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NEWSLETTER



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

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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
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Water/Sewer	832.467.1599

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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

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(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...)

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

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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

Little Ladies

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



As a child, I enjoyed having Ladybugs crawl on my hand. I'd try to count the black spots. Women in the Victorian era believed that if a ladybug landed on them, they would get something new. If it landed on their head, they thought they would receive a new hat. On the hand, it would

be new gloves. Today some believe that if a Ladybug lands on you, your wishes will come true.

In North America we call them Ladybugs. In Britain and other English-speaking countries, they are called Ladybirds. Ladybugs aren't really even bugs. Bugs belong to the order Hemiptera. Ladybugs are part of Coleoptera, the Beetle order. These little beetles have an insatiable appetite. That's a good thing for those of you who garden because they eat the insects that invade your plants like aphids, whiteflies and other destructive bugs.

Most of us are probably used to seeing the orange Ladybug with black spots but they come in a wide range of other colors as well—gray, tan, metallic blue. The number of spots can vary, too, and some have no spots at all.

Even though they are small, they still have a defense mechanism to protect themselves from predators. When the insects are disturbed, they emit an odorous, noxious yellow fluid that seeps out of their joints.

Did you know, though, that there are “bad” Ladybugs? Asian Lady Beetles were first discovered in the United States in 1988 and are known as the Ladybugs’ evil twin. They, too, devour aphids so in that regard, they are beneficial. Their hefty appetites can extend to non-pest insects as well like monarch butterfly eggs and larvae and that’s not good.

Asian Lady Beetles can bite. The bites are not poisonous or extremely painful but in some cases can cause “pink-eye.” In the fall or winter, if you notice large numbers of what you believe are ladybugs congregating around your home, they’re probably Asian Lady Beetles. When it begins to get cold, they will attempt to enter your home and can stain walls, furniture and fabrics with the stinky yellow fluid they secrete.

Asian Lady Beetles can be harmful to dogs. When a dog in Kansas started sleeping all the time, refused to eat and was foaming at the mouth, the veterinarian discovered over 30 Asian Lady Beetles had attached themselves to the roof of the mouth.

So how do you tell the difference between the good Ladybug and the evil twin, the Asian Lady Beetle? Look at the markings on their head. From above, Asian lady beetles have a white “M”-shaped spot where their head meets the body.

As part of our mission, we strive to educate you about environmental issues that may affect your lives.

The Ladybug acts as a natural pesticide in nature and they can be easily purchased online. Utilizing this unique feature of the Ladybug can discourage the use of dangerous pesticides that are harmful to all living things. Check out our website at www.twrcwildlifecenter.org for more helpful information.

**STEEPLECHASE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC. (SCIA)
2020 POOL WRISTBAND REGISTRATION FORM**

Please complete the information listed below and **bring with you** to the Steeplechase Clubhouse during schedule registration dates. After May 25, pool wristbands will be available at Chaparral Management Company, located at 6630 Cypresswood Drive, Spring, TX 77379. Cost is an addition \$5/per wristband. No mail orders.

Pool wristbands will be issued to all property owners who have returned this form and have **PAID ALL ASSESSMENT FEES AND ANY ACCRUED INTEREST IN FULL.**

LIST FULL TIME RESIDENTS ONLY (GUEST WRISTBANDS ARE AVAILABLE) - **PLEASE PRINT:**

Your Name _____

Spouse _____

Street address _____

Main Phone # _____ Email Address _____

Please be advised that, by providing your e-mail address on this document, you are agreeing to register your e-mail address with the Association for the purpose of complying with the notice requirements of Texas Property Code Sec. 209.0051 (board meetings), Code Sec. 209.00593 (solicitation of candidates) and/or to receive notice of Association news. The Association will not share your e-mail with any third party or use for any purpose other than Association business.

NOTE: CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF THIRTEEN (13) YEARS OF AGE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. CHILDREN THREE (3) YEARS AND OLDER MUST HAVE POOL WRISTBAND.

****AGE IF UNDER 18 YRS**

Children's Names _____

Other Full-time Residents _____

IF YOU ARE RENTING, PLEASE INDICATE PROPERTY OWNERS NAME AND ADDRESS BELOW AND PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR LEASE.

Owner's Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

By signing below, I agree to abide by the posted swimming pool rules. I understand that I assume all risk when I use the swimming pool and the swimming pool area. I agree that I am responsible for the behavior of my children and guests. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Steeplechase CIA, and any of its agents.

Printed Name of Applicant: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Number Wristbands Purchased:

_____ Adult (Blue/Orange) no charge (first 2) additional \$10.00 each

_____ Child (Light Blue/Pink) no charge (first 2) additional \$5.00 each

_____ Guest (Black/White) \$10.00 ea.

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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-gaastra](https://www.childrensbusinessfair.org/Houston-gaastra)

- 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-gaastra>

Questions can be sent to: ddgastra@gmail.com

STEEPLECHASE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

**Saturday, April 25
8:00 Am To 12:00 Noon
(Rain Or Shine)**

The SCIA is sponsoring a community garage sale as noted above.

Signs will be placed at all entrances to Steeplechase early in the week before the sale date. SCIA will also place an ad in the Greensheet. As mentioned, the sale will occur rain or shine.

