

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

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#### **HELP WANTED**

Newsletter Editor Needed: Volunteer to edit, compile, and organize articles for this newsletter. Commitment is only a few hours each month. Call 281-897-9298 or email: newsletter@steeplechasetx.com.

#### **Steeplechase Swim Team**

Thank you neighbors for everyone that showed their support of our Steeplechase Stallions in December. We had our first fund raiser at the clubhouse - "Photos with Santa". Special thank you to Morgan Burcham (and friends) and Candice Santillo, our swim coaches, for answering all questions and concerns brought to our attention. We are beginning the registration process and all the information can be found on the internet at www.steeplechasetx.com. The forms will be in a downloadable format as well as more information about our new swim team. We will also be hosting some registrations on Saturdays and will post signs ahead of time for those events. We will be accepting registrations until the beginning of April, however, we need to get them in as soon as possible to avoid any problems with team uniforms and other associated items that we will need. We are also in need of many parent volunteers for the home swim meets. Our team has an "open registration" which means anybody that lives in the vicinity and does not have a swim team in their own neighborhood is welcome to join the Steeplechase Stallions. Tell your friends at school and your neighbors to come out and join the swim team with you. This team is going to add to the great Steeplechase pride that we already have! Let's show our spirit and support the swimmers. For more information about swimming, volunteering, or sponsoring, please drop us an e-mail at swim team@steeplechasetx.com or call Philip Ramirez at 832-875-0763.

#### Message from Paddock Way Neighbor

I live on Paddock Way and it is hard to leave my driveway when cars are speeding on the street. I have noticed that my neighbors have the same problem. If drivers would be a little courteous and slow down, especially when they see cars trying to back out, it would help us a lot. I've even been honked at for trying to leave my driveway. Even on school days, cars are speeding by Emmott with children walking to school. Please remember the school zone speed limit is 20mph. Neighbors – please keep your doors locked and garage doors closed. Recently my husband chased off youth snooping around a neighbor's home at night. We all have to pull together and watch out for each other. Let's keep Steeplechase safe!



#### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Cheri Deason and family at 12115 Flaxen Drive for winning the "Best of Steeplechase" in our annual holiday decorating contest. Special thanks to all the families who decorated their homes and yards and congratulations to all the section winners.

Once again, the four homes on Gold Cup in Churchill featured an outstanding display enjoyed by all residents and passers-by. From us of us, THANK YOU.

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## <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 (WCA)	
	(Wednesday & Saturday)
Harris Co. Pct. 4 Road Maintenance	
Community Events	
Clubhouse Rentals:	
Private Events (Phyllis McFarland)	
Community Group Events (Jinnie Kelley)	
Traffic Initiative	

#### NEWSLETTER PUBLISHER

#### Start Something cultural at Cy-Fair College!

Stop by the Bosque Gallery to view the Encaustic Exhibition Feb. 20 - March 29.

Go back in time with a James Baldwin show Feb. 12 and Bill Mills show Feb. 14.

Check out the African American Heritage Month activities, films, lectures and more.

#### www.cy-faircollege.com

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#### **COMMUNITY CENTER CONTACTS**

<b>Community Maintenance Concerns</b>	
PCMI	281-870-0585
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 10<sup>th</sup> 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

# **Income Tax Time**

- Income Tax Preparation
- e-file (Free With Paid Preparation)
- Rapid Refund (Most Within 24 Hours)
- Same Day Refund For Those Who Qualify (Up to \$1,000.00)

We provide affordable professional tax service to individuals and small businesses at prices lower than the national tax service chains. We know tax laws, not just tax software and work to get you every penny you should have refunded to you. Give us a call today to find out more about our services.



#### Classified ads on Steeplechasetx.com

Did you know there is a personal classified section on the community website? Homeowners can advertise miscellaneous items for sale as well as direct personal business. To log-on to the website: go to steeplechasetx.com and at the public homepage click "Resident Login" – use the first four letters of homeowners last name and the numeric street address as both Login and Password. For example, Robert Smith at 10100 Steepleway Boulevard would use "smit10100". Once on the resident homepage, you can change your password.

### Classifieds

GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR SALE: \$500 certificate from Radiance Med Spas of Woodlands (832-646-9738) or Sugar Land (281-276-8888). \$375 OBO Call Tammy at 832-528-6373

### **Business Classifieds**

\$50 TO FIRST 3 TENANTS: Executive Suites / Secretary Service. Offices: Furnished/Unfurnished. Jones Road/Hwy. 290 Area. Call: (281) 890-3006

Wade CPR Training Learn CPR the easy way! Individuals or groups for Healthcare Providers, Heartsaver courses such as AED, Pediatric First AID (new!) CPR Family/Friends. AHA approved, including all new 2006 updates. No exams for heartsaver! Call Michelle 281-253-2577.

