



Steeplechase

NEWSLETTER



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

2016 SCIA Budget & Projects

The Board approved 2016 operating expense budget total is about the same as the 2015 budget amount. The refurbishment, upgrade and replacement of Association assets continue as the Association works to enhance property values in Steeplechase.

Many projects were completed in 2015.

- Swimming Pools: installed a new diving board, updated the pool pumps, replaced pool lights, replaced pool deck expansion joints, and replaced the decking at the adult pool
- Pool Community Center: completed a total renovation of the center and the underutilized restrooms
- Reconstruction of misaligned, damaged sidewalks along Steepleway Blvd.
- Steeplechase Internal Monuments: completed a total replacement of monuments, lighting, landscaping and installed water conserving drip irrigation systems
- Three Parks: the three Steeplechase parks were totally redone to include new amenities, lighting, landscaping and irrigation by MUD 165. SCIA has maintenance responsibility for these areas.
- One Mile Loop Trail: MUD 165 built a landscaped parking area and installed two stretching stations at the trail. As with the trail itself, SCIA has maintenance responsibility for these new features.
- Also in 2015 a resident survey was conducted. Feedback from the survey has led the BOD to 1) increase adult pool tag cost to \$10 from the 2015 level of \$5, children's tag cost remains at the \$5 level, and 2) further analyze what tennis amenities the Association will provide in the future before any substantial

investments are made. The BOD is considering a follow-up survey in 2016.

Projects budgeted for 2016 completion includes the following.

- Clubhouse roof repainting
- Clubhouse security system upgrade
- Clubhouse kitchen and bathrooms renovation
- Outside pool bathrooms renovation
- Pool fence replacement
- Improvements to, or addition of entrance monuments on Steepleway, Stableway, Yearling and Paddock Park
- Tennis court repairs
- Installation of solar powered speed signs (Your speed is) subject to Harris County approval
- Possible addition of a greenbelt based amenity

A 5% increase to the annual assessment (2016 assessment is \$535.00) has been approved by the BOD to pay for the continuing improvements in Steeplechase and to ensure adequate additions to the reserve fund for future projects.

The BOD thanks each resident for their support in the ongoing effort to improve Steeplechase property values.

Every resident is welcome to attend BOD meetings to make suggestions, provide feedback, volunteer to help, request specific actions to be taken, etc. The BOD looks forward to seeing each of you at its meetings.

Finally, for current information about all SCIA activities, please register and log on the new website, www.steeplechasecia.com.

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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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Private Parties and Community Events (Jinnie Kelley).....	832-922-8030
Pool Company Contact	
Aquatic Management of Houston.	281-446-5003
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

www.steeplechasecia.com
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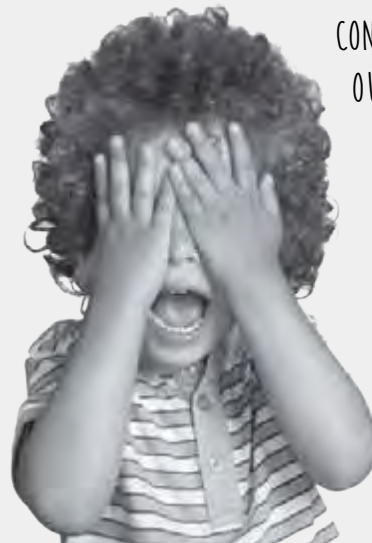
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The SCIA BOD has created Committees to develop recommendations in specific areas for BOD consideration. There are four Committees seeking volunteers: 1) Social, 2) Facilities, 3) Landscaping and 4) Capital Projects.

The Social Committee addresses Association sponsored events such a Pool Opening Day, July 4th celebration, etc. The Facilities Committee is focused on inspection, preventive maintenance and repair of Association assets; e.g. the clubhouse. The Landscape Committee deals with the landscape contractor, tree trimming, plantings and the like. The Capital Projects Committee develops specifications, solicits contractors and bids, evaluates bids and make a recommendation to the BOD for approval.

If you have an interest, or if you would like to further explore what volunteering for a Committee entails, come to the monthly BOD meeting or contact Stacy Johnston at Chaparral Management. The BOD looks forward to your Committee participation.

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Springtails

Springtails are very small, jumping insects that can sometimes become a problem inside homes. Springtails are usually found in areas of moisture, so indoors they may be located near potted plants, sinks, bath tubs or kitchen compost areas. These insects are typically found outside in gardens, near swimming pools or near where there is excessive moisture or standing water.

Springtails are small (about 1/16 of an inch long), wingless and come in various colors. These insects have a "tail" that latches into a space on the underside of the body that they can use to "jump" several inches into the air.

Springtails are considered a nuisance insect, but some may chew on roots and leaves of sapling plants. They usually do not cause enough damage to warrant control measures to be taken. If you have springtails in your home it points to a moisture problem that should be fixed.

