



# Steeplechase

## NEWSLETTER



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

Volume 5, Issue 10

October 2007

Steeplechase CIA  
invites you to attend a special  
**TOWN HALL MEETING**

Tuesday, October 30th ~ 7:00 p.m.  
Steeplechase Clubhouse  
11250 Steepleway Blvd.

Join your neighbors in learning  
about important water issues,  
including why an upcoming  
Bond Election is necessary  
to fund critical repairs needed to  
our water infrastructure.

Your Harris County MUD 168 Board  
of Directors will be there to  
answer questions.  
Please reserve the date!

### Around Cy-Fair

Cy-Fair College will host the 3rd Annual Community Day for all ages from 10am – 2pm on Saturday, October 13th. “Cy-Fest”, the college’s gift to the community, is a day of free food, festivities and family fun! For info, go to [www.cy-faircollege.com](http://www.cy-faircollege.com).

The 6th Annual Fairfield 5K for Life Fun Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, October 27th. This event will benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Register @ Active.com or call Jane Lakatos at 281-373-9767.

### Honor Steeplechase Residents in Military

To celebrate Veterans Day, we hope to honor our active duty military members from Steeplechase in our November newsletter.

If you have a family member or neighbor currently serving, please send information to: [newsletter@steeplechasetx.com](mailto:newsletter@steeplechasetx.com). The deadline for the November newsletter is October 10th.



We continue to seek an editor for this newsletter – it’s easy, fun and a great way to know what is going on in the neighborhood. For more information call Betty at 832-656-9886.

### November Quarterly Open Residents Meeting

The Fall Steeplechase Open Residents meeting will be held on Monday, November 5th at 7pm in the clubhouse. All residents and homeowners are encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity to learn the goings-on in the neighborhood, meet our sheriff, ask questions and offer suggestions to your Board of Directors.

*Don't want to wait for the mail?*  
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Steeplechase Community Center .....	281-469-CLUB
Deed Restriction Issues (PCMI) .....	281-870-0585
Water/Sewer .....	281-240-1300
Architectural Control (PCMI).....	281-870-0585
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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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### 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
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### Private Pool Parties

Greater Houston Pool.....	713-771-7665
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### Board Member Contact

PCMI .....	281-870-0585
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## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for submitting articles  
is the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Please send all articles and photos to:

[newsletter@steeplechasetx.com](mailto:newsletter@steeplechasetx.com)

(high quality digital photos up to 2 MBs accepted)

or mail your submissions to the Steeplechase clubhouse at  
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if you do not have a computer

## Steeplechase Board of Directors

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If you need to contact a director within your subdivision,  
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## Letter from Steeplechase Contract Deputy Romine

### *Howdy Steeplechase Residents:*

First of all let me thank those of you who participated in the August National Night Out events. We had a great turnout and distributed nearly 100 child identification kits and child safety gunlocks.

Next, let me address the recent increase in car burglary activities in the neighborhood and surrounding areas. In August we had a spike in car burglaries. The items targeted ranged from car stereo and DVD video equipment to power tools, CDs, DVDs, Easy Tags and laptop computers. There has been an arrest made in some of those cases and we have gathered some good fingerprint evidence. We hope to have an additional arrest soon.

Here are some tips that may decrease your chances of being a victim of car burglary:

1. If your car fits in your garage, park there at night.
2. Don't leave valuable items in your vehicle. Car burglars are window shoppers – if they see a laptop, wallet, purse, radar detector, cell phone, tools, etc. – it takes them less than 10 seconds to break in and take your stuff – day or night.
3. Utilize an alarm system; the louder the better. Burglars don't like attention. Please do be considerate of your neighbors when setting the sensitivity levels; if the alarm is too sensitive a gust of window or nearby stereo may set it off.
4. Share telephone numbers with your neighbors and if you see or hear something during the night in their driveway – call them! Neighbors have different schedules and your night owl neighbor may be a witness.
5. If you have a toolbox on your truck...lock it! A good after market padlock system works best (I know it's ugly but it is effective).
6. Install motion lights on your garage that come on when someone is near your vehicle. Set the sensor so it is not triggered by passing traffic.
7. Don't leave your registration card in your vehicle. The old days of license and registration stops are gone. A driver's license and insurance card is all you need and keep those documents in your purse or wallet.
8. If you see something suspicious, call us right away...there isn't much we can do about a suspicious person you saw three days ago.
9. Keep your vehicle clean - the chances of getting good fingerprint evidence from a dirty vehicle or window are low.
10. If you are a victim, don't touch anything until we get there and ask the responding officer to take prints.

