



# Steeplechase

## NEWSLETTER



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

## HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 168

### Dear Resident:

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 168 (the "District") would like to take this opportunity to notify you that the District will hold an election for the approval of \$5,500,000 of Recreational Facilities Bonds on Saturday, May 8th, at the Steeplechase Clubhouse, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Early voting will be held Monday through Friday, April 26 through May 4 at 9910 Jockey Club Drive from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The purpose of this election is to authorize funding for the construction of recreational facilities to try to maintain property values and to enhance the quality of life in the District. The Board plans to sell bonds to fund its recreational facilities as current debt is paid down with the intent of NOT RAISING TAXES to fund such facilities.

The District has developed a master park plan which includes the elements listed below. We must emphasize that this is a plan. It is based on needs as the Board sees them today. The Board will review the needs and revise the projects as the park plan is implemented. This bond election is only the first step to authorize the District to make these improvements. Subsequent steps such as designing the facilities, acquiring land, obtaining permission to make improvements along the bayou and selling bonds to fund the work will be required, and there is no guarantee that all the facilities can be constructed. However, without the authority to sell bonds to fund the work, there is little likelihood that the District can fund these improvements.

### The Master Park Plan Includes The Following Improvements To The District:

- A concrete fence, sidewalks, lighting, seating and landscaping along the east side of N. Eldridge Parkway to beautify this entrance into the District and to provide residents a safe walk to and from the retail and eating establishments located at N. Eldridge and FM 1960;
- Renovations, additions and redevelopment of the three existing parks in the District consisting of new and improved play equipment and exercise equipment;
- A new park with parking to be constructed in the Green Belt area along Steepleway Blvd. between Churchill Way Drive and Gold Cup;
- Jogging and walking trails along the Bayou connecting Steepleway Blvd. (near Jones) and N. Eldridge Pkwy; and
- New sidewalks and sidewalk repairs for damaged sidewalks and areas currently without sidewalks, connecting the major thoroughfares in the District for safe pedestrian walking.

This work will take place in phases over several years. The Board intends to coordinate such construction with planned improvements to the District's infrastructure in order to maintain and improve the quality and service of the District and to provide minimal inconvenience to the residents. Look for further information and announcements in the Steeplechase Newsletter and on the Steeplechasetx.com website leading up to the election on May 8th. Email hcmud168board@gmail.com with your questions or comments.

## SAVE THE DATE

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

04/27/10:

Steeplechase Homeowners  
Happy Hour\*

05/03/10:

Steeplechase Open Residents  
Meeting w/Special Guest  
CrimeStoppers

08/02/10:

Steeplechase Open Residents  
Meeting

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Meeting

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Steeplechase Community Center .....	281-469-CLUB
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Water/Sewer .....	713-405-1750
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Private Pool Parties .....	713-416-5161

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## Community Center Contacts

#### Community Maintenance Concerns

PCMI ..... 281-870-0585

#### Clubhouse Rentals

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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	Welcome
Communications	Landscape
Pool	Clubhouse
Playground	Tennis

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

## Steeplechase Stork Report

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## STEEPLECHASE HOMEOWNERS:

*By: Rita Haban, Project Manager*

March and April is the time of year that homeowners start focusing on the exterior of their homes. The weather is nice again and we can get outside and start cleaning up from the winter months.

You know everyone's home reflects and affects their neighbor's home. Property values, aesthetics and the overall appearance of a neighborhood are the responsibility of every homeowner.

Remember when you moved into your home how nice the house looked. The paint was fresh and clean, the gutters weren't rusted with holes in them or hanging crooked on the house. The siding and trim did not have any rotted areas and the paint was not washed out. The garage door did not have any dents in it. The windows looked nice with blinds/curtains on them. The fence was in good condition. The trees were not hanging down over a walkway or street to make a person duck or touch a vehicle passing. The tree's limbs were not touching the roof to damage shingles or gutters. The brickwork was nice and clean and so was the driveway. The driveway did not look black or dirty, it looked like concrete. The lawn was mowed and edged; there were no weeds in the expansion joints or in the walkway. The shrubs were trimmed down, plant beds were all weeded and there were no trash cans in front of the home unless it was trash day. They were stored out of site either in the garage

or in the back yard. When you drove through your neighborhood, you were proud to live there because it was nice, clean and crisp looking. You realized that the individuals living in a home in this neighborhood was proud to be there.

