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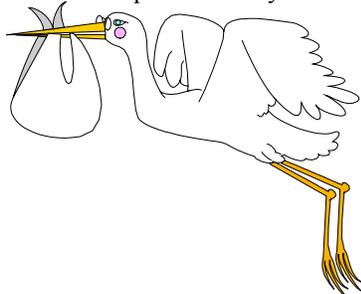
NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS REQUESTED

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.

Please remember that this newsletter is sent to 1650 homes (at no cost to homeowners) – so please send your important news to us today. Remember, the deadline for each month is by the 10th day of the prior month.

Special Deliveries

Steeplechase Community volunteers will place a Baby Stork in your yard for two weeks after a new baby is born. In order to participate contact Irma Martinez @ 832-912-6639 or Joseph Bauman @ 832-237-0850.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, August 2, 2005
6 P.M. – 9 P.M.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS – GATHERINGS THROUGHOUT STEEPLECHASE

Join the thousands of citizens in Harris County and the Nation in the annual event.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness and strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community relations.

Neighbors – let’s use NATIONAL NIGHT OUT to get to know our neighbors a little better than just a friendly wave as we go about our busy schedules. Bring a lawn chair, a cold drink and meet in a driveway, cul-de-sac or front porch and get to know your neighbors a little bit better. We all need to watch out for each other and it always helps to know who that dog belongs to or who is starting what school in August. Together, as neighbors watching out for neighbors, we can strengthen our community and reduce crime in Steeplechase. Remember to turn on your front porch lights.

Important New Phone Numbers:

For Clubhouse Rentals – call: 832-922-8031 – Phyllis McFarland
For Community Group use of Club – call: 832-922-8030 – Jinnie Kelley

View the Steeplechase Community Association newsletter each month on-line at www.PEELinc.com



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	(Monday & Thursday)
Harris Co. Pct. 4 Road Maintenance.....	281-353-8424
Community Events.....	281-469-CLUB
Clubhouse Rentals:	
Private Events (Phyllis McFarland).....	281-469-CLUB
Community Group Events (Barbara Lopez).....	281-894-2894

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COMMUNITY CENTER CONTACTS

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Clubhouse Rentals

Phyllis McFarland..... 832-922-8031

Weekday Use of Club

Jinnie Kelley

Private Pool Parties

Sweetwater Pools..... 281-988-8480

Board Member Contact

PCMI..... 281-870-0585

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

For the September issue is

August 10th

Please send all articles and photos to:

ehattman@yahoo.com

(high quality digital photos up to 2 MBs accepted)

or mail your submissions to the Steeplechase clubhouse at

11250 Steepleway Blvd., Houston, TX 77065

if you do not have a computer

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The cost is \$50 fee plus \$50 cleaning deposit which is refundable after the event.

The homeowner must be in good standing.

For more information, contact Jinnie Kelley at 832- 922-8030.

Business Meetings – Small Functions – Weekdays only Day or evening hours

Most evenings, community groups are using the club, so it is likely the facility will be shared with another group – renters may request upper or lower level – which will be provided if possible. No access to the pool area.

For Weekend And Holiday Rentals Call:

Phyllis Mcfarland @ 832-922-8031

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The Hidden Dangers Of Computer Disposal

(NAPSA)-To millions of computer users worldwide, an outdated or malfunctioning computer is no different than a broken toaster; they simply toss it in the trash and buy a new one. However, unlike a busted kitchen appliance, a computer should not be thrown away for two critical reasons: it can lead to identity theft and poison the environment.

Protect The Environment

Some pieces of hardware may contain toxic materials. Much like used motor oil or old paint, certain computer parts must not be disposed of in a public landfill in order to prevent toxic substances from leaching into the ground and contaminating water supplies. These components should be disposed of properly by trained professionals who participate in computer recycling.

Protect Your Identity

The hard drive inside your computer contains



Discarding your old computer can put your personal information and data at risk.

an extensive amount of private information, such as financial records, personal e-mails, family photos and critical documents. To prevent this data from falling into the wrong hands-which could lead to identity theft-it is imperative that you delete it prior to selling,

recycling or disposing of your computer.

To erase files in a safe, permanent manner, you must do more than delete them and empty the Windows "recycle bin." While these actions may remove the information from Windows, they do not expunge the files from the hard drive itself. The only ways to ensure that your private files are permanently erased are to use special "shredder" software programs.

