

MARCH 2019

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# NEWS

## *Around the Creek*



**SPRING WREATH CLASS**

Friday, March 8th



# IMPORTANT NUMBERS

## YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

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**Emergency** - 911

# HOA CORNER.....○

## IMPROVEMENTS TO YOUR HOME?

In the Cross Creek Ranch Community Association, all exterior modifications to your home are to be approved by the Design Review Committee (DRC) according to the Design Guidelines and Community Rules.

In order for the DRC to review, you must complete the Home Improvement Request Form for the modifications located on the website. You may submit the application only by logging into the Resident Intranet and selecting "Home Improvement Application".

Before you begin, take a moment to gather all the information about your project, including any attachments you will need to upload.

- Select the Home Improvement Type you will need to know, the entire scope of your project.
- You will have the opportunity to submit more than 1 request at the end of this process.
- If you are submitting more than one type of improvement, please enter each separately.
- This application will consist of a varying number of questions based on the type of improvement selected. Please allow approximately 30 minutes to complete the application in its entirety
- Applications in progress will not be saved.
- Your form is not officially submitted until you have completed all 6 sections and hit the submit button on the last step.
- You will receive a confirmation once your application is officially accepted.

If you have any questions please contact C.I.A. Services, Inc. at 713-981-9000 or [CustomerCare@ciaservices.com](mailto:CustomerCare@ciaservices.com).

Thank you,  
CCRCA Management Team



# Cross Creek Ranch Events

## SPRING WREATH CLASS

Friday, March 8th • 6:00pm • Community Room

Twisted Ribbon Wreaths will be here Friday, March 8th at 6:00pm to help kick off the Spring season! This will be a great opportunity to show your creative side and make a festive wreath. Light snacks and refreshments will be available. This event costs \$15 per person (non-refundable).

To register for this event, go to <https://ccr-spring-2019-wreath-class.eventbrite.com> and enter the password "wreath." Space is limited, and preregistration is required. This event is for CCR residents only. Ticket sales will start on Tuesday, March 5th at 12:00pm.

## H-E-B COOKING DEMO

Friday, March 15th • 6:00pm • Community Room

Join us quarterly for cooking demos put on by the new Cross Creek Ranch H-E-B. The menu each quarter will be different. The first class is on Friday, March 15th at 6:00pm in the community room. Each class costs \$10 per person (non-refundable). Feel free to BYOB.

To register for this class, go to <https://ccr-2019-heb-cooking-demo.eventbrite.com> and enter the password "cooking". Space is limited, and pre-registration is required.

## TEXAS HOEDOWN

Saturday, March 23rd • 6:00pm - 9:00pm • Community Room

Join us on Saturday, March 23rd for a Texas Hoedown at 6:00pm in the community room. Grab your boots and hat and get ready for the kickin' hoedown as we boot, scoot, and boogie. There will be line dancing, music, BBQ, and lots of fun. Belt buckles and boots are recommended for this event. **Feel free to BYOB!**

This event costs \$5 per person (non-refundable). To register for this event, go to <https://ccr-texas-hoedown.eventbrite.com> and enter the password "texas". Space is limited and pre-registration is required.

**This event is for CCR residents only and all attendees must be at least 21 to attend this event.**

For more information on these events, contact Claire Rhode at [directoroffun@crosscreektexas.com](mailto:directoroffun@crosscreektexas.com)

## FINANCIAL CLASS

Friday, March 29th  
6:00pm  
Community Room

### COLLEGE PLANNING: FINANCIAL STRATEGIES (FREE CLASS)

If you're like most Americans with school-age children or grandchildren, you may be wondering how you can ever save enough money to send them to college. Every year you hear that college costs are rising more than inflation and that, 18 years from now, it will cost a lot more to send your child to public or private school. In this seminar on College Planning, you'll learn:

- How to estimate future college costs
- Tax-advantaged ways to save for college, including 529 plans, Coverdell education savings accounts, custodial accounts and more
- The role of financial aid, including how need is determined and how assets are classified for federal aid purposes
- Other ways to fill the college funding gap

Q&A + Networking + Complimentary Hors D'oeuvres & beverages + Door Prizes!