I mentioned the items above because when you keep up with your home and lawn the neighborhood always look good and it keeps up property values. It is also the project manager's job to look at the same items for the same reasons.

I would like you; the homeowners in the Steeplechase subdivision, to stop and take an objective look at your home and see if you still have that same feeling about your home. If you don't, think about what needs to be done for you to have that feeling again.

I have been told by many homeowners in Steeplechase that the neighborhoods don't look as good as they used to look. I know from speaking with many of you that you are proud to be living in Steeplechase, but you also want it to look good again.

The clubhouse has just had a new facelift put on it so why not think about your own neighborhoods now.

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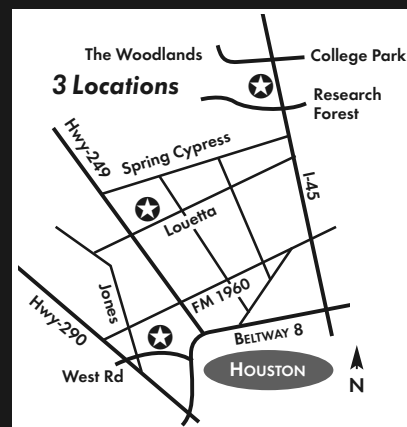


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## Do You Know Where You Will Be On June 14th?

June 14th is the special election day for voting on the merger of the churchill, cobblestone, and greenbrook bridge associations into the steeplechase community improvement association.

With approval by 2/3rds of the member residents eligible to vote, there will be a single association and a single board of directors responsible for the operation of the steeplechase community instead of the four associations as is the current situation. This will simplify and streamline the management of, and the planning for, the overall steeplechase community.

If you are going to be gone, don't worry; you can still vote by proxy. The members of the board of directors for each association will be soliciting proxies door to door starting in early may in case you are unable to vote on the day of the special election. The ballots will be mailed by pcmi in late april/early may to the owner of record. Of course, you can return your proxy direct to pcmi. How to do this will be included in the mailing from pcmi.

Regardless of how you do it, by mailing your proxy ballot to pcmi, by giving your proxy ballot to the board member that contacts you directly, or by voting in person on june 14th, exercise your civic privilege and vote.

All boards have unanimously voted for the merger of the associations for a better, more effective steeplechase community improvement association.

If you have any comments or questions, contact a member of your appropriate board of directors.



**March 27, 2010**  
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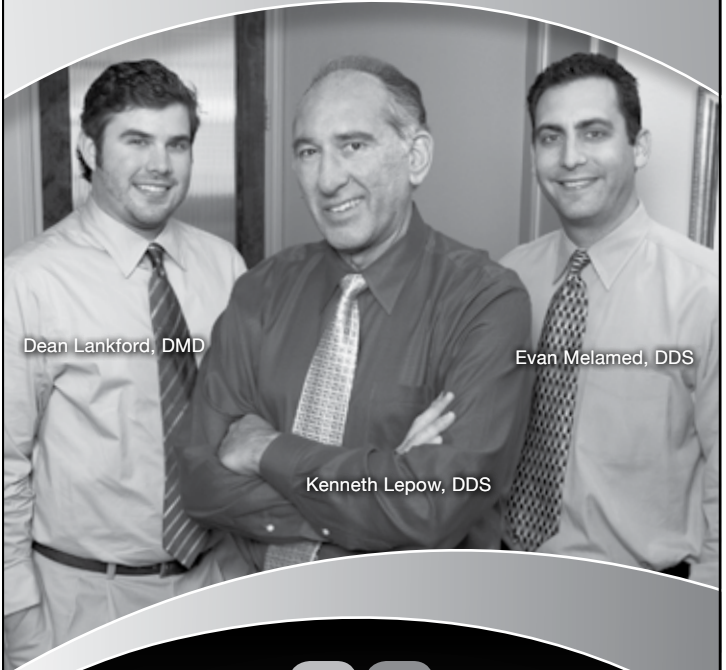
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## RECYCLING

by Donna Shaddox

I didn't used to be a recycler. Recycling actually annoyed me. I remember a few years back when I was visiting relatives in Maryland they were so obsessive about recycling that I was afraid to throw anything away. They would actually retrieve things out of the trash to recycle them. I felt like I was inconveniencing them out of my ignorance and they never really explained the "recycling rules" to me. I assume they were just trying to be polite. Recycling was something that I just never thought about doing.

