



# Steeplechase

## NEWSLETTER



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

### SAVE THE DATE

*Mark Your Calendars  
For The Following  
Steeplechase Events In 2010!*

02/01/10:

Steeplechase Open Residents Meeting

02/18/10:

Steeplechase Jazz Night Featuring John Rochelle  
7-10 pm at the Steeplechase Clubhouse.

***Doors open at 6 pm for mixing and mingling  
with neighbors and friends. Please feel free  
to bring your favorite beverage.***

02/22/10:

Steeplechase Homeowners  
Happy Hour at Slick Willie's

03/??/10:

Stay tuned for block captain  
meeting announcement

03/22/10:

Steeplechase Homeowners  
Happy Hour at Slick Willie's

04/26/10:

Steeplechase Homeowners  
Happy Hour at Slick Willie's

05/03/10:

Steeplechase Open Residents Meeting  
w/special guest CrimeStoppers

08/02/10:

Steeplechase Open Residents Meeting

11/01/10:

Steeplechase Open Residents Meeting

### THIS MONTH, STEEPLECHASE WOULD LIKE TO SHINE THE SPOTLIGHT

*On a Long Time Resident  
and Talented Musician...*

*John Rochelle - Jazz Musician*

John will be performing for the Steeplechase community on February 18th in the newly renovated clubhouse from 7 – 10 pm. Admission is free of charge with appetizers and refreshments. Doors open at 6 pm for mixing and mingling with neighbors and friends. Please feel free to bring your favorite beverage.

John Rochelle was born in Shreveport, Louisiana. October 7, 1957. At age 8, he learned to play piano by ear. Even though he didn't grow up with a piano in his home, he ran errands for a neighbor just to hear her play her piano for a few minutes a day. John joined the St. Mary Baptist Church Choir at age ten under the direction of Dennis & Eddie Mae Montgomery. He was constantly in awe of the excitement they created in their delivery of music.

At age 11 he joined the J.S. Clark Jr. High School Band playing Tenor Sax. At 12, John started scoring arrangements of popular songs for several High School and University marching, concert and jazz ensembles throughout the United States & Canada. He remembers the Eddie Holman song, "Hey There Lonely Girl" as his first arrangement.

At 15 John joined "The First Production" R&B band contributing his saxophone, vocals, drums, & keyboard talents. The group merited one regional single. The band performed with R&B groups Sun, Brass Construction, ConFunkShun, Cameo, Maze, & Betty Wright.



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## IMPORTANT

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| Sheriff's Dept. ....  | 713-221-6000                   |
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| Cy-Ridge High School.....   | 281-807-8000 |

### Want to Help Steeplechase Go Green?

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**This Month, Steeplechase Would Like To Shine** - (Continued from Cover Page)

One of his mentors was Charles Stephney, one of the greatest arrangers ever. (Stephney was best noted with his work with Earth, Wind & Fire & Denise Williams) "And he liked the way I wrote" John says with a smile. Stephney was in awe of John's talent at such a young age. He dropped John's name to several record company execs. From age 17 he was contracted by several record companies scoring horn, vocal and string arrangements for R&B, Country and Pop acts across the United States & Canada.

John also worked as a sound consultant for several tours featuring major acts across the U.S.

John performs as a solo act and has several CD Releases on his Independent Record Label CJAA (Contemporary Jazz Artists of America Records) which is owned and operated by John Rochelle and distributed by Apple iTunes, Amazon, and Rhapsody. John also just produced a Christian project by Mary Milton, "Where God Lives".

