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## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Is this weather great or what? After ninety days of 90-degree or higher temperatures over the summer it sure is a welcome relief to go outside and not break into a sweat. Also, sleeping with the windows open and cool, fresh air coming in makes for a better night than being all closed up breathing re-circulated air. So, we hope all of our neighbors are doing well, enjoying the change of seasons and living life to the fullest.

We're going to make this direct and to the point. **We need neighbors to come forward and serve as SRHA Board Members for 2012.** We hope each one of you will think about what you can do for Steeplechase, not what Steeplechase can do for you, and volunteer to help lead our neighborhood in the upcoming year. Nominations are now being accepted for all the Board positions which are described briefly on page 3. Voting will take place at the General Membership Meeting on Thursday, November 17. Also, we're looking for neighbors to serve on the Board Member nomination committee. Those interested in serving on either the Board or the committee are asked to contact any Board Member as soon as possible.

We strongly encourage all of our neighbors to step up and offer their time and talents to help direct our community next year. Remember, we need everyone to pitch in and do their share for Steeplechase to continue being a great place to live.

Thanks  
Al

## Attention Steeplechase Neighbors

Anyone interested in participating in a 2012 SRHA Board Member Nomination Committee is urged to contact any board member—see list at left.



**Don't Forget!**  
Join us for the General Membership Meeting,  
Thursday, Nov. 17th, 7 PM at the Pool Pavilion

## **FROM THE COMMUNITY PRESIDENT**

Greetings!

We live in "interesting" times don't we? Foreclosures, job losses, financial uncertainty -- makes everyone a little uncomfortable. Sometimes that translates into destructive action, that could be to oneself or to someone else's property and that's the subject of my article.

As Community President, one of my responsibilities is to keep the lights working at each entrance. I do need help here from you if you see a light out: send me an email, and I will get it replaced. I don't normally go by each entrance at night to look, so your help is appreciated here.

The Dean Road entrance is the one that I frequent, and I noticed several lights out, which concerned me because I just replaced all of them. Turns out that some "jackwagon" destroyed two fixtures on the ground and both wall fixtures. *Who does this?*

Chad Cross volunteered his time to help me fix these four fixtures (Thanks Chad!) at a cost to us of around \$220 in materials, we certainly could have used this somewhere else. The next day I noticed that two of the fixtures I JUST replaced had been damaged again!!

If you hear of someone talking about this or see someone that looks suspicious hanging around the Dean Road entrance wall, call me, call the board, I would like to catch this person and "talk" with them about their behavior, no blow torches or pliers will be used in this "talk" (kidding here folks).

Keep an eye out on your street, your neighbor's house; we have had some goofy things going on around the hood, let's keep these "hoodlums" out of here.

Scot Sherwin

## **FROM THE BUDGET & OPERATIONS DIRECTOR**

Steeplechase is a great and very safe place to live. However, here are a few tips that will help keep your property from being the target of any unwelcome guests. You've heard them all before, but just a reminder.

1) Be sure to keep your garage door closed and lock any vehicles left outdoors. Entering vehicles and unforced burglary are the most common crimes in our area.

2) Ask a friend or neighbor to pick up your mail and any papers on your driveway if you are away. (If you don't know anyone, join SRHA and come to activities. Soon you'll have more friends than you can count!)

3) Attach a timer to a lamp if you are often gone in the evening or early morning. This is an inexpensive purchase at Home Depot or Lowe's.

4) Pay attention! If you see someone checking out your neighbor's car or opening mailboxes, or even just a car cruising through that looks fishy, let them see you watching out the window or from a porch. That is often enough to make them leave. If possible, jot down a car tag, just in case. And don't be embarrassed to call the police if you feel the need.

