



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!*

07/26/10:

Steeplechase Resident's
Happy Hour

08/02/10:

Steeplechase Open
Residents Meeting
w/Special Guest HCSO

08/23/10:

Steeplechase Resident's
Happy Hour

09/27/10:

Steeplechase Resident's
Happy Hour

10/25/10:

Steeplechase Resident's
Happy Hour

11/01/10:

Steeplechase Open
Residents Meeting

Summer Crime Prevention Awareness

Summer poses new opportunity for the possibility of crime in our neighborhood, but as alert and aware residents we can diligently work as a team to eradicate and destroy the hopes of criminals entering Steeplechase. Here is a list of a few items to keep in mind while preparing for summer crime prevention:

___ File your vacation plans with HCSO using the HCSO VACATION WATCH form included on page 4 of this newsletter.

___ Notify your neighbors that you will be away and leave emergency contact information.

___ Notify your alarm company of the dates you plan to be away.

___ Test your home alarm to make sure it is working properly.

___ Check all of the locks on your doors and windows.

___ Keep garage access locked.

___ Keep entry gates locked.

___ View your home from the outside and make sure that it is easily identifiable in an emergency – you should be able to clearly see your house number from the street.

___ If you are away, have indoor and outdoor lights on timers. Ensure your home is lit-up outside at night.

___ Be a considerate neighbor and be mindful of who's around your neighbors' homes. Call and report to HCSO if you see suspicious persons.

___ Establish and identify a 'safe-house' to your children. Children should always know what homes are OK for them to run to in an emergency.

Recently, an alert resident witnessed a car pull in front of their neighbors home, one person got out and walked up to the neighbors car, peering through the window, the person then got back in their car and left. HCSO was called, and even though the car had left, a deputy was able to stop the offenders. As it turned out, one of the suspicious people in the vehicle had outstanding warrants and was arrested on the spot. This type of action sends a message to would-be offenders, **STAY-OUT OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD!** It is important when calling suspicious persons in that you give as much of a detailed description as possible.

Our next Open Residents Meeting will feature guest speakers from the Harris County Sheriff's Department Citizen's Police Academy. This will be an informative session that you will not want to miss – **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** to attend August 2nd, 2010, 7pm at the Steeplechase Clubhouse.

BE SAFE and BE SMART!

Lynn Cirillo, Steeplechase Security Coordinator

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IMPORTANT

Telephone Numbers



Emergency.....	911
Sheriff's Dept.	713-221-6000
Cy-Fair Fire Dept	911
Cy-Fair Hospital.....	281-890-4285
Animal Control	281-999-3191
Center Point (Street lights)	713-207-2222
http://cnp.centerpointenergy.com/outage	
Neighborhood Crime Watch	SteeplechaseSecurity@gmail.com
Library.....	281-890-2665
Post Office.....	713-937-6827
Steeplechase Community Center	281-469-CLUB
Deed Restriction Issues (PCMI)	281-870-0585
Water/Sewer	713-405-1750
Architectural Control (PCMI)	281-870-0585
Trash Pick-up (Best Trash, LLC) (Wed. & Sat.)	281-313-BEST
Harris Co. Pct. 4 Road Maintenance	281-353-8424
Community Events.....	281-469-CLUB
Clubhouse Rentals: Private Parties and Community Events (Phyllis McFarland).....	832-922-8031
Traffic Initiative	281-290-2100
Private Pool Parties	713-416-5161

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Community Center Contacts

Community Maintenance Concerns

PCMI 281-870-0585

Clubhouse Rentals

Private Parties and Community Events
(Phyllis McFarland)..... 832-922-8031

Pool Company Contact

Texas Aquatic Enterprises, Inc. 713-416-5161
.....www.texasaquaticenterprises.com

Board Member Contact

PCMI 281-870-0585

Schools

Emmott Elementary.....	281-897-4500
Campbell Middle School.....	281-897-4300
Cy-Ridge High School.....	281-807-8000

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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.

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Cub Scouts Tree Ceremony



On May 22, both Cub Scout packs 1614 and 1624 from Emmott Elementary participated in a tree planting ceremony at the school playground. The tree was planted in honor of all the past, present, and future scouts as well as outgoing Principal Ms. Mary Ann Smith. Great job to all of the scouts for this dedication!!!