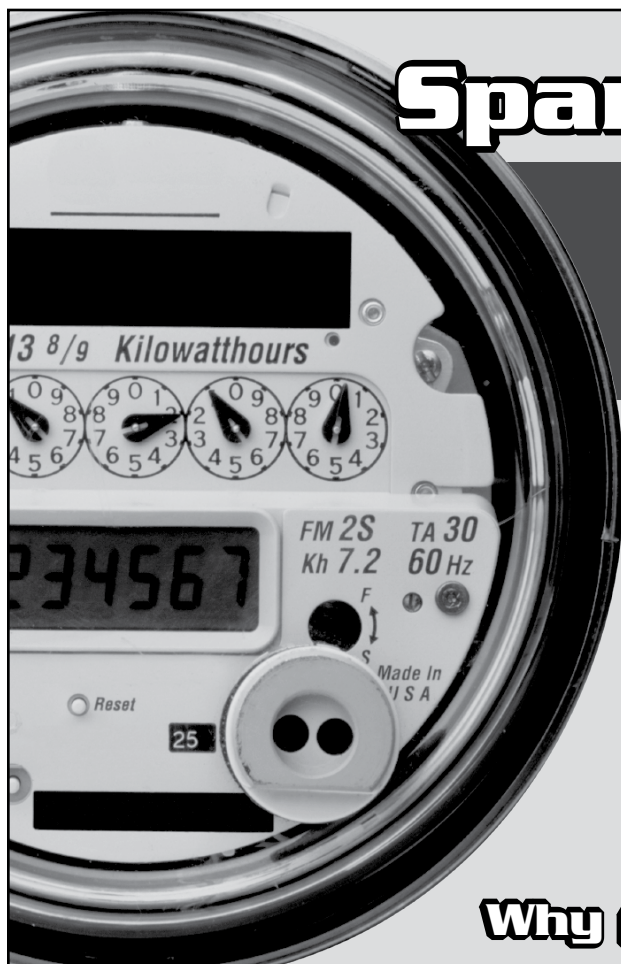
His recent concerts included; The Spinners, Regina Belle, Kenny Lattimore, Waymon Tisdale, Kim Waters, Pieces of a Dream, Phil Perry, The Temptations Ollie Woodson, Nelson Rangel and ZAPP.

On his sax, John delivers a patriotic rendition of our National Anthem and performs at halftime at several NBA/WNBA games. He's performed in front of teams such as the Houston Rockets, Detroit Pistons, Charlotte Bobcats, Washington Wizards, Boston Celtics, Dallas Mavericks, Sacramento Kings, Minnesota Timberwolves, & the Oklahoma City Thunder, etc. WNBA games include the New York Liberty, Los Angeles Sparks.

John participates in as well as sponsors special promotions as part of his independent marketing strategy. They include:

- "Sweets for the Sweet" Valentine's Day Dances
- "Dinner for Two" Restaurant promotions
- "Romantic Carnival Cruises" to Mexico and the Caribbean
- "Back In The Day GetAway" Excursions to MoBay, Jamaica,
- "Worship on the Waters" Gospel Cruise
- "Jerry Williams Gospel TV Show Cruise".

The summer of 2010 will yield the long awaited faith-based "REDISCOVERY" couples cruise to the Caribbean. John is currently performing for the CRU, a Wine Bar restaurant chain in Dallas, Austin, and the Woodlands, as well as the Thai Spice Asian Bistro stores in Houston, The Heights, and Pearland.



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### HONORABLE MENTION

Yorkshire Oaks Drive – most decorated street  
10203 Hedgeway  
10203 Crooks Way Court