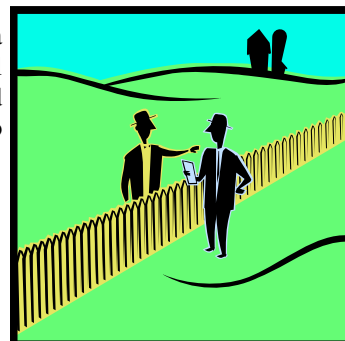
5) If you want to keep abreast of crime in our area, the website [www.crimemapping.com](http://www.crimemapping.com) is a great resource. Simply enter your address and the geographic area you want to follow and they send updates. On one recent day Steeplechase, Jefferson

Station, and Sugarloaf Springs all had unforced burglaries or car break-ins. While this may not be the norm, it is information worth knowing.

Here's a case in point. On a recent evening my daughter was visiting and her car was parked out front. About 10 p.m. we saw a car park a few doors down and a man come down the street carrying a pizza delivery case. He caught our eye when he stopped and peered in our neighbor's car window. He then continued up to our car. At that point we went to the door and asked if we could help him. He said, "Wrong address", and scurried back to his car, leaving quickly. We couldn't get the tag, but we called the police and when they came out they said this is a common ruse. The thief puts items from the car into the pizza case and leaves unnoticed. The officer also stated that he would rather get ten incorrect calls than miss one chance to catch these guys.

It's great to know we live in a neighborhood where we all watch out for each other and where the police really do care. Thank you everyone!

Peggy Boydston



## **SRHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS POSITIONS**

**Chairman of the Board** Presides over Board Meetings, helps to monitor zoning activities pertaining to Steeplechase, helps to audit the Association's financials quarterly and contributes an article to the monthly newsletter. Must be a Facility level Member.

**Secretary** Keeps the Minutes of all Board Meetings, maintains all lists, books, papers, documents and files as directed by the Board of Directors, provides homeowner copies of Meeting Agenda and/or Minutes as requested and documents all changes to the By-Laws. Responsible for managing reservations of pool pavilion.

**Treasurer**. Prepares the annual Association Budget, maintains the Association's financials including all payment, deposits and records.

**Community President**. Prepares the annual Community Budget, ensures maintenance, functionality and beautification of the neighborhood entrances, welcomes new residents, recruits Community level Members as forecasted, helps to monitor zoning activities pertaining to Steeplechase, helps to audit the Association's financials quarterly, presides over all meetings of Community Directors, deals with Community level Members relating to Community level matters and contributes an article to the monthly newsletter.

**Communications Director**. Responsible for the development, production and distribution of the monthly Newsletter and annual directory; maintains all directories and assists in all communications with the neighborhood as required.

**Community Social Director**. Responsible for organizing and coordinating Community level social functions and seasonal activities as well as other such duties defined by the Board of Directors. Helps to prepare the annual Community Budget.

**Webmaster**. Responsible for maintaining the Steeplechase website and online accounts, sending neighborhood e-mail communications, posting the monthly Newsletter online and monitoring the web service account.

**Facilities President**. Prepares the annual Facility Budget, insures the maintenance, functionality and beautification of the Facility Recreational Area, welcomes new residents, recruits Facility level Members as forecasted, helps to audit the Association's financials quarterly, presides over all meetings of Facility Directors, deals with Facility level Members relating to Facility level matters, sets operating rules for the Facility Recreational Area and contributes an article to the monthly newsletter.

**Facility Social Director**. Responsible for organizing and coordinating Facility level social functions and seasonal activities social as well as other such duties defined by the Board of Directors. Helps in Facility level membership recruitment, preparation of the annual Facility budget and all communications regarding the Facility.

**Facility Operations Director**. Responsible for communication and coordination with all third party contractors for maintaining the daily operations of the Facility Recreational area and other such duties as defined by the Board of Directors. Helps in the preparation of the annual Facility Budget and the development of the rules for the Facility Recreational area.

**Facility Swim and Tennis Director**. Responsible for the organization and scheduling of tennis and swim team league participation as well as other such duties defined by the Board of Directors. Also responsible to ensure that outside fees are paid by non-residential participants.

**If you're interested in one of these Board positions, please contact any board member!**

## **FROM THE SWIM & TENNIS DIRECTOR**

The swimming pool is currently closed. Now that we have put the cover on it, be careful not to walk on top of the green covers. Children should not be on the pool deck unsupervised now that the pool is closed.

