



Steeplechase

NEWSLETTER



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Green Brook Bridge HOA News

The GBB Homeowners Association conducted their 2004 Annual Meeting on Monday, August 16 at the community center. Board elections were held and residents unanimously elected Barbara Lopez and David Gerow to serve three year terms as GBB and Steeplechase Directors.

Green Brook Bridge residents also approved an **annual** maintenance fee increase of \$91. effective in **2005**. This increase will allow for the continuation of neighborhood services, maintenance of common areas and needed improvements to the community.

The fee increase votes were: 122 FOR ; 59 AGAINST

The GBB Directors thank residents for their support and commit to continuing careful oversight of community finances. As always, payment plans are available for homeowners – if needed, simply contact the management company when you receive your invoice in December.

Special Deliveries

Steeplechase Community will place a Baby Stork Stand in resident's front yard for two weeks when a new baby is born.

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Joseph Bauman
home: 832-237-0850

Huge Multi-family Garage Sale

September 25th, **Saturday 8:00 – 2:00 pm**

Located at the Steeplechase Club House rear parking lot. Proceeds from the Garage Sale will go towards Cy-Ridge's Prom After Party (RAP). This year it will be Cy-Ridge High Schools first graduating class. ***Please come and support our school and our seniors.***

THANK YOU!

RAP and Cy-Ridge Seniors

Cy-Ridge High School RAM RALLY

OCTOBER 9th, Saturday 1:00 – 8:00 pm

RAM RALLY will be at Cy-Ridge's High School Parking Lot there will be a lot of different games and activities taking place throughout the day. Powderpuff Football will be a lot of fun which will be at 4:00 – 5:00 pm. Then following Powderpuff Football will be the BATTLE OF THE BANDS 6:00 – 8:00 pm held at the football field at Cy-Ridge.

RAM RALLY will take a lot of volunteers to run smoothly and safely. If you are at all interested in helping out with anything, please contact James Busch 281-894-8815. If you are interested in participating or helping with the Powderpuff Football or the Battle of the Bands, please contact Leslie D. Peard 281-894-6905.

Thank you for your support and if you can not help us, please come by the ram rally and enjoy the festivities. The proceeds from Ram Rally go to our school and students. help show how proud we are to be a Ram and attend the fun filled day. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you !

Cy-Ridge's Athletic Booster Club

Cy-Ridge's Athletic Booster Club meetings are open to everyone. We are hoping to see a better turn out at the Athletic Meetings. Out of the 3200 students at Cy-Ridge only 30 people show up at the meetings. We know that not everyone is in athletics but we know there are more then 30 athletes.

These meetings are very informative about different sports and activities going on. This year is very important because we have our first graduating class leaving Cy-Ridge. We have scholarships issues just around the corner for a lot of our students. We need to know what is going on with our students.

We have listed the upcoming meetings that are held at the Cy-Ridge cafeteria (commons) 7:00 – 8:00 pm.: September 7th, 2004, October 4th, 2004, November 1st, December 6th, 2004

Looking forward to seeing you and supporting our RAMS!

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Have you every wondered what to do with your old and wear flags?

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Emmott - Cy-Ridge News

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Cy-Ridge High School (RAP), also has a CiCi's night at 1960 and Jones Road. Their night is the second Wednesday of every Month. A percentage goes to Cy-Ridge's After Prom Party. All you have to do is go in on your special night and put your receipt in the Cy-Ridge box and RAP will receive the credit. IT'S THAT EASY!

Just think a night out away from the kitchen and your school even gets the credit and the proceeds help the students at these schools. Both of these schools made a couple of hundred dollars last year from this fundraiser. You don't even have to have a child that goes to either one of these school to help, anyone can participate.

A big thank you from our students!

**Steeplechase Information Line:
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- Angel Brigade Bulletin

Just sign in at the resident log-in on the website, click on email bulletins, and select the bulletins you would like to receive. That's it!

