



Steeplechase

NEWSLETTER



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

Next Open Residents Meeting:

*Mon., Nov. 2,
at 7 pm in the
Steeplechase
Clubhouse*

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@steeplechasetx.com.



STEEPLECHASE RESIDENTS ENJOY *National Night Out (NNO)*

Tuesday is a rough night for many folks....it's a school night, in the middle of the work week.... the list goes on. But even with the list of reasons to stay-in, many Steeplechase residents came out of their homes to enjoy an evening on their block!

National Night Out was designed to: (1) Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; (2) Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts; (3) Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and (4) Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Get involved, know your neighbors and do your part to make crime prevention a part of your neighborhood. It doesn't have to be an official NNO for you to leave the confines of your home and get to know your neighbors. Plan a block party, sit outside in front of your home in the evening wave and say hello to folks - be inviting and make friends in your neighborhood!

-Lynn Cirillo

Steeplechase Crime & Safety Coordinator

Debbie Palethorpe, a Steeplechase Block Captain having fun on NNO with her neighbors - Adults & Children!



Karen Smejkal, a Steeplechase Block Captain enjoys a relaxing evening with her neighbors.



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Linda Clary, a Steeplechase Block Captain set-up an informational table for NNO. Linda had important articles and information to hand-out to neighbors.



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LIFE-SAVING DONATIONS

by Cypress Christian School Students



This fall, CCS students participated in an on-campus blood drive through the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center. The Student Council sponsored a blood drive to offer students, family members, and the Cy-Fair community an opportunity to give the "gift of life" close to home. According to the GCRBC website, blood is always needed for individuals being treated for cancer, for babies that are born prematurely, for individuals with anemia, and for many others in need. Every donation can help save up to three lives.

As the holidays approach and the roadways become increasingly crowded with shoppers and travelers, there is an added need for blood. CCS students encourage you to give a "life-saving" donation to your local blood bank. For more information on how to

give and the locations of donation centers, please see www.giveblood.org.

Cypress Christian School is located at the corner of Cypress N. Houston Rd. and Jones Rd. For future blood drive information and other community events, please check the CCS calendar via www.CypressChristian.org.

Celebration Women's Ministry at Cypress UMC

Cypress Women's Ministry invites Village Creek residents to join them on Saturday, November 7th in our Fellowship Hall at 13403 Cypress N. Houston at 9am to 12 Noon. They are serving a light breakfast, having praise and worship, fellowship and prayer time. They gathering will feature guest speaker, Rev. Kelly McIntosh of Waller UMC. Her topic will be, "The Forgiven Daughter". There is no cost to this event but a love offering will be taken. The nursery is available upon request. Please contact Karen at celebration@cypress-umc.org or RSVP by phone, 281-304-8888.



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Local Restaurant Heroes

By Brandy Alexander

In a time where “recession” is a constant word on peoples’ minds it can be difficult to find restaurants holding on to good, pure ingredients. For them, buying cheaper food products with more artificial flavoring proves to be more “economical” to save a company dollar but in turns lessens the consumers’ experience. I call it the McDonald effect. Food that is overwhelmingly tasty and overwhelmingly tricky. You think you’re eating a pure piece of meat but it’s been colored, flavored, frozen for weeks and heated up before being thrown on your plate. Yet you’re charged more for its “natural” cut. It’s just tricky and deceptive.

I was reading through my latest issue of Texas Highways and saw an article on the Texas Restaurant Roundup with the GoTexan program through the Texas Dept of Agriculture. The program was targeting restaurants that use Texas products-meat, dairy, vegetables, etc.

It sparked my attention and I immediately got online to see which restaurants were in our area. Two were listed: Black Eyed Pea and Hickory Hollow BBQ.

Now, I’ve been eating at Black Eyed Pea for most of my life. The instant cornbread and rolls have been a favorite since I knew what cornbread was. This is the place I come to get my Thanksgiving Day Turkey Dinner when it’s not yet Thanksgiving. Their veggie plates and healthy items are also a must when doing those pre and post-holiday diets.

