



## Waterford Park

### COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

OLDE OAKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

## 2019 Election Results Are In

The Olde Oaks/Waterford Park community begins its business affairs each year at the Annual Members Meeting held on the second Wednesday of February. This year a quorum (166 eligible votes) was met with a cumulative count of attending members and proxies provided by members who did not attend the meeting. The election results were announced and two directors, Deborah Plance and MJ Shannon, were reelected to the Board with their terms ending February 2021.

### Our community Board of Directors, in alphabetical order, are:

- **Randy Darland** (2018-2020) Randy served our community as Board president in 2018. Randy has been an advocate for deed restriction awareness and pursuit of alleged noncompliance. During his year as president, the Board pursued a new legal team to represent the community's interests. Prior community service included participation in the Architectural Control Committee.
- **Tyrone Davis** (2018-2020) Ty fulfilled his first year on the Board as a director at large. He supported the Board's efforts to manage accounts receivable balances and pursue cost cutting initiatives.
- **Charles "Chuck" Gaimari** (2018-2020) Chuck served as vice president during the first year of service on the Board. He has advocated addressing issues related to cost reduction, e.g., the lights along TC Jester and seeking opportunities to outsource trash collection services.

- **Deborah Plance** (2019-2021) Deborah, in her role as treasurer, has led the Board's efforts to manage accounts receivable outstanding balances and obtain a policy for investing funds in reserve accounts. Deborah also maintains the community's official website at [www.oocia.org](http://www.oocia.org).
- **MJ Shannon** (2019-2021) MJ, a long-time resident, brings perspective and historical knowledge to the Board's efforts. She is a strong advocate for managing deed restriction violations and preserving the attractiveness of our community.

A third candidate, John Manning, was included in the ballot. John and his wife Phyllis moved to Olde Oaks from Freeport, Texas, three and a half years ago. Although he was unsuccessful this year in his bid to join the Board, we are delighted to have new voices in the audience who want to bring their enthusiasm, life experience and management skills to the community's governance table.

Board of Directors' meetings are held monthly on the third Tuesday. Executive Session behind closed doors begins at 5:45 p.m. attended only by the Board of Directors. Residents are strongly encouraged to attend the Open Meeting portion that starts at 6:45 p.m. Speaking up about emerging events, unresolved issues, and generally appealing to the Board for action on priorities we as a community want to see happen is important.



## 41st Annual FM 1960 St. Patrick's Parade Sunday, March 17



The FM 1960 St. Patrick's Parade began in 1975 as a pub crawl along FM 1960. Over the years, it has grown into one of the largest St. Patrick's parades in Texas drawing tens of thousands of spectators. Monies raised by the parade and other official parade events go to the Cypress Creek EMS Scholarship and Education Fund, which assists deserving students who need assistance with tuition.

**FM 1960 begins closing between Paradise Valley Drive and Kuykendahl Road at 1 p.m. and will remain closed until 5 p.m. The parade begins at 2 p.m.** For more information, visit [1960parade.com](http://1960parade.com).

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Sign up for “Alerts” posted for our community at [www.nextdoor.com](http://www.nextdoor.com).

## NOTICE TO HOMEOWNERS

Next OOCIA Monthly Open Board Meeting  
is **Tuesday, March 19** at 6:45 p.m. at  
**Oak Creek Village Clubhouse (3906 Gladeridge Drive)**

## APRIL NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

**March 9, 2019**

Editor: Mary Ann Waterman

Send information and questions to [oociaeditor@gmail.com](mailto:oociaeditor@gmail.com)

# What Can You Do With Pine Boards, Drills and Fresh, Clean Sheets?

Put smiles on children's faces! Just ask Olde Oaks residents Gary and Nikki Akin, who lead the local Houston NW Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP), a nonprofit volunteer organization that builds cargo-style beds for children who have no beds of their own. According to Nikki, each bed costs approximately \$275 to create – that includes the raw materials, a new mattress, pillow, and fresh linens. SHP Northwest Houston relies on the generosity of our community and welcomes corporate partners to sponsor and provide volunteers on designated build days.

