



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



## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency.....	911
Sheriff's Dept (Non emergency) .....	713.221.6000 Option 6
Cy-Fair Fire Dept .....	911
Cy-Fair Hospital.....	281.890.4285
Animal Control.....	281.999.3191
Center Point (Street light out) .....	713.207.2222
http://cnp.centerpointenergy.com/outage	
Library.....	281.890.2665
Post Office.....	713.983.9682
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
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## STEEPLECHASE CONTACTS

### Community Maintenance Concerns / Deed Restriction Issues / Architectural Control / Safety

Chaparral Management Company.....281.586.1700

### Clubhouse Rentals

Private Parties and Community Events

(Jinnie Kelley) .....832.922.8030

### Pool Company/Private Pool Parties

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

### 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.)

**safety@steeplechasecia.com**

(Simultaneously sends an unedited message to the Community Manager, the Safety Coordinator and select SCIA BOD members.)

## 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**

## BOD DISCUSSION MEETING COURTS 5 & 6 AREA REDEVELOPMENT

There will be a meeting on Saturday, March 7th in the PCC meeting area to discuss the planned redevelopment of the Courts 5 & 6 area and the area between these courts and Courts 3 & 4.

The meeting will start at 10:00 am and end at 11:30 am. The agenda is noted herein below.

- Redevelopments considered for the area (Ideas for the redevelopments were extracted from various resident surveys over the last few years)
- Redevelopment project selection criteria
- Proposed redevelopment & layout
- Redevelopment cost & project timing
- Contractor selected
- Q & A

## STEEPLECHASE SMALL BUSINESS MARKETPLACE

SCIA is sponsoring a small business marketplace. The event will be held in the PCC and the PCC porte-cochere area at the clubhouse. The event will showcase products and services offered by Steeplechase resident owned businesses.

The event will be held on Saturday, 3/14 from 1 – 3 pm. To participate you must be a Steeplechase resident in good standing. There is a limited number of table tops available for this event. There is a nominal charge of \$10 for a folding table and chair payable to SCIA.

To reserve your space, email board@steeplechasecia.com and mail your \$10 non-refundable deposit to CMC, Attn: Valerie Overbeck.

SCIA reserves the right to cancel this event if there is not a sufficient number of participants. In such case, the \$10 deposit will be refunded to anybody who did reserve a space.

Please note that the SCIA does not endorse any of these products, services or businesses.

If you have questions, contact CMC.

## SEE SOMETHING THAT NEEDS REPAIR?

If you see something that needs repair, please report it. For example, monument lighting is out, graffiti, sprinkler heads blown off or sprinklers spraying the streets, not the grass, etc. Report it to Chaparral Management at cmc@chaparralmanagement.com or call 281-537-0957. Thanks for your help in keeping your community well maintained.

## FROM THE SARGE... "THE END OF INNOCENCE"

Have you ever wondered why off-duty law enforcement officers are seldom victims of robbery, car-jacking, or assault? Most of you believe it's because we carry a gun. I used to believe that too, before I entered this profession, then reality kicked in and I learned that having a firearm on my hip did nothing to deter these things, because nobody can see my weapon when I am off duty and I don't dress in a manner that would lead anyone to believe I am a peace officer. With that being said, so many folks who have a "license to carry" are living with a false sense of security. Are you really prepared to use it? Are you prepared to go to the grand jury? Are you prepared for the civil suit against you? Are you prepared to live with how you feel afterward? I have thousands of hours of training in firearms, self-defense tactics, use of force issues, et cetera; you have four hours of classroom training.

So what is this magical ability we have that keeps us from being victims of violent crimes? Some of us call it "the end of innocence", while others call it having our "radar on". No matter what you call it, it is nothing more than a heightened sense of awareness of our surroundings. Once you have spent time on the streets, running from call to call, dealing with every type of problem known to man, you develop the senses of hunter and prey. It is also known as your "fight or flight" instincts, or as Spider Man called it, his "Spidey sense".

This heightened sense of awareness does not turn on and off, like a light switch, when we go from on-duty, to off-duty and it never goes away after we retire; I've asked numerous retiree's and they verified this.