Enclosed in photo is 'Emmott 2nd grader and Cub Scout Luke Kitzmann fills in the hole to plant the tree.'

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE MAIL OR FAX TO: HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Attn: Vacation Watch

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BOND ELECTION RESULTS

At the May 8, 2010, election, 78% of voters (89 of 114) voted in favor of the HCMUD 168 Bond Referendum to finance and construct recreational facilities in the District. The Board of HCMUD 168 thanks all who voted in the election for their participation.

The passage of the Bond Referendum is the first step in authorizing the MUD to finance and construct recreational facilities in the community. Additional steps are required, such as designing the facilities, negotiation of contracts to allow construction of the facilities on land not owned by the MUD, and the sale of bonds. The MUD hopes to construct one new park, improve several existing neighborhood parks and build trails. Design of the first project, improvements at the Eldridge Road entrance to the district, is now underway and will require County approval.

Congrats Shane Huckins!



Steeplechase middle school student takes 1st in lake cities baseball tournament in Denton, Texas. Shane Huckins with the Texas Outlaws played in the Lake Cities Nations baseball event and brings home a first place trophy.

Shane and his team mates played 5 straight games with no loses to place first in this event. Texas Outlaws are a 12U select baseball team from right here in the Cy-Fair area.

We have a real winner in our wonderful Steeplechase community that has one proud Mommy. Way to go Shane I am so proud of you! Love Mommy

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Girl Scout Troop 15320 & 15322

On Tuesday, June 1, 2010, Girl Scout Troops 15320 & 15322, met at the Steeplechase bridge for their "bridging" ceremony. The first grade Daisies became Brownies, as they walked across the bridge and were greeted by the second grade Brownies.

After the bridging ceremony, each Brownie received their patches that they had earned throughout the year. Following was a celebration with snacks, juice and of course, brownies! The Brownies would like to thank their parents and grandparents for attending their special event. Special thanks to Ms. Janine and the other Co-Leader moms for a year well done!

Enclosed is a picture of the Brownies standing by the Steeplechase Bridge after "Bridging"

Bridging Patch Ceremony



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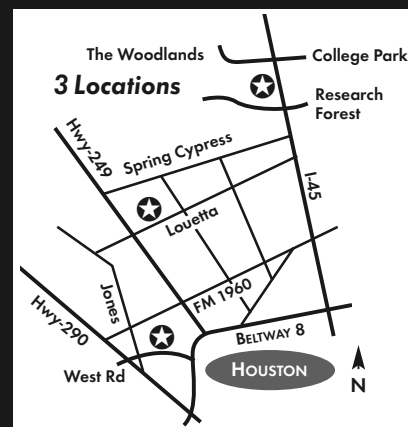


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Steeplechase Clean Up Day

We had our first annual Steeplechase clean up day on May 8th 2010. We had a great turn out, we picked up and cleaned a lot of trash, had fun with our neighbors and then went back to the club house and enjoyed good food with each other.

We want to thank each and every one that participated in this event.

Please continue to keep your property picked up at all times, we all want to be proud of our Steeplechase community. If you have any questions or concerns about our next clean up day please email

Niecy Moss @ Danniency@hal-pc.org or call 281-955-9336

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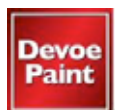


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Steeplechase Seahorse Water Aerobics

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DOG PARK COMING TO 1960

If you have ever taken your dog to a dog park you know how much fun they are for people and dogs. You probably also know there is not one in our neck of the woods. The nearest off leash public dog park is Bill Archer Park in the Bearcreek Park area on Hwy 6 near I-10. If you have not been to a dog park you may soon get a chance to do so here in our own back yard. The Houston Dog Park Association (HDPa) is proud to be partnering with sponsor Barks 5th Avenue, a pet care facility on 1960 near Jones Rd, to bring a public dog park to NW Houston. Public land next to the Barks 5th Avenue facility will be donated to HDPa to build a public dog park on. HDPa will also manage the dog park. Dog park land donations are tax deductible. The plan is in preliminary stages now and more details will be shared at the Kick Off and Fund Raising event to be held October 2nd in the parking lot of Barks 5th Avenue at 10620 FM 1960 West, Houston, TX 77070.

