



# 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!*

**08/02/10:**

Steeplechase Open  
Residents Meeting  
w/Special Guest HCSO

**08/23, 9/27, 10/25**

Steeplechase Resident's  
Happy Hour  
at Backyard Grill

**11/01/10:**

Steeplechase Open  
Residents Meeting

### *Newsletter Deadline Change*

The deadline for submitting  
articles for the September  
newsletter will be August 7,  
2010. Please send all articles  
and photos to: [newsletter@steeplechasetx.com](mailto:newsletter@steeplechasetx.com)

## STEEPLECHASE SEAHORSE WATER AEROBICS



Our neighborhood water aerobics classes are going on right now until Sept. 2010

The full schedule is listed on our web site at [www.steeplechasetx.com](http://www.steeplechasetx.com)

For more information call Niecy Moss at 281-955-9336 or email [danniecy@hal-pc.org](mailto:danniecy@hal-pc.org)

## STEEPLECHASE PROJECT MANAGER

The Board of Directors announced that Joanne Williams, CCAM, CMCA, AMS of Planned Community Management, Inc. has been selected to manage the newly formed Steeplechase Master Association following the merger.

Ms. Williams has managed community associations since 1991 in San Diego, Palm Springs and in the Houston area including several master associations. She has obtained the California Community Association Manager designation, the Certified Manager of Community Associations and the Accredited Manager Specialist designations through Community Association Institute.

Please contact Ms. Williams at 281.870.0585 or by email at [jcwilliams@stes.com](mailto:jcwilliams@stes.com)

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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
<a href="http://cnp.centerpointenergy.com/outage">http://cnp.centerpointenergy.com/outage</a>	
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  
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### Board Member Contact

PCMI ..... 281-870-0585

## Schools

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Cy-Ridge High School.....	281-807-8000

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## Steeplechase Board of Directors

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James Clarke	Greg Fredericks	Maurice Amidei
	Tricia Winters	

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
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Pool	Clubhouse
Playground	Tennis

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Greg Riddle, Owner

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When it comes to exterior home maintenance, a common issue is mold and mildew. These natural contaminants will grow on just about anything with the right amount of shade and moisture like the north facing side of your home or roof. Mildew and mold, will appear on vinyl siding, shingle roofs, wood, concrete, and many other surfaces. But it can be cleaned with proper mold and mildew cleaning methods.

Proper methods for cleaning mold and mildew combined with the proper mold cleaners will not only remove mold and mildew but kills them as well. When mold and mildew cleaning consists of using only water pressure, it's only temporary and will grow back quickly.

The goal is to properly remove the mold and mildew on the exterior of your home and to kill the stains down deep so they don't grow back anytime soon. Cleaning mold and mildew from your home's surfaces will ensure their beauty, longevity, and value. Regular maintenance and properly removing mold and mildew are great ways of protecting your largest investment.

## STARTING POINT COMING IN SEPTEMBER

We all need a place to start. Some need a place to start over again. That is where Starting Point: Finding Your Place in the Story comes in. Starting Point is a conversational environment where people can explore faith and experience community. Starting Point is a safe place for people with questions about faith, as well as those who want to learn about the Bible and Christianity. It is open to people of all faith backgrounds or no faith background. There will never be any pressure to join a church. Starting Point is being hosted by Messiah Lutheran Church, beginning on Sunday, September 12 at 9:15 am, meeting for one hour. Messiah Lutheran Church is a grace place, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Messiah is located at 11522 Telge Road, ½ mile north of Highway 290. Regular worship times are at 8 and 10:30 AM on Sundays. The Education Hour is 9:15-10:15 AM on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or [www.messiahlc.org](http://www.messiahlc.org). All people are welcome at Messiah.

