



# Steeplechase

NEWSLETTER



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

# WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE?

## HARRIS COUNTY, HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION OR HOMEOWNER

The following excerpt is from Harris County Precinct 4's website. After you read the excerpt it is clear that the responsibility for maintenance of the sidewalk is that of the homeowner. So, if the sidewalk in front of your home is uneven (trip hazard), tilted (falling hazard), cracked or other, it is your responsibility as the property owner to correct such issues. Such repairs/replacement work is not the responsibility of Harris County or Steeplechase Community Improvement Association. (The only exception is that the SCIA is responsible for repair/replacement of sidewalks in the common areas of the subdivision.) Furthermore, the SCIA deed restrictions require sidewalks and as such the homeowner must have, and must maintain the sidewalk on their property. Removal of sidewalks is not an option; it would be a deed restriction violation.

If you have additional questions, please contact Chaparral Management at

281-537-0957, email [cmc@chaparralmanagement.com](mailto:cmc@chaparralmanagement.com), or visit Chaparral's website at [www.chaparralmanagement.com](http://www.chaparralmanagement.com) and submit an online request.

Or, bring your questions to the SCIA monthly BOD meeting.

**Sidewalk Maintenance:** If the sidewalk damage is caused by a leak (sinkhole) in the storm sewer, Precinct 4 maintenance crews will repair the sinkhole and sidewalk. However, Precinct 4 will only repair a sidewalk that has been damaged by a sinkhole. If the sidewalk damage is not the result of a sinkhole, Precinct 4 will

not be able to accommodate the request. Sidewalks are typically installed by the developer as an amenity to the community; therefore, sidewalk repair ultimately is the homeowner's responsibility, unless the damage is caused by a sinkhole as noted above.

To request service, please complete the online Work Order Request Form (WORF) below. The WORF is available by logging on to [www.hcp4.net/cad/worf.htm](http://www.hcp4.net/cad/worf.htm).

Requests for service can also be made by calling the Community Assistance Department at 281-353-8424, or the PDF format of the WORF can be faxed to 281-893-5589, or mailed to 1001 Preston, Ste. 950, Houston, Texas 77002.

After hours, weekends, or holidays, please contact the Harris County operator at 713-755-5000 to report road hazards, such as blinking traffic lights, missing manhole covers or storm drain grates, missing stop signs, etc.

### **Deed Restriction Reminder**

The SCIA deed restrictions prohibit the use of firecrackers and other fireworks by residents living in Steeplechase.

# STEEPLECHASE

## 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
<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.....	281-586-1700
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
<b>NEWSLETTER PUBLISHER</b>	
Peel, Inc. (Advertising).....	kelly@PEELinc.com, 888-687-6444
Articles.....	sjohnston@chaparralmanagement.com

## Community Center Contacts

<b>Community Maintenance Concerns</b>	
Chaparral Management Company.....	281-586-1700
<b>Clubhouse Rentals</b>	
Private Parties and Community Events (Jinnie Kelley).....	832-922-8030
<b>Pool Company Contact</b>	
Aquatic Management of Houston.....	281-446-5003
<a href="http://www.houston-pmg.com">www.houston-pmg.com</a>	
<b>Board Member Contact</b>	
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

[www.steeplechasecia.com](http://www.steeplechasecia.com)  
or by phone 281-586-1700

## Water Aerobics at Steeplechase

Seahorse water aerobics will be going on this summer. Please find us on Facebook under Seahorse Water Aerobics. All information and updates will be posted on that site. We build our muscles slow and easy. Water aerobics is good for all levels of fitness and disabilities. For more information please call 281-955-9336.

## Low Hanging Branches & Wild Bushes

Steeplechase is fortunate to have sidewalks throughout that make it safe to walk, run, exercise etc. without worrying about dodging parked vehicles, cars coming down the street, etc. However, there are obstacles to using the sidewalks; for example, low hanging tree branches, unkempt bushes, etc... Homeowners and renters, please trim your plants so that the full width of the sidewalk is passable and provides a 7' to 8' height clearance for pedestrians. Likewise, your trees should be trimmed to provide adequate clearance for cars and trucks traveling or parking on the street. Thanks for your cooperation.

