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NEWSLETTER



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

SAFETY CORNER

TIP OF THE MONTH

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 found at Steeplechasetx.com.
- 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.*

BE SAFE and BE SMART!

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>

Save The Date

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE
FOLLOWING STEEPLCHASE EVENTS!

JUNE 5

SCIA Board Meeting; Open to Resident's @ 7pm
Steeplechase Clubhouse

JULY 3

SCIA Board Meeting; Open to Resident's @ 7pm
Steeplechase Clubhouse

JULY 4

Fourth of July Cookout at the Pool - 5pm Games,
6pm Food, Moonwalk

AUGUST 7

Open Resident's Meeting @ 7pm Steeplechase
Clubhouse

AUGUST 7

National Night Out

AUGUST 11

Safety and Crimewatch Cook Out at the Pool, 5pm
Games, 6pm Food, Moonwalk

SEPTEMBER 4

SCIA Board Meeting; Open to Resident's @ 7pm
Steeplechase Clubhouse

OCTOBER 2

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Steeplechase Clubhouse

OCTOBER 2

Texas Night Out

NOVEMBER 6

Open Resident's Meeting @ 7pm Steeplechase
Clubhouse

DECEMBER 4

CIA Board Meeting; Open to Resident's @ 7pm
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IMPORTANT

Telephone Numbers



Emergency.....	911
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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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Private Parties and Community Events
(Phyllis McFarland)..... 832-922-8030

Pool Company Contact

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

Board Member Contact

Chaparral Management Company 281-586-1700

Schools

Emmott Elementary..... 281-897-4500

Campbell Middle School..... 281-897-4300

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

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Celebrate The 4th Of July!

Wednesday, July 4th, join your Steeplechase Board and your social committee volunteers for a BLAST of a good time at the pool. Stop by, meet your neighbors, and enjoy the pool and these special activities for residents:

Pool is Open 11 am to 9pm
5pm Pool Games begin, Moonwalk is open
6pm Hamburgers and Hotdogs served
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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,

Please refrain from putting trash out until after 6:00 p.m. the night before garbage pick up. Also, please bring in your can(s) and/or recycle bin as soon as possible after pick up, especially on windy days. Thank you.

Dear Neighbor,

Thanks for always keeping me informed about the security issues in the neighborhood. I also appreciate that you told me about the Steeplechase Safety and Security Facebook page. I have read a lot of helpful information there. And now I feel like I am "in the know," too. I think it is great how the neighborhood is banding together to create crime awareness. I think it will make our community much safer. From, Your Neighbor

Dear Neighbor,

Thank you so much for all of you who take such good care of your properties. I love walking and driving through the neighborhood and looking at all these nice manicured yards. I also want to thank the neighbors who when walking their pups will stop and pick up their droppings. I really appreciate the neighbors who keep up the maintenance on their homes. Thank you from a neighbor who wants to keep our value on our properties from going down.

Dear Neighbor,

We have a few items.....

We have watched many people (residents and visitors alike) speeding down Churchill Way Drive - some heading toward the northwest side of the Churchill subdivision - some turning on Hambleton Way. Do you realize that some of you are driving at 40 mph or more? How would you feel if someone drove by YOUR home going that fast with your kids, your pet, or yourself within striking distance? The speed limit at the entrance of the Churchill subdivision is 20 mph so that means (even though your destination is not this street) your speed should be 20 mph.

We have watched people walking their dogs that let their dogs defecate in their neighbor's yard and leave it for their neighbor to clean up. We have witnessed someone carrying a plastic bag but not picking up after the dog when this person thought no one was watching. We have witnessed people letting their dogs urinate on recycle and trash bins while their owners either look on or are oblivious to what the animal is doing. Do you not realize that people have to touch the surface your dog just wet on to put it away and will need to scrub it if we keep it in the house or garage to stop the smell or are you that self-centered that you don't care? We work hard to have a nice yard and don't appreciate you bringing your animal into our yard to do its business. If their feces and urine don't bother you then let the animal use YOUR yard to defecate in and YOUR trash/recycle bins to urinate on - not ours.

Bottom line, this behavior is disrespectful and inconsiderate. If you want to build a community that is safe and friendly, this is not the way to do it. In the last issue, one person wrote about being able to borrow a cup of sugar from their neighbor. THAT's the neighborhood we would like to live in. THAT's the neighborhood that watches out for one another. THAT's the neighborhood that bans together to keep crime out. THAT's the neighborhood that builds friendship, respect and builds a community out of a group of houses and it's where we believe everyone wants to live.

