



Steeplechase

NEWSLETTER

Next HOA Meetings – Join us at 6:30pm at the
Community Center on: Jan 16

WE ARE BETTER
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR
FOR HAVING, IN SPIRIT,
BECOME A CHILD AGAIN
AT CHRISTMAS-TIME.

LAURA INGALLS WILDER



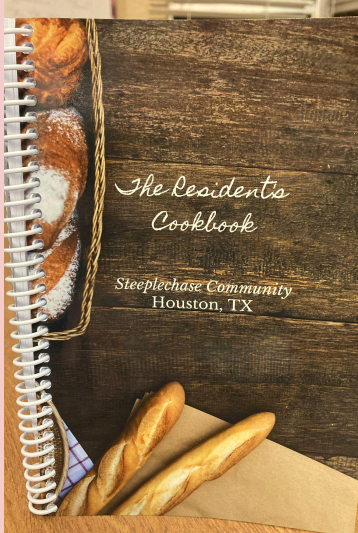
Leave a
sparkle
wherever
you go.

The SCIA BOD meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month. The meetings are open to all residents and the BOD encourages residents to attend and participate in these meetings.

The remaining schedule for calendar year 2023 is:

December (No Meeting)

Please join us in January!



The Resident's Cookbook is here!

Thank you to everyone who contributed recipes!

The cookbook is now available to purchase. You can pick one up at the monthly meetings for \$20.00 and at some neighborhood events.

What's included... Recipes for breakfast, appetizers, bread, soups, salads, mains, sides, spices and sauces and of course desserts!



Santa Claus is
Coming...
to Steeplechase!

December 9th from
6-8 pm at
Saddlebough Park

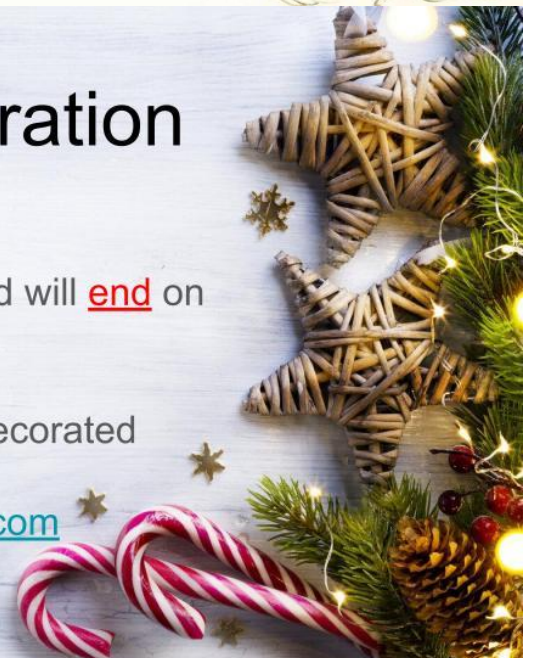


Christmas Decoration Contest!

Judging will **begin** on Dec 15th and will **end** on
Dec 20st.

Vote for Residents Favorite Decorated
House by emailing

social@steeplechasecia.com



Please use common courtesy... Do not block the sidewalks or driveways. Pedestrians utilize the sidewalks while walking and a blocked driveway or sidewalk could cause an accident.

Let's be kind and courteous to each other!

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE?

The responsibility for sidewalk maintenance is that of the homeowner.

So, if the sidewalk in front of your house is uneven (trip hazard), tilted (falling hazard), cracked or other, the property owner is responsible for fixing it. Such repairs/replacement work is not Harris County's or the Association's responsibility. (The only exception is that the Association is responsible for sidewalks in the common areas.)

SCIA deed restrictions require sidewalks and as such the homeowner must have and must maintain the sidewalk on their property. Removal is not an option; this would be a deed restriction violation.

If you have additional questions, contact Chaparral Management. cmc@chaparralmanagement.com
281-537-0957

2024 SCIA BOD MEETING SCHEDULE

The SCIA BOD meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month, January through November. (There is no meeting in December.) The meetings are open to all residents and the BOD encourages residents to attend and participate in these Meetings.

The schedule for calendar year 2024 follows:

January 16
February 20
March 19
April 16
May 21
June 18 (Annual Association Meeting; No Business Conducted)
July 16
August 20
September 17
October 15
November 19

Events and Holidays to Mark on your Calendar

November 23 -
Thanksgiving

December 9 - Santa in the Park at Saddlebough Park

December 18 - All Resident votes for the Annual Christmas Decoration Contest are due!

December 25 - Christmas

2024 SCIA Budget, Projects & Assessment Rate

The Board approved 2024 operating expense budget is up 5.2% due to increases in Administration, Amenities, Maintenance, Landscaping, and Miscellaneous Operating Expenses offset by a decrease in Utilities.

