



Steeplechase

NEWSLETTER



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

SAFETY CORNER

TIP OF THE MONTH:

Home Safety

CHECK YOUR CLOTHES DRYER VENTS.

Dryer vents can also be a serious fire hazard when lint gets clogged in them, and a poorly vented dryer runs less efficiently, too. Take a few minutes and clean out those vents as far as you can reach, then make sure you check from the outside, too. You can replace venting for a few dollars; it's worth doing so every few years.

CLEAN YOUR GUTTERS.

Gutters clogged with leaves and other debris will not drain properly. Gutters that don't drain properly crack, corrode and allow unwanted water to accumulate next to your home's roof or foundation. Dry leaves can catch fire, water pools and stresses gutters, adds to mosquito population and grows mold.

CLEAN YOUR FRIDGE.

Inside is important, but...pull it away from the wall and make sure there isn't a build-up of dust bunnies and debris that could be a fire hazard.

CONDUCT PEST CONTROL MEASURES.

Whether caulking cracks, setting traps or applying pesticide to the perimeter, it's easiest and cheapest to stop pests from getting inside your home. Once they get in, all bets are off, and they tend to bring their friends and relatives along. No one likes waking up with spider bites!

CHECK YOUR ATTIC.

What's up there? Forgotten treasures and most likely your water heater! Your gas water heater might look benign, but if it's improperly installed or maintained it's a potential ballistic missile that could erupt with enough force to lift your house off its foundation. Remove paper, accumulated dust or other

combustibles from the heater enclosure. Extinguish the pilot light before using flammable liquids or setting off aerosol bug bombs near the unit. Never store combustibles close by.

CHECK YOUR ELECTRIC CORDS AND OUTLETS.

Do not place electric cords under floor covering, where they can be walked on or damage can go unnoticed. Check for cords that are broken, frayed, damaged or tied in knots, or that have melted insulation. Have them repaired or replaced promptly. Use extension cords with three-pronged plugs for office equipment requiring grounding. Insert and remove plugs by grasping the plug. Pulling on the cord could damage it. Be careful not to let fingers touch the metal prongs. Do not overload an outlet with too much office equipment. Put safety covers over unused electric outlets.

CHECK FOR CARBON MONOXIDE.

Carbon monoxide is a dangerous gas that you cannot smell or see. Most fuel burning equipment (natural gas, gasoline, propane, fuel oil, and wood), if properly installed and maintained, produce little carbon monoxide. The by-products of combustion are usually safely vented to the outside. However, if there is a shortage of oxygen to the burner, or the venting is not adequate, carbon monoxide production can increase to dangerous levels. Common sources of carbon monoxide include gasoline engines running in closed garages, fuel-burning space heaters or water heaters with improper venting, and blocked chimneys or vent pipes. Since many of the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are similar to those of the flu, food poisoning or other illnesses, you may not think carbon monoxide poisoning could be the cause.

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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
Center Point (Street lights)	713-207-2222
http://cnp.centerpointenergy.com/outage	
Neighborhood Crime Watch	SteeplechaseSecurity@gmail.com
Library.....	281-890-2665
Post Office.....	713-937-6827
Steeplechase Community Center.....	281-586-1700
Deed Restriction Issues (CMC)	281-586-1700
Water/Sewer	713-405-1750
Architectural Control (CMC).....	281-586-1700
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.....	281-586-1700
Clubhouse Rentals: Private Parties and Community Events (Jinnie Kelley).....	832-922-8030
Traffic Initiative	281-290-2100
Private Pool Parties	281-446-5003

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Community Center Contacts

Community Maintenance Concerns

Chaparral Management Company	281-586-1700
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Clubhouse Rentals

Private Parties and Community Events (Jinnie Kelley)	832-922-8030
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Pool Company Contact

Aquatic Management of Houston.	281-446-5003
www.houston-pmg.com	

Board Member Contact

Chaparral Management Company	281-586-1700
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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

cmc@chaparralmanagement.com
or by phone 281-586-1700

Safety Corner (Continued from Cover Page)

CLEAN YOUR FIREPLACE FLU.