So, where does this come from? It comes from being hyper focused on survival and from seeing patterns of behavior in people, who intend to cause us harm. I was already a 15 year veteran of the streets when I met my wife and she was with me on several occasions, when we

encountered persons who intended to do us harm. I was able to thwart the attacks, before they happened. In each instance, she never saw it coming and she told me it appeared to her as if I had E.S.P. and could read the future. I wanted her to have at least a portion of my ability, so she would know how to avoid confrontations with criminals, but I knew there was no real way to pass my senses to her, so the only thing I could do was educate her. Every time we went out in public, I would coach her on looking at the cars in the parking lot, to see if anyone was watching her. I taught her to stay off of her cell phone while walking in the parking lot and to walk with her keys in her hand, while paying attention to everyone walking around her and not allowing them to get too close. I taught her to check her rearview mirror and how to look for vehicles that are following her and how to "shake them off her tail". I taught my wife every survival tactic that you would normally teach a rookie officer. I can only hope some of it stuck, but the only true way to know would be for her to be put into a survival situation and I pray it never comes to that.

The point of this story is there is no perfect solution. I cannot educate the entire population on how to stay safe, because each situation is fluid and ever-changing. Our senses were developed over years of being put through some brutal and terrifying situations, but maybe, just maybe, I can make a couple of you a little more aware of your surroundings, by writing these articles.

Pay attention to your surroundings folks, you do not live in an episode of "Leave it to Beaver". Seeing what is going on around you will do more for you than anything else.

Sarge



# STEEPLECHASE

## CHILDREN'S BUSINESS FAIR MAKE. SELL. DREAM!

The idea of a Children's Business Fair is to help children understand the business world from hands on experience. In this fair, your child will come up with their own product to make/produce, promote and sell.

So what do you need to do?

If you are interested:

- Have your child come up with a business idea
- Register your child for the business fair at [childrensbusinessfair.org/Houston-gaastro](https://www.childrensbusinessfair.org/Houston-gaastro)

• On the day of the event, allow your child to have a new experience selling to the public.

The first fair of the year will be on April 25, 2020.

This event is sponsored by Acton Academy, the Acton School of Business, and the generous support of our donors and volunteers. We all believe that principled entrepreneurs are heroes and role models for the next generation.

Registration website: <https://www.childrensbusinessfair.org/houston-gaastro>

Questions can be sent to: [ddgaastro@gmail.com](mailto:ddgaastro@gmail.com)

## WHY IS SCIA ALWAYS ASKING FOR VOLUNTEERS?

### WHOSE JOB IS IT?

There are four residents in Steeplechase named **Everybody**, **Somebody**, **Anybody**, and **Nobody**.

There was an important job to be done for the Steeplechase Community. **Everybody** was sure that **Somebody** would do it. **Anybody** could have done it, but **Nobody** did it. **Somebody** was upset about that because it was **Everybody's** job. **Everybody** thought that **Anybody** could do it, but **Nobody** realized that **Everybody** wouldn't do it.

It ended up that **Everybody** blamed **Somebody** when **Nobody** did what **Anybody** could have done.



## SALVATION ARMY NEEDS DISASTER TEAM VOLUNTEERS



The Salvation Army Houston-Northwest Corps facility located at 12507 Windfern Road at Perry Road is seeking volunteers to help with their Disaster Relief Team. The team operates a food canteen that deploys to disaster sites locally and regionally to distribute food, water, clean up supplies and lend comfort to people

affected by the catastrophe.

The Salvation Army has operated their rescue food trucks in the United States since 1900 when they were first dispatched to Galveston, Texas to help during the aftermath of that fateful hurricane. They were there in San Francisco in 1906 after their massive earthquake, and during the days after September 11th the Salvation Army food and aid trucks were on site at ground zero helping First Responders find respite during their arduous and heartbreaking tasks. More recently and closer to home the Salvation Army was there in force during Hurricane Harvey and more recently Tropical Storm Imelda.

