



The Thorough-Read News

Steeplechase Resident Homeowners Association, Inc.

**General Membership Meeting, Thursday, Nov.
17th, 7 PM at the Pool Pavilion—See you there!**

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Steeplechase Board 2011

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Hi neighbors! Happy fall to you! Happy football season! Happy cool weather! Happy 55 or so shopping days until Christmas! (Oops, sorry about that. And we were on such a good roll too.) At any rate, happy fall and we hope you'll all take a minute right now and look out your window. Go ahead, now. Do we not have the prettiest colors around or what? Explosive yellows, vibrant oranges and reds on steroids are all over Steeplechase and we are so fortunate to have all this right in our own backyards. We suggest you take some time and enjoy the beauty we have here and also recommend that once these leaves have fallen, you'll take some additional time and clean them up. At least yours.

Electricity, parties, flowers, cookouts, taxes, ice cream socials, general maintenance, directories, work days, budgeting, Easter egg hunts, meetings, bonfires, hayrides, newsletters, campouts, pine straw, movie nights, communications, insurance, yard sales, pool contracts, lawn care, E-blasts, seasonal decorations and bill paying are just some of the things that help keep Steeplechase a great place to live. All of these things, and more, are in some way touched by the Board Members on the Steeplechase Resident Homeowners Association (SRHA). Board Members are elected to 2-year terms by neighbors who are members of the SRHA. Elections occur each November at the Open Member Meeting which this year is scheduled for **Thursday, November 17** at 7:30pm in the pool pavilion. We hope that all of our neighbors will plan on coming out and attending this Meeting and helping to elect the people who will guide this neighborhood for the upcoming year.

We also hope that some of our neighbors will consider running for positions on the Board as several current Members have completed their terms and will be stepping down. A brief description of each position is published in this Newsletter and will give you an idea of the responsibilities of each one. In addition to helping to direct this neighborhood, being a Board Member offers the opportunity to implement your ideas and share your skills while giving back to the neighborhood. It's a great way to get out and meet your neighbors, get involved and do your part in keeping Steeplechase a great place to live.

Neighbors interested in running for a Board position are encouraged to contact any current Board Member to get on the nomination list or get answers to any questions they may have. Or, just show up on November 17, raise your hand and offer your services. It's the neighborly thing to do and you'll feel better about yourself for doing it. Thanks,

Al

FROM THE COMMUNITY PRESIDENT

Greetings!

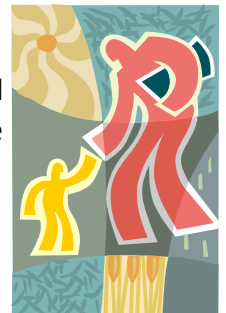
We had an underwhelming response to the workday weekend, a little disappointing, but we have other weekends coming up and we are going to ask your help with some to-do items around the neighborhood. We also have some people leaving the board this year; I am one of them. I have been on the board 7 years out of the last 10, in various positions. It is time for me to bow out and let someone else take their turn.

As Community President I am responsible for the lighting and landscape at the front entrances, I contribute this newsletter every month, help with the budget and generally handle or delegate any problems or issues within the neighborhood. I do get half of my dues paid as a gift and tickets to every major concert and event the Gwinnett Center! (OK, got me there, I only get half off my dues, but I have been dropping hints on the latter, and so far nothing.....)

We have over 400 households, and we have for the most part had a small group of dedicated people that volunteer their time to do these jobs. I have always wondered why more people don't want to get involved in this community. So, I would like those of you that have been standing on the sidelines to consider volunteering for one of these positions coming up in the November meeting.

It's a great way to meet some new people, be a part of something bigger than yourself and you'll have the opportunity to make a difference in your community. So see you at the next meeting, let's see if we can get some new faces on the board, it's a great experience.

Scot Sherwin



FROM THE TREASURER

Well, my time on the board is coming to an end. I have enjoyed the last 2 years serving in the capacity of Treasurer. My time serving has been an eye-opening experience and has really helped me to understand the dynamics and needs of our community. I have realized what a great neighborhood we have and realize all the events that we provide to establish a sense of community.