Keep air inlets on wood stoves open, and never restrict air supply to fireplaces. Otherwise you may cause creosote buildup that could lead to a chimney fire.

CHECK YOUR SMOKE ALARMS.

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and inside and outside of sleeping areas. Test them monthly and change the batteries at least once a year. Consider installing the new long life smoke alarms.

There's lots of tips on our Steeplechase Safety & Security Facebook page – don't be shy, go ahead and start following-us and be a part of our Steeplechase Safe Community!

BE SAFE and BE SMART!

Lynn Cirillo

Steeplechase Security Coordinator

For more safety tips, LIKE us on Facebook: Steeplechase Safety & Security
<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Steeplechase-Safety-Security/181933781906989>

STREETLIGHT OUT? REPORT IT!

CenterPoint Energy maintains streetlights throughout our electric service territory in and around Houston. In order to report an outage, you will be asked to provide:

- a pole number for the non-functioning light(s) you want to report
- contact information (in case more information is needed to locate a streetlight)
- an e-mail address (if you want feedback regarding your repair request)
- the number of streetlights you would like to report

To report if you know the streetlight number, visit:

<http://cnp.centerpointenergy.com/outage>

To report using Centerpoint's map system, visit:

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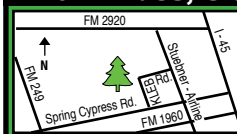
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This time let us discuss gun safety and children. Every year there is children who are victims to firearms related accidents that could and should have been avoided.

There is no particular age to talk with your child about gun safety, even if there are no firearms in the home. A good time to introduce the child is the first time he or she demonstrates an interest in firearms, including toy pistols or rifles. Talking openly and honestly about gun safety with your child is usually more effective than simply ordering him or her to "Stay out of the gun closet". Such statements may just stimulate a child's natural curiosity to investigate further.

As with any safety lesson, explaining the rules and answering a child's questions help remove the mystery surrounding firearms. Any and all rules set for your own child should also apply to friends who visit your home. This will help support your child from being pressured into showing a firearm to a friend.

Firearms should be stored and secured in such a manner to be inaccessible by children as well as unwanted guests in the home.

Ideally a gun vault is best. Vaults offer the best security and protection for firearms. Vaults can get expensive and are not in everyone's budget. A gun cabinet is another option, but there are disadvantages. Much like a vault the firearms can be locked and stored but are less expensive than vaults. Gun cabinets usually don't offer the fire protection of a vault and are easier to compromise by an intruder. These are the two recommended ways for gun storage; simply hiding it is not sufficient. If you are unable to readily purchase a vault or cabinet, at least make sure your firearms have a trigger or barrel lock and are kept out of reach and out of sight until you are able to secure them in a vault or cabinet.

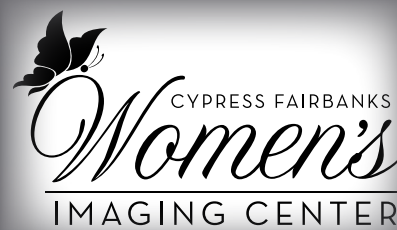
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If You...SEE Something SAY Something: iWatch Harris County

A simple observation, a single report can help solve or prevent a crime.

The Harris County Sheriff's Office is committed to serving the citizens of Harris County through a cooperative working relationship between the police and the people we serve. The success of solving crime lies in the actions of the citizens who have knowledge of, or view these criminal acts.

With your help, we can all strive to make Harris County, Texas a safer place to live and play. iWatchHarrisCounty.com is a community awareness program that educates the community about suspicious activities & criminal behaviors. iWatchHarrisCounty focuses on criminal behavior and criminal enterprises that could also indicate a nexus to terrorist activities. Citizens are provided a convenient reporting method to provide tips and leads to police concerning crime that is affecting their community.

iWatchHarrisCounty allows our citizens to harness the communication capabilities of the internet/social networking sites to report crime tips and leads. This site is a new and innovative tool to increase our community wide effort to reduce crime.

