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June Pool Schedule

Tuesdays through Saturdays: 10:30am - 8:30pm Sundays: 12:00pm - 8:00pm Mondays: CLOSED

POOL REGISTRATION DATES

Please complete a pool registration form (in this issue) to obtain pool membership renewals or new registrations. Renewing a card is as simple as mailing in your completed form! Your card(s) will be electronically activated upon receipt of the form.

If you have lost your pool card(s) or otherwise need a new card(s), please come in person with the completed form and each person getting a new card. A photograph will be taken of each new cardholder.

A special Family Membership option is available. Guest tokens can also be purchased at the registration table. (Please see form for details.)

Please consult the Steeplechase website (steeplechasetx.com) and/or the marquee for information on registration dates/times.

School's Out!

The month of June signals the start of the summer vacation for our neighborhood children. Please be aware of children playing and bicycling in the neighborhood when you are driving in Steeplechase. Adhere to the posted speed limits to avoid unnecessary tragedy, keeping in mind that children can and do dart out into traffic. Please remind your teen drivers to be extra vigilant.

If you are a pool owner, please take extra precautions to insure that your pool area is safe and secure.

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Steeplechase Needs You

June 2006

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." – Margaret Mead, Anthropologist

Steeplechase is blessed with a small group of thoughtful, committed residents who work hard for their community. We need to expand that group. Please consider how you contribute to your neighborhood:

- Organize a new program such as "Yard of the Month"
- Volunteer at the pool
- Deliver welcome packets to new homeowners
- Edit articles for the newsletter
- Submit photos and stories for the newsletter
- · Join the "Angel Brigade"

For more information on how you can make a real difference in your community respond to newsletter@steeplechasetx.com.

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!



<u>STEEPLECHASE</u>

IMPORTANT Telephone Numbers



Emergency	
Sheriff's Dept.	
Cy-Fair Fire Dept	
Cy-Fair Hospital	
Animal Control	
Center Point (Street lights)	
Library	
Post Office	
Steeplechase Community Center	
Deed Restriction Issues (PCMI)	
Water/Sewer	
Architectural Control (PCMI)	
Trash Pick-up (Waste Management)	713-686-6666
	(Monday & Thursday)
Harris Co. Pct. 4 Road Maintenance	
Community Events	
Clubhouse Rentals:	
Private Events (Phyllis McFarland)	
Community Group Events (Jinnie Kelley)	
Traffic Initiative	

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Clubhouse Rentals	
Private Events (Phyllis McFarland)	832-922-8031
Community Groups (Jinnie Kelley)	.832-922-8030
Weekday Use of Club	
Jinnie Kelley	.832-922-8030
Private Pool Parties	
Sweetwater Pools	.281-988-8480
Board Member Contact	
PCMI	.281-870-0585

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting articles is the 10th of each month. Please send all articles and photos to: <u>newsletter@steeplechasetx.com</u> (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



BE AN ANGEL!

The Angel Brigade is a group of neighbors who volunteer for others in time of crisis or need. 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 or prayers to those who are suffering so that they know that their Steeplechase neighbors care about them.

If you would like to add your name to the list of neighborhood Angel Brigade volunteers, or if you know of someone in need, please contact Jean Feller, Coordinator, at 281-890-8153. Jean will be retiring as coordinator soon, so if you would enjoy being the new coordinator of this helpful program, please let her know. Also please notify Jean if you are an existing member and your contact information or volunteer status has changed.

Steeplechase Information Line: 281-469-CLUB - Option #3

Steeplechase Board of Directors

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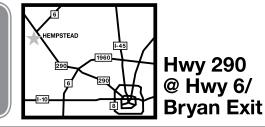
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2006 STEEPLECHASE POOL REGISTRATION

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:

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.

<u>"I CERTIFY THAT ALL LISTED REGISTRANTS AGREE TO ALL</u> 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

<u>Reactivation fees:</u> (You do <u>not</u> 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 <u>or</u> 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
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If you are a teen and wish to have your name published, please email your name, address, date of birth, and phone number to newsletter@steeplechasetx.com by the editor's deadline. If you are currently listed, please notify the editor if changes are needed to your age or phone number.

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The Steeplechase Seahorses Are Back In The Paddle Again!

Yee-haw! Our 2006 Steeplechase Water Aerobics program, the Steeplechase Seahorses, taught by our own Niecy Moss will start Saturday June 3, 2006 and run through Saturday September 9, 2006. Classes will be held on:

Mondays @ 9 A.M. Wednesdays @ 6:30 P.M. Saturdays @ 9 A.M. Only \$5 per person per class and guests are welcome!

As per Niecy: "We will work out all of our muscle groups. We start our exercise program slow and build up slowly but you will still need to do some sort of exercise BEFORE you come to water aerobics class to get your muscles ready. You will need to wear a well-fitted sports bathing suit. There is a lot of movement in the water and you will miss a great work out if you have to constantly adjust your bathing suit.

In our class we meditate, pray, tell jokes etc. This is not a mild or your mother's water aerobics class, but I do promise that you will get a great work out and get fit. Come join the Steeplechase Seahorses this season."

