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NEWSLETTER



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

HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE – ARE YOU READY?

Plan ahead for a hurricane to minimize loss and injury. The list below was taken from Harris County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management. The time to plan and prepare is now, not when the hurricane forms in the Gulf.

Before the Storm

General Preparedness through the Season

- Keep your vehicle gas tank above ½ full through the season.
- Test run generators monthly with a load to insure proper working order.
- Consider the purchase of flood insurance, even if outside of a floodplain.
- Have cash on hand in small denominations for year-round preparedness.
- Maintain portable battery powered AM radio.
- Contact 2-1-1 to register if you need transportation assistance to evacuate.

Home Preparedness

- Board up your windows or close storm shutters.
- Trim the trees and shrubs around your home.
- Cleared loose and clogged downspouts and rain gutters.
- Perform an inventory of home contents (electronics, jewelry, appliances, clothing, etc.) and store in safe place.
- Take detailed photos(s)/videos(s) of home property and contents (internal and external) and store in safe place.
- Secure or remove all items outside your home (grill, hanging plants, potted plants, etc.).
- Tie down small or young trees to prevent uprooting.
- Store all important documents (insurance papers, etc) in a waterproof container and in a secure location.
- Prepare your evacuation kit using the pertinent items in the attached Emergency Essentials Kit checklist.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Fill the bathtub and other large containers with water for sanitary purposes (cleaning, flushing toilets, etc.)

Visit www.hcoem.org for additional information on Hurricane Preparedness.

MEMORIAL DAY COOK OUT

The Memorial Day Cook Out was a success this year. Approximately 300 residents came together by the pool at the clubhouse to enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs prepared by board members and volunteers. A special thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make the event successful.



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IMPORTANT

Telephone Numbers



Emergency.....	911
Sheriff's Dept.....	713.221.6000
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.....	713.983.9682
Steeplechase Community Center.....	281.586.1700
Deed Restriction Issues (CMC)	281.586.1700
Water/Sewer	832.467.1599
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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Clubhouse Rentals

Private Parties and Community Events (Jinnie Kelley)	832.922.8030
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Pool Company Contact

Aquatic Management of Houston.	281.446.5003
www.houston-pmg.com	

Board Member Contact

Chaparral Management Company	281.586.1700
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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

CYPRESS TEXAS TEA PARTY

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

Saturday, July 21, 2018 NOON - 2:00 PM

Alternate Location for THIS meeting only:

Goode Company BBQ

20102 Northwest Fwy

(Hwy 290 just north of 1960/Hwy 6)

Houston, TX 77065

NORMALLY, 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

MUTT MITTS FOR THE WALKING TRAIL



MUD 168 has installed MUTT MITT stations at the Walking Trail so that dog walkers can pick up, clean up after their dog has done their "business". If you are dog walker, please use the MUTT MITTs as needed and deposit it in one of the trash cans located along the trail.

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Call **281.737.2120** for more information.

DON'T FORGET:

- Wear light, comfortable clothing
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- Bring signed physical consent form
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CHRIST THE REDEEMER CATHOLIC SCHOOL GRADUATES INAUGURAL 8TH GRADE CLASS

Christ the Redeemer Catholic School families, faculty and staff are exuberant as the school officially graduates its inaugural 8th grade class on Thursday, May 24, 2018. The students and their families celebrated a Mass and Graduation ceremony at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church followed by a reception in the Christ the Redeemer Parish Hall. Principal Dan Courtney's remarks spoke to how this class was unique to the school community, which is only four years old. "I talked with the students during our graduation ceremony and said they are courageous because they were pioneers at Christ the Redeemer Catholic School," Courtney said. "They were the first in many things, from sports programs to academic and enrichment opportunities. They helped set the bar high for years to come at our school in everything they did."

