



## News around the Creek

### KAYAK ON THE LAKE FEATURING KAYAK RACES

Cross Creek Ranch and Fishing Tackle Unlimited have teamed up to bring you a boating event featuring kayak demos, kayak races, ice cream and much more! Interested in buying a kayak? Come out and test nearly ten different kayaks on the lake.

Want to have some fun on the lake? Sign up onsite to participate in the kayak races. Kayaks will be provided. Prizes will be given to winners in the single and double kayak race.

**Saturday, March 22 • 11:00 am - to 2:00 pm**

**Location: Lake by the Welcome Center**

**Information: [ccrlifestyledirector@johnsondev.com](mailto:ccrlifestyledirector@johnsondev.com)**



### Cross Creek Ranch Cooking Demo

Get the inside scoop and learn cooking secrets at the Cross Creek Ranch Cooking Demo. The demonstration will give you a firsthand look at a professional chef's skills in the kitchen while you enjoy a tasty Italian 3 course dinner. Who knows? You may be able to pick up a tip or two and cook to impress at your home!



#### ITALIAN COOKING DINNER/DEMO

**Friday, March 14th • 6pm**

**Community Room**

**Cost: \$10 per person**

Space is limited, and you must R.S.V.P. to reserve your spot for the demo. Email Robin at [ccrlifestyledirector@johnsondev.com](mailto:ccrlifestyledirector@johnsondev.com).



### REMINDER!

**Sign-up for the new resident intranet at [www.crosscreektexas.com](http://www.crosscreektexas.com) to stay informed on all of the community events in Cross Creek Ranch.**

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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

### YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

#### Cross Creek Welcome Center

281-344-9882

#### Cross Creek Ranch Fitness Center

281-344-0078

#### Homeowner Intranet

[www.crosscreektexas.com](http://www.crosscreektexas.com)

#### Café at Cross Creek Ranch

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# FUN IN CROSS CREEK

## Mark your calendar for Arbor Day- April 26th

Bring the whole family for some Arbor Day fun as we take a day to remember how important trees are to our lives, by helping to plant trees in Cross Creek Ranch and keep our community beautiful.

Bio Landscaping will have the designated planting areas pre-marked and ready for you. If you need help planting, Bio Landscaping crew will be onsite to lend a helping hand.

Be on the lookout for more information on the CCR Arbor day tree planting location.

Tree Seedling pick-up will be Saturday, April 26th from 8am-10am at the Cross Creek Ranch Welcome Center. Planting will take place from 8am-12pm.



## YMCA Fun in Cross Creek Ranch

TaeKwonDo is a traditional Korean martial art and is widely known for its spectacular high kicks and powerful punches. Your child will benefit with improved physical fitness and conditioning, better focus, concentration, improved coordination, flexibility, increased self-confidence and the development of valuable self-defense skills. Master Joe Vigil and his instructors are black belts with many years of experience.

Fees: \$40/month Facility Members | \$70/month Program Members

Fridays 5pm-6pm

Cross Creek Ranch Community Room

White (Beginner) Belt 5 - 6pm

For more information, call (979) 256-9991 or (281) 392-5055 or email Master Joe Vigil at [ikick@vortexicma.com](mailto:ikick@vortexicma.com).

## The Bunny Hop

Hippity hop, the Easter Bunny is coming to Cross Creek Ranch! Join the rascally rabbit on Saturday, April 19th from 11 am to 1 pm in the Community Room for an exciting mid-day treat featuring balloon animals, arts & crafts, trackless train and snacks as the Easter Bunny hops into Cross Creek Ranch with goodies for everyone. Don't forget to put on your dancing shoes so you can do the bunny hop with the Easter Bunny.



Saturday, April 19th

11 am to 1 pm

Cross Creek Ranch Community Room

For more information, email Robin at [ccrlifestyledirector@johnsondev.com](mailto:ccrlifestyledirector@johnsondev.com)



# CHECK IN STATION (We use this to track the facility usage)

Please remember to bring your ID Card with you every time you visit the Fitness Center. You will need your card to check in at the front desk. If you do not have an ID Card, please notify our staff or contact us at 281-344-0078.