This app is available for iPhone, Blackberry and Android mobile phones. Visit <http://iwatchharriscounty.com/> for more information and to download the app.

What is iWatchHarrisCounty?

iWatchHarrisCounty is a mobile crime watch tool that you and your neighbors can use to report suspicious or criminal activity. It's a proactive,

hands-on, partnership between you, the citizens of Harris County, and the Harris County Sheriff's Office (HCSO).

Why should I report these behaviors and activities?

You are the eyes and ears of your community. Your awareness of suspicious behaviors and activities and reporting it to the police can help solve crimes or prevent crimes.

What should I report?

Give as many details as possible, for example:

- Time of day
- Where it happened
- What you witnessed
- A description of individual(s) involved
- Was there a vehicle?
- Color and license plate number?
- Have you seen this activity before?

There are four ways to report:

- Report online at iWatchHarrisCounty.com
- Text a tip to 1-855-HCSO-iWatch (1-855-427-6492)
- Use the downloadable app found on iWatchHarrisCounty.com
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Examples of incidents that can be reported via CopLogic:

1. LOST PROPERTY: When property is missing or lost, i.e. leaving items in a restaurant or missing from home.
2. THEFT: Property is taken without the owner's permission.
3. VANDALISM: The act of changing, modifying or defacing public or private property, i.e. graffiti, knocking over a mailbox, throwing a rock through a window, etc.

To access this service, please visit the Sheriff's Office web site: www.hcso.hctx.net

Click on "Report Crime" link at top of screen

Click on "Report an Incident"

Follow instructions on the screen for filing an offense report

CopLogic is an alternative method for the citizen to report the crime quickly, get a case number and print a copy of the report. It does not replace entering a call for service for a unit to respond if the citizen prefers to see a unit or does not have access to the Internet.





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713-HOTLINE 713-529-TEEN <http://crisishotline.org/>

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BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR!!! *Trashcans, Trashcans, They Are Everywhere!!!*

As you ride through the subdivision the one thing that detracts from the curb appeal of the neighborhood is trashcans that are visible from the street. Many times they are stacked by the garage doors. Sometimes they are left at the curb for days after trash pick-up.

Let's get together and go get your trashcans and place them behind your fence, in the garage or somewhere in the backyard. If everyone did this, the subdivision would take another step in making the area look better.

Dogs and Cats on the Loose!

The number of dogs and cats seen running loose in the neighborhood has increased. Dogs are to be on a leash or controlled in the yard of the owner. At no time is a dog to run loose in the subdivision. Many people walk, jog or run in the subdivision and do not want to be bothered by a dog approaching them. Children want to play and enjoy their neighborhood. You may know your dog, however some people do not care to have dogs much less be bother by them. Please be considerate of your neighbors, and your dogs. No one wants anything to happen to neighbors, their children or the animals in the subdivision. Be a responsible pet owner and make sure your pet is on a leash or confined to your yard at all times. This is the law!

Wings- Divorce Recovery for Children and Families

Beginning October 8th, 2013, from 7-8:30p, Klein United Methodist Church will offer "Wings—Healing from Divorce for Children, Teens and their Families". This is a 7 week program, offered at no cost, that helps children and their families grieve the loss of the family as they knew it and move forward with new skills for adapting to their changing lives. For more information or to register for the program, please contact Reverend Kathy Coble @281-353-8202 Ext 309 or Kathy@kleinumc.org. or Nancy Martin at nanlynst@att.net.

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September 8: 5th annual Colin's Hope Kids Tri, and All Star Burger Fundraiser (10% of sales donated).

October 19: Sharkfest Austin Swim benefiting Colin's Hope. Volunteers needed.

November: Underwater Holiday Photos (multiple locations and dates).

February 16: Austin Marathon. Runners, walkers, and water stop volunteers needed.

Be a Water Guardian and Watch Kids around Water. Drowning is preventable!

Thank you to all who supported our efforts this year to raise water safety awareness to prevent children from drowning.

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