



Steeplechase

NEWSLETTER



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Cub Scout Pack 1624

On the weekend of April 14th the Emmott Webelos "Dragons" den from Cub Scout Pack 1624 participated in the annual Webelos Do Your best Campout. They placed 2nd out of 40 dens in the flag competition. Their flag was designed using all natural materials and they worked very hard on their flag design. Congratulations to Patrick Massey, Robert Sproull, Alex Dye and Kyle Griffin on their great accomplishment.

The Steeplechase Community thanks Pack 1624—Scouts, leaders, parents and siblings for their tremendous turnout at the Roan Park Volunteer Day on April 21st.



Roan Park Volunteers

Thank you to all the residents, Cub Scout Pack 1624 and Cy-Ridge youth who volunteered on Saturday, April 21st to spread sand into the fall surface areas of Roan Park Playground. What a tremendous turnout! Special appreciation to event coordinator, Erinn Flowers and Dean Green, who rented a bobcat, making the work a whole lot easier. Pictures are posted on the web-site; more pictures will be printed in the July newsletter.

July R.A.D. Classes

The Harris County Constables are once again offering these acclaimed classes at our community center on July 18, 24 and 25 from 6-10pm. These rape prevention defense classes are open to all women age 14 and older. For more information and to register for the classes, please call Jinnie Kelley at 832-922-8030.

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For the Food Pantry, donations of the following will help families with children home for the summer:

peanut butter & jelly, cold cereal, pasta, Spaghetti Os, snack foods

Donations can be made Monday through Wednesday from 10AM – 6PM and Thursday through Saturday from 10AM – 3PM.

For a description of the services and volunteer opportunities at Cypress Assistance Ministries, please see our web site, www.cypressassistanceministries.com

If you need further information, please give us a call at 281-955-7684 and ask for Kelly or Lisa.

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Private Events (Phyllis McFarland).....	832-922-8031
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Private Events (Phyllis McFarland)	832-922-8031
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Weekday Use of Club

Jinnie Kelley	832-922-8030
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Private Pool Parties

Greater Houston Pool.....	713-771-7665
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The deadline for submitting articles
is the 10th of each month.

Please send all articles and photos to:

newsletter@steeplechasetx.com

(high quality digital photos up to 2 MBs accepted)

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Hours of operation will be as follows:

May 19th Saturday, 11:00am – 8:30pm (Party 4pm)

May 20th Sunday, Noon - 6:00pm

May 26th, Saturday, 2:30pm – 8:30pm

May 27th, Sunday, Noon – 6:00pm

Memorial Day (May 28th, Monday) 11:00am - 8:30pm

Tuesday May 29th, Tuesday - Closed

June 9th, Saturday, 2:30pm – 8:30pm

May 30th thru August 26th - Full time Operation

Closed Monday

11:00am - 8:30pm Tuesday- Saturday

Noon - 6:00pm Sunday

August 27th - September 2nd, (weekends only)

Saturday 11:00am - 9:00pm

Sunday Noon - 8:00pm

Open Labor Day (September 3rd, Monday) 11:00am - 8:30pm

The following qualifications must be met in order to use the pool facility:

1. Must have swim tag at all times while at the pool.
2. Must be resident member and/or guest of a resident member.
3. Must be current on all Maintenance Fees to the (sub) Home Owners Associations. All fees must be paid in full ten (10) days prior to receipt of tags.
4. Must comply with pool rules and policies.
5. Swim tag not required for children two (2) years of age or younger.

For admission to the pool, 2007 pool tags will be required. The cost for pool tags are as follows:

New Adult - \$20.00

New Child - \$10.00

Renew Adult - \$10.00

Renew Child - \$5.00

Twelve (12) days have been set aside for pool registration at the Steeplechase Clubhouse:

May 6th 10:00am - 2:00pm

May 19th 10:00am - 2:00pm

May 7th - 11th 6:00pm - 8:00pm

May 20th 10:00am - 2:00pm

May 12th 10:00am - 2:00pm

May 26th 10:00am - 2:00pm

May 13th 10:00am - 2:00pm

May 27th 10:00am - 2:00pm

Please complete the enclosed Registration Form and bring it to the pool registration with payment. The payment should be made by check or money order – NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED. All members of the household must be present to pick up tags and have photos taken at pool registration. Guest tags will be available at the pool for other than full-time household members.

