

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

## SAFETY CORNER

TIP OF THE MONTH

#### **EDUCATE YOUR KIDS!**

Kids should know to call 911 for EMERGENCIES or 713.221.6000 for NON-EMERGENCIES. Be sure emergency numbers—police, fire, poison control and emergency medical—are by all phones and listed as contacts in cellphones.

Kids should know their parents' contact information (Home, Work, Cell) as well as contact information to reach a parent approved back-up in case of emergency.

They should learn to walk with confidence and stay alert to what's going on around them.

They should walk and play with friends, not alone.

They should refuse rides or gifts from anyone, unless it's someone both you and your child know and trust.

They should recognize suspicious people and immediately go home or go to a family agreed upon 'safe' house.

They should never open the front door, whether an adult is home or not.

They should not give out personal information to strangers. They should learn the importance of being neighborly.

#### **BE SAFE and BE SMART!**

Lynn Cirillo Steeplechase Security Coordinator

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Steeplechase Safety & Security
http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Steeplechase-Safety-Security/181933781906989

# FALSE ALARM FEES ARE CHANGING IN HARRIS COUNTYS UNINCORPORATED AREAS

The Harris County Sheriff's Office dispatches deputies to investigate residential and commercial alarms about 100,000 times a year. About 99 percent are found to be false alarms, squandering crime-fighting resources in the unincorporated areas, where 1.5 million people live.

Until now, a false alarm fee was assessed every time a property generated more than five false alarms per calendar year. But now the fee, \$75, will be assessed every time a property generates more than three false alarms in a calendar year.

Harris County Commissioners Court approved the change today along with other updates to regulations enforced by the Sheriff's Office on burglary alarms, panic alarms, and other types of alarms. Permit requirements will now apply to fire alarms as well.

The changes are designed to reduce the number of false alarms and to encourage property owners to obtain permits for their alarm systems, Sheriff Adrian Garcia said.

The initial fee for an alarm permit is \$35. Annual renewals are \$10 each. (In many cases, companies that provide alarm monitoring services obtain permits on behalf of their customers). There is no fee for permit holders 65 years of age or older. The fee for reinstatement of a suspended or expired permit is \$50.

All fee payments go into the county government's general operating fund.

Owners of alarm systems that have no permit may be issued a misdemeanor citation that could result in fines up to \$500 in justice of the peace court. In 2011, the most recent year for which statistics are available, the Sheriff's Office issued about 1,300 citations for unregistered alarms.

The permit form can be found at http://hcsowebtest01/hcsoexternalweb/documents/Alarm%20System%20Permit%20Application%20Jan2010.pdf

## STEEPLECHASE

## **IMPORTANT**

## Telephone Numbers



Emergency911
Sheriff's Dept713-221-6000
Cy-Fair Fire Dept911
Cy-Fair Hospital
Animal Control281-999-3191
Center Point (Street lights)
http://cnp.centerpointenergy.com/outage
Neighborhood Crime Watch SteeplechaseSecurity@gmail.com
Library281-890-2665
Post Office713-937-6827
Steeplechase Community Center281-586-1700
Deed Restriction Issues (CMC)281-586-1700
Water/Sewer
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
(Jinnie Kelley)832-922-8030
Traffic Initiative281-290-2100
Private Pool Parties
NEWSLETTER PUBLISHER
Peel, Inc. (Advertising)kelly@PEELinc.com, 888-687-6444
Articles newsletter@steeplechasetx.com

### Community Center Contacts

#### Community Maintenance Concerns

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

#### Clubhouse Rentals

Private Parties and Community Events

#### **Pool Company Contact**

www.houston-pmg.com

#### **Board Member Contact**

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

### Schools

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

### Contact the Management Company

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

## 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
- involved
- Was there a vehicle?
- Color and license plate number?
- A description of individual(s) 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.

## VACATION WATCH

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

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COLOR YEAR	MAKE / MODEL	LICENSE #	DRIVEWAY / GARAGE YES / NO
COLOR YEAR	MAKE / MODEL	LICENSE #	
			YES / NO
			YES / NO
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			YES / NO
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IVALLE	PHONE #	KETHOLDE	R ALARM CODES
NAPIL	PHONE #	YES / NO	
NOTE	PHONE #		YES / NO
NAPIL	PHONE #	YES / NO	YES / NO YES / NO

HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE Attn: Vacation Watch 23828 Tomball Pkwy Tomball, TX 77375 Fax (281) 290-2177

# 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 process is easy, simple and will take no more than five minutes.

## **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.

## Cy-Fair Hospital now has a new location in your neighborhood to serve your Emergency and Urgent Care needs.

Visit our newest location: 8470 Highway 6 North (at West Road) • Houston, Tx 77095 • 281.949.3799

#### **Emergency Care Locations**



10655 Steepletop Drive F.M. 1960 near Jones Road



27126 Hwy. 290 at Mueschke Road



7015 Barker Cypress at F.M. 529



8470 Hwy. 6 North at West Road



#### **Urgent Care Locations**



9110 Barker Cypress at West Road



14044 Spring Cypress at Grant Road

Cypress Fairbanks Medical Center Hospital



A PART OF CY-FAIR REGIONAL HEALTH NETWORK

CyFairERandUrgentCare.com

#### 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.

## **COLOR ME RAD**

Color Me Rad is coming to Houston and we are so excited to be their charity partner! For every volunteer and participant in this fun, family-oriented 5K event Cy-Hope will receive a portion of the proceeds.