You might tie a balloon(s) to your mailbox to draw attention to your location if you are participating in the garage sale.

The BOD hopes that each participant has a successful sale.

LOW HANGING BRANCHES & WILD BUSHES

Steeplechase is fortunate to have sidewalks throughout that make it safe to walk, run, exercise etc. without worrying about dodging parked vehicles, cars coming down the street, etc. However, there are obstacles to using the sidewalks; for example, low hanging tree branches, unkempt bushes, etc... Homeowners and renters, please trim your plants so that the full width of the sidewalk is passable and provides a 7' to 8' height clearance for pedestrians. Likewise, your trees should be trimmed to provide adequate clearance for cars and trucks traveling or parking on the street. Thanks for your cooperation.

If you have any questions or comments, direct them to Chaparral Management. cmc@chaparralmanagement.com or 281-537-0957



EASTER EGG HUNT Saturday April 4th at 2pm At Saddlebough Park

Come join us for the neighborhood's annual Easter egg hunt in Saddlebough Park!

We will be breaking out the kids into appropriate age groups for easter egg hunts. There will also be snacks, small games, bubbles and a visit by the Easter Bunny! And more....

This is always an exciting event. We hope to see you there!

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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. Thanks for your help in keeping the trail clean and enjoyable for all.

There are no MUTT MITT stations along the greenbelt so your thoughtfulness is really appreciated. If your dog has to do its "business" anywhere on the greenbelt, please pick it up (grocery plastic bags can be used as a substitute MUTT MITT) and deposit it in one of the trash cans along the greenbelt or take it home and dispose of it. This is particularly true if the "business" is on the greenbelt sidewalk or anywhere around the clubhouse or around the parks. Remember kids play there.

There is one other concern about dogs and cats not on a leash. Remember that not everybody knows that your dog is "friendly", "never bites", etc. and may be intimidated by a barking, leaping, running towards them dog, especially if the dog is bigger. Also, Harris County does have a leash law. So, Animal Control could be contacted and possibly catch your dog or cat and hold it for ransom at the pound.

Harris County Animal Control states that "all dogs and cats must be kept under restraint while in the unincorporated areas of Harris County, Texas."

So, Steeplechase asks everybody to keep their dog or cat on a leash while walking or at a minimum put the dog or cat on a leash as you approach another person or animal as sometimes unexpected things happen and can result in a bad situation for all involved.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE?

The responsibility for sidewalk maintenance is that of the homeowner.

So, if the sidewalk in front of your house is uneven (trip hazard), tilted (falling hazard), cracked or other, the property owner is responsible for fixing it. Such repairs/replacement work is not Harris County's or the Association's responsibility. (The only exception is that the Association is responsible for sidewalks in the common areas.)

SCIA deed restrictions require sidewalks and as such the homeowner must have and must maintain the sidewalk on their property. Removal is not an option; this would be a deed restriction violation.

If you have additional questions, contact Chaparral Management.
cmc@chaparralmanagement.com
281-537-0957

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.

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WALKING TRAIL & GREENBELT TRASH & DEBRIS



Please do not toss debris / garbage over the fence along the walking trail, the parks or the greenbelt. Please note that this is a violation of Steeplechase deed restrictions as well as littering. It is unsightly for our fellow neighbors, encourages rodents and critters and is an extra cost to the HOA for cleanup. Help us keep Steeplechase beautiful by disposing of waste properly.

DON'T MESS WITH STEEPLECHASE

THINKING ABOUT A STORAGE SHED or GAZEBO?



This is a reminder about the "Outbuilding Policy". An outbuilding is any structure that is not attached to the main residence, except for detached garages. This includes but is not limited to, all storage sheds, play structures, gazebos, pergolas, etc. An ACC application must be submitted for the construction of any such structure.

The application must include a plot plan/survey showing the proposed location in relation to property lines, building set back lines, existing structures and fences. The standard, type, quality and color of the materials used in construction shall match or be harmonious with the materials used in the main residence. All outbuildings must be placed on the lot so as not to be visible from the street in front of the lot, not be closer to the rear lot line than 7 feet, not nearer to the side lot line than 5 feet or aligned with the side wall of the residence structure, whichever is greater. Outbuildings shall be no more than 10 feet in height and may not exceed 144 square feet of floor area. The floor area of a treehouse or other play structure must not be more than 3 feet from the ground.

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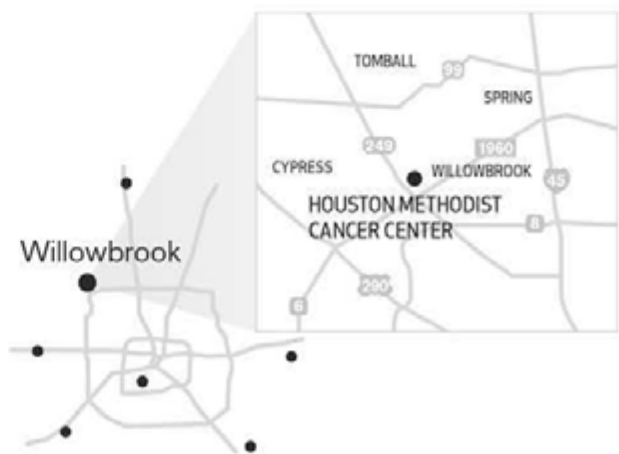
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