



# Steeplechase

## NEWSLETTER



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

## SAFETY CORNER

### TIP OF THE MONTH:

#### *Outside Play*

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. Teach them to play smart!

**REMEMBER:** See someone or something suspicious – call HCSO at 713.221.6000 and report it immediately! Save this number in your cell!

There's lots of tips on our Steeplechase Safety & Security Facebook page – don't be shy, go ahead and start following-us and be a part of our Steeplechase Safe Community!

**BE SAFE and BE SMART!**

*Lynn Cirillot*

*Steeplechase Security Coordinator*

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*<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
<a href="http://cnp.centerpointenergy.com/outage">http://cnp.centerpointenergy.com/outage</a>	
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 .....	281-446-5003
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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

Aquatic Management of Houston. .... 281-446-5003

[www.houston-pmg.com](http://www.houston-pmg.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](mailto:cmc@chaparralmanagement.com)

or by phone 281-586-1700

## 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>

To report using Centerpoint's map system, visit:

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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.



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

*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.



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## Congratulations to Troop #15320

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GSSJC Troop #15320 earned the highest achievement of a Junior Girl Scout, the Bronze Award.

The Bronze Award shows that each girl made a promise to help others, improve their community and the world around them and be the best they can be. The Troop's final project for their community was a Pizza Garden that was built at their school, Emmott Elementary, located in Steeplechase. Congratulations to Troop #15320!

*Pictured left to right:*

1st Row: Lindsay Fryer, Sarah Manger, Alex Burton, Madison Crowell, Jordan Penno, Evelyn Nava, Bailey Laverde

2nd Row: Jasmine Moffett, Kelsey Soape and Trinity Valentine

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## CURB APPEAL

Nobody lives forever. That means that sooner or later, we will all eventually move for one reason or another. When that time comes, the house that has been our home will go on the resale market for a stranger to buy. At that point, one thing will become very important – curb appeal.

Surveys show that consumers buy in deed restricted communities in order to protect their property values. They buy into a community that they hope will always have curb appeal.

### **CURB APPEAL IS:**

- A neatly trimmed yard,
- A yard that bursts with color in the spring and fall,
- Fresh paint on the front door a driveway without stains, and
- The car inside the garage with the garage door shut.

### **CURB APPEAL IS NOT**

- Trash cans in public view,
- A landscaping bed with weeds,
- A garden hose left in the front yard,
- A line of mildew on the bricks by the front door,
- A broken fence slat, sagging gutter, or the kids in the front yard.

Don't wait until you have to. Do yourself a favor! Take a quick look at your home and resolve to add a little curb appeal! You'll feel like a million and your house will look like it too.

## 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](http://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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**Ongoing:** Volunteers needed to distribute water safety packets, [info@colinshope.org](mailto:info@colinshope.org)  
**August 19:** Got2Skate for Colin's Hope Fundraiser, 6:30-8:30pm at Playland Skate Center  
**August 29:** Colin's Hope Got2Swim Lake Austin 10K/10 miler, <http://www.tinych.org/got2swim>  
**September 8:** 5th Annual Colin's Hope Kids Triathlon, <http://www.tinych.org/KidsTri>  
**October 19:** Sharkfest Austin Swim benefitting Colin's Hope, [www.sharkfestswim.com](http://www.sharkfestswim.com)



**ALERT:** 36 Texas children have lost their lives to a fatal drowning this year.  
Many more have survived non-fatal drowning incidents.  
Be a Water Guardian and Watch Kids around Water.  
Drownings are preventable!

## LAYERS OF PROTECTION



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