**FEBRUARY CARDIO CHALLENGE** - Congratulations Cross Creek Ranch, we did it! We reached the goal of 650 hours of cardio during February! Way to go and keep it going!

## MARCH MADNESS FITNESS CHALLENGE!!

It's time to finalize your teams and get prepared to join in the fun of Cross Creek Ranch March Madness. Your team will earn points by working out in the fitness center, attending fitness classes, and participating in our exciting events on Saturdays including court drills, game day workouts and basketball tournaments.

Questions, Comments, Concerns? Feel free to contact us at 281-344-0078 or april@risherco.com.

**PIYO STRENGTH DEMONSTRATION!!** - PiYo™ Strength is a unique class designed to build strength & gain flexibility. The moves fit perfectly together to form a class filled with intense choreography that's fun, challenging and will make you sweat. It's about energy, power, and rhythm. Think sculpted abdominals, increased overall core strength, and greater stability. This new and exciting class will be demonstrated by Chady Bagley on March 13th @ 6pm in the Community Room.

**THANK YOU DR. IAN VEARY** - The Cross Creek Ranch Fitness Center would like to thank Dr. Ian Veary of Airrosti for a very successful Foam Rolling Clinic on February 5, 2014. Thank you to all of you who participated in the clinic and learned how to prevent injury using a Foam Roller.



**M: 8:15am – 10am**

**T: 6pm – 8pm**

**W: 8:15-10am**

**TH: 6pm – 8pm**

**F: 8:15am- 10:45am**

For questions or additional information about the Kid's Corral, please contact us at 281.344.0078.

Group Class Schedule			
	Morning		Evening
Monday	9:00am - 9:55am Zumba	11:00am - 11:30am Light and Low	6:00pm - 6:30pm Boot Camp
Tuesday	5:15am - 5:45am Boot Camp		6:15pm - 6:45pm Power Half Hour 7:00pm - 7:55pm Yoga
Wednesday	9:00am - 9:40am Cardio Strength		6:00pm - 6:30pm Boot Camp
Thursday	5:15am - 5:45am Boot Camp		6:15pm - 6:40pm Core Essentials 6:45pm - 7:40pm Zumba
Friday	9:00am - 9:40am Cardio Strength	9:45am - 10:40am Yoga	
Saturday	8:00am Run Club (Self-led)		

Hours of Operation	
<b>Monday - Thursday</b>	
4:00am – 5:00am *	
5:00am – 11:00am	
11:00am – 4:00pm *	
4:00pm – 10:00pm	
<b>Friday</b>	
4:00am – 5:00am *	
5:00am – 11:00am	
11:00am – 4:00pm *	
4:00pm – 9:00pm	
<b>Saturday</b>	
4:00am – 8:00am *	
8:00am – 5:00pm	
<b>Sunday</b>	
4:00am – 1:00pm *	
1:00pm – 5:00pm	
Cross Creek Ranch 6440 Cross Creek Bend Lane Fulshear, TX 77441 P: 281-344-0078	
*Access is limited to Cross Creek Ranch residents that have a valid CCR ID Card and are over the age of 18.	





**NEW!**

## YARD OF THE MONTH



Starting in April, the Cross Creek Ranch Garden and Landscaping Club will be picking the “Yard of the Month”.

Cross Creek Ranch has been divided into six sections for Yard of the Month judging.

- Judging will take place April through October.
- Each section will have a minimum of a two person judging team.
- Each section winner will display the Yard of the Month sign, have a picture on the web, in the upcoming newsletter, and receive a \$25 gift card.
- The judging teams will rotate sections they are judging each month – giving a new set of eyes each month – and will not judge the section in which they reside.
- Judging will be done prior to the end of the month delivering as close to the first of the month as possible.
- A YOM winner can only win once a year.

