



Steeplechase

NEWSLETTER



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Lone Star Leadership Program – Education In Action

Congratulations to Michelle Urrea who has been selected to participate as a delegate in this summer's Lone Star Leadership program in Austin. Michelle and her family thank State Representative Gary Elkins for his help and support. Congratulations Michelle! Your family and Steeplechase neighbors are so proud of you!



Rep. Gary Elkins and Michelle Urrea.

Happy Mother's Day

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Bill Archer Student Intern Program

Lauren Ayers, 16, a long time resident of Steeplechase, recently spent spring break in Washington D.C. as a participant in the Bill Archer Student Intern Program. Each year, a student from the junior class of each of the participating high schools in Texas Congressional District 7, is selected by teachers and fellow students to visit Washington, D.C. for a full week of in-depth study of the federal government. This year Lauren was selected to represent Cypress Ridge High School. The internship program began over 30 years ago by Congressman Bill Archer to engage and encourage students in the study of government and the inner workings of Capitol Hill and has been continued by the current U.S. representative, John Culberson. Lauren spent the week listening to speakers from the U.S. House of Representatives, the U.S. senate, the FBI, CIA, and various political lobbies. She also toured the White House, Library of Congress, Capitol building, the Pentagon, Smithsonian museum, Arlington National Cemetery and the Secret Service.



*Lauren Ayers (center)
in front of the White House.*

Get In The Swim! Pool Opens May 20

The community pool opens for the season on Saturday May 20 at 10:30am! We have special activities planned for Opening Day including a giant moonwalk for the kids, courtesy of Jinnie Kelley. All residents are invited to stop by for a swim and a dive off of our new diving board! The Pool Committee will be issuing new pool IDs from 10:30am-2:30pm in the pool office. The Pool will be open on Saturday from 10:30am-8:30pm and Sunday from Noon-8:00pm.

A Pool Registration form is included in this newsletter. **To use the pool, homeowners must complete the registration form and obtain a picture ID card.** Prior to the pool opening new Pool ID cards will be issued on **Wednesday, May 10th, 6:00-8:00pm.** and **Thursday May 18th, 6:00-8:00pm.**

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Emergency	911
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Animal Control	281-999-3191
Center Point (Street lights).....	713-207-2222
Library.....	281-890-2665
Post Office.....	713-937-6827
Steeplechase Community Center	281-469-CLUB
Deed Restriction Issues (PCMI)	281-870-0585
Water/Sewer	281-240-1300
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
Traffic Initiative	281-290-2100

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Weekday Use of Club

Jinnie Kelley 832-922-8030

Private Pool Parties

Sweetwater Pools 281-988-8480

Board Member Contact

PCMI..... 281-870-0585

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is the 10th of each month.

Please send all articles and photos to:

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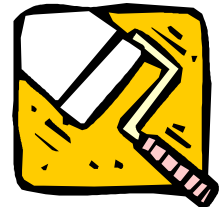
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Sheriff's Department Traffic Initiative

Two homeowners responded to last month's article about school traffic problems. Both residents are very concerned about speeding and discourteous drivers on Steepleway Boulevard. What can YOU do? Call in a traffic initiative to the sheriff's department @ 2100-2100-2100. This is a special number for traffic concerns. Give as much specific information as possible about the vehicle. If you provide the license plate number they will call on the vehicle owner. The sheriff's department records all of these calls and will provide additional traffic patrols in areas with a high number of calls.

The traffic initiative phone number - 281-290-2100 – will be listed in the "Important Telephone Numbers" section of every newsletter for future reference.

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Pack 1624 Cub Scouts Receive Arrow Of Light Awards

On February 26 eight Cub Scouts from Pack 1624 (Emmott Elementary) received the Arrow of Light Award at the Sam Houston Council Camp Strake's Cub World. The boys receiving the award were: Dalton Andrews, Eric Bilanoski, Ryan Bivens, Max DeLeon, Evan Griffin, James Montgomery and Brandyn Staehlin. The Arrow of Light is the highest Award in Cub Scouting and is the only Cub Scout badge worn on the Boy Scout uniform when a boy graduates into a troop. It can be earned by Scouts who have completed fourth grade or reached age 11. Requirements include outdoor skills, understanding the values of Scouting and preparing to become a Boy Scout. Congratulations!

May Pool Schedule – Open On:

Sat., May 20: 10:30-8:30
Sun., May 21: 12:00-8:00
Thu., May 25: 10:30-8:30
Fri., May 26: 10:30-8:30
Sat., May 27: 10:30-8:30
Sun., May 28: 12:00-8:00
Mon., May 29: 10:30-8:30
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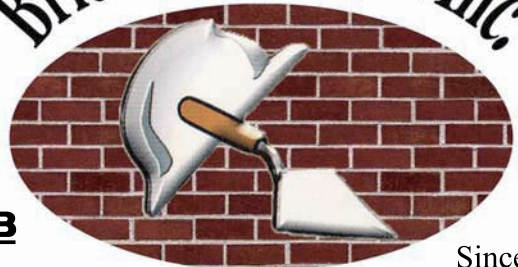
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Board Of Directors Winter News Report

The Steeplechase Board met at four regular and two special meetings this winter.