Fall Tennis ALTA season is underway. Check the Steeplechase website for schedules. <http://www.steeplechase.org/tennis/default.htm> Come out and support your neighbors.

Your Steeplechase Tennis Budget at Work: Court #1 net and crank have been replaced. Court #4 net strap has been upgraded from a shoe string to a real strap. If you have any other court concerns, please contact me at [swim.tennis@steeplechase.org](mailto:swim.tennis@steeplechase.org). Be on the lookout for Fall Tennis Mixers. We will be sending an e-blast with specific dates and times; we hope you can all join us.



**Steeplechase Tennis Tournament 2012 Dates are Set** - May 18th thru May 20th, 2012. We are currently in the planning stages; anyone interested in volunteering please contact: [committee@friendslovetennis.com](mailto:committee@friendslovetennis.com) . We are actively looking for sponsors and will be selecting a local charity to donate a portion of the proceeds. Check the website for information as it becomes available: <http://friendslovetennis.com/>.

Bryan Schroeder

## **FROM THE COMMUNITY SOCIAL DIRECTOR**

Happy Fall Y'all! We are nearing the last COMMUNITY events of the year.

OCTOBER 29th: THE HALLOWEEN CAMPOUT / PARTY!!! All kiddos big and small are encouraged to come out for a *spooktabulous* time. Hay rides, games and prizes as well. **Please RSVP** so we can have enough goodies for all. Rules are the same as last year:

- All children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.
- **NO DROP** off will be allowed.
- The party begins at 7PM but, you can start setting up tents as early as 5PM.
- Prizes will be awarded to best costume and best carved pumpkin.
- **DINNER** will not be provided so make sure you eat at home before you junk up on Halloween fun.

Feel free to call me with any questions 678-382-9888.

NOVEMBER: PROGRESSIVE DINNER~ After a lot of yeas and nays we have finally set a date for our next Progressive Dinner. It will be Saturday, November 19 at 7PM. Start sending in your RSVPs and \$25 for couples and \$15 is you're flying solo. More information as the time nears.

As always, please feel free to send me any ideas or suggestions for future or past events. Blessings for you and your loved ones,

Cristina



## FROM THE FACILITY SOCIAL DIRECTOR

We closed the pool in style with our "Chastain Night at Steeplechase" on Saturday, Sept. 17. A good time was had by all as we rocked the night away with the Spider Kelly band. We had great weather and the table decorations were awesome – ranging from super elegant to super casual.

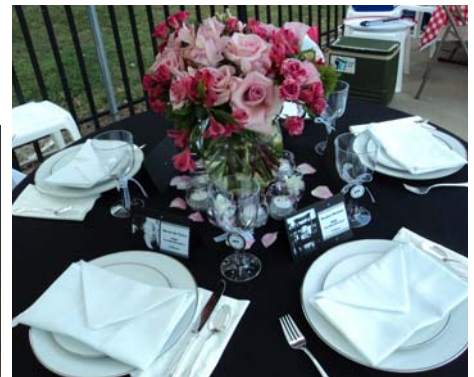
The Warrenton Hunt Gang (Tyler, Hawkins, Wagner and former Steeplechasers Burkelle and Curl) won the most elegant "Silver Spoon" award. Our other award winners were: Most Colorful (Sherwin, Gustafson, Brooks and Guests), Funniest (Campbell, Brodnax, Thomas, Sahutski, and Guests) and Most Creative (Schroeder and more neighbors and guests than we can count!). The votes were really close and a big round of applause to our other two tables, one of which was hosted by some of our newest residents, Eric Barden and Trazona Montague – Welcome!! Our final table that came in only 2 votes behind the Sherwins for Most Colorful was hosted by the Redmonds, Cloughs, York, Czerwonki, and

Guest. (If I have forgotten anyone, please forgive my oversight!)

This was the last scheduled Facility Social event for 2011. As the year comes to a close I will be rotating off the board, and we'll be looking for a replacement. So, if someone gives you a call and asks if you would be willing to serve, please give it a try. Steeplechase is full of people who are happy to help (including me!). Or, better yet, email the board that you'll volunteer!

