



Steeplechase

NEWSLETTER



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

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for the following Steeplechase events in 2010!

06/28/10:
Steeplechase Resident's
Happy Hour

07/26/10:
Steeplechase Resident's
Happy Hour

08/02/10:
Steeplechase Open
Residents Meeting

11/01/10:
Steeplechase Open
Residents Meeting



2010 POOL MEMO

Your community pool opens Saturday May 29, 2010 for weekends only. The pool will open for regular weekday activity effective Friday, June 4, 2010. Final swim day will be September 6th. The pool will be open when there is a lifeguard on duty. Hours of operation will be as follows:

MAY 29 THROUGH JULY 4

Mondays	Closed
Saturdays	11:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Sundays	12:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Exceptions: Monday, May 31 (Memorial Day)	11:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Sunday, July 4 (Independence Day)	11:00 AM – 9:00 PM

JULY 5 THROUGH AUGUST 22

Mondays	Closed
Tuesdays through Saturdays	10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Sundays	12:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Exceptions: Saturday, June 12th - Pool to open following Swim Meet	

AUGUST 23 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 6

Mondays through Fridays	Closed
Saturdays	10:00 AM – 9:00 PM
Sundays	12:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Exception: Monday, September 6 (Labor Day)	10:00 AM – 9:00 PM

The following qualifications must be met in order to use the pool facility:

1. Must have swim tag at all times while at the pool.
2. Must be resident member and/or guest of a resident member who is present at the pool.
3. Must be current on all Maintenance Fees to the (sub) Home Owners Associations. All fees must be paid in full ten (10) days prior to receipt of tags.
4. Must comply with pool rules and policies.
5. Swim tag not required for children two (2) years of age or younger.

For admission to the pool, 2010 pool tags will be required.

The cost for pool tags are as follows:

Adult - \$5.00

Child - \$5.00

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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
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Library.....	281-890-2665
Post Office.....	713-937-6827
Steeplechase Community Center	281-469-CLUB
Deed Restriction Issues (PCMI)	281-870-0585
Water/Sewer	713-405-1750
Architectural Control (PCMI).....	281-870-0585
Trash Pick-up (Best Trash, LLC) (Wed. & Sat.)	281-313-BEST
Harris Co. Pct. 4 Road Maintenance	281-353-8424
Community Events.....	281-469-CLUB
Clubhouse Rentals: Private Parties and Community Events (Phyllis McFarland).....	832-922-8031
Traffic Initiative	281-290-2100
Private Pool Parties	713-416-5161

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Clubhouse Rentals	
Private Parties and Community Events (Phyllis McFarland).....	832-922-8031
Pool Company Contact	
Texas Aquatic Enterprises, Inc.....	713-416-5161
.....www.texasaquaticenterprises.com	
Board Member Contact	
PCMI	281-870-0585

Schools

Emmott Elementary	281-897-4500
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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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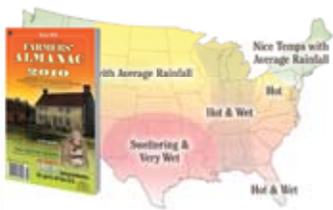
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Pool Memo - (Continued from Cover Page)

Eight (8) days have been set aside for pool registration at the Steeplechase Clubhouse:

Sat May 15th	3 – 5pm	Sun May 23rd	11am – 2pm
Sun May 16th	6 – 8pm	Wed May 26th	6 – 8pm
Wed May 19th	6 – 8pm Sat	May 29th	10 – 3pm
Sat May 22nd	10am – 2pm	Sun May 30th	12 – 4pm

Please complete the enclosed Registration Form and bring it to the pool registration with payment. The payment should be made by check or money order – NO CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED. Guest tags will be available for other than full-time household members at a charge of \$5. If you have any questions please email manager@steeplechasetx.com.