While the greenbelt fence project has been the major focus of meetings the Board also:

- Approved construction of new playground equipment at Roan Park
- Oversaw repair of park lights
- Opposed construction of low-income apartments on Steepleway Boulevard
- Met with the MUD 168 Directors about sheriff's contracts
- Reviewed 2003 and 2004 audits of Steeplechase and HOAs
- Hosted a meeting of Community Association Institute and State Rep. Elkins
- Approved pool repairs, resurfacing and an aluminum diving board

In January the Board also elected the following officers for 2006:

Betty Hattman - President
Nace Peard - Vice President
Sandra Jordan - Secretary/Treasurer
Mabel Butler - Secretary

Please take the time to thank these volunteers and all of the Steeplechase board member volunteers for their continual hard work in keeping our neighborhood such a nice and safe place to live.

BIBLE STUDY

Vacation Bible School June 2006

Join us at the Jersey Village Church of Christ, located at 8810 Jones Road for a FREE VBS experience June 12-16 from 9-12.

Your children will have a "Royal" time as the Theme is King of Kings.

Ages Pre K through Grade 5 (Fall '06) are invited.

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2006 STEEPLECHASE POOL REGISTRATION

In order to use the Steeplechase pool, residents must have a current year photo identification card. Your **old cards** can simply be **reactivated** by **completing the form and returning with payment to the club.**

****SEE FEES AND ORDER FORM BELOW****

Pool cards will be issued to all property owners who have completed this form, paid the ID card fees and have:

"PAID ALL MAINTENANCE FEES AND ACCRUED INTEREST IN FULL"

1) Please Print Homeowner Last Name as recorded on Deed: _____

2) HOA Section in which you live: _____
(Churchill, Cobblestone, or GreenBrookBridge)

Street address _____

Home Phone _____ Emergency # _____

Other Emergency # _____

Children ages 3-12 will receive a limited access pass that requires they be accompanied at the pool by an adult-level cardholder. Children under age 3 do not require a pass but must be accompanied by a legal adult.

"I CERTIFY THAT ALL LISTED REGISTRANTS AGREE TO ALL RULES AND POLICIES FOR STEEPLECHASE POOL AS POSTED AT POOL"

**** Adult Signature Required** _____ **Date** _____

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE A TENANT PLEASE INDICATE PROPERTY OWNER'S NAME AND ADDRESS BELOW AND PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION FROM OWNER THAT YOU ARE THE TENANT AND YOU HAVE PERMISSION TO USE THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES.

OWNERS NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Please make checks payable to: Steeplechase CIA

POOL MEMBERSHIP CARD ORDER FORM

Reactivation fees: (You do **not** need to attend registration to reactivate old cards. Simply return form with payment to the club at 11250 Steepleway Blvd., Houston 77065)

- \$10 per adult card (ages 12+ will receive adult cards)
- \$5 per child card age 3-11 (include child's date of birth)

New card fee: (All new members must be photographed and must register in person)

- \$20 per adult card (ages 12+)
- \$10 per child ages 3-11 (include child's date of birth)

Special summer family membership: (New members must be photographed and register in person)

- \$99 per household includes resident ID cards and complimentary guest admission tokens. (These memberships can be purchased during the May pool registrations and on Opening Day.)

Guest tokens: (For day use by non-members or guests of the Steeplechase pool)

- \$3/token or 10 tokens for \$25 (can also be purchased at the pool). Quantity: _____ Total \$: _____

LIST FULL-TIME RESIDENTS ONLY (please PRINT full name clearly)

Reactivate OLD cards:	Adult (\$10)	Age 3-11 (\$5).....Date of birth
Name: _____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____
TOTAL	_____	_____

Obtain NEW cards:	Adult (\$20)	Age 3-11 (\$10)Date of birth
Name: _____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____
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TOTAL	_____	_____

--OR-- Buy Family Membership:	Adult	Child.....Date of birth
Name: _____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____
Name: _____	_____	_____
TOTAL	\$99	_____

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Taking advantage of the close partnership between the Cy-Fair VFD and the Cy-Fair College, we are able to utilize a state of the art fire and EMS education center located on the grounds of the new college campus at Barker-Cypress and West Road. Training and equipment for new members is provided by the department.

If you would like more information about becoming a volunteer, stop by one of the fire stations and talk to one of the Station Officers, or you can call our Business Office at 281-550-6663 and ask for one of the Public Information Officers.

