



# Steeplechase

## NEWSLETTER



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

## Emmott Elementary School

*Dear Parents,*

Dr. Anthony, District Superintendent, sent a Key Communicator letter at the end of July with information about budget cuts and student transportation changes. As is often the case with change, I know the reduction in transportation services has created many questions about how to get our students to and from school safely. I wanted to take a minute to address some of the questions you might have.

I want to assure the families affected that we are planning carefully to be proactive with our procedures regarding arrival and dismissal. This morning our campus administration met with district representatives from transportation, facilities, and security departments. We discussed the traffic flow for CFISD buses, day care vans, walkers, bike riders and car riders. The meeting was very productive utilizing a variety of considerations. Maps will be provided on August 15 @ Eagle Express Day.

Since we are anticipating an increase in car riders, we are changing the loading and unloading location for car riders. In an effort to get more cars off the street, the car rider line will be located in the back of the building on Paddock (formerly bus loading area) and CFISD buses will move to the front parking lot on Steepleway Blvd. Car rider numbered tags will be assigned and will require families fill out a simple identification form and use the tag hung from the rear view mirror every day. We are assuming that we may have many carpools and we will work on a system to make any carpool situations run safely in the car rider lanes. Specific details about this system, as well as an opportunity to sign up for the tags will be available at our Eagle Express Day on Saturday, August 15.

Many more students will be riding bikes to school and I recommend bike locks be used at all times. We will order additional bike racks, should the need arise. Additional Emmott students will be walking on streets in the subdivisions. We will be having on-going discussions as to how to best meet the needs of students and parents. In an effort to make the students familiar with the new district policy, please help your children by practicing the route that you wish them to follow prior to the first day of school on August 24. The most important thing is the safety of our children, so we will continue to work through the details to prepare us for the first day of school.

Due to personnel issues, we cannot accommodate a large early morning program run by Emmott staff. Beginning this year, to help with *before school* care issues, I contacted the Cypress-Creek YMCA to provide morning care on our campus for students from 6:30 – 7:50 a.m. They will continue to offer the YMCA program *after school* from 3:10 – 6:30 p.m. If you participate in this program, the YMCA also provides care on student holidays at their facility. For information and/or registration please contact the YMCA directly and ask for Charlotte Lathrop @ 281-517-3725. Numerous other child care facilities provide daily transportation to/from our campus.

Thank you for your partnership this year. The Emmott staff will work to support your needs, and as always provide the safest and most positive learning environment for students.

*Sincerely, Mary Ann Smith - Principal*

## Lone Star College - CyFair Perspective

*In an effort to provide you with important information about Lone Star College-CyFair "Perspective" was developed. This column provides the latest information about news and events. Here is a sampling of what's going on:*

### Teens Driver's Education Available this Fall

Fall driver's education courses for teens ages 15 to 18 are available at Mondays through Thursdays at 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sept. 8 (Sept. 7 is Labor Day holiday) through Oct. 5 and at 6 p.m. Oct. 12 through Nov. 5 and Nov. 9 through Dec. 7 (except Thanksgiving holiday Nov. 26). The in-classroom (permit) driver's education course covers road rules, road signs, and laws to prepare the teens for the Department of Public Safety's written exam. Other topics are car maintenance, effects of drugs and alcohol, laws and penalties for drinking and driving, emergency situations, basic driving procedures, road rage, and insurance. Parents are responsible for the in-car instruction. Students are required

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Clubhouse Rentals: Private Parties and Community Events (Phyllis McFarland).....	832-922-8031
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Private Pool Parties .....	713-416-5161

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to purchase the Texas Traffic Safety Education Student Manual, which is available at the campus bookstore. Call 281-290-5242 for information.

### "2009 Faculty Art Exhibition" in the Bosque Gallery

Check out the artistic talent of full-time and adjunct art faculty from LSC-CyFair and LSC-Fairbanks Center this fall. This exhibition will be on display Sept. 8 through Sept. 24 in the Bosque Gallery with an opening reception at 4:30 p.m. Sept. 10. Go to [LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery](http://LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery) for gallery hours and information.

### L.I.F.E. Lessons in September

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.) Programs in September include: flavors of Autumn Sept. 2, organ donation Sept. 9, preview of "Crowns" Sept. 16, travel tips Sept. 23 and new features on Cragislist Sept. 30. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to [LoneStar.edu](http://LoneStar.edu).