If you have any questions please email the pool committee @ poolid@steeplechasetx.com

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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Cancer Counseling, Inc Support Group Comes to Cypress

A support group for cancer patients and caregivers is beginning on Thursday, June 14 at 7 PM at Messiah Lutheran Church in Cypress, 11522 Telge Road, one-half mile north of Highway 290. The group will be led by licensed therapists from Cancer Counseling, Inc, a non-profit organization located near the Medical Center, 713-520-9873. Messiah Lutheran is hosting a satellite group of Cancer Counseling for folks in the Cypress area who need some support and who don't need another drive to the Medical Center. The group will be ongoing, meeting on the 2nd and 4th Thursday evenings of the month. The meetings are FREE, and all people in the community who are dealing with cancer are invited. Questions? Call 281-890-3013, and ask for Lynette.

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The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts-Cypress Creek is offering northwest residents a bus excursion to the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston on Friday, June 29, 2007.

The MFAH is currently showcasing several exhibits including: The Great Wall of China: Photographs by Chen Changfen, Arms and Armor from the Ancient World and Fit for a King: English Silver from the Collection of Geroge S. Heyer, Jr.

Participants will have the opportunity to attend a private docent-conducted tour of the exhibition at 10:30 a.m. as well as the noon Lunchtime Tour of Highlights of the European Galleries.

The bus leaves the parking lot behind the Cypress Creek Christian Church/Barbara Bush Library at 6815 Cypresswood Drive promptly at 9:00 a.m. Participants must be 50 years of age or older to ride the bus. If you are under the age of 50, we encourage you to carpool and meet the bus at MFAH. The Pearl Days Bus Trip is sponsored by the Volunteer organization for The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts-Cypress Creek. A \$5.00 non-refundable donation to The Pearl Fincher MFA will reserve your seat.

It's your museum! The renovation process of turning what once was the Harris County Library into a world class museum of fine arts is underway. Don't miss your chance to become a part of this exciting time. Participating in Pearl Days is one way you can show your support of our new museum. Don't miss the bus! Reserve your seat today by calling Laura Barousse at 281-370-5474 or Judi Redilla at 281-469-3434.

Visit online at www.pearlmfa.org to find out more ways you can support The Pearl and about upcoming events.

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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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Cypress Christian School will once again host summer camps for children and adults in the community.

Camp Invention - June 4 - 8: This is a week-long summer enrichment program in the fields of science, mathematics, history, and the arts for children entering grades 1 - 6.

Computer Explorers Summer Camp - June 11 - 15: During this week-long summer camp, elementary students will discover how to become Master Builders with hands-on exploration of engineering, construction, and programming.

High Touch - High Tech Science Camp - June 18- 22: This is a one-week session that brings a child's imagination to life as he/she enjoys a variety of interactive, science-related activities. It will be an inspiring week of fun and learning!

St. Thomas University Summer Reading Enrichment Program - June-August: CCS will host this program again this summer. It is scheduled to run from June to early August and is available to children and adults.

Sports Camps - June-July:

- Volleyball Camps - Most Mondays and Fridays from June 4 through July 30
 - Students of all grade levels are encouraged to attend to improve skill levels and knowledge of the game.
 - All grade levels through grade 8 (2007-2008) - 5:30 to 7:00 pm (Students in grades 6-8 can qualify for the Advanced session upon recommendation by the Coach)
 - Grades 9-12 (2007-2008) - 7:00 - 9:00 pm
- Basketball Camps - The main purpose of the camps is to teach the fundamentals of dribbling, shooting, passing, and defense, while also developing self-confidence and a positive mental attitude.
 - CCS Basketball Camp 1, June 18 - 21, 9 am to 12 pm (Camp 1 is for students entering 2nd- 6th)
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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.

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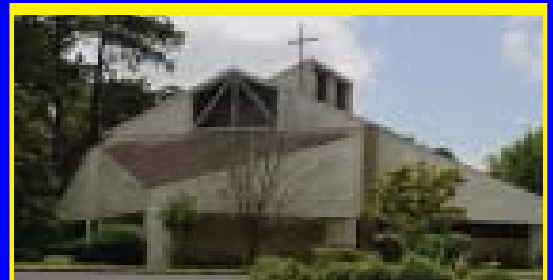
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Submitted by Bill Cook

One of the most ignored and overlooked maintenance components of your home is your garage door and opener. These “beasts of burden” are frequently ignored, neglected and taken for granted...that is until they stop working.

An average two-car garage door has nearly forty moving parts and weighs approximately 300 pounds. When in the up position, the door is usually 8 feet above the floor with your second most expensive investment parked directly underneath. Last year approximately 20,000 garage door related injuries were treated in America's emergency rooms.