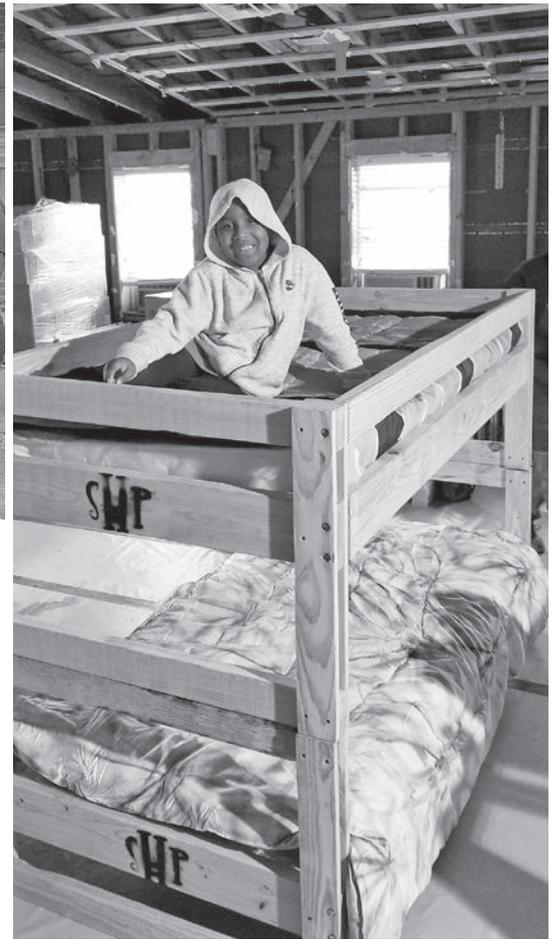
On February 9, SHP Houston NW organized a build day that was fully sponsored by Mac Haik Motors. The buzz of saws, grind of sanders and intermittent whirl of drills filled the air while laughter and good cheer filled the faces of the volunteers gathered on a chilly morning to build the beds. Mac Haik employees, Northwoods Presbyterian Church members, friends and family members worked side-by-side to keep the production line moving. Components for the beds are built at the SHP shop on the property of TheMET Church located on Jones Road. If you are interested in volunteering to help on build days (no experience necessary), call Gary at 832-326-3678 for more information. This is an excellent family project; kids eight and older, accompanied by a supervising adult, are welcome.



To provide a child with their very own bed profoundly improves the child's life experience. Nikki Akin is committed to bringing each child more than just clean sheets ... she strives with each delivered bed to ensure the bedding motif is age-appropriate each and every time. SHP builds beds for children through ages three to 17, creating a significant challenge to match the bedding package to a boy or girl, a three-year-old vs. preteen or teen. **New** twin (twin extra large are too long) bedding (twin sheet sets, coordinated flat and fitted sheets and pillowcases, vinyl mattress covers, pillows, comforters, five or six piece beds in a bag) is where we all can help. If you would like to donate bedding, call Nikki at 281-444-4020, to find out which age groups she currently needs to fill.

If you would like to donate funds, make checks payable to Sleep in Heavenly Peace and note in the memo line: “Gary Akin Chapter.” Drop off checks or mail them to: 3219 Chapel Bend Drive. The checks will then be deposited into the local SHP account.

If you know of a family whose kids are sleeping on the floor, they can go to [www.shpbeds.org](http://www.shpbeds.org) and request a bed. Visit [www.shpbeds.org](http://www.shpbeds.org) to get the complete story, and see our Facebook page: Sleep in Heavenly Peace-TX, Houston NW. Contact Gary at [gary.akin@shpbeds.org](mailto:gary.akin@shpbeds.org).



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The evening will feature dinner, dancing to live music and a silent auction. For information, tables, and ticket requests, contact Dr. Kyrel Broxton or Shirley Carter at [jjnhsassociates@gmail.com](mailto:jjnhsassociates@gmail.com).

Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is a nonprofit family organization which is dedicated to nurturing future leaders by supporting children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving and civic duty. More information about the Jack and Jill of America Foundation can be found at [www.jackandjillfoundation.org](http://www.jackandjillfoundation.org).

# Annual Financial Report to the Members

At the Annual Members Meeting on Wednesday, February 13, the treasurer and the Board provided information related to the financial status of our community. Generally, the 2019 Budget represents a 3.7% increase in overall expenditures from 2018 (\$1,140,107 Budget vs. \$1,099,264 Actual 2018 Spend). The Balance Sheet as presented suggests total Assets of \$1,171,044 matched to Liabilities and Equity of the same value. A 2018 Current Year Surplus of \$76,238 was achieved as of December 31.

