



Steeplechase

NEWSLETTER



The Official Newsletter of The Steeplechase Community Improvement Association, Inc. and Steeplechase Community Center

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May 2005

May 2005 Pool News

Registration for NEW Pool I.D. Cards

Thursday, May 19 from 6-8pm

Saturday, May 21 from 10-2pm

Wednesday, May 25 from 6-8pm

The registration form for new/renewal cards is located in this newsletter. Renewals can be mailed to Steeplechase Pool @ 11250 Steepleway Boulevard, 77065 or dropped off at pool registrations. You do not need to attend registration to renew ID cards. Please remember homeowners must be current on fees with their respective HOA to use the pool; if you are unsure of your account status please call PCMI at 281-870-0585. The Pool Committee is unable to issue new cards or renew cards if maintenance fees are unpaid – please allow ten days for processing payments.

Our pool company is busy completing many small projects so that our pool will comply with new state pool regulations. Unfortunately, our diving area is no longer in compliance and the diving boards must be removed. The Pool Committee is exploring the possibility of a smaller board, reviewing replacement of the slide and attempting to provide a shaded area for the pool – financial constraints will not allow all to be done this year but the committee is developing a plan for future improvements.

The pool restrooms are undergoing much needed restoration to the floors and will be ready and sparkling clean for Opening Day. Our new pool company, Sweetwater Pools, has an aggressive program to keep the restrooms clean.

All residents are invited to a Pool Opening Day cookout at noon on Saturday, May 21st- Rain or Shine. Whether or not you swim, please join the Pool Committee and Steeplechase Board for lunch and a visit with your neighbors. The Raffle drawing will be held at 2pm – raffle tickets will be sold at all pool registrations and the May Residents Meeting.

May Open Residents Meeting
Monday, May 2nd at 7pm.

SIGNS

Keep Steeplechase Beautiful!

Did you know that signs are not permitted in our community? Our deed restrictions are very clear about signage. The only signs allowed within the community are approved Association Community Signs and one realtor sign during the sale of a home (specific dimensions are listed in deed restrictions).

Many concerns have been raised by residents about signs in the middle of plant beds, esplanades, parks, taped on traffic signs etc. Unattractive signs have been placed in the middle of new flowers planted at our entry sign at Jones Road. Making matters even worse, folks and businesses who leave them there.

Unapproved signs are usually removed by our landscapers, the county or homeowners.

If businesses are using bandit signs in our neighborhood, please call them and ask them not to solicit in our community or post signs. You can also invite them to advertise in our community newsletter.

While signs are restricted, other venues for advertising do exist. Advertise in this newsletter. Owner classifieds are FREE. Or post your message on the Steeplechase website at www.steeplechasetxt.com.

Thank you for doing your part to keep Steeplechase beautiful!



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For the June issue is

May 10th

Please send all articles and photos to:

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News Briefs:

- A Steeplechase jogger requested that the track at Emmott be kept clear for runners to use.
- Homeowners – watch in your mail for a survey concerning the greenbelt fence. The community needs your input!
- The pool opens on Saturday, May 21st at 10:30am – see more info in Pool News. All residents are invited to an Opening Day cookout at noon. Pool Committee raffle drawing at 2pm.
- May Open Residents Meeting: Monday, May 2nd at 7pm.

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NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS REQUESTED

Every news publication needs "reporters" – the "reporters" for this Newsletter are community volunteers who gather information from the community to publish. So if you are involved with a school group, scouts, sports etc. – please submit your information to the editor at newsletter@steeplechasetx.com or mail to the clubhouse at 11250 Steepleway Boulevard, Houston, TX 77065. Personal news from residents-such as awards, special celebrations, military service are also welcome.

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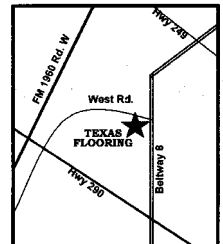
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The cost is \$5.00 per person per class. We start out slow and easy – you will get a full body workout. Please remember to check with your Doctor before starting any exercise program.