We will be announcing the event details on our web site soon but you can mark your calendar for Oct. 2nd now. Leashed pets will be invited to the event and we'll have lots of fun for people and doggies including a dog and car wash, frisbee dog demonstrations, doggie costume contest, and lots of local vendor tables with freebies and goodies to give away and win. We are seeking vendors and will also

need volunteers to help setup and work at the event from washing cars and dogs to entertainment and set up/clean up. Email kristen@barks5thave.com to get on the event list. You can donate to the NW area dog park construction fund right now on our web site under Programs via Paypal or you can donate at the event. HDPa has already raised over \$1000 for the NW area dog park. HDPa will be forming a "Friends of the NW Area Dog Park Committee" to help us plan and develop this new dog park. If you'd like to help us make this dream a reality for NW Houston dog owners email tiffany@houstondogpark.org to learn how you can help. HDPa is a 501c3 non-profit volunteer organization that advocates for dog parks and supports dog park patrons through education. Learn more about HDPa and what they are doing to support dog parks all around Houston at www.houstondogpark.org.

For a map of all the dog parks around Houston visit www.HoustonDogPark.org. See you at the dog park!

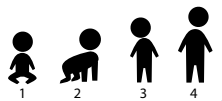


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FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DROWNING

Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury-related death in children ages 1-4



DROWNING WILL AFFECT YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW

Drowning is the 2nd leading cause of unintentional injury-related death ages 1-14.

For more information, check out our website at

www.colinshope.org

DROWNING CAN STILL OCCUR EVEN IF YOU KNOW HOW TO SWIM

NO ONE is "drown proof" – no matter their level of swimming ability.

Falls, entrapments, and injuries lead to drowning regardless of swimming level.

A majority of people overestimate their own and their child's ability to swim, especially in a panic event.

DROWNING IS QUICK AND SILENT



Drowning occurs in as little as 2 minutes.



Irreversible brain damage occurs in as little as 4 minutes.



Most children are out of sight or missing for less than 5 minutes and usually in the presence of 1 or both parents.

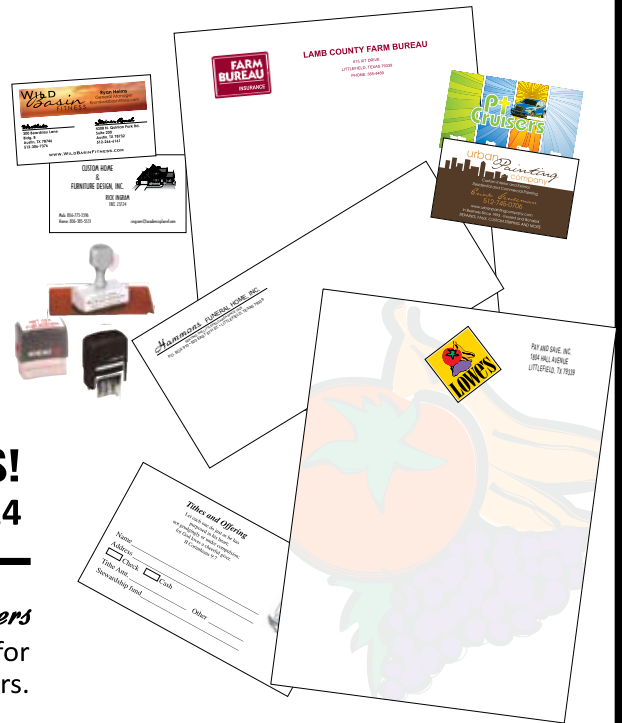


Most children die who are submerged for as little as 6-10 minutes.

Children who drown do not **scream, splash, or struggle**. They silently slip beneath the water, even with adults & lifeguards present.

LONE STAR COLLEGE-CYFAIR PERSPECTIVE

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Lone Star College - (Continued from Page 12)

Library Summer Reading Program Under Way

The Harris County Public Library Lone Star College-CyFair Branch offers a Summer Reading Program for children and adults. A variety of monthly book clubs for all ages are available as well as plenty of programs and activities. Among the July children activities, set at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. in the College Center, are the HCPL Variety Show July 14; Roly the Clown July 21 and Thomas the Snake Guy July 28. Go online to LoneStar.edu/library for information.

