



# Steeplechase

## NEWSLETTER



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

## THE 2010 STEEPLECHASE *Stallions Swim Team*

New and returning Swimmers, it is time to register for the upcoming season. Our team is getting bigger and better each year and we can't wait to hit the pool deck. Your community needs you.

### REGISTRATION DATES

**Saturday, March 27 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Steeplechase Clubhouse front lawn**

-----We will be helping out with the Annual Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt. Come by and meet your neighbors.

**Saturday, April 10th and 17th 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 pm Steeplechase Pool Area**

-----We will be in the pool area or office depending on weather conditions



### THE STEEPLECHASE MOM'S CLUB AND YOUR HOME OWNERS ASSOCIATION ARE SPONSORING THIS YEARS'

### *Annual Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt*

Come have fun with the kids (ages 0-10 years)

**When: SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2010**

**Time: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Where: Steeplechase Clubhouse Fields**

Please bring a dozen filled eggs per child  
(Chocolate is not recommended)

The Easter Bunny will be available for photos, so bring your camera. There will be crafts, games, special surprises, and refreshments.



## SAVE THE DATE

*Mark your  
calendars for  
the following  
Steeplechase  
events in 2010!*

03/18/10:  
Steeplechase Block Captain  
meeting\*

03/22/10:  
Steeplechase Homeowners  
Happy Hour\*

03/27/10:  
Annual Neighborhood  
Easter Egg Hunt

04/27/10:  
Steeplechase Homeowners  
Happy Hour\*

05/03/10:  
Steeplechase Open  
Residents Meeting w/  
special guest CrimeStoppers

08/02/10:  
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11/01/10:  
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\* Details will be posted on  
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Traffic Initiative .....	281-290-2100
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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.

## Steeplechase Sanctioned Committees

Security  
Communications  
Pool  
Playground

Welcome  
Landscape  
Clubhouse  
Tennis

## Steeplechase Information Line: 281-469-CLUB - Option #3

## Steeplechase Stork Report

The Boudreaux-Thompson family welcomed Miss Cadence Lacey Thompson, born to BreeAnna Thompson, on January 19, 2010! Weighing in at 6lbs 6oz and 22 in. long, Cadence is the first grandchild of Mike (aka "Pops") and Tammy ("Pannie") Boudreaux. Aunt Michaela and Uncle Mason Boudreaux are thrilled with their new niece!

Congratulations! Let us help celebrate... email info on the arrival of your little one to [newsletter@steeplechasetx.com](mailto:newsletter@steeplechasetx.com).



## CYPRESS CHRISTIAN SPELLING BEE WINNER

### *Heads for Regional Competition*

Students at Cypress Christian School competed in the ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) District Spelling Bee in Huntsville, Texas. Fifth grader, Michael Pogson, placed first overall - beating out all third through eighth grade students participating in the event. His victory enabled him to advance to the Regional Spelling Bee Competition to be held in March 2010 in Dallas, Texas.

Congratulations to Michael and other CCS students who placed at the district competition: Britney Bailey, Avery Barbisch, Ben Holman, Tori Ibarra, Wesley Hill, Layne Jackson, Kolton Link, Catherine Perry, Anna Priesmeyer, Lauren Storey, Allison Strange, Wesley Wilson, and Christina Wyer.

For more information on this event and other competition news, please visit [www.CypressChristian.org](http://www.CypressChristian.org).



## STEEPLECHASE LANDLORDS

If you are the owner of a steeplechase property that is rented to others, please contact PCMI and file alternate contact information (mailing address, telephone, etc.). If you do, this will help to insure that you get important information direct from the Association concerning your property and Steeplechase in general; for example, election ballot due dates, when meetings about security are held, etc. If you have not done so already please contact PCMI now.

PCMI

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[manager@steeplechasetx.com](mailto:manager@steeplechasetx.com)

*Do You Have Reason  
to Celebrate?*

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## STEEPLECHASE RECOMMENDS THE MERGER

### *Of All Associations Into A Single Association*

#### WHAT DOES A MERGER OF THE ASSOCIATIONS MEAN?

The Boards of Directors for Churchill, Cobblestone, and Greenbrook Bridge have voted to merge these three Associations into the Steeplechase Community Improvement Association subject to the approval of the membership of each Association.

With such approvals, there will be a single Association and single Board of Directors responsible for the operation of the Steeplechase community instead of the four Associations as is the current situation.