My brother recycles also (Maryland). He has a very strange way of doing it. He washes his items so thoroughly you could eat out of them. There are always empty jars and cans that have to be washed, were washed or are drying to be put in the recycling bin. It was very bizarre to me. I just didn't "get it". I didn't "get it" because no one ever explained it to me.

Then one day I was watching a television program that was talking about recycling. On the show they had a dump truck that was full of empty water bottles. The number of water bottles in the truck signified how many water bottles the average person in the United States of America throws away in a lifetime. Just one person's bottles filled up the dump truck. Then they dumped the contents onto the ground. The mountain of empty bottles was amazing. That was just from 1 person.

Then I started thinking about all of the people in the United States and multiplied that with amount of empty bottles that would be sitting in a landfill and that amount was just mind-boggling. My mind could not grasp how in the world we would have so much room for just our water bottles that we throw away and that is not even mentioning the bags and bags of garbage we throw away each week, multiply THAT number by the amount of people in the U.S.! (There are approximately 300 million people living in the U.S., if everyone has 1 bag of garbage a week multiplied by 52 weeks in a year, that is 15,600,000,000 bags of garbage a year) I immediately wanted to start recycling but I didn't know how. It certainly wasn't easy. If it were up to me we would pay \$.05 for every bottle and can we purchased (they do that in other states) and every grocery store would have a place for you to take them back and get your \$.05 back. Well, it isn't up to me so we don't do that.

ot long after that show a very easy solution appeared at my doorstep, a big blue bin. Our neighborhood began to recycle. I was so excited that I called the garbage company and purchased 3 more bins so I could recycle everything that I possibly could. I admit we are not perfect with our recycling but we certainly make an effort. The plastic numbers are a little confusing and hard to read with my "40is" eyes but now you can recycle numbers 1-7 so it is much easier. And now glass is recyclable too! I was so excited to learn that. This morning I was a disappointed in the neighborhood though. It is Wednesday; I went outside mid afternoon to get the mail. The recycling had not been picked up. I looked up and down the street. There were only 8 bins of recycling sitting by the curb. Come on people, it is very easy to do! With just my husband and I living here we always have at least 1 full bin of recycling every week, usually 2. Even if you don't believe in global warming, polar bears dying, Al Gore, all of that stuff that will make your head spin, surely you have to realize that recycling is good for the environment.

### IMPORTANCE OF RECYCLING: WHY YOU SHOULD RECYCLE?

Deforestation is a major issue today. This is because man is using natural resources to fulfill his needs. The increase of these demands has led to increasing levels of destruction of our natural resources. These resources being limited, a day would probably arrive when we don't really have anything to turn towards. Think about all the trees that are being axed in the forests today. Your habits of wasting paper could be one of the million reasons that contribute towards such problems. The more number of non-biodegradable products or materials added to the environment means more matter in landfill areas. This in turn creates more issues due to lack of space in such landfill sites that cannot really accommodate non-biodegradable objects. A time will soon arrive when there would really be no more space on earth to accommodate all the junk we add on an everyday basis! Knowing the importance of recycling should be a must for everybody today. Hence being aware of our responsibilities is a step towards saving our planet. Recycling would also reduce the levels of pollution; we would thus have clean air to breathe. Recycling

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## RECYCLING NEWS!

### *Some Great News On Acceptable Materials!*

You can now also recycle: ALL COLORS OF GLASS,  
PLASTICS 1-7 and ALL PAPER PRODUCTS  
including CARDBOARD, CEREAL  
BOXES, PHONE BOOKS, ETC.  
A few non-acceptable: hangers, toys,  
packaging, styrofoam