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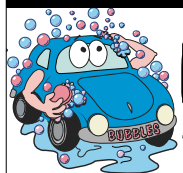
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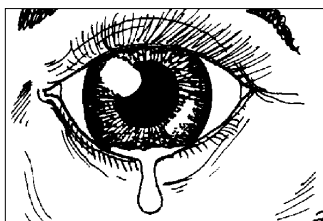
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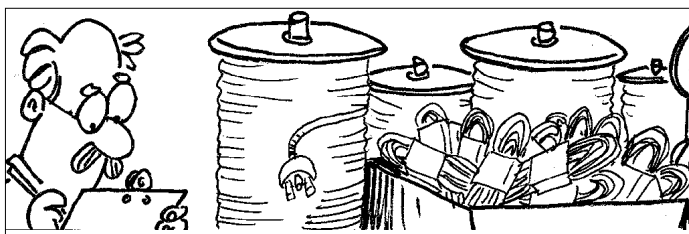


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12—HARLINGEN: Sixth Annual Chamber Golf Tournament Format is a three-man Texas scramble. Shotgun start is 1 p.m. www.harlingen.com 956/423-5440 Gulf Coast

2-14, 18-19—VICTORIA: The Odd Couple (Female Version) Shows are 8 p.m. with a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. Leo J. Welder Center

13—HARLINGEN: "Blues on the Hill" Features blues music with several bands performing. Lawn chairs and beach towels are welcome. Hours are 6 to 10 p.m. McKelvey Park, 1325 S. 77 Sunshine Strip. 956/427-8870 Gulf Coast

13—HOUSTON: Everyones Art Car Parade Showcases Houston's

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3—PASADENA: Bayou Boil Annual fund-raising event includes crayfish boil, silent and live auctions, music and crafts demonstrations. Armand Bayou Nature Center, 8500 Bay Area Blvd. www.abnc.org 281/474-5221 Gulf Coast

13—WEST COLUMBIA: Brazoria County Bluegrass Concert Bluegrass bands perform beginning at 7 p.m. American Legion Hall, 213 N. 14th St. www.westcolumbia.org 979/265-4757 Gulf Coast

13-14—PORT ARANSAS: Anglers on Wheels Sponsored by Door in the Wall Inc., this fishing tournament is for the physically challenged. Woody's Sport Center. 210/637-8316 Gulf Coast

15—PORT ARANSAS: Songwriter's Showcase Local singers/songwriters perform in the courtyard of the historic Tarpon Inn. 361/749-7334 Gulf Coast

18—HARLINGEN: Golden Palms Luau Reservations required. Golden Palms Retirement & Health Center. www.goldenpalmsrgv.com 956/389-4014 Gulf Coast


19-21—INGLESIDE: Round Up Days Festival dates back to 1974 but was fashioned after the Great Cattle Round Up of the 1800s. Live Oak Park, 1874 Port Ave. www.inglesidetxchamber.com 888/899-

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19-21, 26-28—BROWNSVILLE: The Graduate Camille Lightner Playhouse. www.camilleplayers.cjb.net 956/542-8900 Gulf Coast

20—BAYTOWN: Giant Yard Sale Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bicentennial Park. www.baytown.org 281/420-6597 Gulf Coast

20—PORT NECHES: Trade Day on the Avenue Port Neches Avenue. 409/722-4023 Gulf Coast

20-21—HARLINGEN: Super Rolling Thunder USSSA Tournament Begins at noon. Sports Complex Ball Park, 3139 Wilson Road. 956/245-0264 Gulf Coast

23-Jun. 4—HOUSTON: Bombay Dreams Hobby Center for the Performing Arts, 800 Bagby. www.tuts.com 713/558-TUTS or 888/558-3882 Gulf Coast

24-Jun. 11—HOUSTON: Nickel & Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America Play adapts Barbara Ehrenreich's New York Times bestseller. www.stagestheatre.com 713/527-0123 Gulf Coast

25, 27-28—HOUSTON: Classical X 3 Includes the American premiere of Stanton Welch's hyper-kinetic tutu ballet Velocity; company premiere of Play, Welch's quirky take on modern city life set

to the music of DJ/techno artist Moby; and Sir Kenneth Mac Millan's neo-classical masterpiece Gloria rounds out the program. Wortham Theater Center. www.houstonballet.org 713/227-2787 Gulf Coast

25-Aug. 20—HOUSTON: Frank Stella 1958 Exhibition tracks the many changes of a young painter experimenting with the wide array of styles and formal possibilities available to him at a vital juncture in American art history. The Menil Collection. www.menil.org 713/525-9400 Gulf Coast

27—EDNA: Memorial Day Weekend Fun & Games Includes horseshoe tournaments, volleyball tournaments, sack races, water balloon toss, dunking booth and other fun games. Hours are 1 to 4:30 p.m. Lake Texana State Park. 361/782-5718 Gulf Coast

27-28—CORPUS CHRISTI: Seashore Marketplace Includes arts & crafts vendors from around Texas, specialty displays, live bands and more. On Padre Island. www.seashoremarketplace.com 361/779-6989 Gulf Coast

29—BAYTOWN: Memorial Day Ceremony Honors veterans and heroes. Begins at 11 a.m. Veterans' Plaza at Bicentennial Park. www.baytown.org 281/420-6597 Gulf Coast

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\$160,000 & Above	0	0	2	0	0	0
\$140,000-159,999	2	1	2	3	0	2
\$120,000-139,999	2	4	2	2	1	3
\$110,000-119,999	0	2	1	2	0	3
\$100,000-109,999	1	0	0	1	0	1
\$100,000 Below	2	0	0	0	0	3
TOTAL	7	7	7	8	1	12
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- 11723 Yearling
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