

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

### SAFETY CORNER

TIP OF THE MONTH

Warmer weather and lengthening hours of daylight beckon, and kids are answering the call. You can help keep them safe by reviewing some of the simple safety rules below.

#### **DARK AND DUSK**

Rising temperatures and increasing hours of daylight bring with them a corresponding increase in traffic accidents involving kids and cars. The periods of greatest risk are the hours just before and after sunset. During periods of twilight, visibility is limited and a driver's depth perception is reduced by low light levels.

- All evening play should have reflective strips. So should bikes and helmets.
- Evening strolls should include a flashlight and cellphone.
- Bike riding should be specifically prohibited, unless the bike has been equipped with reflectors, head lamps, and other night-riding safety features.

### **PLAYING IN THE STREET**

Neighborhood streets aren't playgrounds, and we don't advise that kids use them as such. However, if you do allow your kids to play in the street, please review a few commonsense safety tips with your children:

- Stop all play when a vehicle is spotted; move to the side of the road and resume play only after the vehicle has passed.
- Don't use cars parked on the street to play hide & seek; kids tend to dart into the street without looking.
- Don't allow kids to sit on curb corners; they are low to the ground and cannot always be seen by drivers.
- Make sure kids learn to always look both ways down the street before retrieving the ball that got away.

### **ADDITIONALLY**

Equip your children with a small penlight attached to a key chain. Tell them it's not a toy and should only be used for emergencies. Attach a small whistle to their clothing. A whistle is an ideal signaling device, if a child is lost or hurt. Identify neighborhood safe houses to your kids. Remind your driving teenagers that speed is deadly, especially in a neighborhood where kids are at play. Share this important point with your teenager's friends too.

At the end of the day, you are the parent and are responsible for teaching your children responsibility and safety. Let your kids know that safety rules aren't designed to ruin anyone's fun. Tell them to play hard, play fast, and play smart!

### BE SAFE & 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 calendar's for the following Steeplechase events

### 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

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

#### OCTOBER 2

Texas Night Out

### November 6

Open Resident's Meeting @ 7pm Steeplechase Clubhouse

### DECEMBER 4

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

# **IMPORTANT** Telephone Numbers



Emergency911
Sheriff's Dept713-221-6000
Cy-Fair Fire Dept911
Cy-Fair Hospital
Animal Control
Center Point (Street lights)
http://cnp.centerpointenergy.com/outage
Neighborhood Crime Watch SteeplechaseSecurity@gmail.com
Library
Post Office
Steeplechase Community Center281-586-1700
Deed Restriction Issues (CMC)281-586-1700
Water/Sewer713-405-1750
Architectural Control (CMC)281-586-1700
Trash Pick-up (Best Trash, LLC) (Wed. & Sat.) 281-313-BEST
Harris Co. Pct. 4 Road Maintenance281-353-8424
Harris Co. MUD #168hcmud168board@gmail.com
Community Events
Clubhouse Rentals: Private Parties and Community Events
(Phyllis McFarland)
Traffic Initiative
Private Pool Parties
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# Community Center Contacts

### **Community Maintenance Concerns**

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

### Clubhouse Rentals

Private Parties and Community Events 

#### **Pool Company Contact**

.....www.texasaquaticenterprises.com

### **Board Member Contact**

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

### Schools

Emmott Elementary	281-897-4500
Campbell Middle School	
Cy-Ridge High School	

### Want to Help Steeplechase Go Green?

Join our E-Mailing List at www.SteeplechaseTX.com. Please add webmaster@steeplechasetx.com to your address book to ensure you receive our emails. Your email address will not be shared, published, or used for soliciting.

### AREYOU RECEIVING **NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY ALERTS?**

Interested in receiving neighborhood security alerts? If so, please send an email request to steeplechasesecurity@gmail. Remember, for your safety, emails are sent using 'blind copy' (BCC) so you will need to add steeplechasesecurity@gmail 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.

Prefer access to more information and updates? LIKE us on Facebook: Steeplechase Safety & Security http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Steeplechase-Safety-Security/181933781906989



### STREETLIGHT OUT? REPORT IT!

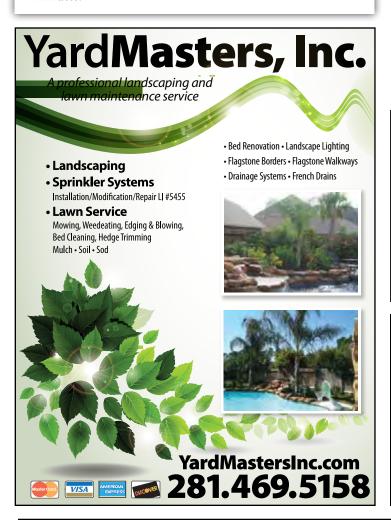
CenterPoint Energy maintains streetlights throughout our electric service territory in and around Houston. In order to report an outage, you will be asked to provide:

- a pole number for the non-functioning light(s) you want to report
- contact information (in case more information is needed to locate a streetlight)
- an e-mail address (if you want feedback regarding your repair request)
- the number of streetlights you would like to report

To report if you know the streetlight number, visit: http://cnp.centerpointenergy.com/outage

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# If You...SEE Something SAY Something!

