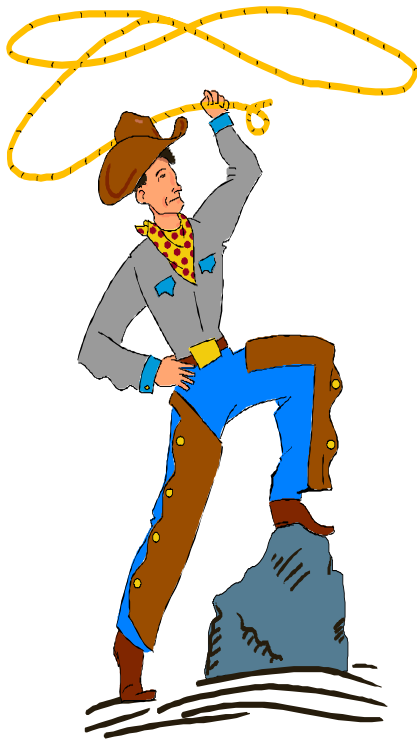


CYPRESS CREEK UNITED CIVIC ASSOCIATIONS
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**FOR THE HARDEST-WORKIN'
NEIGHBORHOOD LEADERS
AND VOLUNTEERS
IN THE STATE OF TEXAS!**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2004
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL
12801 NORTHWEST FREEWAY
HWY 290 AT PINEMONT
713-462-9977**

HOWDY, NEIGHBORS!

You've worked hard on the neighborhood trail -- eaten a lot of dust and taken a passel of punishment. You've chased down strays and stragglers, just trying to keep the neighborhood herd together. You've fought off the law when it was gettin' a little big for its britches. You've kept your eye out for dangers and circled the wagons when they approached. Yours is a tough job, and you get mighty few thanks and even fewer chances to sit down, sit back and let somebody else do the chores. Well, friends, that's about to end!

It's rodeo time in Houston, and the good folks at Cypress Creek United Civic Associations have cooked up a neighborhood round-up the likes of which you've never seen before. And, it's just for you! Think of it as the reward you deserve for your lonesome ride through the thickets, brush fires and thunderstorms of neighborhood association service. And, it's mighty high time you collected it.

So, put on your Go Texan duds, saddle up your ol' cayuse, and mosey down to the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Saturday, February 28, where you'll be treated to a day plumb full of

- **Fun, games, and prizes galore!**

There'll be games for everyone throughout the day. Music and entertainment. Prizes a-plenty! Everyone will go home a winner -- guar-an-dang-teed!

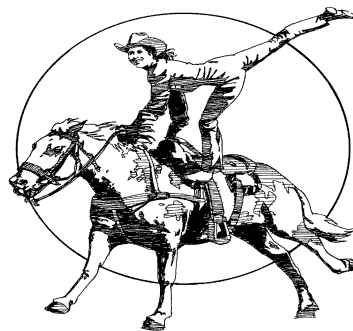
- **Fancy talkin', tale-tellin' and lesson-learnin'!**

You'll hear stories upon stories from neighborhood trail hands from across the city, county and the state. Pick the show events that interest you most, and send your trail-hands to the others. Every durn one of these events will keep you spellbound, and you'll learn more than a thing or two to help cure your saddle sores!

- **Fine vittles and great company!**

Cookie and his crew are heatin' up the Dutch ovens and stirrin' the coals. Mmmm ... mmmmm. Fresh biscuits and strong coffee! Rib-stickin', plate-lickin' provisions in abundant supply! Plus, you'll be sittin' around the camp tables with riders from other neighborhood trails, makin' friends from near and far.

- **And more surprises too numerous to describe! Take a look on the next pages ...**





THE ROUND-UP SCHEDULE

7:30 to 8:30 AM	Breakfast at the CCUCA Ranch and Market Corral
8:30 to 9:00 AM	Welcome, Grand Entry and Prizes
9:00 to 10:20 AM	Show Events #1
10:20 to 10:40 AM	Break and Scramble for Prizes at the Market Corral
10:40 to Noon	Show Events #2
Noon	Dinner Bell and More Prizes Back at the CCUCA Ranch and Market Corral
1:30 to 2:50 PM	Show Events #3 Happy Trails!

Show Events #1 - 9:00 to 10:20 AM

- **Leading Property Owners Associations, Part One**

The fundamentals for top hands of mandatory property owners associations (POAs). You'll hear about liability and risk, finances and budgets, communications, planning and other fine things. A 2-part session for new hands and old-timers who need a review. Led by Darlene Marcum and Terri Sigmund of SCS Management Services.

