



Steeplechase

NEWSLETTER



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Kaitlyn Abruzzese Wins Spelling Bee

On February 7, 2006, Emmott Elementary 5th grader and Steeplechase resident Kaitlyn Abruzzese won first place in the Cypress Fairbanks Independent School District Elementary School Spelling Bee. In March, Kaitlyn will move on to the next level. Congratulations Katie. We are very proud of you.



*Kaitlyn Abruzzese and Mary Ann Smith, principal
at Emmott Elementary*

Boy Scout BBQ

Venturing Crew 288 of the Boy Scouts of America will be holding a BBQ fundraiser from **Friday April 28 5:00 p.m. to Saturday April 29 5:00 p.m.** in the parking lot of the Gander Mountain Store at 290 and Hwy. 6. Pre-orders are now being taken until April 25th at www.geocities.com/crew288/fundraisers.

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“Chicago” Rocks Cy-ridge!

Three Steeplechase residents really “Razzle Dazzled” as cast members in “Chicago” at Cy-Ridge High School last month! Pictured are Christine DeSoto (“Hunyak”), Tony Oller (“Billy Flynn”) and Megan Tegethoff (“Feather girl”, Chorus). The cast, crew and orchestra members totaled 65 students who were directed by Colleen O’Brien and Bryan Moses. Their hard work paid off in a very impressive production! Congratulations to the entire group!



Vandalism At Community Center

Our community center has been a recent target of vandals. The Pool area was entered and vandalized in late January. Exterior lighting around the clubhouse was smashed on Saturday evening, February 4. A **cash reward** will be given for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible. If you have any information please call: 281-469-CLUB, Option 3. We ask all residents to keep watch on our community property and report any suspicious activity to the Sheriff’s department.

St. Patrick's Day
Friday, March 17, 2006

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Center Point (Street lights).....	713-207-2222
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Post Office.....	713-937-6827
Steeplechase Community Center	281-469-CLUB
Deed Restriction Issues (PCMI)	281-870-0585
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Architectural Control (PCMI).....	281-870-0585
Trash Pick-up (Waste Management).....	713-686-6666
(Monday & Thursday)	
Harris Co. Pct. 4 Road Maintenance.....	281-353-8424
Community Events.....	281-469-CLUB
Clubhouse Rentals:	
Private Events (Phyllis McFarland).....	832-922-8031
Community Group Events (Jinnie Kelley)	832-922-8030

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If you need to contact a director within your subdivision, please contact **PCMI** at **281-870-0585** and they will forward your request.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting articles
 is the 10th of each month.

Please send all articles and photos to:

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Homeowners along the fence line in Greentree, Saddlebrook, Churchill and Cobblestone will be working with their respective homeowner associations to determine cost per lot based on linear feet, payment plans and easement agreements. Once this process is complete construction will begin.

School Zone Safety Concern

We walk our children to and from Emmott every day and have become increasingly alarmed at the amount of hostility being displayed during that time among drivers on the streets by the school. I know that we are all busy and have places to go, but we are also neighbors and have children with us! For those of you that are doing this, I am sure this is not the attitude you would want to portray to a child. Not to mention the fact that it is just plain rude and DANGEROUS. I urge you to think outside of yourselves and consider your impact on those around you!

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Roan Park Playground

A new play unit was installed at Roan Park in January. Many thanks to Erinn Flowers for volunteering to coordinate this project! The lights at both playgrounds have been repaired with new globes installed, the fall surface areas at Saddlebough Park were topped off with playground mulch and new sand will be added to the fall surface areas at Roan Park.

Low Income Apartments

A San Antonio developer has submitted a "pre-application" for tax credits with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs to build a low-income apartment complex at Steepleway Boulevard and Steeplepark Drive.

The Steeplechase Board is opposing this project and has been in communication with the developer, TDHCA, Commissioner Eversole, Harris County Community & Economic Development and nearby homeowner associations.

The developer has not completed a full application as of the writing of this newsletter and given the strength of our opposition to a similar project two years, we hope they will not move forward. The Board has stressed that any such project will face significant community opposition. Watch for notices posted on the club bulletin board and marquee and the website @ steeplechasetx.com.

Other News From The Neighborhood

LEASH LAW: A resident wrote to the newsletter editor requesting that we remind everyone of the Harris County leash law – dogs are not allowed to run loose.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC: A Gold Cup resident complained about speeding as well as cars parking illegally when dropping off/picking up children at Emmott. The Sheriff's department has been focused on this street as well as Yorkshire Oaks during the morning drop-off at Emmott.

STEEPLECHASE WEBSITE: We have received questions about the community website @ steeplechasetx.com. Go to resident login: enter the first four letters of your last name plus your street address—this is your login and password. The last name must be the same as that on the deed to your home. Volunteers are needed to update the website—if you can help please respond to newsletter@steeplechasetx.com

Lost Kitten

This kitten named Gipper he has been missing since about February 3 from Canterhurst Way street. If you have any information about Gipper please call 281-890-0966 (home) or 832-423-0943 (cell). His owner misses him very much.



