



Steeplechase

NEWSLETTER



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

CLUBHOUSE POOL 2017 SCHEDULE CHANGES

The SCIA BOD has approved the reconstruction of four (4) tennis courts to be completed this year. If you recall, the resident survey conducted in 2016 resulted in an Association commitment to maintain four (4) courts in competitive play condition.

The court project is planned to start on Saturday, April 8th and will be completed on or before Friday, May 26th in time for play to resume during the Memorial Day weekend.

During this time period (April 8th through May 26th) all courts will be closed, unavailable for play, and fenced off for safety during construction work.

If you have any questions, please contact Chaparral Management.

UPCOMING BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

If you have an interest in serving as a member of the SCIA Board of Directors, you can print a [Board Member Questionnaire](#) from the Steeplechase website and mail the completed form to Chaparral Management at P O Box 681007, Houston TX 77268. You can also email the questionnaire to cmc@chaparralmanagement.com. **Questionnaires must be received by Chaparral Management before 5:00 p.m. on May 10, 2017 in order for your name to be placed on the Proxy.**

On or before May 19, 2017, the Annual Meeting Notice along with a Proxy and a copy of your questionnaire will be mailed to all owners to consider when casting their proxy vote at the Annual Meeting of the Members scheduled for June 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse. There will be three (3) Directors elected to serve a three (3) year term.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT PADDOCK WAY & ELDRIDGE????

The BOD contacted Precinct 4 to get an update on the status of this project. Precinct 4 reported the following. **The Project is currently in the Design Phase. Our goal, barring any unforeseen circumstances beyond Harris County's control, is to begin construction in the second quarter of 2017.**

MANAGEMENT COMPANY OF THE YEAR 2017!

Congratulations to Chaparral Management, our HOA management company, for being voted the "Management Company of the Year 2017" by the Community Association Institute for the Houston Area. They achieved this distinction in 2016 as well.

Scholarships available from Cy-Fair Republican Women

Cy-Fair Republican Women PAC will offer two educational scholarships in the amount of \$1000 each to a woman with U.S. Citizenship, who has been a resident of Texas for at least two (2) years, is registered to vote and attending a Texas institution of higher learning. Funding will be made directly to the recipient's school. The application and all requirements are available online at www.cfrw.net. The deadline for the 2017 fall semester is June 15. Completed applications should be mailed or e-mailed to:

**Cy-Fair Republican Women PAC
Genie Hood, Scholarship Committee
9514 Sabine River Ct
Cypress, TX 77433
geniehood@att.net**

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Telephone Numbers



Emergency.....	911
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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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Community Center Contacts

Community Maintenance Concerns	
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
Cy-Ridge High School.....	281-807-8000

Contact the Management Company

www.steeplechasecia.com
or by phone 281-586-1700

Journey to the Cross

A Holy Week Experience for Families

Take the Journey on

April 14, 2017

10:30 am – 1:30 pm

Free Event for Families—All ages welcome

Juice & cookies provided.

Ever wondered what it might be like the last week with Jesus? Come experience it for yourself! Journey to the Cross is an interactive, self-guided tour through Jesus' last week. Imagine what life was like during this miraculous time in history as you get your hands washed, and smash some olives, taste the foods of the Passover Festival, experience the tomb, and listen to the storyteller recount Jesus' last week. Collect your interactive booklet that you will take on your journey, and use at home to remind you of the story of Jesus.

This is a hands-on learning experience for the whole family to share together. Don't miss this living, interactive recreation of the Jesus' last week. Journey to the Cross is for families who would like to experience the sacrifice Jesus made for each of us as we prepare for Easter.

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Cy-Fair Republican Women April Meeting

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

Meeting is \$3 -- Meeting w/Lunch at Noon is \$23.

Hearthstone Country Club, 7615 Ameswood, Houston, TX 77095

All are welcome! Come and enjoy like-minded fellowship and relevant speakers. Our goals include educating our community about the workings of all levels of government and each of us has a voice.

RSVP to www.cfrw.net by April 4th. We look forward to seeing you there!

SAVE the DATE—November 3rd for High Heels & High Tea!