IF YOU MISS REGISTRATION: YOU MUST MAIL IN YOUR FORM AND CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO PCMI FOR DELIVERY OF THE TAGS BY MAIL (IN 10 TO 14 DAYS) – YOU MAY NOT PICK UP YOUR TAGS IN PERSON

POOL PARTIES can be arranged through Texas Aquatics at 713-416-5161

STEEPLECHASE CIA POOL RULES

1. SWIMMING IS AT YOUR OWN RISK.
2. THIS FACILITY IS FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF RESIDENTS AND GUESTS OF THE STEEPLECHASE COMMUNITY.
3. YOU MUST HAVE A VALID STEEPLECHASE POOL TAG TO USE THE FACILITY.
Guests within the pool area must be accompanied at all times by a resident member of the community.
4. ALL TRESPASSERS WILL BE PROSECUTED.
5. PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUPERVISION OF THEIR CHILDREN.
6. NO ONE UNDER THE AGE OF 13 YEARS IS PERMITTED IN THE POOL AREA WITHOUT THE SUPERVISION OF AN ADULT, EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER. CHILDREN 13 AND UP MUST BE ABLE TO SWIM ACROSS THE DEEP END OF THE POOL IN ORDER TO BE AT THE POOL UNACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.
7. NO SWIMMING WITHOUT A LIFE GUARD ON DUTY.
8. Children are not permitted in the adult pool area or the hot tub.
9. NO running or rough play. Diving is only allowed in designated areas.

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Pool Rules - (Continued from Page 3)

10. NO glass containers in or around the pool area.
11. NO open consumption of alcoholic beverages is allowed in the pool area.
12. NO smoking in or around the pool area. This is a non-smoking facility.
13. NO pets allowed in the pool area.
14. NO cutoff jeans - NO disposable baby diapers. Infants must wear swim diapers at all times.
15. NO loud music or abusive language.
16. NO skates, skate boards, or bikes in the pool area.
17. NO eating or drinking in the pool.
18. Pool will be closed with the first sound of thunder until thirty (30) minutes after the last sound of thunder. Closure shall be the discretion of Life Guards on duty.
19. All swimmers must be cleared from the pool during the administration of serious first aid and during sessions as may be called by the Life Guard from time to time.
20. Failure to follow rules may result in immediate removal from the pool area and/or possible suspension from the pool for an extended period of time.
21. To report repairs or damages to the facility - please contact the Association's office at 281-870-0585.
22. To obtain a pool tag, you can e-mail pooltags@steeplechasetx.com.
23. For more information check out the community website - www.steeplechasetx.com



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The Duke University Talent Identification Program (Duke TIP) identifies 7th graders in sixteen states in the Southeast, Midwest and Southwest who have scored at the 95th percentile or above on a grade-level achievement test. These students are invited to participate in the Duke TIP 7th Grade Talent Search and take either the SAT or the ACT.

Patrick Dowling, a 7th Grade student at Campbell Middle School sat for the exams alongside the usual group of college-bound 11th and 12th graders, and earned scores that will rival or surpass those achieved by the older students taking the exams.

“With all of the demands on our educational system to provide services across the broad spectrum of students, it is vital that parents and educators have access to additional, external resources focused specifically on the gifted population,” said Duke TIP’s Executive Director Martha Putallaz, Ph.D. “Within each gifted student is the

potential for greatness, but without adequate opportunities and guidance, that potential may remain untapped. Duke TIP is here to help gifted students reach their full potential.”

Talent Search participants receive a comparative results summary to help interpret their scores. Duke TIP also provides participants with suggestions for using their ability more effectively, and a variety of educational materials, programs and publications. These publications, including a newsletter, a directory of educational opportunities around the country, resources for the college admissions process, help students learn more about fulfilling academic opportunities available to them and about the needs and interests of people like themselves.

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STEEPLECHASE MOM'S CLUB HOST

"Mommy and Me Backyard Campout"

Member Lilly Bauman and her family hosted this event in their backyard on Mother's day weekend. The "campground" quickly became crowded on Saturday night, with all of the tents being pitched in the yard. The weather was perfect. The evening was comfortable, and was followed by a Sunday morning low of 62 degrees. Great

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Steeplechase Mom's Club - (Continued from Page 6)

sleeping weather for sure. Saturday evening was full of food, games, and socializing. A lot of the children were having their first experience with sleeping outdoors in a tent. Early on there were hot dogs and bratwurst, and later there was roasted marshmallows and s'mores to enjoy. Before turning in, everyone shared good conversation, some ghost stories, and limericks.