A simple observation, a single report can help solve or prevent a crime.

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.

### What is iWatchHarrisCounty?

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).

### Why should I report these behaviors and activities?

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.

#### What should I report?

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.

### **Support During Tough Times**

#### DEPRESSION and BIPOLAR SUPPORT ALLIANCE

**DBSA GREATER HOUSTON** 

713-600-1131 www.dbsahouston.org

DBSA Greater Houston is a non-profit organization that sponsors both free and confidential support groups for those who have been diagnosed or have symptoms of a mood disorder. Families and friends of those with mood disorders are also invited to attend any one of our over 50 support groups across the Houston metropolitan area. Moreover, DBSA Greater Houston provides personal support and direct services to its members, educates the public about the nature and management of these treatable disorders and promotes related research.

#### **CRISIS INTERVENTION OF HOUSTON**

713-HOTLINE 713-529-TEEN http://crisishotline.org/

Crisis Intervention of Houston's goal is to serve persons in crisis and overcome the barriers to help due to fear, isolation, abuse, physical disability, health, language, age, income, location, problem type or timing of the crisis. Crisis Intervention of Houston meets our mission to serve people in crisis by providing 24-hour telephone and web-based counseling, suicide prevention and intervention education, links to community resources, and community education.



## Online Service Option For Citizens Reporting Crimes

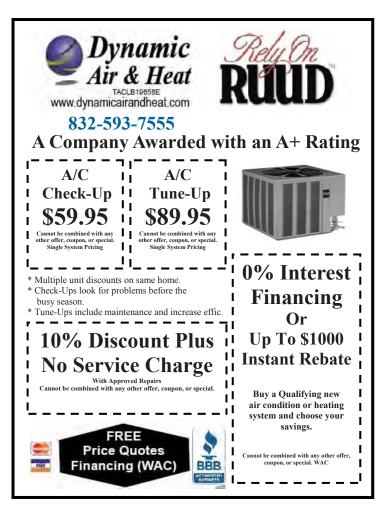
The Sheriff's Office has implemented an on-line service called "CopLogic" for Harris County citizens to report crimes. THIS IS FOR REPORTING LOST PROPERTY, THEFT OR VANDALISM ONLY AND WHEN THE COMPLAINT NO SUSPECT INFORMATION. This service is provided as an option to the citizen in lieu of waiting for a unit to respond to their location and response can sometimes take several weeks.

Examples of incidents that can be reported via CopLogic:

- 1. LOST PROPERTY: When property is missing or lost, i.e. leaving items in a restaurant or missing from home.
  - 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.

To access this service, please visit the Sheriff's Office web site: www.hcso. hctx.net. Click on "Report Crime" link at top of screen. Click on "Report an Incident." Follow instructions on the screen for filing an offense report.

CopLogic is an alternative method for the citizen to report the crime quickly, get a case number and print a copy of the report. It does not replace entering a call for service for a unit to respond if the citizen prefers to see a unit or does not have access to the Internet.





October 1, 2012

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# HOUSTON NORTHWEST CHAMBER Announces Second Annual CreekFest

A Local Celebration of Art and Outdoors, Expects Big Crowds

The Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce CreekFest Houston 2012 on Saturday, October 13, 2012 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. This celebration of the Arts and Outdoors in Northwest Houston will be held along the parkway between Collins Park and Meyer Park along Cypresswood Drive, rain or shine. CreekFest events include an Adventure Race, Duathlon, 5k/10k run, Marketplace (merchants and visual artists), children's art activities at Pearl Fincher Museum, children's events at the Barbara Bush Library and Cypress Creek Christian Community Center, FACE Free Children's Series Concert, Chalk Artists and local entertainment performing throughout the day.

CreekFest Houston 2012 is a collaborative project of the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce, Harris County Barbara Bush Library, The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts, Cypress Creek Christian Community Center, Cypress Creek Foundation for the Arts (FACE), Harris County Precinct 4 County Parks Department, Greater Houston Off Road Biking Association (GHORBA), Northwest Houston Arts Alliance; Cypress Creek Greenway Project, Cypresswood Landing and Crossing Shopping Centers and many area merchants.

