





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

RAD Class offers Basic Self-Defense Training

The 2009 RAD (Rape Aggression Defense) classes for 14 and up are scheduled for April 13, 14 & 15, July 13, 14 & 15, and November 9, 10 & 11. They will be held at the Steeplechase Clubhouse from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. This is a highly acclaimed national program taught by specially trained Harris County Constables. Women of all ages have benefited from this course sponsored by our Steeplechase Community Improvement Association.

The instructors teach women to recognize different methods of staying safe and being aware of their surroundings. Learning escape techniques is also important, and throughout the class the ladies are taught several different punches and kicks. They are then given the opportunity to try out their new techniques on a RAD officer in protective gear. "It's the most fun part of the course," Jinnie Kelley says.

Watch for a new Kid's RAD class to be scheduled as well! For more information and to register for the classes contact Jinnie Kelley at 832-922-8030.



2009 Approved Practice and Meet Schedule

www.steeplechasestallions.com

PONY CLINIC/SWIM LESSONS

April 13-17: 6:00 - 6:45

Registration will be \$30.00 for those wishing to get extra instruction for young swimmers who think they might not be ready to begin the swim team. To join the swim team, you must be able to swim one length of the pool unassisted by the end of this week.

HEAD START SWIM PRACTICE

April 13-17: 6:45 - 7:30

Get a head start this year on your swimming and brush up your skills before official team practice begins. Only \$10.00 per person for the entire week and get some strong tips to start your season off great!

SCHOOL SEMESTER PRACTICE

Begins April 20:

1st session will be from 6:00pm – 6:45pm 2nd session will be from 7:00pm – 7:45pm You will need to come to your assigned session.

SUMMER PRACTICE

Begins June 4th and will be as follows:

7:30am - 9:00am advanced swim practice

9:15am - 10:45am swim practice

7:00pm - 8:00pm swim practice

Practice will be held Monday thru Friday, unless otherwise noted. If there is no practice due to bad weather, we will post it on the website and e-mail will be sent out. Someone will also be at the pool to let swimmers know.

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If you need to contact a director within your subdivision, please contact **PCMI** at **281-870-0585** and they will forward your request.

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Steeplechase Information Line: 281-469-CLUB - Option #3

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If you cannot make the exact practice time slot you are assigned to, you will not be permitted to swim another time slot unless it is agreed upon ahead of time by the coaches.

SIX TEAM NWAL MEET SCHEDULES 2008 - WEST 5

May 14th - Start of the NWAL Season

May 16th – Home Vs. Carriage Lane

May 23rd - Away Vs. Cypress Creek

May 30th - Away Vs. Bridgeland

June 6th - Home Vs. Glencairn

June 13th – Away Vs. Chimney Hill

June 20th - Divisional Meet hosted by Glencairn

June 22nd - NWAL Season Ends

June 26th & 27th - Post-Season Invitational Meets

DIVISION WEST 5 MEMBERS

Cypress Creek – CYC

Bridgeland - BRLD

Steeplechase - STP

Glencairn - GLEN

Chimney Hill - CHTS

Carriage Lane - CL

We will be doing registration on March 14th and April 4th at the Steeplechase Clubhouse. In the event that the clubhouse is being rented out, we will do registration in front of the swimming pool. Time will be from 10am-12pm. You can download the registration form from www.steeplechasestallions.com and mail in your entries. If we have not received your registration by April 10th, there will be an additional \$10.00 late fee. We will not take any new swimmers past May 1st.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Philip Ramirez

Director

Steeplechase Swim Team

9597 Jones Rd. #401

Houston, TX 77065

832-875-0763 or coach.philip@steeplechasestallions.com

Where Can You And Your Kids Find Great Friends? Steeplechase Moms Club

We are a group of moms that exchange babysitting services between families. We meet monthly to plan fun activities for our children, families, and ourselves. Our play dates are scheduled on Friday mornings, we host/co-sponsor seasonal parties, plan Mom's night out to a restaurant, and scrapbooking events. For more information on our next meeting call Candace at 832-237-2773 or visit us at www.steeplechasetx.com >community events & clubs.

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Cy-Fair Community Health and Wellness Expo

Plans are well underway for the Cy-Fair Community Health and Wellness Expo, which will be held Saturday, May 16th at the Berry Center, 8877 Barker Cypress Road from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This free event will focus on emphasizing the significance of living a healthy lifestyle for people of all ages.

Activities include elementary school choirs, sport stackers, jump rope, and other performance teams. From outside of the district we'll have cooking demos by Clive Berkman, author and chef, a milking cow, dance and exercise demos, martial arts, a bike safety rodeo for K-8th (bring your bike and helmet!), bowling, athletic wear fashion shows, fire department and water district demos, speakers on wills/probate/guardianships, finances/budgeting, internet child safety/stranger danger and more!