## 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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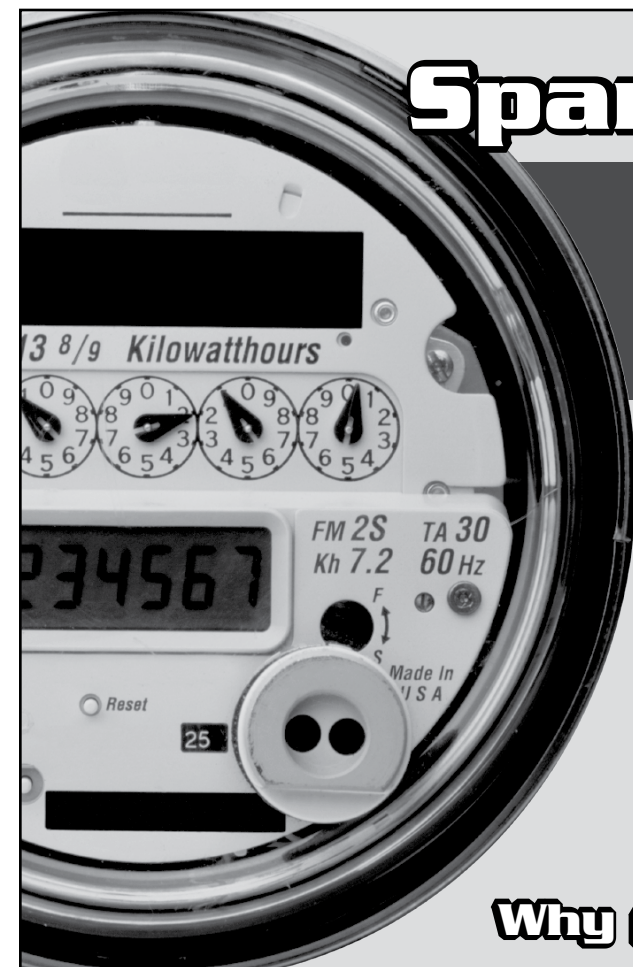
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*Lynn Cirillo, Steeplechase Security Coordinator, SteeplechaseSecurity@gmail.com*

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- 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.

Emergencies happen. You need to be prepared, so does your home.

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



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On April 12, 2010 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm, the Book Fair will be having Family night. Please help support our school and join us for a sweet treat.

**WHEN:** The Book Fair will be open daily from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm, April 12, 2010 to April 16, 2010.

**WHERE:** Kirk Elementary is located at 12421 Tanner Road, Houston, TX 77041.

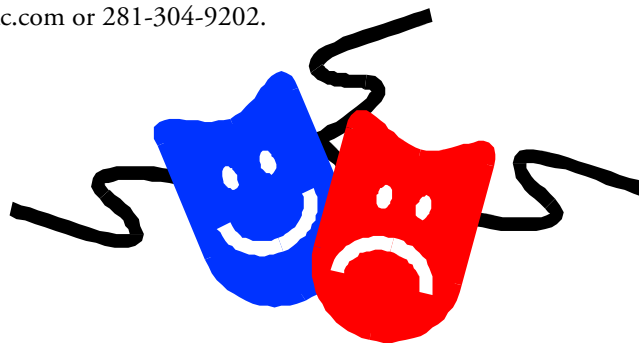
**MORE:** Book Fair customers may help the school build classroom libraries and improve children's reading skills by purchasing books through the Classroom Wish List and One for Books® programs.

## COVENANT ACADEMY TO PRESENT AESOP'S FABLES

Covenant Academy will present Aesop's Fables on Thursday, April 8th at 7 pm in the school's Patriot Hall at 11711 Telge Road.

Aesop's Fables is the first ever production of Covenant Academy's new Drama Club. Both elementary and junior high students will participate. The one-night performance, based on the fables of Aesop, an ancient Greek slave and one of the greatest storytellers of all time, is perfect for audiences of all ages. Come and see why Aesop's Fables offer up wisdom and good advice for all in this charming series of short plays.

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## Covenant Academy "DI-ologists" Head to State Tournament

Congratulations to the "DI-ologist" team of fourth and fifth graders from Covenant Academy in Cypress. They won the second place trophy in their first-ever appearance at the Destination ImagiNation regional competition in Katy, scoring high enough to advance to the Texas DI State Tournament in Carrollton on April 16-17.

Destination ImagiNation, Inc., or DI, is an innovative organization that invites student teams from all over the world to solve mind-bending Challenges. Teams of 2 to 7 students must think on their feet, work as a team, and devise original solutions that satisfy the requirements of the Challenges, which can have theatrical, structural, improvisational, scientific, or technical focuses.

In February at the Texas Gulf Coast DI tournament in Katy, team members, team managers, and fans cheered for the teams who worked for months on their presentations. They learned to unleash their imaginations, work as a cohesive team, and take unique approaches to problem solving. The students not only created a solution to a Challenge, but also designed and created the set, costumes, and dialogue used in their presentation on their own.

