

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

Students at Cypress Christian School Serving our Soldiers

"Want to send your support to a soldier in harm's way, but have no idea of what to send, who to send it to, or how to send it?"

In the fall of the 2007-2008 school year, Mrs. Carolyn Morgan, fifth grade teacher at Cypress Christian School, asked this same question when planning a class service project. Mrs. Morgan desired for her class to communicate with a soldier and bless him/her in whatever way possible. She logged on to AnySoldier.com to find volunteer soldier "contacts" on the "Where to Send" page. All the soldiers on this web site are military men and women stationed in areas that are in harm's way. She searched through the names and selected Major Christopher Lindner (shown at left).

Mrs. Morgan sent a few packages of goodies and supplies along with letters from



her students to the address for Major Lindner. Upon receiving the packages, Major Lindner thanked Mrs. Morgan and her students via email and handwritten thank you cards. Mrs. Morgan began regularly corresponding with Major Lindner to determine his specific needs and requests. CCS students and parents jumped at the opportunity to continue blessing their "special" soldier. The back of Mrs. Morgan's classroom was piled with donations which filled nineteen boxes - all to be shipped to Iraq. Donations included study materials, snack items, toiletries, white socks (which soldiers go through quickly), cards, letters and more. Major Lindner received so much that he was able to share the gifts with "his" soldiers serving alongside him in Iraq. He was even able to use some of the items in the Christmas stockings for his troops.

The fifth graders made it a priority to not only bless their special soldier with material items but to bless him through prayer. Major Lindner emailed specific prayer requests for his situation, his troops and his family back home in Colorado. In response to notes and cards sent by the students, Major Lindner wrote Mrs. Morgan saying, "I'm in awe of the love and grace that your children obviously have for God's people. They are truly an *(Continued on page 3)*

Trash Pick-Up

Trash service for Steeplechase is provided by MUD 168. Our Trash Contract is with Waste Corporation of Texas: Phone: 281-368-8397 please call with any questions or concerns.

Trash days are on Wednesdays and Saturdays with Recycling on Wednesdays. Please put trash at the curb by 7am.

Recycling is a paid service and we all should take advantage and do our part to recycle. The following is the list of products that are acceptable for recycling through WCT.

Paper: All types of paper including Newspaper, Junk Mail, Magazines, office paper, etc. Can also include thin cardboard like cereal boxes, oatmeal boxes, etc.

Plastic: No. 1 and 2 only. You can find the number in the little triangle.

Aluminum and Tin Cans: Vegetable cans, soda cans, etc.

If you have any questions or need additional bins for recycling, call WCT directly, each additional bin is \$7.00.



Steeplechase Safety and Crime Prevention Night Tuesday, August 5, 2008 5-7 p.m. *Come one Come All!*

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chips, and Drinks will be provided. Pool and Moonwalk will be open for all residents. For more information please call 832-922-8030.

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Cy-Fair Fire Dept	
Cy-Fair Hospital	
Animal Control	
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Library	
Post Office	
Steeplechase Community Center	
Deed Restriction Issues (PCMI)	
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Weekday Use of Club	
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inspiration to me, that's for sure." (Shown at right are some of the fifth graders who were involved in this service project. On the last day of school they posed for a picture while holding photos, cards and letters from Major Lindner.)

Some may call this a coincidence but Mrs. Morgan gives all the credit to God for directing her to this godly man who needed encouragement while serving his country in a foreign land. Major Lindner said in an email to Mrs. Morgan, "I don't know if I speak for everyone, but there are many types of people who provide immense value for our country and we are just a small piece. So many people get overlooked regarding their contribution and value to our future. I do miss my family so much, but I know that God has a plan for me and I have to trust that He will take care of the things I cannot. It's tough wanting to be there for my children and wife to provide that something that only a father can provide. However, I've had to realize that God can do that even better than I." What an example of faith this godly man was to our students!

Special Surprise: When the students who participated in this service project return to school in the fall, they have a special surprise awaiting them. Major Lindner sent the classes an American flag which was accompanied by a Certificate of Appreciation which states that the flag was flown at the Camp Remembrance II Theatre Internment Facility, Baghdad, Iraq, on February 22, 2008 in honor of Cypress Christian School.

We "salute" the men and women serving in the military and say "thank you" for sacrificial service!



ATTENTION ALL SENIORS

We meet every Tuesday at 12pm at the clubhouse for fun, games and fellowship. All Seniors welcome – just come by!





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Lone Star College-CyFair "Perspective"

Summer Fun in the Gallery and on Stage - The Bosque Gallery presents a University of Houston MFA Exhibition (July 15 - July 31) and a photo exhibition titled "IN-SITU: In the Place. - Italy Summer Study Abroad 2008" (Aug. 12 - Aug. 28). Go to CyFair.LoneStar. edu/bosquegallery for hours and artists reception. Don't miss this year's children's shows "Thaddeus and 'Tila" continuing through July 25 and "Go, Dog. Go!" Aug. 4 through Aug. 15. Then bring the family for Elton John and Tim Rice's "Aida" July 17 through July 27. The contemporary musical version of a classic tale of love and devotion tells the tale of the forbidden love between an Egyptian soldier and an enslaved Nubian princess. For tickets and information call 281-290-52010r go to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/boxoffice.