This FREE family event is designed to: Celebrate the wonderful outdoor amenities that make Northwest Houston a great place to live, work and play; Promote area visual and performing arts and artists; Create awareness and encourage usage of Precinct 4 Collins Park and the Greenways along Cypress Creek; Raise money for the economic development initiatives of the Chamber and local charities; and help build a new perspective and community pride for the Cypress Creek Cultural District and Northwest Houston's Town Center. Proceeds from the CreekFest art auction will directly benefit the Houston Northwest Chamber Foundation that provides scholarships and

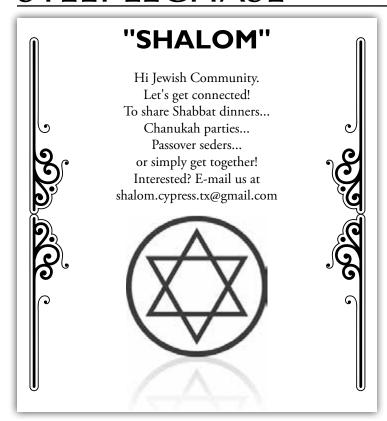


funding for community improvement programs.

CreekFest 2012 will feature opportunities for Boy Scouts to earn Merit Badges and local schools to bring programs such as choirs and bands as well as organizations such as cheerleaders, dance teams and club teams out to be recognized and perform for the community. For information about this event call the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce at 281-440-4160, or visit the website at www. CreekFestHouston.com.

The Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce has enjoyed over 38 years of service in Spring, Klein, Champions, FM 1960, FM 2920, SH 249 and Sam Houston Tollway Corridors. The Chamber has over 700 members and is committed to its mission of developing successful businesses and a thriving community.





### Free Health Screening

Free health screening will be held at Vaughn Healthy Aging Center's Open House on Saturday - 08/11/2012 for seniors in the Cypress and surrounding areas. The center will also offer an array of free services for area seniors, including counseling, job retraining classes, networking for caregivers and entertainment. This will be located off Jones Road at 11020 Saathoff Road - Houston, Texas 77070 • The Grand Opening will be held on Monday - 09/10/2012 • 1-800-281-1088 or 713-291-1567 •www. vaughngage.org

## **Cypress-Tomball Democrats August Meeting**

The Cypress-Tomball Democrats will hold their next monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 15th, at a new location: Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429. A meet and greet will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the general meeting at 7:00 p.m.

July's guest speaker will be Cheasty Anderson from the Center for Public Policy Priorities. She will discuss the Affordable Health Care Act, how it is affecting our lives now and in the future.

All are welcome to join this growing club. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month. For more information, contact Olga Moya at cytomdems@yahoo.com.



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### **Perspective**

In an effort to provide you with important information about Lone Star College-CyFair "Perspective" was developed. This column provides the latest information about news and events. Here is a sampling of what's going on:

### AUGUST EXHIBITIONS IN THE BOSQUE GALLERY

Summer in the gallery closes with the talent of ceramics artist Suzanne Shield-Polk with her "POSTCARDS: Then and Now" exhibition on display through Aug. 16 featuring video images projected onto ceramic bottles and a wall installation. Fall in the gallery opens with an exhibition featuring the work of Suzanne Manns on display Aug. 28- Sept. 20. For Bosque Gallery information, go to LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery.

#### **FALL REGISTRATION STILL UNDER WAY**

LSC-CyFair offers options and flexibility for high school students, first time college students, career changers and those with busy lifestyles! Check out Weekend College, workforce certificates, First Year Communities, Dual Credit courses and more available this fall! Weekday classes begin Aug. 27 and Weekend College begins Sept. 7, so register now. For information, go to LoneStar.edu/registration.

#### 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 include "The Secret of Optimal Health" Aug. 8; "Kleb Family Pioneers" Aug. 15, "Savor the Flavor- Asian Noodle Salad" Aug. 22 and "Jitterbug Genealogy" Aug. 29. Call the library at 281.290.3214 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to LoneStar.edu.

### LIBRARY OFFERS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

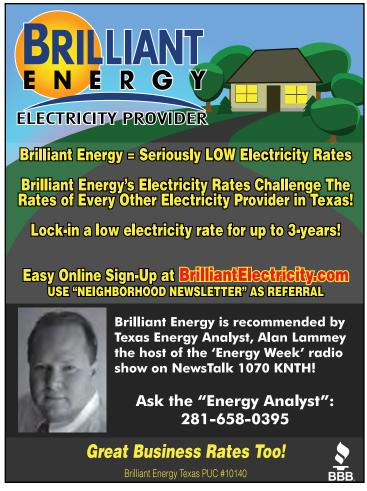
The Harris County Public Library Lone Star College-CyFair Branch offers children, teens, and adults a variety of monthly book clubs, workshops, blogs, programs, storytimes and activities year round. Go online to LoneStar.edu/library for information.

















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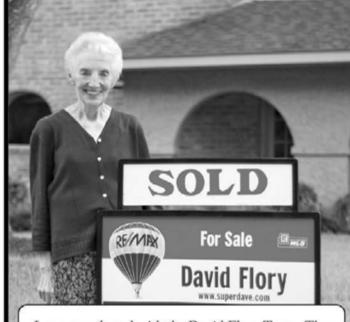
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