If you have any questions or comments, direct them to Stacy Johnston at [sjohnston@chaparralmanagement.com](mailto:sjohnston@chaparralmanagement.com).

Brilliant Energy Texas OUC #10140

# BRILLIANT ENERGY

Easy Online Sign-Up at

## BrilliantElectricity.com

USE "NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER" AS REFERRAL

BRILLIANT ENERGY = SERIOUSLY LOW RATES

BRILLIANT ENERGY'S ELECTRICITY RATES CHALLENGE  
THE RATES OF EVERY OTHER PROVIDER IN TEXAS!

LOCK-IN A LOW ELECTRICITY RATE FOR  
UP TO 3 YEARS

BRILLIANT ENERGY IS RECOMMENDED BY TEXAS ENERGY  
ANALYST, ALAN LAMMEY THE HOST OF THE "ENERGY  
WEEK" RADIO SHOW ON NEWSTALK 1070 KNTH!

Ask the "Energy Analyst"  
281.658.0395

**GREAT BUSINESS RATES TOO!**



## KIWANIS CLUB OF CY-FAIR HOUSTON

If you live or work in the Cy-Fair area, we would welcome the opportunity to meet you and tell you about the service the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club gives to our community. Be our guest at our meeting on June 7, 14, 21.

Time and place: Meetings are held at the Hearthstone Country Club. Lunch is served at 12:15pm, followed by a brief, informative program. Adjournment is at 1:15pm.

What is Kiwanis? Kiwanis is an international service organization focused on changing the world one child and one community at a time. Service is at the heart of every Kiwanis club, no matter where in the world it's located. Members stage nearly 150,000 service projects and raise nearly US\$100 million every year for communities, families and projects. In addition, Kiwanis members actively participate in many service projects in their home communities.

The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club of Houston seeks to serve this community through sponsoring Key Clubs for high school students, BuildersClubs for middle school students, and Aktion clubs for adults with disabilities. Also, we sponsor Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops. We provide support to various other organizations in the

community that serve children and families. Enjoy the pleasure of being a part of this service.

Visit the Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club website at [www.KIWANISHOUSTONCYFAIR.COM](http://www.KIWANISHOUSTONCYFAIR.COM).

For more information, call John Carroll at 281-463-0373; George Crowlat 832-467-1998; or Peggy Presnell at 281-304-7127.



*Looking to escape?*  
*We can help!*  
Personal loans as low as 7.39% APR\*.

832.604.4848 | [WWW.ECCU.NET](http://WWW.ECCU.NET)  
24396 NORTH FREEWAY,  
SPRING, TX 77386  
18540 NORTHWEST FREEWAY  
HOUSTON, TX 77065

**ENERGY**   
**CREDIT**  
**UNION CAPITAL**

\*APR = Annual Percentage Rate and is inclusive of all discounts and is dependent on credit worthiness. Rates, terms and offers stated are subject to change without notice. Your rate may vary based on the loan amount, term and your personal circumstances. Certain loan terms and rates depend on loan amount. Membership is required before loan can be funded. Effective 9/1/2015 rates will be discounted on these loans for each stipulation that is elected: 1) .05% if Loss of Life Protection is elected, or 2) .10% if a combination of Loss of Life/Disability/Involuntary Unemployment/Family Leave Protection are elected. The maximum discount for a signature loan is .10%. Discounts are only given at time of loan closing.

