



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

STEEPLECHASE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS UPDATE

Monument construction has been completed but the new lighting and landscaping has been delayed due to the May rains. This work should be complete by the end of June.

Likewise progress on the parks has been delayed by the weather and completion is now projected for early fall.

Pool joint replacement and pool office renovation should be completed by mid-summer. Plans are being made to rent the pool office area for smaller group meetings.

There is an article on page 25 in the "Community Impact Newspaper, Cyfair Edition" Vol 6, Issue 9 that features Steeplechase and mentions improvements going on in older developments.

RESIDENT SURVEY RESULTS SUMMARIZED

The Steeplechase BOD thanks everybody who took time to complete the survey and submit comments about the pool, clubhouse, tennis courts and the cul-de-sacs. All of the comments were reviewed by the BOD and will be taken into consideration as future plans are made and actions taken.

This following summarizes the survey results.

- Tennis court usage is light. Comments included resurfacing request and removal of some courts for other activities. The most common rating for the courts was "okay".
- Pool tags were purchased by about half of the participants. Nearly 90% of pool ratings were "okay", "good" and "very nice". Considerable comments were made about the need for better control of pool activity by the lifeguards and better performance by the pool service company (don't check tags, dangerous play [hard football] in the pool, kiddie pool disgusting, lifeguards lazy, etc.). There were also suggestions about offering snacks/drinks, keeping the hot tub working in the adult pool, extending the season, etc... PLEASE NOTE THAT THE POOL SERVICE COMPANY FOR 2015 HAS NEW MANAGEMENT. YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE POOL COMPANY MANAGEMENT IN MAY. ALSO, THE HOT TUB WAS REPAIRED LAST YEAR.
- There is high awareness that the clubhouse can be rented with about half noting that they have rented or will rent. Ratings on the clubhouse were overwhelming "okay", "good" and "very nice". There were several comments about the resident rental rate being "too expensive". Some participants indicated that they couldn't find any information about how to rent or the cost.
- Cul-de-Sac ratings were rated "poor" and "okay" by nearly all the participants. There were numerous suggestions to include "no outlet" signage, enforce no parking on the island, as well as re-sodding, new trees, benches and flowers, etc... SCIA HAS BUDGETED TO BEGIN IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CUL-DE-SACS THIS YEAR. THIS IS PLANNED TO BE A MULTI-YEAR PROGRAM DUE TO BUDGETING CONSTRAINTS.



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Cy-Fair Hospital.....	281-890-4285
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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	281-446-5003

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Clubhouse Rentals

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Pool Company Contact

Aquatic Management of Houston.	281-446-5003
www.houston-pmg.com	

Board Member Contact

Chaparral Management Company	281-586-1700
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Schools

Emmott Elementary.....	281-897-4500
Campbell Middle School	281-897-4300
Cy-Ridge High School.....	281-807-8000

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CONSUMER ALERT

Avoid the storm chaser roofing scam. Don't let hail damage hurt your wallet and property value. Red flags homeowners should watch out for when selecting a contractor to fix storm damage

- The disappearing deductible
- Mysterious door to door salesman
- Fluctuating bid
- High pressure tactics

First steps after the storm

- Call your insurance agent
- Ask agent about process
- Wait to get estimates until after your adjuster has examined your roof

Selecting contractors

- Stay calm
- Be proactive selecting a company
- Avoid door to door solicitors
- Do your research check with BBB , Angie's List or similar
- Don't sign any document until you're sure you've selected the contractor you want
- Find a local reputable company
- Make sure it is in writing
- Verify bonding and insurance
- Check the companies referrals from neighbors and others you trust
- Avoid quick fixes and low prices
- Avoid contractors willing to "Save your deductible" which is unlawful
- Written manufacture warranties

Protect your home and investment. Hire a local, well rated contractor

The Steeplechase Stork



The Steeplechase Stork Would Like to Welcome Your New Baby into the Neighborhood!!

If you would like us to welcome your new baby into the neighborhood, we would like to bring a stork sign to place in

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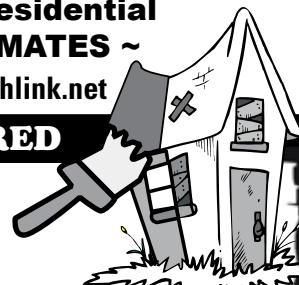
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July Meeting: 21st July, 2015

The next Cypress-Tomball Democrats monthly meeting will be on Tuesday, July 21, 2015. It will be held at Rudy's Grill & Cantina, 11760 Grant Rd., Cypress, TX 77429, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend the meeting and to join this growing club, which meets on the third Tuesday of every month. The meetings are open to all, and always feature great fellowship and informative guest speakers. For more information, visit the website at www.cytomdems.com; contact Glenn Etienne at cytomdems@yahoo.com; or "Like" the club on Facebook.

Summer Cross Country Training for Kids

The Northwest Flyers Youth Cross Country Team is now registering for summer training in preparation for the fall cross country season. Boys and girls ages 6 – 18 may participate. For information contact: Coach Eric Wentworth at emw1105@gmail.com or 281-961-6603; Coach Scott Basinger at sjbasinger@gmail.com or 713-855-8555. Website is www.northwestflyers.org.



