



# Steeplechase

## NEWSLETTER



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

### SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar's for the following Steeplechase events

- 07/04/11 Steeplechase 4<sup>th</sup> of July Cookout  
Steeplechase Community Center
- 07/28/11 Steeplechase Resident's Happy Hour
- 08/02/11 Open Resident's Meeting @ 7pm  
Steeplechase Clubhouse
- 08/02/11 National Night Out
- 08/06/11 Safety & Crime Cookout at the  
Steeplechase Community Center
- 08/25/11 Steeplechase Resident's Happy Hour
- 09/22/11 Steeplechase Resident's Happy Hour
- 10/04/11 Texas Night Out
- 10/27/11 Steeplechase Resident's Happy Hour
- 11/01/11 Open Resident's Meeting @ 7pm  
Steeplechase Clubhouse
- 11/22/11 Steeplechase Resident's Happy Hour
- 12/22/11 Steeplechase Resident's Happy Hour

### SAFETY CORNER TIP

#### SAFE AT HOME

- ~ Make sure that all doors to the outside are metal or solid, 1 3/4" hardwood.
- ~ Make sure all doors to the outside have good, sturdy locks.
- ~ Use the locks you have. Always lock up your home when you go out, even if it's only for a few minutes.
- ~ Secure sliding glass doors with commercially available bars or locks, or put a wooden dowel or broomstick in the door track.
- ~ Make sure your windows, especially at ground level, have good locks and use them.
- ~ Make sure all porches and other possible entrances are well-lit.

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### SAFETY CORNER

#### TIP OF THE MONTH

##### ATM MACHINE

Try to plan your visits to the automatic teller during the day, rather than after dark.

Choose an ATM location that is in a busy public place.

Avoid making withdrawals in isolated areas.

If at all possible, take along a friend who can watch the surroundings while you are conducting your transactions.

Pre-plan your transaction carefully, and don't spend too much time at the machine.

When you make a withdrawal, quickly place the money in your purse or wallet and leave as soon as you finish your transaction.

Watch out for suspicious-looking people waiting around an ATM—they may not really be customers. If someone offers to let you go ahead of them, decline politely and leave.

When visiting a drive-through ATM, keep your doors locked and be prepared to drive away quickly. If anyone approaches your car on foot, roll up your window and drive off.

If you have not finished your transaction, and you are approached by a suspicious character, press the CANCEL button, receive your card and leave quickly.

*Lynn Cirillo*

*Steeplechase Security Coordinator*

### Celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup> of July!

Monday, July 4th, join your Steeplechase Board and your social committee volunteers for a BLAST of a good time at the pool. Stop by, meet your neighbors, and enjoy the pool and these special activities for residents:

- Pool is Open 12pm to 9pm
  - 3pm Moonwalk opens
  - 5pm Pool Games begin
  - 6pm Hamburgers & Hotdogs Served
- IT'S GONNA BE HOT!!! DON'T MISS IT!

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## IMPORTANT

### Telephone Numbers



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Cy-Fair Fire Dept .....	911
Cy-Fair Hospital.....	281-890-4285
Animal Control .....	281-999-3191
Center Point (Street lights) .....	713-207-2222
<a href="http://cnp.centerpointenergy.com/outage">http://cnp.centerpointenergy.com/outage</a>	
Neighborhood Crime Watch .....	SteeplechaseSecurity@gmail.com
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
Harris Co. MUD #168.....	hcmud168board@gmail.com
Community Events.....	281-469-CLUB
Clubhouse Rentals: Private Parties and Community Events (Phyllis McFarland).....	832-922-8030
Traffic Initiative .....	281-290-2100
Private Pool Parties .....	713-416-5161

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## Community Center Contacts

#### Community Maintenance Concerns

PCMI .....	281-870-0585
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#### Clubhouse Rentals

Private Parties and Community Events (Phyllis McFarland).....	832-922-8030
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#### Pool Company Contact