Options for helping reduce springtail problems:

- Remove excessive mulch and/ or leaf litter near the home
- Change watering schedule to reduce the amount of moisture near the home

• Use fans or dehumidifiers to reduce moisture indoors

- Seal cracks, crevices, pipe & wire penetrations on the outside of the home
- Replace or repair any screening on doors and windows that is damaged
- Replace weather stripping around doors and windows that does not provide a good seal
- Suck up any indoor infestations with a vacuum

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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February 1, 2016

Early Voting:

February 16-26, 2016

Harris County Early Vote Locations and Times (check back)

Election Day:

March 1, 2016: 7am until 7pm

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May 24, 2016 Primary Runoff Election Schedule

Ballot By Mail Applications Accepted:

January 1 - May 13, 2016

Last Day to Register to Vote:

April 25, 2016

Early Voting:

May 16-20, 2016

Harris County Early Vote Locations and Times (check back)

Election Day:

May 24, 2016: 7am until 7pm

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Cypress Texas Tea Party

The next meetings of the Cypress Texas Tea Party will be on:
Saturday, January 9, 2016 NOON - 2:00 PM

- Bert Langdon, Convention of the States
 - Andrew Callis, Candidate for County Commissioner, Precinct 3
 - Kay Smith, Candidate for Texas State Representative, District 130
- Saturday, January 30, 2016 NOON - 2:00 PM
- Yet to be determined

The Cypress Texas Tea Party meets every three weeks on Saturday
Noon until 2:00 PM at:

Spring Creek BBQ
25831 Northwest Freeway
Cypress, Texas 77429

Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/OoNjY>

A schedule of our meetings and confirmed speakers can be found
at our website, www.cypresstexasteaparty.org

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Finding Resolution

I am a goal-oriented, list-making individual. It's how I'm wired, and it has helped me be productive and successful in many ways. However, being goal-oriented doesn't always work so well when building relationships. What if the other individual doesn't have the same goals as you do?

This has been the case many times in my life, and my tendency was to bulldoze over them with my lack of concern for their goals. My goals were better, more thought out, more important, etc. What does that do to this relationship that I valued to work on so much? It completely undermines the whole thing! So, how did I learn to stop this destructive pattern in my relationships? Horses!

How many of you have tried to get an animal that weighs over 1000 pounds to meet your personal goals? It's not easy. Yes, it is possible to force them to do many things, but can you catch them easily the next day? Do they really want to have a relationship with you after you have met said goals? Mine didn't. Mine ran away and fought many things I tried to "teach".

What did it take for me to listen to the horse's thought on our relationship? An unplanned dismount is the nicest way I've heard it phrased. When a horse goes to bucking, it is pretty clear it doesn't respect your leadership. A wise man once asked me what happened before that buck. I answered, "Lots of little things that I ignored, actually."

I'm too old to ignore those little signals anymore. It hurts to hit the ground with that kind of force! As I've learned to listen to horses better, it has also helped me to listen to people better. Have you ever asked a friend what they want to receive out of the relationship you have? Do they have needs that aren't being met? If they aren't treated respectfully and valued, they may not stick around.

Setting goals is still helpful, especially in helping me think of the steps to help myself achieve them. I just want to make sure I am not ruining relationships along the way. So, my goal setting looks different now as I make sure it includes the friends I value the most.

These are a few of my relational goal ideas for the next year. They are all oriented toward preventing those blow ups, like my horse gave me, with one of my friends or husband.

Be a better friend by:

1. Stopping to question myself when feeling annoyed or offended- "Is really that important?"
2. Plan monthly dates to build relationships.
3. Check in with my friends to find out their needs, before they ask!
4. Be more available by being less BUSY- say no to more things, so I can say yes to important ones.
5. LISTEN better- friends are giving early signs of needs, but we are distracted with our own.

Shannon Birkelbach works at Five Horses, LLC in Waller, Texas. To find out more about how horses can help you and your relationships, check out the natural horsemanship program as well as the equine assisted learning workshops provided here. www.fivehorses.com

Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club Free Registration Breakfast

The Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club will celebrate its 29th Anniversary Season by hosting its annual free Registration/Orientation Breakfast on Saturday, February 6th, 2016. The breakfast starts promptly at 8:30 AM at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center Forum, 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX, 77379.

All boys and girls who wish to join the team for the 2016 spring/summer track season must attend the orientation, which will be highlighted by a special presentation from a member of the USA Track & Field Olympic organization (USATF).

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a youth (ages 6 -18) track club, affiliated with USATF, that provides a full program of sanctioned "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put, discus and javelin.

For additional information on the Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org>; contact Linette Roach at linette.roach@sbcglobal.net; or "Like" the club on Facebook.

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