Cypress Texas Tea Party

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

Saturday, April 15, 2017 NOON - 2:00 PM
- To Be Determined

Saturday, May 6, 2017 NOON - 2:00 PM
- Alan Bragg, Police Chief, CFISD

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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VBS Registration Now Open!

VBS -- July 17-21
St. Aidan's Episcopal Church
13131 Fry Rd.
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Saint Aidan's Episcopal Church VBS registration opens March 5th! Come join us for an In and Out, Over, Under Adventure July 17-21! This year's theme is Maker Fun Factory. Our VBS is completely Gluten, and nut free. The cost is \$30.00. Registration ends July 2. If you have any questions, please contact Taylor at taylor@aidanschurch.org. Saint Aidan's Episcopal is located at 13131 Fry Road, just south of Hwy 290.

Register at our website: <http://aidanschurch.org>

THE MYSTERY PART 3

A CONTINUATION FROM PART 1 & 2

She saw a star following – landed on other side of hill – creature moved towards her –continue-

It didn't make a sound nor did I. It stopped within 20 feet of me. We both stood very still. Then all of a sudden it floated up and over to me. It touched me. I felt nothing and yet like a strange feeling. It was warm, cozy like. It was one of being happy, being joyful and okay.

All of a sudden, "it" turned and floated back to the doorway. It opened the door and went inside. The "star" lifted up and off into the sky and away.

It was gone in minutes- nowhere to be seen. I was alone. I turned and walked back to my house. What should I do, what could I say, who would I tell? Who would believe me? Would I believe myself?

I rolled over and woke up. There I was, in my bed - in my bedroom - in my house. I sat up and looked out of my window towards the hill. I dressed, ran outside, up the hill, and looked to the other side. There was nothing - nothing. Had I dreamed it all? It had seemed so real.

When I returned to my house, there was a small star lying on my porch.

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The Women Empowering Women Express Network



The Women Empowering Women Express Network (WEWEN) of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA) invites you to attend a Monthly Networking Luncheon on April 5, 2017. The luncheon will be held at Lone Star College in the West Dining Room at 20515 State Hwy 249,

Houston, Texas 77070. Open Networking begins at 11:00AM, followed by an informative program and lunch from 11:30AM-1:00PM. This month's program features Gaylyn Devine, President for the American Business Women's Foundation speaking on the campaign, "21 Cents 4 Change!"

Did you know that of American women that work full time, year round, are only paid 79 cents for every dollar paid to men? And for women of color, the wage gap is even larger. This is the basis for the 21Cents4Change campaign. Gaylyn DeVine, the president of ABWF will discuss what they are doing to promote pay equity and what you can do locally to help the cause.

DeVine is the owner of local Houston business TLS Graphics, a full service commercial printing company. She has been active in the American Business Women's Association for many years serving as the 2013-2014 National Secretary – Treasurer, District Vice President for the Board of Directors from 2012-2013, and as a Trustee for the Stephen Bufton Memorial Educational Fund from 2012-2014.

Expand your network, grow your business skills, reach a new audience, or advance your career with the Women Empowering Women Express Network of ABWA. WEWEN meets the first Wednesday of each month from 11AM-1PM. Additional details and luncheon registration (\$25) are available at wewen.org. Contact communications@wewen.org with questions.

About ABWA

Founded in 1949, ABWA provides business training and networking opportunities for women of diverse occupations and backgrounds. ABWA has dedicated 68 years to women's education, workplace skills, and career development training. For more information, visit abwa.org.

ALBION HURRICANES FC SOCCER TRYOUTS AND EVALUATIONS COMING IN MAY!

Albion Hurricanes FC (AHFC), established in 1989, is leading the way in South Texas youth soccer by inspiring and developing young men and women through world class coaching and innovative techniques, as well as instilling the proper framework, self-esteem, confidence and sportsmanship within our athletes.

AHFC has multiple campuses in and around Houston. The club invites all interested players from the ages of 7 to 18, to the Player Evaluations and Tryouts to become part of our success. We ask that all interested players pre-register before coming out to the fields. Please visit albionhurricanes.org for details about your particular campus.