# COMMUNITY FUN

## MOMS CLUB OF FULSHEAR

Hi Fulshear Moms,



**MOMS CLUB**  
OF FULSHEAR/SIMONTON

We would like to invite you to join us for our March events:

- Tuesday, March 5th 10am: Our monthly meeting at the CCR Welcome Centre where we would be learning from a professional Photographer how to capture the best outdoor photos with our mobile phones.
- Lunch Bunch with our kids at a Local restaurant
- Mom's Night Out
- Park Explorers at a local park
- Playgroups for kids of all ages

MOMS Club of Fulshear- Moms offering Moms support. Check us out on Facebook for further event info: [facebook.com/groups/momsclubfs](https://facebook.com/groups/momsclubfs)

## CHILDREN'S CATASTROPHIC FUND

Residents of Cross Creek Ranch can take pride knowing their community supports neighbors who are challenged with the financial stress of caring for a child with a chronic, debilitating illness, or birth defect.

The Children's Catastrophic Fund (CCF) has been established to help ease financial pressures through to deserving families. Families who satisfy the guidelines and successfully submit an annual application are eligible to receive a yearly gift of \$1500 until the child in need is eighteen-years-old. The hardship grant can be used at the family's discretion. CCF is funded through Cross Creek Ranch's foundation fees. For more information and to download the grant guidelines and application please contact the Cross Creek Ranch HOA at [customercare@ciaservices.com](mailto:customercare@ciaservices.com).

## UPCOMING LIFESTYLE MERIT PROGRAM

Saturday, March 9th • 10:00am-11:00pm 8 Community Room

These activities are part of the Lifestyle Merit Program and are only open for those who are registered. To be a part of the Lifestyle Merit Program, email your Director of Fun, Claire Rhode a [directoroffun@crosscreektexas.com](mailto:directoroffun@crosscreektexas.com).

## SAVE THE DATE! MUTT STRUT

**Saturday, April 13th**  
**11:00am-3:00pm**  
**Welcome Center**

Pups and their parents can "raise the woof" at the Cross Creek Ranch Mutt Strut.

Well-heeled dogs can strut their stuff at the Cross Creek Ranch Welcome Center, where activities include a pup peanut butter-eating contest, a Mutt Strut fashion show, Houston Disc Dogs performances, a photo booth, pet adoptions, dog trainers, bounce house, games and more. A vet and a mobile groomer will be on hand, and Fulshear Police Department's K9 Belle will make an appearance. The first 100 prompt pups will receive a "Wag Bag." Dogs and their owners wanting exercise can participate in a charity walk, with proceeds benefiting the Fort Bend Animal Shelter. Admission to the Mutt Strut is free, but a donation of \$10 to Fort Bend PAWS (Pets Are Worth Saving) or an item to the Fort Bend Animal Shelter is requested.





## FITNESS CENTER HOURS OF OPERATION

### MONDAY - THURSDAY

4:00am - 5:00am\*  
 5:00am - 11:30am  
 11:30am - 3:30pm\*  
 3:30pm - 10:00pm

### FRIDAY

4:00am - 5:00am\*  
 5:00am - 11:30am  
 11:30am - 3:30pm\*  
 3:30pm - 9:00pm

### SATURDAY

4:00am - 8:00am\*  
 8:00am - 5:00pm

### SUNDAY

4:00am - 1:00pm\*  
 1:00pm - 5:00pm

\*Access is limited to Cross Creek Ranch residents that have a valid CCR ID Card and are over the age of 18.

Cross Creek Ranch's newest Assistant Director, Matthew, has a passion for fitness, communicating that passion with others, and allowing people to discover their potential. Matthew's fitness career began with his desire to blend his passion for strength & conditioning with his desire to learn American Sign Language and work within the Deaf community. Matthew is a Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist (CSCS) and holds a background in kickboxing and personal training. Outside of work, Matthew enjoys working out, maintaining an active lifestyle, dabbling in the arts, and spending time with those he holds close. He is looking forward to the opportunity to learn, experience growth, and connect with others through the realm of health & fitness here at Cross Creek Ranch.