Disaster team Leader Lowell Locke and Steeplechase resident states that "We welcome helpers of all ages and abilities interested in lending a hand". For further information please contact:

Lowell Locke  
Salvation Army Disaster Relief Team  
Houston-Northwest Corps  
832.370.1751  
[oldboys1974@gmail.com](mailto:oldboys1974@gmail.com)



## STEEPLECHASE SECURITY CONTACT INFORMATION



Please follow the Steeplechase Safety & Security page on Facebook for helpful tips about personal, home, and neighborhood safety, along with important neighborhood news and information. This page is managed by Steeplechase's Security Coordinator, who works directly with HCSO and our local deputies.

<https://www.facebook.com/Steeplechase-Safety-Security-181933781906989/>

Please reach out to our Security Coordinator with information or questions by direct message through this page or by emailing [safety@steeplechasecia.com](mailto:safety@steeplechasecia.com).

**REMEMBER: If you see someone or something suspicious or strange, call 713-221-6000 Option 6 to report it. If you witness a crime or emergency, call 911.**

**As the deputies say, if it isn't reported, it didn't happen.**

## STEEPLECHASE CIA DEED RESTRICTION PROCESS

- Steeplechase CIA is inspected once every 30 days, roughly the same week each month.
- Inspections are done from the car and from the street. At no time does the inspector get out of their car and walk on or around your property.
- Upon observation of a deed restriction violation, the first letter that is sent is called a COURTESY LETTER. This letter advises the resident of the matter and allows 30 days for the violation to be addressed.
- After the following month's inspection, should the matter not be resolved, a second letter will be sent. This letter will remind the resident that the violation has not been addressed and advises them of the consequences of a third, certified, letter.
- If your deed restriction violation(s) is not corrected before the next inspection tour or mutually acceptable arrangement for the corrections thereof made with Chaparral, then further correspondence to include a certified letter, will be forthcoming from the Steeplechase CIA, Inc. That certified letter correspondence will result in out-of-pocket administrative costs which will be charged to your account in accordance with Section 204.010 (a) (11) and (12) of the Texas Property Code.
- If, after a third month's inspection shows that the initial violation has not been corrected, a third letter is sent, the Certified/209 letter. This is generally the final letter that will be sent by Chaparral Management on behalf of Steeplechase CIA. This letter allows the resident to request a hearing (which must be done in writing) before the Steeplechase CIA Board of Directors. Should no hearing request be received, the Board will review all

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## HOW TO...REPORT STRAY ANIMALS

Go to the Harris County Veterinary Public Health website ([www.countypets.com](http://www.countypets.com)) or call 281-999-3191.

An option for feral cats is to contact the Harris County Community Cat Program through the website [harriscountyyccp@bestfriends.org](http://harriscountyyccp@bestfriends.org) or call them at 713-253-0529.

The SCIA BOD hopes that you find this information useful.

## MUTT MITTS FOR THE WALKING TRAIL

MUTT MITT stations are installed at various points along 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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documentation and photos relating to the violation and will vote to turn the matter over to the Association's Attorney for further action. Once an account has been referred to the Attorney all subsequent communication must be made with the Attorney regarding the specific matter that pertains to the resident's account. The 209 letter reads:

- You have been previously notified about the above-described deed restriction violation on your property. As of the most recent inspection tour, this violation has still not been corrected.

Please be advised that you have 30 days to cure the violation(s) of the deed restrictions discussed in this letter. You may also request a hearing before the Board of Directors to discuss and verify facts, and hopefully, resolve this matter. Your request must be in writing. In addition, you must request the hearing before the Board on or before the 30th day after the date you receive this letter. If you request a hearing before the Board, you will be notified of the date, time and place of the hearing not later than the 10th day before the date of the hearing.

Please also be advised that unless the violation(s) of the deed restrictions discussed in this letter is corrected within 30 days of the date of this letter, you will be charged all reasonable attorney's fees and other reasonable costs incurred by the Association in enforcing the deed restrictions.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns regarding any process, please do not hesitate to contact Chaparral Management Company at 281-537-0957 or [cmc@chaparralmanagement.com](mailto:cmc@chaparralmanagement.com)

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