*Finally, there is no full proof way to prevent these crimes, but I believe if you follow these suggestions you will decrease your chances of being a victim of a car burglary.*

Thank you and Stay Safe!!

Deputy J.E. Romine

# Pumpkin Patch.

What you'll find at  
Cypress United Methodist Church

It has been a tradition at CUMC each Fall to sell pumpkins from our front lawn. Yes! We're the church who has the big Pumpkin Patch located on Cypress N. Houston Rd. just east of Huffmeister.

We invite you to join us

**Friday, October 12  
through Wednesday,  
October 31st from  
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Please join us for worship services on  
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and a wide range of ministries, we are sure  
you'll find your place here at CUMC.

### **Sunday Worship Services**

8:15 am – Traditional Worship in Sanctuary

9:30 am – Contemporary Worship Center

11:00 am – Sanctuary & Worship Center



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## The Foundry Church's Craft Show and Tea Room

A Shopper's Heaven on Earth! The Foundry United Methodist Church will host over 100 vendors at its annual Judy Dierker Craft Classic on Saturday, October 20, 2007, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. You'll find terrific values on a wide array of goods from vendors offering handcrafted items, fall & Christmas specialties, gourmet baked goods, children's toys, clothing, jewelry and more in a fun and friendly marketplace. You can also shop The Foundry General Store where every cent you spend benefits local and foreign missions. And, when you're hungry, be sure to stop by our Texas Tea Room, open 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., and enjoy salads, desserts, and coffees. Admission to the craft show is FREE; purchase tea room tickets at the show for \$10 each (all proceeds benefiting missions). Come rain or shine! Foundry is located at 8350 Jones Road, 1-½ blocks north of Hwy 290. For more information, call 713-937-9388 or see [www.foundryfamily.org](http://www.foundryfamily.org).



## No Overnight Parking on Street

Steeplechase Deed Restrictions prohibit long-term (12 hours or more) parking of vehicles on the street. Autos should be parked in the driveway – for your security, try to park in the garage. Vehicles parked on the street detract from the neighborhood curb appeal and cause traffic problems, particularly for school buses, garbage trucks and emergency vehicles. Please report violations to our management company, PCMI at 281-870-0585.

## Clubhouse Rentals

Looking for a special place for a birthday party, holiday event or anniversary reception? The Steeplechase Clubhouse can be rented out on weekends for private events. Steeplechase homeowners in good standing (all HOA fees are paid) can rent the clubhouse at reduced rates. We are booking now for the holiday season.

For more information, call Phyllis McFarland at 832-922-8031.

## UNITY SUNDAY CELEBRATIONS - 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM



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A Course in Miracles; Tuesday, Nov. 6th

7:30 - 9:00 PM

Check our website for information

[www.unitynorthhouston.org](http://www.unitynorthhouston.org)

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## Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts at Cypress Creek is excited to announce the release of its first publication, *Hush...Don't Say A Word: A Lullaby Book*. The combination of fine art, lyrical music from an exquisite singer and classical guitarist, glimpses of childhood through the lenses of an acclaimed photographer and artwork from local students and young children is brought together in a beautiful book for all ages.

The Pearl is proud to announce that this publication will be featured in a book fair sponsored by Barnes & Noble Booksellers at Champions Village. Please join us in celebrating this masterwork of art October 13-20, 2007 at the Champions Village store located at 5305 FM 1960 West. There will be activities for all ages throughout the week including refreshments, book signings, and special performances. Also, a portion of all in-store purchases will benefit The Pearl.

Cheesecake Factory cheesecakes are available from the Barnes and Noble Café and can be pre-ordered. Get your Cheesecake Factory cheesecake for the holidays while supporting The Pearl at the same time. Cheesecakes can be picked up and paid for during the week of the book fair and can be frozen for the holiday season.