Check out Cross Creek Ranch Fitness Center on Facebook! Follow us @ Cross Creek Ranch Fitness Center for updates on classes, fitness center hours and more!



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## FOR QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

about the Group Fitness Programs or Personal Training, please contact us at 281-344-0078.



# IN THE COMMUNITY

## CONTACT YOUR RESIDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, GROUNDS COMMITTEE & NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE & TENNIS COMMITTEE

Look for Blogs and Committee News from each of the Committees by visiting the CCR Resident Intranet at [www.crosscreektexas.com](http://www.crosscreektexas.com). Once you are on the site and have logged in, hover over the "Committees" tab and select the Committee; there you will find more information regarding the Committee, read Committee Blogs and contact your Committee Members!

PLEASE NOTE: These request/comment forms will be distributed to the committee members for review. However, no reply will be made to the owner/resident submitting the forms to the Committees. All communications to CCRCA will be made by the Board of Directors/Association/C.I.A. Services, taking under advisement the requests/comments reviewed by the committee.

If you wish to Ask the Property Manager or Report a Maintenance Issue and a response is needed, please contact the Association/C.I.A. Services directly by clicking "Questions? Requests?" on the Resident Intranet.

Thank you,  
Your Cross Creek Ranch Resident Committees



## Monthly Recipe FROM ITALIAN MAID CAFÉ

### ITALIAN PIZZELLES

I've tried different pizzelle recipes, but my mom's is still the best! If you're lucky to have a pizzelle iron, give her recipe a try.

- 1 1/2 Cups flour • 3 jumbo eggs • Cups sugar • 1 stick butter melted and cooled • 1 t. baking powder
- 1 t. vanilla extract • 1 t. anise extract • 1 t. orange juice • 1 t. lemon juice

Preheat pizzelle iron. Mix flour and baking powder. Set aside. Beat eggs with sugar. Add vanilla, anise, orange juice lemon juice, and cooled melted butter. Slowly add flour and baking powder mixture. Drop tablespoons of the batter onto pizzelle maker. Close and lock pizzelle iron. Cook for about 30 seconds. Remove pizzelles from iron. Place on a cookie rack to cool. Dust with powdered sugar. Enjoy!

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**CAFÉ HOURS:** Monday- Closed • Tuesday- 10:00am - 6:00pm • Wednesday- 10:00am-6:00pm  
Thursday- 10:00am-6:00pm • Friday- 10:00am-6:00pm • Saturday- 10:00am-6:00pm  
Sunday- 11:00am-4:00pm





## LOAM CSA PROGRAM

The CSA is a weekly share of locally, sustainably grown produce delivered to you, and grown here in Fort Bend County. Members sign up online at [Loamagnomics.com](http://Loamagnomics.com) for a weekly share of seasonal produce and it's delivered to the community room here at CCR. It's \$30 a week, with weekly recurring payments. Each box contains 8-10 varieties of nutritious, delicious produce. This program is an intimate relationship between the community and the farmer. You will receive a weekly newsletter telling you what's in your box, current events at the farm, storage techniques, member in residence blog, recipes curated by local chefs and invites to member events on our farm. If you are going out of town on vacation or can't pick up your box for whatever reason you can simply login to your account and put your share on hold. It's very flexible, and user friendly. Why register? Not only are you providing your family with a nutrient rich, delicious box of produce, but you are also supporting the growing local food movement in our region. Plus, you'll receive the convenience of having the farm share delivered right here to CCR!