Just for Teens: Dual Credit, Driver's Education, Discovery College, Library Programs

Lone Star College offers several summer programs for teens. Earn high school and college credit simultaneously while experience college life with Dual Credit classes starting July 15 held at LSC-CyFair. Go to LoneStar.edu/jumpstart-cyfair. Summer driver's education courses for teens ages 15 to 17 are available starting July 6 and again Aug. 2. Go to LoneStar.edu/drivers-ed-ce. Discovery College summer camp for ages 6 to 14 is available through Aug. 6. Go to LoneStar.edu/youth-classes-cyfair. To find out about book clubs, SAT practice exams, Wii, baseball carnival and more library programs, call the teen librarian at 281.290.5248.

L.I.F.E. Lessons in July

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 June include "A Former Disk Jockey Reveals it All!" July 7; "It's Bastille Day!" July 14; "Playing in the Shadows: Negro Leagues in Texas" July 21; and "Empanadas of Argentina" July 28. Call the library at 281.290.3214 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to LoneStar.edu/library.

New Student Orientations Continue

Take a tour, learn about campus programs, meet with an advisor, choose a schedule and register for summer and fall classes. Free sessions set through August for new, transfer and non-traditional students as well as family and veterans orientations. Space is limited so pre-register online LoneStar.edu/cyfair-orientation. Call 281.290.3430 or e-mail cfoutreach@lonestar.edu.

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For your information, if you wait until you are contacted by the attorney you will incur the additional costs for collecting the maintenance fees owed. Here are some of the costs from the attorney regarding collection of dues:

LIEN ON PROPERTY	\$200.00
INITIAL DEMAND LETTER	\$120.00
FINAL DEMAND LETTER	\$100.00 (Hand delivered and taped to front door)
PAYMENT PLAN	\$125.00 (<i>Approved by Board and Attorney monitored</i>)
Preparation and filing	\$750.00 (APPROXIMATELY)
Preparation and filing	\$1000.00 (APPROXIMATELY)
Discovery and trial	\$2,500.00 (APPROXIMATELY)

All litigations costs are billed at an hourly rate and may be more depending on the actions taken by the owner. The total calculated for attorney fees listed only \$4,795. This does not include your maintenance fees or interest accruing each month. When one homeowner does not pay their fees, it costs all of us in the community.

Maintenance fees pay for our street lights, landscaping and mowing of all the entrances, green belts, and green spaces, park maintenance, security deputies, pool and clubhouse maintenance, neighborhood upkeep and improvements, community management, insurance, and much more.

Every homeowner has a responsibility to their neighbor and the community to pay their maintenance fees.

Next Open Residents Meeting: Monday, August 2, 2010 at 7 pm Steeplechase Clubhouse

We Can't Expect Law Enforcement To Protect Us From Our Own Stupidity

On a daily basis, the dedicated Harris County Sheriff's Department (HCSO) works in reactive mode. Day-in day-out they respond to citizen calls, accidents, alarms – you name it, they are responding to it – it's their job. HSCO is expected to respond swiftly and this means they must rely on citizens to be proactive – this includes a list of very simple yet important common sense items that every resident of Steeplechase is responsible for.

- Outdoor lighting. The front of your home should be lit at night. Front doors lights should be turned on from dusk to dawn. Additional exterior lighting operated by motion sensor is highly recommended for your garage and back door.
- House number should be clearly visible on both your home and curb.
- Garage doors should be closed at night.
- Vehicle doors should be locked and valuable items removed.
- Landscaping should be maintained. Overgrown bushes offer excellent hiding spots.
- All entry doors and windows should be locked.
- If you have an alarm system, it should be engaged and a sign or decal present.
- Crime watch and 'No Soliciting' decals should be present in window by front door.
- 'Vacation' forms should be on file with HSCO when you are away.

These are easy items to accomplish and maintain. They serve to deter criminal activity and assist law enforcement. If HSCO is called to your residence or even a neighbor's, addresses are easily identifiable removing guesswork and saving valuable time. Again, WE CAN'T EXPECT LAW ENFORCEMENT TO PROTECT US FROM OUR OWN STUPIDITY. Securing our homes and being smart, safe and informed is important to our own wellbeing as well as our neighbors.

Lynn Cirillo

Steeplechase Security Coordinator

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