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



#### **Steeplechase Board of Directors**

**Cobblestone** Betty Hattman Virginia Kelley Dan Carr Kathy Dowling **Churchill** Jon Lavallee Dean Green Nace Peard Regina Abruzzese Mable Butler Green-Brook-Bridge Jim Andrews David Gerow Sarah Morales Michael Young

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

#### Steeplechase Sanctioned Committees

Security Communications Pool Playground Welcome Landscape Clubhouse Tennis





#### **RAD** Testimonial

From resident Debbie Palethorpe

I would like to share my experience about a free course offered at the clubhouse, R.A.D., sponsored by our association and the Harris County Constables. One of our Board members, Jinnie Kelley, has organized this course several times of the past few years.

My 17 year old daughter and I have taken the course three times and plan to again this month – February 20, 21 and 22. I strongly recommend this course to all women – it is for ANY women, any age over 14 and in any physical shape.

Women of all ages attended our classes. There were elderly ladies, teenagers, moms and teens together and some who were very timid in the beginning. By the end of the first class, these ladies had found a new confidence in themselves and decided...

"I am going to survive. I am going to be aware. I can do this."

RAD teaches you the tools you need for your toolbox. Not just "in case" you get attacked; but how to be aware, to let others know you are not ready to be a victim. You also learn some very easy, yet effective defensive moves. And, on the last evening, we get to practice everything we've learned on the "aggressors" (the instructors dressed in padded suits). There is no holding back and the officers joke it is the only time in your life you get to beat up a cop!

The class has been a super bonding experience for my daughter and I. I want her to have the confidence the class provides and to know

her options in a situation. As a teenager I found myself unprepared in a violent situation. I will not be a helpless victim again. I feel now that I will be able to foresee and possibly avoid a potential situation.

You may be thinking, "I could never do that" or "Where would I find the time" or "I'm not in Shape" etc. Ladies—I have 7 kids and I found the time and will again. If I can do it, you can too! I hope that sharing my personal experience may encourage others to attend or at least come the first night, February 20th at 6pm and see for yourselves how it can better your life. Call Jinnie Kelley at 832-922-8030 to reserve a space. I hope to see you on the 20th! The RAD website is http://www.rad-systems.com/.

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 office at 888-687-6444 or <u>advertising@</u> <u>PEELinc.com</u> for ad information and pricing The deadline for ads is the 10th of each month for the upcoming month's newsletter.



## <u>STEEPLECHASE</u>

#### Service with Love

February is the official month to celebrate the gift of "love," and many people will celebrate that gift in their life with those they hold dear. The students, administration, and faculty of Cypress Christian School challenge you to express God's love to those less fortunate than yourselves this month.

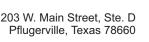
There are many ways to show others that they are loved. For example, get involved in a community project like Habitat for Humanity, serve at your local food bank/mission, write a letter to someone who needs encouragement or bring food and flowers to an elderly person who might be lonely and missing family members. No matter what you do, your actions will be greatly appreciated and will serve as an encouragement to that person or group.

The mission of Cypress Christian School - "to produce students from Christian families who are academically prepared with a biblical worldview to take their place in the world as servants of Jesus Christ" - includes the goal of teaching students to serve. In recent months, students have helped build a house, collected food and supplies for a local food bank, visited and entertained residents in an assisted living facility, collected gifts for children whose parents are in prison, served at a home for incarcerated youth, and more.

As we strive to serve others in our community, we hope you, too, will join the effort to make those less fortunate feel loved through acts of kindness – small or large. To partner with our school in a service project or suggest a service project for our students, please contact Todd Clark, Chaplain, at 281-469-8829 or todd.clark@ CypressChristian.org.



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#### Fear Worse Than Death

Have you always wanted to be a better speaker? Would you like to be a better listener? Do you want to improve your communication with your kids, spouse or boss? Then join Foundry Toastmasters – we meet every Tuesday from 7:15-8:30pm at Foundry United Methodist Church, 8350 Jones Road in Room 207. Toastmasters is not just for "public" speaking, but helps improve everyday communication skills. For more information, call Jude Wiggins at 713-466-3400. Everyone is welcome.