### *Next Open Residents Meeting:*

Monday, August 2, 2010 at 7 pm in the Steeplechase Clubhouse

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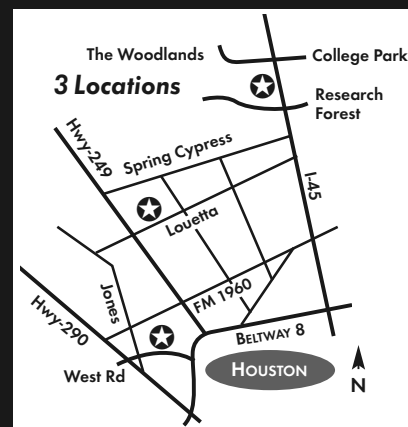


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## Lone Star College-CyFair “Perspective”

**Pride and Passion: The African-American Baseball Experience ends Aug. 27-** How much do you know about the impact African-American baseball players made on America's favorite pastime? Find out at the Pride and Passion: The African-American Baseball Experience, a new traveling exhibition on display through Aug. 27 at Lone Star College-CyFair. One of the August library events is a Players Day at the Exhibition with a meet and greet format set Aug. 10. For a full schedule of activities and information, go to [LoneStar.edu/library/prideandpassion](http://LoneStar.edu/library/prideandpassion) or call 281.290.5276.

**Courses for Ages 50 and Better Available** - The Academy for Lifelong Learning (A.L.L.) at Lone Star College-CyFair offers adults, 50 years and older, leisure classes, lectures and informal activities. A.L.L. class fall registration will be held 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 28 in the Conference Center. The fall session will include a diverse set of classes in areas such as gardening, travel, history, health care, photography, woodwork, art and many others. A.L.L. has an annual membership fee of \$20 (September 2010-August 2011), which entitles members to student discounts, and the use of the college's fitness center. Join A.L.L. for a great experience with like-minded people for whom learning has never gone out of style. For information, call the Continuing Education office at

281.290.3460 or go to [LoneStar.edu/cyfair-all](http://LoneStar.edu/cyfair-all).

**It's not too late to register for Fall** - Fall registration continues at Lone Star College-CyFair and Lone Star College-Fairbanks Center. Workforce certificates, 2-year degrees and more are available. Choose day, evening, weekend or online classes. Weekday classes start Aug. 30. Weekend classes start Sept. 10-12. Call 281.290.3200 or 832.782.5000 for information; go online to [LoneStar.edu](http://LoneStar.edu); or visit one of our conveniently located campuses at 9191 Barker Cypress or 14955 Northwest Freeway.

**New Student Orientations and Free Premeire Day** - Take a tour, learn about campus programs, meet with an advisor, choose a schedule and register for summer and fall classes. Free sessions continue through August for new, transfer and non-traditional students as well as family orientations. Space is limited so pre-register online [LoneStar.edu/cyfair-orientation](http://LoneStar.edu/cyfair-orientation). Call 281.290.3430 or e-mail [cfoutreach@lonestar.edu](mailto:cfoutreach@lonestar.edu). The Student Activities Department will host a free Premeire Day Aug. 27 for new students with an overview of campus resources and services, “campus secrets”, motivational keynote, prizes and more. RSVP to [cfstudentactivities@lonestar.edu](mailto:cfstudentactivities@lonestar.edu) by Aug. 18. Call 281.290.3270 for information.

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**L.I.F.E. Lessons in August** - 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 August include "Cypress Once Had a Rodeo and a Hot Artesian Well!" Aug. 4; "If it Ain't Got That Swing" Aug. 11; "Touring Taste of Dance Salad Festival" Aug. 18 and "An Unexamined Life" Aug. 25. Call the library at 281.290.3214 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to [LoneStar.edu/library](http://LoneStar.edu/library).

**LSC-CyFair Opens New Video Production Classes!** Professor David Potts is teaching three new courses for those interested in video production. Learn to direct your own multi-camera video program in our four camera, fully-equipped television studio in RTVB 1325 TV Studio Production; use computers with the latest software to edit your digital videos in the introductory course ARTV 1351 Digital Video; and create your own independent video from start to finish using professional video equipment in IMED 1391 ST: Media Design.

For information on these classes call 281.290.3292. Fall classes start Aug. 30 so register now at [lonestar.edu/registration](http://lonestar.edu/registration).

