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## NEWSLETTER



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

### Safety Corner Tip of the Month

#### EDUCATE YOUR KIDS

Unfortunately no neighborhood is completely immune to crime. However, there are steps you can take to help keep your family and your neighborhood safe.

- Know where your children are. Have your children tell you or ask permission before leaving the house and give them a time to check in or be home. When possible, have them leave a phone number of where they will be.
- Help children learn important phone numbers. Have your children practice reciting their home phone number and address, and your work and cell phone numbers. If they have trouble memorizing these, write them down on a card and have them carry it at all times. Tell your children where you will be and the best way to reach you.
- Set limits on where your children can go in your neighborhood. Do you want them crossing busier roads? Playing in the road or bayou? Are there certain homes in your neighborhood that you don't want your children to go to?
- Get to know your children's friends. Meet their parents before letting your children to go to their home and keep a list of their phone numbers. If you can't meet their parents, call and talk to them. Ask what your children might do at their house and if they will be supervised.
- Choose a safe house in your neighborhood. Pick a neighbor's house where your children can go if they need help.
- Teach children to settle arguments with words, not fists. Role-play talking out problems, walking away from fist fights, and what to do when confronted with bullies. Remind them that taunting and teasing can hurt friends and make enemies.
- Work together with your neighbors. Watch out for suspicious and unusual behavior in your neighborhood. Get to know your neighbors and their children so you can look out for one another.

*Lynn Cirillo, Steeplechase Security Coordinator*

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***Steeplechase Safety & Security***

### Save The Date

MARK YOUR CALENDAR'S FOR THE FOLLOWING

#### Steeplechase Events

- 04|03|12..... **SCIA Board Meeting**  
Open to Resident's @ 7pm Steeplechase Clubhouse
- 05|08|12..... **Open Resident's Meeting**  
@ 7pm Steeplechase Clubhouse
- 06|05|12..... **SCIA Board Meeting**  
Open to Resident's @ 7pm Steeplechase Clubhouse
- 07|03|12..... **SCIA Board Meeting**  
Open to Resident's @ 7pm Steeplechase Clubhouse
- 08|07|12..... **Open Resident's Meeting**  
@ 7pm Steeplechase Clubhouse
- 08|07|12..... **National Night Out**
- 09|04|12..... **SCIA Board Meeting**  
Open to Resident's @ 7pm Steeplechase Clubhouse
- 10|02|12..... **SCIA Board Meeting**  
Open to Resident's @ 7pm Steeplechase Clubhouse
- 10|02|12..... **Texas Night Out**
- 11|06|12..... **Open Resident's Meeting**  
@ 7pm Steeplechase Clubhouse
- 12|04|12..... **SCIA Board Meeting**  
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## Happy St. Patrick's Day!

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## IMPORTANT Telephone Numbers



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Sheriff's Dept.....	713-221-6000
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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 (CMC) .....	281-586-1700
Water/Sewer .....	713-405-1750
Architectural Control (CMC).....	281-586-1700
Trash Pick-up (Best Trash, LLC) (Wed. & Sat.) .....	281-313-BEST
Harris Co. Pct. 4 Road Maintenance .....	281-353-8424
Harris Co. MUD #168.....	hcmud168board@gmail.com
Community Events.....	281-469-CLUB
Clubhouse Rentals: Private Parties and Community Events (Phyllis McFarland).....	832-922-8030
Traffic Initiative .....	281-290-2100
Private Pool Parties .....	713-416-5161

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## Community Center Contacts

### Community Maintenance Concerns

Chaparral Management Company .....	281-586-1700
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### Clubhouse Rentals

Private Parties and Community Events (Phyllis McFarland).....	832-922-8030
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### Pool Company Contact

Texas Aquatic Enterprises, Inc. ....	713-416-5161
.....	<a href="http://www.texasaquaticenterprises.com">www.texasaquaticenterprises.com</a>

### Board Member Contact

Chaparral Management Company .....	281-586-1700
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## Schools

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

## Want to Help Steeplechase Go Green?

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## Steeplechase Information Line:

For all non-security issues email:  
[cmc@chaparralmanagement.com](mailto:cmc@chaparralmanagement.com)

## Steeplechase Community Improvement Association Board of Directors

Maurice Amidei	Robert Kaechler	Nace Peard
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If you need to contact a Director, please contact  
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## Neighbor to Neighbor

You can change the experience you have in your own neighborhood by getting more involved with those around you and taking pride in the area in which you live. The following is a new article that will appear monthly to publish friendly neighborhood notes and reminders submitted by readers. Your own Neighbor to Neighbor note can be emailed to Newsletter@SteeplechaseTX.com.