I hope that you will consider becoming a board member at the November elections. The Treasurer position will be open and is required to update the neighborhood database, pay all expenses, process deposits, handle paypal account and do the yearly tax return. All accounting is done on the Quicken software that is provided.

If you would like more information on possibly running for Treasurer, please feel free to contact me at 770-682-3448.

Thanks,
Klarissa Reese



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.

WE NEED YOU!

Get involved, meet new neighbors and make a difference! If you're interested in one of these Board positions, please contact any board member.

FROM THE SWIM & TENNIS DIRECTOR

Tennis Courts Reservations at Steeplechase

For those New Facility members or Facility Members new to Tennis. Steeplechase uses an online reservation system to sign-up for Tennis Courts: www.reservemycourt.com. Once on the website you will need to create a log-in.

1. Contact swim.tennis@steeplechase.org for the Access Code
2. Select your Home Facility "Steeplechase, Lawrenceville, Ga"
3. Create your custom user name and password.
4. Select "Reservations" from the left column to see the current calendar.
5. You are ready to go.



Here are some guidelines to be aware of:

- If you are playing singles, reservations should be 1 hr.
- If you are playing doubles, reservations should be 2 hrs.
- The website will only allow (2) reservations per 7-day period.
- We have a lot of players currently in T2 or other individual leagues. Be courteous to these players as their matches may run long if they play a competitive 3-Set match.
- Plan accordingly; you have the ability to add Notes or League comments to your reservation. Try not to schedule right after a scheduled League Match to avoid waiting for that match to complete.
- There are (4) Courts available. Courts 1,2 & 3 can be reserved, Court #4 is walk-up only and can not be reserved.
- Courts 1,2& 3 have lights, and can be reserved up to 10 PM every night.
- Reservations and access to the Courts are only available to Paid Facility Members. Facility Members are allowed to invite guests to play, as long as they do not live in Steeplechase. A Facility must be present while guest are playing.
- More detailed rules are found on the website www.steeplechase.org "Facility Info"

Also available on Reserve My Court is Volleyball Court reservation and the Pavilion Rental calendar can be viewed. Pavilion Rental is still handled by contacting secretary@steeplechase.org
As always, enjoy the Facilities, and do not hesitate to contact me with any questions/concerns.

Bryan Schroeder

FROM THE FACILITY PRESIDENT

First, I want to thank the only non-Board members who attended the first neighborhood workday, Saturday November 22nd. The Wagner family came out and mulched the entire playground and most of the front entrance of the pool for us. Thank you Pat, Chris & Bill.

Second, I want to thank everyone who came out to the neighborhood workday, Saturday November 29th. Chad Cross did great work on the electrical problems all around the pool & repaired the deck (near shed) where the joists had separated from the header. Bennett, Isabella, Jenna, Nicole & Susi filled numerous cracks around the pool. John & Donna took down the white canopy at the pool & spread mulch. Ann Michele, Cassidy & Cindy Richards stored said canopy in the shed. Al Cherpak & Scot Sherwin cleaned out/around the fire pit and created a drain to keep rain water from accumulating in and around the fire pit. Thorsten Burau

and Mike Brooks used 12 bags of concrete to repair the sidewalk to courts 3 & 4.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!!

Many people said they'd be unavailable both weekends but wanted to help this coming weekend, November 5th. So there will be a group of us doing it again this weekend. Please send a note to me at facility.president@steeplechase.org to let me know you want to help this weekend and what you want to work on. Thank YOU Steeplechase.

Please plan to attend the Fall Open Member Board Meeting Thursday, November 17 at 7pm. We will be electing Board members. We hope to have toooooo many volunteers for available positions. Come be a bigger part of this GREAT community we are sooooo lucky to have. Thank You!

Jose Gonzalez

FROM THE COMMUNITY SOCIAL DIRECTOR

WOW where has our year gone?! It seems like yesterday, I was planning the back to school social. Now we are preparing for Thanksgiving! The Holidays are upon us. Food, family visits, cooking for hours on end and let us not forget Black Friday! Everyone looks forward to the festive routine, but seems to resent once it's arrived.

So why not make it different this year? Let's keep that anticipation alive. In the spirit of joy, I challenge you to prepare for something unique. Instead of just eating turkey until you pass out, and just going through the motions, prepare for everyone to gather together and give why they are thankful. This has always been a tradition in our family. You never know what the other person may say that they see as important.

