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Steeplechase Resident Homeowner's Association, Inc. 1925 Furlong Run, Lawrenceville, GA 30043



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'Hop' to see you at the Community Easter Party!

Join us for the annual Easter Party at the Pavilion on Saturday, April 10th at 12 noon. Bring the whole family for egg hunts, food, treats and a Moonwalk!

*In order to plan a great party for all, we ask that you please **RSVP by April 6th** to Sandy Parris: (770)822-0437 or at community.social@steeplechase.org*

Steeplechase Social & Events Calendar, 2004

This year promises to be a great one at Steeplechase. Our goal is to make sure that our community and facility members get the most for their memberships, and we have planned many social events for all ages. Check out the following dates and be sure to mark them in your calendars at home (dates may change – will advise via this newsletter).

Date	Event	For Whom	Contact
Apr 10	Children's Easter Party	Community & Facility	Sandy Parris
Apr 23-24	Spring Garage Sale	Community & Facility	Sandy Parris
May 1	Neighborhood Work Day For ALL Residents! See list, page 9 (May 8th, if rained out on the 1st)		
May 13-16	N. Gwinnett Friends Tennis Tournament	Community & Facility	Nancy Orrico, Michelle Clark & Renee Foster
May 19	Home Invasion Prevention	All	(see page 7)
May 21-22	Annual Fishing Tourn'y	Community & Facility	Nate Orrico
May 29	Steeplechase Pool Opens	Facility	Bill Neidert
May 31	Memorial Day Parade/ Pool Party	Community & Facility	Sandy Parris & Bud Fletcher
Jul 4	July 4th Pool Party	Facility	Bud Fletcher
Oct 1-2	Fall Garage Sale	Community & Facility	Sandy Parris
Oct 30	Children's Halloween Party	Community & Facility	Sandy Parris

See below for other events under development:

Season	Event	For Whom	Contact
Spring	Steeplechase at Post Time	Community & Facility	Sandy Parris
Summer	Family Bingo Night	Community & Facility	Sandy Parris
Aug/Sept	Adult Party	Facility	Bud Fletcher
Fall	Wine/Food Sampling	Community & Facility	Sandy Parris

We welcome any suggestions, comments and help. See you soon!



Words from our Presidents

► Spring is in full force with the flowers and trees blooming and the grass turning green. That means it's time to improve our neighborhood.

There is a **Workday** scheduled for **Saturday May 1st**. We need a **big** showing this year to be able to complete everything that needs to be done. This is how we keep dues as low as possible – by using volunteers to do a lot of the maintenance needed to keep our neighborhood looking its best.

What needs to be done? We have a big wish list! Turn to page 9 of this issue for the complete list. There will be lunch for everyone who participates in the work day.

Bill Neidert, Facility President

Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless. - Mother Teresa

► CONGRATULATIONS, Community Members!!!

We're already at over 50% Participation. KEEP COMING; help us reach our goal!!!

We had a good gathering for St. Patty's Day at the Post Time Pub. Wish you all could've been there. Check the calendar of events for our next event.

I'd like to suggest everyone join the community garage sale rather than hold individual garage sales. Without a doubt, you'll get more traffic from the community effort. Thanks!

REMINDER: Please help us reach our goal of 100% membership this year... JOIN TODAY! WE NEED YOU...

Nate Orrico
Community President



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Getting Involved!

by Scot Sherwin, Chairman

► Hey Everyone: Well, Spring is here, the trees will start sprouting their leaves again, and it's time to get out of our holes and spend more time outside. A great opportunity to get out and meet your neighbors!

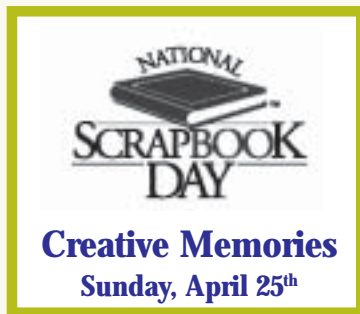
Last month I mentioned that it is up to ALL of us to get involved in this community. How do you get involved? You may be asking yourself, "I don't know anyone; what might I be able to contribute? I am only one person." Don't let this deter you. Volunteer for a workday, or to help fold the newsletters. Participate in scheduled community activities and social events. Our neighbors are very friendly, and you'll make friends quickly.