#### Cypress Assistance Ministries Volunteers Needed

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*www.cypressassistanceministries.com* If one of your New Year's resolutions was to spend more time volunteering in the community, then CAM is just the place for you. Bring along a friend and assist other volunteers in our busy sorting and hanging department. You will experience warm, friendly fellowship and the satisfaction of knowing you have helped families in need in our community. The services provided at CAM are made possible by many dedicated, weekly volunteers. If you can stand and lift for a moderate

amount of time, please contact Lisa Bassett to schedule a volunteer orientation.

TheCAMWebsite, www.

cypressassistanceministries. com, features other volunteer opportunities, upto-date information on our current donation needs and a description of all our services.



Looking for a Church Home that is making a difference in people's lives, the community and the world? *Come grow with us!* 



## Worship Services

- 8:15 a.m. Traditional, the Sanctuary
- 9:30 a.m. Contemporary, the Ministry Activity Center
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional, in the Sanctuary
- **11:00 a.m. Common Ground,** *Ministry Activity Center* a worship service offering a Traditional worship format with traditional hymns and light contemporary praise music.



Sunday School for...

Adults at all Worship times

Youth at 11:00 a.m.

Children at 9:30 & 11:00

- \* Youth Fellowship, 5:30 p.m. on Sunday
- Men's Women's Seníor's Síngles Youth-Children-Prayer Ministries and Small groups
- \* Music, fine arts
- \* Missions & outreach

Childcare and Nursery Available for all church functions

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#### Steeplechasetx.com

Do you want to know what is going on in the neighborhood? Go to steeplechasetx.com. You can sign up to receive important email bulletins about neighborhood activities, learn about meetings, classes, groups and programs, post lost/found pet information and communicate with your neighbors on the message board. You can also list Garage Sale or Real Estate information.

Names and addresses of all residents are being updated on the website: for resident login use the first 4 letters of your last name and your numeric street address. This is your login and password that you can change once you've logged in.

#### **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 <u>newsletter@</u> <u>steeplechasetx.com</u> 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  $10^{\text{th}}$  day of the prior month.

#### Request for Home Improvement Approval

Homeowners are reminded that any improvements affecting the exterior of your home (such as painting, patio covers, fence etc.) need to be approved by your association's architectural review committee. When space permits the one page approval form will be included in the monthly newsletter. The form is always available on the community website, steeplechasetx.com in "documents."

## Do you have a Home Based Business right here in Steeplechase?

You can get information about your service or products to every home in Steeplechase, by running a business classified in The Steeplechase Community Association Newsletter. The cost | is \$45 for up to 40 words. Display ads are also available. For more information, please contact Peel, Inc. at 888-687-6444 or <u>advertising@PEELinc.com</u>. The deadline is the 10th of each month for the upcoming month's newsletter. 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.

#### Not Available On-Line

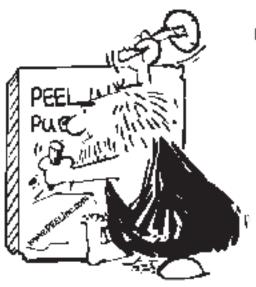




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-- Dallas/Fort Worth --Brook Meadows Eldorado Heights Eldorado HOA Glendover Park Highlands of Russell Park Woodbriar Estates Woodland Hills



-- Houston --Berkshire Coles Crossing Cypress Mill Fairfield Harvest Bend, The Village Hastings Green High Meadow Ranch Kings Manor Lakes of Bridgewater Lakes on Eldridge Lakes on Eldridge North Pointe San Luis Riata Ranch Ridge Lake Shores Steeplechase Summerwood Village Creek Waterford Harbor White Oak Bend Willowbridge Willowlake Willow Pointe Winchester Country Winchester Trails Windermere Lakes Wortham Village

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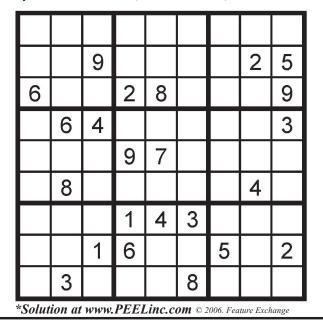
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## **STEEPLECHASE**

### Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.





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#### Important Enrollment Dates for 2007-2008

**PROSPECTIVE FAMILY NIGHT OPEN HOUSE** Tuesday, February 6, 2007 7:00-8:30 p.m. **KINDERGARTEN ROUND UP OPEN HOUSE** Tuesday, February 20, 2007 7:00-8:30 p.m.

For more information www.CypressChristian.org 11123 Cypress North Houston Road • Houston, Texas 77065 (near the corner of Jones & Cypress N Houston-north of 1960)

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## STEEPLECHASE MARKET REPORT

Courtesy of "SUPER DAVE"

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