### WHAT IS NEEDED FROM OUR RESIDENTS

1. Additional team members for judging
2. Nominations from residents will be welcomed by the committee! If you see a yard worthy of “Yard of the month” email [ccrlifestyledirector@johnsondev.com](mailto:ccrlifestyledirector@johnsondev.com)

## Cross Creek Ranch Garden and Landscaping Club March Landscaping Tips:



As spring arrives and warmer weather blows in this March, Cross Creek Ranch lawns and gardens will emerge from hibernation. This means that residents will need to begin regular lawn and landscape maintenance to maintain the appearance of their yards. Lawns should be

mowed on a regular basis, approximately every 7 to 10 days, once the weather begins to warm up and winter hibernation comes to an end. At this time, emerging weeds and clover will need to be removed and edges should be trimmed. Flower beds will need to be free of weeds and any dead plants. Together, we make Cross Creek Ranch a beautiful place to live!



The good times rolled all-night Saturday, Feb. 22nd, at the Cross Creek Ranch Adults Night Out...Casino Style! 187 residents came out to enjoy an evening of black jack, roulette, Texas Hold'em and many more. Residents mix and mingle throughout the evening with friends with a live DJ, Hors d'oeuvres buffet/ bar, and a fun photo booth. At the end of the night guests cashed in their winnings for a chance to win some great prizes.





# SCHOOL BUZZ

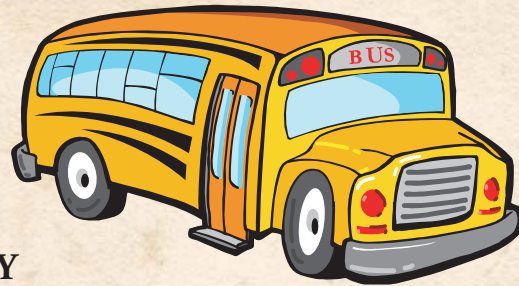
## HUGGINS ELEMENTARY



Huggins Elementary hosted its first ever 5K event in Cross Creek Ranch on Saturday, February 8th. This was a tremendous event for Huggins Elementary's PTO as it served as one of their major fundraisers for the year. The event had over 375 registered participants, and it was a chip-timed race. We had everything from the avid racers to the slow pacers. All the participants left smiling as they enjoyed a healthy family activity. We finished with music from a band at the observation tower with food and water donated by Kroger. Cross Creek was the perfect location for this event as the neighbor embodies healthy living with family values. We were able to enjoy the natural landscape, and it will be a great event annually for years to come.



## SHAFER ELEMENTARY



Shafer Elementary would like to welcome Sheri Dennison to the FPSE team. She joins Shafer Elementary as the second elementary school counselor. Sheri was previously at Sundown Elementary and Cinco Ranch Junior High school. To meet the steady growth and needs of the school, a second counselor was added in January. She has a passion for working with students and has quickly assimilated into the Shafer kingdom!

## CROSS CREEK RANCH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Are you interested in meeting your neighbors? Do you like the fulfillment you receive through volunteering? We are looking for volunteers to help out with the following crews:

### WELCOME TO CROSS CREEK RANCH'S OUTREACH CREW

Are you outgoing? Do you enjoy meeting new people? Join our official "Welcome Wagon" and be the first to welcome new residents to our Cross Creek Family. Plus, this organization participates in volunteer opportunities in the greater Fort Bend Area. What a great way to learn about your community!

### GARDEN & LANDSCAPE CREW

Do you like to play in the dirt? Then join our Garden & Landscape Crew! You'll participate in selecting the Yard of the Month in your neighborhood and help keep Cross Creek Ranch beautiful!

### SPECIAL EVENTS CREW

Help plan and organize events for your community including Shred Day, Kayak Demo, Splash Day at the Pool, 4th of July, Movies on the Hill, National Night Out, Adult Mixers and more!

If you are interested in being a part of the Social Committee, email Robin at [ccrlifestyledirector@johnsondev.com](mailto:ccrlifestyledirector@johnsondev.com).





# FULSHEAR ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL AND PARADE

Hosted by the Fulshear Area Chamber of Commerce and the City of Fulshear.



