



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



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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

CLUBHOUSE AND POOL COMMUNITY CENTER CLOSED

July 27th Until August 28th

The Clubhouse and the Pool Community Center (PCC) will be closed as noted above for renovation. These facilities will not be available for rental or use for any meetings.

Access and use of the pools and the tennis courts are not affected. The only bathrooms accessible are those located at the main pool.

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.

CHILDREN'S BUSINESS FAIR MAKE. SELL. DREAM.

Children ages 5-15 will be selling to you! They have created their own business concept, created their own product and will be at the Steeplechase Club House to sell to you!

Some of the products are: sweet treats, puppy treats, photo booth, art experiences, masks, slimes and more! Please come support these children!

Want your child to participate? It may not be too late. Registration website: <https://www.childrensbusinessfair.org/houston-gaastra>

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.

Questions can be sent to: ddgaastra@gmail.com

HANDS UP, DON'T SHOOT!!!

"Hands up, don't shoot!!! I'm sure if you watch sports, or much television at all, you have seen your sports heroes, or anti-police protestors doing this, usually in a one-sided story about how all of us "bad cops" are "trigger happy" and "looking for a fight". I can tell you with 100% certainty that nothing is further from the truth. I have never known a single law enforcement officer that dreams of getting into a gun battle, or hopes to get into a physical altercation with anyone. Any time this happens, we run the risk of being seriously injured or killed, we have mountains of paperwork to complete, then there is the Internal Affairs investigation, a possible trip to the Grand Jury, the lawsuit from the family members, et cetera. These incidents can tie up years of our lives.

We are required to take and complete all sorts of training in how to interact with civilians, but who is training civilians about how to interact with us? YouTube? Facebook? CNN? That would be like training for a job interview by watching the Three Stooges.

So how do we fix this? How do we bring down the barrier? We must educate the public with the truth, that's how. The public needs to know that our reaction to you is based on your actions. When we come to your home for a disturbance call, or when we stop you for a traffic violation, we are in YOUR COMFORT ZONE. We don't know who you are, what you are capable of doing and where any of your weapons may be hidden from our view. Think about when Deputy Goforth was murdered at a gas station. He was there filling his patrol car with fuel. What about when Deputy Dhaliwal was murdered on a traffic stop? These thoughts run through our minds every time we are in YOUR COMFORT ZONE. So when we tell you to take your hands out of your pockets, or not to reach under the seat of your car, we are not being mean to you, we are trying to stay alive. Once we tell you not to reach under the seat of your car and you ignore our command, we have no choice but to assume you mean to do us harm. Remember, there is no second place in a gunfight. Merely telling us, "I would never do anything like that", doesn't suffice. Remember what I said in my previous article about the end of innocence and our "spidey sense"? If you are reaching into an area that I can't see, you are setting off all sorts of bells and whistles, alerting me to possible danger.

Attitude is just as important. The tone of most encounters with law enforcement is determined by your behavior. When we are forced to stop a vehicle for a traffic violation, looking in the rearview mirror and throwing your arms in the air, in a gesture of anger, tells us you are probably not going to be a very pleasant person to talk to. Most times, our intent is to provide you with a verbal or written warning, because we know you are human and subject to mistakes or errors in judgement, but there are times we must issue a citation. We are not angry with you when we do this, we are just doing our job, to keep you and others safe. Your neighbors don't want you speeding down their street, or running the stop sign near their homes any more than you want them to do that on your street. Remember, you are not the only family in the neighborhood with small children, who may dart into the roadway after a ball or other toy that has slipped away. Getting angry with us and calling us derogatory names does not give us warm and fuzzy feelings. We are subject to the same human emotions as you are, but if we spoke in such a manner, I can bet you would demand some sort of disciplinary action be taken.

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EASY MAIL CONTACT ADDRESSES

Report a possible deed restriction violation

drv@steeplechasecia.com

Simultaneously send an email to the Chaparral Community Manager, the Chaparral Steeplechase Inspector and each SCIA BOD member

Concerned about a continuing safety issue, have a question about an event(s) in the community

safety@steeplechasecia.com

Simultaneously send an email to the Chaparral Community Manager, the SCIA Safety Coordinator, and select SCIA BOD members

Report a dirty pool, smelly outdoor bathrooms, trash, inattentive lifeguards, etc.

pool@steeplechasecia.com

Simultaneously send an email to the Chaparral Community Manager, the Pool Management Company, and select SCIA BOD members

Questions about what the BOD is doing, what projects are planned, or other general topic not covered above

board@steeplechasecia.com

Simultaneously send an email to the Chaparral Community Manager and each SCIA BOD member

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Now I know some of you are saying, "yeah, but I dealt with Deputy So and So and he was rude and I was nothing but nice to him." That may be true, but most times it isn't. Our personnel wear body cameras, which make it very easy for me to see what really took place. Of the thousands of videos I have reviewed, I have found only one or two, where the deputy's behavior was such that one may believe he or she was rude, when in fact the deputy was just blunt and brutally honest with his or her response. I know there are some bad officers out there, most of them have very short careers in this profession, because we don't want them around anymore than you do.