*(Note: Editor reserves the right to edit notes for length and to maintain tone of friendliness. No names or addresses will be published.)*

**Dear Neighbor,**

Roses are Red and violets will one day go grey. Please refrain from parking one of your several vehicles behind my driveway! It's only common courtesy and makes good sense. Not only will you be a better neighbor, one of your several vehicles will not keep getting dents!! Thank you!

**Dear Neighbor,**

I wanted to sincerely thank you for the time and effort you put into the upkeep of your yard. No matter what the season, your yard always looks beautiful. I enjoy your landscaping and your flowers so much. Your yard challenges me to try and keep mine looking nice too. I deeply appreciate your contribution to our community, and to maintaining our property values. I am so glad you are my neighbor!

**Dear Neighbor,**

Please be a responsible, considerate neighbor and keep your pets in your own yard. Did you know that the Harris County leash law applies to cats too? You let your cat roam free into my yard and it uses my flower beds as a litter box. When I go out to work in my flower beds, I am confronted with your cats refuse. The subdivision rules say that cats are not to be allowed to roam free. Thank you in advance for your attention to this.

**Dear Neighbor,**

It would be so wonderful to be able to drive through the neighborhood without having to stop every few houses due to cars parked on the street. This issue makes it not only inconvenient but also dangerous for drivers as well as children who may be playing in yards. We all know how kids tend to dart out in the street without thinking. It's a lot more difficult to keep a good eye out for this when there are cars parked on the street obstructing a good portion of our view. Please be considerate of your neighbors and park your autos on your own property and not in the street which is meant for moving vehicles. Thank you.

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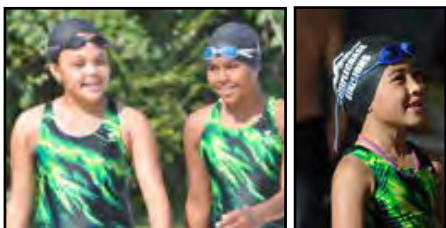


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## Register to join our Steeplechase Stallions Swim Team



Our swim team is growing in numbers and skills! Every season, our swimmers flourish and thrive with the support of their peers, families, and our community. If you're under 18, not afraid of water, want to be part of our team, or just a little curious, come see what it's all about! If you're interested, but just not sure.... Come to our "Pony Clinic".

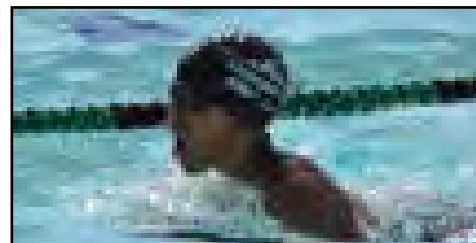
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Visit our website [www.steeplechasestallionsswimteam.com](http://www.steeplechasestallionsswimteam.com)



*We're always recruiting new swimmers!*



### REGISTRATION DATES

Saturday 3/17/12..... 2-4 pm

Saturday 3/24/12..... 2-4 pm

Saturday 3/31/12..... 2-4 pm

Saturday 4/7/12..... 2-4 pm

Tuesday 4/10/12..... 6-9 pm

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## COME CELEBRATE EASTER WEEKEND WITH US!

This year, the Stallions Swim Team will host Steeplechase's annual Easter Egg Hunt. We look forward to seeing you at the clubhouse courtyard on **April 7th from 10 am - 2 pm**. Join us for a fun day of face painting, a bounce house, and special appearances from the Easter Bunny himself! Visit our website for more details [www.steeplechasetx.com](http://www.steeplechasetx.com)



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## Steeplechase 'Fung Shui' Day

*Meaning of 'Fung Shui'- An ancient Chinese art that seeks to restore the balance of vital energies in the environment. Join us as we come together to tidy up our community.*

**Date:** Saturday March 10, 2012

**Time:** 8:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

**Place:** Steeplechase Club house  
11250 Steepleway Blvd.

We will have lunch at the club house for the volunteers at 12:00 P.M. If you can not make the date or time please make time for picking up your area or street anytime. We still need volunteers to cook and serve food and volunteers to help lead groups through the neighborhood. This is a great way to help protect our investments get some exercise, have fun and meet new neighbors. You can receive community service hours if you belong to an organization that requires them. You will need to bring gloves, a few trash bags, and water. **For more information call Niecy Moss at 281-955-9336**

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## Eggstravaganza Market

Wednesday, March 28, 2012

10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Klein United Methodist church  
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### Free Spring Business Success Seminars Series Set For Tuesdays

