



Steeplechase

NEWSLETTER



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

2019 SCIA Budget & Projects

The Board approved 2019 operating expense budget is down about 2% from the 2018 budget amount. The refurbishment, upgrade, replacement and addition of Association assets is budgeted to continue in 2019. Capital expenditures is budgeted at \$145,000 down more than 50% from estimated year end 2018 capital expenditures of just over \$313,000.

Two (2) major projects were completed in 2018.

- Expansion and total reconstruction of the west clubhouse parking lot including replacement of the west lot drainage piping.
- Clubhouse main and adult pool leak repair, concrete crack repair, and total deck resurfacing.

A new resident survey will be conducted in February 2019 to gather information that will help the BOD with its ongoing planning and budgeting work. Details to follow in due course. BOD communication efforts in 2019 will emphasize a more vigorous website and newsletter article program, increased website use, e-blasts, etc. The BOD has not budgeted any new amenity in 2019.

Projects budgeted for 2019 completion include the following.

- Resurfacing of the pea gravel sidewalks around the clubhouse and drainage improvement
- Installation of a LED message board in front of the clubhouse and relocation of the current manual marquee to the northwest corner of the Steepleway Blvd. and Yearling/Flaxen intersection. This new location reduced the cost of the LED message board.
- Replacement of HVAC and pool mechanical equipment.

There is no increase in the annual assessment for 2019. The 2019 assessment is \$570.00, the same as the 2018 assessment. The BOD continues on a "pay-as-you-go" basis for payment of routine operating expenses (streetlights, security, common area landscaping and irrigation, tree pruning, trail maintenance, deed restriction enforcement, etc.), maintenance and improvement of Steeplechase

Association assets, and Reserve Fund additions to ensure adequate funds 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 in one or more meetings in 2019. Additionally, in 2019 the BOD will be conducting two resident surveys on a variety of topics. Participate to make your voice heard.

Finally, for current information about all things Steeplechase, visit www.steeplechasecia.com. If you are not registered for the website, please do so as once registered, you will have access to Association details at a time convenient to you 24-7 and will automatically receive important information via e-blasts throughout the year.

Happy New Year and Best Wishes for a Successful & Prosperous 2019. SCIA BOD 1/1/2019

SCIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL STEEPLECHASE RESIDENTS

The monthly meetings are held at the Clubhouse on the third Tuesday of each month (not December) starting at 6:30pm. Each meeting is open to all residents and has allotted time for resident input and questions.

If you have questions, an issue to point out, etc., attend one of these meetings, sign up to speak and let your voice be heard.

The BOD looks forward to seeing every resident at one or more BOD meetings.

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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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Community Maintenance Concerns

Chaparral Management Company	281.586.1700
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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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Email Contacts

board@steeplechasecia.com

(Simultaneously sends an unedited message to the Community Manager and each SCIA BOD member.)

pool@steeplechasecia.com

(Simultaneously sends an unedited message to the Community Manager, the Pool Management Company and each SCIA BOD member about pool issues, problems, concerns, suggestions, etc.)

drv@steeplechasecia.com

(Simultaneously sends an unedited message to the Community Manager, the Community Inspector and each SCIA BOD member about deed restriction violations or issues.)

Schools

Emmott Elementary.....	281.897.4500
Campbell Middle School	281.897.4300
Cy-Ridge High School	281.807.8000

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SCIA BOD 2019 Meeting Schedule

The SCIA BOD meets the third Tuesday of the month at the clubhouse starting at 6:30 pm. The meetings are open to residents and residents are welcome to attend and voice their opinions. (There is a sign up sheet if you wish to speak.)

The schedule for the rest of the year follows.

- January 10 (Open Discussion with Residents about 2019 Capex Project for New LED Message Board; No Business to be Conducted; Single Topic Discussion Only)
- January 15
- February 19
- March 23 (Special Saturday Session; 10:00 am Start)
- April 16
- May 21
- June 18
- July 16
- August 20
- September 17
- October 15
- November 19
- No meeting is held in December

The BOD looks forward to seeing you at one, or all of these 2019 Association meetings.

Best wishes for a prosperous and happy new year.
Steeplechase CIA BOD

Thanks to Those Who Responded to the Registered Website Users' Survey

The BOD thanks everybody that responded to the online survey conducted last year in November. The participation level was meaningful and the information gathered confirmed topics that the BOD has been compiling for discussion with Chaparral. Consistent, timely deed restriction enforcement was identified as the key issue with Chaparral's attitude towards residents also being noted.

Thanks for taking time to express your opinion as this helps the SCIA BOD and the Management Company to be more responsive to Steeplechase residents.

Please be aware that there will be a different resident survey in February and the BOD looks forward to your continued participation.

2018 CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTEST

Unofficial results of the decoration contest:

1st place 11442 Hambleton Way

2nd place 9815 Paddock Park

3rd place 9606 E. Saville Circle

Most honorable mentions

11407 Springland

9811 Gold Cup

9542 Cannock Chase

12115 Canterhurst

11914 Saddlebough

NEW CONTACT EMAIL ESTABLISHED **drv@steeplechasecia.com**

A new email address, drv@steeplechasecia.com has been established. Why? This is in response to continued residents' concerns over lax or poor deed restriction enforcement.

