergency information available on their websites as needed during an emergency. If our power goes out, or our surface water connections are not operating with the Water Authority, they have back-up well water available and an emergency generator (with diesel fuel on site to power it) to maintain water pressure and supply at the plant and sewer disposal. Should we need to BOIL WATER; signs will be posted at locations throughout the community for all to see.
- Know that fire and emergency medical services **will not respond** until winds are below **55 mph**.

Worker News

Here are some more names of reliable persons or companies that have been recommended to be printed in our Newsletter:

Landscaping:

- Esteban Rodriguez – Esteban Lawn Service – 832-892-5823
- Pedro Ortiz – Pedro's Tree Service (Also does sprinkler repair—maintains the sprinkler system for the office) – 281-704-8768
- Edward Myers – AquaLawn Sprinklers, Inc. – 281-890-5653
- Marc Orduna – Summit Landscape Services, Inc. 281-583-7900
- Arbor Care, Inc. – 713-694-8898
- Adam Omary – 832-875-8327
- Vernon Milburn – 281-610-4879

