



# Steeplechase

## NEWSLETTER



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

## OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY

At the September BOD meeting a Social Committee was established with Neva Hall as Chairperson.

The Committee has already accepted a year end project to decorate the Steeplechase internal monuments and the clubhouse door. If you would like to help plan, select and hang these decorations (to be displayed immediately after Thanksgiving until the New Year celebrations are over), please contact Stacy Johnston at Chaparral Management (281-537-0957 Ext 42).

There are other opportunities to help with planning, activities and projects in your neighborhood. These include Landscaping, Capital Projects, Facilities, ACC, and other. As noted above, contact Stacy Johnston with what you interested in doing if you can help.

Thanks for your interest in improving your community and helping your neighbors.

## Cy-Ranch Cy-Borgs

Join in the fun on Saturday, October 29 from 11-2 pm at Cypress Ranch High School. Cy-Borgs Robotics Team will be holding their second annual event "Robots, Rockets, and Ribs".

This family- friendly event will include a competition of bottle rockets constructed from 2 liter bottles and launched with pressurized water. Kits will be available for spectators to construct and launch their own rockets. Prizes will be given for the longest duration flight. Sponsorships for the team rockets are available. Please contact us through our website, [www.cyborgs3335.org](http://www.cyborgs3335.org).

The Cy-Borgs will have several robots on display. This event is for all ages!

FIRST FRC TEAM 3335, Cy-Ranch Cy-Borgs, is a FIRST FRC robotics team based out of Cypress Ranch High School in Cypress, TX. Although we are based at Cy-Ranch HS, we invite students from CFISD to join us if their school does not have a FIRST team. We feel it is very important to make sure all students have an opportunity to participate in FIRST. Our 9th – 12th graders all have interests in science, technology, engineering, math, marketing and media. Together we work as a team, build robots, compete at FIRST FRC competitions, actively participate in STEM Outreach and Community Outreach all year long. We are the longest running FIRST team in our school district.

Lunch will be available for purchase at Robots, Rockets and Ribs.

## STEEPLECHASE BOD DECIDES WHAT'S NEXT FOR A NEW AMENITY

At the August meeting the BOD discussed what action will be taken on any possible new amenity. Only the three possible amenities resulting from the resident survey were discussed: 1) splash pad, 2) sand volleyball, and 3) miniature golf.

The BOD decided to continue with analysis and evaluation of a splash pad for possible construction in 2018 or beyond. No splash pad construction will occur in 2017 due to other already scheduled capex projects and pending the completion of a longer term capex funding analysis.

Detailed analysis of a sand volleyball court (location on the clubhouse grounds inside the perimeter fence) will continue for possible inclusion in the 2017 budget.

If you voted in the resident survey for a volleyball court and you can help with the planning, please contact Stacy Johnston at Chaparral Management. If you can't volunteer at this time, but you are interested in using a sand volleyball court, contact Stacy and express your interest.

The BOD decided to not continue analysis of a miniature golf course. No miniature golf course will be developed.

No other new amenity will be considered at this time.

Many residents mentioned a Bayou Trail extension in the resident survey. MUD 168 is not considering a Trail extension at this time. However, it remains a possibility in the future.

## HOMES ALONG THE BAYOU TRAIL

The Steeplechase residents that line the bayou trail should note that Chaparral Management will begin to inspect for deed restriction violations visible from the trail as this is a public walking area.

This inspection is the same as the deed restriction inspection along Eldridge Parkway as well as Steepleway Blvd where homes back up to the greenbelt areas, the walkway along Eldridge or a public street.

Please take note as these inspections will look for visible violations such as leaning or damaged fencing, yard trash tossed over the property fence or dumped onto the maintained trail area.

Thanks for your help in doing your part to keep Steeplechase nicely maintained and looking good.