#### WHY SHOULD THIS BE APPROVED?

**To simplify and streamline the management of, and the planning for the Steeplechase community**

- Reduce the number of accounting audits and tax filings
- Eliminate duplicate insurance policies
- Produce a single set of accounting statements instead of four thereby significantly reducing accounting time
- Simplify banking accounting and reconciliation

#### HOW DO WE DO THIS?

Each Association will have its Special Election for approval of the merger and election of a new Board of Directors for the Steeplechase Community Improvement Association. The merger is planned to be effective January 1, 2011.

Newsletter and website articles will start appearing in the March issues giving further information about the proposed Merger, dates of these Special Elections and other appropriate details. If you have questions, please raise them with any Board member.

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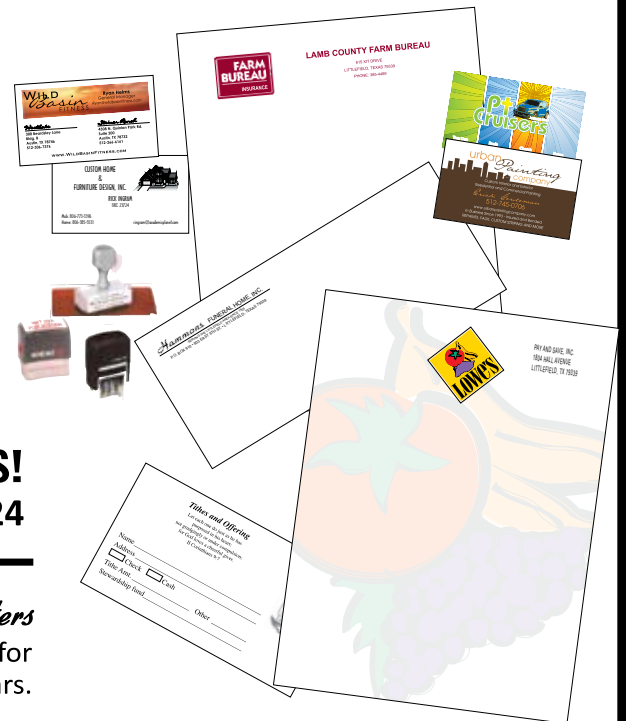
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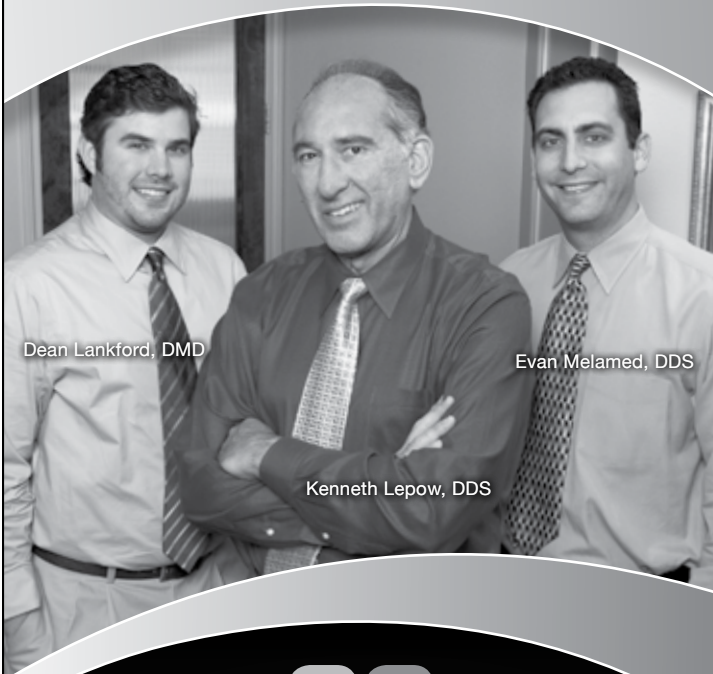
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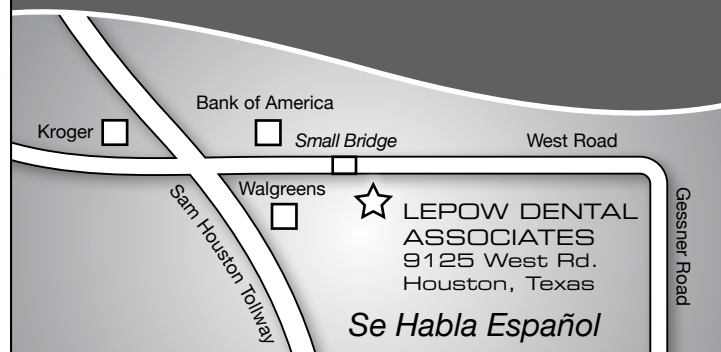
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**It does NOT ask for your social security number or information about your taxes and income.**

If you do not return a completed Census Form by April 1, it is likely that a Census Taker will either call you or come to your door to obtain the information.

