



Steeplechase

NEWSLETTER



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

News from the SCIA Annual Meeting

Thanks to everyone for voting! We had a quorum and a good turn out at our annual meeting of the members on February 21, 2012. Elected for three year terms were Maurice Amidei, Robert Kaechler and Mike Young. The SCIA Board met on March 6, 2012 and elected officers as follows:

President..... Nace Peard
Vice President..... Mike Cirillo
Secretary..... Virginia Kelley
Treasurer..... Bill Kuschmeider

We also had three residents win the \$100 door prize for turning in their proxies, thanks to everyone that voted and congratulations to Dustin Wenzel, Timothy Maywald and Virginia Kelley.

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Safety Corner Tip of the Month BURGLARY PREVENTION

- Lock all windows. A window bar which won't allow the window to open, even if the glass is broken, can be inexpensively installed at the side of all sliding windows. If possible, install double pane windows as these are difficult to smash.
- Lock your vehicle doors and truck tailgate. Most folks keep their garage door opener in their vehicle – this is an easy in to your home and/or garage – keep your garage door opener secure.
- Put a padlock on all gates.
- Install long, heavy deadbolts on all outside doors.
- Install a bar on any sliding glass doors.
- Make sure that the rope from your garage door opener is too short to "fish" from outside the garage door.
- Apply for architectural control permission to add a rot board to your fence, thereby raising the height of the fence.
- Get a digital meter for your electricity so that you do not have any "contract employees" walking into your back yard to read the meter. This way, you will be able to keep your gate locked.
- Plantings adjacent to fences should include very bushy ones (bamboo, etc) and prickly ones (Hawthorn, etc) As these grow, the plants discourage people from climbing into your yard. Here is a link to thorny bushes which you might consider during this planting season: <http://www.csoonline.com/article/221247/thorny-solutions-bushes-and-other-plants-that-deter-trespassing>
- Talk to your neighbors. Find out who is at home during the day. Ask them to watch for suspicious people and call the Sheriff's Office at 713 221 6000 to report suspicious persons. The call taker will pass the message along to dispatch which will relay this information to our deputy or one who is close by if our deputy is not working at the time. If a call taker questions you about what is suspicious, simply tell them the person doesn't live there, is ringing doorbells, carrying a back pack, checking gates, etc.....whatever the reason. If the call taker pursues this beyond your answer, simply ask them to dispatch the call and ask for their name and what time they are showing. These call takers have been trained to take the call, get the information and put it into the computer. They are not police officers. They must, by law, dispatch your call.

I realize the hold for 713 221 6000 is sometimes a long one. However, Crime in your neighborhood should be on your priority list. So, please call it in. If there is a crime in progress, CALL 9-1-1.

*A nosy neighbor is the best friend you have when fighting crime.
Lynn Cirillo, Steeplechase Security Coordinator*

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Post Office.....	713-937-6827
Steeplechase Community Center.....	281-469-CLUB
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Water/Sewer.....	713-405-1750
Architectural Control (CMC).....	281-586-1700
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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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For all non-security issues email:
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Steeplechase Community Improvement Association Board of Directors

Maurice Amidei	Robert Kaechler	Nace Peard
Michael Cirillo	Virginia Kelley	Wade Wnuk
James Clarke	Bill Kuschmeider	Mike Young

If you need to contact a Director, please contact
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- 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**
Open to Resident's @ 7pm Steeplechase Clubhouse

Butterfly Festival Fun for Family

Messiah Lutheran Church is hosting its annual Butterfly Family Festival on Sunday, April 22, 12-3:00 PM at 11522 Telge Road in Cypress. The event will include a barbecue lunch, a silent auction, a raffle, a live butterfly release, and games and activities for all ages. Raffle items include an iPad 2 and other popular electronics. The silent auction includes great items, large and small.

There will be lots of free activities, including two free shows with a professional puppeteer and a chance to meet a clown and her friend (pictured)! This year there will be an opportunity to view Messiah's staff locked in combat via sumo wrestling, and even participate if you choose!

The day's events will benefit Chrysalis, A Grace Place for Children, featuring a Christian preschool, after school, and summer camp programs. Chrysalis Christian Preschool admits students of any race, color, and national or ethnic origin. Bring the whole family to see the butterfly release, eat some great food, and have some fun! Craft booths are invited. Call 281-807-0764 or go to www.messiahlc.org for further information.

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 Sunday worship times are: 8 am—Traditions; 9:30 am—The Gathering; and 10:45 am—The Crossing. The Discovery (education) Hour is 9:15-10:15 AM on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or www.messiahlc.org. All people are welcome at Messiah.



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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,

In response to cars on the street: I park on the street because I love my kids and my pets. I understand that when you drive down my street you are in a hurry. You are in a hurry to get to work, to get to school, to get home, to beat curfew, to get to Walmart or Target or wherever. But my kids play on my street. People walk their dogs on my street. The county will not lower the speed limit and they will not install speed bumps because it will also slow down the emergency vehicles. I park on the street to slow the traffic down. I park on the street because I love my kids and my pets. Thank you!

Dear Neighbor,

I would appreciate it if you would please return my "3", yes THREE, garden flag holders you took from my front yard. Thank you though for leaving the flags, as one of those flags was made by my son in art class. I am not really sure why someone would think

it is ok to do this type of thing. I now feel as though I can not put anything of value in my front yard. If you do not return them, I do hope you are enjoying them.

Dear Neighbor,

I cannot understand how you walk out your door each day and do not notice how bad your yard looks when you have not mowed. There are several homes on corner lots that do not take care of their yards properly. This is an embarrassment to our neighborhood and it is embarrassing for me to have guests that see this. There are some who mow every once in a while and then do not fully clean up the street and sidewalk on their property. Please do not think your neighbors do not notice. If you do not want this chore please consider a lawn service. We have fliers and cards put on our doors all the time for this type of service. Please mow your Yard! Thanks!

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Dear Neighbor,

When your dog poops in your neighbors' yard, please be prepared to pick up the mess. It is your dog; if you don't want to pick it up, what makes you think your neighbors do?

Thank you.

For more Neighbor to Neighbor notes, LIKE us on Facebook: Steeplechase Community.

Cypress United Methodist Church Donates Thousands to Local School

\$8K to Go Toward

Adam Elementary's (Cy-Fair ISD)

Running Track

People normally think of church as a place that accepts donations, but this week Cypress United Methodist Church is giving a donation of \$8,000 to Adam Elementary School to be used to complete their running track. The check presentation ceremony was Wednesday, February, 29, at 11:30 a.m. at Adam Elementary, 11303 Honeygrove, in Houston.

"Our theme for our Christmas Eve offering was 'Give It All Away,'" says Jerome Brimmage, Senior Pastor at Cypress UMC. "We felt led to give 100% of our Christmas Eve offering to support local and global missions. Locally, that portion of the money is going to Adam."

The track project at Adam has been in the works for eight years, but had stalled due to lack of funding.

Cypress UMC "adopted" Adam Elementary in 2011, and has been instrumental in providing backpacks, school supplies, and volunteers to help the students and staff at the school. The program has been so successful; other local schools have contacted Cypress UMC, to see if they can be adopted as well.

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2. THEFT: Property is taken without the owner's permission.
3. VANDALISM: The act of changing, modifying or defacing public or private property, i.e. graffiti, knocking over a mailbox, throwing a rock through a window, etc.

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Click on "Report Crime" link at top of screen
Click on "Report an Incident"
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