This email will go direct to Valerie Overbeck, the Chaparral Community Manager, the Chaparral Steeplechase inspector and each SCIA BOD member. The inspector can then check the specific property reported during the next routine inspection trip.

If you prefer to report such issues to Chaparral, please contact Valerie at 281-537-0957 Ext 16.

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, or "Like" the club on Facebook.

USA FIT CYPRESS

Marathon and Half Marathon Training Program Change Your Life

Are you a runner? Are you a fitness walker? Do you want to be? USA Fit Cypress is a friendly, no pressure training group for a variety of marathons and half marathons throughout the year. Even if you've never run a step before, training with our group will help you conquer mental and physical barriers you never thought possible.

Beginner, walker or seasoned runner? No matter your conditioning or pace, we have a place for you. Over the training season, our coaches will help you achieve your personal best in a non-intimidating, fun, and safe environment.

We provide a weekly training schedule and opportunities for group training throughout the week with our distance runs on Saturday morning at Josey Lake Park, 1200 Bridgeland Creek Parkway, in Bridgeland. Registration for our Spring Season is now open with Spring Season beginning on February 2nd. Please visit us at <http://www.usafitcypress.com> or email us at www.info@usafitcypress.com for addition information.

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Join Us at Messiah Lutheran Church for FREE Caregiver Workshops!

Care Partners in partnership with Messiah Lutheran Church are offering 3 FREE Caregiver Workshops. The first workshop will be on Sunday, January 20, 2019 from 12:15 – 1:30 and will include a complimentary lunch for those who register.

Sunday, January 20, 2019

The Emotional Impact of Caregiving

Barbara Hemphill, MPS, Support Group Facilitator, SynapseSite, net "I'm rubber your glue..." Do you feel like emotional glue, unable to let go of guilt, anger, sadness, or anxiety? Caregiving can snag your emotions and steal your natural resilience. In this workshop you will discover why it is so easy for caregivers to get stuck in negative feelings. You will learn, through analytical and lifestyle practices, to identify your emotions triggers, build resilience and re-claim your emotional stability.

Upcoming workshops

Sunday, February 17, 2019

Financial Resources for Senior Living: Medicare, Medicaid and More

Sunday, March 17, 2019

Know the 10 Signs- Early detection of Alzheimer's

If you are interested in attending the first workshop, please sign up at <http://messiahlc.org/Sign-up-Forms>.

Messiah Lutheran Church is a Lutheran Faith Community, 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. All people are welcome at Messiah.

TOMBALL ART LEAGUE

January 12th Meeting welcomes guest demo artist Doug Hiser, renown wildlife artist. Doug is a master at traversing the wilds and wrapping it all up in a renaissance of creativity meant to inspire a closer look at the world around us. He will talk about his methods of painting: sketches to creation.

Are you an artist? Do you paint in watercolor, acrylics or oils? Do you work in clay? Draw in pastels? Are you a photographer? If you enjoy the fine arts, you are invited to join the Tomball Art League and see what we are all about. Membership is a nominal \$25/single or \$35/family. We gather together to promote Art Appreciation in Tomball and the surrounding communities and are always striving to meet new artists in the area! Meeting and demo is free and open to the public!

Our meetings are held at the Lone Star College-Tomball Community Library meeting room, 30555 Tomball Pkwy, 77375. Join us for socializing/networking at 10:00 AM followed by a brief league meeting at 10:30 AM and finish with an inspiring artist demo. Hope to see you there! For more information, please visit our Facebook page Tomball Art League - TAL.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Elementary, middle school and high school students donated items, wrote letters and packed 122 Christmas boxes for the Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child" project. The organization works together with schools to assemble shoe boxes filled with various gift items and messages of God's love. The Christmas boxes will be delivered to children in countries all around the world.



Eighth grade serves at the Houston Food Bank

The eighth-grade class went to the Houston Food Bank on Monday, November 26. The group worked in the freezer section packaging meat for families. In total, the students were able to put together over 1,400 packages! It was a great day working together to help those in need.

High School football honors

Thirteen Warrior football players were honored at the district level. The TAPPS All-State Team will be announced on December 11 and it should contain several Warriors as well. Collin Tate and Christian Fleischhauer made the All-District team on both sides of the football. Christian Fleischhauer, Joseph Carbone and Wesley Hong were all named to the first team and should be ranked high enough to make the All-State team.

Cy-Fair Republican Women January Meeting

CFRW will meet on Tuesday, January 8th from 10:30 AM to Noon. Hearthstone Country Club, 7615 Ameswood, Houston, TX 77095
Meeting is \$3 – Meeting with Lunch at Noon is \$23.

See the website for details and RSVP to www.cfrw.net by January 2nd.
You can register and pay on the website also.