#### BE CAUTIOUS AND USE THE FOLLOWING SAFETY TIPS:

1. The Census does not ask for your Social Security Number – do not give that information out to anyone claiming to be with the Census Bureau.
2. Never invite a Census Taker into your home.
3. All Census Takers carry official government badges marked with just their name, a Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date.
4. The Census Worker is supposed to provide you with a letter from the Census Director on official letterhead.
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7. The Census does not ask for credit card or bank account information.

Visit the U.S. Census website at <http://www.2010.census.gov/> or call the U.S. Census Telephone Questionnaire Assistance Center at 1-866-872-6868 for additional information.

## ASK YOURSELF:

- If Sheriff, Ambulance or Fire Department were dispatched to your home right now, could they easily find it?
- Is your house number clearly visible on the curb in front of your home?
- Is your house number clearly visible on the front of your home?
- Is your porch light left on at night?
- Are all streetlights near your home operational?

Answering “No” to any of these questions means valuable minutes are lost trying to find your location – verses helping you. When time is of the essence, safety is on the line; do you want emergency response to waste precious time trying to find your home?

If navigating someplace new, you usually use directions, look-up the location on the internet, have identifying clues such as type of car in the driveway, balloon on mailbox, turn left at the Valero. When emergency services are dispatched to your location, in most cases this is the drivers first time to your location, they have limited time available to get there and identifiers such as a visible house number are essential in reducing response time.

In driving around Steeplechase, I am dismayed at the number of homes that are dark and lack an easily visible house number. I'm not sure how you think any of the emergency response teams can find you, but I assure you, it will take them much longer than necessary.

I urge each resident to take a moment and take a look at your home at night. If you can't easily and quickly see your house number on the front of your home and curb, please rectify. If your streetlight is out, report it. And, leave your porch light on at night.

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## WRITERS WANTED

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"Moo"-ve on over and buy a Cow Plop Plat to take a chance on where the plop drops!!! (Only \$10 Each per Plat)

Contact rap2010@sbcglobal.net for more information!

All proceeds from this event go to support the Ram After Prom 2010, and participating Cypress Ridge H.S. Clubs/Organizations.

### 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@steeplechasetx.com](mailto:newsletter@steeplechasetx.com).

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## STEEPLECHASE HOMEOWNERS HAPPY HOUR

Join your neighbors on Monday, March 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!

## Are You Receiving Neighborhood Security Alerts?

Interested in receiving neighborhood security alerts? If so, please send an email request to [steepchasecurity@gmail.com](mailto:steepchasecurity@gmail.com). Remember, for your safety, emails are sent using 'blind copy' (BCC) so you will need to add [steepchasecurity@gmail.com](mailto:steepchasecurity@gmail.com) to your safe senders list.

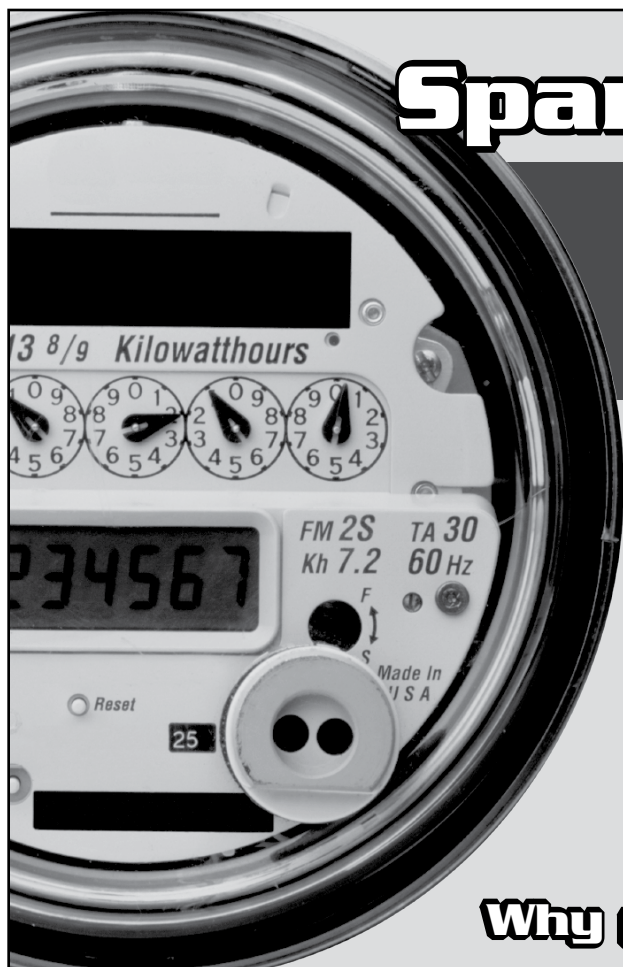
## Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club Information Session *Monday Evening, April 12th, 2010*

The Northwest Flyers Track Club will host a free open house / registration session for all middle and high school athletes and their parents interested in joining for the 2010 season. The event will be held on Monday, April 12, 2010 from 7:00 – 8:30 PM in the Cypress Room at the Methodist Willowbrook Hospital, 18220 Tomball Parkway, Houston, at the corner of FM 1960 and Highway 249. The session will begin with a very important program overview / orientation at 7:00 PM. All interested athletes and parents should report on time.