## 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.**

## Personal Classified

**FOR SALE** - best offer received by end of August: Large queen size bedroom set with dresser& mirror. Bed has four pieces plus 2-section mirror for the headboard, which is ten feet across. Heavy wood entertainment center with glass door on one side to hold DVDs. Send inquiries to [janetsd@yahoo.com](mailto:janetsd@yahoo.com).

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## Harris County Sheriff's Department District V Vacation Watch

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE LEAVING: \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM DATE RETURNING: \_\_\_\_\_ AM / PM

VEHICLES: \_\_\_\_\_

COLOR	YEAR	MAKE / MODEL	LICENSE #	DRIVEWAY / GARAGE
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		/		<input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>

LIGHTS LEFT ON ☐ YES / ☐ NO  
IF YES, WHAT ROOM LOCATIONS:

TIMER ON LIGHTS ☐ YES / ☐ NO

ALARM: ☐ YES / ☐ NO PETS: ☐ YES / ☐ NO TYPE:  
WHERE: ☐ INSIDE ☐ OUTSIDE ☐ GARAGE

EMERGENCY CONTACTS: (Include phone #'s and at least one key holder with alarm codes if alarm is set)

NAME	PHONE #	KEY HOLDER	ALARM CODES
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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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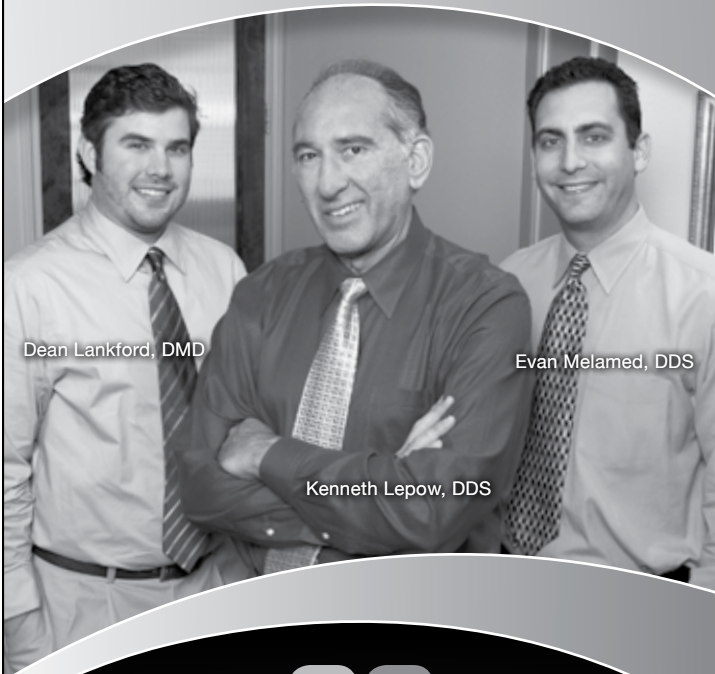
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(DOB: 10/1996)

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Jessica likes to color, draw, sing and make jewelry. She also enjoys reading as well. Jessica is involved in basketball and track at school and plans to play volleyball in the fall. Jessica loves animals and has recently raised a rabbit through Future Farmers of America (FFA) at her school.

Jessica's forever family needs to be patient and committed to parenting a teenage girl. Jessica would like a family that lives in the country and prefers to be any only child. Jessica needs to have a family to love her unconditionally; make her feel secure and encourage her and help her become more self-confident. *For more information contact the Adoption Coalition of Texas at 512-687-3208*

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*Steeplechase's  
Newest  
'Lil BaBees*

Steeplechase resident, Carol Carrasco has a new granddaughter. Alyssa Grace Hernandez was born on June 12 at Willowbrook Methodist Hospital. She is the daughter of Jessica Carrasco Hernandez (formerly of Steeplechase) and Shawn W. Hernandez.

## 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.steeplechasets.com](http://www.steeplechasets.com) for more information and to register, or email [SteeplechaseSecurity@gmail.com](mailto:SteeplechaseSecurity@gmail.com).