### An Evening of ComedySportz

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to [Lonestar.edu/student-activities](http://Lonestar.edu/student-activities) for information on this or other LSC-CyFair Student Activities events or call 281-290-3270.

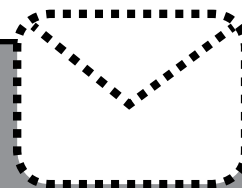
### Mark Your Calendars for Fifth Annual Cy-Fest

Lone Star College-CyFair will host the fifth annual community day for all ages in the Cy-Fair community Saturday, Oct. 10. Cy-Fest, the college's gift to the community, is a day of free food, festivities and family fun! There are games, entertainment, face painting, hay rides, moonwalks, a petting zoo and more. To help celebrate the five-year anniversary, Radio Disney will also be on site. For information go online to [LoneStar.edu](http://LoneStar.edu).

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## Outdoor Landscape Lighting Has Many Benefits

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I USE? The answers to these questions are very simple. **Let's start with the benefits.**

1. Outdoor landscape lighting will add security to your home. People who are out to cause trouble typically don't do it in the light, and a well lit home typically will deter a trespasser (see John 3:19).
2. Outdoor landscape lighting will add safety to your home. A well lit home will make it safer for your family and guests to move about your property during the evening hours.
3. Outdoor landscape lighting will add curb appeal and ambiance to your home. Steeplechase is a nice neighborhood with lots of pride and an outdoor lighting system will enhance the beauty of your home making it even more inviting and desirable.



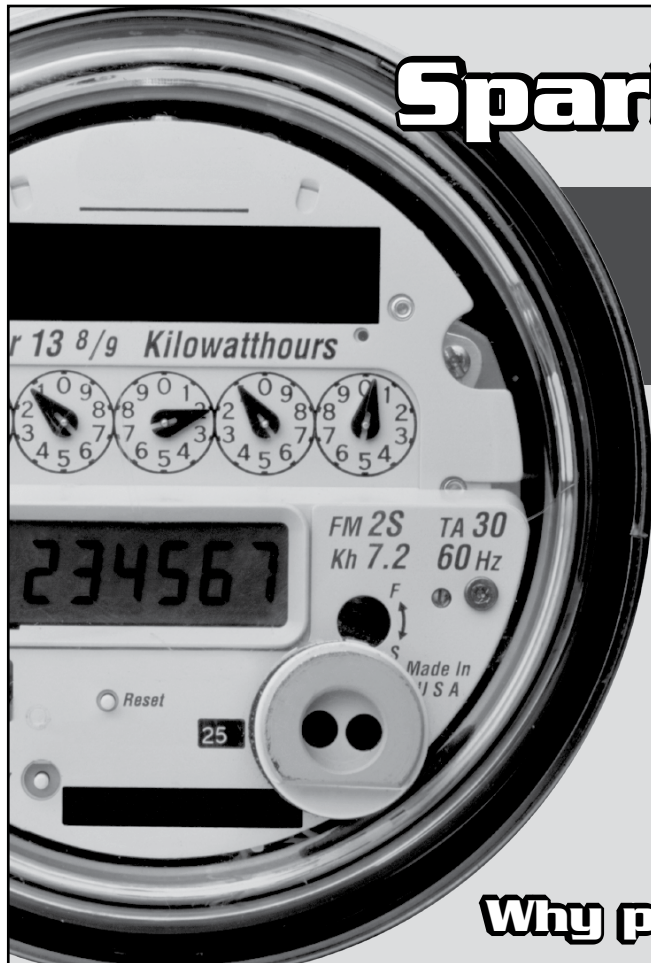
You can do it yourself because 99% of landscape lighting is low voltage or 12 volt. You don't need a license or permit to do the work.

How to do it correctly? This could take a while but basically it requires using the right equipment and lamps, in the right location, with the correct wiring. There are many sources of this

information that you can tap into.

How much does it cost? The range varies greatly based on the quality of the materials and the look that you desire to achieve. You could invest anywhere from \$10.00 to \$200.00 per light. The difference is that the cheaper lights typically won't last very long and don't put out very much light, and the more expensive lights may last a lifetime and they will look great. The bottom line is you can get a good lighting system and install it yourself for around \$35.00 per light. If it is designed and wired correctly it should last quite a long time. The light bulbs will typically need to be changed out once per year.