**DO YOU NEED TO  
SELL YOUR HOME?**

But you want to move quickly, hassle-free  
and sell to someone you can trust?  
**Foreclosure, Bankruptcy, Family  
Loss, Job Transfer, Divorce**  
can all disrupt our lives, but  
Stand Tall Properties provides  
you options with **CASH!**

**Big or small, our homes Stand Tall.**  
Contact us at: (713) 425-2554 or  
[info@standtallproperties.com](mailto:info@standtallproperties.com)

————— \$150 for Referrals! —————

stand **TALL**  
properties

# STEEPLECHASE



## Cy-Fair Republican Women

June 14th is the Cy-Fair Republican Women's General Meeting

10:30 AM - Noon. (Second Tuesday each month)  
Meeting is \$3 -- Meeting w/Lunch at Noon is \$20.

Hearthstone Country Club, 7615 Ameswood, Houston, TX 77095. Enjoy likeminded fellowship and getting to know our candidates. All are welcome! Candidates, we want to get to know each of you.

Please RSVP to [www.cfrw.net](http://www.cfrw.net) by 6/7/16.

## Cypress Texas Tea Party

The next meetings of the Cypress Texas Tea Party will be on:

Saturday, June 4, 2016 NOON - 2:00 PM

- Laura Pressley, Ph.D., Voting Corruption in Texas
- Lincoln/Douglas Style Debate on the question of an Article 5 Convention of the States
- For: William Ely, District Captain, Convention of the States
- Against: Dan Comstock, Cypress Texas Tea Party Member
- Saturday, June 25, 2016 NOON - 2:00 PM
- Speakers yet to be confirmed

The Cypress Texas Tea Party meets every three weeks on Saturday

Noon until 2:00 PM at:

Spring Creek BBQ  
25831 Northwest Freeway  
Cypress, Texas 77429

Map: <http://goo.gl/maps/OoNjY>

A schedule of our meetings and confirmed speakers can be found at our website, [www.cypresstexasteaparty.org](http://www.cypresstexasteaparty.org)

**COLIN'S HOPE**  
WWW.COLINSHOPE.ORG

# NOBODY IS DROWNPROOF WATCH KIDS AROUND WATER

22 Texas children have already fatally drowned in 2016

DROWNING IS PREVENTABLE

THESE WATER SAFETY TIPS CAN SAVE LIVES

- WATCH KIDS & KEEP IN ARM'S REACH
- LEARN TO SWIM
- WEAR LIFE JACKETS
- MULTIPLE BARRIERS AROUND WATER
- KEEP YOUR HOME SAFER
- CHECK WATER SOURCES FIRST
- STAY AWAY
- PRACTICE DRAIN SAFETY
- BE SAFER IN OPEN WATER
- LEARN CPR

BECOME a Water Guardian for your child

TAKE the Water Safety Quiz → PREVENT drowning

[www.colinshope.org/quiz](http://www.colinshope.org/quiz)

LEARN more at [www.colinshope.org](http://www.colinshope.org)

COLIN'S HOPE WATER GUARDIAN

# STEEPLECHASE



## Siblings Seek Adoptive Family

*From the Heart Gallery of Central Texas*

Siblings Tikia and Lamound are looking to expand their bonds of love with a forever family.

At ages 13 and 14, Tikia and Lamound have found themselves searching for an adoptive family. Tikia and Lamound want to be engaged in something fun and meaningful, and they want to feel like they're part of something. Whether singing, dancing, playing outside, or going on adventures, Tikia and Lamound's vibrant energy will light up a room.

The Heart Gallery of Central Texas is a project designed to promote and encourage adoptions from foster care and to provide an opportunity for waiting children to be discovered by potential families. There are no fees to adopt from the foster care system regardless of which agency you work with. There is only one pool of children, and they are all in CPS care, every licensed agency has the ability to assist in adoption of any foster child in Texas.

Learn more here: [www.heartgallerytexas.com](http://www.heartgallerytexas.com)

**SKIP THE CIRCUS**

**SELL US YOUR CAR!™**

**TEXASDIRECTAUTO.COM**

# STEEPLECHASE

## Bring the World into Your Home

Ayusa International, a non-profit organization that has promoted global learning and leadership through high school student cultural exchanges for more than 35 years, is launching its annual search for families in Houston and the surrounding area interested in hosting international students for the 2016-2017 school year.