Register and Pay Early For Free Tuition - Register and pay (or execute an installment payment plan) for fall credit courses before the close of business Thursday, Aug. 4 and automatically be entered to win free tuition, IPOD Shuffle or \$250 book voucher. The grand prize covers payment of tuition and fees up to \$1,000 for credit classes at the Barker Cypress and Fairbanks campuses. Funds will be posted to the student's account. All winners will be notified and announced by Aug. 13. Call 281-290-3200 or 832-782-5000 for information; go online toCyFair.LoneStar.edu; or visit one of our conveniently located campuses at 9191 Barker Cypress or 14955 Northwest Freeway.

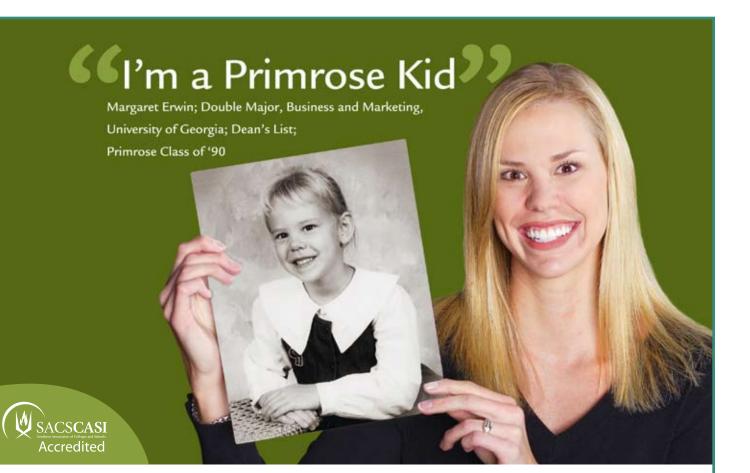
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Family Story Time and Reading Programs Available - Families that read together, can succeed together to earn certificates, gift cards and other incentives as participants in the LSC-CyFair Library's Summer Reading Program. Be part of the Texas Reading Club Jubilee: 1958-2008! and help Texas celebrate 50 years of reading through numerous child, teen and adult programs. The Kids Corner also hosts the return of a weekly Family Story Time. Go to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/library for information.

L.I.F.E. Lessons in July - The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Lone Star College-CyFair Branch Library (Room 131.) In July, the programs include a book discussion on "Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation" July 2; French pastry lesson July 9; a talk on the JFK assassination July 16; accenting your garden with color July 23 and cool, light summer meal ideas July 30. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/library.

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.



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Interested in meeting other families in the neighborhood? Need a play group for your children? Having trouble finding a babysitter? Want a Ladies

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Cypress Assistance Ministries CAM School Supply Drive

With the start of school just around the corner, CAM's school supply drive is in full swing. In August, we will be handing out school supplies to hundreds of children whose families are served through CAM. Your donations of school supplies are greatly appreciated. For a current list of needed school supplies go to our web site: www.cypressassistance.org.

For the summer, the Food Pantry is needing kid-friendly foods.

Cypress Assistance Ministries provides an array of services to needy families in the Cypress and Northwest Houston area.

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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 <u>newsletter@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^{th} day of the prior month.

Steeplechasetx.com

Check out our new revised web site (a) steeplechasetx.com – no password required. For current community information and events, pool information, open resident's meeting, and local yard sales - visit our web site.



Send Us Your Event Pictures!!

Do you have a picture of an event that you would like to run in the Steeplechase Newsletter? Send it to us and we will publish it in



the next issue. Email the picture to <u>newsletters@</u> <u>steeplechasetx.com</u> Be sure to include the text that you would like to have as the caption. Pictures will appear in color online at www.PEELinc.com.



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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, lowvolume 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-lowflow 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!!



STARTING THE DAY OFF ON A DELICIOUS NOTE

(NAPSA)-How you spend the morning hours can set the tone for the remainder of the day.

Fortunately, there are many easy ways to get your day off to a great start. Here are a few simple suggestions:

- Take a brisk walk. A walk first thing in the morning can reduce stress and generate energy for the rest of the day. Having a buddy to walk with and talk to can also be a mood booster.
- Listen to music. Your favorite music can create a sense of peace or fun that sets the mood. If you walk, take your iPod.
- Practice yoga. Yoga provides good stress management and exercise. Even fitting in a few minutes of yoga stretching each morning can benefit you.
- Stretch during the shower. Hot water can loosen muscles and relieve tension.
- Eat breakfast. Start your day off with delicious, nutritious food. Eating breakfast has been shown to help people concentrate during the day and help them maintain a healthy weight.