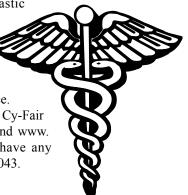
Additionally, more than 75 vendors will set up booths in the Berry Center to help educate the community on mental, physical, spiritual, financial and environmental health and wellness.

A blood mobile will be on site to sponsor a blood drive and the doctors and medical personnel will provide free health screenings from various healthcare groups.

To promote environmental health, a recycling drop-off site will be available through CFISD's recycler Abitibi, Houston Computer Recycling, and Sustainable Living in Houston. These groups will provide a drop-off area for electronics,

household batteries, paper, plastic and aluminum. In addition, the Lion's Club will be inside collecting used or broken eyeglasses for their worldwide distribution to those in need of optical assistance.

For more information visit the Cy-Fair ISD website at www.cfisd.net and www. cyfairhealthexpo.org. If you have any questions, please call 281-517-2043.





Ram Athletes Charging to College Scholarship Dinner and a Show!

Make plans to attend the Cypress Ridge Rams Athletic Scholarship Dinner and Show on Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. Dinner will be served by Carl's Barbecue and the evening will feature performances by the Cypress Ridge Dazzler Dance Team, Mighty Ram Band and Cheerleaders, along with a special performance by the faculty band, Staff Infection. All proceeds will go directly to the Rams Athletic Scholarship Fund, providing college scholarships for male and female athletes. Pre-sale tickets are \$10 and \$12 at the door. Order yours today by contacting Belinda Kubeczka at 281-807-8024 or Belinda. kubeczka@cfisd.net. Cypress Ridge High School is located at 7900 North Eldridge in Houston. Don't miss the fun and the opportunity to support our Ram athletes charging to college.

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All are Welcome to Four Free Events

The 2009 Student Activities Talent Show with a "Vegas Showcase" theme is April 8. The Spring Poetry Slam is April 9. The "Who's Your Hero" Speech Contest is April 16. Deaf professionals speak out at Deaf Can! (followed with an ice cream social) April 17. For information on these events, go to CyFair.LoneStar.edu.

What's in the Gallery and on Stage?

Check out the end-of-the-semester Student Art Exhibition showcasing the work of the college's visual art students April 8 through April 30. Go to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/bosquegallery for gallery hours and information. In the Main Stage Theatre, enjoy "World Folk Music and Dance," a unique costumed choral event April 3; "Constant Star," a bio-drama April 16 through April 19 in collaboration with The Ensemble Theatre and "The Medium," an opera April 30 through May 3. For information, call 281-290-5201 or go to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/boxoffice.

Join the Earth Week Celebration April 20 - April 24

The Environmental Steering Committee welcomes the community

to participate in a week of Earth Day Celebrations. Check out the poster exhibition in the library April 21 – April 27; enjoy the film "Flow, For Love of Water" and discussion April 22; and join a sunrise bird banding and the afternoon Charles Darwin Legacy forum April 23. For other events and information contact Sergio Sarmiento at 281-290-5234, Buck Buchanan at 281-290-3919 or go to CyFair. LoneStar.edu.

Teen Driver's Education Available in April

Spring driver's education courses for teens ages 15 to 17 are available April 13. The in-classroom driver's education course covers road rules, road signs, and laws to prepare the teens for the Department



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of Public Safety's written exam. Other topics are car maintenance, effects of drugs and alcohol, laws and penalties for drinking and driving, emergency situations, basic driving procedures, road rage, and insurance. Parents are responsible for the in-car instruction. Students are required to purchase the Texas Traffic Safety Education Student Manual, which is available at the campus bookstore. Call 832-482-1043 for information.

Free Tax Preparation Assistance Ends April 15

Free tax assistance is available at the Lone Star College-CyFair Library, located at 9191 Barker Cypress Road, with AARP Tax-Aide volunteers from noon to 4 p.m. every Wednesday and Thursday through April 15 in the library, room 131. Taxes may be filed electronically. For information on what documentation to bring, go to cyfair.lonestar. edu/library and click on free tax assistance under the news section.

L.I.F.E. Lessons in April

The Learning, Inspiration, Fellowship and Enrichment (L.I.F.E.) programs are free and held Wednesdays at 10 a.m. in the Lone Star College-CyFair Branch Library (Room 131.) Programs in April include: learning about new neighborhoods around the college April 1, surviving disaster without technology April 8, discovering life and habitats of the raptor April 15, hearing stories of immigrants with award-winning author Graciela Limon April 22 creating an original

pinata April 29. Call the library at 281-290-3213 for L.I.F.E. program information or go online to CyFair.LoneStar.edu/library.