Ayusa host families who volunteer to open their home to exchange students contribute to the global community as public diplomats for greater international understanding. Each host family and student creates a lasting relationship that spans the cultural differences between their two nations.

The Bray Family from Houston has been hosting two students this year, Mahau from France and Genzo from Japan. Both students have been attending Mayde Creek High School this year. The Brays have six children of their own but feel that hosting exchange students is "probably one of the best decisions our family has ever made," according to host mom April Bray. "[The students] quickly become a part of your family and it's always a great feeling to see their eyes light up when they experience something for the first time or hear the excitement in their voices when they tell you about a new friend they made at school. Your children also get to gain another brother

or sister and it's always fun to see them trying to learn your exchange student's language or customs. For us, there is no greater feeling than watching our exchange students succeed and grow and being able to share our culture and learn more about theirs."

The students have also been having a wonderful experience with the Bray family. Genzo shares, "My host family is so nice to me and I feel like this family is the home I can go back to. They make me feel like I'm loved by them. Of course you can share your culture and learn the language but more importantly, you can experience the other family that you love." His exchange "sister" Mahau says, "It's crazy how much you can love people you didn't know 10 months before. Every day they make my exchange year super great. I consider them like a member of my family. They are the reason why I enjoyed every single day of my new life."

Ayusa works with diverse families who are interested in hosting an international student of high school age. Families without children, empty nesters, military families, retirees, and single people are all welcome. Ayusa families come from all over the country and reside

(Continued on Page 7)

### THINKING OF BUYING OR SELLING?

**I am not only a Steeplechase Resident;  
I am also a REALTOR!**

*"I go above and beyond for my clients"*

**FREE Comparative  
Market Analysis**



**Jennie Kelly  
Realtor**

713-302-7737

[jkelly13@outlook.com](mailto:jkelly13@outlook.com)

[www.realtyprosoftexas.com](http://www.realtyprosoftexas.com)



### BASHANS PAINTING & HOME REPAIR

- Interior & Exterior Painting
- HardiPlank Replacement
- Sheetrock Repair
- Cabinet Painting
- Pressure Washing
- Fence Repair/Replacement
- Custom Staining
- Gutter Repair & Replacement
- Crown Molding
- Wallpaper Removal
- Wood Replacement
- Interior Carpentry
- Wallpaper Removal & Texture
- Garage Floor Epoxy
- Roofing
- Faux Painting

**NO MONEY UP FRONT**

20 Years Experience • References Available

Commercial/Residential

~ FREE ESTIMATES ~

[BashansPainting@earthlink.net](mailto:BashansPainting@earthlink.net)

◆ FULLY INSURED

**281-347-6702**

**281-731-3383 cell**



HARDIPLANK®



(Continued from Page 6)

in rural, suburban and urban communities.

"Houston is a popular destination for Ayusa exchange students in the U.S.," says Heather Wells, Ayusa Regional Manager for the Southwest. "Host families love to share the diversity and history of Houston. It's such a fun area to live in, with activities and things for students to experience, from music and sports to outdoor activities and delicious Tex-Mex!" She continues, "If you have ever wanted to learn about a new culture while sharing life in America, I encourage you to give us a call or check out our website to learn more about how you can create an international friendship that lasts a lifetime!"

Host families provide the exchange student with three meals a day and a bedroom (private or shared). A professionally trained Ayusa representative supports each host family, student, and local school throughout the program year. Ayusa's exchange students are 15-18 years old and come from more than 60 countries around the world. Students are fully insured, bring their own spending money, and are proficient in English.

### How to Host an International Student

Interested families can learn more about the program and available exchange students and request additional information by visiting <http://www.ayusa.org> or calling 1-888-552-9872.

The process to apply is simple. Families complete the online application, which includes questions about themselves and local high school, references, and a background check. The local Ayusa Community Representative conducts an in-home interview. They can also help each family with any questions they may have about the application or process.

After families are fully approved, they can select the Ayusa student they would like to host.