The Northwest Flyers is a youth (ages 6 -18) track organization, affiliated with USA Track & Field. The club provides a full program of "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, discus, shot put and javelin. It is an excellent "off-season" program for young athletes who currently compete on their middle school or high school varsity track teams.

The club was founded 23 years ago by Olympic gold medalist Fred Newhouse to foster the development of youth track & field in the Northwest Houston area. Last year, the Northwest Flyers qualified 42 young athletes to compete at the U.S. Junior Olympics National Championships in Greensboro, NC.

Visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org> for registration forms and information prior to the session, or contact Linette Roach at (281) 587-8442 or [linette.roach@sbcglobal.net](mailto:linette.roach@sbcglobal.net).



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K-12 Students: Student Visitor Days are scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, 2010, and Tuesday, April 27, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Students considering attending CCS for the 2010-2011 school year may attend all or part of the day with us. Parents must sign their child in for the day. We suggest kindergarten and first grade parents and students stay for 30-45 minutes only.

Campus Tours are available! For more information on the admissions process, enrollment events, or to schedule a tour, please contact Admissions Director Angie Ramirez at 281.469.7745 or [Admissions@CypressChristian.org](mailto:Admissions@CypressChristian.org).

Please visit the school website at [www.CypressChristian.org](http://www.CypressChristian.org) for additional information.

## 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 [SteeplechaseSecurity@gmail.com](mailto:SteeplechaseSecurity@gmail.com).



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On stage enjoy "The Good Times are Killing Me" comedy/drama through March 7, a "MusicNCompany" Symphonic Band concert March 11 and the "World Music Festival" choral event March 26. In the Bosque Gallery, visit "FOTOFEST!" a photo exhibition that is part of an international biennial Houston event. The opening artist reception is at 4:30 p.m. March 11. For event information, go to LoneStar.edu.

### EXCUSE OUR DUST! GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY MARCH 11

After a March 11 groundbreaking ceremony, construction will be under way on a new science classroom building, a new student services building and additional parking at LSC-CyFair. In addition, construction should begin in April at Clay Road and Fry on a new satellite center, primarily focused on workforce programs. For event information, go to LoneStar.edu.

### DUAL CREDIT INFORMATION SESSIONS IN MARCH AND APRIL

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. Fee and textbook scholarships are available. LSC-CyFair and the Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District are co-hosting this information session for 10th- through 12th-graders and their parents March 2 and April 14 at LSC-CyFair and March 9 at LSC-Fairbanks Center. For information, call 281.290.3200, e-mail cfcinfo@lonestar.edu or go to LoneStar.edu/jumpstart-cyfair.

### ENJOY SPIRITED DIALOGUE AT MILLENNIUM HUMANITIES FORUMS

Where can you explore cultural values and institutions or have a spirited dialogue related to the humanities? Join the lively discussions on contemporary issues that touch your career and your life at the monthly Millennium Humanities Forums at Lone Star College-CyFair. The spring forums continue at 11:30 a.m. with "Has the American Dream Changed?" March 24 and "The United Nations

Today (including Model UN)" April 21. For information, contact Stephen Mendonca at Stephen.J.Mendonca@lonestar.edu.

### TEEN DRIVER'S EDUCATION AVAILABLE

Spring driver's education courses for teens ages 15 to 17 are available starting March 29 and again April 26. The in-classroom 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. Complete the registration form in person at in MOD1 or online at LoneStar.edu/drivers-ed-ce. Call 832.482.1043 for information.

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

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 include Texas pottery at the Pearl Finch Museum March 3, making your yard bird friendly March 10, Irish dancers March 17, a women's history discussion March 24 and transforming eggs into art March 31. Call the library at 281.290.3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to LoneStar.edu.

### EVER THOUGHT ABOUT A CAREER IN TEACHING?

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<b>Average Price</b>	\$129,342	\$103,460	\$116,117
<b>Avg Price/sq.ft.</b>	\$67.30	\$57.89	\$61.02
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