



Steeplechase

NEWSLETTER



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

Save The Date

Mark your Calendar's for the Following Steeplechase Events

- 05|01|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

SAFETY CORNER TIP OF THE MONTH

Lock Crime Out Of Your Home

EXTERIOR DOORS: All exterior doors should be either metal or solid wood. For added security, use strong door hinges on the inside of the door, with non-removable or hidden pins. Every entry door should be well lighted and have a wide-angle door viewer so you can see who is outside without opening the door.

LOCKS: Strong, reliable locks are essential to effective home security. Always keep doors and windows locked. Even a five-minute trip to the store is long enough for a burglar to enter your home. Use quality keyed knobs as well as deadbolts. Deadbolts can withstand the twisting, turning, prying, and pounding that regular keyed knobs can't. When choosing a deadbolt, look for such features as a bolt that extends at least one inch when in the locked position, to resist ramming and kicking; hardened steel inserts to prevent the bolt from being sawed off; and a reinforced strike plate with extra-long mounting screws to anchor the lock effectively. Most deadbolts are single-cylinder; they operate from the outside with a key and from the inside with a thumb latches. Double-cylinder deadbolts require a key to open the lock from both outside and inside your home.

SLIDING GLASS DOORS Sliding glass doors can offer easy entry into your home. To improve security on existing sliding glass doors, you can install keyed locking devices that secure the door to the frame; adjust the track clearances on the doors so they can't be pushed out of their tracks; or put a piece of wood or a metal bar in the track of the closed door to prevent the door from opening even if the lock is jimmied or removed.

WINDOWS Most standard double-hung windows have thumb turn locks between the two window panels. Don't rely on these. They can be pried open or easily reached through a broken pane. Instead, install keyed locking devices to prevent the window from being raised from the outside, but make sure everyone in the house knows where to find the keys in case of an emergency. An easy, inexpensive way to secure your windows is to use the "pin" trick. Drill an angled hole through the top frame of the lower window partially into the frame of the upper window. Then insert a nail or eyebolt. The window can't be opened until you remove the nail. Make a second set of holes with the windows partly opened so you can have ventilation without intruders.

LIGHTING: Lighting is one of the most cost-effective deterrents to burglary. Indoor lighting gives the impression that a home is occupied. If

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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 (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
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Board Member Contact

Chaparral Management Company	281-586-1700
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Schools

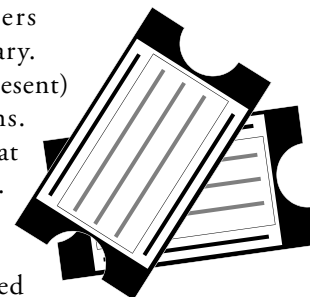
Emmott Elementary.....	281-897-4500
Campbell Middle School	281-897-4300
Cy-Ridge High School.....	281-807-8000

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DESIGN OF A DECADE SPRING SHOW

Cy-Ridge High School Dazzlers celebrate their 10 year Anniversary. Featuring the Dazzlers (Past & Present) and the Star Gazers Dance Teams. Tickets are \$7.00 pre-sale, \$10.00 at the door. Kids 5 and under are free. The dates are Friday May 11th at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday May 12th at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested in pre-sale tickets call Cy-Ridge High School and ask for the Dazzler Room (Ms. Lyle or Ms. Cates) at 281-807-8000. Thank you for supporting Cy-Ridge High School Dazzlers & Star Gazers.



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For all non-security issues email:
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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,

When driving through our neighborhood and a parked vehicle is blocking your lane please be aware that the law states YOU must yield to oncoming traffic. This means that you must stop and wait until it is safe to pass the parked vehicle. Charging the other lane, horn honking and "waving" with one finger extended is foolish and dangerous. Remember that if an accident

occurs, you will be the one cited for causing the accident.

Dear Neighbor,

Please pick up trash! We will never stop inconsiderate people from throwing trash on our streets and sidewalks but we can keep Steeplechase beautiful by each picking up the trash in front of our own houses. We can even be neighborly by picking up trash from our neighbors yard too. Every little bit helps!