### About Ayusa

Ayusa International (<http://www.ayusa.org>) is a 501(c)3 non-profit student exchange organization founded in 1981 and an official U.S. Department of State designated Exchange Visitor Program Sponsor. In addition, Ayusa administers high profile grant programs funded by the U.S. Department of State and other organizations. Ayusa is a sister company of Intrax, a family of organizations that provides a lifetime of high-quality educational, work and volunteer programs that connect people and cultures. Intrax is headquartered in San Francisco with offices on four continents.

At no time will any source be allowed to use Steeplechase's contents, or loan said contents, to others in anyway, shape or form, nor in any media, website, print, film, e-mail, electrostatic copy, fax, or etc. for the purpose of solicitation, commercial use, or any use for profit, political campaigns, or other self amplification, under penalty of law without written or expressed permission from Peel, Inc. The information in Steeplechase is exclusively for the private use of the Steeplechase HOA and Peel, Inc.

**DISCLAIMER:** Articles and ads in this newsletter express the opinions of their authors and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of Peel, Inc. or its employees. Peel, Inc. is not responsible for the accuracy of any facts stated in articles submitted by others. The publisher also assumes no responsibility for the advertising content with this publication. All warranties and representations made in the advertising content are solely that of the advertiser and any such claims regarding its content should be taken up with the advertiser.

\* The publisher assumes no liability with regard to its advertisers for misprints or failure to place advertising in this publication except for the actual cost of such advertising.

\* Although every effort is taken to avoid mistakes and/or misprints, the publisher assumes no responsibility for any errors of information or typographical mistakes, except as limited to the cost of advertising as stated above or in the case of misinformation, a printed retraction/correction.

\* Under no circumstances shall the publisher be held liable for incidental or consequential damages, inconvenience, loss of business or services, or any other liabilities from failure to publish, or from failure to publish in a timely manner, except as limited to liabilities stated above.

# WIRED

## ELECTRICAL SERVICES

SERVICING ALL YOUR ELECTRICAL NEEDS

- Panel Upgrades
- Home Inspections
- TV Install/Mounting
- Troubleshooting
- Remodeling
- Landscaping Lighting
- Home Generators

RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL 24-7 SERVICE  
LICENSED & INSURED

Take \$25.00 Off Your  
Next Service Call

FAMILY OWNED AND OPERATED  
**713.467.1125 or 281.897.0001**  
**www.WiredES.com**



TECL 22809 Master 100394





### Trimming to Take-Downs

Trimming • Removal of Debris  
Hedge Trimming • Stump Grinding  
Professional Tree Health Care

Bonded & Insured Since 1987

Call David  
Ph: 281-469-0458

Mention this ad for a Spring Special!  
Senior Citizens Receive an Additional Discount.

FREE ESTIMATES

[jonesroadtreeservice.com](http://jonesroadtreeservice.com)





**PEEL, INC.**

308 Meadowlark St. South  
Lakeway, TX 78734

PRSR STD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
PEEL, INC.

SC

**\*Did you know only about  
5 - 10% of breast cancer  
cases are thought to be  
hereditary?**

Don't take chances - get your  
annual mammogram starting  
at age 40.



### **Now offering 3D mammography and genetic testing!**

Evening and weekend appointments are available for your convenience.  
Please call 281-897-3121 for availability.

- 1 **\*\*Women's Imaging Center at Cy-Fair Hospital (FM 1960 at Jones Road)**  
*\*Genetic testing available here*
- 2 **\*\*Cy-Fair Urgent Care & Imaging Center (at Spring Cypress & Grant)**
- 3 **Cy-Fair Emergency & Imaging Center (at Barker Cypress & FM 529)**
- 4 **Cy-Fair Emergency & Imaging Center (Beltway 8 & Tanner Rd.)**  
*Opening May 2016*

\* According to the American Cancer Society  
\*\*Tomosynthesis, (3D mammography) an FDA approved  
imaging technology designed for early breast cancer  
detection, is available here.



**281.897.3121**

**CyFairWomensImaging.com**