## 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. We are also on Facebook > Steeplechase Mom's Club.**

## 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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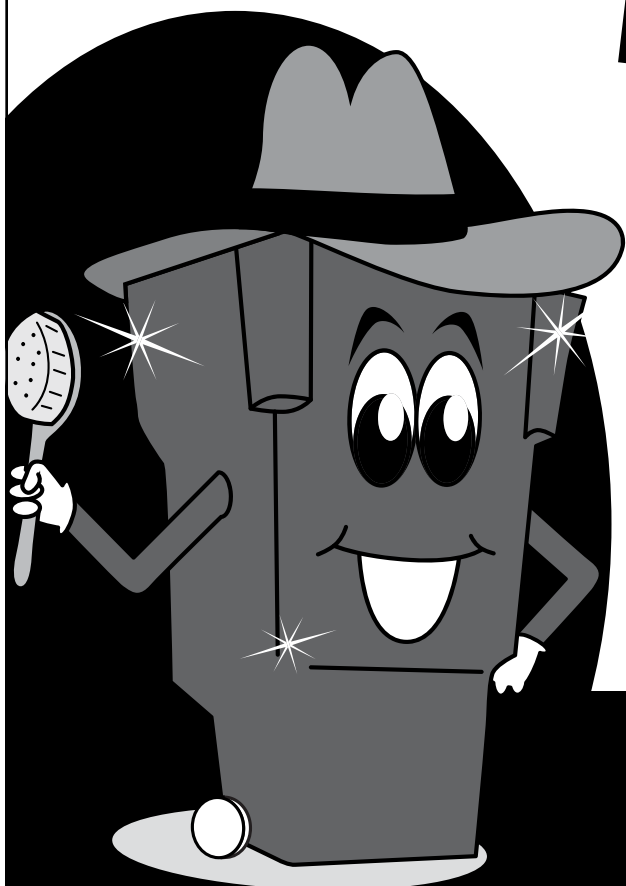
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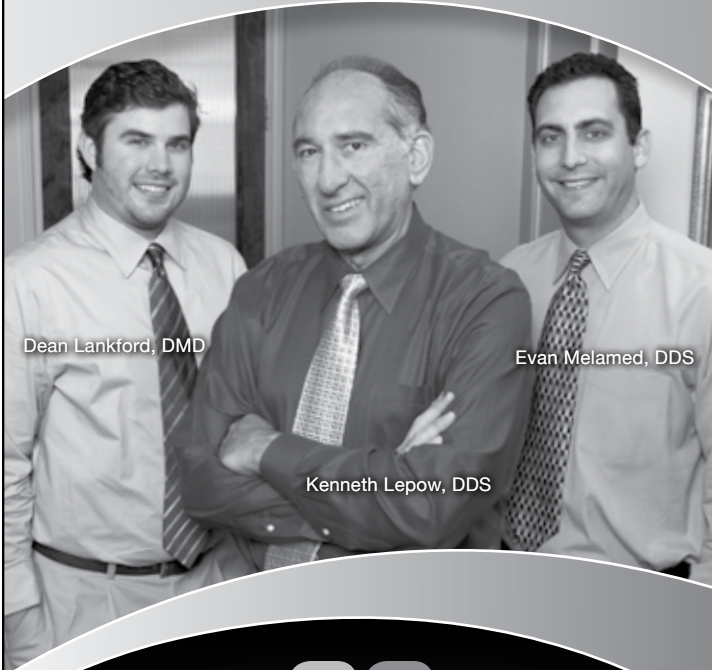
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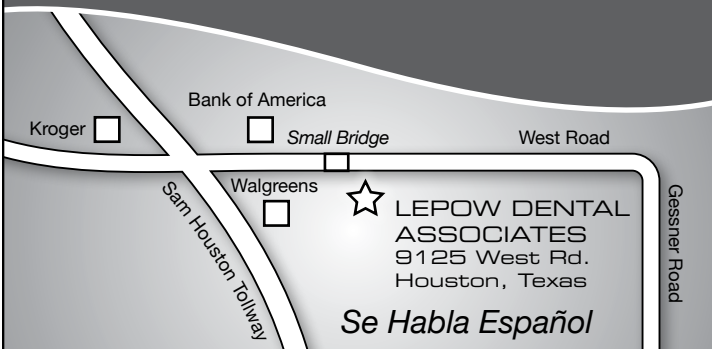
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### L.I.F.E. LESSONS IN FEBRUARY

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 February include: recyclable cards in "BE My Valentine" Feb. 3; FBI agent stories in "A Day in the Life of an FBI Agent" Feb. 10; a Vietnamese cooking lesson in "Fold your own Spring Rolls" Feb. 17 and differences between two great military men in "Lee and Grant" Feb. 24. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to LoneStar.edu.

### NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE? GET ASSISTANCE FEB. 21

Don't miss College Goal Sunday, a YMCA-sponsored national

financial aid program, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Technology Building at Lone Star College-CyFair. Attendees will get free, on-site professional assistance filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid); can talk to financial aid professionals about financial aid resources and how to apply; and will get information regarding state-wide student services, admission requirements and more. Watch for additional FAFSA workshops this spring. Visit LoneStar.edu/financial-aid for information.

### EVER THOUGHT ABOUT A CAREER IN TEACHING?

Lone Star College-CyFair will host an Alternative Teacher Certification Program (ATCP) information session at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16. The teacher certification program is designed for individuals who have a bachelor's degree and want to enter the teaching profession. A question and answer period will follow the presentation. This information session will also provide information on a new Clinical Teaching option which provides students training and field-based experience at the appropriate grade level or content area. For information, call 281.290.3957, e-mail cy-fair.tcp@lonestar.edu or go to LoneStar.edu/cyfair-atcp.



