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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
May 1	Neighborhood Work Day For ALL Residents!	See list, page 6	
	(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 15	Steeplechase Pool Opens (tentative)	Facility	Bill Neidert
May 19	Home Invasion Prevention	All	(see page 7)
May 21-22	Annual Fishing Tourn'y	Community & Facility	Nate Orrico
May 31	Memorial Day Parade/ Pool Party	Community & Facility	Sandy Parris & Bud Fletcher
Jul 4	July 4th Pool Party	Facility	Bud Fletcher
Sat, Aug 7	Kindergarten Social	Comm & Fac	Sandy Parris
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
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!

— Sandy Parris and Bud Fletcher

Pool Opens May 15th

The pool hours : **11am – 9pm.**
 Lifeguard guard hours to be determined.

See **Swim Team schedule** and
 Facility President's article on Facility I.D.s



Words From Our Presidents . . .

► **To All Homeowners!**

Spring is here and it's time to get geared up for a great summer in Steeplechase. Our new pool company, "Swim Atlanta," is hard at work preparing the pool for opening day. The **pool** should be swim-ready on Saturday, **May 15th**. The pool hours will remain the same as last year: 11am – 9pm. We are still working on the lifeguard hours. If you see any issues with the pool, please let me know.

Security System: If you are a returning member from last year, your pool security card still works. If you are a new member you should be receiving your pool access card. If you have not received it yet, please call me and I will get you one. Remember that if you lose your security card, it is \$5 charge to get a new one.

Bill Neidert, Facility President

► **You're Needed for Community Work Day, May 1st!**

Thanks to all who have become community members; for those who haven't paid yet, there's still time! We need you! Speaking of 'needing you', please plan to give an hour for our **workday** session, **Saturday, May 1st**. **No special skills needed.**

I am sorry to report that the **Annual Fishing Tournament** scheduled for Friday, May 21 will have to be **postponed**. The annual draining of the pool water into the pond somehow destroyed all the fish this year. We plan to restock the pond when the water is safe and expect to hold the event sometime in August. I'll set a date in the June newsletter.

As a reminder, the **Tennis** Tournament is open to all residents of Steeplechase and that's a great way to meet your neighbors. Plan to enter and have a fun-filled weekend, **May 13-16**. I assure you'll have a great time!

If you're not a tennis player but want to join us for the party Saturday night at 6:00 p.m., bring a \$25 check payable to CHOA [**Children's Healthcare of Atlanta**] for admission for two adults. It's a charitable donation and is tax deductible. Hope to see you!

Thanks, Nate Orrico, Community President

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► **Pre-Game Party & Georgia Force Arena Football 3/27 Update:**

Thanks to all of the residents (30+) who participated in our Pre-Game party and attended the Georgia Force game. A special thanks to Darren Clark and Nate Orrico for their help with flipping the burgers. The party went smoothly and everyone seemed to have a good time! - Bud Fletcher

► **Memorial Day Parade and Picnic:**

Who: All paid Community and Facility members

When & Where: **Mon. May 31st**

- Parade - 11am, Dean Rd Entrance
- Picnic - noon to 4pm at the Pavilion and Pool



Join the Memorial Day Parade!

Go crazy with red, white & blue! Decorate your car,

bike, wagon, stroller, etc. and participate in the annual Steeplechase Memorial Day Parade.

Meet at the **Dean Road** entrance at **11:00 AM** on **Memorial Day, May 31st**, and follow the parade route to the facility entrance. Prizes will be awarded to our neighbors who show their creativity, patriotism and enthusiasm!

If you don't want to march, we encourage you to cheer on your neighbors throughout the parade route. Come out for lots of fun and community spirit! - Sandy Parris

Picnic - RSVP by May 24th

Bring your Family to enjoy the picnic and socialize with your friends at the Pavilion / Pool.

- Picnic, (continued)

Rob Clark will be the DJ to provide great music and lots of pool fun. There will be some giveaways at this event.

The main dish (BBQ & hot dogs) and a side dish will be provided. Please **bring your own soft drinks or beverages** (remember, no glass containers are allowed). It isn't required, but if you can, bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

Please make reservations by calling Bud Fletcher (770)962-8718 or Sandy Parris (770)822-0437 by **May 24th**. This will help us properly plan for the picnic. Hope to see everyone at the Parade and Picnic! - Bud Fletcher

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Steeplechase Community Bulletin Board

► Wall Fund Sponsors

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

Gay & Robert Nylen
Scot Sherwin

Wall Fund total to-date: \$450

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!

► It's a Good Cause!

Don't forget to sign up for the **15th Annual Children's Healthcare of Atlanta** tennis tournament. This year's tournament is being held May 13th - 16th. To learn more and to sign up, visit www.steeplechase.org/tournament.

Neighborhood Work Day

Sat, May 1, 9:00 A.M.

See the **Project List** on page 6 for Projects & Phone #'s so you'll know where to meet. **If in doubt, go to the Pavilion!** (Rain Date is May 8th).

► Getting Involved!



by Scot Sherwin,
Chairman

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

There is a work day scheduled for **Saturday May 1st**. We need a big showing this year to be able to complete everything that needs to be done. There will be lunch for everyone who participates in the work day.

