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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

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Cross Creek Ranch Welcome Center (281) 344-9882

Cross Creek Ranch Fitness Center (281) 344-0078

CCR App/Website:

Fulshear/Simonton Branch Library (287) 346-1432

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

C.I.A. Services, Inc. (Community Manager through Feb. 29) Main - (713) 981-9000 CCRCA Team - (713) 344-0532

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- Jennifer Northington, CMCA, AMS, PCAM - Senior Community Manager
- Deniece Reyes, CMCA, AMS General Community Manager

**CCMC** (Community Manager starting Mar. 1) CrossCreekTX@ccmc.net

**Cross Creek Ranch Lifestyle Director** Alyssa Brewer - (281) 341-8429 lifestyledirector@crosscreektexas.com

SERVICE PROVIDERS

Trash/Water - City of Fulshear (281) 346-1796

Water - Inframark LLC (281) 398-8211

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AT&T Call Center (877) 910 0501

**City of Fulshear** (281) 346-1796 www.fulsheartexas.gov

Fulshear-Katy Area Chamber of Commerce (832) 600-3221

Fulshear Post Office (281) 533-9146

Fort Bend County Sheriff (281) 341-4665

Fulshear Police Department Non-Emergency: (281) 346-2202

Fulshear Fire Department (281) 346-2800

**Animal Control** (281) 342-1512

**Emergency** 911

### **COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION** CORNER

Starting March 1st, CCMC is excited to join Cross Creek Ranch and Cross Creek West as your new community association management company. We are confident that you will see the CCMC difference as we get our footing in the overall management of your community.

You will soon see members of the CCMC leadership team in the community while we hire and train your future on-site community manager and association team. Because transitioning to a new management company can create many questions, your on-site team will be available by email Monday-Friday, from 8 am to 5 pm, to assist residents at **CrossCreekRanchTX@ccmcnet.com**. We will communicate the on-site hours of your community management as we get closer to March 1st.

Meet the Team



#### AMY HOECHSTETTER, PCAM

Amy is a native of Houston and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in Kinesiology and Exercise Science. Amy began her career in Community Management in 2009 as the General Manager of a local large-scale community association with multiple entities and a large team. In August of 2021, Amy joined CCMC as Houston's Vice President of Community Operations and is responsible for the growth, development, and overall success of CCMC's communities and community managers in the Houston market.

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#### **BRETT WIKLUND, PCAM**

Brett is a Senior Vice President for CCMC and is based out of the Plano, Texas office. Brett has been with CCMC since 2006 and has served in multiple roles and communities. In his current role, Brett works with the Vice Presidents in Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston to ensure all the communities in these markets are being served to CCMC's high level of customer service expectations. In addition, Brett also assists existing clients with new business development, strategic planning, and consulting through amenity planning, governing document review, and financial projecting and budgeting for the Community Association.

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#### **COLLECTIONS POLICY**

The previous management company will forward us a listing of addresses and a ledger detailing transaction history. We will utilize this information to establish homeowner accounts. Upon the completion of account creation, we will mail welcome letters to homeowners with detailed instructions on how to make payments.

#### STOP BANK-GENERATED AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

If you have elected to pay your annual assessments to the previous management company through your bank, please contact your bank and cancel all future payments.

#### NEW ACCOUNT INFORMATION

CCMC anticipates all new homeowner accounts and associated funds and balances will be created and established by May 1st. Once these are finalized, you will receive information in the mail with your account number and instructions on accessing our online portal to view your account, make payments, etc.

We are excited to get connected to the community and will be hosting a meet-theteam event in April 2024. Be on the lookout for the date and more details in future communications from the team.

We thank you in advance for your involvement in the community, and we are looking forward to this fantastic new partnership!

Amy Hoechstetter, CCMC Vice President, Community Operations ahoechstetter@ccmcnet.com | 346-240-6422

# Get Connected to YOUR COMMUNITY

# THREE WAYS TO STAY IN-THE-KNOW

Monthly Newsletter

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Questions?

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To receive the mailed newsletter or emails, please contact Alyssa Brewer, at LifestyleDirector@CrossCreekTexas.com

CROSS CREEK



An educational series sharing the nature and wildlife around Cross Creek presented by your resident peers.

Great Blue Heron

Great blue herons are the largest in the heron family. They have an impressive wingspan of 6 feet. They usually hunt and live on their own until they pair off during breeding season. They can be found year-round in our area.