Steeplechase Crime Stats for April 2006 Includes MUD 168 & Steeplechase Contracts

Burglary/Res	3	Vehicle Speed
Open Door/win	1	Alarm/Local
Burglary/MotVeh	3	Alarm/Holdup
Criminal Mschf	5	Alarm/Aud
Theft/Other	5	Dist/Juvenile
Theft/Business	2	Dist/Family
Forgery	1	Domestic Dist
Assault	2	Dist/Noise
Indecent Expos	2	Dist/Other
Assault/Agg	1	Animal Humane
Assault	2	Telph Harras
Gang/Nonviol	1	Disch Firearms
Suicide	1	Meet Citizen
Injury/Child	1	InfoCall
Missing Person	1	Welfare Check
Child Custody dis	р 3	Follow Up
Terror Threat	3	PrkngLot Check
Suspicious Pers	13	Contract Check
Drug/OD/Poss	7	Check Business
Vehicle/Suspic	3	Bldg Check
Vehicle/Abandon	4	Accident/FSGI
Vehicle Stop	60	Accident
Vehicle Stolen	9	DWI
Vehicle Recov.	2	Hang Up





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Letter to the Editor re: car invasion/theft:

After an exhausting weekend of camping and chasing the kids, we returned to home sweet home on Paddock Way just around the bend from the elementary school. With all the hustle and bustle of emptying the cars and feeding the kids and walking the dog, we forgot to lock our cars. We slept peacefully that night in our home of 10 years while some stranger(s) went through our cars. When we discovered the intrusion, we accepted it as a gentle reminder to lock our doors, a gentle reminder, because no damage was done to the cars. Because there was no damage, we didn't report it to the authorities, and we kind of hope the experience of going through our stuff maybe opened a new door to those curious enough to try our doors. From what we can tell, they looked through my husband's Bible but did not steal the checkbook or MP3 player. In my car they did not take the toll way money but did take all the CD's which are almost all Christian and children's music. So maybe the Bible and the Christian music will help them find something more entertaining than trying to open cars in search of a cheap thrill.

We didn't report the theft to the authorities because there was no damage and the only true theft was some CD's. We just thought our neighbors might want to be aware that there is a curious element out there that might be trying doorknobs. Just a gentle reminder to close your garage door and lock your cars and house, we live in a great neighborhood with great neighbors in the fourth largest city in the country. Not all our visitors, or residents, are great.

Texas Curfew

Summer is here and now is a good time to refresh our memory about the Texas Curfew. Please share this information with your children.

The curfew includes all areas located in unincorporated Harris County. Juveniles under the age of 17 are subject to the Juvenile Curfew order. The curfew is enforced seven days a week. The hours of enforcement are 12 midnight to 6 a.m. in the morning.

If the juvenile is taken into custody he/she is transported to the processing center. While there, the juvenile's parents, guardian or custodian cannot pick up the juvenile. They will be transported to the Chimney Rock Center operated by Children's Protective Service. The parent of guardian or custodian may also be issued a citation if they knowingly allow the juvenile to violate curfew. The fine listed by the county ranges between \$155 and \$500. The following are exceptions to the curfew law:

· Accompanied by a parent, guardian or custodian

• Engaged in lawful employment or traveling to and from employment. • Participating or traveling to or from school or church-affiliated activities, recreational activities supervised by adults and sponsored by non-profit organization or similar entity that takes responsibility for the juveniles. •On sidewalks of juvenile's residence or sidewalk of next-door neighbor as long as neighbor does not complain.

· Involved in an emergency situation.

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Texas Curfew- (Continued from page 10)

This ordinance is in place as a means to deter juvenile crime, reduce the number of juvenile crime victims, and reduce injury from accidents involving juveniles and assists parents in the supervision of their children. To report a curfew violation or disturbance, please contact the Sheriff's Department at 713-221-6000.

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Don't miss our summer children's shows including "Miss Nelson is Missing" – June 12 through June 23 and "Charlotte's Web" – July 24 through August 4. All tickets are \$5.00. Call the box office at 281-290-5201.

The Student Invitational Exhibition, set for June 6 through July 20, features the work of Cy-Fair College's advanced credit and continuing education students. A reception will be held on June 8th from 2-4pm in the Center for the Arts, 9191 Barker Cypress. Call

281-290-5273 for gallery hours and information.

A free summer film class begins June 7th – all films are shown at the Barker Cypress campus in ART 102. Call 281-290-3257.

The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are FREE and held Wednesdays at 10am in the Cy-Fair College Branch Library, Room 131. Programs range from cooking to gardening, music, painting, geography, cultural topics and history programs. Check the library web page online at: http://cfclibrary. nhmccd.edu.



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	Nov 05	Dec 05	Jan 06	Feb 06	Mar 06	Apr 0
\$160,000 & Above	0	2	0	0	0	0
\$140,000-159,999	1	2	3	0	2	1
\$120,000-139,999	4	2	2	1	3	1
\$110,000-119,999	2	1	2	0	3	5
\$100,000-109,999	0	0	1	0	1	0
\$100,000 Below	0	0	0	0	3	2
TOTAL	7	7	8	1	12	9
Highest \$/Sq Ft	74.87	68.26	71.81	69.39	74.04	75.5
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