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.steeplechasex.com >community events & clubs. We are also on Facebook > Steeplechase Mom's Club.*



Chalk art
from
the heart



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Vote "YES" For The Merger *On June 14th*

The merger of the churchill, cobblestone, and greenbrook bridge associations into the steeplechase community improvement association will result in a more efficient, more effective community association. All three boards have voted unanimously for the merger. The name of each neighborhood stays the same.

What Will Happen To The Annual Maintenance Fee?

The fee for 2011 will remain about the same, \$375.00 For all residents in steeplechase.

When Will The Fee Be Due?

The due date for the annual maintenance fee will be changing to June 30th as suggested by steeplechase residents. The association billing in late November 2010 will be for 18 months (January 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012) with one payment due on January 31, 2011 and the second due on September 30, 2011. Annual fees for the following year (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013) will be due on June 30, 2012.

I'm Out Of Town On June 14th. Can I Still Vote?

Proxies for each of the three current associations were sent out April 12th to every home owner. You can fill out, sign, and date the proxy and mail to PCMI at the address noted on the proxy or give it to one of the board members for your current association. You can also go to the steeplechase website (www.Steeplechasetx.com).

(Com) (click on document library on the left side of the website) and download/print a copy of the proxy for your current association and send it in. Alternately, the members of the board of directors for each of the associations will be going to door-to-door soliciting proxies and reminding people to vote. You can identify them by the steeplechase board member flyer that each person will be carrying with them.

My Vote Doesn't Matter.

Incorrect, it does matter and it does count. There must be a quorum (10%) of eligible residents voting for the election to be valid. Furthermore, approval by 2/3rds of the member residents voting is required. If a quorum is not met, another vote will be held at additional cost. So, please vote in the June 14th election.

How Do I Know If I Am An Eligible Voter?

If your maintenance dues are current and you are an owner, you are eligible. Only one owner must sign the proxy even if there is joint ownership.

I'm Confused. Whom Can I Call?

Contact any board member, call PCMI or attend the open residents' meeting on May 3rd where all questions about the merger will be answered. You can also visit the website, www.Steeplechasetx.com and look in the document library for additional information about the merger.

NEXT OPEN RESIDENTS MEETING:

*Monday,
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RAD SELF DEFENSE CLASSES

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What is RAD? RAD stands for RAPE AGRESSION DFEFENSE (ladies class) or RESISTING AGRESSION DEFENSIVLY (kids class)

What is the cost? This class is FREE. Yes FREE! No charge to Steeplechase residents. This event is sponsored by Steeplechase HOA and Harris County Precinct 4.

What will I learn? You will learn the basics of self-awareness, risk avoidance, safety tips, survival tips, your legal rights, basic kicks and punches and a few other moves too

Do I have to be in shape/Physically fit? A healthy fitness routine is always encouraged, and while being fit is a benefit, no



you do not have to be in great athlete shape to participate. In fact ALL levels of fitness are encouraged to attend. These moves are made specifically to work with a woman's natural power. These are techniques are designed so ANY woman regardless of fitness level can participate.

My (ankle/leg/hip/ shoulder... etc.) is bad... I had surgery on _____. Can I still participate? Yes, please let our instructors know your current condition.

Is there contact? Yes, there will be contact.

This is completely optional. Contact is in a very controlled and safe environment.

Will I get hurt? We cannot guarantee 100% no injuries, however it is very rare that a female had been injured.

Can I bring friends that are not from the neighborhood? YES, we encourage woman in Steeplechase and surrounding neighborhood areas to attend.

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Rad Self Defense Classes - (Continued from Page 10)

Can I come for just one night or do I have to go to all three? In order to gain the most knowledge and skills it is recommended that you attend ALL three nights.

Are snacks/Food provided? Yes, we will have some light refreshments and plenty of water/Gatorade.

Is Childcare provided? Yes, for a small fee of \$8.00 per class.

What should I wear/Bring? Please dress in comfortable workout clothing. Please no heavy jewelry, closed toe tennis shoes only. (Preferably ones without the black bottom --those scuff up the floor) all you need to bring is your self.

ALL classes will be held at the Steeplechase Community Center clubhouse.

