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NEWSLETTER



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

SAFETY CORNER

TIP OF THE MONTH: THANKSGIVING SAFETY

By Lynn Cirillo, Steeplechase Security Coordinator

It's holiday season – time to review your safety checklist and remember some important safety tips! If you're going away for the holiday, make sure to alert HCSO with the enclosed Vacation Watch form!

- Remove fall-related objects that might allow access to your home. For example, ladders for cleaning leaves out of gutters can be used to enter a window or scale a fence.
- Don't post Thanksgiving travel plans on Facebook, Twitter or MySpace letting people know that you will be out of town.
- Turn your telephone ringer down so no one outside can hear repeated rings.
- Make sure to have all mail, newspapers, and deliveries stopped or picked up by a neighbor, friend or relative.
- Never leave a key hidden outside. Burglars know all the best hiding places.
- Secure all windows, including those upstairs and reduce the chance of easy entry by cutting tree limbs away from second-story windows.
- Have a friend move your car occasionally if it is parked in the driveway.
- Use timers to operate lights.

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home. Also, according to the National Fire Protection Association, Thanksgiving is the leading day for home-cooking fires.

- Be sure to keep a fire extinguisher in the kitchen in case of emergency, and teach your family how to use it.
- Be cautious when using turkey fryers as they pose a number of

distinct safety concerns, including burn and fire hazards.

- Never wear loose fitting clothing when cooking. Long, open sleeves could ignite and catch fire from a gas flame or a hot burner. Wear short, close fitting or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking.
- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit a candle.
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

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!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday -

For more safety tips, LIKE us on Facebook: Steeplechase Safety & Security

<http://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Steeplechase-Safety-Security/181933781906989>

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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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Chaparral Management Company.....	281-586-1700
Clubhouse Rentals	
Private Parties and Community Events (Jinnie Kelley).....	
	832-922-8030
Pool Company Contact	
Aquatic Management of Houston.....	281-446-5003
www.houston-pmg.com	
Board Member Contact	
Chaparral Management Company.....	281-586-1700

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

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.

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HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DISTRICT V **VACATION WATCH**

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

SUBDIVISION: _____ ADDRESS: _____

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

DATE LEAVING: _____ AM / PM DATE RETURNING: _____ AM / PM

VEHICLES:

COLOR	YEAR	MAKE / MODEL	LICENSE #	DRIVEWAY / GARAGE
				YES / NO
				YES / NO
				YES / NO
				YES / NO

LIGHTS LEFT ON YES / NO TIMER ON LIGHTS YES / NO

IF YES, WHAT ROOM LOCATIONS: _____

ALARM: YES / NO PETS: YES / NO TYPE: WHERE: INSIDE / OUTSIDE / GARAGE

EMERGENCY CONTACTS: (Include phone #'s and at least one key holder with alarm codes if alarm is set)

NAME	PHONE #	KEYHOLDER	ALARM CODES
		YES / NO	YES / NO
		YES / NO	YES / NO
		YES / NO	YES / NO
		YES / NO	YES / NO

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE MAIL OR FAX TO
HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
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Tomball, TX 77375
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- 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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FALSE ALARM FEES ARE CHANGING IN HARRIS COUNTY'S UNINCORPORATED AREAS

(HOUSTON TX) The Harris County Sheriff's Office dispatches deputies to investigate residential and commercial alarms about 100,000 times a year. About 99 percent are found to be false alarms, squandering crime-fighting resources in the unincorporated areas, where 1.5 million people live.

Until now, a false alarm fee was assessed every time a property generated more than five false alarms per calendar year. But now the fee, \$75, will be assessed every time a property generates more than three false alarms in a calendar year.

Harris County Commissioners Court approved the change today along with other updates to regulations enforced by the Sheriff's Office on burglary alarms, panic alarms, and other types of alarms. Permit requirements will now apply to fire alarms as well.

The changes are designed to reduce the number of false alarms and to encourage property owners to obtain permits

for their alarm systems, Sheriff Adrian Garcia said.

The initial fee for an alarm permit is \$35. Annual renewals are \$10 each. (In many cases, companies that provide alarm monitoring services obtain permits on behalf of their customers). There is no fee for permit holders 65 years of age or older. The fee for reinstatement of a suspended or expired permit is \$50.

All fee payments go into the county government's general operating fund.

Owners of alarm systems that have no permit may be issued a misdemeanor citation that could result in fines up to \$500 in justice of the peace court. In 2011, the most recent year for which statistics are available, the Sheriff's Office issued about 1,300 citations for unregistered alarms.

The permit form can be found at <http://hcsowebtest01/hcsoexternalweb/documents/Alarm%20System%20Permit%20Application%20Jan2010.pdf>

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ONLINE SERVICE OPTION FOR CITIZENS REPORTING CRIMES



The Sheriff's Office has implemented an on-line service called "CopLogic" for Harris County citizens to report crimes. THIS IS FOR REPORTING LOST PROPERTY, THEFT OR VANDALISM

ONLY AND WHEN THE COMPLAINT NO SUSPECT INFORMATION. This service is provided as an option to the citizen in lieu of waiting for a unit to respond to their location and response can sometimes take several weeks.

Examples of incidents that can be reported via CopLogic:

- **LOST PROPERTY:** When property is missing or lost, i.e. leaving items in a restaurant or missing from home.

- **THEFT:** Property is taken without the owner's permission.
- **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.

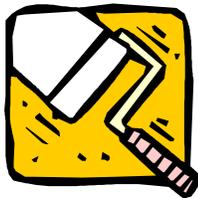
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- The number of streetlights you would like to report

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