Prom Dress Give-Away for Teens in Need

The Fifth Annual Prom Dress Give-Away benefiting teens without the financial means to purchase a dress for prom is set at Lone Star College-CyFair Branch Library, 9191 Barker Cypress from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays April 4, April 11, April 18 and April 25 in the library, room 131 as well as by appointment. Teens in need of a dress should contact the Youth Service Specialist at their high school or Prom Closet organizers Nancy Flanakin at meaford8510@yahoo.com or LSC-CyFair Teen Librarian Elise Sheppard at elise. j.sheppard@lonestar.edu or 281-290-5248.



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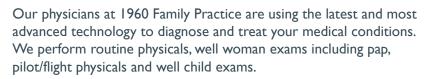
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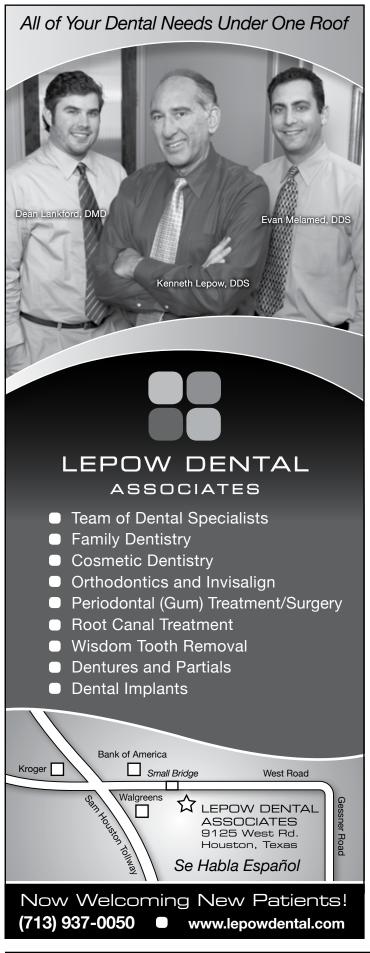
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Be a Volunteer Firefighter

The Cy-Fair Volunteer Fire Department is currently accepting applications at all its fire stations for new volunteer firefighters. The Cy-Fair VFD provides community based fire, EMS, and rescue services for 156 sq miles of Northwest Harris County using 12 fire stations. We provide all the necessary training and equipment needed. We have members from all walks of life including doctors, lawyers, bankers, realtors, career firefighters, teachers, mechanics, welders, nurses, and stay at home parents. The only requirements are to have your high school diploma or GED, be 18 yrs old, and pass a drug and background check.

Stations meet on Thursday nights at 7pm to conduct training. Additionally, members are able to sign-up for duty nights to staff the station or respond from their home.

The Fire Department provides insurance and worker's comp coverage for members when they are performing Department activities. We also have a length of service program that provides a retirement benefit to members.

We will be hosting open houses this month to provide more information:

- April 13th at 7pm: CFVFD Station 10 located at 11310 Steeplecrest and West Rd
- April 19th at 7pm: CFVFD Station 11 located at 18132 West Rd approx. 1 mile west of Barker-Cypress near Lone Star College-Cy-Fair
- April 21st at 7pm: CFVFD Station 9 located at 7922 Hwy 6 and Longenbaugh

You may also call our Office at 281-550-6663 or visit us online at: www.cyfairvfd.org

Writers Wanted

Enjoy writing? The Steeplechase Newsletter wants you! We publish monthly and there's a need for profiles of interesting neighbors, nearby restaurants or businesses, and other stories of interest. Maybe you might want to write monthly column on a topic of your choosing (subject to editing, of course). Aspiring writers email newsletter@steeplechasetx.com.

BOOK FAIR Benefiting

The Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts

Barnes & Noble Book Sellers at Champions Village will be sponsoring a Book Fair May 2 & 3, 2009. This is an opportunity for our community to support the *Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts (the Pearl)* at no additional cost while shopping at Barnes & Noble. Winning art from the Pearl's 2009 Student Art Contest will be on display at Barnes & Noble on Saturday, May 2. There will also be an art project for the kids and balloons.

Please support the Pearl by shopping at Barnes & Noble at Champions Village, 5303 FM 1960 West, for all of your book needs. For these two days, you can use a special Book Fair voucher that is available on line at www.pearlmfa. org. Or if you forget your voucher, just let them know at checkout that you want to support the Pearl. It is that easy. A small percentage of all your in-store purchases (including cheesecakes) will benefit the Pearl. Just remember, you must either submit the voucher at time of purchase or tell the cashier that you want your purchase to support the Pearl.

Cheesecake Factory cheesecakes are available from the Barnes & Noble Café and can be pre-ordered for pick-up and paid for on May 2 & 3. This is a delicious and easy Mother's Day dessert and supports the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts at the same time. Cheesecakes can be frozen for later use.

Please stop by Barnes & Noble during our Book Fair. It is a great opportunity to learn about our wonderful fine arts museum right that is right here in the Cypress Creek area and to support the museum at the same time. For more information, please visit us online at www.pearlmfa.org or call 281-376-6322.