- **Leading Civic Clubs, Part One**

The fundamentals for bosses of voluntary membership civic associations. Learn all about incorporation, bylaws, fund-raising, friend-raising and others. A 2-part session for new bosses and veterans who want a refresher. Team-taught by Edna Ramos, President of the Downtown and Midtown Residents Association, and CCUCA President Susan Hill.

- **Collecting What's Due**

Some folks think the quickest way to double their money is to fold it over and put it in their pockets. Well, they got another think coming! Get tips from Russel Holt, an association attorney who really knows how to pry open tight fists properly.

- **Water Smart Landscaping**

The "T" in Texas is changing from oil to water! Our precious water supplies need protecting. Discover how your neighborhood can promote water conservation and good gardening practices from Dianne Flynn, an expert who helped create the statewide *Water Smart Partners Program*.

- **Uncover Your Neighborhood's Heritage**

No matter what your neighborhood is now, it was something else first. Digging up its history is not only fun but also helps bind the ties of community. Delve into the past with Thomas McWhorter, an archaeologist and the Director of the Historic Neighborhoods Council of the Greater Houston Preservation Alliance.

Break and Scramble for Prizes at the CCUCA Ranch & Market Corral - 10:20 to 10:40



Show Events #2 – 10:40 to 12 noon

- **Leading Property Owners Associations, continued, Part Two.**
- **Leading Civic Clubs, continued, Part Two.**
- **The Art of Leading Meetings**

Martin Hoffman, Dallas Homeowners League, has knack for teaching nifty techniques on how to handle touchy subjects, keep order and move through an agenda. You will have fun in this one! And you won't need your concealed weapon!

- **Architectural Controls**

Mama's trailer house in the back yard -- a 10-foot high fence topped with razor wire - refrigerators on the porch -- your worst ACC nightmares come true. Pam Bailey, Chaparral Management, aims to show you how to enforce reasonable architectural control rules. The real-life examples and true stories she has will make you gasp!

- **Get Ready for Judgment Day!**

Had enough excuses and delays on that deed restriction violation? It's time to take it to the Judge. The Honorable Tom Lawrence, JP, Harris Co. Pct.4, explains exactly how he dispenses justice.

12 noon to 1:30 pm – Dinner Bell!

Gather 'round the CCUCA Ranch camp tables with your friends and neighbors and chow down!
There'll be more games, prizes, and grand speechifying!

Show Events #3 – 1:30 to 2:50 pm

- **Deed Restrictions and Their Enforcement**

Hold on, podnuh. Don't tie the knot in that noose just yet. Listen to attorney Suzy Rice talk about proper deed restriction enforcement tactics, considered from the aspects of being both reasonable and right.

- **Trail-Blazing Planning**

Is your association stuck in a wagon rut? Are you running out of money, ideas, volunteers and steam? Well, maybe you just need to stage a retreat before you surrender. Pamela Bailey, Chaparral Management, reveals how to carry out a retreat that will lead your association to victory!

- **Water's Six-Foot High and Risin', Mama**

Floods used to be fairly rare. Now they're frequent disasters, and they're decimating our neighborhoods. Hear what Cypress Creek Flood Control Coalition leaders have learned about our flooding problems and what we need to do to help them and ourselves.

- **Win-Win Works!**

If there's going to be a showdown in the neighborhood, it's a sure bet that somebody's going to be a loser. In fact, it's even possible for the winner to lose too! Cindy Azmitia-Rayburn from the Dispute Resolution Center reveals how negotiating a win-win works better than duking it out.

- **Circling the Wagons with C.E.R.T.**

Emergencies and disasters - sooner or later a neighborhood has to cope with one or the other. Is yours ready for its next tribulation? It can be if you set up a Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.). Mark Sloan, from County Judge Robert Eckel's Office, will tell you about Harris County Citizens Corps, C.E.R.T. and other programs designed to help you protect your neighborhood.



Happy Trails!

WILD WEST ROUND-UP REGISTRATION

Registration:

\$50 per person. Fee covers cost of hand-outs, program packets, Market Corral admission, refreshment breaks and luncheon, plus completion certificates! What a deal!

How to Register:

Simply complete the registration form below and return it with check or money order payable to CCUCA, P.O. Box 690504, Houston, TX 77269-0504.