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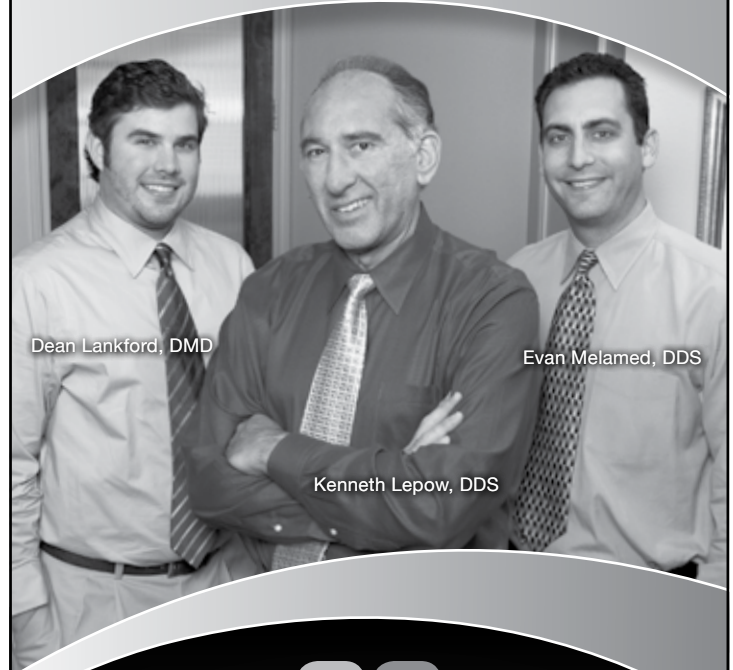
### Where Can You And Your Kids Find Great Friends? **Steeplechase Moms Club**

We are a group of moms that exchange babysitting services between families. We meet monthly to plan fun activities for our children, families, and ourselves. Our play dates are scheduled on Friday mornings, we host/co-sponsor seasonal parties, plan Mom's night out to a restaurant, and scrapbooking events. For more information on our next meeting call Candace at 832-237-2773 or visit us at [www.steeplechasetx.com](http://www.steeplechasetx.com) >community events & clubs. ***Next Meeting: Sept. 8th @ 7pm in the clubhouse.***

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## Cy-Fair CERT

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**A training manual and starter backpack of supplies is also provided. The course is taught by professionals in their field. Classes cover:**

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- Small Fire Suppression
- Medical Operations and Triage
- Light Search and Rescue
- Disaster Psychology
- Terrorism Awareness
- Disaster Simulation Drill

CERT training is designed to prepare you to help yourself, your family and your neighbors in the event of a catastrophic disaster. If emergency personnel are not available, you can use this training to save lives and protect property. For more information, see [www.harriscountycitizen corps.com](http://www.harriscountycitizen corps.com). To sign up for training, contact Terri Pope-Mobley at [tpopemobley@yahoo.com](mailto:tpopemobley@yahoo.com). Be aware and be prepared!

### Golf Tournament -

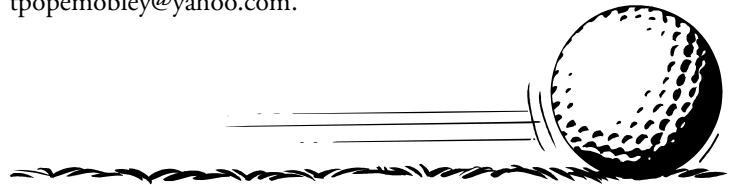
Cy-Fair CERT - Community Emergency Response Team - will hold a golf tournament on Friday, Oct 2, 2009 at the Bear Creek Golf Club, Masters Course. The tournament format will be a 4-man scramble with a shotgun start at 9 am.

Early bird entry fee is \$85 per golfer for registrants through 8/31/09, with the fee increasing to \$100 per golfer on 9/1/09. Entry includes 1/2 cart, lunch, gift bag and 4 free future rounds of golf per golfer at an Arnold Palmer course in Houston. We'll have contests and prizes will be awarded.

Sponsorships are available from \$50 to \$1000 with banner recognition. A sponsor-advertising table will also be set-up.

