



Steeplechase

NEWSLETTER



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

SAFETY CORNER

TIP OF THE MONTH:

Hurricane Season

With the hurricane season now upon us, it's important you and your family are prepared. Make sure to take time to create a disaster plan with your family and collect the supplies you would need during a storm.

PREPARING FOR A COMING STORM

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) recommends the following to prepare for hurricane season:

- Discuss the type of hazards that could affect your family. Know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind.
- Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home for each hurricane hazard. In certain circumstances the safest areas may not be your home but within your community.
- Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet. These should be measured in tens of miles rather than hundreds of miles.
- Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact, so all your family members have a single point of contact.
- Make a plan now for what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate.
- Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones and make sure your children know how and when to call 911.
- Check your insurance coverage - flood damage is not usually covered by homeowners insurance.
- Stock non-perishable emergency supplies and a Disaster Supply Kit (see more below)
- Use a weather radio. Remember to replace its battery every 6 months, as you do with your smoke detectors.
- Take First Aid, CPR, and disaster preparedness classes.

DISASTER SUPPLY KITS

Prepare a Disaster Supply Kit, which includes the following:

- Water - at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days
- Food - at least enough for 3 to 7 days, non-perishable items
- Blankets / Pillows, etc.
- Clothing - seasonal / rain gear/ sturdy shoes
- First Aid Kit / Medicines / Prescription Drugs
- Special Items - for babies and the elderly
- Toiletries / Hygiene items / Moisture wipes
- Flashlight / Batteries
- Battery operated radio
- Telephones - Fully charged cell phone with extra battery and a traditional (not cordless) telephone set
- Cash (with some small bills) and Credit Cards
- Keys
- Toys, Books and Games
- Important documents - in a waterproof container or watertight re-sealable plastic bag
- Tools - keep a set with you during the storm
- Vehicle fuel tanks filled
- Pet care items, including proper identification and medical records

ABC13 Houston offers a weather app (search ABC13 weather) this is an important addition to your cellphone or tablet computer. Take hurricane season seriously by preparing for it!
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>

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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.....	281-586-1700
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.....	281-586-1700
Clubhouse Rentals: Private Parties and Community Events (Jinnie Kelley).....	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
Clubhouse Rentals	
Private Parties and Community Events (Jinnie Kelley).....	
	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

Contact the Management Company

cmc@chaparralmanagement.com
or by phone 281-586-1700

DEPUTY CORNER

by Deputy Helstrom

Use this safety checklist to help keep your children in good health while they have fun this summer.

- Refillable water bottles. Children should drink 12 ounces of cool water or a sports drink before they head out to play. And they should take water breaks during games. If your children go to camp or play on a team, make sure they refill their water bottle several times a day.
- First aid kit. Keep a first aid kit in your home, in your car, and bring one with you on vacation. Keep first aid kits someplace where you can reach them, but the children can't.
- Sun protection. Get wide-brimmed hats, sunglasses, and cotton clothes that cover your child's skin to reduce exposure to the sun's damaging rays.
- Sunscreen. Use a sunscreen with at least 30 SPF on cloudy and sunny days. Reapply after swimming, sweating, or after more than 2 hours in the sun.
- Helmet. Before your children ride away on a bike, scooter, or other set of wheels, make sure they're wearing a well-fitting helmet.
- Protective sports gear. If your children play team sports, make sure they have appropriate gear. Depending on the sport, this may

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HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DISTRICT V VACATION WATCH

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

SUBDIVISION: _____ ADDRESS: _____

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

DATE LEAVING: _____ AM / PM _____ DATE RETURNING: _____ AM / PM

VEHICLES:	YEAR	MAKE / MODEL	LICENSE #	DRIVEWAY / GARAGE
COLOR _____				
				/
				/
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LIGHTS LEFT ON YES / NO TIMER ON LIGHTS YES / NO

IF YES, WHAT ROOM LOCATIONS:

ALARM: YES / NO PETS: YES / NO TYPE:

WHERE: INSIDE OUTSIDE GARAGE

EMERGENCY CONTACTS: (Include phone #'s and at least one key holder with alarm codes if alarm is set)

NAME	PHONE #	KEY HOLDER	ALARM CODES
		Y / N	Y / N
		Y / N	Y / N
		Y / N	Y / N

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

**PLEASE MAIL OR FAX TO
HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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Tomball, TX 77375
Fax (281) 290-2177**

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include a mouth guard, face mask, helmet, pads, and shoes made specifically for the surface your child will play on.

- Safety plan. Before your children head out to play, agree on a safety plan that includes how they can reach you and what to do in an emergency.
- Bug spray. If ticks or mosquitoes are common in your area, apply repellent with DEET, but go for the lowest concentration possible. Repellent with 10% DEET is effective for about 2 hours, while 30% DEET works for about 5 hours. Do not apply a spray with high concentration of DEET more than once a day. Lemon eucalyptus can also protect against mosquitos.
- Poison ivy protection. Poison ivy soap can break down proteins that make poison ivy or poison oak so irritating. Also, keep calamine lotion on hand to use on skin that breaks out in an itchy rash.
- Antihistamine. Summer grass, weeds, and flowers may trigger summer allergies. An over-the-counter antihistamine can ease your child's scratchy throat and runny nose if allergies are a problem.



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If You...SEE Something SAY Something: iWatch Harris County

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.

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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.

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:
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You will also enjoy an elegant dinner at one of Cypress' premier restaurants, Dario's Cuisine. Look forward to a silent auction as well as a musical surprise. We can't wait to spend this special evening with you! Tickets to this event can be purchased at csencore.eventbrite.com. Tickets to our inaugural concert season can be purchased at cypressymphony.org.

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.



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- CONSTANT VISUAL SUPERVISION
- LEARN TO SWIM
- WEAR LIFE JACKETS
- MULTIPLE BARRIERS ON ALL POOLS & HOTTUBS
- KEEP BACKYARDS & BATHROOMS SAFE
- LEARN CPR
- CHECK POOLS & HOTTUBS 1ST FOR MISSING CHILDREN
- VISIT US ONLINE