



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

## What Does the SCIA BOD Do?

The BOD is routinely quizzed about several topics such as use of deed restriction enforcement, communication, etc... This article refers to various previous newsletter articles addressing these topics. The articles referenced for a given topic are only a sample. Also, some articles can be used as an example for more than one topic.

To review the referenced newsletter, go to [www.steeplechasecia.com](http://www.steeplechasecia.com); log in; click on documents; click on newsletters. If you are not registered on the website, register and you will have access to a wealth of information about Steeplechase.

**Does the BOD want to know what Steeplechase residents think, want, etc.?**

**Yes. Since 2016 the BOD has requested resident input on several topics.**

Feb 16	Resident Survey about Association Recreational Facilities
Jun 17	2017 Steeplechase Resident Survey
Nov 17	What to do with Courts 5 & 6?

**What does the BOD do with resident input?**

**The BOD compiles and reviews the input and then takes appropriate action.**

May 16 S	CIA BOD Details Action to be taken resulting from the resident new amenity survey
Oct 16	Steeplechase BOD decides what's next for a new Amenity
Oct 17	Amenities...Now What? 2017 Resident Survey Feedback
Nov 17	Resident Survey Comments Amenities...Now What?

**Does the BOD want to communicate with the residents?**

**Undoubtedly. Almost all articles are written by BOD members. See almost any newsletter. Agenda & Minutes are posted on the website.**

Feb 16	SCIA complete pool community center renovation
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## BOD Meeting Date Change

The Steeplechase Board of Director meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 20th has been changed. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 27th at the clubhouse starting at 6:30 p.m. The meetings are open to residents and residents are welcome to attend and voice their opinions. (There is a signup sheet if you wish to speak.)

## Steeplechase Holiday Decoration Competition

Want to help our neighborhood shine? Decorate your house for the holidays and you could win a prize! The Board of Directors will drive around and judge the third of week of December. First, Second, and Third place will receive gift cards to Home Depot. So, slip on your sweaters, don your boots, use safety precautions, and go, Go GO!

Apr 16	Pool community center "open house" Steeplechase survey results Clubhouse closed
Jan 17	2017 SCIA budget & projects

**Does the BOD plan for the future?**

**Absolutely. In addition to annual budgeting the BOD maintains a reserve study to forecast what Association assets need to be upgraded/improved/replaced, when, and at what cost. Also, the BOD has surveyed residents about long term concerns in 2017 and plans to do an update in 2019.**

Jun 17	The Association is asking for your help
Nov 17	2017 Reserve Study results

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Post Office.....	713.983.9682
Steeplechase Community Center.....	281.586.1700
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Community Events.....	281.586.1700
Clubhouse Rentals: Private Parties and Community Events (Jinnie Kelley).....	832.922.8030
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Private Parties and Community Events (Jinnie Kelley) .....	832.922.8030
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#### Board Member Contact

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### Contact the Management Company

[www.steeplechasecia.com](http://www.steeplechasecia.com)  
or by phone 281.586.1700

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#### Does the BOD inform the residents about what is happening in Steeplechase, about what residents are responsible for?

**Certainly. This communication process is continuous. Check the website, e-blasts, marquee and the newsletter.**

Apr 16	Thinking about installing a permanent electric generator for backup power?
May 16	Steeplechase community garage sale date set. Who is responsible for sidewalk maintenance?
Oct 16	Steeplechase BOD decides what's next for a new amenity
Jan 17	Steeplechase security contact information
Jun 17	What does the ACC do?
Nov 17	Update on Steeplechase traffic signage Resident survey comments
Dec 17	Landlord/tenant reminder
Jan 18	2018 SCIA Budget & Projects
Apr 18	Steeplechase continues upgrading amenities
Jun 18	Thinking about a storage shed or gazebo?

#### Does the BOD enforce deed restrictions?

**Yes, there is a monthly, variable date, inspection. If it can't be seen from the street, it won't be reported. The enforcement of deed restrictions is State regulated and time lined. The BOD must comply with the State regulations.**

Jan 18	Steeplechase CIA deed restriction process
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#### Does the BOD engage residents to participate in the Steeplechase community?

**The BOD is very proactive in sponsoring activities to build community and repeatedly has asked for volunteers for a variety of tasks.**

Feb 16	Volunteer request for a "hop, hop, hopping" along event
Apr 16	Pool Community Center "open house"
May 16	Steeplechase community garage sale date set
Sep 16	National Night Out
Oct 16	Opportunities to help your community
Jun 17	The Association is asking for your help
Sep 17	National Night Out Annual Memorial Day BBQ at the clubhouse pool

The BOD trusts that this clarifies what the BOD does, how the BOD views resident input and engagement, and the communication that the BOD strives to provide to residents.