Dear Neighbor,

In response to parking your car in the street because you love your kids and pets; I have to say I don't understand your thought process at all. I say that is an accident waiting to happen when you allow your kids & pets to play not only in the street, but in a street with parked cars. I don't care how slowly or fast a person is driving down the street, it takes a split second for a child or pet

to run out from a parked car. We are privileged in Steeplechase to have parks throughout the subdivision for kids. Use them if they don't want or can't play in their yard. Steeplechase has sidewalks to walk on instead of the street. Use them. All I can say is I hope you're keeping a close eye on your child and pet while they play in the street because I can tell you that they're NOT watching for cars.

Dear Neighbor,

After 4 years of living in our home, it would be nice if we could actually meet you. It would be even better if your children wouldn't run into the house when we are outside. We love children, we even have a child. It's a shame we have never borrowed a cup of sugar, enjoyed the weather or just chatted. I hope we have the chance to meet soon!

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



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\$5 per tag - Checks payable to SCIA

DATE: _____ Number of Tags Issued: _____ Adult _____ Child _____ Amount Collected: _____

STEEPLECHASE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION (SCIA) 2012 POOL TAG REGISTRATION FORM

*Please complete the appropriate information listed below and bring with you to Pool Registration.
Tags will only be available by PICK UP ONLY after May 23rd in person from Chaparral
Management Company if you do not obtain tags during Pool Registration.*

Pool tags will be issued to all property owners who have returned this form and have **PAID ALL MAINTENANCE FEES AND ANY ACCRUED INTEREST IN FULL.**

LIST FULL TIME RESIDENTS ONLY (Guest Tags Are Available)

Your Name _____ Spouse _____

Street address _____

YES / NO To receive Association Security Alerts and Special HOA Announcements via email.

Home Phone # _____ Email Address: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ Phone # _____

NOTE: CHILDREN TWELVE YEARS AND UNDER OF AGE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. CHILDREN THREE YEARS AND OLDER MUST HAVE TAGS.

Children's Names	**AGE IF UNDER 18 yrs	Other Full-time Residents
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE RENTING PLEASE INDICATE PROPERTY OWNERS NAME AND ADDRESS BELOW AND PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION FROM OWNER THAT YOU ARE THE TENANT AND YOU HAVE PERMISSION TO USE THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, OR PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR LEASE.

Owners Name _____ Phone # _____ Address _____

By signing below, I agree to abide by the posted swimming pool rules. I understand that I assume all risk when I use the swimming pool and the swimming pool area. I agree that I am responsible for the behavior of my children and guests. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Steeplechase CIA, and any of its agents.

Printed Name of Pool Tag Applicant _____

Signature of Pool Tag Applicant _____

Bring this form with \$5 per tag (Check or Money Order payable to SCIA)
To Pool Registration OR Pick Up Tags At:
Chaparral Management Company
6630 Cypresswood Drive, Suite 100
Spring, TX 77379

2012 POOL MEMO

Your community pool opens Saturday May 26, 2012 for the Holiday weekend only. The pool will open for regular weekday activity effective on Friday, June 1st, 2012. Final swim day will be Monday, Sept. 3rd (Labor Day). The pool will be open when there is a lifeguard on duty. Hours of operation will be as follows:

MAY 26 THROUGH MAY 31

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: Closed
Saturday (OPENING DAY): 12 p.m. – 9 p.m. (open following Swim Meet)

Sunday: 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Monday, May 28 (Memorial Day): 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.