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1 (8 oz.) bottle Zesty Italian salad dressing

Directions

Chop vegetables. Add salt, pepper, and salad dressing. Chill 8 hours or overnight.

If you would like to submit YOUR recipe, email it to articles@peelinc.com.

Erin Al-Salman Resigns as Chamber President

At the February 20, 2009 board meeting, Cy-Fair Houston Chamber President Erin Al-Salman submitted to the board her resignation effective May 20, 2009.

"I have truly enjoyed my time with the Cy-Fair Chamber, the staff and board of directors. However I have decided that at this point in my life I want to spend more time with my children."

"I will continue to support the Chamber and the Cy-Fair Community because this is where I grew up and this is where I am raising my family. Cy-Fair is a wonderful place and the Chamber is a large part of that."

Al-Salman said she would carry on with her daily responsibilities, and complete all pending obligations with the Chamber.

As Board Chairman, "It has been a pleasure working with Erin. She has

been very good for our Chamber. She's done a great job in managing our staff, budget, working with our Membership, Committee Chairs and Board of Directors .She has been very professional and effective as a leader and representative of our Chamber. We have a great Chamber and Community because of individuals like Erin Al-Salman." Chairman of the Board Reginald Lillie is heading the search committee for a new chamber president. Those interested in applying for the position should send a resume and salary history to: Reginald Lillie, 16611 Canterra Way, Houston, TX 77095. Lillie can also be reached at 281-213-9663 (phone); 281-256-9902 (fax); or rlillieins@sbcglobal.net.

"Thank you for allowing me to serve you as president." Al-Salman said.



Recycling At Free Community Event:

Help Us Recycle a Ton! Start collecting now! (and enjoy lots of other fun activities too!)

Where: Cy-Fair Community Health & Wellness Expo Berry Center, 8877 Barker Cypress

When: Saturday, May 16th 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

What: Paper, Plastic (#1,2,5 or 7), metal, phones, household batteries and electronics including computers, faxes, printer cartridges

Why: Do your part for the environment! Save the planet! You need to do "spring cleaning"!

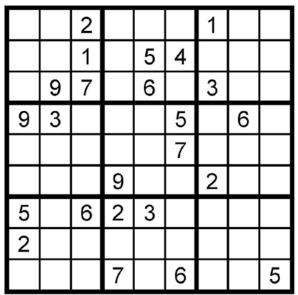
Show your family you can be "green"! It's easy!

Recycling area will be a drive up, drop off set up.
We CANNOT accept TV's, car batteries,
microwaves, appliances, copiers or medical equipment.

Courtesy of Houston Computer Recycling, Sustainable Living Houston, and Abitibi Paper Retriever.

Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.



*Solution at www.PEELinc.com

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STEEPLECHASE MARKET REPORT

Courtesy of "SUPER DAVE"

This market information report is provided to keep you informed of resale market activity in your subdivision.

	Sep 08	Oct 08	Nov 08	Dec 08	Jan 09	Feb 09
\$160,000 & Above	2	0	0	0	0	0
\$140,000-159,999	0	0	2	1	1	0
\$120,000-139,999	0	1	1	1	1	0
\$110,000-119,999	0	1	1	0	0	0
\$100,000-109,999	0	1	0	1	0	0
\$100,000 Below	0	2	1	2	1	2
TOTAL	2	5	5	5	3	2
Highest \$/Sq Ft	72.49	72.49	72.49	72.49	78.45	52.00

This chart represents the homes that have sold and closed in the past 6 months according to the Houston Multiple Listing Service.

Recent Sales By "SUPER DAVE" in Steeplechase

- 11402 Jocky Club Ct
- 12103 Canterhurst Way
- 9611 Secretariat
- 11307 Hambleton Way
- 11707 Meadowchase
- 9603 Meadowchase Ct
- 11510 Meadowchase
- 9826 Haverdown
- 9807 Paddock Ct
- 10134 Chiselhurst
- 11426 High Bridge
- 10110 Jockey Club
- 11307 Chiselhurst Way Ct
- 12323 Fetlock
- 9710 Cannock Chase Ct
- 11822 Yearling
- 11415 Jocky Club Ct
- 9611 E Savile
- 9806 Jocky Club
- 11615 Autumn Chase
- 12114 Yearling

David "Super Dave" Flory



- #1 Selling Agent in Steeplechase 1992-2008!*
- #2 Selling Realtor in Texas!**
- Top 9th Realtor in the US!**
- Selling Over 500 Homes A Year!

The HIGHEST PRICE PER SQ.FT. House Sold in Steeplechase: \$88.57

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*According to information taken from the Houston Board of Realtors MLS computer.
**Realtor Teams per Remax 9/2007, 3/2008