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Finding Lost Pets

by Sonia Moore

- ALWAYS keep identification on your pet! Check tags often making sure they are legible.
- MICROCHIP your pet! Talk to your veterinarian.
- SPAY/NEUTER your pet!
- Repair loose boards and holes in fencing!
- If your pet is missing, immediately take the following actions:
- If your pet travels, the chances increase that it may become injured. Post signs at intersections within a 2-mile area of where your pet was lost. Also, post signs at grocery stores, pet stores, veterinary clinics, churches, and apartment complex laundromats.
- Walk, bike, or drive slowly through your neighborhood several times a day. Call your pet's name, and then 'listen' and look. Do this OFTEN. Hearing your voice may encourage your pet to answer you. After you call your pet's name a few times, remain in one place long enough for your pet to find you.
- Go out at night with a flashlight and call for your pet.
- Ask neighbors and the postman if they have seen your pet.
- Print and hand out flyers with your pet's photo and your phone numbers. On top of the flyer put the word "REWARD" in large print so it can be seen from a car.
- Visit animal shelters, rescues, and animal-control agencies in your city. File a "Lost" pet report with them. Provide an accurate description

and a photo of your pet. Check with the shelters every few days.

- Notify the police if you believe that your pet may have been stolen.
- If lost near a busy highway or road, contact the Texas Department of Transportation (http://www.txdot.gov/contact_us/).
- When you find your pet, make certain to inform all the places you contacted and remove all flyers.
- Lost Cat Tip: The majority of "lost" cats remain in the general area from which they disappeared.
- Lost Dog Tip: A "lost" dog will likely travel into the oncoming wind. Make this your first direction of search.

Steeplechase Website Classifieds - www.steeplechasetx.com
Citizens for Animal Protection (CAP) - <http://www.cap4pets.org/pet-care/lost-pets/47>

Houston Area Animal Shelters - www.cap4pets.org/pet-care/lost-pets/houston-animal-shelters

Houston Chronicle Lost Pets - <http://chron.com/lostpets>

Pet Finder - <http://www.petfinder.com/>

Pet Harbor - <http://www.petharbor.com/>

Pets911 - <http://pets911.com/>

Findtoto.com - <http://findtoto.com/>

Craigs List - <http://houston.craigslist.org/pet/>

Find Fido - <http://www.findfido.com/>

Houston Community Newspapers - <http://hcnonline.com/>

Help Me Find My Pet - <http://helpmefindmypet.com/>

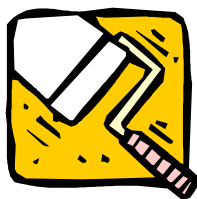
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Troop 15320 Celebrate 100 Years of Girl Scouts!

Girl Scouts celebrated 100 years on March 12, 2012. The Girl Scouts will continue to participate in celebrating the 100 Year Anniversary through the year. Troop 15320 participated in creating their Troop's Time Capsule. Included in the time capsule were something special from each girl, pictures of when they were Daisies, picture of them Bridging from Daisies to Brownies (which this year the Brownies are bridging to Juniors) and special 100 Year Memorabilia. Pictured are



from: left to right (bottom row) Madison Crowell, Alexandria Burton (middle row) Jordan Penno, Evelyn Nava, Kaylynn Garcia (top row) Jasmine Moffett and Trinity Valentine.

Not Pictured: Sarah Manger, Lindsay Fryer and Kayla Crisp.

If You See Something, Say Something!

The Harris County Sheriff's Office is committed to serving the citizens of Harris County through a cooperative working relationship between the police and the people we serve. The success of solving crime lies in the actions of the citizens who have knowledge of, or view these criminal acts. With your help, we can all strive to make Harris County, Texas a safer place to live and play.

iWatchHarrisCounty.com is a community awareness program that educates the community about suspicious activities & criminal behaviors. iWatchHarrisCounty focuses on criminal behavior and criminal enterprises that could also indicate a nexus to terrorist activities. Citizens are provided a convenient reporting method to provide tips and leads to police concerning crime that is affecting their community. iWatchHarrisCounty allows our citizens to harness the communication capabilities of the internet/social networking sites to report crime tips and leads. This site is a new and innovative tool to increase our community wide effort to reduce crime.

This app is available for iPhone, Blackberry and Android mobile phones. Visit <http://iwatchharriscounty.com/> for more information and to download the app.

iWatchHarrisCounty is a mobile crime watch tool that you and your neighbors can use to report suspicious or criminal activity. It's a proactive, hands-on, partnership between you, the citizens of Harris County, and the Harris County Sheriff's Office (HCSO).