Given these facts, proper maintenance and repair should be a higher priority on our never-ending “to do lists”.

Basic routine maintenance should be performed every six months to maximize performance and extend the life of the moving parts of your garage door(s). While repairs should be left to the professionals, the following activities should be completed every six months:

Door:

1. Lubricate hinge joints with a silicone-based lubricant. Be careful in selecting a product as many common spray lubricants are alcohol-based and can actually dry out moving parts.
2. Do not lubricate track and rollers. This common misconception only serves to attract dust particles and cause further wear. While it does appear to be a short-term fix, over that short time, problems

will become worse.

3. Release the door from the opener by disengaging the trolley (pull the red string down). * Raise the door to the halfway point. A properly balanced door should remain in that position. If the door falls or rises on its own this is a symptom of spring failure. Improperly balanced garage doors can cause opener and/or door damage. * Raise and lower the door manually. The door should require no more than ten pounds of force to raise. This is the maximum weight residential openers are designed to raise. Clacking, screeching or popping sounds also indicate moving parts failure. *Please Do Not attempt any repairs as certain garage door components can cause serious injury!

Opener:

1. Chain and belt drive openers should have a light coating of silicone-based lubricant sprayed on the boom (bar from the motor unit to the door) twice per year.
2. If the system has safety eye sensors (located at the bottom of the door tracks), make sure these are properly aligned and free of dust and debris. An obstruction could stop the opener from closing the door.

POWER SURGES to your home can severely damage the electronics of electric door openers. Should your opener operate erratically, DO NOT attempt to continue using it as it may damage your garage door.

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Steeplechasetx.com

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(NAPSA)-In the past, most kids spent the bulk of their play time outdoors, socializing and exercising in backyards, at playgrounds and parks. With technology advances and the ever-growing amount of cable and Internet content, children now are more likely to be found plopped in front a television or computer screen than exploring and interacting with the natural world. The contemporary child's play environment has changed dramatically and not all the effects are positive.

According to the American Association for the Child's Right to Play, playing outdoors is more than just a joy of childhood. It is essential for both the mental and physical well-being of children-outdoor active play promotes cognitive development, encourages creativity and keeps children moving. In fact, research has shown that children who actively play outdoors during early childhood have a tendency to be smarter, to score higher on tests and to exhibit more creativity.

The good news for parents-the best learning environment for children may be right in the backyard. The backyard provides a great outlet through which children can nurture creativity, develop social and cognitive skills and get physical exercise. It's a natural environment for kids to explore and isn't too far from supervision.

Follow these tips to design a kid-friendly, playful yard.

Sun vs. Shade: Where does your yard receive the most sun? Play areas should be positioned where shade is available during the hottest times of day.

Specialized Play Areas: Outdoor playcenters-complete with slides, swings, climbing walls and sandboxes-are great additions to keep kids on the go. Do your research and choose equipment that is safe, easy to assemble and built to last. For something that keeps the kids active but also won't be an eyesore, you can check out Huffy's new Playcenters at www.huffyplaycenters.com.

Gardens: Keep delicate, toxic and thorny plants away from play areas. Instead, incorporate into your yard flowers that are bright (zinnias), fragrant (lavender) and tactile (lamb's ears) so that kids can explore their unique colors, smells and unusual textures. Let older children help you pick out flowers to plant.

Water: Keep in mind that children should never be left unattended around fountains, water features, pools or spas. Drowning can occur in as little as one inch of water.

The next time your kids are mesmerized by the latest-and-greatest in technology or TV, move them outdoors to keep their healthy development on the right track.



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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.

	Nov 06	Dec 06	Jan 07	Feb 07	Mar 07	Apr 07
\$160,000 & Above	0	0	0	0	0	2
\$140,000-159,999	3	2	0	0	1	4
\$120,000-139,999	1	2	2	1	3	5
\$110,000-119,999	1	1	1	1	0	2
\$100,000-109,999	0	0	0	1	1	3
\$100,000 Below	3	1	1	1	2	2
TOTAL	8	6	4	4	7	18
Highest \$/Sq Ft	74.97	74.97	74.97	74.97	80.99	87.10

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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- 11423 Autumn Chase
- 9610 W Savile Cir
- 9639 W Withers Way
- 11314 Meadowchase
- 9726 Chiselhurst
- 9819 Canterhurst
- 12231 Flaxen
- 11423 Yorkshire Oaks
- 11415 Springland
- 9635 W Withers Way
- 11322 Meadowchase
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