Start your day with a delicious, nutritious treat such as nectarine juice, which is high in vitamin C and antioxidants.

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Vary what you eat so every morning offers tasty treats. For example, substitute nectarine juice for orange juice. A new purepressed process makes it easier to extract not-from-concentrate nectarine juice from nectarines.

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• Start your day the night before. Lay out your clothes and everything you have to take with you in the morning, so you won't have to rush around looking for things when you're not quite awake.





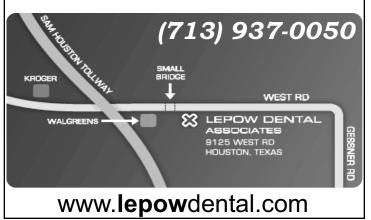
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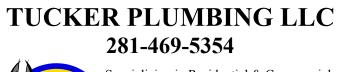
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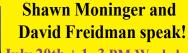


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Planning The "Perfect" Picnic



Summertime picnics provide plenty of atmosphere-and opportunity for creative cuisine.

(NAPSA)-Ah, the signs of summer: leisurely afternoons, melting ice cream and the scent of freshly mown grass. For many people, it's time to enjoy the splendors of the outdoors-and one great way to do so is with a festive picnic.

Whether planning a romantic twosome at dusk or a family reunion for 30, the following tips can help make such a gathering a success:

Picnic Packing

They're trendy, they're fun and they're easy to find: Picnic baskets come in many different styles and sizes, from traditional wicker to insulated backpacks with separate compartments for silverware, stemware and plates. Wine and cheese totes come in handy for a romantic walk on the beach or an evening concert in the park. Splurge on a generous-sized ice chest for longer trips, but for shorter hauls, store-bought Styrofoam coolers work just as well.

Summer Specialties

Eating outdoors opens up a wonderful world of good taste and great memories. For an elegant outdoor concert or a day of waves, sun and sand, consider grilling center-cut, bone-in ham steaks paired with fresh summer produce. Ham steaks-premium cut steaks taken from the leanest center of the ham-are a convenient choice for picnic-goers who want to add a spark to any picnic dish.

The versatility and convenience of ham steaks also make them easy to dice and toss into pasta salads or shred into strips for ham and havarti cheese tortilla wraps. On each tortilla, arrange layers of ham strips topped with cheese, honey Dijon mustard and tomatoes and roll up for a light and easy summer meal that can be made ahead of time and frozen until needed.

Safety Tips

Don't forget to keep food safety in mind when planning and packing for picnics. Foods cooked ahead should be chilled thoroughly in the refrigerator and transferred directly into the cooler. To keep foods cooler longer, use icepacks rather than ice cubes, or freeze individually packaged drinks to keep foods cold during travel. Remember, storing coolers in the shade and away from direct sunlight will also help keep foods as cool as possible. And don't forget to replenish the ice once it melts.

Just about any meal seems to taste better when enjoyed outdoors, but planning the perfect picnic shouldn't be a burden. Make life easier by jotting down a quick checklist of all the picnic essentials, including sunscreen and bug spray. Once everything's checked off, don't forget the most important item for the picnic: fun! At no time will any source be allowed to use the Steeplechase Community Association Newsletter contents, or loan said contents, to others in anyway, shape or form, nor in any media, website, print, film, e-mail, electrostatic copy, fax, or etc. for the purpose of solicitation, commercial use, or any use for profit, political campaigns, or other self amplification, under penalty of law without written or expressed permission from the Steeplechase Homeowners Association and Peel Inc. The information in the Steeplechase Newsletter is exclusively for the private use of Steeplechase residents only.

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\$160,000 & Above	1	0	1	0	0	0
\$140,000-159,999	0	0	2	1	0	0
\$120,000-139,999	3	1	1	1	0	0
\$110,000-119,999	0	0	0	1	1	0
\$100,000-109,999	1	0	1	1	2	0
\$100,000 Below	0	1	3	0	2	4
TOTAL	5	2	8	4	5	4
Highest \$/Sq Ft	72.49	72.49	72.49	72.49	81.51	74.71

This chart represents the homes that have sold and closed in the past 6 months according to the Houston Multiple Listing Service.

Recent Sales By "SUPER DAVE" in Steeplechase

• 12323 Fetlock

9706 Overmead

- 11310 Travelers Way Cir11307 Hambleton Way
- 9710 Cannock Chase Ct11822 Yearling
 - 11415 Jocky Club Ct
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 - 9611 E Savile
- 11415 W Travelers Way Cir
- 10110 Jockey Club •

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According to information taken from the Houston Board of Realtors MLS computer

11307 Chiselhurst Way Ct

Professional Group

- 9806 Jocky Club
- 11615 Autumn Chase
- 12114 Yearling
- 9629 Top Gallant Ct
- 11507 Crayford
- 11306 Yorkshire Oaks
- 11407 Yorkshire Oaks
- 11407 Meadowchase
- 9523 Saffolk Punch
- 11423 Autumn Chase

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