To Register and sign up contact Danni Moss @ draemoss@gmail.com or 713-247-9781. Also, feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

RAD WOMENS CLASSES DATES:

August 16, 17, 18 6pm- 9:30 pm

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MISSION STATEMENT - Crime Stoppers mission is to solve and prevent serious crime in the Greater Houston area in partnership with citizens, media and the criminal justice system.

COMMUNITY SAFETY - Crime Stoppers keeps our communities safe and works to fight crime in our neighborhoods and schools. All citizens, especially children, are protected!

HOW YOU CAN HELP - Crime Stoppers reminds every citizen that they are the eyes and ears of law enforcement in our community. You don't have to wear a badge and a gun to fight crime!

SUCCESS

21,561 Felons Arrested
28,639 Crimes Solved
874 Murders Solved
3,765 Robberies Solved
\$8 Million in Cash Rewards
1,656 School Crimes Solved
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72 Guns from Schools
\$239,130 to Student Tipsters

Visit <http://www.crime-stoppers.org/> for more information.

Join the Steeplechase Crime Watch Program

What is a Neighborhood Crime Watch Program? It is a grass roots effort of neighbors coming together to reduce crime in the community. It involves getting to know your neighbors, working together with them to be alert to the potential for crime, and looking out for one another's interests. Neighbors working together through Neighborhood Crime Watch combat crime the most effective way, *before it starts!*

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- Outdoor lighting. The front of your home should be lit at night. Front doors lights should be turned on from dusk to dawn. Additional exterior lighting operated by motion sensor is highly recommended for your garage and back door.
- House number should be clearly visible on both your home and curb.
- Garage doors should be closed at night.
- Vehicle doors should be locked and valuable items removed.
- Landscaping should be maintained. Overgrown bushes offer excellent hiding spots.
- All entry doors and windows should be locked.
- If you have an alarm system, it should be engaged and a sign or decal present.

- Crime watch and 'No Soliciting' decals should be present in window by front door.
- 'Vacation' forms should be on file with HCSO when you are away.

These are easy items to accomplish and maintain. They serve to deter criminal activity and assist law enforcement. If HCSO is called to your residence or even a neighbor's, addresses are easily identifiable removing guesswork and saving valuable time. Again, WE CAN'T EXPECT LAW ENFORCEMENT TO PROTECT US FROM OUR OWN STUPIDITY. Securing our homes and being smart, safe and informed is important to our own wellbeing as well as our neighbors.

Lynn Cirillo
Steeplechase Security Coordinator

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STEEPLECHASE

AFTER MAY 30TH, BY MAIL ONLY. MAIL FORM WITH \$5 PER TAG
(CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY) TO:
**SCIA Pool Registration Planned Community
Management, Inc.**
PO Box 219223
Houston, TX 77218

NUMBER OF TAGS ISSUED:

Adult _____ Child _____

AMOUNT COLLECTED:

Steeplechase Association, Inc. 2010 Pool Registration

*Please complete the appropriate information listed below and bring with you to Pool Registration.
Tags will only be available by MAIL ONLY after May 30th & you should expect it to take 10 days to receive.
Please ensure proper submission or it will delay your order.*

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

Your Name _____

Spouse _____

Street address _____

Home Phone # _____ Email Address: _____

**NOTE: CHILDREN TWELVE YEARS AND UNDER OF AGE MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.
CHILDREN THREE YEARS AND OLDER MUST HAVE TAGS**

**AGE IF UNDER 18 yrs

Children's Names _____

Other Full-time _____

Residents _____

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU ARE RENTING PLEASE INDICATE PROPERTY OWNERS NAME AND ADDRESS BELOW AND PROVIDE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION FROM OWNER THAT YOU ARE THE TENANT AND YOU HAVE PERMISSION TO USE THE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, OR PROVIDE A COPY OF YOUR LEASE.

Owners Name _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

By signing below, I agree to abide by the posted swimming pool rules which are also listed on the back of this form. 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 Pool Tag Applicant _____

Signature of Pool Tag Applicant _____

YES / NO To receive Association Security Alerts and Special HOA Announcements via email.

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Average Price	\$133,486	\$122,988	\$111,461
Avg Price/sq.ft.	\$67.04	\$68.77	\$61.92
Avg DOM	90	73	65
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