## Other news presented:

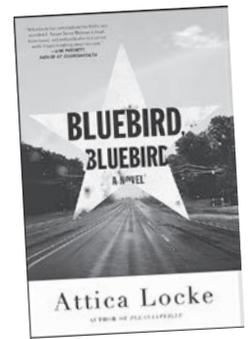
In 2018, MUD utilities negotiated flat water rates for Olde Oaks/Waterford Park, resulting in a large reduction in costs to water the common areas. Actual costs were \$20,000; down from the budgeted \$50,000.

MUD 20 agreed to accept responsibility for paying street light expenditures along TC Jester, including the existing light poles inside our community borders. While significantly reducing our light expenditures, this agreement also acknowledges that too many lights were installed in 2015. MUD 20 will maintain approximately 21 of the 48 street lights from 1960 to Cypresswood Drive.

# Book Club “Footnotes”

On Tuesday, March 26, our book club will meet at the home of Heather George with Randee Saber as discussion leader. The book for discussion is *Bluebird, Bluebird* by Attica Locke.

The plot revolves around murders with a connection to the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas. The politics of race runs through the book which is the first in a series set in the near present day. Ms. Locke says it's a thriller, a character study, and a love letter to black Texans.



Ms. Locke is a Houston born author of fiction and the television series, *Empire*. In 2018 she won an Edgar Award for her fourth novel, *Bluebird, Bluebird*. She was a writer and producer of *Empire* when she published her early novels. Although she has lived in Los Angeles for many years, she is an avid Texan and had missed writing about Texas.

Ms. Locke's family has an impressive history of public service going back generations including the first black professor at the University of Texas/Austin. She draws on some family members as characters in the book. Another passion besides her writing is owning a large collection of cowboy boots.

For more information about how to join the Book Club, contact Kathy Hall, Coordinator, at [hallkw@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hallkw@sbcglobal.net).



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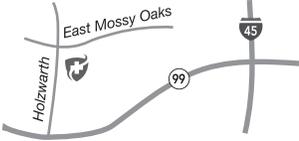
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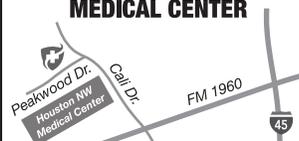
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# Spring ISD Annual Fun Run and Wellness Fair

The Spring Independent School District is proud to present its annual Fun Run and Wellness Fair in support of student scholarships on **Saturday, March 23**. With a three-mile run course, a one-and-a-half-mile walk course, music, kid-friendly activities and a Wellness Fair, there will be something for everyone! The run/walk course will start at Carl Wunsche Senior High School and go through Old Town Spring, where the history and traditions of our Spring community began.

Join us in our celebration and support our talented students as they pursue their university dreams and goals. We need your **support** to get our students into the race of life!

Whether you participate in the run/walk, or just come out for the Wellness Fair, you won't be disappointed. In 2018, more than 30 vendors and food trucks supported our event. Participants enjoyed giveaways, fitness demonstrations, free blood pressure checks and plenty of opportunities to interact with experts in the areas of health and wellness.

For vendors, this event also offers an engaged audience who is ready to listen and learn about all the possibilities in the health and wellness space. Hundreds of participants took part in both the Fun Run and Wellness Fair in 2018, giving vendors plenty of exposure to a motivated and health-minded Spring community.

This is a once in a school-year event, so don't miss the chance to participate as a runner, walker, vendor, sponsor or donor. All of the proceeds will be used to support scholarships as we strive to help our students attain their dreams of a better future. As a community, we can make a difference when we work together. Check out the photos of last year's event and you'll see the enthusiasm and spirit of our inaugural Fun Run and Wellness Fair. Let's make this year's event even bigger and better! Thank you for your support and see you in March!



## Fun Run Registration Information

Online registration through March 20

- 3-mile run (T-shirt and bib): \$20 adults; \$15 students
- 1.5-mile walk (T-shirt only) \$20 adults; \$15 students

Online registration March 21-22 and walk-up registration March 23

- 3-mile run (T-shirt and bib) \$25 adults; \$20 students
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# A Partial History of the Green

According to Wikipedia as of February 8, 2019: "Today's St. Patrick's Day celebrations have been greatly influenced by those that developed among the Irish diaspora, especially in North America. Until the late 20th century, St. Patrick's Day was often a bigger celebration among the diaspora than it was in Ireland."

Celebrations generally involve public parades and festivals, Irish traditional music sessions (céilithe), and the wearing of green attire or shamrocks. There are also formal gatherings such as banquets and dances, although these were more common in the past. St. Patrick's Day parades began in North America in the 18th century but did not spread to Ireland until the 20th century. The participants generally include marching bands, the military, fire brigades, cultural organizations, charitable organizations, voluntary associations, youth groups, fraternities, and so on. However, over time, many of the parades have become more akin to a carnival. More effort is made to use the Irish language, especially in Ireland, where the week of St. Patrick's Day is "Irish language week."