There is much to be done prior to the next election cycle. We look forward to many new faces and opportunities to promote our Republican candidates. We need you with us to get our ideals advanced locally, statewide and nationally. Give CFRW a try!

GAIN RELIEF FROM VARICOSE AND SPIDER VEINS

TUESDAY, JAN. 29, 2019 | 6 P.M.



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Jack and Jill of America Associates to Host "A Night at the Oscars" Gala



The "Awesome, Amazing, Associates" of the Jack and Jill of America, Inc., North Houston Suburban Chapter will host a glamorous "A Night at the Oscars" charity gala on Saturday, March 23rd, 2019. 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 77068. Tickets are \$75 each, and the suggested attire is "red carpet formal".

"A Night at the Oscars" will benefit the Jack and Jill of America Foundation, which supports education, literacy, scientific and charitable projects that benefit children. The evening will feature dinner, dancing to live music and a raffle. For information, tables, and ticket requests contact Dr. Kyrel Broxton or Shirley Carter at jjnhsassociates@gmail.com.

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 Jack and Jill of America Foundation can be found at www.jackandjillfoundation.org.

THE DAVINCI ARTISTS GALLERY - POPUP ARTISTS

January 12, 2019, 5-8:00PM The DaVinci Artists Gallery is hosting guest local artists Michele Patton (acrylics), Rachel Stella (mosaics), Linda Thompson (fiber) and Debi Kuntz (mixed) for an evening of art.

Complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres, open to the public and free parking behind gallery at City Hall. Join all of these talented artists as they showcase their art. What a great way to start the New Year! 315 W. Main St, Tomball 77375, 281-516-9585.

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ATTRACTING WILDLIFE

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



It seems that everywhere we look we are seeing trees being torn down and grassy areas being turned into parking lots. Sadly, there's not much we can do about it. There are things you can do, however, to help replenish some of the natural resources that are destroyed. You can turn your backyards and even small apartment balconies into areas that attract wildlife, butterflies and even bees.

You can provide food by planting wildlife-friendly plants. Choose plant species that bloom and fruit at various times of the year. Like the woodpecker, some birds will dine on insects during the summer but will eat berries in colder weather. Shrubs and trees can provide seeds and berries for mammals and birds while a flower garden will provide food for a variety of insect pollinators and hummingbirds. Bird and squirrel feeders are great to help supplement what is found in nature. If you can, leave dead trees. They can be a food source by attracting insects, lichens, mosses and fungi.

Every living thing needs water. Birds not only need water to drink but to bathe in. The easiest way to do this is to provide a birdbath or a shallow dish of water. Make sure to keep it clean and be careful to use animal-friendly cleaners! No bleach or anything toxic. If you're fortunate enough to own a little land, you can add a water garden or pond to your property.

Wildlife needs cover from the elements just like we do. In our area we don't have to worry about snow but we often get heavy rains and extreme heat. Again, dead trees work great for some species. Planting dense shrubs provide shelter for rabbits, turtles and some bird species. Don't forget about man-made shelters, too, like bathhouses and birdhouses.

There are books available to help you garden for wildlife. One of them is, *Texas Wildscapes* by Kelly Conrad Bender. It's published by Texas A&M. Texas Parks and Wildlife is also a great resource. Some organizations provide instructions and help so that your school or home can become a Certified Wildlife Habitat. One such organization is the National Wildlife Federation.

You can make this a family project and have fun with it. Get the kids involved. Plant some trees and shrubs, hang some birdhouses and squirrel boxes and decide where you want your birdbaths.

TWRC Wildlife Center is getting ready for a busy spring and we're looking for baby feeders. We'll train you to care for baby squirrels, baby opossums and baby birds so you'll be ready to start in the spring. No previous experience is needed—just a desire to help wildlife babies, a great attitude and you must be reliable! Send your resume or letter of interest to operations@twrcwildlifecenter.org.

Drain Flies

Drain flies are small brownish-grey insects with two wings. They have fuzzy wings and bodies and when at rest, the wings are folded over the body making them look like tiny moths. This is why they are sometimes called moth flies.



Drain flies may be seen in kitchens and bathrooms near sinks or tubs. They tend to be more active in the evening. Female flies lay eggs in the thin film of organic matter that builds up on the inside of drain pipes. Larvae develop in the slime layer, feeding on fungi and other microorganisms.

Unfortunately, targeting adult drain flies will only temporarily solve the problem. To manage drain flies, the source should be located and treated to reduce the population of developing flies. To track down where the flies are coming from, place tape over one side (don't cover the drain completely) of drains in sinks and tubs before you go to bed. In the morning, check tape for flies that emerged during the night to find out which drain(s) is/ are infested.

Once the drain is located, take a stiff brush and scrub the inside of the drain, following up by flushing the drain with boiling water. There is no need to treat the drain with bleach or ammonia. It may take several days to see a reduction of the adult flies once the drain has been cleaned; you have to allow the emerging adults to die. If you have drains that you cannot access to clean, there are biogels that consume the organic matter where they larvae develop. Read and follow all label instructions.

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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