



Steeplechase

NEWSLETTER



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

Steeplechase Moms Club Halloween Party

On October the 21st, the annual Halloween Party at the clubhouse was held for the Moms Club. All the kiddies dressed up in their various Halloween attire, and the Moms all pitched in and baked some lovely casseroles. Fun activities were held for the little ones,

such as bobbing for apples, beanbag toss, and pin-the-nose-on-the-pumpkin. The kids also had fun playing and scaring each other. Along with the main dishes, there were also some candy, cookies, cake, and fruit drinks.



Steeplechase Moms Club



Jockey Club

Monster Mash on Jockey Club

Just last month, the Jockey Club Block Party was held for National Night Out, such a smashing success, it seemed that a follow-up for Halloween would be the thing to do. Especially because it would mean scary fun for everyone, and also a safe area for the little ghosts and goblins in the area to eat, play and trick-or-treat this Halloween.

Jockey Club residents and nearby neighbors hosted a fun and safe Halloween party. There were many treats for everyone to enjoy. Neighbors brought chips, dip, candy, cookies, cupcakes etc. to share. Jockey Club neighbor Damien Diaz grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. Tricia Szymanski made tasty treats for all the wicked adults. Philip and Rachel Ramirez graciously set up tables on their front yard for all the food, drinks, and many desserts. Also, Philip Ramirez gave away light up helium balloons, which were a big hit. The TV set and karaoke equipment was also set up in the front yard. The helium tank, supposedly for balloon inflation, also made for good fun for those wanting to do munchkin impersonations. Now that was truly SCARY.

While Philip's deejaying and the karaoke duels kept everyone entertained, several households met on the sidewalk to distribute tricks and treats. Charlie Brown came, and got a rock. The weather was perfect, and everybloody had fun. All in all, it was a great setting for the kids from the block to join together for some safe fun and safe trick-or-treating together. We had well over 100 people visiting and a constant 60-70 people milling about the front yards for three straight hours.

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Cy-Fair Hospital.....	281-890-4285
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Center Point (Street lights).....	713-207-2222
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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).....	281-870-0585
Trash Pick-up (WCA).....	281-368-8397
(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

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Community Maintenance Concerns

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

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Happy Holidays

The Steeplechase Board of Directors sends our very best wishes to all residents for a safe and happy holiday season.

Holiday Decorations

The ho-ho-holiday season is upon us. Once again, awards will be given for the best decorated homes in each section of Steeplechase. Judging will be conducted on the weekend of December 19, 20 and 21st. Show your pride in the season, your home, and your neighborhood by decorating for the holidays!!

On Ike Repairs

The Steeplechase Board of Directors would like to thank you for continued efforts to repair your property following Hurricane Ike. We know that some repairs are delayed because many contractors are backed up. All repairs of Hurricane related damages must be completed by March 15th. Beginning March 16, 2009, hurricane damages will be treated as regular deed restriction violations. Please refer to the other articles in this newsletter for additional repair information.

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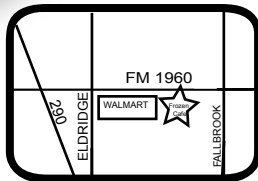
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MORE BLOCK CAPTAINS ARE NEEDED. If you are interested in participating as a Block Captain visit the website, www.steeplechasetx.com for more information and to register, or email crimewatch@steeplechasetx.com.



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If you are interested in participating, either as a Block Captain, or as the Block Captain Coordinator, please visit the website, www.steeplechasetx.com for more information and to register or email crimewatch@steeplechasetx.com. Watch the newsletter and the website for upcoming meeting information.





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If Homeowners have suffered fence damage there is no need to wait on ARC approval to make repairs as long as the fence is replaced in the same location with the same material and height. Remember no staining or painting of fences is allowed. For additional fence guidelines, see the related article in this newsletter.

If Homeowners have suffered window damage there is no need to wait on ARC approval as long as the window is replaced with material similar to the current window.

Once the repairs have been made, please submit an ARC application at your earliest convenience to serve as a matter of record. For additional questions regarding repair approvals, please contact PCMI at 281-870-0585.

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@steeplechasetxt.com.

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A: Fences between neighbors are 100% owned by you and also owned by the other neighbor. There is no rule of just owning the alternating panels – unless you both agree to it, but that is neighbor to neighbor only. The cost of the fence, as long as the other party was given an opportunity to repair, is to be split 50/50. However, if you have an uncooperative neighbor, you can pay for it & then present them with the bill. But, forcing them to pay would be another challenge & may have to go to small claims court to have the judge rule on it ... so the best case is to work together.

If the fence is, say along a rear or side street, the homeowner is 100% responsible.

As far as the Association is concerned, it would send a letter to both parties, unless damage was specifically caused by “the neighbor” in some way (i.e. a dog, or over growth etc etc). The Association does not get involved with who pays for it. The Association does get involved to enforce the restriction that all fences be in good or like new condition/well maintained and will require an ARC application, unless the fence meets these requirements:

- Max 6’
- Cedar posts
- Cedar pickets (recommended) or treated pine
- 6” rot board is okay, but fence not to exceed 6’
- No stain

If you chose something other than is listed above, you must submit an ARC form for approval.