The St. Patrick's Day custom of "drowning the shamrock" or "wetting the shamrock" was historically popular, especially in Ireland. At the end of the celebrations, a shamrock is put into the bottom of a cup, which is then filled with whiskey, beer, or cider. It is then drunk as a toast to St. Patrick, Ireland, or those present. The shamrock would either be swallowed with the drink or taken out and tossed over the shoulder for good luck.

## The FM 1960 St. Patrick's Parade is Sunday, March 17!



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**Family Day:** Free Family Days have returned to the Pearl, with hands-on art projects, artist demonstrations, performances and more. The next Family Day will take place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on **Saturday, March 9** in the museum foyer. Activities are designed for ages five and up, and families may drop in any time during the scheduled hours.

**Student Art Contest:** Registration began in February for the highly anticipated Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts Student Art Contest. This annual event recognizes the artistic achievements of students in northwest Houston, with an average of 250 entries each year. All public, private and home school students in grades 1 – 12 from Aldine, Conroe, Cy-Fair, Klein, Magnolia, Spring, and Tomball ISD's are encouraged to participate. Entries must be coordinated by the student's teacher, and artwork is due **March 26-27**. For complete details, visit <https://www.pearlmfa.org/student-art-contest-2019.html>.

## Current Exhibition Extended

Please note that *An American View Revisited: The Hosek Collection of American Art* has been extended through May. It includes works of the Wyeth family, Norman Rockwell, Andy Warhol and numerous other American artists. Also on view are recent gifts to the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts.

## About the Pearl

Located at 6815 Cypresswood Drive in Spring, the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts is in the heart of the Cypress Creek Cultural District. Admission is always free, but a suggested donation of \$5 per adult is appreciated. Annual memberships are also available starting at just \$30 and offer a variety of members-only benefits.

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts exists to provide direct, first-hand access to original works of art, and to offer outstanding educational and public programming. For more information, please visit [www.pearlmfa.org](http://www.pearlmfa.org) or call 281-376-6322.



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Baby Butterflies Story Time ..... every Monday at 3 p.m.

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Toddler Time .....every Thursday at 10:15 and 11:15 a.m.

Teen Fun Night ..... every Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

\*New\* Yoga with Rosa .....every Friday at 3 p.m.

\*New\* Yoga for Self Care .....every Tuesday at 6 p.m.

\*New\* Family Craft .....Saturday, March 23 at 2 p.m.  
St. Patrick's Day themed crafts for ages eight and up.