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Week 1 June 22-26, 2015

Week 2 June 29-July 3, 2015

Week 3 July 6-10, 2015

9:30 am – 3:30 pm

Wanted: Campers! This summer come to the Camp Hope Rodeo and Experience the Ride of Your Life! God gives, teaches and calls us to an amazing ride throughout our lives as we grow to love Him and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Join this exciting adventure!

Camp Hope is our three-week day camp for children ages 5 years old through 6th grade. It is an adult mentored student led ministry. Each day, children will hear a new Bible story, learn what it means to their life by creating a craft, eating a snack, playing a game, and experiencing the story through expressive arts and worship.

Camp Hope is a day camp that is passionate about growing leaders. This is one of the reasons that Camp Hope is one of the BEST ways to develop youth leaders. It's a vital part of what Camp Hope is all about!

Parents are invited to register their children online at www.messiahlc.org/camp-hope. For more information, call 281-890-3013.

Messiah Lutheran Church is a grace place, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Messiah is located at 11522 Telge Road, ½ mile north of Highway 290. Regular Sunday worship times are: 8 am—Traditions; 9:30 am—The Gathering; and 10:45 am—The Crossing. The Discovery (education) Hour is 9:15-10:15 AM on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or www.messiahlc.org. All people are welcome at Messiah.



ARE YOU READY TO ESCAPE?

**Messiah Lutheran Church is
AT THE MOVIES!!!**

It's coming THIS JULY—

A FREE Movie Night for the family!!

Bring your families to a FREE movie night in July! We will be taking a look at some popular movies and how they intersect God's truth for your life. Every Friday we will feature a FREE showing of the entire movie at Messiah Lutheran church. Then on Sundays, we will show clips that pertain to the message for the day. Invite your friends and family. Please bring your own chair.

Here's the line up:

Friday July 3, 2015: Little Boy

**Friday July 10, 2015: Frozen Sing Along Edition (FREE
Ice Cream Night!!)**

Friday July 17, 2015: Saving Mr. Banks

Friday July 24, 2015: The Avengers

All Showtimes are at 6:30 p.m.

www.messiahlc.org/movies

Parents: please check ratings and do a little homework to see if you are comfortable as a family in bringing your children to see the movie. All children should be accompanied by an adult.

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Hosting an Exchange Student

Did you ever wonder what hosting a foreign exchange student is about? Well here it is in a nutshell....

Hosting an exchange student is a great way to learn about another country and culture without leaving your home town. It provides a cultural exchange experience for the entire family while providing a student from another country with a slice of American life.

Hosting an exchange student is like adding an international branch to your family tree. Many host families develop lifelong friendships with their exchange students and keep in regular touch with them. Some even visit them in their home countries, or invite them back for weddings and graduations

Hosting an exchange student provides your family, your high school and your community with a direct window into another country and culture, providing an opportunity for

life-long learning.

Families of all shapes and sizes can host an international exchange student. We've had host families with young children, no children, high school aged children – as well as empty nesters and single parent households.

Ayusa is a non-profit based in San Francisco that promotes global learning and leadership through foreign exchange and study abroad programs for high school students from around the world.

For more information about hosting a high school foreign exchange student, please contact your local representative Vicki Odom at 832.455.7881 or vodom@ayusa.org or Ayusa at 1.888.552.9872 or by visiting the website at www.ayusa.org.

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Cicadas are fairly large insects but can vary in size with some growing over 1 ½ inches. Color may also vary depending upon species, but many are brown or green. All cicadas have bulging eyes and, on adults, wings that are held roof-like over the body. The wings are semi-transparent with thick wing veins. The majority of their life cycle is spent underground.

Cicadas have 2-5 year life cycles and appear in Texas in mid to late summer. Females insert egg clusters into branches of trees using their saw-like ovipositor

(egg laying structure). Eggs hatch after about 6 weeks and small nymphs drop to the ground where they burrow into the soil. Nymphs feed on sap of tree roots with their piercing-sucking mouthparts. After becoming fully developed, nymphs emerge from the ground at night and climb onto nearby objects such as tree trunk, plants, fences, etc. Adult cicadas emerge from the last nymphal stage leaving behind the exuviae (cast skin). Adults can live 5-6 weeks.

Male cicadas are well known for their “song”. They rest on a tree and produce a whining sound to attract females. The sound is produced by two vibrating membranes on the side of the abdomen. Females do not “sing”. Adults feed on juices from tender twigs, but usually do not cause lasting harm to the plant from feeding.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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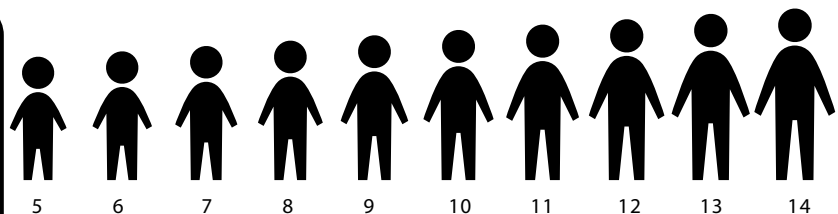
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