The Business Success Seminars are back with a free spring series on a new day - Tuesdays. Topics are: “Intergenerational Marketing” March 6; “Facebook Essentials for Business” March 20 (in the library computer lab), “Breakthrough Goal-Setting Strategies” March 27 and “QuickBooks for Small Business” April 3. Seminars are held Tuesdays from 7:45 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. in library room 131 (unless otherwise noted) on the campus at 9191 Barker Cypress. No sign up is required and there will be door prizes. Sponsoring this series are the Small Business Development Center and the Lone Star College-CyFair Branch Library. For information, go to [LoneStar.edu/library/business-seminars](http://LoneStar.edu/library/business-seminars) or call 281.290.3214 or 832.482.1057.

### Save-the-date open house and scholarship notices

Lone Star College-CyFair's Open House, set 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. March 31, will feature an academic fair with representatives from the academic and workforce programs, presentations on admissions, advising, testing and financial aid as well as free refreshments and campus tours. Check in at the College Center building at 9191 Barker Cypress. Go

to [LoneStar.edu/openhouse](http://LoneStar.edu/openhouse) for information. Many scholarship opportunities with varying requirements and award amounts are available at LSC-CyFair. The scholarship application deadline for the fall semester is April 1. Go to [LoneStar.edu/scholarships-cyfair](http://LoneStar.edu/scholarships-cyfair) for information.

### Look What's on Stage and in the Gallery

In the Bosque Gallery, “Fotofest” featuring the art of former faculty member, Frank Codispoti, who was an avid amateur photographer, will be on display March 20 through April 5 with a closing reception at 4:30 p.m. April 5. For gallery information, go to [LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery](http://LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery). On stage, enjoy “jazzNCompany” featuring the college's jazz and guitar ensembles March 28 and a heartbroken love story from Qing Dynasty of China with the music department's “A Dream of Red Mansions” World Music Series event on March 31. For event information, go to [LoneStar.edu/boxoffice](http://LoneStar.edu/boxoffice).

### Jump Start College Career

Learn How at Dual Credit Information Sessions High school juniors and seniors can earn high school and college credit NOW! The classes offered are transferable to most public universities and colleges. Tuition is free, though some fees do apply. LSC-CyFair is hosting information sessions for 10th- through 12th-graders and their parents April 4 and April 10 at LSC-CyFair. For information, e-mail [cfcinfo@lonestar.edu](mailto:cfcinfo@lonestar.edu) or go to [LoneStar.edu/dualcredit](http://LoneStar.edu/dualcredit).

### 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 “Square Foot Gardening” March 7; “Genealogy Virtual Vacation” March 21 and “eReader Rodeo and Roundup” March 28. There will be no workshop March 14 due to Spring Break Call the library at 281.290.3214 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to [LoneStar.edu](http://LoneStar.edu).

## DEED RESTRICTION INSPECTION

Chaparral conducted the first deed restriction detailed inspection of the community during January. This inspection revealed the many positive elements about the community, along with a number of issues we will be working with you and your Board of Directors to resolve.

**Common Areas & Reserves:** Many areas are well maintained while others need some attention. The Board will be working on a plan to improve those areas in the near future. **Homes & Yards:** The vast majority of homeowners within the community take pride in their property and it shows. On the other end of the spectrum, there are a number of abandon and neglected home who have not addressed the maintenance needs on their properties. Please recognize it is important for everyone to take pride and maintain their homes, including basketball goals, mailboxes, lawns, curbs, etc. trailers and inoperable vehicles need to be stored out of sight and/or out of the community. It is our experience that when the community will accept neglect of this sort of maintenance, the community begins to lose its appeal; therefore, we will be addressing these issues on every inspection. Please take a critical look at your property, and with this good weather, spend some time to repair the small items to avoid receiving letters. Small clean up and repairs can make a major difference in the community.

We also saw several instances where more important maintenance to the home is required, repairs such as rotten wood, damaged garage doors, trim that needs replaced, shutters that need repaired and/or painted. Taking care of these maintenance issues on your home will protect your property values and the overall values of the community.

There are a large number of dead shrubs, yards and trees in the community. Please take steps to remove the dead trees from your property and their stumps before they decay and fall on your or a nearby home. If you don't have the funds to replace the dead shrubs, please remove them.

We encourage you to call us with related questions about your community, and look forward to our monthly inspections to see corrective action being taken for the overall improvement of the community. Let us know how we can help you, please keep our contact information handy:

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**Chaparral Email -**

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