I have asked the social committee to come up with some ideas for us to get together and meet. Here are a few suggestions:

- A poker night for you gamblers (don't worry, not the stakes onTV)
- Re-establishing a garden club; Starting a golfing group
- Monday night football at PostTime
- Currently, we have Bunko (social time for the women)
- There are all types of tennis teams in the neighborhood (ask Dan Clough if your interested).
- I play the drums and I would like to have a neighborhood band, so any lead or bass players, or any other musicians out there that would like to get together on occasion and just play – let me know. Who knows, we could be famous one day!

If you have any other suggestions, tell our social directors, Sandy Parris or Bud Fletcher. We want this to be the BEST community in this area!! Always looking forward to your comments, compliments and complaints.

Scot Sherwin – Chair, Board of Directors



Creative Memories
Sunday, April 25th

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No matter what stage of life you are in – school, career, children, retirement or anything in between – you have an opportunity to remember the past and to capture moments in the present.

Creative Memories

NATIONAL SCRAPBOOK DAY

Only 60 seats are available, so REGISTER NOW!

Event fee of \$30 includes 3 classes, non-stop cropping, handouts, terrific give-aways, layout ideas, new products, snacks, and a BBQ Dinner.

(This event ALWAYS sells out. You must pre-register soon to ensure availability of a space).

Sunday, April 25th

1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Pam Wilkinson

Creative Memories Consultant & Steeplechase Resident

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Steeplechase

Community Bulletin Board

Congratulations to SCOTT WHERRY!

Scott is a former SteepleStation Stingray, and has been chosen as the AJC Gwinnett Swimmer of the Year!!!

Wishing you all the best, Scott. Your neighbors and family are proud of you!

Wall Fund Sponsors

Thanks to the following who have made contributions to the Steeplechase Entrance Wall Fund:

- Amy & Mike Hutchins
- Naron & Betty Searcy
- Elizabeth & Paul Nauert
- Sam & Vicki Sayegh
- Darren & Michelle Clark

Wall Fund total to-date: \$340

Please consider making a contribution to the wall fund. In addition to donations, we will be doing events throughout the year to increase our fund. Every little bit will help!

Calling all ladies

Calling all ladies — do you want a ladies night out? Come join us for neighborhood Bunko.

What, you've never played Bunko before? Not to worry, no skill involved and you can learn in about 5 seconds! (Plus it's more about the social than the competition!) We play monthly at different homes in the neighborhood.

If you're interested in joining us and meeting some of your neighbors, call **Jenny Stebbins** at 770-995-7304.



Hop on Down!

Join us for the annual Steeplechase Easter Party! Bring the kids on Saturday, **April 10th** at **12 noon** for a hoppin' good time: Egg Hunts, Pizza, Fun and Games!

Please RSVP by **April 6th** to Sandy Parris: (770)822-0437, or at community.social@steeplechase.org

Brinks Security Offer

Brinks is offering Steeplechase owners Free Installation (\$99 value) plus a \$75 donation to GTCA.

GTCA is the neighborhood "umbrella" organization of which the Steeplechase Home Owners' Association is a member. GTCA monitors zoning requests, proposals for land use, county ordinances (as they pertain to our subdivisions), and allows member boards to obtain volume discounts on supplies and services.

In the Zone...

I wanted to give everyone an update on the 528 apartment home zoning. It was **denied** at the Board of Commissioners meeting, 5-0!

Classifieds

Horseback Riding Lessons, Pony Rides, Birthday Parties

Great outside activity for all ages on a gentle horse. Reasonable prices, flexible schedule. Walk-ins welcome with a call ahead. 404-375-1524, or 770-995-3259, or email Sandi: sdhorne@charter.net.

Kudos again to **Paula Hastings**, GTCA Zoning and Land Use Chairman and her team! We are able to be heard and to make a difference! — Pam Ledbetter

More Updates - The proposed cell tower on Sever Rd will instead be co-located on the tower on Tab Roberts.

The County has confirmed that sidewalks will be installed on our side of Sever Road from Lake Washington to N. Brown Road within the next year. They are making every effort to protect our plantings, but may need to take out a few trees at the ditch near Steeple Run in order to pipe and cover it. — Peggy Boydstone

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COMMUNITY WORKDAY, Saturday, May 1ST AT 9:00

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

It's time for Spring cleaning! Mark your calendars for the Steeplechase Garage Sale: Fri & Sat, **April 23 - 24**, from 8AM - 3PM.

