



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

# PROUD TO BE A STEEPLECHASE RESIDENT

We have been proud residents of Steeplechase over 25 years and wanted to make a comment of just how proud we are to live in such a wonderful neighborhood.

Over a month ago when we pulled into the neighborhood, we were greeted by the many Blue Ribbons along Steeplechase Blvd. in memory of fallen Harris County Deputy Darren Goforth. We were still in shock at the tragic and senseless loss of Deputy Goforth, but seeing the ribbons and knowing OUR neighborhood was one of many showing their support and sorrow for the HCSO and the Goforth family, brought some relief and pride to be living where we do. THANK YOU to the Steeplechase HOA Board or whomever was responsible to make that happen.

Also wanted to congratulate the Steeplechase HOA Board on the impressive and beautiful monuments at the front of the neighborhood (Jones) and along Steepleway Blvd. – they look VERY NICE!

Steeplechase is looking the best it has in many years, with the MUD Improvements along Eldridge, the walking trail and now the Park Renovations. Anyone entering or driving by our neighborhood cannot tell we are a forty something year old neighborhood – it looks great.

Thank you to the Steeplechase Community Improvement Association (SCIA/HOA) and the H/C MUD #168 for all your hard work – it is noticed and it is appreciated. Keep up the good work for all of us to see, enjoy and be proud of living where we do.

Sincerely,  
A Proud Steeplechase Resident

# STEEPLECHASE

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## Why Girl Scouts? Steeplechase Residents to Perform in HRB's The Nutcracker

Why Girl Scouts? A better question is why not? In Girl Scouts, your daughter has the opportunity to make new friends, learn new skills, and have fun. Girl Scouts was founded by Juliette Gordon Low, who was born on October 31st. She believed that Girl Scouts would help girls learn practical skills and build character. This tradition continues today as our mission to build girls with courage, confidence, and character who will make the world a better place.

Girl Scouts is open to all girls in kindergarten to the 12th grade. In Girl Scouts, your daughter has the opportunity to explore new interests, participate in community service activities, make new friends, and simply have fun. As a Girl Scout leader, an adult has the chance to mentor a group of girls to help them reach their fullest potential. Please consider joining this organization so you can have a direct impact on the girls in your community. Girl Scouts is for girls in grades kindergarten to 12th grade and the cost is \$15.

Did you miss the Girl Scout Recruitment Event at your school? It's not too late to join. Go the Girl Scout of San Jacinto website at [www.gssjc.org](http://www.gssjc.org) and click on "Join Today." If you have additional questions, please contact Jo Anna Harris at [jharris@sjgs.org](mailto:jharris@sjgs.org).

Hello!

Steeplechase residents, Evelyn Nava and Sofia Moyano, will be performing in the Houston Repertoire Ballet's The Nutcracker. Houston's premier pre-professional ballet company celebrates its 20th anniversary season, beginning with its 14th annual performance series of The Nutcracker, featuring professional guest artists Elizabeth Keller and Jared Matthews, both HRB alumni, as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier, with the Cypress Philharmonic directed by Glynnes Lanthier. Performances will be held on Friday, December 4 at 7 pm – one hour Arts & Education performance perfect for young children; Saturday, December 5 at 2 pm & 7 pm; and Sunday, December 6 at 1 pm & 4:30 pm at the Tomball High School Theatre, 30330 Quinn Road, Tomball, Texas 77375. For ticket information, call 281-940-HRB1 (4721) or visit [www.hrbdance.org](http://www.hrbdance.org). Tickets are \$18 for students/seniors and \$22 for adults.

The Nutcracker's brilliant blend of beautiful costumes, lavish sets, and fresh choreography creates a magical storybook world enjoyed by children and adults alike. With a cast of more than 100 HRB dancers and area children, and live music played by Cypress Philharmonic, HRB's masterful production is the highlight of the holidays!

HRB dancers are committed to sharing the arts with the community. Community engagement events include costumed appearances at various nursing homes, group events, and at Arts & Education performances. HRB brings two matinee performances to Tomball ISD third grade students, fulfilling the arts component of their curriculum. To schedule an outreach event for your organization, call 281-940-HRB1 (4721).

The Houston Repertoire Ballet (HRB) is a non-profit 501(c)(3), founded by Victoria Vittum and Gilbert Rome, both nationally acclaimed teachers and choreographers who served as its co-artistic directors. Today, Ms. Vittum oversees training and programming with an equal eye to serving the needs of the community.

Major funding for HRB is provided by Houston Endowment, Inc. with additional support provided by ConocoPhillips and Vintage Wellness.

Please let me know if you have any questions!

Eileen Conery

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\_The two things I hate most: loud dogs and noisy neighbors.

\_I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.

\_I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?

\_I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're not home and for the flat screen TVs and gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.

\_Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page or other social media. It's easier than you think to look up your address.

\_To you, leaving the window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.

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Mealybugs are pests of landscape plants and houseplants. They are often active during times of warm, dry weather, but can also become a problem indoors at any time of year. Infestations usually start at the base of stems and then spread from there as populations increase.

Mealybugs are a type of unarmored scale insect. They are sexually dimorphic (males & females look different). Males have wings while females remain wingless and nymph-like throughout their life. Females are oval, soft-bodied and covered with a white waxy powder.

These insects have piercing-sucking mouthparts which they use to penetrate plant tissue and suck out juices. This can lead to chlorosis (yellowing of the plant), wilting and distortion. With larger infestations,

the insects may cause stunted growth, premature leaf drop or death of the plant. Mealybugs are also known for secreting honeydew, a sweet, sticky substance on which a fungus called \*sooty mold may grow.

\*Sooty mold is a fungus that grows on honeydew excretions. Sooty mold can indirectly harm the plant by covering plant surfaces and reducing the amount of sunlight that reaches plant tissues, resulting in reduction of photosynthesis.

Since all but male mealybugs are wingless, adult females have to be placed near a host plant for them to infest it. They can crawl short distances to plants. Immatures can be blown to new locations by the wind, move by water or be transported by animals.

Tips for mealybug management:

- Conserve beneficial insects; there are many insects that will feed on mealybugs or parasitize them

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- \*\*Use high pressure water sprays to dislodge the insects from the plant
- \*\*Insecticidal soap
- \*\*Horticultural oils
- \*\*Insecticides labeled for mealybug control
- For severely infested plants, it may be best to throw the plant away and buy a new one
- \*\*If treating houseplants, move plants outside during treatment then move back inside once treatment has dried.

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](http://www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com)

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