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Thought you would be interested in this. I have for years had a broken and crushed curb in front of my cul-de-sac home that was caused by a large truck turning around during construction of adjacent homes many years ago. I read the notice in the community newsletter received a few weeks back concerning broken curbs and a web sight to report to. Following the tutorial in the web site for reporting I thought it might take many weeks for someone to contact me and then many weeks for action if any. Here's what happened. I was never contacted. Instead in less than seven days the sight was inspected and prepared for pouring a new curb and by the tenth day the excellent job was finished and complete. So you see the system works and works great so I thought you might like to hear an "Atta Boy" for a change instead of our usual complaints.

Regards., **Doug Russell**, Cobblestone resident

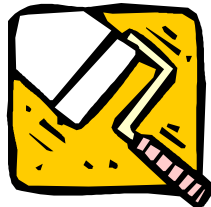
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DOA: (1)	Animal humane: (3)
Criminal mischief: (1)	Dist/fireworks: (2)
Theft Other: (2)	Disch Firearms: (3)
Forgery: (1)	Info call: (3)
Property Fnd/lost: (1)	Bdg. Check: (5)
Drug OD/Poss (2)	Traffic Hazard: (1)
Terr. Threat: (1)	Follow Up: (1)
Suspicious Person: (3)	Contract check: (333)
Vehicle Suspicious: (2)	Traffic Initiative: (1)
Vehicle Abandon: (2)	Arson Fire: (2)
Vehicle Stop: (18)	Alarm/all: (18)
Dist Juvenile: (1)	Hang-up: (2)

CFMC Volunteer Program

Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center has an ongoing need for Volunteers who can make a long-term commitment.

Duties of the Volunteer vary from assignment to assignment but the over all need is to assist the staff, the patients and their families in whatever way they can to make their time at CFMC a pleasant experience. Sometimes it is just a smile and a friendly hello that reassures them we truly care about them. The Volunteer Program requires an orientation lasting from 8am to about 3:30pm. During this time you will learn about the hospital and your responsibilities.

The Volunteers at CFMC are first dedicated to assisting the patients and staff but it goes further. The Gift Shop is operated and maintained entirely by the Volunteers. The majority of the proceeds go our scholarship fund. Each year scholarships are awarded to students in the Cy-Fair area who plan to enter the medical field. We awarded five scholarships last year and hope to award more this year. We also provide assistance to other charitable funds in our community during the year such as the Toys for Tots program and the Disaster Relief Fund.

If you have 4 hours or more a week to volunteer and enjoy working with others – please consider joining us. Applications are available in our Gift Shop in the main lobby of the Hospital. If you would like to speak directly with someone, please call 281-897-3186.

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Dazzle Kiddie Clinic

The Cypress Ridge Dazzler Drill Team is hosting a Dance Clinic for girls between the ages of 5 and 13.

When: **Saturday, April 8, 2006**

Time: **9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Place: Cypress Ridge High School

Fee: \$30, includes t-shirt and lunch

For more information or to request a registration form, please contact your neighborhood Dazzler or call Mrs. Lyle or Mrs. Whitehead at 281-807-8023. Registration deadline is March 30, 2006.

Star Gazer Car Wash

Mark your calendars for the following events! The Cypress Ridge Star Gazers (freshman members of the Dazzler Drill Team) are holding a Car Wash on **Saturday, March 25** (rain date will be April 22) from **9:00 am to 3:00 pm** at the CVS Pharmacy on Fallbrook and 1960. Please come out and support our team!

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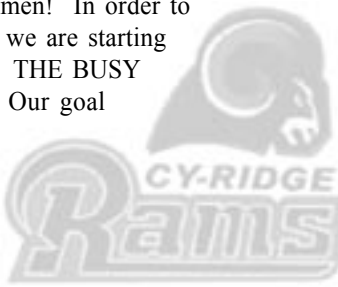
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2—GALVESTON: *Broadway Jr.* Combining entertainment and education in one production, this performance introduces Volume One of Music Theatre International's condensed versions of genuine Broadway classics. Begins at 7 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894 or 409/765-1894

3-4—ALVIN: AYLAA Youth Rodeo Begins at 7:30 p.m. AYLAA Arena, off FM 517 on CR 351. www.aylaa.org 281/388-1129

3-5, 9-11—VICTORIA: *Deathtrap* Shows are 8 p.m. plus a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. Leo J. Welder Center for Performing Arts. www.theatrevictoria.org 361/576-6277

4—ALVIN: Museum Gala & Silent Auction Hours are 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Parish Hall. 281/331-5559

4—ALVIN: Phi Theta Kappa Arts & Crafts Show Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Alvin Community College, 3110 Mustang Road. 281/756-3784