*Hush...Don't Say A Word: A Lullaby Book* can also be pre-ordered online at [www.pearlmfa.org](http://www.pearlmfa.org). Don't miss your chance to own the first publication of The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts at Cypress Creek! For more information, please visit us online at [www.pearlmfa.org](http://www.pearlmfa.org) or call 281-376-6322.

The GEMS Guild of The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts at Cypress Creek will be holding their monthly meeting at the Forum at Cypress Creek Christian Church on October 22, 2007. Please join the GEMS for a presentation, "Pompeo Batoni: The Best Painter in Italy" from 9:30-11:00am. A reception will follow the lecture. For more information, call 281-376-6322.

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Saturday, October 13

9:00 - 4:00

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There will also be a Silent Auction, Bake Sale sponsored by Women of the Word, and food sold by Boy Scout Troop 533.

Also, the United Methodist Men will be sponsoring our annual Pumpkin Patch. So bring the kiddos to check out the pumpkins and capture that "Kodak" moment!

Admission to the Craft Show is \$1 for adults and kids are free. All proceeds go to support local and international missions.

Good Shepherd Church is located at 20155 Cypresswood Drive in the Fairfield Subdivision, off Mason Road and Highway 290 in Cypress.

Contact Leslie Doyle at 281-373-9579 or [leslie.mark.doyle@sbcglobal.net](mailto:leslie.mark.doyle@sbcglobal.net) for more

## Cypress Assistance Ministries

11202 Huffmeister • 281-955-7684

Operation Jobs, an outreach ministry of Cypress Assistance Ministry, is sponsoring a 2nd Chance Job Fair on October 12, at our location, 11202 Huffmeister. We are seeking employers to participate in the job fair that are willing hire persons with a criminal record. When persons with criminal records are employed, they gain self-esteem, become productive members of the community, and are able to provide for their families. If your company would like to participate in the 2nd Chance Job Fair, please contact, Darrell Christiansen, Operation Jobs director, at 281-955-5895.

The services provided at CAM are made possible by many dedicated volunteers. We have volunteer openings in several departments. If you would like to become a CAM volunteer, please contact Lisa at 281-955-76784.

Cypress Assistance Ministries (CAM), located at 11202 Huffmeister, exists to provide a safe place for individuals or families to tell their story and be offered some measure of hope during difficult times. For a description of all our services and volunteer opportunities, please see our Web site, [www.cypressassistanceministries.com](http://www.cypressassistanceministries.com)

Donations to Cypress Assistance Ministries can be made Monday through Wednesday from 10AM - 6PM and Thursday through Saturday from 10AM - 3 PM.

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

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## 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](http://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.

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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](mailto: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 10<sup>th</sup> day of the prior month.

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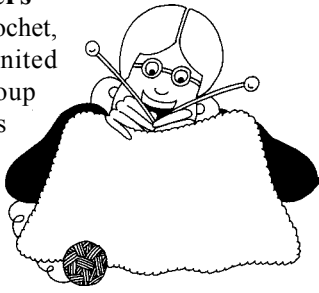
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## Calling All Stitchers

Do you like to quilt, knit, crochet, embroider? The Foundry United Methodist Church has a group called the "Stitchers" that meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7pm in Rom 201 of the Adult Education Building. For more info go to: [jlurban@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jlurban@sbcglobal.net).



## Steeplechasetx.com

Do you want to know what is going on in the neighborhood? Go to [steeplechasetx.com](http://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.



## PUMPKIN PATCH

Open Saturdays & Sundays in October 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
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## Cy-Fair Medical Partners is now in your neighborhood.

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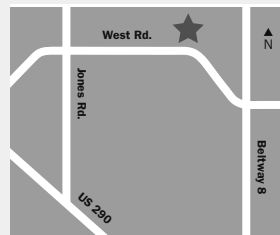


Todd Hamel, MD FAAFP



Sujatha Anand, MD

Announcing the new Cy-Fair Medical Partners—a neighborhood family practice clinic designed to serve the health care needs of you and your family. All physicians are on the medical staff at Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center Hospital so you can count on the same quality service that we have delivered to the community for over 20 years.