These students were at the forefront of several new programs at CtRCS including an expanded athletic program and implementing the Love and Logic® philosophy. They have also been integral in laying the groundwork for the soon-to-be opened Redeemer Activity Center (RAC) on the Christ the Redeemer campus, which the school community is looking forward to utilizing. The 8th grade class has donated a large paver for the front walkway of the RAC with pride as their fellow students carry on the Christ the Redeemer legacy. Rev. Sean Horrigan, pastor of Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church, spoke eloquently of the beauty of wisdom that comes from God and said this class is a great example of our the whole school. "They represent our entire school, because in a sense, it too is also 'graduating.' Having now sent our first graduates onto high school, and with the opening of our new classrooms, fine arts, music, and technology labs, auditorium, and gym, this summer, we have matured in four years into a fully-fledged school to help grow hearts and minds in the Catholic tradition."

Horrigan said the community is proud of its inaugural 8th grade graduating class.

"They and their parents took a leap of faith to come to a new school and they literally became trailblazers for us," Horrigan said. "They are showing the way to our other 430 students that through study, hard work, service, and above all, trust in God, that all things are possible."

The determination and growth of these students during their time at Christ the Redeemer is apparent. Director of Admissions, Tamara Freeman, said she has seen their development.

"I have seen these students grow from uncertain 'new kids on the block' to confident leaders of the school," she said. "They have shown an ability to step up as leaders, show kindness toward one another and younger students, and they have matured in faith."

Courtney too has witnessed firsthand the development of these 16 graduating students. From trips to visit Catholic high schools in Houston to the 8th grade trip to Washington D.C., these students

have become more like family.

"As they are a smaller group, I was able to get to know them on a more personal level as a first-year principal," he said. "I can certainly say I was blessed to be able to help guide them through their final year prior to moving on to high school, as each of them hold unique gifts and talents that I will remember for a long time!"

He said the end-of-the-year excitement was palpable throughout the campus.

"One wonderful memory was their final walk through our campus, where they were greeted by all of our students, high-fiving and cheering along the way," Courtney said. "This walk culminated with greeting their parents in the front lobby of the school. There were plenty of tears of joys during that moment."

More joy came at the Mass and Graduation ceremony as well. Following Mass, several academic and service awards were given to students who excelled. Special recognition was given to student Luis Barajas-Arellano, who received a \$12,000 scholarship from St. John XXIII College Preparatory School presented by St. John XXIII Director of Admissions Lynsey Hepburn.

"We send these students forth to build upon the firm foundation they have received at CtR Catholic School and I have no doubt they will do great things not only in high school, but on into college and the rest of their lives," Horrigan said.

To learn more about CtR Catholic School, visit ctrschool.com or call 281-469-8440 to schedule a tour.

CY-FAIR REPUBLICAN WOMEN JULY MEETING

CFRW will meet on Tuesday, July 10th at 10:30 AM.

Hearthstone Country Club

7615 Ameswood, Houston, TX 77095

Meeting is \$3 – Meeting with Lunch at Noon is \$23.

On our July meeting date, we will welcome Jacob Monty, a long-time supporter and fundraiser for Republican office holders and candidates, and is also recognized as one of the leading immigration attorneys in the United States. Jacob will give an overview on the various issues being discussed locally and in Washington surrounding immigration, DACA, the border fence, and other related issues. This speaker was rescheduled from April.

See the website for details and RSVP to www.cfrw.net by July 3rd. Several candidates attend our meetings regularly so come and get to know them.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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KIDS' RUNNING TEAM REGISTRATION STARTS SEPTEMBER 4TH

The Northwest Flyers Track Club Youth Cross Country Team kicks off the fall season with a mandatory orientation meeting for parents and athletes on Tuesday, September 4, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at the D. Bradley McWilliams YMCA at Cypress Creek outdoor pavilion, 19915 TX-249, Houston, TX. Registration starts online September 1 at www.northwestflyers.org. Practices are held at the YMCA and at Spring Creek Park in Tomball.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a member program of USA Track and Field (USATF), the national governing body for track and cross country. The club is celebrating its 31st year in the northwest Houston area. Ages 6 - 18 may participate in the team, and both beginners and experienced runners are welcome. Middle school and high school cross country athletes can also register, but should compete after their school cross country season is over.