You are the eyes and ears of your community. Your awareness of suspicious behaviors and activities and reporting it to the police can help solve crimes or prevent crimes.

Give as many details as possible, for example:

- Time of day
- Where it happened
- What you witnessed
- A description of individual(s) involved
- Was there a vehicle?
- Color and license plate number?
- Have you seen this activity before?

There are four ways to report:

- Report online at iWatchHarrisCounty.com
- Text a tip to 1-855-HCSO-iWatch (1-855-427-6492)
- Use the downloadable app found on iWatchHarrisCounty.com
- Call 1-855-HCSO-iWatch (1-855-427-6492)

If you have an emergency and need the police immediately do not use iWatchHarrisCounty, call 911.



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2012 Open Regattas at Seabrook Sailing Club



Optimists on the downwind run at the Endless Summer Regatta

The Seabrook Sailing Club is hosting two major regattas this summer on Galveston Bay, open to all interested sailors. Whether it's challenging one design racing or family fun, Seabrook Sailing Club's summer regatta schedule has it all. We are looking forward to having local and out-of-town sailors join us for competition and fun on the bay.

Summer Solstice Regatta: Seabrook Sailing Club's annual Summer Solstice Regatta will be held on June 23 and 24, 2012. This year we will be kicking off the regatta on Friday night with fireworks and a keg! We encourage everybody to leave work early and bring a picnic. This regatta is open to all small sailboats and beginner racers are welcome. Lasers, 470's, Sunfish, windsurfers, Vangaurd 15's, and catamarans are regular classes at this fun event. This regatta is on the Texas Laser District 15 Circuit schedule, drawing Lasers from around the state. There will be one design starts for all classes with at least three boats. A Portsmouth handicap fleet will be formed for boats that do not make up a one design fleet. Official Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be posted on the SSC website nearer the time of the event.

Endless Summer Regatta: Each year, youth sailors from all over Texas and surrounding states participate in the Endless Summer Regatta at the Seabrook Sailing Club. The Endless Summer Regatta

is the best attended event on the Texas Youth Circuit after Texas Race Week, with approximately 200 sailors, coaches, parents, and organizers coming to Seabrook and Galveston Bay. The youth sailors participate in 6 different fleets; the beginner sailors in the Optimist Green fleet, the experienced Optimist sailors in the Red/White/Blue fleet, Laser 4.7, and Laser Radial. Parents enjoy the view of the sailing course and Kemah from the clubhouse deck, while their kids put their skills to the test. Sailing is a great sport for kids that fosters self-confidence, independence, and responsibility. As skippers, they are in control of their own destiny; they make their own decisions, which have a direct result on their finish position, well-being, and boat condition. But most importantly, it's fun! The 2012 regatta will take place September 22-23, 2012. Official Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be posted on the SSC website nearer the time of the event.

The Seabrook Sailing Club has been providing safe, organized, and challenging sailing for local sailors and guests since 1934. If you've been thinking about learning to sail, getting back on the water, or competing in our organized club races, check out what the Seabrook Sailing Club has to offer. For more information about SSC, contact James McTurk at SSCmembership@yahoo.com, or visit www.seabrooksailingclub.org.

Comedy Magician Harry Maurer

Here is something fun to do as a family this Father's Day weekend!

Houston Family Arts Center (www.houstonfac.com) is a lovely family-focused theater here in our area that puts out great theater and has a phenomenal children's academy, as well. It is hosting a series of shows on Father's Day Weekend. The website gives you complimentary magic tricks as part of the show promotion. Fun for the family!

Las Vegas and Atlantic City Comedy Magician Harry Maurer will be performing at the Houston Family Arts Center presenting clean and fun shows filled with comedy, drama, danger, spectacle, surprise, puzzlement and wonder to benefit the HFAC Actor's Academy!

Showtimes are:

Friday, June 15th
8:00pm

Saturday, June 16th
6:00pm and 8:30pm

Sunday, June 17th
2:00pm and 7:00pm

Tickets for the kids are \$15 and adults are \$25. It would make a cool Father's Day outing/gift. Register: <http://goo.gl/4fK03>





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When selling a home there are many challenges to be addressed that can affect the marketability of the home. David Flory and his team were great partners to include extra information about local home sales, marketing, competition and appeal. In a depressed market this knowledge is important for the seller. Constant communication during our home selling experience made us feel like we were the only customer, instead of just another MLS listing. Thanks to all of the team.

- Mike and Sharon Mullins -

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