A word of caution: if your hard drive is on the fritz or appears to be "dead," don't assume that your data is incapable of being retrieved. A crafty thief could rummage through your trash, steal the malfunctioning hard drive you threw out, then use special hardware or software tools to recover your data. Before throwing away any hard drive that appears to be inaccessible or severely damaged, make certain the drive is truly dead by physically smashing it several times with a hammer or similar tool.



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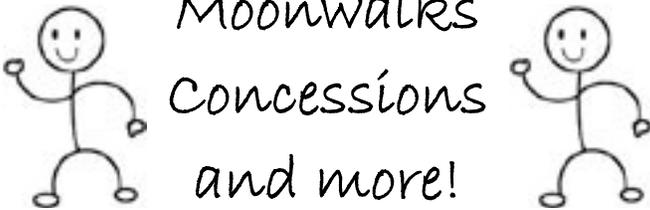
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Following the 10:30 worship service the Education Ministry team will sponsor a "kid friendly" catered lunch in Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited and tickets will be on sale in early August.

Messiah Lutheran Church is a grace place, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Messiah is located at 11522 Telge Road, ½ mile north of Hwy 290. For more information call 281-890-3013 or log on to www.messiahlc.org. All people are welcome at Messiah!

Steeplechase Committees Welcome Volunteers

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

Classified Ads

Personal classifieds (one time sell items, such as a used bike...) run at no charge to Steeplechase residents, limit 30 words, please e-mail to newsletter@steeplechasetx.com.

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3-6, 10-13—HOUSTON: Houston Shakespeare Festival Two plays — *As You Like It* and *Hamlet* — are performed on alternating nights. Miller Outdoor Theatre in Hermann Park. E-mail: sjustice@uh.edu 713/743-3003

3-7—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Texas International Fishing Tournament Features the largest bay and deep-sea fishing tournament in this state. South Padre Island and Port Isabel waters. www.tift.org

4, 11, 18, 25—KEMAH: Rock the Dock Concert Series Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880

5—TOMBALL: Tomball Night Includes shopping, bands, carnival rides for kids and night parade. E-mail: admin@tomballchamber.org • www.tomballchamber.org 281/351-7222

5-6—ORANGE: OCARC Fishing Tournament Includes fishing tournament and weigh-in. 409/886-1363

5-6—PORT ARANSAS: Hope Devlin Kids Fishing Tournament Held in memory of Captain Hope Devlin. Proceeds benefit the Kiwanis Club Scholarship Program. Robert's Point Park. 361/749-3497

5-7—HOUSTON: Houston International Jazz Festival Take some Latin rhythms, mix in some smokin' soul sounds and add a few Asian jazz licks. Toss in some smooth jazz tunes so cool people will forget it is summer in Houston and people can get an idea what to expect at this 15th annual event. Verizon Wireless Theater/Bayou Place. www.jazzeducation.org 713/839-7000 or 713/629-3700

5-7, 11-14, 19-20—BAYTOWN: Brigadoon Baytown Little Theater. 281/424-7617

6, 13, 19-20, 27—LAKE JACKSON: Story Time Storytellers read

books about the sea and nature from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday and 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Saturday. Stories are for preschool age but entertain all ages. Donations appreciated. Sea Center Texas. 979/292-0100

7—KEMAH: 37th Annual Blessing of the Shrimp & Pleasure Fleet Boat Parade As brightly decorated shrimp boats and pleasure craft file past the Kemah Boardwalk at 1:30 p.m., an officiating priest and minister bless each boat. Kemah Boardwalk. E-mail: ralph@underwaterinc.com • www.kemah.net 281/334-2303 or 832/347-8837

12-13—HITCHCOCK: Good Ole Days Festival Enjoy a barbecue cook-off, parade, live entertainment, carnival, crafts, food, petting zoo, relay games, raffles, drawings and pageant. Hours are 5 p.m. to midnight Friday and 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday. Good Ole Days Grounds, 8300 Hwy. 6. E-mail: hcofc662@msn.com 409/986-9224 or 409/986-7420

12-14—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: Ladies Kingfish Tournament Features bay and offshore divisions. Register Friday at SPI Convention Centre. Weigh-in is Saturday at South Point Marina, Port Isabel. Awards and social occur Sunday at the SPI Convention Centre. www.spichamber.com 956/761-4412

20—CORPUS CHRISTI: Photo Phun with Phlowers! Workshop Two experienced, published digital photo hobbyists talk about equipment, taking fun, creative photos and more. Bring camera. Hours are 10 a.m. to noon. Corpus Christi Botanical Gardens and Nature Center. E-mail: mjc@ccbobotanicalgardens.org • www.ccbobotanicalgardens.org 361/852-2100