For more information contact Coach Genia English at (818) 223-1618 or genia.english@gmail.com. Visit www.northwestflyers.org to get updates and learn more about the team.



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By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



Who doesn't enjoy seeing squirrels scamper from tree to tree? Everyone loves seeing birds at their feeders. Who doesn't love seeing the does with their fawns? We live side by side with wildlife. Is it any wonder that conflicts arise between humans and the animals?

This is baby season for raccoons. You may find that a mama raccoon has taken up residence in your attic or garage. The best advice we can offer you is to leave her alone. Within a couple of weeks, she will lead her babies out of your attic or garage to live in the wild. If you just can't wait, here are a couple of things you can try. Put a bright light in the area at night and play some LOUD music. Some say talk radio is best. You can throw some moth balls in the area or ammonia-soaked cotton balls. She will probably choose to move the babies to a darker, quieter place outside. When she moves out, it's your responsibility to find out how she got in and block the entrance or your attic will always look like an apartment for rent to wildlife.

We often receive calls from homeowners asking for advice on how to stop raccoons that are getting into trash cans. Solution: try using some bungee cords to secure the top. Another issue we hear about is that raccoons are eating food that is being put out for feral cats. Since raccoons are nocturnal, simply removing the cat food at night will fix the problem except in the spring when mama raccoons can be seen looking for food during the day. No, they are not rabid! They are just hungry. Some homeowners ask about trapping and relocating. While removal may seem like a solution, it usually only creates an enticing vacancy for another animal in search of a meal. Remove raccoons from an area and it's only a matter of time before others move in to take their place. Additionally, the survival rate of relocated raccoons is very low. Raccoons are territorial and putting a lone raccoon into an area already populated with other raccoons can often result in death as the other raccoons will consider him/her as an intruder.

There are products available that may help not only with raccoons but other animals as well. One such product is the motion-activated sprinkler. When an animal gets close to the food source, the sprinkler goes off and scares them away. Just do an internet search and I'm certain you'll find other products that may work as well.

With urban sprawl and loss of habitats, we need to learn to live in harmony with wildlife. TWRC Wildlife Center can often help you find solutions to your issues. Check our website at www.twrcwildlifecenter.org or call us at 713-468-8972.

SPIDER MITES

It's hot. It's dry. It's time for spider mites. Spider mites are very small to microscopic in size and depending on how good your eyesight is, you may not be able to see them without a good hand lens or microscope.

While spider mites are not insects- they are arachnids and more closely related to spiders than insects- they are pests in the landscape. Most spider mites produce a webbing around their colony. It starts on the underside of leaves and will expand out as the population increases.

Feeding can cause leaves to discolor, creating a speckled appearance on foliage. With severe infestations, leaves discolor to a silver or bronze color which may result in leaves dropping from the plant. While mites feed on the underside of leaves, damage is more apparent on the tops.

Spider mites lay their eggs along the leaf vein during the growing season. Eggs are round and large in size when compared to adult mites. Some species of spider mites peak during warmer months of the year while others become more active in the cooler months of the year. The mites are able to develop more quickly when temperatures are warmer, with some spider mites going from egg to adult in less than 1 week. Spider mites thrive in dry conditions while their natural enemies require more humid conditions. Dry conditions allow spider mite populations to grow with little predation or parasitism that would help to keep the population at an acceptable level.

There are many predatory arthropods that feed on spider mites. Some of these include predatory mites, spider mite destroyers (a type of ladybug), minute pirate bugs, big-eyed bugs, and predatory thrips. Proper watering of plants may help to reduce spider mite outbreaks as it can reduce stress brought on by drought. Using strong jets of water directed on plants can also help to dislodge spider mites. Miticides or acaricides can be used to manage spider mite outbreaks. Look for active ingredients such as horticultural oils (watch temperature when you use oils), insecticidal soaps, spinosad, abamectin, bifenthrin, dimethoate, or acephate.

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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