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For the October issue is

September 10

Please send all articles and photos to:

Cynthia Green at newsletter@steeplechasetx.com

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Mark's Journey

Submitted by Regina Abruzzese

On October 24, 2003, our lives were changed in a way that we never could have imagined. On that day, Mark, my 37 yr old husband and father of our two young children, suffered a cardiac arrest while at work at Hewlett Packard. After 20 minutes of bystander CPR, his heart began beating again. The prognosis I was given for him was very bleak. After a week of being unresponsive in the ICU at Houston Northwest, the doctors began talking to me about long term care placement and Do Not Resuscitate orders. As a Registered Nurse, I knew that his heart was no longer the issue. It was the lack of oxygen to his brain during CPR that was the biggest concern. After many phone calls and even more prayers, Dr. Fadia at TIRR (The Institute for Rehabilitation and Research) agreed to accept Mark even though he was not responding. The day he was transferred to TIRR, he was not able to walk or talk and was being fed by a tube placed in his stomach. The wonderful staff at TIRR gave me hope and told me that his brain needed time to heal. Everyone kept saying "give it a year." I thought, a year.... That's way too long. Mark's heart did recover completely but the biggest hurdle was the anoxic brain injury. Within three weeks of being at TIRR, Mark re-learned to walk and talk and was eating by mouth. Over the next five weeks, Mark fought his way back to life. When he first woke up, he didn't remember that he was married and had two daughters, Katie (age 8) and Lizzie (age 5). He has had to re-learn all of the things we do every day without thinking about – taking the cap off the toothpaste, coming up with the right words in order to make sentences, tying your shoes, etc, etc. In early December, Mark was discharged from TIRR but wasn't ready to come home because he needed 24 hour supervision. He was then admitted to TLC (Transitional Learning Center) in Galveston, where he spent the next seven weeks working on improving his balance, coordination, thinking, dressing, etc. Even though he was getting better and beating the odds first given to him, it was a long tough road. Nothing was the same. The brain injury



Mark's Graduation

had had left him with severe cognitive deficits – virtually no short term memory and no recall of what he used to do for a living. Simple everyday things were a challenge. Around Christmas time when the world was shopping for the perfect gift, we were traveling to Galveston every weekend to reunite as a family. For Christmas, my girls got the best gift a child could get – their dad was able to come home for four days.

On January 30th, Mark graduated from TLC in a very touching ceremony, along with five other patients. He was discharged home for the first time since his heart attack – exactly 99 days in the hospital. This was one of our happiest days. In March, the next phase of rehab started – The Challenge Program at TIRR - an outpatient rehab program designed specifically for patients with brain injuries. During the 13 weeks of rehab, Mark worked very hard on re-learning to read and write and finally mastered tying his own shoes. When he started the Challenge program, he still required 24 hour supervision at home due to safety concerns. Being cheered on by his

parents, daughters and me, he graduated on June 10th and completed another step in the long road to recovery. Dr. Karen Wiseman, Mark's Neuropsychologist, spoke about his journey at The Challenge Program. "I have enjoyed seeing your sense of humor re-emerge. I have been touched by your devotion to your family and their devotion to you. Your commitment to your recovery has been something special to witness."

Eight months have passed since this journey began and life has changed drastically. During this very difficult time, we have been blessed to be surrounded by wonderful family, friends and neighbors. From dinners delivered to our door for weeks, to helping with childcare and driving, to phone calls and well wishes, our Steeplechase family has helped us walk this difficult journey. Special thanks to our church families at Prince of Peace and St. Maxmillian Kolbe Catholic Communities, the Knights of Columbus at St. Max, led by Steeplechase resident Bob Rink and Mark's co-workers at Hewlett Packard. I would also like to thank the teachers and counselors at Emmott Elementary and Blessed Beginnings for the kindness and compassion showed to us during Mark's long recovery. It is difficult as a mother to admit that you cannot always be there for your children when they need you, but knowing that they were in such good hands and surrounded by people that cared made it easier for me to be present for Mark's therapies and doctor's appointments. No one ever thinks that their lives will change in such an instant but I am glad that we are part of such a great community when the unthinkable did happen. I would not have made it through this without your generosity and kindness.

Mark's journey continues this fall as he begins the next phase of rehab. Although life isn't back to the way it was, life is still good and each day is looked at as a gift. Hopefully, he will one day be able to drive and return to work again, but if not, we know that we are blessed and are truly grateful to have him in our lives.

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Scout Rally Night

Cub Scouts are back in action and will be having a Scout Rally Night on September 2nd at Emmott Elementary from 7:00 to about 9:00 in the cafeteria. If you and your son are interested in the Adventures of Scouting, this will be a great night to get all of your questions answered and to see what all the fun is about. Please feel free to stop by on September the 2nd or contact Jim Andrews at 281-469-6593 for more information.