20-21—KEMAH: Steel Drum Festival Kemah Boardwalk. www.kemahboardwalk.com 281/334-9880 or 877/285-3624

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26-28—CLEAR LAKE AREA: **Ballunar Lifftoff Festival** Touted as the "Largest Hot Air Balloon Event in Texas," this event features more than 80 hot air balloons, the world's largest balloon, a balloon glow, skydiving competitions, aerial demonstrations, midway games, arts & crafts, food, music and other entertainment. NASA Johnson Space Center. www.ballunarfestival.com 281/488-7676

27—GALVESTON: **Artwalk** Wine stroll takes people through art galleries, antique shops, designer clothing stores and exclusive boutiques. Hours are 6 to 9 p.m. Historic Strand District. 409/763-2403

27—PORT ARANSAS: **Texas Women Anglers Tournament** Features a fishing tournament for women. Robert's Point Park. www.gofishtx.com 361/882-6000

28—SOUTH PADRE ISLAND: **Brownsville River Rockets "Duel of the Dunes"** This adventure race puts two member teams through a multisport challenge of 7-15 miles of mountain biking, 2-3 miles of running in the dunes, a 5-6 mile urban challenge at historical Isla Blanca, 2-3 miles of kayaking in the bay and mystery events that include an activity at Schlitterbahn Water Park. E-mail: mheggie17@aol.com • www.riverrockets.com 956/451-1500

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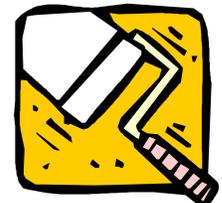
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Many concerns have been raised by residents about signs in the middle of plant beds, esplanades, parks, taped on traffic signs etc. Unattractive signs have been placed in the middle of new flowers planted at our entry sign at Jones Road. Making matters 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.steeplechasetx.com.

Thank you for doing your part to keep Steeplechase beautiful!

Advertising Information

Please support the businesses that advertise in the Steeplechase Community Association Newsletter. Their advertising dollars make it possible for all residents to receive a newsletter each month at no charge. No homeowners association funds are used to produce or mail the newsletters. If you would like to support the newsletter by advertising, please contact our sales representative, Donna Sommer @ 832-237-4684 or dsommer@PEELinc.com for ad information and pricing. The deadline for ads is the 10th of each month for the upcoming month's newsletter.

Message Board

The Steeplechase Message Board is a great forum for neighbor to neighbor communication, however if you have a maintenance issue, complaint, concern etc. – please correspond directly with our community management company, PCMI at 281-870-0585 or Myla@pcmi-us.com for a prompt response.”



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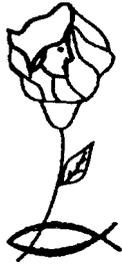

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Jessica Sproull, 16* **	B,P	281-894-9406
Kelly Theisen, 21	B,P	281-970-4331



Don't Lose Your Cool This Summer!

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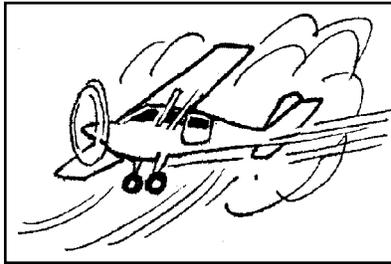
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REQUEST FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT APPROVAL

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
P.O. BOX 219223
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77218
Fax 281-870-9170

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
COULD RESULT IN A DELAY AND/OR AUTOMATIC DISAPPROVAL OF
SUBMITTED PLANS.*****

F . B . L .

HOMEOWNER SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

CONSTRUCTION START/COMPLETION DATE _____

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STEEPLECHASE MARKET REPORT

Courtesy of "SUPER DAVE"

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

	Jan 05	Feb 05	Mar 05	Apr 05	May 05	June 05
\$160,000 & Above	0	0	0	0	0	0
\$140,000-159,999	1	1	2	1	1	4
\$120,000-139,999	1	2	1	1	1	2
\$110,000-119,999	2	0	1	4	1	0
\$100,000 - 109,999	2	1	0	7	2	2
\$100,000 Below	0	0	2	1	1	1
TOTAL	6	4	6	14	6	9
Highest \$/Sq Ft	70.10	78.17	69.66	85.21	77.18	71.79

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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- 11426 Autumn Chase
- 12238 Fetlock
- 9606 Oldenburg
- 9527 W Savile Cir
- 9835 Meadow Bend
- 12103 Hedgedown
- 9803 Meadow Bend
- 11214 E Travelers Way
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