The Proposed 2024 Capital Projects Budget of \$275,000 shows an increase of 87.1% from the 2023 Capital Projects Budget. Projects include Community Center signage, irrigation addition to the internal Monuments and a start on the Steepleway Blvd fence replacement project (\$150,000, 54.5% of Capital Projects Budget).

The 2024 Assessment increased to \$705, up 5.2% from the 2023 assessment rate of \$650. Remember that Assessment rates were NOT increased in 2019 and 2021. However, the BOD has decided to levy of the \$705 with an invoiced amount of \$665 for 2024 after taking into consideration the current economic situation.

Keep in mind that the BOD works on a “pay-as-you-go” basis for operating expenses and for maintenance/improvement of Association amenities and assets. The Association has no debt.

For current information about Steeplechase, visit <https://portal.chaparralmanagement.com>. If you are not registered for this website, please do so. Once registered, you will have access to your account and Association information at any time convenient for you 24-7-365. Most importantly, you will automatically receive important, timely information through e-blasts.

The BOD also encourages every resident to attend BOD meetings to get updates from the BOD on a variety of topics, to raise questions, to volunteer for specific events, to provide feedback, etc. If you cannot attend, you can contact the BOD directly by sending an email to board@steeplechasecia.com.

Participate either way to make your voice heard.

Finally, the BOD thanks each resident for their support of the ongoing work to maintain Association assets and improve Steeplechase property values.

Why is there an Association assessment?

The Association collects assessments to operate, repair, maintain, improve, renovate, and replace current and added Association assets and amenities, to enforce deed restrictions, and to provide a pleasant, safe environment. The assessment money is used to pay for the products and services to perform these tasks. For example, the Association pays Chaparral Management to bill and collect assessments, pursue delinquent payers and non-payers, pay bills from contractors, perform inspections, enforce deed restrictions, etc.

What does the Association do with this money?

Pays for and provides the following:

- Professional services for the Association...management company, annual audit, legal support, insurance, etc.
- Assessment collection
- Deed restriction enforcement
- Sheriff patrol
- Street lighting and other lighting to include community center, monuments, etc.
- Community pool
- Tennis courts
- Common area landscaping and maintenance (watering, mowing, trimming, insect control, seasonal plantings, etc.)
- Mosquito spraying and pest control
- Community holiday decorations
- Maintenance, improvements, and replacement of Association assets including the community center, the pool community center, pools, tennis courts, marquee, entrance monuments, three parks/playgrounds, common area sidewalks, greenbelt, bayou trail, etc.

What can I do if I am unhappy with the assessment rate?

- Go to the BOD meetings and express your concern
- If you have financial difficulties, request a payment plan, and comply with the terms of the plan
- Regardless of any personal difficulties, as a Steeplechase property owner you are obligated to pay the Association assessment

Amnesty Program

If circumstances exist that will prohibit you from paying your annual assessment in full by January 1, 2024, the Board has agreed to a one-time amnesty plan for owners. The amnesty plan would allow you to make payments with your annual **assessment paid in full by June 2024, and the penalty and interest will be waived once the assessment balance is paid. In order to participate in this amnesty plan, you must contact Chaparral**

Management in writing no later than January 31, 2024, either via email at amnesty@steeplechasecia.com or via mail at Steeplechase Amnesty Plan, c/o Chaparral Management, PO Box 681007, Houston, TX 77268. Please note that access to the amenities including pool tags will still require your balance to be paid in full.

After the January 31, 2024, deadline, you *may* request an Installment Plan by contacting Chaparral Management Company for details at 281-537-0957. The penalty and interest will continue to accrue on the unpaid balance in accordance with the deed restrictions and the amenities will continue to not be accessible until the balance is paid in full.

Congratulations to the Winner's of this year's Halloween Contest!!

Student Choice Winner



Resident's Choice Winners



STEEPLECHASE

Thanksgiving Puzzles

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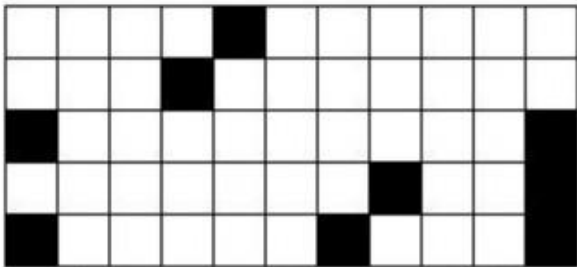
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Unscramble each of the clue words.

Take the letters that appear in boxes and unscramble them for the final message.



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 A O R E A D I N A K
 F T V E U N H W N Y N
 G L L E I S Y N O N S



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FOOD & FUN

CHRISTMAS around the WORLD

Make these snacks and crafts from around the world to celebrate Jesus Christ's birth. Be sure to get an adult's help.

By Lucy Stevenson

Luminarias

In **Mexico**, people decorate paper lanterns at Christmastime to light the way to their doorstep.