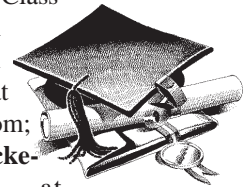
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Did you graduate from Jersey Village High School between 1975 and 1982? If so, we are looking for you! The Class of 1979 is hosting an all-class reunion on Saturday, October 2, 2004 at Tin Hall in Cypress, Texas. You can get all the details at one of the following websites: Classmates.com; TinHall.com or by contacting **Elaine Wernecke-Chandler** directly at ElaineChandler@promessage.com. Spread the word so that we can see all of our old classmates!



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A big commitment is not necessary, so please do not hesitate to join. You may simply be called upon to help with offerings of food or clothing or to assist in other helpful ways such as mowing a lawn or sending a card to let those that are suffering know that you care.

Business Classified Ads

Business Classifieds are \$45.00. Please contact Donna Sommer, djsommer@aol.com, 832-237-4684.

Steeplechase Committees Welcome Volunteers

Get involved. All neighborhood committees welcome new volunteers. For more information, call 281-897-9298.

SENIOR CITIZENS GROUP

The Steeplechase Seniors Group meets at the clubhouse for games, activities, and socializing on Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. We have 12 "regulars," but we are always looking for new people to join us. If you have questions, please call Pat Parker at 832-912-7881 or Marty Mead at 281-955-9829. Please come out to play!

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Jessica Aceves Competes in Miss Pre Teen Pageant

Jessica Aceves daughter of Tommy and Barbara Lopez competed in the National American Miss Pre Teen Pageant the weekend of June 25 th - 27 th that was held at the Wyndham Greenspoint Hotel. Jessica represented Houston, Texas very well where she was chosen as one of the top State Finalists to compete in this Pageant as well as an opportunity to move forward to the National level in Florida where she will be working very hard to get to.

She did a fabulous job in all categories of the Pageant competition...Escorted Formal Wear, Personal Introduction where she spoke in front of the Pageant audience and judges about herself, her ambitions in life, why she chose the ambition she has, the area she represents, her school life and hobbies. She did a wonderful job speaking in front of this very large audience and had lots of confidence and excitement in her speech. Jessica also participated in Business Attire and Personal Interviews 1:1 with each judge who asked the contestants questions about their resumes submitted where the girls learned excellent interview skills.



Another area of the Pageant that Jessica participated in was a dance routine where she performed to "Perfect Day". She also competed in Photogenic and Sportswear Competitions where she did an outstanding job of modeling her favorite Summer Sportswear and Accessories. Jessica danced in the talent competition to "Crazy" and could not have shone more in her hot pink and black dance costume!

She had many young contestants ask her for her autograph and tell her they loved the way she dances which was also a highlight to Jessica! As a top finalist in the pageant, Jessica earned a Pageant Crown, Banner and Large Trophy for Program Advertisement Sales where she earned the Silver Medal Award as well as the Spirit of America Award. She also earned awards for participating in Community Service Projects.

Jessica was fortunate to have a big audience of fans who came to support her, her special guests included her Parents Tommy & Barbara Lopez, Brothers Joseph and Jacob Aceves, Sisters Kaylle and Kiersten Lopez, Grandparents Mike and Janie Myers and Aunts and Uncle were Kevin and

Trisha Kutach, Jeannine Camp, Cousin Taylor Kutach, Friends Chase Dixon and Devon Parker.

Jessica would like to thank her family, neighbors and friends who helped send her to the National American Miss Pageant by supporting her with donations, car washes, bake sales as well as purchasing Business Ads to advertise in the State Program Directory. This was an experience of a lifetime for Jessica and she is looking forward to next years Pageant and is already busy preparing! Please congratulate Jessica when you see her on a job very well done!!

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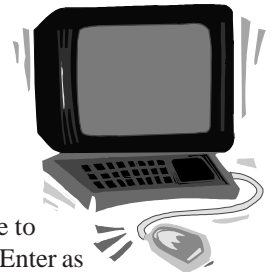
Example:

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Courtesy of "SUPER DAVE"

This market information report is provided to keep you informed of resale market activity in your subdivision.

	Feb 04	Mar 04	Apr 04	May 04	Jun 04	Jul 04
\$160,000 & Above	1	0	0	0	0	0
\$140,000-159,999	1	0	2	2	0	0
\$120,000-139,999	2	2	3	0	3	2
\$110,000-119,999	2	2	2	3	1	5
\$100,000 - 109,999	0	0	1	1	3	3
\$100,000 Below	3	1	3	3	1	1
TOTAL	9	5	11	9	8	11
Highest \$/Sq Ft	76.30	75.15	75.16	73.83	76.62	73.11

This chart represents the homes that have sold and closed in the past 6 months according to the Houston Multiple Listing Service.

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