John Wilson had the honor of cutting the ribbon for Texas Urgent Care, 10906 FM 1960 West

Steeplechase Committees Welcome Volunteers

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

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HOA Section: _____ (GreenBrook Bridge, Churchill, Cobblestone)

LIST FULL TIME RESIDENTS ONLY (Guest Tags will be Available at Pool)

Please print clearly first and last name for all card holders:

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Just a reminder that we have the privilege of having a Rape Aggression Defense Class hosted by the Sheriff's Department on May 16, 17, 18th, 23rd and 25th from 6:00 - 9:00 pm at the Steeplechase Clubhouse. This RAD class comes to our community and is provided free of charge for our residents as one of our Quarterly Community Awareness events. We currently have 15 slots still available for these dates. If we have more than 30 sign up, you will be on a stand by list for any cancellations that will come up and if needed we will make plans to add another class. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to learn life saving tips and techniques that all women need to have. This class is appropriate for teens and older. Please call Barbara Lopez at 281-469-3889 and leave a message with your name, phone number and e-mail address for the sign up sheet.

GIVE A LITTLE, GET A LOT!

Please get involved in your community. All neighborhood committees welcome new volunteers. For more information, call 281-897-9298.

BE AN ANGEL!

If you would like to add your name to the list of neighborhood Angel Brigade volunteers, please send an e-mail to Jean Feller, Coordinator, at jfeller@ev1.net or call Jean at 281-890-8153.

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PERSONAL SAFETY

Tips from a Rapist - A Must Read

A group of rapists and date rapists in prison were interviewed on what they look for in a potential victim and here are some interesting facts:

- 1) The first thing men look for in a potential victim is hairstyle. They are most likely to go after a woman with a ponytail, bun, braid or other hairstyle that can easily be grabbed. They are also likely to go after a woman with long hair. Women with short hair are not common targets.
- 2) The second thing men look for is clothing. They will look for women whose clothing is easy to remove quickly. Many of them carry scissors with them to cut clothing.
- 3) They also look for women on their cell phone, searching through their purse or doing other activities while walking because they are preoccupied, and can be easily overpowered.
- 4) The time of day men are most likely to attack and rape a woman is in the early morning, between 5 and 8:30 a.m.
- 5) The number-one place women are abducted from/attacked at is grocery store parking lots. Number two is office parking lots/garages. Number three is public restrooms.
- 6) The thing about these men is that they are looking to grab a woman, and quickly move her to a second location where they don't have to worry about getting caught.
- 7) Only 2% said they carried weapons because rape carries a 3-5 year sentence, but rape with a weapon is 15-20 years.
- 8) If you put up any kind of a fight at all, they get discouraged because it only takes a minute or two for them to realize that going after you isn't worth it because it will be time-consuming.
- 9) These men said they would not pick on women who have umbrellas, or other similar objects that can be used from a distance, in their hands.

Keys are not a deterrent because you have to get really close to the attacker to use them as a weapon. So, the idea is to convince

these guys you're not worth it.

- 10) Several defense mechanisms he taught us are: If someone is following behind you on a street or in a garage or with you in an elevator or stairwell, look them in the face and ask them a question, like what time is it, or make general small talk, "I can't believe it is so cold out here," or "We're in for a bad winter." Now you've seen their face and could identify them in a lineup; you lose appeal as a target.
- 11) If someone is coming toward you, hold out your hands in front of you and yell "Stop!" or "Stay back!" Most of the rapists this man talked to said they'd leave a woman alone if she yelled or showed that she would not be afraid to fight back. Again, they are looking for an EASY target.
- 12) If you carry pepper spray (this instructor was a huge advocate of it and carries it with him wherever he goes), yelling "I HAVE PEPPER SPRAY," and holding it out will be a deterrent.
- 13) If someone grabs you, you can't beat them with strength but you can by outsmarting them. If you are grabbed around the waist from behind, pinch the attacker either under the arm between the elbow and armpit or in the upper inner thigh — HARD. One woman in a class this guy taught told him she used the underarm pinch on a guy who was trying to date rape her. He was so upset that she had broken through the skin and torn out muscle strands. The guy needed stitches. Try pinching yourself in those places

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as hard as you can stand it; it hurts.

- 14) After the initial hit, always go for the groin. I know from a particularly unfortunate experience that if you slap a guy's parts it is extremely painful. You might think that you'll anger the guy and make him want to hurt you more, but the thing these rapists told our instructor is that they want a woman who will not cause a lot of trouble. Start causing trouble, & he's outta there.
- 15) When the guy puts his hands up to you, grab his first two fingers and bend them back as far as possible with as much pressure pushing down on them as possible. The instructor did it to me without using much pressure, and I ended up on my knees and both knuckles cracked audibly.
- 16) Of course, the things we always hear still apply. Always be aware of your surroundings, take someone with you if you can, and if you see any odd behavior, don't dismiss it, go with your instincts. You may feel a little silly at the time, but you'd feel much worse if the guy really was trouble.