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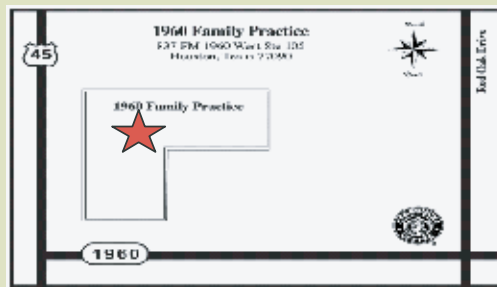
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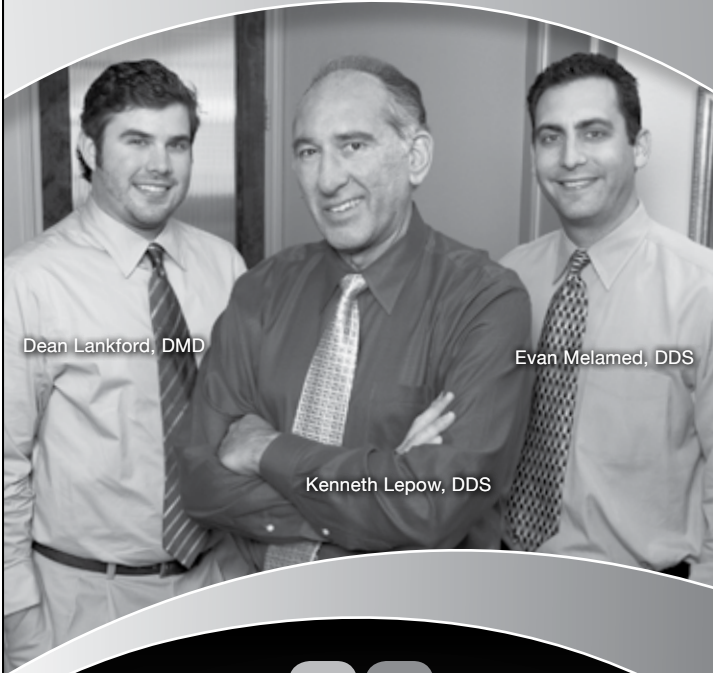
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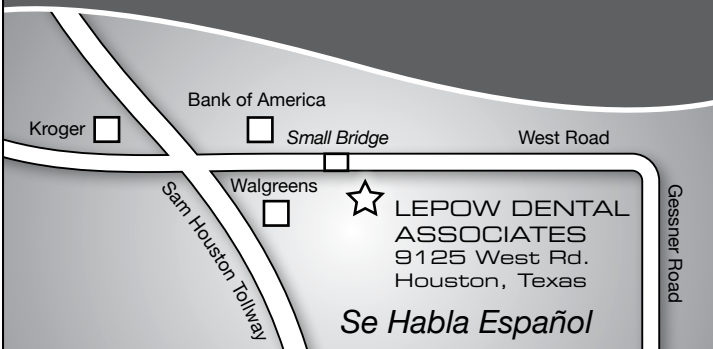
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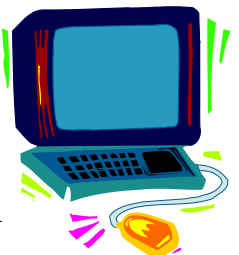


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The Green Corner | Green the Holidays, Part Two

By: Sheri Hicks

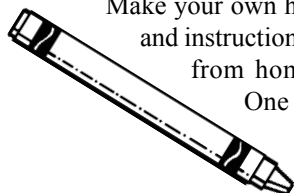
Last month, I focused on how to green up the Thanksgiving holiday. This month, in Green the Holidays, Part Two, I will focus on greening up Christmas. Christmas is a wonderful time, full of joy, celebration, remembrance, love and family. But it is also a stressful time full of consumption, overindulging and debt. I have a few suggestions that might take a bit of the stress and, in these hard economic times, debt from your shoulders so you can enjoy the holiday season for what it means to you and your family.

This year, instead of buying any roll of gift wrap, look for reusable bags or paper made from 100% post-consumer recycled products. My own family has passed around the same gift bags for the last five years!

Make your own Christmas Cards by enlisting your kids. Kids create the most amazing drawings with just a few crayons and card stock.

Make your own holiday ornaments. You can find recipes and instructions online for almost any kind of ornament from homemade cookie ornaments to origami.

One of the prettiest trees I have ever seen was decorated almost exclusively with origami cranes.



If you have to buy lights, go LED. LED lights save up to 90% on energy consumption. The colors aren't quite as true as traditional lights, but with that kind of energy savings I am willing to adjust!

Give the gift of experience. Research has shown that people are far happier with experience than an object. In a study conducted by the University of Colorado at Boulder, researchers concluded that people tend to internalize their feelings during an experience and that is just not possible with an object. That could explain how so much stuff ends up in our garages! If you know a wine lover, give them a gift of wine of the month club or a tour of a local vineyard and winery with a nice bottle of wine. If you know a golfer, give them green fees for a local course. My own family loves to travel and this year, our gift to our nine year old, is to travel to New York City for Christmas. He is excitedly anticipating ice skating in Rockefeller Center, visiting Macy's Santa land, seeing the Rockettes Christmas Spectacular, walking through Central Park, visiting the Natural History Museum and riding the subway. Of course he will get a few small gifts to open on Christmas morning but when those toys are discarded for the next "big" thing, he will still have his memories of his trip to NYC.