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Harris Co. MUD #168.....	hcmud168board@gmail.com
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## Schools

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

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## Support Emmott Elementary – Our neighborhood school



For the past 20 years, Box Tops for Education has been supporting local schools. The program is simple, and everyone can help. Simply clip the Box Tops from products you already buy (Cheerios, Ziplocs, Kleenex, etc.), place them in a bag, and

drop them off at the Emmott Elementary front office. After the school's volunteer Box Top coordinator submits the Box Tops, a check is sent to the school twice a year, so the school can purchase needed items. Every Box Top gives the school 10 cents which means one hundred Box Tops becomes \$10 and a thousand Box Tops becomes \$100. The numbers add up quickly when everyone works together. Bonus Box Top certificates can be found on participating products and receipts. Please visit BTFE.com for a comprehensive list of participating products, bonus Box Top opportunities, and additional information. Thank you for your support! Let's support our children and teachers!

## Cypress Texas Tea Party

The next meetings of the Cypress Texas Tea Party will be on:  
Saturday, October 8, 2016 NOON - 2:00 PM

- Renee McGee, Judge, 337th District Court
- Debra Ibarra Mayfield, Judge, 165th District Court

Saturday, October 29, 2016 NOON - 2:00 PM

- Eric Golub, Political Conservative Comedian - [www.tygrrrrexpress.com](http://www.tygrrrrexpress.com)

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](http://www.cypresstexasteaparty.org)

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## Cy-Fair Republican Women



Guest speaker for CFRW October meeting will be Rick Figueroa, a leader for the future of the Republican Party. Rick believes that we are at a crossroads, in need of a renewal of our Republican values. He wants to carry the message that we are a party of addition and the only party with anything to offer the Hispanic community.

Tuesday, October 11th will be CFRW General Meeting at 10:30 AM - Noon.

Meeting is \$3 -- Meeting w/Lunch at Noon is \$20.

Hearthstone Country Club, 7615 Ameswood, Houston, TX 77095

Enjoy likeminded fellowship and getting to know our candidates.

All are welcome! Candidates, we want to get to know each of you.

RSVP to [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net) by October 4th.

Note: November Meeting will be the 1st as Election Day is the 8th.

Nancy Roberts

Publicity Chair, Cy-Fair Republican Women

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## CYPRESS 5K FUN RUN AND PUPPY PARADE

Cypress and Houston area residents can strengthen their families, their bodies, their neighborhood school, and their dogs at a very fun family friendly event this fall. Cypress 5K Fun Run and Puppy Parade benefiting the Performing Arts Department at Spillane Middle School will take place Saturday, November 19th at 9:00 a.m. at Spillane Middle School, 13403 Spillane Woods Blvd.

The event is the school's third annual Fun Run, and will feature a timed run. You don't have to be a competitive runner to participate since the race also features a family run for those pushing strollers or wanting to walk, and a dog walking segment. The race will begin at Spillane Middle School, and go through the Coles Crossing neighborhood. Medals will be awarded in multiple age brackets, and to the first three dogs who cross the finish line.

While generating funds to support the school's award-winning Performing Arts programs is one goal of this run, event organizers want to strengthen the school's ties to the community as well as encourage community spirit and fitness. The race has become an annual tradition for many, and provides the opportunity to run, walk, bond with, and support family, friends, and neighbors. Last year's run had over 900 participants, and was a great success.

Early bird registration continues until October 29 for \$30, which includes a commemorative T-shirt. From Oct. 30 – Nov. 12th registration increases to \$35 and a T-shirt is not guaranteed. Late registration, which continues until race day, is \$40 and does not include the shirt. Family discounts are available through October 29.

Runners who have pre-registered can pick up their packets Thursday, November 17th from 4:00 pm - 7:30 p.m. at Spillane Middle School.

To register or for more information, visit the Cypress 5K Fun Run & Puppy Parade website at <https://thedriven.net/cypress5k>.



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## Finding Grace

When I first sat down to write this piece, I had planned to do a piece on forgiveness. I have had several situations lately where forgiveness seemed applicable, even necessary, but I felt myself struggling. I kept circling back around to the thought that I was in the right, they were in the wrong, and it just did not seem fair that I needed to be the one to dig deep and forgive. I was definitely dragging my feet.