Texas Aquatic Enterprises, Inc. ....	713-416-5161
.....	<a href="http://www.texasaquaticenterprises.com">www.texasaquaticenterprises.com</a>

#### Board Member Contact

PCMI .....	281-870-0585
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## Schools

Emmott Elementary.....	281-897-4500
Campbell Middle School.....	281-897-4300
Cy-Ridge High School.....	281-807-8000

### Want to Help Steeplechase Go Green?

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### Steeplechase Information Line:

For all non-security issues email:  
[manager@steeplechasetx.com](mailto:manager@steeplechasetx.com)

### Steeplechase Community Improvement Association Board of Directors

Maurice Amidei	Robert Kaechler	Nace Peard
Michael Cirillo	Virginia Kelley	Kari Suttles
James Clarke	Bill Kuschmeider	Wade Wnuk

If you need to contact a Director, please contact PCMI/Severn Trent at 281-870-0585 and they will forward your request.

### Steeplechase Sanctioned Committees

Architectural	Playground	Communications
Security	Welcome	Tennis
Pool	Landscape	Clubhouse

#### Safe At Home - (Continued from Cover Page)

- ~ Trim any bushes or trees that hide doors or windows. Keep ladders, tools, toys, and recreational equipment inside when you're not using them.
- ~ Don't hide your house keys under the doormat or in a flowerpot. It's much wiser to give an extra key to a trusted neighbor.
- ~ Keep written records of all furniture, jewelry and electronic products. If possible, keep these records in a safe deposit box, fireproof safe, or other secure place. Take pictures or a video, and keep purchase information and serial numbers if available.
- ~ Clearly display your house number, so police and other emergency vehicles can find your home quickly.
- ~ If you see a screen that has been cut, broken windows, or a door that's been left open, don't go in. Call the police from a neighbor's house or cellphone.
- ~ If you hear a noise that sounds like someone breaking in or moving around, quietly call the police and wait calmly until they arrive. If you can leave safely, do so. Otherwise, lock yourself in the room you are in, pretend to be asleep.
- ~ Think carefully before buying a firearm for protection. Guns can be stolen and sold to anyone, or captured and used on you or the police. If you do own a gun, keep it locked up, with the ammunition secured separately, and learn how to use it safely.

## Steeplechase Seahorses

The Steeplechase Seahorses is a group meeting for Water Aerobics and Fitness. All levels of fitness, especially beginners are welcomed! This class is taught by Niecy Moss, a certified instructor, lifeguard, and Steeplechase resident.

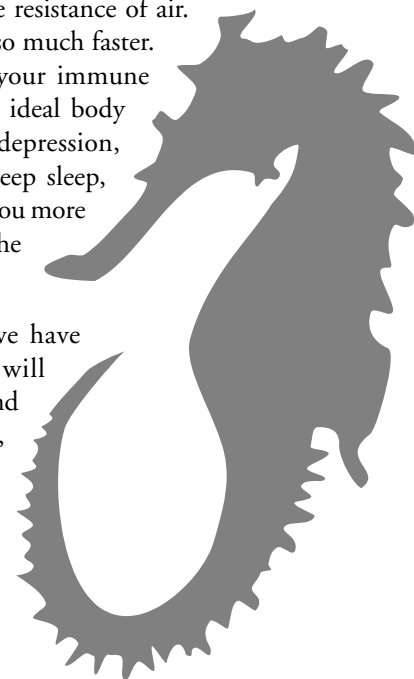
Visit [www.steeplechasetx.com](http://www.steeplechasetx.com) for the schedule, updates and changes. No pre-registration is required - just show up! Fee is \$5 per person, per class, paid on the date of class. Guests are welcome. Please be sure you have a complete medical checkup before joining water aerobics.