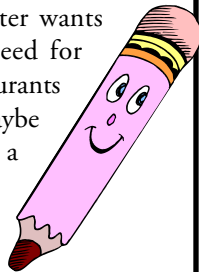
Tournament proceeds will benefit Cy-Fair CERT and our project to place storage containers filled with emergency supplies in our neighborhoods. CERT has over 250 trained Cy-Fair members who volunteered in local neighborhoods after Hurricane Ike.

For more information about our tournament, obtain an entry form or get information about CERT training please contact [tpopemobley@yahoo.com](mailto:tpopemobley@yahoo.com).



### Writers Wanted

Enjoy writing? The Steeplechase Newsletter wants you! We publish monthly and there's a need for profiles of interesting neighbors, nearby restaurants or businesses, and other stories of interest. Maybe you might want to write monthly column on a topic of your choosing (subject to editing, of course). Aspiring writers email [newsletter@steeplechasetxt.com](mailto:newsletter@steeplechasetxt.com).



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## Local Resident Taste for Good Food

By Brandy Alexander

I have always had a taste for good food. However, my taste didn't come with the ability to cook it...So, the majority of my meals come from someone else's hands. Living in Steeplechase I'm not always in the mood to travel far for good food. So I'm here to let you know where that good food is close to home.

To start things off I have to say my favorite place around the community is The Backyard Grill. I love how laid back this restaurant is. And with three main seating areas I've never had to wait. There is the bar area for when you can't miss the game, the indoor area, and the outdoor patio (my favorite for good weather days). Outdoor they now have a Hurricane Ike memorial on the ceiling! Look up and see pieces of fences that have been put up with fun messages and dedications on them. I only wish I had put mine... The menu is made up of traditional American food but put in fun names. A chili dog is called a Junk Yard Dog; the turkey sandwich is called The Gobbler. It's silly but adds to the fun. The staff is usually very friendly. Nevertheless, the turkey club with fresh avocado and fries will forever keep me coming back.

## Join the Steeplechase Crime Watch Program

What is a Neighborhood Crime Watch Program? It is a grass roots effort of neighbors coming together to reduce crime in the community. It involves getting to know your neighbors, working together with them to be alert to the potential for crime, and looking out for one another's interests. Neighbors working together through Neighborhood Crime Watch combat crime the most effective way, **before it starts!**

### MORE BLOCK CAPTAINS ARE NEEDED.

If you are interested in participating as a Block Captain visit the website, [www.steeplechasetx.com](http://www.steeplechasetx.com) for more information and to register, or email [crimewatch@steeplechasetx.com](mailto:crimewatch@steeplechasetx.com).



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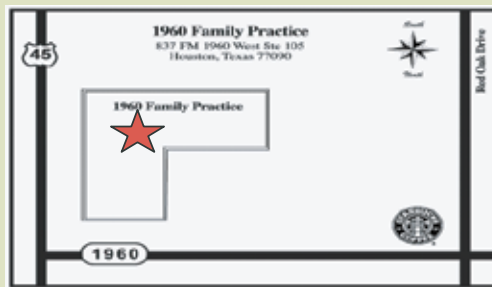
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## Steeplechase Stallions *Swim Team takes 2nd in the Division for their 3rd season!*

*By Coach Candice Santillo*

Congratulations to every swimmer who participated in swim team this year. Everyone made a contribution to the success of the team, which drove us to 2nd in our division! The females in our division took first place! We refused to let Bridgeland Barracudas take an easy win despite their edge of sheer numbers! Every year, our team grows and every year we get faster! We had 99 swimmers this year! Thirty-one swimmers attended our mid-season Invitational, Summer Quest, sponsored by the Lone Star USA Swimming club; and 28 swimmers attended the end of season Invitational, RED, White, and BLUE, sponsored by the Fleet USA Swimming club. Several more swimmers met the qualifying cut-off time, but were unable to attend. We took home several big wins from these two very competitive meets, which included teams from all over Texas. Two of our swimmers, Lizzy Burke and Faith Kitman, took home the high point awards for their age group.

Several of our swimmers were in the top 10 among point leaders. Many placed in the top 12 of their events and several came home with medals for the first time. This is a big accomplishment when you are competing against some of Texas' fastest swimmers. I am most proud to say that throughout the season, every swimmer put forth their best effort. We saw significant time improvements from each swimmer in their individual events.