Secondly, there was a listing for Hickory Hollow, a restaurant I had never heard of. But the address on Fallbrook caught my eye. On a Saturday night, my family and I decided to give it a try and boy was I glad. The meat is delicious. It’s tender, yet holds wonderful flavor. I tried the sausage, sliced beef, and chopped beef; each of them being a delight. The chopped beef potato was equally tasty.

Also, the fried catfish was definitely worth trying. And who could forget the sides? The green beans had so many flavors, especially with the added chopped bacon. The French fries were crunchy and so salty, yummy! The selection of sides was double that of many other barbeque restaurants. In fact, the menu, itself, was much more extensive with the addition of chicken fried steak, chicken, ribs; a full kids meal and many different desserts.

To me, natural foods taste different to me. They taste much better. There’s a purity and delight that comes with each bite, where a hamburger from the local fast food joint brings the same taste over and over. Do yourself a favor and taste some food with a pure, Texas taste. Try a restaurant that supports local Texas farmers and growers. Taste Texas! *Where do you like to get your local barbeque? Email at msbrandysue@yahoo.com*

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STEEPLECHASE Mystery Photo

By Debbie Palethorpe



Where am I?

RAD Class Offers Basic Self-Defense Training

RAD for Women 14 and up –begins November 9, 10 & 11. Class will be held at the Steeplechase Clubhouse from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. This is a highly acclaimed national program taught by specially trained Harris County Constables. Women of all ages have benefited from this course sponsored by our Steeplechase Community Improvement Association.

The instructors teach women to recognize different methods of staying safe and being aware of their surroundings. Learning escape techniques is also important, and throughout the class the ladies are taught several different punches and kicks. They are then given the opportunity to try out their new techniques on a RAD officer in protective gear. "It's the most fun part of the course," Jinnie Kelley says.

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Attention All Seniors

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

Protecting Your Assets

Protecting your home is important to maintaining a safe environment for your family and neighborhood.

The following is a true story that did indeed happen to my friend. He asked me to spread the word and let everyone know about it so hopefully no one else has to experience what his family is going through. I hope this story resonates with you and the message is heeded. It's important to the safety of your family and neighborhood.

Recently, my friend was awakened by the blood curdling scream of his 14yr old daughter in the middle of the night. Racing to his daughter's bedroom, he saw an adult male intruder and immediately ran after him. The girl was awakened by the intruder touching her hand and immediately began to scream. The intruder took off running with my friend following and his wife calling 911. Although my friend was unable to catch the male, he and his daughter were able to identify him, and an arrest was quickly made. As it turned out, the male intruder was an adult neighbor who lives a few houses down the street, is mildly retarded/autistic and also attends my friends' church. Admittedly, my friend told me his front door was left unlocked because *nothing ever happens in their neighborhood*.

I urge you to heed the message of this disturbing story - **LOCK YOUR DOORS - SET YOUR ALARM!**

Lynn Cirillo, Steeplechase Crime & Safety Coordinator

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.