4—GALVESTON: Horton Foote's *The Trip to Bountiful* Carrie Watts revisits her hometown in the low farmland of the Texas coast where she makes some discoveries. Begins at 8 p.m. The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 800/821-1894

4—HOUSTON: Go Wild Enrichment Day Enjoy a rare opportunity to see a variety of environmental enrichment and training activities. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Houston Zoo. www.houstonzoo.org 713/533-6500

4—MANVEL: Naked Rib Smokehouse Car Show Hours are 6 to 10 p.m. 19405 Hwy. 6. 281/489-1000

4, 7, 10, 12, 16, 18, 24, 26—HOUSTON: *Send (Who are you? I love you) & La Voix Humaine (The Human Voice)* Houston Grand Opera showcases the operatic and Houston debut of four-time Tony winner Audra McDonald. Wortham Theater Center's Cullen Theater. www.houstongrandopera.org 713/228-6737 or 800/626-7372

9, 11-12, 17-19—HOUSTON: Dance the World Round Includes a world premiere by Houston Ballet Associate Choreographer Christopher Bruce, Western Symphony choreographed by George Balanchine and Stanton Welch's Indigo. Wortham Theater Center.

www.houstonballet.org 713/227-2787

10-12—HOUSTON: River Oaks Garden Club Azalea Trail Features four private homes and gardens, as well as Bayou Bend, Rienzi and the River Oaks Garden Club Forum of Civics Building and Gardens. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. www.riveroaksgardenclub.org 713/523-2483

10-Apr. 23—HOUSTON: FotoFest 2006 Includes photography exhibitions, art installations, film and video, portfolio reviews for artists, fine print auction, workshops and forums. E-mail: info@fotofest.org • www.fotofest.org 713/223-5522 ext. 19

10-May 7—HOUSTON: *David Levinthal: Blackface* Taking hundreds of photographs of objects, Levinthal has explored the many facades and characteristics of black memorabilia, creating a useful tool for researching, composing and rethinking the image of blacks in America. The Menil Collection. www.menil.org 713/525-9400

14-26—HOUSTON: Disney's *Beauty & the Beast* Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby. www.tuts.com 713/558-TUTS or 888/558-3882

17—CLEAR LAKE AREA: Gulf Greyhound Park — Irish Stakes Race The best "Irish" greyhounds in Texas race during a daylong St. Patrick's celebration. www.gulfgreyhound.com 800/275-2946

18-19—HOUSTON: 17th Annual Auto Swap Meet Features more than 800 dealers with more than 1 million car parts and accessories, plus all types of classic and antique cars and trucks on display. Traders Village. www.tradersvillage.com 281/890-5500

24—ALVIN: Seventh Annual Men Who Cook Begins at 6 p.m. Joe's Banquet Center. 281/331-5559

24-26—HOUSTON: Bayou City Art Festival This juried fine art event transforms Memorial Park into a magical gallery of 300 acclaimed artists from around the world. Enjoy music, entertainment and a variety of artistic media. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Memorial Park. E-mail: bayoucityartfest@aol.com • www.bayoucityartfestival.com 713/521-0133

25-26—GALVESTON: *Thoroughly Modern Millie* The Grand 1894 Opera House. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894

25-26—HOUSTON: Woodland Heights Home Tour Woodland Heights is one of the oldest neighborhoods in Houston, and it celebrates its 99th birthday in March 2006. The home tour focuses on the original bungalow-type homes and remodeling efforts. 832/814-9808

31-Apr. 1—GALVESTON: Missoula Children's Theatre — *Robin Hood* Casting 50-60 local area youth, MCT shapes the young talent into an original musical adaptation sure to please kids of all ages. The Grand 1894 Opera House, 2020 Postoffice St. www.thegrand.com 409/765-1894

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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.

	Aug 05	Sept 05	Oct 05	Nov 05	Dec 05	Jan 06
\$160,000 & Above	0	0	0	0	2	0
\$140,000-159,999	4	1	2	1	2	2
\$120,000-139,999	7	2	2	4	2	2
\$110,000-119,999	0	2	0	2	1	1
\$100,000-109,999	0	0	1	0	0	1
\$100,000 Below	3	1	2	0	0	0
TOTAL	14	6	7	7	7	6
Highest \$/Sq Ft	77.12	75.76	75.55	74.87	68.26	69.13

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

Recent Sales By "SUPER DAVE" in Steeplechase

- 9615 Cannock Chase
- 9503 Secretariat
- 9559 W Savile Cir
- 9627 Top Gallant Ct
- 12022 Flaxen
- 9734 Chiselhurst
- 11426 Autumn Chase
- 12238 Fetlock
- 9606 Oldenburg
- 9527 W Savile Cir
- 9835 Meadow Bend
- 12103 Hedgedown
- 9803 Meadow Bend
- 11214 E Travelers Way
- 11411 Springland
- 9802 Paddock Ct
- 12031 Canterhurst Way
- 9815 Knights
- 9718 Chiselhurst
- 11211 E. Travelers Way Cir
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