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- 2) Consider an audible alarm system for your vehicle and also for your residence. Keyless entry remotes are just for locking and unlocking your vehicle. Most do not have motion sensors as many alarm systems do. Document all serial numbers to items of value (take photos if possible).
- 3) If there are any streetlights that are not working, report the problem to <http://cnp.centerpointenergy.com/outage>
- 4) Be aware of your surroundings at all times. If you feel as though you are being followed, do not drive home. Drive to a well-lit area and dial 911. Be cautious in sharing personal information over the phone, Internet, or through the mail. This includes, but is not limited to names, addresses, social security numbers, birth dates, contact phone numbers, etc.
- 5) Get to know your neighbors and what vehicles they operate so that you will be able to detect when something is not right. Report any and all suspicious activities, persons, and vehicles to the Sheriff's Office immediately. Report emergencies by dialing 911. If the situation permits, call the Sheriff's Office non-emergency line by dialing 713-221-6000. Without compromising your safety, attempt to get a good general vehicle description (including a plate number and color if possible), a clothing description, and a general location (House number, intersection). Narcotics use, gang activity, and auto thefts are on the rise in general, when in doubt, report it.
- 6) Keep all firearms out of reach (and locked) of children at all times. Keep track of all medications and household chemicals and keep them out of reach of children at all times. If a medical emergency should arise, dial 911 immediately. You can always contact Poison Control with any questions at 800-764-7661.
- 7) Keep all valuables locked up. Keep your garage shut and locked. Lock your back gate. Make sure your windows are locked at all times. On the first floor of your home, keep your mini blinds turned upwards; on the second floor keep your blinds turned downwards. This will prevent people on the outside from being able to look inside your home.

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The Cy-Ridge Mighty Ram Band & Color Guard will be hosting its largest annual fundraiser on Monday, February 8, 2010. In 2009 we raised over \$8,000 which made a significant impact on our program expenses. This year we have a goal of \$10,000 and can reach it with your support!

There is a parallel for many of us right now. We all face the challenges of uncertain economic times and what tomorrow will hold. We deeply appreciate the commitment many have made to the Mighty Ram Band & Color Guard Program and promise to do our best as boosters in funding areas in which the school district does not cover or need additional assistance. The Cy-Ridge Band Booster Club will continue to be good stewards of the funds received and stretching each and every donation as far as possible to show the impact our donor and partners dollars are making in the lives of our children.

BJ'S Restaurant & Brewery, Chipotle, The Back Yard Grill and Skeeter's are currently on board for dinner with other local restaurants. Dinner will be served starting at 5pm along with viewing and bidding on silent auction items. Performances begin at 6:30 starting with the Campbell Middle School band and then followed by the Mighty Ram Band. Auction closes at 8:30 and winners can take their items home to enjoy!

We all share a passion to make a difference in the lives of our children. There is one certainty today: together, our individual efforts will make a positive collective impact in our shared passion!

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The sale will feature the best varieties of apple, avocado, berry, citrus, fig, peach, pear, persimmon, pomegranate and pecan trees for Harris County.

The symposium will be held from 7:30am to 2:00pm in the auditorium, and is free and open to the public. Topics include pruning and grafting demonstrations, Q&A sessions, and fruit trees for the gulf coast by Ethan Natelson.

For more information visit <http://harris-tx.tamu.edu/hort/docs/10fruitsale.pdf>, or call 281-855-5600

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### UPCOMING EVENT:

AgriLife Extension and the Harris County Master Gardeners will be holding their Tomato and Pepper Sale and Expo on Saturday February 27th, 9am to 2pm at the AgriLife Extension office located at 3033 Bear Creek Drive, Houston TX 77084.

The sale will feature the best varieties of tomatoes, peppers, and herbs for Harris County.

The expo hours are 9am to 12pm, and will feature fun, educational exhibits for the entire family.

The expo topics include: Fire Ants, Garden Pests, Herbs, Low Volume Irrigation, Pruning, Rainwater Harvesting, and Soils and Composting.

For more information visit <http://harris-tx.tamu.edu/hort/docs/10TPSaleFlyer.pdf>, or call David Parish at 281-855-5600.

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### Homeowners Happy Hour

Join your neighbors on Monday, February 22nd, 2010 from 6pm-8pm for a relaxing evening and fun at Slick Willie's. Free pool, catching-up and making new friends.

Hope to see you there!

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## ARE YOU RECEIVING *Neighborhood Security Alerts?*

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|                          | ACTIVE               | PENDING               | SOLD Last 6 Mos       |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b># of Listings</b>     | 26                   | 7                     | 46                    |
| <b>Price Range:</b>      | \$68,000<br>#179,900 | \$68,000<br>\$114,900 | \$65,000<br>\$157,000 |
| <b>Average Price</b>     | \$127,828            | \$92,429              | \$118,674             |
| <b>Avg Price/sq.ft.</b>  | \$63.72              | \$60.44               | \$61.36               |
| <b>Avg DOM</b>           | 113                  | 60                    | 58                    |
| <b>High Price/sq.ft.</b> |                      |                       | \$76.02               |
| <b>Low Price/sq.ft.</b>  |                      |                       | \$33.83               |



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