The 8th annual Fulshear St. Patrick's Day Festival and Parade will be held in Downtown Fulshear on Saturday, March 15, 2014 from 1 PM to 7 PM. Located in the heart of the Downtown area, this event features fun for all ages including a featured performance by the Texas Blues Brothers Tribute Band. The event will be kicked off with the traditional parade down Main Street at 1 PM which will lead into "one of the greatest Rhythm & Blues acts of all times" that faithfully recreates the characters in the 1981 movie, The Blues Brothers.

Booth spaces are still available for vendors and parade registrations will continue to be accepted until March 14, 2014. There is no charge for parade entries and participation is encouraged for all residents and businesses.

This event is co-hosted by the City of Fulshear and the Fulshear Area Chamber of Commerce (FACC). For more information about booth and parade entries, please contact FACC Executive Director, Don McCoy at (832) 600-3221 or [fulshearareacc@gmail.com](mailto:fulshearareacc@gmail.com).

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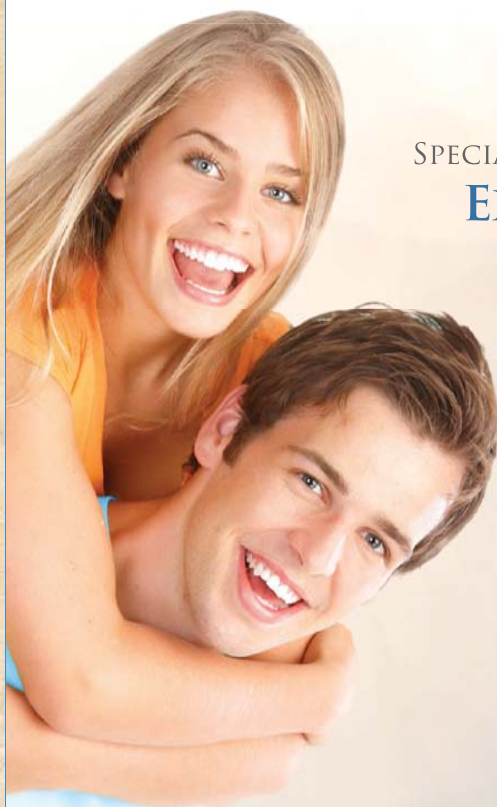
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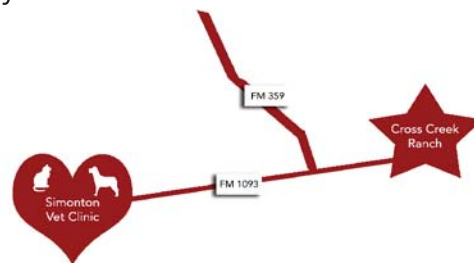


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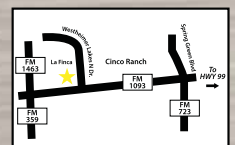
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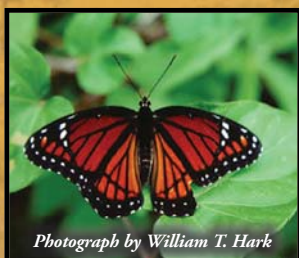


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Viceroy Butterfly

### VICEROY BUTTERFLY

The viceroy butterfly is dark orange with black veins. A row of white spots edge its wings. Its color and pattern mimics the monarch butterfly's pattern except for a black horizontal stripe that crosses the bottom of its back wings. The viceroy caterpillar is white and olive-brown.

The viceroy butterfly lives in meadows, marshes and swamps and other wet areas with willow, aspen and poplar trees.

The viceroy and monarch were once thought to exhibit Batesian mimicry where a harmless species mimics a toxic species. Studies conducted in the early 1990's suggest

that the viceroy and the monarch are actually examples of Mullerian mimicry where two equally toxic species mimic each other to the benefit of each. Just goes to show you there's always something new to discover in the natural world!

Source: <http://www.nhptv.org/natureworks/viceroy.htm>