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You may find the link and QR Code in the news article "Steeplechase now has an app!", on the community website by selecting Stay Connected.

Good news! Our management company has joined Innovia co-op to add increasing value for our clients. Through membership in the co-op we gain collective knowledge on emerging trends shaping the management and housing industry and are able to leverage large buying power with hundreds of thousands of members from other independently owned companies across the country. Co-op's are similar to community associations in that they are run by the members for the benefit of the members. Our cooperative membership helps us, because it helps you!

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Tryouts will be held December 15, 2018 from 10:00am to 12:00pm at CRSP (3601 Campbell RD, Houston TX 77080). Registration is required prior to tryouts. Fee for the December tryouts will be \$50 while the March tryout fee will be \$75. Register at [www.ahfcroyals.com](http://www.ahfcroyals.com). #LIVEtheDREAM #BEROYAL

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## Children's Business Fair in Steeplechase

On December 1, 2018 from 10am-12pm near the Steeplechase Clubhouse area, Acton Academy and Acton MBA programs will be hosting a Children's Business Fair - all ages welcome. We believe that all kids should have the opportunity to be an entrepreneur early on to gain life skills and business skills that they will not truly gain without experience. We believe that all kids are growing heroes and genius's that can rise to the occasion if prepared.

We would like to invite your children to join us on December 1st to participate in this event. Each child will come up with their own brand, product, pricing and marketing. The day of the fair, the children will be in the Steeplechase Club House parking lot to sell their goods to friends, family and anyone willing to stop by and see what they have to offer. All business owners will be responsible for bringing their own table, chairs, and canopy(optional).

To apply to be a part of the fair, please visit <https://www.childrensbusinessfair.org/houston-slate>. You will be asked to specify your brand, product, pricing, and each child will commit to paying back any borrowed money for startup fees. At pack up time, we will meet with the children to discuss various questions. How do they think the fair went? What could they have done differently? What worked really well for them? After all, life is a learning experience!

We hope to see you there!

For questions, contact Desirea Gaastra at [desirea.gaastra@gmail.com](mailto:desirea.gaastra@gmail.com).

## Harvey Knocked Us Down But A Night in Bethlehem is Back

Messiah's A Night in Bethlehem is an outdoor, interactive event where individuals and families are invited to stroll through Bethlehem at their own pace. Imagine what life was like during this miraculous time in history as you visit the Spice Merchant, the Produce Market, sample the wonderful treats at the Bakery and taste the savory soup at the Soldier's Tavern. Listen to the storyteller, and visit the shepherds, & the Inn. Listen for the Kings arrival at the stable with gifts for Jesus, as Mary & Joseph look on. Don't miss this living, interactive recreation of the original Christmas story. Join us for free activities for the family including candle making, creating a clay pinch pot, sewing a coin bag or playing Bethlehem dress-up. Pet the live animals and enjoy cookies, hot cider and coffee.

Messiah A Lutheran Faith Community is 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 Crossing. The Discovery (education) Hour is 9:15-10:15 AM on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or [www.messiahlc.org](http://www.messiahlc.org). All people are welcome at Messiah.

## Northwest Flyers Kid's Track Club Holds Registration for 32nd Season

The Northwest Flyers Youth Track Club will celebrate its 32nd Anniversary Season by hosting its annual free Registration/Orientation Breakfast on Saturday, February 2nd, 2019, for all boys and girls who are interested in joining for the 2019 track season. The breakfast starts promptly at 8:30 AM at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center Forum located at 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX, 77379.

The event is an opportunity for youth athletes to register for the 2019 spring/summer track season, and to meet the Northwest Flyers coaches, staff, and other new and returning athletes. The event will be highlighted by a special presentation from a member of the USA Track & Field Olympic organization (USATF). All athletes and parents who wish to join the Northwest Flyers must attend the orientation before registering.

The Northwest Flyers Track Club is a youth (ages 6 -18) track club, affiliated with USA Track & Field (USATF), that provides a full program of sanctioned "track" events such as sprints, hurdles, middle distance, distance and relays, and sanctioned "field" events such as long jump, triple jump, high jump, pole vault, shot put, discus and javelin.

