

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

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Help Wanted...Volunteer Needed

Steeplechase needs a volunteer editor for this newsletter. No special skills are required – just a computer, basic writing skills and a few hours per month. The process is simple: Articles and press releases are emailed to the editor from residents, community groups, the Board and Committees; the Editor reviews, edits where necessary, prioritizes and then emails to the publisher. The publisher handles the layout and advertising. This is a great way to contribute to your community and let you know what is going-on. For more information please call Betty at 832-656-9886 or Myla at 281-870-0585.

VOTE in the MUD 168 BOND ELECTION

Early Voting
October 22, 2007- November 2, 2007.

The closest early voting location to the District is:

City of Jersey Village City Hall

16327 Lakeview Drive Houston, Texas 77040.

November 6, 2007 is Election Day.

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at various locations in Harris County. The closest Voting Locations to the District are:

Steeplechase Community Center

11250 Steepleway Blvd. Houston, TX 77065

Village On The Park

12102 Steepleway Blvd. Houston, TX 77065

For information on additional Early Voting and Election Day Voting locations and times, please visit www.harrisvotes.com.

An Important Message from the Board of Directors, MUD 168

WATER is a precious natural resource that all living things need to survive. It is something that we have all taken for granted...when we turn on the faucet, start the washing machine or flush the toilet we expect it to be there, ready to work for us. Unfortunately, the days of cheap and plentiful water in Texas are rapidly drawing to a close.

We have relied on our aquifers to supply an increasing amount of water and they have begun to decline. The Evangeline Aquifer -- from which we get a significant amount of our groundwater -- recorded a 100 foot decline over a recent 20 year period. Reducing the amount of groundwater pumped from an aquifer can make a significant difference.

In 2000, the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District mandated that we reduce our reliance on groundwater by making a phased conversion to surface water -- water from our lakes, rivers and streams -- and that process is now underway. The first target date is 2010 when we will reduce our groundwater consumption by 30 percent. In 2020, north Harris County may only rely on groundwater for 30 percent of our water needs...and in 2030 only 20 percent of the total amount of potable water supplied in our area can come from groundwater.

The good news is that the aquifers have begun to rebound and subsidence has stopped in other areas where the Subsidence District's mandate has been accomplished, and the same result is expected to occur in our area, as well. The important thing to remember is that **water is too important to waste**, and it is up to each of us to use it wisely.

With the depletion of critical aquifers, groundwater resources that we have relied on for decades may be insufficient to meet future needs, so in the future, we'll increasingly be relying on renewable surface water, with our groundwater resources as a back up. As these conversion deadlines approach, the District will keep our customers and residents informed and share ideas and tips on using water more efficiently at home -- inside and out!

IMPORTANT

Telephone Numbers



Emergency	911				
Sheriff's Dept.					
Cy-Fair Fire Dept					
Cy-Fair Hospital					
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)					
Trash Pick-up (WCA)	281-368-8397				
i	(Wednesday & Saturday)				
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				
NEWSLETTER PUBLISHER					

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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	
Greater Houston Pool	.713-771-7665
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:

newsletter@steeplechasetx.com

(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

Steeplechase Board of Directors

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November Neighborhood News

We're still collecting old cell phones for donation to women's shelters – these phones are programmed to be used as emergency "911" phones. We hope to donate 200 phones – we're more than halfway there. Call Jinnie Kelley @ 832-922-8030.

The Steeplechase Seniors meet every Tuesday in the upstairs of the clubhouse for games, cards, socializing. All are welcome! Just come by: Noon - 4pm on Tuesdays and go upstairs. The Seniors will not meet on November 6th due to the election.

We have a new web site: log-on at steeplechasetx.com. You do not need a password to access and it will be easier to use than before. Many thanks to Mable Butler who is volunteering as website administrator; she has done a terrific job – take a few moments to check it out and let Mable know how much we appreciate all of her hard work.

Our September article about the community National Night Out celebration neglected to mention several local businesses that donated food to the event.

Special thanks to: Firehouse Subs, Krogers, Randalls, and Sam's Club for their contributions!



Girl Scout Troop Disbanded?

Still want to be active in Girl Scouts? Want to earn the Silver & Gold Awards?

Never been in Girl Scouts, but would like to earn the awards? Or a chance to interact with other girls your own age?

WHO: 7th - 8th Grade - Earnb pre-requisites for the Silver Award 9th - 11th Grade - Earn pre-requisites for the Gold Award WHERE: Steeplechase Clubhouse - 11250 Steepleway @ Jones Rd CONTACT: Judy Harris 281-890-0582 lyle69@wt.net

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Chamber News

The first annual Cy-Fair Home and Garden Show will be held March 1-2, 2008 at the Berry Center. Tony Wood, President of Texwood Shows, states "statistics show that the Cy-Fair area is ready for a show of this magnitude...We've already received enormous interest from exhibitors." According to the Cy-Fair Chamber of Commerce, the population of the area is over 650,000 and is expected to climb to 750,000 by 2009 with the average household income projected to be over \$ 71,000 in 2009.

Erin Al-Salman has been named the new President of the Cy-Fair Houston Chamber of Commerce effective December 1st. Erin is a graduate of Jersey Village High School and Sam Houston State University and has served as Vice President of Marketing and Business Development at the Cy-Fair Credit Union.