Our end of season awards banquet took place at the Steeplechase Pool. We enjoyed carryout hamburgers, chicken nuggets and other refreshments. We played some games; then, we spent time appreciating the hard work of our swimmers and coaches. Awards were given for High Point Leaders (Lizzy Burke, Andrew Amos, Faith Kitman, Brooke Hale, Cory Blackburn, Travis Barnett, Sarah Blackburn, Emily Banditrat, Christie Martindale, and Ali Marsh), Most Improved Time Achievement (Philip Santillo, Lizzy Abruzzese, Lucas Flowers, Asia Woods, Mariah Delafosse, Lilly Barrios, Tori Stanzeski, Grace Teoh, Tyler Herzog, Amber Williams, and Sabrina Bennet), Spirit Award (Kailyn Arquita), and Leadership Award (Iris Garcia).

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## Steeplechase Stallion - (Continued from Page 10)

Not only did we have a successful swim season, we also had a lot of fun! Swimmers and their families enjoyed camaraderie and a wonderful sense of community. For many of us, swim team is a second family. We carry each other through difficult times, we laugh together, we work together, and we learn together. Swim team challenges individuals to be the best that they can be in all that they do. This swim season has brought memories that will last a lifetime for not just the swimmers, but everyone involved. Of course, how can you forget, 7:30 am boot camp hosted by the Sergeant aka Coach Philip Ramirez!?



A very special thank you goes out to our NWAL certified officials this year: Stephanie and Lee Burke, Sarah Morales, Patrick Ramirez, Cindy Clements, Tammy O'Brien and Rachel Ramirez and Philip Ramirez! We especially thank our coaches for their time and energy: Philip Ramirez, Rachel Ramirez, Candice Santillo, and Matthew Morris. Last, but not least, our parents' volunteer efforts make it possible for our meets to run smoothly! For more information on Steeplechase Swim Team please visit our website at [www.steeplechasestallions.com](http://www.steeplechasestallions.com). We look forward to seeing you with us next year!



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## Tyler Barron Needs Your Help

Steeplechase resident, Tyler Barron, 17, is starting his Eagle Scout project and needs help. Tyler was a Cub Scout with Pack 1624, is a Life Scout in Troop 1177, went to Emmott Elementary K through 5th, Campbell Middle School 6th through 8th and is beginning his senior year at Cypress Ridge High School. He is a member of the Varsity Swim Team at Ridge and has been a life long member of Foundry United Methodist Church.

Tyler has selected the Star of Hope to be his Eagle Scout project. Star of Hope is a mission organization that assists and houses homeless people here in Houston. Tyler visited the mission and realized that the Star of Hope needs many basic things that we take for granted. Realizing that he needed to narrow his project and make it truly beneficial to the Star of Hope, he and Mrs. Elizabeth Hatler (of the Star of Hope) decided that he would collect new and gently used bath towels and new socks – items that are needed by everyone in residence at the Star of Hope.

Tyler has set his sights high and is hoping to collect 600 new and gently used bath towels and 1800 new pairs of socks. The socks can be any color and any size.

Tyler and the Barron family hope that you will help him in his Eagle Scout goal. He is organizing a door to door bag drop in Sept. and Oct. where scouts from Troop 1177 will drop bags at doors in the Steeplechase neighborhood. All you need to do is put your items in the bag and the following week the scouts will come and pick them up. If you have new or gently used bath towels or happen to pick up a package of socks, and don't want to wait till the bag drop, all you need to do is call him and he will come and pick them up. Please call – 281-970-1254.

*Thank you for helping, Tyler Barron*

## Yellow Rose of Texas

On July 8th and 10th, the 2009 Miss Teen United States-World Pageant and Miss United States International were held in Houston, TX. Two of our very own Steeplechase Subdivision kids, participated as "Yellow Rose of Texas Princesses".

The Princesses, Jordan Peno, age 5 and Julia Page, age 8, handed out Yellow Roses to the 10 finalists. This was a huge honor for the girls to participate in. We are very proud of Jordan and Julia for a job well done!



## Cy-fair Iron Maidens Girls Lacrosse Clinic

The Cy-fair Iron Maidens lacrosse club will be holding a free, introductory Lacrosse clinic on Saturday September 12, 2009 for girls entering grades 4 to 12. For additional information on the clinic's location and time visit the Iron Maidens' website at [www.cyfairironmaidenslacrosse.org](http://www.cyfairironmaidenslacrosse.org).

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