We were very fortunate to have a pair of great blue herons nest in a bald cypress tree at the Polishing Pond from late February to June 2023. We witnessed and documented their nest building, egg incubation, raising of chicks to their first flights from their nest over a period of 90+ days.

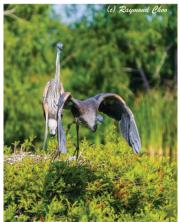
It was a rare opportunity to find the great blue herons nest so close, at eye level and with excellent visibility. These birds normally nest in tall trees in heronry along with many other great blue herons, with limited visibility to the nests and chicks. The chicks would be a few weeks old before one normally sees them.

I was very impressed by the affection of the parents, and between parents and their young. The parents took turns to incubate the eggs, guard the nests and feed their young through rain, hail or heat. It took great efforts to catch enough fish to feed these three ever-hungry chicks. A fourth chick unfortunately did not make it.

There were some drama, especially with the alligator that waited near the nest/tree when the young herons took their first flights. Fortunately, all three youngsters flew well. The three great blue heron juveniles seem to be staying in the neighborhood; they are seen feeding individually along water's edge. It takes about 2 years for the herons to reach maturity.

It is great to see wildlife thriving at the Pond. Hopefully, this is the start and we will see the great blue herons return along with other birds to nest at the Polishing Pond.

Text and photographs by: Raymond Choo



Great blue heron youngster taking its initial flight from the nest



Alligator waiting for any flight mishaps of the juvenile herons



A loving couple



Male great blue heron bringing nesting materials to the female



Mother heron sharing tender moments with her young





# FEBRUARY events

### February 3

### Cross Creek Cares: Donation & Recycling

Celebrate community and sustainability at Cross Creek Cares, a Donation & Recycling event. Let's come together as a community from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM in the CCR Welcome Center Parking Lot to reduce waste, support local causes, and embrace the spirit of giving.with thrilling rounds of bingo, delightful prizes, and community camaraderie.

### February 7

#### Toddler Time in Cross Creek

Welcome to Toddler Time in Cross Creek, where the magic of movement, music, and stories come together to create unforgettable moments for parents and their little ones! Join us at Camp Flewellen at 10:00 AM for a delightful monthly event series designed to foster the bond between parent and child in the heart of our vibrant community. **Registration is required and will open one week prior.** 

### February 9

### Community Blood Drive

Gulf Coast Regional Center will be set up at Camp Flewellen from 12:00 PM -6:00 PM, ready to accept your generous donation and hand out free juice and cookies afterward. RSVP today - every donation can save as many as three lives!

## February 9-10

#### Casino 54

Get ready to hit the jackpot as Cross Creek invites you to "Casino 54," an electrifying Studio 54-themed casino night that will immerse you in the high-stakes world of glitz, games, and glamour. Starting at 7:00 PM on both Friday, February 9th and Saturday, February 10th, we'll transform the CCR Community Room and Welcome Center into a dazzling den of disco, games, delicious food and drinks and fun! **This event is for residents 21 years of age and older and tickets are required.** 

## February 13

### CPR Class

Your Lifestyle and Fitness teams are thrilled to announce an essential event that could save lives within our community! Join us for a CPR Certification Class hosted by ER Katy on February 13th starting at 6:00 PM at beautiful Camp Flewellen! **Space is limited and registration is required.** 

### February 24

#### Father Daughter Sock-Hop

Greetings, little gals and daddios! Grab your poodle skirts and pompadours because Camp Flewellen is turning into a bona fide 1950s wonderland for our Father-Daughter Sock-Hop! Slide into the scene on Saturday, February 24, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, for a night that'll be jumpin' and jivin' with hip tunes, laughter, and moments you'll treasure forever. **Space is limited and tickets are required.** 



LOOKING TO PURCHASE TICKETS, RSVP, OR LEARN MORE ABOUT UPCOMING EVENTS IN CROSS CREEK?

Check out the My Cross Creek app!

## CROSS CREEK RANCH

## **FITNESS CENTER**

Heart Health

The heart is the most important muscle in the body and just like every other muscle, we can exercise and strengthen it to keep it healthy! Here are 4 strategies to implement this month and moving forward to ensure that your heart stays happy and healthy.



#### **AEROBIC EXERCISE**

One of the best ways to improve and maintain your heart health is to get enough aerobic exercise. Aerobic exercise is any type of exercise that utilizes oxygen as the main source of fuel over a sustained period of time. Some examples of aerobic exercise include jogging, walking, jumping rope, swimming, and any type of cardio equipment. The recommended amount of aerobic exercise for a healthy heart is about 150 minutes per week.