This year, we have lost two very close friends. One in particular, I had been trying to visit for some time. Life and a busy schedule with my girls always seemed to get in the way. Then one day, I got a call that he had gone "to bed last night and never woke up." So many regrets came to mind...I didn't say my good bye. I didn't get to say thank you for your friendship. We never know when our last day will be. Life takes



us on many twists and turns. Make the best of what little is left to 2011. Life is busy; activities will always find their way into our calendars. However, don't let regrets make their place in your life. Make the decision that today will be the first day of many happy tomorrows. Be thankful for those in your life and tell them this Thanksgiving!

With that being said, I'd like to extend a huge THANK YOU to everyone that has walked by me these past two years as I attempted to make all the community events a blast. Thank you to all my volunteers, my wonderful girls that never volunteered but unselfishly always agreed to step up to the plate and help mom out during parties. Unfortunately, those days have come to an end.

I have chosen to step down from my position on the board and let some new ideas come in. My first baby is graduating this year. I am going to take advantage of the months ahead to help her with the many decisions, choices and preparations as she nears the day she leaves my nest. Again, many thanks for all your support. I have enjoyed every moment. Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,
Cristina Segura-Cryan

FROM THE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

Happy November! I realize that you've heard your share of "*I can't believe how time flies!*" comments, but it really is crazy how quickly it's November already. Along with planning for Thanksgiving and the upcoming holidays, it's time to start thinking of the upcoming year, 2012.

Many of us start a new year off with a list of well-intentioned resolutions, and we all know that 90 percent of those never come to fruition even after the first month has gone by. Why not start something new? Instead of making a resolution for a whole year, make one for a month—something easier to keep. Say, walking every day. Or, drinking more water, watching less TV, not yelling so much at the kids (OK, maybe that's just me!), etc. Then once a month has gone by, this activity we have chosen has had time to either become a good habit or not. Research tells us that it takes approximately 30 days to turn an activity into a habit. You can then move on to the *next* resolution... And so on.

While on the topic of resolutions, why don't you consider getting to know your neighbors better? Being a more active member of your community? Having a sense of pride and belonging to a wonderful subdivision? A great way to do this is to become a Steeplechase Board member. Please consider this and join us November 17th at the General Membership Meeting. I hope to see you all there.

Sandy Parris

GARDEN CLUB CORNER

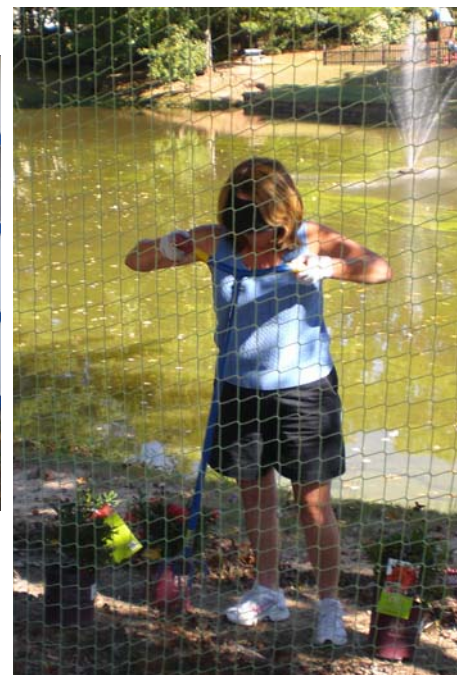
By Sally Campbell

A special "Thanks!" to the following people who helped plant azaleas and hollies at our "Pre-Workday Planting" day on Saturday Oct. 17: Denny Holmquist, Donna Redmond, Geri Taran, Bill Campbell, Al Cherpak, Paula Wofford, and Mary, AJ and Isabella Gonzalez and Nancy Orrico. We had a great time "playing" in the dirt!

Azaleas were planted between the volleyball court and the pond, and hollies were planted outside the pavilion windows. An extra thanks to Nancy Orrico for making sure our new plantings are watered and to Geri Taran for remembering to bring her camera so that we can share a few photos.

By the time you receive this newsletter, the November Yard of the Month winner(s) will have been chosen. Our neighborhood was full of fun and spooky Halloween decorations. Congratulations to all of our goblins, ghosts and other frightful contestants!