The cost is **\$5 per household**, and includes:

- Ads in Gwinnett Daily Post and AJC
- Signs on main roads and in neighborhood
- One balloon per mailbox

RSVP by Monday April 19th by dropping off payment at 2208 Sandown Drive. Make checks out to SRHA and **include your street address**.

Note: Balloons will be tied to Pavilion fence each morning for pickup — one balloon per household, please. Please pay the small fee to participate. It's worth it! Questions? Contact Sandy Parris at (770)822-0437 or email community.social@steeplechase.org



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In the Zone, (continued)

In other news...the BOC approved a cell phone tower at the Old Peachtree Rd. Baptist Church. The one on Sever, however, was withdrawn. All neighbors should be applauded for their efforts and hard work. Look for an upcoming Brian Feagans AJC article on these controversial cell tower placements, with possible quotes from some of these residents.

Thanks to you all - *Paula Hastings 404.290.3764 (cell)*

Legal Issues

We continue to work on the reorganization of our Homeowner's Association. The proposal is to create a Permanent Community Membership in order protect our property values. This will not affect or include Facility Membership. The first draft of the By Laws revision is complete and will be posted soon on the website for your comments and suggestions. We are also writing Protective Covenants for your consideration, which should be ready for review in the next month or two. None of these will take affect until voted on at a community meeting later this year. Please send your thoughts and helpful suggestions to my email address, legal.budget@steeplechase.org - *Peggy Boydstone*

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Dollars & Sense!

– by Michelle Clark, Treasurer

Thanks to all the neighbors who have already joined for the year. It's not too late to join!

My money-saving tip for the month deals with **long distance telephone service**.

Our choices these days are amazing! Some of you have dropped your home phone line and only operate off of a cell phone or prepaid long distance cards/plans. Others have one phone line that is used for their phones, computers and faxes, while still others have multiple phone lines in their housees. Each of you will need to decide which scenario works best for you, but there are many savings opportunities in each case.

Check your long distance bill for the following:

- **Bill Printing Fee** — some companies now charge for a bill! If

you're willing to get an electronic bill, you can save a couple bucks a month.

- **Monthly Fees** — Some companies charge a monthly fee for a certain price per minute. If you are a high volume user, this may be the best option for you. But, if you don't use much long distance, there are companies out there that offer low rates & no monthly fees.
- **Price Per Minute** — Check your price per minute. You may be surprised to find that you are no longer getting your original rate. Some of the long distance carriers switch you to a new plan when the other one "expires".
- **Usage Fee or Minimum Charges** — some companies require that you spend a certain amount each month with them or you will be charged a usage fee.

Clark Howard's well-known site, www.clarkhoward.com, has a good overview of the best deals in long distance and seems to be updated frequently. Look under Hot Topics, Long Distance.

Another site, telebright.com/srStartConsumer.asp, shows the rates of all available telecommunications companies, and allows you to see an estimate of your bill with each. Check it out!

If you do decide to switch long distance companies and you've been with the same company for a long time, you may be pleasantly surprised to receive a check to switch back. You can try out the new company and if you're not satisfied, change back to your tried and true company with a little extra money in your pocket!

Happy Savings!
Michelle



It can sometimes be difficult to decide whether or not you truly are on track. Should you refinance your current mortgage? Should you pay additional principle to pay your mortgage off more quickly? Should you refinance your loan to a shorter term? Should you take some cash-out to invest? Or should you keep what you've got?

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Crime Corner

by Charlie Baylot

On **May 19th** we will have our first annual meeting of the COPS personnel and homeowners.

If you have read your paper closely, you are no doubt aware that **Home Invasions** in our area are on the rise. This is a very difficult situation, and we must be prepared to ensure that this does not happen to us.

COPS has arranged for a presentation by "**Southeast Crime Prevention**", a local group dedicated to teaching homeowners & neighborhood

organizations such as ours, how to prepare ourselves to meet this safety challenge.

This **FREE** COPS meeting on **Home Invasion Prevention** will be held at our Pavillion at 7PM, on **May 19th**. There is no charge, and we invite everyone living in Steeplechase to attend.

The speaker for SCP is dynamic and interesting. We promise - you won't be bored! Our Chairman has attended a program by this group, and gives them a hearty "two thumbs up!"

Please remember what the Boy Scouts have taught us: "BE PREPARED."

Charlie Baylot, COPS Captain



Make yourself heard!