- ★ Draw a simple picture, like a Christmas tree or star. Then trace it on the front of a **brown paper sack**.
- ★ Use a **pin** to poke small holes along the lines you drew. (Tip: Put the sack flat on a rug and poke all the way through.)
- ★ Put a **flashlight** or glow stick inside your paper bag to see the pattern glow!



Finger-Puppet Nativity

The first Nativity scene was made in **Italy**. With some **colored felt** and a bit of **hot glue** or sewing, you can make a Nativity scene of your own. (Be sure to get an adult's help.)

- ★ Cut a rectangle out of brown felt for the manger and thin strips of yellow felt for hay. Sew or glue the yellow pieces to the brown rectangle.
- ★ Cut a piece of white felt as the outline for the baby Jesus, like in the example below. Sew or glue along the edges to attach this piece to the manger. Leave an opening at the bottom for your finger to slip through.
- ★ Cut and put other felt pieces on for the face and heart, or draw them on with marker.
- ★ What other felt people can you make? Remember to sew or glue the edges and leave the bottom open for your finger!



Pineapple Nog

Try this tropical Christmas drink from **Haiti**!

1 20-oz can crushed pineapple (about 560 g)
1/2 cup coconut milk
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
1 cup milk

Blend the ingredients until smooth. Serve cold with a sprinkle of nutmeg on top.



Risalamande

In **Denmark**, this cold rice pudding is a popular Christmas treat.

- ★ Combine 1 1/2 cups **cooked rice**, 1 1/2 cups **milk**, 1/3 cup **sugar**, and 1/4 teaspoon **salt** in a saucepan. Cook over medium heat for 15–20 minutes.
 - ★ Add 1 beaten **egg** mixed with 1/2 cup **milk**. Cook for 2 more minutes, stirring constantly.
 - ★ Remove from heat. Stir in 1 tablespoon melted **butter**, 1/2 teaspoon **vanilla extract**, and a handful of **chopped almonds**.
 - ★ Serve pudding chilled with warm **cherry-pie filling** on top.
- Optional: Put one **whole almond** in the pudding. The person who finds it in their dish wins a prize!



Christmas Around the World



Can you find:

- Snowman
- Wreath
- Blue Christmas Lights
- Elf
- Candle in the Window
- Candy Cane
- Nutcracker
- Polar Bear
- Gingerbread Man
- Santa
- Nativity
- Angel
- Snowflakes
- Wrapped Gift
- Stocking



PLEASE NOTE: The Steeplechase Community Association Newsletter became bi-monthly beginning with the March/April 2023 Edition

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergency.....	911
Sheriff's Dept Non Emergency.....	713.221.6000
Cy-Fair Fire Dept.....	911
HCA North Cypress.....	832.912.3500
Harris County Pets (Animal Control).....	281.999.3191
Center Point (Street Light Out).....	713.207.2222
http://cnp/centerpointenergy.com/outage	
Northwest Branch Library.....	281.890.2665
Post Office.....	800.275.8777
Architectural Control (CMC).....	281.537.0957
Trash Pick-up (Best Trash, LLC) (Wed & Sat)....	281.313.BEST
Harris Co. Pct. 3 Road Maintenance.....	281.274.3100
Harris Co MUD 168.....	hcmud168board@gmail.com
Water/Sewer (EDP).....	832.467.1599

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Article Submission... vzaccaria@chaparralmanagement.com
Or social@steeplechasecia.com

Schools

Emmott Elementary.....	281.897.4500
Campbell Middle School.....	281.897.4300
Cy-Ridge High School.....	281.807.8000

STEEPLECHASE CONTACTS

Community Maintenance Concerns/ Deed Restriction Issues/ Architectural Control/ Safety

Chaparral Management Company.....281.537.0957

Clubhouse Rentals - Private Parties and Community Events

Jinnie Kelley.....832.922.8030

Pool Company/ Private Pool Parties

Aquatic Management of Houston.....281.446.5003
www.houston-pmg.com

Tennis and Pickleball

Rod Royer (Coach).....281.387.2925

STEEPLECHASE BOARD & COMMITTEE EMAILS

Current Board Members:

Bill Kuschmeider, Wade Wnuk, Thomas Herold, Mike Young, Otto Maresh, Desirea Gaastra

board@steeplechasecia.com

Simultaneously sends an unedited message to the Community Manager and each SCIA BOD member. Use for questions about what the board is doing, what projects are planned or other questions.

pool@steeplechasecia.com

Simultaneously sends an unedited message to the Community Manager, the Pool Management and each SCIA BOD. Use for pool issues, problems concerns, suggestions, compliments, etc.

drv@steeplechasecia.com

Simultaneously sends an unedited message to the Community Manager, the Community Inspector and each SCIA BOD member. Use for questions about deed restriction violations or issues or to report a possible deed restriction violation.

safety@steeplechasecia.com

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social@steeplechasecia.com

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