**\*PICK UP WILL BE EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 12:00PM-5:00PM IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM LOBBY.**

## MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM

### REDUCING YOUR PLASTIC FOOTPRINT: STRAWS ARE OPTIONAL

Thursday, March 7 • 6:30 PM social, 7 PM program • Rosenberg Civic Center, 3825 Texas 36 South, Rosenberg  
Natalie Joliecoeur, Manager Member Relations and Conservation Action Specialist for the Houston Zoo, describes how the Zoo has over several years eliminated many plastic items, particularly single-use bottles, bags and straws, adopted alternatives to plastic. She talks about staff successes in reducing plastic in their day to day processes, as well as some of the local projects they created.

Chapter Program Vice President, Debby Wendt and State Representative, Andrea Morgenstern will demonstrate the serious impact of plastic waste on the land and ocean environments. They will suggest ways we as individuals can reduce plastic use and pollution.

Aldo Leopold, the "father" of conservation, said

"We abuse land because we regard it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect."

- Aldo Leopold

The Texas Master Naturalists are sponsored by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. For additional information call 281-633-7033 or email [mmcdowell@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:mmcdowell@ag.tamu.edu)

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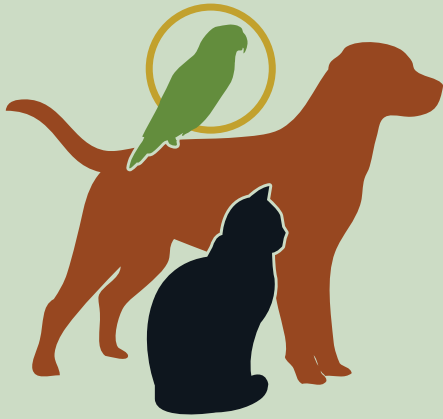
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Their vision is to keep Fulshear, Texas a safe community to live in, to work in and to visit.

You can join the Foundation by going to [fulshearpolicefoundation.com](http://fulshearpolicefoundation.com)

An annual membership is \$50 and a Lifetime Membership is \$1,500.

100% of the money raised goes directly to the Foundation and in turn, the training and equipment that is needed above and beyond their budget, will be furnished by the Foundation.

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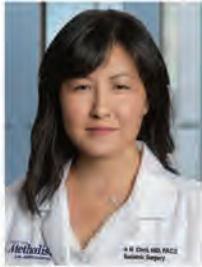
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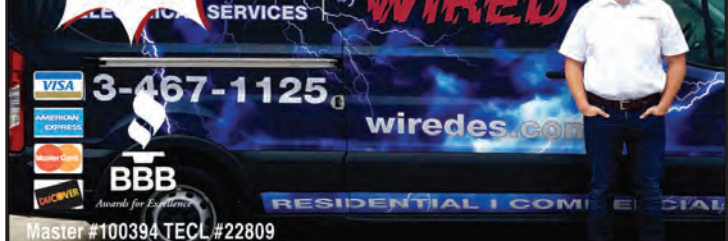
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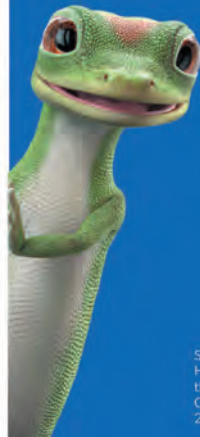


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**March 2 - Saturday:**

**Small Trees for Small Spaces with Danny Lenderman**

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**March 9 - Saturday:**

**Veggie Gardening for Small Spaces made Easy with Rebecca Band**

We want everyone to be able to enjoy seasonal veggies, even if your gardening space is limited. Rebecca has a love of gardening that is infectious! She will teach you how easy it is to grow edibles in small raised beds, pots, or even incorporated into your existing landscape.

**March 16 - Saturday:**

**Native Bees and Beneficial Insects with Erin Mills from Houston Museum of Natural Science**

Erin is a graduate of Texas A&M, with a degree in Entomology, and is the current Director of the Cockrell Butterfly Center. Join us to learn about native bee species and other beneficial insects. They all have a part to play in making your garden beautiful!

**March 23 - Saturday:**

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Friday, March 8th

### Adult Texas Hoedown

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### Lifestyle Merit Program

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Friday, March 15th