Send your letters, articles, and ads by email to the Steeplechase newsletter: communications@steeplechase.org, or call 678.377.5491. **Submission deadline is the 15th of the month.**

"The time is **always right** to do what is right."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
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STEEPLECHASE ENROLLMENT FORM

March 1, 2004 – February 28, 2005

Community – The 2004 Community Dues are \$45. By joining the Community, you are doing your share to help maintain our entrances beautifully landscaped and well lit – features which positively affect your home's property value. In addition, you will continue to receive the newsletter, enjoy children's parties and parades, and much more.

Facility – Become a 2004 Facility Member! You and your family will enjoy all of the Community benefits, as well as the use of the swimming pool (with lifeguards), tennis courts, playground, fishing pond, volleyball court and more. You are also eligible to attend members-only parties.



Please fill out completely and turn in with your check payable to SRHA.



One of the following: I wish to join the Community only for \$45

I wish to join the Community AND Facility for \$458

Name: _____ Spouse's Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ *e-mail: _____

**To be used only for newsletters, crime alerts and special community announcements; Will NOT be published in the directory!*

1. Would you like to be listed in the 2004 Steeplechase Community Directory? ___ yes ___ no
2. Are there any children in your household who baby sit or do yard work? (to be marked in the Directory)
___yes ___no
3. The Newsletters will be delivered ONLINE. Do you need to receive a paper copy?
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**Facility payment of \$458 includes Community Membership.*

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2. Mail payment to:

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3. **or** Break the membership cost into payments, by using the website! Just follow the instructions online at www.steeplechase.org/payment.asp and sign up for the Payment Plan with PayPal.

Steeplechase Subdivision “2004 Adopt a Project”

Workday May 1st, 2004

Below are the projects and tasks that will be the basis for the May 1st Workday (Rain Date: May 8th). We need your help. Please contact Bruce Bagnasco at 770 962-0788 or 678 417-4031 if you would like to volunteer to be a project leader, or contact a project leader & arrange to help out with a particular project. Plans are to complete the projects prior to, or during the Workday.

Please mark your calendar for the Workday and come out and help Saturday (9:00 AM), May 1st (or May 8th - Rain Date).

No.	Category	Project or Task	Project Leader	Phone No.
1	Cleanup	Clean debris and tennis balls from pond		
2	Cleanup	Pick-up litter around parking lot, woods & pond		
3	Cleanup	Pick-up litter in woods along path to tennis courts 3 & 4	Darren Clark	770 963-4845
4	Cleanup	Clean pavilion floor, walls, counters and cabinets	Sandy Parris	770 822-0437
5	Cleanup	Clean out barbecue in pool deck area	Bud Fletcher	770 962-8718
6	Repairs	Repair bricks and metal grill on barbecue near pool	Bruce Bagnasco	770 962-0788
7	Repairs	Repair cracks and damage to brick walls at Steeple Run/Sever Road entrance	Bruce Bagnasco	770 962-0788
8	Repairs	Repair termite damage to pavilion/canopy post between courts 3 & 4		
9	Repairs	Replace missing roof boards on playground fort and stain them brown		
10	Maintenance	Fill around exposed footing on bridge between courts 3 & 4		
11	Maintenance	Tie-down screens & bottom of fences on all tennis courts	Dan Clough	770 963-6766
12	Maintenance	Cut down/remove trees from dam at far end of pond	Nate Orrico	770 962-4668
13	Maintenance	Remove concrete dam in stream between courts #3 & #4	Bill Neidert	770 995-7641
14	Maintenance	General Maintenance for Volleyball Court		
15	Lighting	Check lighting and replace burned-out bulbs at pavilion between courts 3 & 4		
16	Lighting	Check lighting and replace motion detector at tennis court sign-up sheets		
17	Paint/Stain	Paint pavilion interior walls		
18	Paint/Stain	Stain wood fence around playground with BROWN stain		
19	Paint/Stain	Paint blue handicap symbol in handicap parking space		
20	Flowers	Plant flowers in planters at tennis court #4 & along back of pool buildings	Sandy Parris	770 822-0437
21	Flowers	Plant flowers at entrances	Peggy Boydston	770 963-1572
22	Paint/Stain	Sand and paint entrance doors on storage building and filter pump building		
23	Paint/Stain	Apply wood sealer to canopy over pool deck		
24	Maintenance	Pressure-wash outside of facility buildings as needed		
25	Maintenance	Trim tree limbs along wood fence by pool area		

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BE THERE!!! (May 8th Rain Date)

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