JUNE 1 THROUGH JULY 4

Mondays: Closed

Tuesdays through Saturdays: 11 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Sundays: 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Exception: Saturday, June 2nd: 12 p.m. – 9 p.m. (open following Swim Meet)

Exception: Saturday, June 16th: 12 p.m. – 9 p.m. (open following Swim Meet)

JULY 5 THROUGH AUG. 26

Mondays: Closed

Tuesdays through Saturdays: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Sundays: 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

AUG. 27 THROUGH SEPT. 3

Mondays through Fridays: Closed

Saturdays: 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Sundays: 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Exception: Monday, September 3 (Labor Day): 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

The following qualifications must be met in order to use the pool facility:

1. Must have swim tag at all times while at the pool.
2. Must be resident member and/or guest of a resident member who is present at the

pool.

3. Must be current on all Maintenance Fees to the Steeplechase Community Improvement Association (SCIA). All fees must be paid in full prior to receipt of tags.

4. Must comply with pool rules and policies.

5. Swim tag not required for children two (2) years of age or younger.

For admission to the pool, 2012 pool tags will be required. The cost for pool tags are as follows:

Adult - \$5, Child - \$5, Guest - \$5 Guest Day Passes are available @ \$2 per person per day

Nine (9) days have been set aside for pool registration at the Steeplechase Clubhouse:

Sat May 5th: 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Sun May 6th: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed May 9th: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Sat May 12th: 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Sun May 13th: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed May 16th: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Sat May 19th: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Sun May 20th: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Wed May 23rd: 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Please complete the Pool Tag Registration Form and bring it to the pool registration with payment. The payment should be made by check or money order (payable to SCIA) – NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED. If you have any questions please email manager@steeplechasetx.com or contact Chaparral Management Company. If you miss registration, you must pick up your tags from Chaparral Management at 6630 Cypresswood Dr., #100, SPRING, TX 77379, Phone – 281-537-0957.

POOL PARTIES can be arranged through Texas Aquatics at 713-416-5161.

NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY ALERTS

Interested in receiving neighborhood security alerts? If so, please send an email request to steeplechasesecurity@gmail.com. Remember, for your safety, emails are sent using 'blind copy' (BCC) so you will need to add steeplechasesecurity@gmail.com to your safe senders list. Already on the security alert distribution list? Please make sure if you have changed your email address, to email steeplechasesecurity@gmail.com so you don't miss-out on important notifications.

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As a team, Cypress Christian placed sixth overall out of thirty-six 3A schools. Congratulations to our State Champions: David Hurst: 1st place in Number Sense and Travis McGrath: 1st place in Poetry Interpretation.

Additionally, congrats are in order to the following students who placed at the top: Cameron Tipton: 3rd place (Bronze Medal) in Persuasive Speaking; Travis McGrath: 4th place in Prose Interpretation; Katie Moore: 4th place in Poetry Interpretation; Bailey Comeaux/Joel Solar: 4th place in Duet Acting.



Cypress Christian School to Host Summer Camps

Each summer, Cypress Christian offers camps for children in the community to hone their skills, prepare for next year, and just have FUN! Sports camps hosted at CCS allow young athletes to play the game they love over the summer!

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For more information, please go to the school website at CypressChristian.org or call 281-469-8829.

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Lock Crime Out Of Your Home -(Continued from Cover Page)
you are going to be away from your home, consider using automatic timers to switch interior lights on and off at preset times. Outdoor lighting can eliminate hiding places. Install exterior lighting near porches, rear and side doorways, garage doors, and all other points of entry. Entryways to your home always should be well lighted. Place lights out of reach from the ground so the bulbs cannot be removed or broken. Aim some lights away from the house so you can see if anyone is approaching, or install motion-sensing lights, which turn on automatically as someone approaches.

SHRUBS & LANDSCAPING: Your home's walkways and landscaping should direct visitors to the main entrance and away from private areas. The landscaping should provide maximum visibility to and from your house. Trim shrubbery that could conceal criminal activity near doors and windows. Provide light on areas of dense shrubs and trees that could serve as hiding places. Cut back tree limbs that could help thieves climb into windows.

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

For more safety tips, LIKE us on Facebook: Steeplechase Safety & Security, <http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Steeplechase-Safety-Security/181933781906989>.

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