DI-ologist team members include: Michael Drews, John Ethan Baldwin, Drew Hebert, Parker Primm, Natalie Thibodeaux, Isabelle Vigil, and Zachary Walker. The team managers are Joan Thibodeaux and Vanessa Hebert.

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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.

## Jersey Village Baptist Church *Host Car Show And Blood Drive.*

Please join us at Jersey Village Baptist Church on Saturday May 22nd from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for our 2nd annual car show and blood drive! Come out for a show and shine, and give back to the community by donating blood too!

16518 Jersey Drive, by the big cross on 290 near Senate!

## Next Open Residents Meeting

*Monday, May 3, 2010 at 7pm*

Steeplechase Clubhouse

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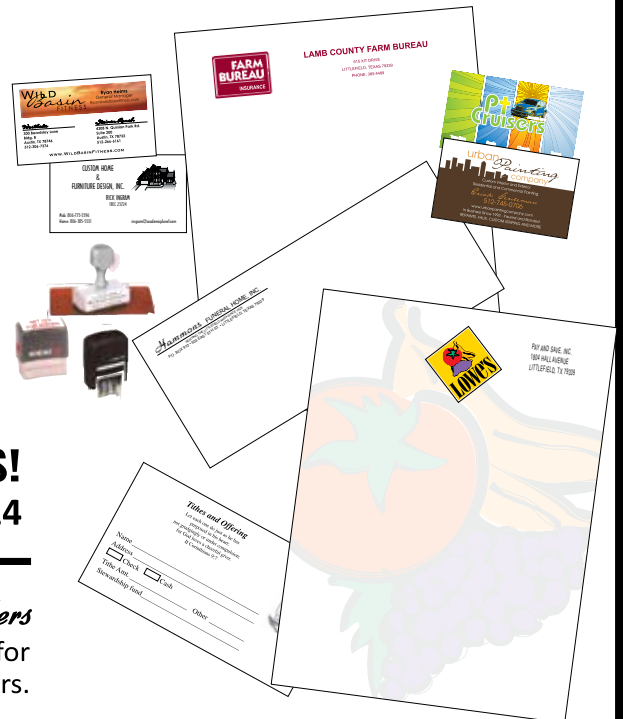
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## *Spring Festival*

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Boys and Girls Country is not a United Way member agency; they receive their support from friends in the community through grants, mailings, e-mail, and special events. Because Boys and Girls Country does not rely on state or federal grants, they are able to continue to care for their kids past high school graduation. In 1997, Boys and Girls Country developed their College and Career Program to support their high school graduates as young adults. Whether they choose college, trade school, the military, or the workforce, Boys and Girls Country provides support as it is needed. Like any other family, they're still there, helping their kids reach their full potential and break the cycles of poverty and dysfunction that they have known.

On May 1st, Boys and Girls Country will host their annual Spring Festival. It takes place from 10:00 – 5:00, and it is a fun event for adults and children of all ages.

Boys and Girls Country turns their 250-acre ranch into a midway jam-packed with booths, food, and fun. There will be a petting zoo with 25 animals, including a llama and a pot-bellied pig. Younger kids can go on a pony ride, or the whole family can take a hay ride around the ranch. There's a Bug's Life Obstacle Course, Volcano Rock Wall, and a Virtual Zone with Wii games and Dance Dance Revolution. Stay for the day and enjoy great food like barbeque, chicken sandwiches, and nachos. Adults will find plenty to enjoy with two stages of entertainment and live, big board, and silent auctions. Bid on items like a 4-night's stay at a resort in Galveston, signed sports memorabilia, or a hunting trip. While at Spring Festival, people will also have the opportunity to tour a cottage and see where the children live.

Spring Festival is a great, affordable outing for families. Admission is free. All-day activities passes are just \$15 per child, and lunch tickets are only \$6. All of the proceeds from Spring Festival will help provide for the day-to-day needs of the children who live at Boys and Girls Country.

Don't miss out on this fun-filled day and the opportunity to support a Home that provides vital services to Houston-area children in need of a safe place to grow up.

# STEEPLECHASE

## APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO MODIFY HOME OR PROPERTY

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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	9	5						6
			6		2			
								7
	1	4	9					8
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<b>Avg Price/sq.ft.</b>	\$68.40	\$63.41	\$61.34
<b>Avg DOM</b>	83	82	65
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