Come out to Reliant Park on Saturday, February 15th and get "color-bombed" all for a great cause!

Cy-Hope will receive \$75.00 for every volunteer that works a 5 hour shift. There are volunteer opportunities Friday, February 14th in addition to the day of the event.

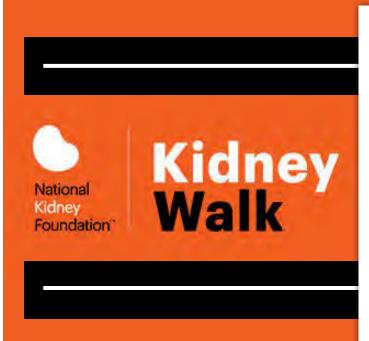
To volunteer visit: www.givepulse.com/event/3180-Color

To participate in the Color Me Rad 5K visit: www.colormerad. com and register for the Houston Race. Use the promo code CYHOPE and not only will Cy-Hope receive a portion of the proceeds - you will receive a 10% discount!

If you have any questions, email Holly. Calbat@Cy-Hope.org or call 713.466.4673.



## **STEEPLECHASE**



The National Kidney Foundation is the leading organization in the U.S. dedicated to the awareness, prevention and treatment of kidney disease for hundreds of thousands of healthcare professionals, millions of patients and their families, and tens of millions of Americans at risk

Nearly six of ten Americans will develop kidney disease in their lifetime, according to a new analysis published in the American Journal of Kidney Disease. In comparison, lifetime risk of diabetes, heart attack and invasive cancer is approximately four in ten.

The Kidney Walk is the nation's largest walk to fight kidney disease and is held to raise awareness of, and support those who are battling this disease. Held in nearly 100 communities, the event raises awareness and funds lifesaving programs that educate and support patients, their families and those at risk. Take a lifesaving step today and sign up for a walk below. The Houston Walk will be held on May 4th at 7:30am at Discovery Green Park Downtown. Registration at www.donate.kidney.org.

For more information on forming teams or sponsorship, please call 713-964-2644.

# Your Neighborhood at Your Fingertips

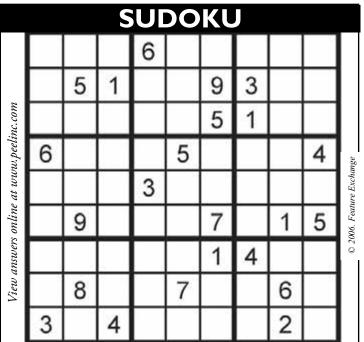


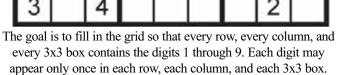
Peel, Inc. iPhone App Expected Release Date Spring 2014

www.peelinc.com 512.263.9181



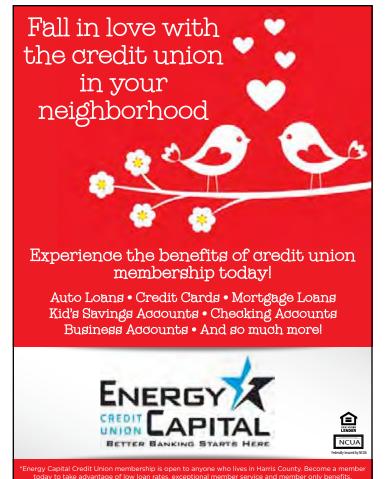
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## **Bashans Painting** & Home Repair

Commercial/Residential **Free Estimates** 

281-347-6702 terminan VISA (0) -112 281-731-3383 cell



- · Interior & Exterior Painting · Garage Floor Epoxy
- · Hardi Plank Installation
- · Wood Replacement
- · Sheetrock Repair
- Interior Carpentry
- · Cabinet Painting
- · Wallpaper Removal and Texturizing
- Pressure Washing
- · Fence Repair/Replacement

- · Custom Staining
- Roofing
- · Gutter Repair/Replacement
- Faux Painting
- · Door Refinishing
- Window Installation
- · Trash Removal
- Ceiling Fan/Light Fixtures

#### References Available • Fully Insured NO PAYMENT UNTIL COMPLETION

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