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
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Veteran's Day, November 11

World War I ended on November 11, 1918. On that same date three years later an unknown soldier killed in that war was buried at Arlington National Cemetery. November 11th eventually became the date when we honor all who have served.

To salute our military, this newsletter contains the names and information of Steeplechase residents and family members currently serving; our next newsletter will list Steeplechase veterans. We ask all veterans to email: newsletter@steeplechasetx.com with name, dates and branch of service. Please send my November 10th.

Steeplechase residents and family members currently serving include:

Corporal Thomas R. Stephenson, U.S. Marine Corps, Currently serving in Iraq

PFC Garrett Sellars, U.S. Army, Bravo Company Unit 1529, Military Intelligence Currently Serving in Korea Garrett is a 2006 graduate of Cy-Ridge High School

Michael Eyzaguirre, U.S. Army, Military Intelligence Currently serving in Arizona after deployments to Afghanistan and Bosnia

Michael joined the Army in 2000

2nd LT Craig Banner, U.S. Army, 4th Infantry Division, 4th Brigade

Currently Serving at Ft. Hood, Craig attended local schools, graduated from Cy-Falls High School, graduated and commissioned from Texas A&M University in 2006.

Craig is married to Steeplechase resident Teresa Fitts Banner.

Brothers Anthony & Tighe Bontempo are both serving in the U.S. Army.

Anthony, E-4, 101st Airborne, is currently stationed at Ft. Bliss after a one year deployment to Ramadi, Iraq. Anthony is a 2004 Cy-Creek graduate.

Tighe Bontempo, E-3, Engineer Brigade.
Currently stationed at Ft. Lewis, Washington studying Arabic.
Tighe is a 2006 Cy-Creek graduate.
Anthony and Tighe are Eagle Scouts.



November RAD Class

The Steeplechase CIA and the Harris County Constables will once again be offering "RAD" classes at the Community Center on November 7, 13, 14 from 6-10pm. This three evening class is open to woman and teen age girls over 14 years of age. Please call Jinnie Kelley @ 832-922-8030 to register. Excerpt of letter from former Steeplechase participant Jamie Elmer:

"Thank you for offering the RAD class. It has given me a confidence I've never experienced before. I wish this was available when I was a teenager...I could have used it several times. This course is terrific for women young and old to be able to prevent an attack or to defend oneself. The need is real and the "no cost" is deceiving, because the class is priceless! I hope every women and teenage girl will take advantage of this – it is time well spent. I truly felt the care and concern for my well being from Jinnie and the officers, Bart and Ron. We need more people like you."

Don't want to wait for the mail?

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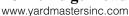
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Newsletter Submissions Requested

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.

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.

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 advertising@PEELinc.com for ad information and pricing The deadline for ads is the 10th of each month for the upcoming month's newsletter.

Family Watchdog.com

A resident wrote to recommend "FamilyWatchdog.com" – a service that alerts families of registered sex offenders in the area and provides services, education and products to keep families safe on the internet.

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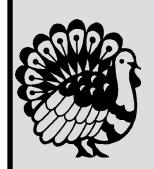




Daylight Saving Time- Fall Back

On August 8, 2005, President George W. Bush signed the Energy Policy Act of 2005. This Act changed the time change dates for Daylight Saving Time in the U.S. Beginning in 2007. On the first Sunday in November, clocks are set back one hour at 2:00 a.m. local daylight time, which becomes 1:00 a.m. local standard time.

Many fire departments encourage people to change the batteries in their smoke detectors when they change their clocks because Daylight Saving Time provides a convenient reminder. A working smoke detector more than doubles a person's chances of surviving a home fire. More than 90 percent of homes in the United States have smoke detectors, but one-third is estimated to have dead or missing batteries.



Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

November 23rd

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"



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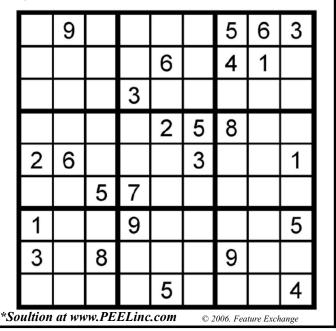


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Sudoku

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.



Classified Ads

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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Upcoming Guests:

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> Check our website for information www.unitynorthhouston.org



STEEPLECHASE MARKET REPORT

Courtesy of "SUPER DAVE"

This market information report is provided to keep you informed of resale market activity in your subdivision.

	Apr 07	May 07	June 07	July 07	Aug 07	Sep 07
\$160,000 & Above	2	0	0	0	0	0
\$140,000-159,999	4	1	1	2	1	1
\$120,000-139,999	5	2	4	2	2	1
\$110,000-119,999	2	1	2	6	2	2
\$100,000-109,999	3	1	0	0	1	0
\$100,000 Below	2	1	2	0	2	1
TOTAL	18	6	9	10	8	5
Highest \$/Sq Ft	87.10	82.51	83.27	83.27	74.51	78.89

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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- 11306 Yorkshire Oaks
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- 9523 Saffolk Punch • 11423 Autumn Chase
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