Thank you for allowing me to serve this great neighborhood. A special thanks to Donna Redmond, who has been my right hand helper all year, and to everyone else who has played a part to make our events the best ever!

Sally Campbell



## GARDEN CLUB CORNER

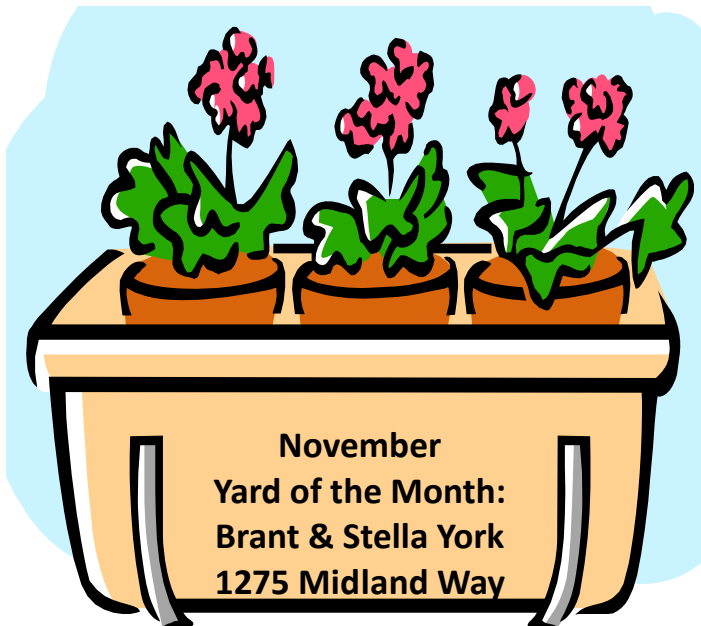
The Garden Club met on Saturday, Sept. 24 to do some pre-planning for the upcoming workday on Saturday, Oct. 22. We hope that everyone will come out that day to help spruce up our entrances and other property, as well as complete some much needed repairs. Look for more info in upcoming e-blasts.

We will have a "Pre-Workday Planting" day on Saturday Oct. 15 at 4pm to plant some azaleas and other plants/shrubs before pine straw is laid during the workday. After we take care of the work, all volunteers are invited to stay and cook out. Please RSVP to [gardenclub@steeplechase.org](mailto:gardenclub@steeplechase.org) so that we'll have a headcount and we can assign side dishes to share.

November Yard of the Month winner(s) will be based on Halloween decorations. As we need to select the winner in time for the November newsletter, please have all decorations out and be sure to light up your decorations the night of Oct. 25 as judges will go out that night once it's dark. Please keep decorations lit until 10pm. We will also check decorations that are best seen in the light, but these need to be up by Oct. 25 as well.

If you are interested in participating in the garden club, or have garden news to share, please contact us at [gardenclub@steeplechase.org](mailto:gardenclub@steeplechase.org). New members are always welcome.

Sally Campbell

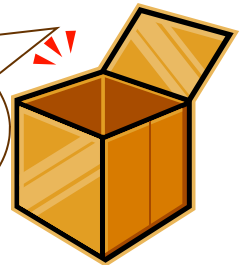


### *LEAVES, LEAVES, LEAVES, PLEASE*

As in the past few autumns, I'm requesting bagged leaves (no trash or large pieces of wood, please) from my neighbors to use for mulching and composting for my garden. Please contact me: Geri Taran, either at [geritara@gmail.com](mailto:geritara@gmail.com) or phone me at 678-407-0703. In case you're willing to drop them off, I live at 1071 Steeple Run. Thank you.



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### SRHA BOARD MEMBERS CANVASS THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Last month, your SRHA Board Members decided to take to the streets of Steeplechase to visit those members who have not paid their 2011 Community Dues. This was a great opportunity to meet neighbors and to spread the word about all the benefits of living in this community.

Did we pay you a visit? If so, and you have not yet paid your dues, *it's not too late!* Please drop a check for \$65 in the Facility mailbox (1925 Furlong Run) at your earliest convenience. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!**

Thank You!