We start slow and easy, working and waking up muscles in a slow and relaxed way. We are in level 1 until July 8th and then we go into level 2. We then add more reps as your muscles become ready to take more challenge. Water aerobics is safe for all fitness levels. Before you start water aerobics please get a full health check up from your Doctor, wear a well fitted bathing suit that you do not have to adjust, drink plenty of water, use sun protection, sun glasses, caps or sun visor, towels and aqua shoes if you have sore feet. Please stretch your muscles before and after class each time and especially stretch your calf muscles. We stretch and tone all the muscles in the body while burning fat.

Water provides 12 times the resistance of air. That is why you can get fit so much faster. Water Aerobics will boost your immune system, help maintain your ideal body weight, relieve stress, lifts depression, relieves PMS, encourages deep sleep, improves skin, and will give you more energy. This is just a few of the benefits from exercise.

In case of lightning and we have to evacuate the pool, we will continue working out with land aerobics, easy leg movements, Pilates and yoga.

Questions? Niecy Moss  
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## PICK UP THE PILE

*It's NOT Fertilizer...It's Bacteria, It's Litter*

Canine waste is full of bacteria. When left behind in parks, campgrounds, and yards, it threatens our water supply. When it rains, it runs into rivers, streams, and wells. It only takes one irresponsible pet parent to infect an entire area's natural source of H<sub>2</sub>O. That's because different types of bacteria like fecal streptococcus, fecal coliforms (E. Coli), campylobacter and salmonella, which is found in pet waste, can make humans sick.

Being prepared to pick up your dog's pile each and every time he or she feels the nature call is one way to remedy this growing problem. It's the right thing to do for a number of reasons as explained by Tracy Johnson, Founder of the Pick Up the Pile Campaign. The concerned Austinite was alarmed to see just how

many pet parents let this issue go despite city efforts to eliminate public waste. She routinely encounters piles on the sidewalks and recreation areas of the parks that she visits. Rather than keep quiet any longer, she decided to address the problem one pet parent at a time.

Johnson's nationwide campaign went into effect June 1, 2011. Cities around the country will take part in educating the public about the dangers of canine waste. Johnson notes that it's never been easier to safely conceal and discard piles. A number of products have been designed to help remedy this problem. Even the most squeamish pet parent will have no trouble being responsible once they are introduced to the items Johnson has found online and through pet supply stores. Johnson believes

that education is the key to shedding light on this problem. She also thinks the next generation of pet parents will show greater concern for the issue. As a way of introducing young people to the Pick Up the Pile Campaign, she is offering a fun Scavenger Hunt consisting of different Tasks, Trivia and Finds. Find out how to participate by visiting [www.pickupthepile.com](http://www.pickupthepile.com).



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DATE LEAVING: \_\_\_\_\_ AM/PM DATE RETURNING: \_\_\_\_\_ AM / PM

VEHICLES:

COLOR	YEAR	MAKE / MODEL	LICENSE #	DRIVEWAY / GARAGE
		/		<input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>
		/		<input type="checkbox"/> / <input type="checkbox"/>

LIGHTS LEFT ON ☐ YES / ☐ NO  
IF YES, WHAT ROOM LOCATIONS:

TIMER ON LIGHTS ☐ YES / ☐ NO

ALARM: ☐ YES / ☐ NO

PETS:

☐ YES / ☐ NO

TYPE:

WHERE:

☐ INSIDE

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☐ GARAGE

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presence of 1 or both parents.



Most children die  
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minutes.

Children who drown may not **scream, splash, or struggle**. They can silently slip beneath the water, even with adults & lifeguards present.

## SAFETY CORNER TIP WHEN YOU GO AWAY

- Ask a trusted neighbor to collect your mail and newspaper, and offer to return the favor.
- Leave word about when you're leaving, when you'll return, and how you can be reached in an emergency.
- Put automatic timers on at least two lights (and possibly a radio) to help your home look and sound lived-in.
- Send your Vacation Watch form to the Harris County Sheriff's Office.

*Lynn Cirillo*

*Steeplechase Security Coordinator*

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