



Steeplechase

NEWSLETTER



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

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

School started in August, so now is the time for drivers to pay closer attention to the school zones in the neighborhood.

We want to remind you that the speed limit in a school zone is 20mph and traffic fines double!

Other changes to be aware of include:

- Children behaving unpredictably
- School Bus Stops
- Crossing Guards – please obey the guards! Remember they are there for the safety of you and your children
- New areas of traffic congestion
- Be prepared for delays
- Use of cell phones in school zones is prohibited!
- Please give yourself extra time in the mornings and mid-afternoons and remember if you are traveling in a school zone to slow down.

STEEPLECHASE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALES SCHEDULED

The Association has scheduled a second Steeplechase community garage sales event on **Saturday October 20th**. This will be a “rain or shine” event. The event is being promoted as **8 am – 12 noon**.

The Association will put a garage sale sign at each entrance into Steeplechase on the sale day. A notice will be put on the clubhouse marquee at the beginning of the week prior to the sale date.

The Association will also place a notice in a local paper.

Anybody can participate, no registration is required. Just display the sale merchandise at your house. A balloon or two tied to your mailbox may make it easier for shoppers to find you.

If you have other ideas to make these sales successful, please contact Valerie at Chaparral Management at 281-537-0957.

Good luck and happy selling from the BOD.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2018

Steeplechase will be participating in National Night Out this year. Please join us October 2, 2018 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the clubhouse for ice cream, prizes, and entertainment for the whole family. Support our deputies and community. See you there!

KIDS' RUNNING TEAM REGISTRATION STARTS SEPTEMBER 10TH

The Northwest Flyers Track Club Youth Cross Country Team kicks off the fall season with a mandatory orientation meeting for parents and athletes on Monday, September 10th, 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 Cypress Creek YMCA, Kickerillo Mischer Park, and at Spring Creek Park (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, genia.english@gmail.com or Coach Chris Stewart at (832) 874-7181, milpa_alta@hotmail.com. Visit www.northwestflyers.org to get updates and learn more about the team.



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Contact the Management Company

www.steeplechasecia.com
or by phone 281.586.1700

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! WANT FACTS OR RUMOR? FACTS ARE FRIENDLY RUMORS ARE DESTRUCTIVE

Want to know the facts about what the Association is doing? Read the newsletter; register and go to the website (www.steeplechasecia.com) routinely; sign up for e-blasts; and most importantly come to the monthly open Board of Directors (BOD) meeting held on the third Tuesday of each month (except for December) starting at 6:30pm at the Steeplechase clubhouse. When you attend, you can sign in to bring up issues, ask questions, etc. with the BOD.

If you are getting your information from social media sites, beware. Do not believe that everything posted is true or factual. The SCIA BOD and Chaparral Management do not monitor postings on social media sites and do not use social media for communication with residents. Association information (plans, projects, budget, special events, etc.) is communicated through the newsletter, the monthly open BOD meetings, the Association website and e-blasts.

If you do not read the newsletter, you are missing Association information delivered to your door. If you are not registered on the website, you are missing access to review information at a convenient time for you. If you are not registered for e-blasts, you are missing current information and alerts. If you never go to a BOD meeting, you are missing an opportunity to ask questions, raise issues, etc.

Register on the website. Show up at a BOD meeting. The BOD looks forward to meeting each resident.

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St. Aidan's Episcopal Church 5th Annual Fall Festival and Holiday Market - Sunday, October, 28th from 10am – 5pm. 13131 Fry Road just South of 290. Our festival features Market Booths, Children's Area, Food Trucks, Silent Auction, Live Music throughout the day, Cake Walk, Trunk N Treat 3:00, Blessing of Animals 4:00. Lots of vendors with a variety of goods for sale. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Interested in being a vendor? For additional information and register on line, visit our website <http://aidanschurch.org/fallfest>. If you prefer to mail in your registration, you can obtain a Booth Reservation form by contacting us at 281.373.3203, or email fallfest@aidanschurch.org.



TOMBALL CORN MAZE

OPENS SEPT. 29!

Weekends - Nov. 3

Saturdays 10am - 7pm
Sundays 12am - 6pm

Check out our website for all things Corn Maze!

TomballCornMaze.com

Our corn maze sits on 5 acres at the top of a hill in Tomball, TX. A corn maze is simply a large maze cut into a field of corn, but our experience is so much different than just a maze!

Join us for games and special events on weekends starting September 29, 2018! This year's theme for the maze is "Shipwrecked".

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ASPS/PUSS CATERPILLARS

TEXAS A&M AGRI LIFE EXTENSION

Did you know that some caterpillars are able to inflict a painful sting? Various caterpillars have urticating hairs or spines that are connected to a poison gland. When part of your body comes into contact with the hairs, they can stick in the skin, injecting venom, and sometimes causing a rash.

Asps, also known as puss caterpillars, are about an inch and a half long when fully grown, teardrop-shaped with long, silky hair. They are usually tan, but can be anywhere from pale yellow to grey. Smaller instars (stages of the caterpillar) are yellow in color while later instars turn pale green to white. Spines containing venom are concealed in later instars by long, soft-looking setae (hairs). Asp caterpillars are typically found on trees and shrubs around homes, and generally do not cause long-term harm to plants.



If stung, pain will immediately be felt and blood-colored spots may form at the sting site. Other symptoms that may occur are nausea, headache, vomiting, or respiratory distress. To remove spines from the skin, cover the sting area with strong tape and peel tape off to pull out spines from skin. Repeat tape process as needed to remove all spines. Applying an ice pack to the sting area may help to soothe the skin. An oral antihistamine may also be taken to relieve itching. If respiratory distress occurs, seek medical attention.

If you have large populations of these caterpillars and want to manage them, you can try *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki* (this targets caterpillars only, but will also kill "good" caterpillars). You may also look for active ingredients such as spinosad or azadirachtin (both naturally-derived products). These products tend to work best on smaller instars. Another option would be a residual pesticide labeled for caterpillars that is also labeled for use on plants.

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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BY CHERYL CONLEY, TWRC WILDLIFE CENTER

For me, everyday at TWRC is a learning experience. I recently saw a post on our Facebook page about a Cowbird and a Cardinal hatchling sharing a nest. I was intrigued so did some research on this and I think you'll find it as fascinating as I do.

The Brown-headed Cowbird is called a "brood parasite" because they don't bother to build nests but rather lay their eggs in the nests of other songbirds. The female will watch other birds who have nests and when the other female is away from the nest, the cowbird will lay one or two eggs in her nest. The cowbird female may even go so far as to damage or push out some of the other eggs to make room for hers. The cowbird lays an average of 40 eggs per season. The host birds then raise the cowbird chicks as their own. Cowbird eggs have a relatively short incubation period and often times hatch sooner than the other eggs. The chicks grow quickly and are usually larger than the others so they can command most of the food. They demand a lot of attention from their foster mom and therefore the other chicks often get neglected. The cowbird chicks have even been known to push the other chicks out of the nest. This is perhaps one reason the songbird numbers are declining.

The Yellow Warbler is one species that has learned to recognize cowbird eggs. Most often, they will build a new nest on top of the oddball egg. New evidence suggests that some bird species that

recognize the cowbird egg in their nest will accept it to just to avoid total destruction of the nest by an angry cowbird.

The Brown-headed Cowbirds are native to the US and are a member of the blackbird family. The adult male has a metallic green-black body and a brown head and are about 7.5 inches long. The female is slightly smaller and is dull grey with streaking on the underside. They can be found throughout the United States.

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