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OWNERS NAME: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

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In an effort to protect the homeowner's rights and property values, it is required that any homeowner considering change or addition to their home OR property which would effect the exterior appearance **MUST** submit their request in writing to the Architectural Review Committee **PRIOR** to initiating any change or addition. If any change is made that has not been approved, the committee has the right to ask the homeowner to remove the improvement from the property.

PLEASE STATE PROPOSED
CHANGE OR ADDITION(S) _____

A LOT SURVEY OF THE PROPERTY INDICATING THE LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED ADDITION, MODIFICATION OR STRUCTURE MUST BE ENCLOSED, ALONG WITH SPECIFIC DETAILS OF MATERIALS, COLOR, AND DIMENSIONS, INCLUDING HEIGHT.

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NO LOT SURVEY IS REQUIRED FOR PAINTING, STAIN, SIDING OR ROOF REPLACEMENT.

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MATERIALS TO BE USED: _____

DIMENSIONS: HEIGHT _____ WIDTH _____ LENGTH _____

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I understand that the Committee will act on this request as quickly as possible and contact me in writing regarding their decision, however, the Committee is allowed from 30 to 45 days to respond. I also understand that in the event construction is not started within six (6) month from the date of approval, then a new application must be submitted. Further, I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure compliance with all applicable governmental ordinances, codes, permits, etc. affecting such improvement(s). I understand that I am not to begin any improvements until the Committee notifies me of their decision.

HOMEOWNER'S SIGNATURE

CONSTRUCTION START/COMPLETION DATE

DATE: _____

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Submitted by Dr. Tenesha Weine

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is important for our bodies that we replenish this.

Water is needed and involved in every function of our body:

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- Brain Cells are 85% water
- Blood contains 82% water
- Even your bones are 25% water

By depriving your body of water, your organs and cells can not function to their highest capacity. Water is essential for cell life and existence. You can live five to seven weeks without food but no more than 5 days without water.

Major signs you are dehydrated:

- **Joint and Arthritis Pain** - water is a main lubricant in the joint spaces.
- **Digestion Issues** - water helps keep digestive juices in the GI tract supplied in order to create the acids it needs to prevent ulcers, gastric reflux, and constipation, and heart burn.
- **High Blood Pressure** - when the body is dehydrated it can restrict the flow of blood to non vital organs and only concentrate on vital organs.
- **Asthma** - bronchial tubes need adequate hydration to prevent constriction
- **Poor Memory** - Synapses in the brain slow down without adequate hydration.
- **Weight Management** - When you are dehydrated your body releases a hormone, aldosterone, which causes water retention.

If you are suffering from any of the above Conditions or Symptoms instead of reaching for a big gulp, star bucks, or any of the other unnatural beverages we consume.... try drinking more natural clean water. Gradually increase the amount of water you drink each day and these symptoms may start to subside.

So, how much water do you need to drink??

Take your body weight in pounds and divide it by two.

This is the number in ounces that you should drink per day.

_____ Weight / 2 = _____ ounces per day

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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.

	May 08	Jun 08	Jul 08	Aug 08	Sep 08	Oct 08
\$160,000 & Above	0	1	0	1	2	0
\$140,000-159,999	0	4	2	0	0	0
\$120,000-139,999	0	6	5	3	0	1
\$110,000-119,999	0	4	1	0	0	1
\$100,000-109,999	0	0	1	2	0	1
\$100,000 Below	4	4	0	1	0	2
TOTAL	4	19	9	7	2	5
Highest \$/Sq Ft	72.49	72.49	72.49	72.49	69.18	81.26

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

- 11402 Jockey Club Ct
- 12103 Canterhurst Way
- 9611 Secretariat
- 11307 Hambleton Way
- 11707 Meadowchase
- 9603 Meadowchase Ct
- 11930 Hedgegate
- 12323 Fetlock
- 11310 Travelers Way Cir
- 11307 Hambleton Way
- 9706 Overmead
- 11415 W Travelers Way Cir
- 10110 Jockey Club
- 11307 Chiselhurst Way Ct
- 9710 Cannock Chase Ct
- 11822 Yearling
- 11415 Jockey Club Ct
- 9611 E Savile
- 9806 Jockey Club
- 11615 Autumn Chase
- 12114 Yearling

David "Super Dave" Flory



- #1 Selling Agent in Steeplechase 1992-2007!*
- #2 Selling Realtor in Texas!**
- Top 11th Realtor in the US!**
- Selling Over 600 Homes A Year!
- Over 96% of David's Listings Result in a Sale

The HIGHEST PRICE PER SQ.FT. House Sold
in Steeplechase: \$88.57



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

**Realtor Teams per Remax 9/2007, 3/2008

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