



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

2017 SCIA Budget & Projects

The Board approved 2017 operating expense budget total is about the same as the 2016 budget amount. The refurbishment, upgrade and replacement of Association assets is budgeted to continue in 2017 as the Association works in accordance with the Association Reserve Study.

Many projects were completed in 2016.

- Pool Community Center: completed a total renovation of the center and the underutilized restrooms
- Replacement of sidewalks along Steepleway Blvd.
- Improvements to, or replacement of Steeplechase minor entrance monuments on Yearling, Stableway, Paddock Park and Steepleway Blvd.
- Repaving and fence replacement for two tennis courts and improved drainage around the tennis courts
- Replacement and realignment of fencing around the pool and spa areas
- Clubhouse security system upgrade
- Clubhouse kitchen and bathrooms renovation with interior painting
- Clubhouse roof repainting
- Pool bathrooms renovation

A resident survey about a potential new amenity was conducted in 2016. The BOD considered the top three resident choices (splash pad, miniature golf and sand volleyball) and has decided that no new amenity would be developed in 2016 or 2017 due to other

capital project needs on existing assets. No new amenity costs are budgeted for 2017,

Projects budgeted for 2017 completion includes the following.

- Repaving and fence replacement for two additional tennis courts
- Plastering of the adult pool and spa
- Partial replacement of the main pool deck
- Replacement and expansion of the west Clubhouse parking lot
- Replacement of pool mechanical equipment as needed
- Repainting and spot repair of the Steepleway Blvd/Greenbelt fencing

A 5% increase to the annual assessment (2017 assessment is \$560.00) has been approved by the BOD to pay for the routine operating expenses (streetlights, security, common area landscaping, etc.), the continuing renovation and improvement of Steeplechase assets, and to make adequate additions to the Reserve Fund for future projects.

The BOD thanks each resident for their support in the BOD's ongoing work to maintain Association assets and improve property values throughout Steeplechase.

Every resident is invited to attend BOD meetings to ask questions, provide feedback, volunteer, etc. The BOD looks forward to seeing each resident at its meetings.

Finally, for current information about all SCIA activities, visit www.steeplechasecia.com.

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IMPORTANT

Telephone Numbers



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Cy-Fair Fire Dept	911
Cy-Fair Hospital.....	281-890-4285
Animal Control	281-999-3191
Center Point (Street lights)	713-207-2222
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
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Trash Pick-up (Best Trash, LLC) (Wed. & Sat.)	281-313-BEST
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Chaparral Management Company 281-586-1700

Clubhouse Rentals

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

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STEEPLECHASE GREENBELTS.... NOT FOR PARKING

When the resident survey about a new amenity was taken in 2016, the participating residents were very clear about keeping the greenbelts as open, uncluttered space. The residents see these areas as children play areas, dog walking areas, ball throwing areas and the like. In order to enjoy these areas, these areas should be grassy and fairly level.

These uses won't accommodate parking on the greenbelt as parking in these areas will kill the grass, rut the ground and with any subsequent rainfall turn these rutted areas into mud pits. Then the Association has to spend money and time to rework these areas into a reasonable condition.

Think about this the next time that you go to an event at Emmott and the parking lot is full, park along the bordering streets (Paddock Way, Overmead Drive, Paddock Court, Gold Cup Way) where allowed, don't park on the greenbelt. Consider carpooling with your neighbors if possible to reduce congestion.

Steeplechase Security Contact Information

Please follow the Steeplechase Safety & Security page on Facebook for helpful tips about home, neighborhood and personal safety, along with important neighborhood news and information. This page is managed by Steeplechase's Security Coordinator, who works directly with HCSO and our local deputies. <https://www.facebook.com/Steeplechase-Safety-Security-181933781906989/> Please reach out to our neighborhood Security Coordinator with information or questions by direct message through this page or by emailing SteeplechaseSecurity@gmail.com. PLEASE REMEMBER: If you see something or someone suspicious call 713-221-6000 to report it, witness a crime or emergency in action, call 911! If it isn't reported, it didn't happen.



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If you have any questions or comments, direct them to Stacy Johnston at

sjohnston@chaparralmanagemen.com.



Cypress Texas Tea Party

The next meeting of the Cypress Texas Tea Party will be on:

Saturday, January 21, 2017 NOON - 2:00 PM

- Colleen Dippel, Founder & Executive Director, Families Empowered

The Cypress Texas Tea Party meets every three weeks on Saturday

Noon until 2:00 PM at:

Spring Creek BBQ

25831 Northwest Freeway

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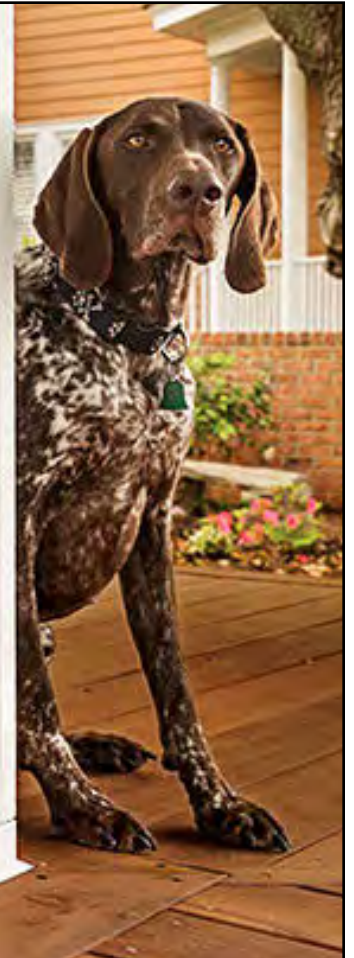
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The "Awesome, Amazing, Associates" of the Jack and Jill of America, Inc., North Houston Suburban Chapter will hold a "Puttin' on the Ritz" dance on Saturday, March 4th, 2017. The event will be take place from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m. at the Northgate Country Club, 17110 Northgate Forest Drive, Houston, Texas. The suggested attire is formal black and white.

"Puttin' on the Ritz" will benefit the Jack and Jill of America Foundation, which supports education, literacy, scientific and charitable projects that benefit children. Tickets are \$65 per person. To purchase tickets, please contact Shirley Carter, at 281-222-7765 or sjmcarter@att.net.

Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is a non-profit family organization which is dedicated to nurturing future leaders by supporting children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving and civic duty. More information about the organization can be found at www.jackandjillinc.org.

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Class coordinated by Messiah member Debbie Evans. For questions, please contact Debbie at deb@EvansTaxCo.com. If you need childcare, you MUST let Debbie know prior to the class start date.

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 Cross-ing. 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.

DAVE RAMSEY'S SEVEN BABY STEPS

Getting out of debt will not happen overnight; it takes time. Here are the Baby Steps that will get you started:

- step 1: \$1,000 In An Emergency Fund
- step 2: Pay Off All Debt With The Debt Snowball
- step 3: 3 To 6 Months Expenses In Savings
- step 4: Invest 15% Of Income Into Roth IRAs And Pre-Tax Retirement Plans
- step 5: College Funding
- step 6: Pay Off Your Home Early
- step 7: Build Wealth And Give!

Houston NW Writers' Critique Forum

You are invited to join the Houston NW Writers' Critique Forum. We meet monthly on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. inside the Steeplechase Pool Community Center (small building located behind the Clubhouse within the pool gate area – 11250 Steepleway Blvd.)

This is not a class. It is a forum for authors who have or have not been published. For additional information, contact Steeplechase resident, Lou Kamradt at Saddlebrookwriter@gmail.com or 832-492-1612.



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For those wishing only to train, join us in Katy for AHFC Friday Night Academy. Visit Katy Youth Soccer to register for this Friday Fun Program.

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Email us at jhsl@albionhurricanes.org for more information or questions.

Office Phone: 713-939-7473 r9m7lg

TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION

Fungus Gnats

Fungus gnats often become a problem in homes due to an overwatering problem. Since this time of year can bring poinsettias or other plants into the home, fungus gnats are a pest to watch for.

Fungus gnat adults are small, black, long-legged flies with long antennae. Most adults are about 1/16 an inch but some can get up to 1/2 an inch. They are weak fliers and generally remain near potted plants, growing media, foliage or leaf litter.

Larvae, or immatures, have a black head capsule and long whitish body without legs. They feed on organic matter such as mulch, compost, grass clippings, plant roots and fungi. When conditions are very moist, fungus gnat larvae can become abundant and may leave slime trails on media that looks similar to trails left by snails or slugs.

While these gnats are a nuisance they are fairly easy to manage. Indoors, it is a good idea to use yellow sticky cards as a monitoring tool. Potato pieces may also be used as a monitoring tool for fungus gnats. To do this, imbed a peeled potato cube into media and inspect the underside of the potato and the media directly below it twice a week for fungus gnat larvae.

To manage fungus gnat populations, work on reducing excessively moist conditions. Avoid overwatering and make sure that there is good drainage. The surface of container soil should be allowed to dry before watering again.

If using compost, make sure that items have been fully composted. Compost piles should be turned regularly and kept away from doors or windows. Inspect all doors, windows, vents and screens for a good seal to reduce the number of gnats that may enter a structure.

Bacillus thuringiensis var. israelensis or the nematode Steinernema feltiae can be applied in containers to control larvae. Either spray on the media or apply as a soil drench. Biologicals work best when they are applied early in an infestation. If a population is already large, they may not provide the control desired.

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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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. When feeling annoyed or offended- stopping to question why and if it 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 you early signs of needs, but we are distracted with our own.

****If you find these things to be true in your own life, and would like to make a change, please visit our website at www.fivehorses.com to learn more about our new Goal-Setting Workshop this January****

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