#### A HEART-HEALTHY DIET

While exercise is crucial to a healthy heart, it is not the only piece of the puzzle. Making changes in what we consume and how we consume can make a huge difference in our heart health. Consuming foods like Salmon and Tuna that are high in Omega-3 fatty acids can lower your blood pressure and reduce the risk for heart rhythm disorders. Making the majority of your food single-ingredient foods such as lean proteins, vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and low-fat dairy can provide a great platform for a healthy diet. Some things to limit in your diet are processed foods, sugary drinks, and sodium.

Make sure to check out our Facebook and Instagram pages for the most up to date information, tips and advice from your Cross Creek Ranch Fitness Center team.

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## CROSS CREEK RANCH

## **FITNESS CENTER**





#### CONSUMING IN MODERATION

When talking about things like sweet treats, alcohol, and other vices, moderation is the key word. Some good news for lovers of wine and chocolate is that studies have shown that both of these things can have a positive effect on heart health due to the antioxidants found in them. This is only true, however, when these two things are consumed sparingly. Smoking (or vaping) and over-consumption of alcohol can be incredibly damaging to the body, and especially to your heart. By being mindful of this and limiting your use of these vices to as little as possible, you will be doing your heart and the rest of your body a huge favor.

#### MANAGING STRESS

While many people think of stress as a purely mental factor, the truth is that stress can have a very tangible negative effect on the body. Studies have shown that the mismanagement of stress can lead to high blood pressure, a faster heart rate, and consequently more stress. Some strategies to implement include relaxing forms of exercise such as yoga and tai chi. Other ways to control stress are by practicing mindfulness, breathwork, and even things like acupuncture and massages. Learning to control and manage stress is crucial, or else it will begin to control you!

## We encourage you to try and implement some or all of these strategies to give yourself the platform to live a long and healthy life!

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## **FITNESS CENTER** Group Classes

**BODY BOOST** WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY • 9:00am

**BOOT CAMP** TUESDAY & THURSDAY • 5:15am MONDAY & WEDNESDAY · 6:15pm

> CORE ESSENTIALS TUESDAY · 6:15pm

> > HIIT TUESDAY · 11:00am

**MOVEMENT & MOBILITY** THURSDAY • 11:00am

> **SCULPTAND TONE** THURSDAY · 6:00pm

> > YOGA TUESDAY · 7:00pm FRIDAY • 9:45am

**ZUMBA** MONDAY · 9:00am THURSDAY · 7:00pm



## Follow us FOR MORE UPDATES, **VIRTUAL CLASSES, AND WORKOUTS**



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\*Residents/Staff inside the weight room are NOT permitted to grant access. Please check with the Fitness Center regularly for updates. 1/23

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## CROSS CREEK RANCH

## FITNESS CENTER Hours







## Ages 18+ ONLY

Valid Key Fob or Mobile Credential required for Fitness Center access.\*

MONDAY-THURSDAY

4am - 10pm

FRIDAY 4am - 9pm

SATURDAY 4am - 7pm

> SUNDAY 4am - 7pm

## Ages 13-17

Valid Key Fob or Mobile Credential required for Fitness Center access.\*

MONDAY-THURSDAY 5am - 10pm

FRIDAY 5am - 9pm

SATURDAY 8am - 7pm

SUNDAY 11am - 7pm

\* Temporary Access Holders permitted during 13- 17 Access Hours

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\*\*\* Applications complete and fobs/mobile credential in transit. 1/23

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# WELCOME TO THE Naturehood!

## CROSS CREEK RANCH COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION RESIDENT SOCIAL

....Join Us

January 25 • April 25 July 25 • October 24

6:00PM - 7:00PM

## at The Welcome Center

Meet your Lifestyle Director & Fitness Director

Learn about fun resident events

Meet your Community Association Representatives

Learn more about the residents' My Cross Creek App

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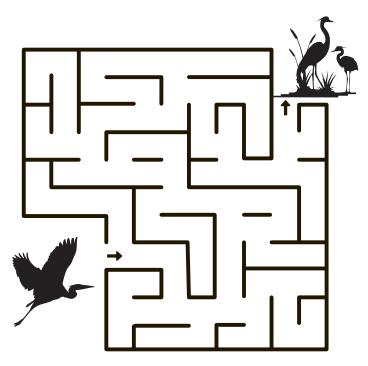