Located on West Road, 1.2 miles east of Jones Road.

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Cy-Fair Medical Partners

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[CyFairMedicalPartners.com](http://CyFairMedicalPartners.com)

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## Wasting Water Is Like Putting Money Down The Drain!

Do you know how much water you and your family are using? Do you always read your water bill carefully, comparing usage from the previous months and years?

It may surprise you to know that the average water use by each family member is between 150 and 175 gallons per person per day. That's a lot of water, and almost everyone can get by with a lot less with a little extra thought before turning on the faucet!

Let's face it...we all take water for granted. Using water more efficiently is purely common sense. But in case you haven't thought about ways to conserve this precious resource, here are some simple things you and family members can do around the house to "reduce your use." See how much water you can save -- and that means dollars, too -- by giving these a try.

- ◆ Never pour water down the drain when there may be another use for it, such as watering a plant or garden, or for cleaning around your home.
- ◆ Verify that your home is leak free. Many homes have hidden water leaks. If you think you have a leak, turn off all water 'users' in the house. Read your water meter before you do this, and after a two-hour period while no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak. Find it and fix it.
- ◆ Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. If your faucet is dripping at a rate of one drop per second, you can expect to waste 2,700 gallons per year. This adds unnecessary dollars to your water and sewer bill.
- ◆ Install aerators with flow restrictors on all faucets to slow the flow of water.  
Inside your house, bathroom facilities claim nearly 75% of the water used so this is a great place in which to concentrate your conservation measures.
- ◆ Check for toilet tank leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If the toilet is leaking, color will appear in the toilet bowl within 30 minutes. (Flush as soon as test is done, since food coloring may stain tank.) Also check toilets for worn out, corroded or bent parts. Most replacement parts are inexpensive, readily available and easily installed.
- ◆ If the toilet handle frequently sticks in the flush position letting water run constantly, replace or adjust it. This running water can run up your bill, too.
- ◆ Install a toilet 'dam' or displacement device such as a bag or bottle to cut down on the amount of water needed for each flush. Be sure installation does not interfere with the operating parts. When purchasing new or replacement toilets, buy only low-volume units which use less than half the water of older models. In Texas, low-volume units are required by state law.
- ◆ Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily. Don't use it as a trash can.
- ◆ Take shorter showers. Replace your showerhead with an ultra-low-flow version. Some units are available that allow you to cut off the flow without adjusting the water temperature knobs.
- ◆ Place a bucket in the shower to catch excess water and use this to water plants. The same technique can be used when washing dishes or vegetables in the sink.

There are also lots of ways to save water in the kitchen and laundry. Again, many are obvious and common sense...but a reminder won't hurt::

- ◆ Operate automatic dishwashers and clothes washers only when they are fully loaded. Set the water level for the size of load you are using.
- ◆ Store drinking water in the refrigerator. Don't let the tap run while you are waiting for cool water to flow.
- ◆ Do not use running water to thaw meat or other frozen foods. Defrost food overnight in the refrigerator or use the defrost setting on your microwave.
- ◆ Consider installing an instant water heater on your kitchen sink so you don't have to let the water run while it heats up. This will reduce water heating costs for your household.
- ◆ Insulate your water pipes. You'll get hot water faster and avoid wasting water while it heats up.
- ◆ Don't let water run while shaving or washing your face. Brush your teeth first while waiting for water to get hot, then wash or shave after filling the basin.

Conserve water because it is the right thing to do. Try to do one thing each day that will result in saving water. Don't worry if the savings are minimal. Every drop counts.

You CAN make a difference... especially if everyone makes the effort!!

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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.

	Mar 07	Apr 07	May 07	June 07	July 07	Aug 07
\$160,000 & Above	0	2	0	0	0	0
\$140,000-159,999	1	4	1	1	2	0
\$120,000-139,999	3	5	2	4	2	3
\$110,000-119,999	0	2	1	2	6	1
\$100,000-109,999	1	3	1	0	0	2
\$100,000 Below	2	2	1	2	0	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>
Highest \$/Sq Ft	80.99	87.10	82.51	83.27	76.82	74.51

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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- 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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