As always, I found myself taking notes and learning about the active nature of grace just by watching my horses. Horses exude grace. Their movements are the very definition of grace. They embody the spirit of grace in their willingness to accept us as friends and partners in this journey. The very fact that they, as prey animals, choose to trust humans; predators, defies the natural order of the world and demonstrates the act of grace. We are undeserved of their generous gift of companionship, but can choose to cherish and learn from it.

Along my way to finding forgiveness, I found myself practicing grace. I learned I did not have to be right, but could extend the hand of friendship and choose not to allow petty grievances to harm a long-time relationship. Doing so would not only harm that friendship, but would also hurt me by allowing bitterness and self-destructive thoughts and patterns to form.

To me, this portrays our relationship with God. By our very nature, humankind are sinners and undeserved of His love and mercy, yet He still bestows upon us this incredible gift of grace. I honestly believe that He gave us animals to act as instructors of grace so that we could become the people He intends us to be. I know I have learned so many unexpected lessons in life from mine. I learned grace is not just a singular act, but a continuous action that must be practiced daily in order to have real impact in life. In finding grace, I have also discovered a way to be closer to God and to accept harsh truths and realities without accruing toxic feelings of bitterness and self-justification. In writing this, I hope that my lesson might help even one person on his own journey.

Tara Chatterson works at Five Horses, LLC in Waller, TX. To find out more about how horses can help you, check out the natural horsemanship program, as well as the equine assisted learning workshops provided here: [www.fivehorses.com](http://www.fivehorses.com).

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Most feeding occurs at night when bed bugs pierce skin while people sleep. The bugs inject a fluid while feeding that can cause some people (about 50%) to have an allergic response. The allergic response causes the skin to become irritated and itchy at the bite location.

After feeding (it takes about 12-15 minutes for a bed bug to become fully engorged), bed bugs crawl away into hidden areas- mattress seams, headboards, nightstands, behind baseboards as well as other locations. They prefer to hide in locations that are close to where they feed, but they will crawl several feet to get to a meal. Bed bugs hide in their chosen location for about 3 days while they digest the blood meal. Over time, congregation areas become marked with blood, fecal material, hatched eggs and cast skins of molted bugs.

When travelling, always inspect rooms thoroughly for bed bugs before moving luggage into the room. Luggage should be placed until the bathtub until the room has been inspected. Make sure to carry a small flashlight with for to help with inspection. When you return home, place clothing in the dryer (before washing) on high heat for about an hour.

Tips on inspection:

- Look in sleeping areas (bed, pull-out couches)
- Inspect linens as they are removed from the bed
- Check mattress and box spring seams, bottom of the box spring and near the mattress tag
- Inspect the dust ruffle
- If possible, lift the boxspring and inspect the bed frame
- If possible, pull out or remove the headboard to inspect behind it

- Check bedside tables and everything on them, including opening all drawers

If you find bed bugs, go to the front desk to inform them of what you found and request a different room. Do not get a room that is adjacent, above, below or across from the infested room (bed bugs can travel through wall voids to adjacent areas).

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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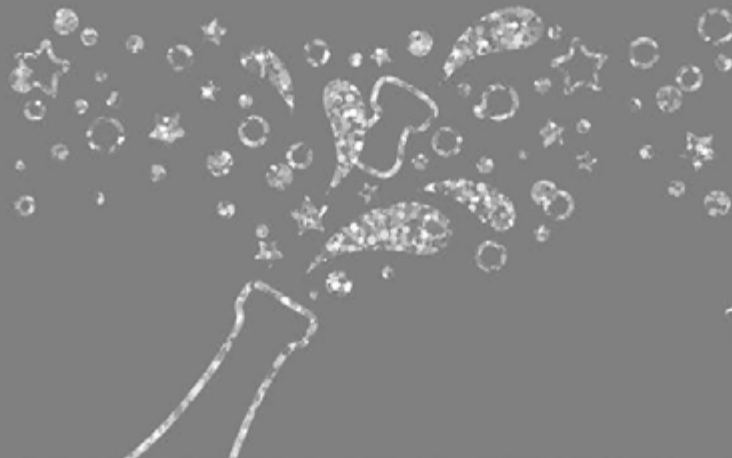
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