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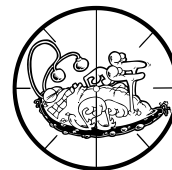
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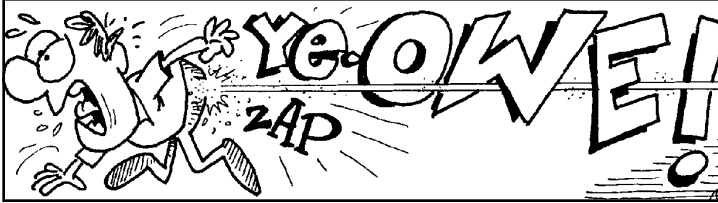
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COMMUNITY:

OWNERS NAME: _____

HOME PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

WORK PHONE: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ SECTION _____ BLOCK _____ LOT _____

ALTERNATE ADDRESS: _____

In an effort to provide and protect each individual homeowner's rights and values, it is required that any homeowner or group of owners considering improvement of their property which would effect the exterior appearance of a building or improvements (examples: painting, patio covers, outside buildings, fences, etc.), **MUST** submit a Request for Home Improvement Approval to the Architectural Review Committee **PRIOR** to initiating work on planned improvements. If any change is made that has not been approved, the committee has the right to ask the homeowner to remove the improvement from the property.

Please fill out this form in complete detail.

TYPE OF IMPROVEMENT:

(IF THE PROPOSED MODIFICATION OR REPAIR INVOLVES AN EXTERIOR MODIFICATION OTHER THAN PAINT, STAIN OR ROOF REPLACEMENT, A COPY OF THE LOT SURVEY OR DRAWING OF THE PROPERTY DEPICTING THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED MODIFICATION OR STRUCTURE MUST BE ENCLOSED, ALONG WITH THE SPECIFIC DETAIL OF MATERIALS, DIMENSIONS TO INCLUDE HEIGHT, AND PROPOSED FINISH DETAIL OF ANY AND ALL IMPROVEMENTS).

LOCATION:

Front of House _____ Roof of House _____ Garage _____ Back of House _____ Side of House _____

MATERIALS: **** (PLEASE SUBMIT COLOR SAMPLES FOR ANY PAINT, TO INCLUDE PRIMARY AND TRIM/ MUST INDICATE IF PAINTING A SURFACE THAT HAS NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY PAINTED, WINDOW OR SCREEN TINT, ROOFING MATERIALS, BRICK, OR SIDING)****

**Paint _____ Color _____ Stain _____ Lumber _____ Cedar _____ Brick _____ Concrete _____

Pipe _____ Electrical _____ Other _____ Aluminum _____

DIMENSIONS: Height _____ Width _____ Length _____


DISTANCE FROM BOUNDARY LINES AND/OR MARKED LOT SURVEY:

LOT SURVEY ENCLOSED: YES () NO ()

IF NO, PLEASE USE BLOCK TO THE RIGHT TO EVIDENCE LOCATION OF EXISTING AND/OR PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS BEGINNING FROM FRONT BUILDING LINE (F.B.L.) INDICATED. ALSO NOTE ANY AND ALL EASEMENTS AND LOT BOUNDARIES.

I understand that the Architectural Review Committee will act on this request as quickly as possible and contact me in writing regarding its decision. Further, I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure compliance with all applicable governmental ordinances, codes, etc. affecting such improvement(s). I understand I am not to begin property improvements until the Architectural Review Committee notifies me of its approval.

*****FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE SURVEY AND REQUIRED INFORMATION
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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.

	Oct 04	Nov 04	Dec 04	Jan 05	Feb 05	Mar 05
\$160,000 & Above	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$140,000-159,999	0	1	0	1	1	1
\$120,000-139,999	4	2	6	1	2	1
\$110,000-119,999	1	4	2	2	0	0
\$100,000 - 109,999	4	0	1	2	1	0
\$100,000 Below	0	3	0	0	0	2
TOTAL	9	10	9	6	4	4
Highest \$/Sq Ft	80.02	77.28	69.45	70.10	78.17	69.66

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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- 12103 Hedgedown
- 9803 Meadow Bend
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- 9526 Suffolk Punch
- 11803 Meadowchase
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