Registration Deadline:

Monday, February 23, 2004.

Cancellations and Substitutions:

Cancellations for registrations received by 6 pm, Monday, February 23, will yield a full refund to be mailed after the Round-Up. No refunds can be made after February 23. Please notify Don Weber, Treasurer, at 281-376-7734 of any cancellations or substitutions. Substitutions are permitted at any time.

Please print or type:

Name of association _____

Mailing address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Contact person _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Names of attendees (Note: If you are not sure who will attend, simply indicate a total number below and send in the required fees for registration. Add more pages if necessary.)

#1 @ \$50 _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

#2 @ \$50 _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

#3 @ \$50 _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

#4 @ \$50 _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

#5 @ \$50 _____ Phone _____ E-mail _____

Total number of reservations _____ Total registration fees enclosed _____

LOOKEE HERE, Y'ALL!

Come decked out in your ropers, 10-gallon hats and bandanas! Prizes for best-dressed genuine cowfolks!



CCUCA's Wild West Round-Up, Saturday, February 28, 2004
Crowne Plaza Hotel, 12801 Northwest Freeway Hwy 290 at Pinemont
713-462-9977



HONORS to ALL

Each year CCUCA honors neighborhood associations and their volunteers for the exemplary work they do. Send us your nominations!

Neighborhood Improvement Award: If your association undertook a project or an idea that made your neighborhood better, please apply for this special award. Describe any project or idea your association successfully implemented that you believe demonstrates resourcefulness, creativity, innovation, or just a good approach to solving a tough problem. Be sure to tell us how the project involved volunteers, what obstacles you had to overcome, how much it cost, and how your neighborhood became better as a result.

Barbara Bain Distinguished Volunteer Award. The late Barbara Bain, community activist and CCUCA Board member, left us a legacy of volunteer service and dedication. In her memory, CCUCA recognizes an individual who is committed to service and has made a significant contribution to the community. Please allow us to recognize the person you believe has made a difference in your neighborhood by submitting your nomination.

Community Builder Award. A neighborhood is not just a collection of houses. It is a group of people living near each other who are moved with community spirit and friendliness and who come together on projects and activities. This award is presented to an individual who best personifies "community - an interacting population of various kinds of individuals." It's for the organizer in your neighborhood (or someone else's neighborhood) who gets things going and keeps spirits high.

Neighborhood Newsletter Award. Good neighborhood communications are more important than ever before. If you are especially proud of the newsletter your association produces, be sure to submit it for award recognition at the Round-Up. Just send us a sample copy (or as many different issues you'd like) along with a one-page description of how you produce the newsletter (for example, how you deliver it, how you finance it, how you find articles, etc.) Don't forget to include your full contact information, full mailing address, day and night telephone numbers and email address if available.

Instructions for Submitting Nominations:

- You may submit more than one nomination for each award.
- Please submit each nomination on a single sheet of paper and include your contact information (name, full mailing address, telephone number, e-mail address) and your nominee's contact information.
- **All nominations must be postmarked no later than Saturday, February 14, 2004.**
- Mail nominations to CCUCA, P.O. Box 690504, Houston TX 77269-0504 or send them via e-mail them to ccuca@ccuca.org



ROUND-UP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Friends, are your association's funds a little tight? Well, don't let that keep you away from the Round-up! CCUCA's Board of Directors has set up a scholarship fund to help you out. To apply, simply write the Board a note below explaining your predicament and attach it to your completed registration form.

Scholarship applicants who would like to help us with registration and other seminar and trade show duties are most welcome!





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CCUCA produces this program especially for the leaders and volunteers of

- Mandatory membership property owner associations
- Voluntary membership neighborhood associations, civic clubs, crime watch programs
- and all organizations concerned with preserving neighborhood quality of life!

Why attend?

You'll get the kind of up-to-date, useful information you need to lead your neighborhood! Nowhere else will you find fifteen workshops as jam-packed with practical, timely information presented by experts – all designed to help you and your neighborhood flourish.

You can browse the Market Corral!

Visit booths set up by vendors and professional services as well as by public agencies and nonprofits. Find out what's available. Compare services and costs. Discover great new ideas for your community.

It's fun!

Sign up for door prizes! Play games! Share stories and tell lies with folks from neighborhoods like yours!

Nominate your neighborhood or your neighbor for special recognition!

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