AHFC offers JHSL (a recreational program for 5 - 10 year olds) at our Cy Fair and Central locations and offers additional training at Katy Friday Night Academy and New Territory Thursday Night Academy. Canes Summer Soccer Camp will be in June and July and is now open to register. All information regarding all of the programs and camps can be found at albionhurricanes.org.

Heart Gallery of Texas



Meet 17 year old Aurilena and her sister, 16 year old Lorna! Aurilena and Lorna are available for adoption and need a family who has experience in raising teenagers. It is important that the forever family for these children to understand that they are very bonded to each other. They would love more than anything to be adopted together. Learn more about the girls on the Heart Gallery of Central Texas website: heartgallerytexas.com

The Heart Gallery of Central Texas, a program featuring portraits of Central Texas children in the foster care system who are available for adoption. We believe through working together, our community can raise awareness around adoption, foster care that leads to permanency for our waiting children.

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Houston Repertoire Ballet



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Houston Repertoire Ballet (HRB), Houston's premier pre-professional ballet company, presents its spring performance Celebration of Dance, featuring professional guest artist Andrew Taft, Principal at Ballet Idaho, as Prince Siegfried, and a new work by choreographer Kristy Nilsson, commissioned by Houston Repertoire Ballet. Steeplechase resident, Evelyn Nava, also will be performing.

Celebration of Dance 2017 features Act II of the ballet classic Swan Lake, along with the premiere of Racketty-Packetty House, by Resident Choreographer Kristy Nilsson. From the author of The Secret Garden comes this 1906 classic children's book, reimagined as an all new story ballet.

Cost is \$15 for adults, \$12 for students & seniors. For ticket information, call 281-940-HRB1 (4721) or visit www.hrbdance.org. Special discount group pricing available. For ticket information, call 281-940-HRB1 (4721) or visit www.hrbdance.org.

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 inquire about an outreach event for your organization, call 281-940-HRB1 (4721).

The Houston Repertoire Ballet 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. Since 1994, HRB has contributed to the cultural fabric of Harris and Montgomery Counties by providing excellent dance training to the area's young ballet stars and dance educators of tomorrow, while also presenting high-quality productions at affordable prices.

Celebration of Dance is funded in part by a grant from the Texas Commission on the Arts through the Houston Arts Alliance, with additional support provided by Vintage Wellness and Air Innovations.

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MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH CHURCH-WIDE GARAGE SALE

**Benefitting the youth summer mission trip!
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Saturday, April 8, 2017
8:00 am-Noon**

Join us at Messiah's Church-Wide Garage Sale benefitting the youth's Summer Mission Trip. Find hidden treasures on Saturday, April 8 from 8 am to noon. We have been filling our Pod all month with great treasures. The entire church has contributed their items from furniture, tools, games, kitchen gadgets, etc. All proceeds go to help fund our youth's mission trip to Navajo Nation, Arizona. Our youth are heading to the Navajo Nation to work in the community, doing various work projects, and lead kids programming. So come on out and support our youth!

All Ages are welcome!

Messiah Lutheran Church is a grace place, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church



Assassin and ambush bugs are predators and are considered beneficial insects. They are generalists that attack a variety of caterpillars, flies, and other bugs. These predators either stalk their prey or wait to ambush prey when they come to a plant. Prey is stabbed with tube-like mouthparts, paralyzed with a toxin, and body fluids sucked up.

Assassin and ambush bugs have 3 segmented piercing-sucking mouthparts. These bugs come in a variety of colors with assassin bugs usually being darker in color than ambush bugs. Assassin bugs also have a more elongated head compared to ambush bugs. Ambush bugs have thickened front legs used to capture and hold prey. Immatures, or nymphs, look similar to the adults but do not have fully developed wings. Eggs are usually deposited in masses and are cylindrical in shape.

While most assassin bugs are beneficial, the kissing bug or cone-nose bug is considered a pest. Kissing bugs feed on blood of mammals, including humans.

For assassin bugs that are feeding on insects, control is not required. For more information on kissing bugs see this site <https://kissingbug.tamu.edu/>

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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