For a full list of events, please visit  
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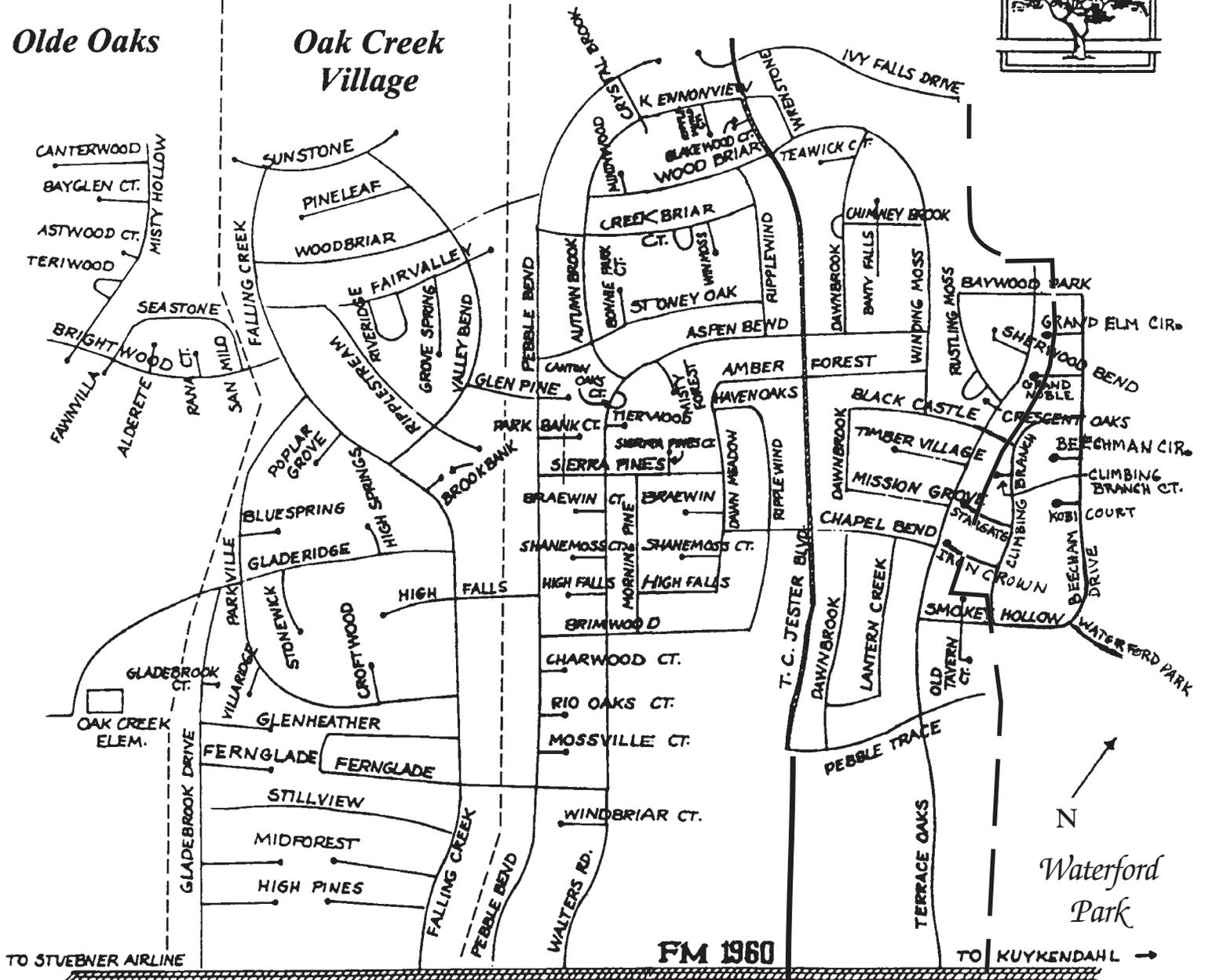
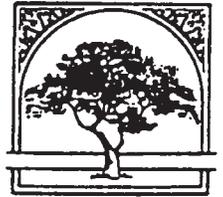
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# Eighth Annual Wine Fair

## Cy-Fair Celebrates International Flair with Local Restaurants, Wine, Art and Craft Beer

*Celebrating Cy-Fair by celebrating sponsors, restaurants and vendors – Raising funds for deserving organizations.*



The eighth annual Wine Fair Cy-Fair presented by H-E-B, Tom Peacock Cadillac, Animal ER of NW Houston, is returning to Cypress Village Station on **Saturday, March 30**, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. This year's Wine Fair theme is

“International Flair” and will celebrate cultural diversity and how it translates to wine and food.

Wine Fair Cy-Fair celebrates Cy-Fair businesses and residents with a vast array of food and beverage selections, fun engaging features, sponsor displays, home zone exhibitions, vendors, local artisans as well as the Bridgeland live music stage featuring local favorite The Sound Advice Band which will keep the crowd dancing throughout the event.

General admission tickets are \$40 per person, and include access to unlimited food samples, wine tastings, and interactive displays. Five dollars from every general admission ticket will benefit Reach Unlimited. Reach Unlimited will also host a

wine pull and silent auction. VIP tickets are \$75 per person, and include early entrance to the festival with a VIP lounge offering elevated food selections by Grupo Herrero.

Wine Fair offers a robust beer garden for craft beer enthusiasts presented by The Nest Wisely Realty Group and America's ER. The beer garden will feature host and beer expert, Certified Cicerone® Chad Pilbeam, host of What's On Tap Radio and Founder of Beer Logic Conferences and Events, will be the resident craft brew specialist. Scores of cold craft beers include local favorites such as Karbach, 11 Below, and Cy-Fair's newest brewery Klaus Brewing. Wine Fair's beer garden will also offer an expansive beer list and interactive display.

There will be 35 tasting stations from a diverse restaurant scene serving international treasures to delight your taste buds and satisfy any appetite. Designated driver tickets are available for a reduced amount.

Sponsorship, restaurant and vendor opportunities are still available. If interested in participating in Wine Fair Cy-Fair, visit [www.winecyfair.com](http://www.winecyfair.com) or call Food & Vine Time Productions at 713-557-5732 or the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce at 281-373-1390.

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