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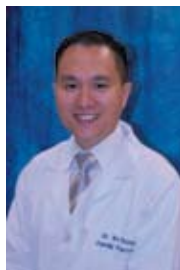
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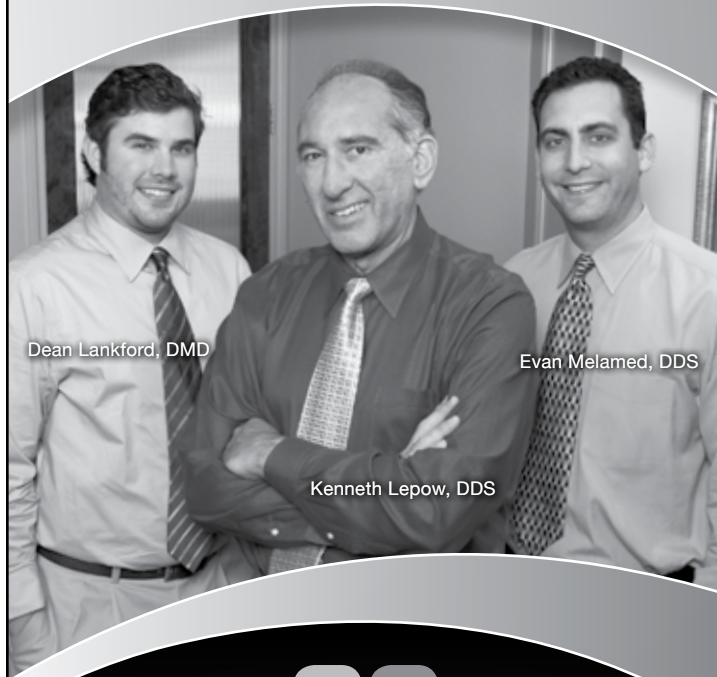
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DUAL CREDIT INFORMATION SESSION NOV. 11 - High school juniors and seniors can earn high school and college credit in classes such as English, math, history, psychology, economics and more. The classes are transferable to most public universities and colleges. Tuition is free, though some fees do apply. This is a savings of \$114 for each 3-hour class. Courses are now held at LSC-CyFair in addition to the high school campuses. LSC-CyFair and the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District are co-hosting this information session for 10th- through 12th-graders and their parents from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Center. For information, call 281-290-3200, e-mail cfcinfo@lonestar.edu or go to LoneStar.edu/dual-credit.

SAVE A CHILD'S HEART PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

AT LIBRARY - Don't miss this photography exhibition from Save A Child's Heart (SACH), which is an Israeli-based international humanitarian project that provides life-saving heart surgeries and follow-up care for children in 36 developing countries. The exhibition will be housed in the LSC-CyFair Branch Library throughout November. For information, contact Elise Sheppard at Elise.J.Sheppard@lonestar.edu.

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FREE FALL FILM SERIES CONCLUDES THIS MONTH- The Cinema WOW! Film Series, offered as individual continuing education Film Appreciation classes, includes an engaging discussion after the movie. November films include "Taking Chance" Wednesday, Nov. 4; "Slumdog Millionaire" Saturday, Nov. 14 (at LSC-Fairbanks Center); and "Wall Street" Wednesday, Nov. 18. Registration is available online as well as at the film events, which are open to the community at no charge. For information, go to LoneStar.edu.

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



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ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMITTEE
15995 N. BARKERS LANDING, SUITE 162
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77079
Phone 281-870-0585
Fax 281-504-1381

COMMUNITY: _____

OWNERS NAME: _____ HOME PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ WORK PHONE: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

ALTERNATE MAILING ADDRESS: _____

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.

YOUR LOT SURVEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN PROVIDED AT YOUR CLOSING. IF A LOT SURVEY CANNOT BE PROVIDED, PLEASE SUBMIT A DETAILED DRAWING OF THE PROPERTY SHOWING THE LOCATION OF THE HOME AND EASEMENTS. THE PLACEMENT OF THE IMPROVEMENT MUST BE SHOWN INDICATING THE DISTANCE FROM SIDE AND/OR REAR FENCING.

IF THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT HAS A ROOF, PLEASE SUBMIT AN ELEVATION DRAWING SHOWING HOW THE STRUCTURE WILL LOOK FROM A SIDE AND REAR VIEW.

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

COLOR SAMPLES ARE REQUIRED FOR PAINT, SOLAR SCREENS, ROOFING MATERIAL, BRICK OR SIDING.

MATERIALS TO BE USED: _____

DIMENSIONS: HEIGHT _____ WIDTH _____ LENGTH _____

FAILURE TO SUBMIT THE SURVEY AND ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION MAY RESULT IN A DELAY
AND/OR AUTOMATIC DISAPPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION.

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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Karissa Garcia!



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# of Listings	24	7	42
Price Range:	68,000 172,900	114,900 150,000	65,000 164,000
Average Price	\$133.11	\$106.557	\$120,112
Avg Price/sq.ft.	\$64.43	\$44.08	\$61.79
Avg DOM	69	113	48
High Price/sq.ft.			\$76.06
Low Price/sq.ft.			\$37.53



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