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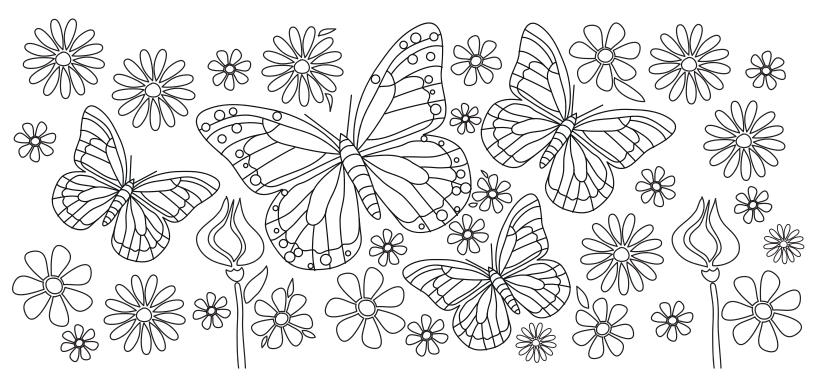


Help reunite the father Heron with his family.

#### CROSS CREEK WORD SEARCH

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FlewellenCreek PolishingPond Pelican Wildlife ArborPark PinePark TheLanding Naturehood Community Family Fulshear



## HOW TO ACCESS Amenities

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The new Cross Creek Ranch Amenity Access and Gate Entry System is live now! This will allow you to access amenities with your smartphone or key fob.

Your mobile credential app is not linked to the My Cross Creek App, but through an app called "Conekt".



## Step 1: REQUEST ACCESS ONLINE

Once you complete the Amenity Access form online, (either through CIA Services website or the CCR app) you will receive an email confirmation that your request has been received. A separate email will be sent with your amenity access information with instructions on how to proceed. **TIP: Check your spam folder for the email.** 

#### Or visit www.CIAServices.com

Find My Community // Cross Creek Ranch // Ask, Request, Submit // Request a Device

NOTE: While you await your confirmation for amenity access, make sure to request your Resident Login on the CCR app. It can be found in the app store or Google Play Store. You can also access the web version of the app by visiting www.MyCCRanch.com.



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## Step 2: GETTHEAPP

(Skip this step if you requested only a key fob) When you receive your amenity access information email you will use your 16 digit code or QR code within the attachment to upload your mobile credential to the **CONEKT** app.

**Note:** once you upload your mobile credential, your mobile device is active! If you did not request a mobile credential, you are not required to download this app. If you requested a key fob please allow time for the postal service to deliver your device.





## Step 3: ACCESS YOUR AMENITIES

You will be able to use your smartphone (once you have downloaded and connected your credentials to the **CONEKT** app) or key fob to scan in with the device reader.

## Questions? Contact C.I.A. Services

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If you have any questions regarding the community events, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or email. I am here to answer all your questions!

Alyssa Brewer

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### MY CC APP REMINDER

Are you in the know of what is going on in Cross Creek Ranch? If not, make sure to sign up for the "My Cross Creek Ranch" app downloadable on google play or app store. You can also access the same information on the website at http://www.mycrosscreekranch.com. Once registered, you will start receiving additional information pertaining to community events, informational items and messages from your board and the CCRCA Management Team.

> Apart from receiving eblasts, the community app is a great source of community information, HOA forms, contacting your committees, community event photos and MORE!!







# UPCOMING events

## February

Cross Creek Cares: Donation & Recycling Saturday, February 3rd

> Toddler Time in Cross Creek Wednesday, February 7th

Community Blood Drive Friday, February 9th

Casino Nights February 9th & 10th

CPR Certification Class Tuesday, February 13th

Father Daughter Sock-Hop Saturday, February 24th





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Community Blood Drive Friday, March 8th

Cross Creek Cares: Volunteer Day Sunday, March 10th

Toddler Time in Cross Creek Wednesday, March 13th

> Fishing Contest March 18th – 24th

Nature & Wildlife Expo Saturday, March 23rd

Cottontail Carnival - Spring Event Saturday, March 30th



C.O.B.R.A Self Defense Class: Women's Self Defense Tuesday, April 9th

Toddler Time in Cross Creek Wednesday, April 10th

Community Blood Drive Friday, April 12th

Spring Community Garage Sale Saturday, April 13th

> World Book Day Tuesday, April 23rd

New Resident Social Thursday, April 25th

\*Open to the Public For more details, visit us on the My CCR app or at www.MyCCRanch.com Dates and times subject to change. Please check the app for the most up to date information.