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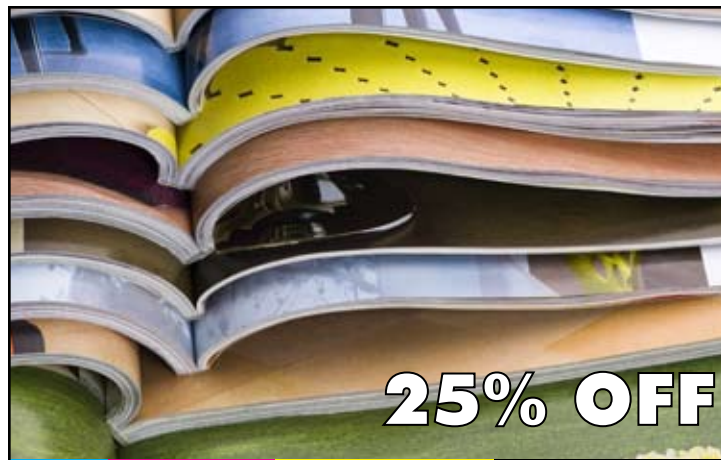
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## COMPUTING 101: KEEPING UP TO DATE

Keeping your computer up to date is the single best way to avoid problems caused by viruses, hackers and just misbehaving software. So what do you need to do to keep your system current? Well, actually not very much. Your key programs will tell you when they need to be updated.

Most important is your operating system. Both Windows and the Mac regularly check for any updates that are needed. Microsoft usually saves its updates for the 2nd Tuesday of each month, but sometimes a critical security update will be pushed earlier than that. It is VERY important that when you get a notice on your Mac or you see the little yellow shield in the lower right corner of your PC that you allow those updates to install. The updates may be to fix bugs that make your system run better, but they may also be to plug holes that the bad guys have discovered as a way to gain access to your computer. Last month I mentioned that Microsoft was ending support for Windows 2000 and Windows XP (with Service Pack 2.) If you're still using Windows XP, right-click on "My Computer" and select "Properties" to check your installation. You need to be running Service Pack 3 to continue getting updates from Microsoft. If you're on a Mac, Apple may soon stop updating "Tiger" (OSX 10.4), and Mozilla (the ones who make the Firefox browser) has already said they will no longer support Tiger.

If your anti-virus software is not updating because it's expired or just not working right, either renew it or fix it. There are good free products available like Microsoft Security Essentials, AVG, Avast and others for the PC. There's no reason not to have basic protection on your computer. Mac's are pretty secure from viruses because nobody bothers with them. The famous bank robber from the early 1930's Willie Sutton was once asked "Why do you rob banks?" He simply replied "Because that's where the money is." With Windows machine about 90% of the market, that's where the bad guys go for the money.

So the browsers (the program you use to get on the Internet) are next in line for updating. It doesn't matter if you use Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari, Chrome or some other browser, this is a major avenue of attack for the bad guys because they are out there just waiting for you to come to them. If you click on "Help" or "About" in your browser you'll see what version you are using. If

you are using Internet Explorer 6, RUN, don't walk to your computer and download IE8. IE7 users should update also. The latest Firefox version as of this writing is 3.6.6. I still find people using Firefox 2.x. It's time to update! Version 4 is now in beta testing and should be out soon. The latest version of Safari is now 5.0 and is available at [apple.com](http://apple.com). Google Chrome versions vary depending on what operating system you're on, but if you use Chrome, you're probably geeky enough already to keep it current.

Adobe is one of the worst offenders in keeping you secure. Both Acrobat Reader (for .pdf files) and Flash (for viewing most online videos and animation) constantly are found to have significant problems and Adobe is often slow to correct them. You should go to [www.adobe.com/downloads](http://www.adobe.com/downloads) to download the latest versions of Reader and Flash.

Now that your system is completely up to date, don't get complacent or a false sense of security, if you're careless on the Internet or with your email, you can still get bit. Take all the precautions you want, if you decide to walk down a dark alley in New York in the middle of the night, you still might find yourself in trouble.

So be smart, keep your computer up to date and enjoy all the goodness your computer and the Internet can bring you (and stay out of the dark alleys.)

**SUBMITTED BY LAURIE SCOTT**

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