If you are interested in participating in the garden club, or have garden news to share, please contact us at garden-club@steeplechase.org. New members are always welcome.





STANDARD TIME STARTS NOVEMBER 6TH AT 2 AM

- **Daylight Saving Time begins** for most of the United States at 2 a.m. on the **second Sunday of March**.
- Time **reverts to standard time** at 2 a.m. on the **first Sunday of November**. In the U.S., each time zone switches at a different time.

Twice a year, when **Daylight Saving Time begins** or **ends**, make it a habit to not only change your clocks, but do a few other semi-annual tasks that will **improve safety in your home... Do these things every 6 months when you reset your clocks:**

- **Check and replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms.** Replace any smoke alarms older than ten years. Replace any CO alarms older than five years.
- Prepare a disaster supply kit for your house (*water, food, flashlights, batteries, blankets*). Once you've created your home disaster kit, use the semi-annual time change to check its contents (*including testing/replacing flashlight batteries*).

A COLD winter is coming! Make a "winter car-emergency kit" **now** and put your vehicle! (*Don't know what to include? Do an Internet search for "car emergency kit" and you'll find lots of ideas!*)

It's a good idea to carry a *car-emergency kit* in your car year-round, but be sure to add cold-weather gear to your general car-emergency kit each fall. (*Having a separate duffle/gear bag clearly marked "Cold Gear" specifically for your cold weather emergency gear makes it easy to add or take out of the car, seasonally.*) Like a Boy Scout, "Be Prepared!" In cold weather, even a very minor car problem or flat tire can be deadly serious, or at the very least, *miserable* to deal with, unless you're well prepared.

Remember to check the AGE of your detectors! The U. S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) suggests not only to check/change batteries in alarms, but also check the age of the alarms and replace older alarms. The CPSC suggests that consumers

Replace smoke alarms every ten years and **replace carbon monoxide (CO) alarms every five years.**

Sensors in smoke and carbon monoxide alarms degrade and **lose effectiveness** over time through environmental contamination and age.

ALSO... in addition to smoke detectors and CO detectors, the semi-annual time change is also a great time to change **ALL the batteries in the house** - clocks, controls with backup timers (*thermostats, irrigation, outdoor lighting, water conditioners*), phone accessories, flashlights, and portable electronics... And remember to discard the used batteries properly.

FROM THE FACILITY SOCIAL DIRECTOR

As 2011 comes to a close and we prepare for 2012, we need someone to fill the Facility Social Director position. If you like to plan events, this is a perfect way for you to serve your community. The Facility Social Director plans and implements Facility Summer Family events (Memorial Day and 4th of July or Labor Day parties, Movies on the Green) and 1 Adult party, contributes to the newsletter and assists as needed with membership recruitment and other projects. As a board member, you also help guide the direction of the association by attending the board meetings and voting on association matters. You must be a paid Facility Member.

We'll be electing our new officers at the Nov. 17 General Membership Meeting - if you are interested in this position and/or would like more information, please contact me at facility.social@steepchase.org.

Sally Campbell

NOVEMBER YARDS OF THE MONTH

The following yards won the Halloween-inspired Yard of the Month Awards:



FIRST PLACE:

Keith & Gayanne Hamby
2500 Bechers Brook

SECOND PLACE:

Bobby & Sherrie Ragsdale
1320 Steeple Run—Aka "Horror Hill"



THIRD PLACE:

Ed & Diane Mullens
1101 Steeple Run

FOURTH PLACE:

Bill & Pat Wagner
1380 Warrenton Hunt



Planning a Party? Rent the Pool Pavilion!

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The pavilion is great for family potlucks, birthdays, sports parties, or any other reason to celebrate.

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770/546-7459 or at
secretary@steeplechase.org



Rodgie & Tracy Leggett
& Family
1162 Malvern Hunt

Gene Benikhis & Ivonne Gonzalez
& Family
2090 Hedge Row

Kenneth & Jenny Hathorne
& Family
1391 Warrenton Hunt

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**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH—7 PM
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We will be holding Board elections and discussing important neighborhood issues—please make sure one member of every paid household is in attendance!