For additional information on the Northwest Flyers Track Club, please visit the team website at <http://www.northwestflyers.org>, contact [linette.roach@sbcglobal.net](mailto:linette.roach@sbcglobal.net), or "Like" the club on Facebook.





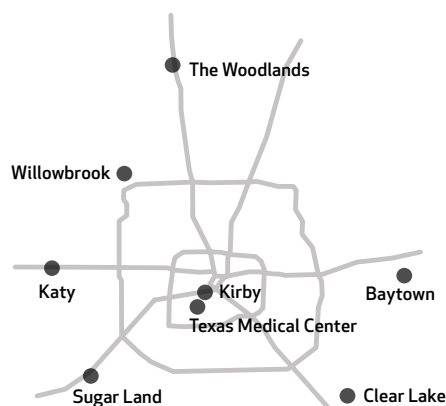
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**CFRW will meet on Tuesday, November 13th, at 10:30 AM.**

**Hearthstone Country Club**

**7615 Ameswood, Houston, TX 77095**

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

Melissa Rothholz, Director of Shield Bearer Mission, will be our speaker for November and can address the sex trafficking.

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See the website for details and RSVP to [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net) by November 6th.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club

[www.nwhcaggiemoms.org](http://www.nwhcaggiemoms.org)



Calling all Aggie moms!!! Whether you are a mom of a past, current, or new Aggie, come check out the Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club!!

We meet the second Tuesday of every month (Aug-May), at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High

Life Drive, Houston, Texas. Socializing and dinner starts at 6:30 pm, and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Each month, we have interesting speakers, and a chance to win a door prize, and a chance to enter the book award drawing!

We have a lot of fun in our quest to support our Aggie students, and in awarding a number of student scholarships each year. The scholarship applications are due by early Feb. and are awarded in April.

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## Kill the Lights, Save the Birds

*By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center*

Here's something I bet you didn't know! I think your readers will find it interesting. If you choose to use the photo, here is the caption:

Birds seen flying in the lights during Tribute of Light in New York

Who doesn't love seeing the Houston skyline at night, or any big city for that matter? The buildings are all lit up like Christmas trees but did you know that the lights can have a devastating effect on migrating birds? Digital billboards, floodlights and electric signs can have the same effect on them. About two-thirds of migratory birds travel at night and use the moon and stars to help guide them. The lights disorient them and can cause them to fly in circles and to crash into windows. Over 100 MILLION birds die annually according to Massachusetts Audubon. The inappropriate or excessive use of artificial light has come to be called light pollution.

In May of 2017, nearly 400 birds were found dead outside the American National Insurance building in Galveston. Richard Gibbons with Houston Audubon believes the building's lights disoriented them.

For the last three years on September 21st in Portland, Oregon, more than a dozen buildings turned off their lights in observance of Lights Out Portland. The purpose of the event is to call attention to the impact that lights have on migrating birds. The Convention Center has gone a step further and has modified their lighting to be less attractive to birds year round.

Each year on September 11th, New York City remembers those lost with two powerful searchlights aimed towards the heavens near where the World Trade Center once stood. It is called the Tribute in Light. For the past ten years, researchers have tracked millions of migrating birds as they fly across the United States. While analyzing the data, they were stunned to learn that the Tribute in Light attracted and altered the migratory behavior of bird densities up to 150 times their normal levels. It was estimated that this affected 1.1 million birds.

New York City Audubon decided to do something about it. They positioned volunteers called "tribute counters" with binoculars near the base of the tribute. If they reported densities of more than 1,000 birds or if a dead bird was found, the tribute lights were turned off for a short time. This happened for the first time in 2010 and the lights were turned off a total of 5 times during the night of September 11th/12th. Scientists were able to observe on radar the effects of turning off the lights. Once off, the birds resumed their migration heading southwest.

Drs. Farnsworth and Horton, scientists at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, have identified 5 major cities that pose the greatest risk to migrating birds—Chicago, Houston, Dallas, Atlanta and New York. They used historical records, radar and satellite data to monitor the intensity of light pollution. In addition, they have discovered that over half of the birds migrating across the United States in the fall do so within a 10-day period of time. Scientists from Cornell, the

University of Massachusetts at Amherst and Oxford University are now able to forecast these migration days. These major cities could use this information to extinguish lights to give the birds safe passage. Wouldn't it be great if these cities would use this information and turn out the lights?

Across the country, there are many cities that are now observing "lights out days" during the fall. If your city isn't one of them, contact your city officials. They may not be aware of light pollution. If you're a homeowner, replace those bulbs that are on all night with motion-activated lights.

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