In life, as in physics, for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. Do you remember when Quannel X took the "shoot or don't shoot" training course from the Houston Police Department? He was one of the most vocal anti-police activists I have ever seen, but he shot the suspect in every single scenario, because he was afraid. He wasn't nearly as vocal after that. Think about how you would react in some of the situations we face and try to understand that we do what we do for everyone's safety, yours and ours. Until next time.

Sarge

HARRIS COUNTY MUD #168 PARKS BOND UPDATE

The H/C MUD #168 Parks Bond plans have been approved by the TCEQ and are moving forward. The MUD Board, the SCIA Board, and residents from the District, met, discussed and approved the planned renovations to the three existing parks, as well as plans for the new construction of the Churchill Park and Trail.

With this Bond, the three existing parks at Roan, Saddlebough, and Meadow Chase will be renovated. Renovations will include new artificial turf, additional lighting where needed, additional swings and play structures to expand and complement age groups 5-12 years old. Additional modification/improvements were decided on to improve use and capacity including an additional pavilion with picnic tables at Saddlebough Park.

The Bond will also include the new Churchill Park, which will be located on the greenbelt along Steeple Way Blvd., between Churchill Way Drive and Gold Cup Way. The new park will have a lighted walking trail with water fountains and covered benches as well as a pavilion with picnic tables located in the middle.

Construction will be starting soon and will be planned to minimize disruption of the three existing parks as much as possible, however there will be some short closures to complete the work. The work is estimated to be completed by early to mid-summer.

The new park and renovations to the current parks, will provide additional options and capacity for park goers. The new walking trail will complement the current walking trail along the bayou. These park improvements will provide more play structures for a wider age range, as well as for the disabled. The \$2.4 million Parks Bond Sale closed on February 13th.

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Steeplechase residents can get full access to the tennis courts by calling (281-387-2925), texting (281-387-2925) or emailing (rod.royer@iCloud.com) Rod Royer. Rod Royer is certified by the United States Professional Tennis Association at the "Elite Pro" level with 30 years of teaching experience.

Court access keys are \$20 payable in cash or check (preferred method, payable to Steeplechase CIA).

Rod does offer for-fee private, semi-private or group tennis lessons and can provide rackets, balls and tennis ball machines.

Have fun!

TRIM YOUR TREE IF IT IS BLOCKING THE STREETLIGHT

SCIA is asking for your help in the spring and summer when full foliage returns to trees. If your tree is blocking the streetlight, please trim, or have it trimmed so that it does not block the streetlights.

Streetlights help to enhance vehicular and pedestrian safety. If you are skeptical about this, take a drive or take a walk in a neighborhood that doesn't have streetlights and you'll immediately understand the benefit.

Street lighting is a fixed cost for SCIA. That is, we pay a fixed dollar amount for street lighting whether the streetlight is blocked or not working. That's why SCIA asks for your help in reporting non-working streetlights and that's why the BOD is asking each of you to trim your trees.

Help your neighbors, yourself and the overall community by taking steps to ensure that your trees do not block streetlights.

The entire Steeplechase community thanks you.

HOW TO.....REPORT TRAFFIC SIGNAL AND FLASHING BEACON PROBLEMS

You can help your fellow drivers by reporting blinking or out of service traffic signals or out of service flashing beacons (i.e. school zones).

Harris County maintains traffic signals and flashing beacons on roadways in unincorporated areas of the County with the exception of those maintained by TxDOT. TxDOT is generally responsible for all Number (Interstates, US Highways, State Highways and Farm-to-Market Roads) in unincorporated areas of Texas Counties.

So how do you do this?

- If you think it is a Harris County signal, call 713-881-3210 or report it at www.eng.hctx.net/signalout.

- If you think it is TxDOT's signal, call 713-802-5662.

- If you're in the City of Houston, call 311 or 713-837-0311

Don't worry, if you call the wrong agency, they will refer you to the correct agency.

LANDLORD/TENANT REMINDER

If you are the owner of Steeplechase property that is rented to others, please ensure that Chaparral Management has an alternate set of contact information so that Chaparral can make sure that you receive all communication about important Steeplechase events and issues. This alternate contact information should include a mailing address, telephone number, fax number, and email address together with the street address of the rental property.

Additionally, you have a responsibility as a landlord to get your tenants a copy of the Steeplechase rules and regulations, covenants and restrictions.

Furthermore, you need to ensure that your tenants abide by these governing documents while a tenant in your Steeplechase property.

If you have questions, please contact Chaparral Management.

cmc@chaparralmanagement.com

Tel: 281-537-0957

RECYCLE HINTS



Does your recycle tub run over each week? If so, here are some handy hints.

1. Remove the cap from plastic water bottles and collapse the bottle with your hand, then replace the cap and place in tub.
2. For larger plastic containers such as milk, juice, etc., step on the containers to collapse them.
3. Soft drink and other beverage cans can be collapsed by stepping on them with a little force.
4. And do not forget boxes of any size, collapse them as they take up a lot of room. You can even use collapsed boxes as "side boards" for your tub by placing them as an inner liner in the recycle tub, thereby increasing the capacity of your recycle tub.

THANKS FOR RECYCLING

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:

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