Steeple Station Stingrays

Late sign-ups for **Swim Team** are still possible. Call Debbie Blackmon at 770.962.7592 for information. More about "Stingrays" on page 10.



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Wecome, New Neighbors!

by Cathie Weschrek &
Donna Redmond

These are the new neighbors we have greeted this month. If you have a new neighbor and we overlooked them, please let us know! We want to welcome EVERYONE as they move in.

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► **Easter Party: A Hoppin' Success**

It was great to see so many neighbors and their kids at the annual Easter Party. Aside from the perfect weather, I am so grateful to all the folks who helped ensure this party went off without a hitch. A very special Thank You to **Phyllis Peninger** for helping me clean, set up, take down, and for her face-painting expertise; I saw lots of cute bunnies and some fierce tigers, too! Thanks also to **Stacy Hemphill** and her fiance, **Vinnie**, for helping with just about everything. **Tim Peninger** and **Chris** (my hubby) - thanks for doing all the grunt work!

Lastly, I want to send a huge THANK YOU to some **special young men and women** who came out early and offered to help, with a smile on their faces and (gasp!) without being asked! I wish I knew your last names but when I see you again, I'll make sure your moms and dads know how great you are. I hope all of you had a wonderful Easter. - Sandy Parris

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		



Dollars & Sense!

– by Michelle Clark, Treasurer

With the price of gas at all time highs, below are some tips on how to save money on gas:

- Keep your car tuned up. Cars in poor running condition use more gasoline.
- Plan trips well to avoid unnecessary driving or car pool when possible.
- Use air conditioning sparingly. When you run your a/c you get much worse gas mileage.
- Keep your windows closed when traveling at high speeds. Open windows add drag and lower your gas mileage.
- Check your tire pressure. Over-inflated tires can actually

reduce your fuel efficiency, so don't overfill.

- If at all possible, change your work hours to avoid gridlock. Stop-and-go traffic hurts your gas mileage.
- Take unneeded items out of the car (to reduce the weight).
- Try not to idle your engine for long periods of time.
- Do not accelerate or brake hard.
- Try to drive the speed limit.
- No need to buy the highest priced gasoline. Most cars are built to run on regular unleaded. Check your owner's manual or consult a mechanic.

- Revving the engine needlessly wastes gas.
- Walk, bike, or run to your intended location whenever possible.
- And last, the biggest and most important step towards saving money on gas is always try to purchase vehicles that get good gas mileage. The difference between 20 miles-per-gallon and 40 miles-per-gallon is huge.

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Please give us a couple of hours of your time on

May 1st! Bring your teens to help. See page 6 for a list of projects for which we need volunteers!



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► **From your Community Legal & Budget Director**

Zoning Updates

Thanks to all of you who heard about the Cell Tower proposed for Sever Road and contacted our County Commissioner, Marcia Neaton. Due to neighborhood opposition, the application was withdrawn. They will be co-locating the transmitter on the tower on Tab Roberts Road, so we can expect better reception when that is installed, and we won't have another eyesore in our community.

We met with our Planning Commissioner, Lorraine Green, about the proposed townhomes on Old Peachtree at Satellite Blvd. Due to her support of neighborhood opposition, the request has been withdrawn.

We continue to work on the reorganization of our Homeowner's Association. The proposal is to create a Permanent Community Membership in order to protect our property values by maintaining a high-quality, active community. 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 effect until voted on at a community meeting later this year. Please send your ideas and helpful suggestions to me: legal.budget@steeplechase.org

In another bit of good news, we met with representatives from the County, and 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 Boydston

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► Graduation Banners

The Steeplechase Board will be placing a banner at each entrance to the neighborhood congratulating all graduates.

Community members are encouraged to get together and have companion banners made listing individual names — at their expense. (See details at right). Here are some guidelines to follow:

1. All listed must be from a **paid** Community or Facility Member household.
2. There should be three identical banners made - one for each entrance.
3. All Community and Facility members should have the opportunity to participate. (Their membership must be in good standing).
4. Banner content and format must be submitted to and approved by the Board prior to printing.



To Families of 2004 Graduates

We want to share in your pride by congratulating all upcoming graduates in the June issue of the *Thorough-Read News*. If you would like your child's name listed in the newsletter, please reply by **May 15th** via email at **communications@steeplechase.org**; include the graduate's name and their school, as well as that of their parents.*

(*Only children of paid Community or Facility Members will be listed).

► Graduation Banners - More Information

Michelle Tyler and **Regina Pruett** have volunteered to be the coordinators for this year's graduation banners. Anyone with graduating seniors from the local high schools or colleges can call them to have their names put on the banner.

You must be a Member in good standing of the Steeplechase Community or Facility.

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► **Steeple Station Stingrays-
Swim Team Schedule** -Debbie Blackmon

Facility Members: READ THIS - even if you aren't on the team! Please do NOT book the pavillion around the time following home meets without understanding that you could have your event 'bumped' due to a swim meet "make up date."

Swim Team Optional STROKE CLINICS
Monday May 17- Thurs May 20

4:30 - 5:00 p.m. 6 and unders
5:05 - 5:35 p.m. 8 and unders
5:40 - 6:10 p.m. 10 and unders
6:15 - 6:45 p.m. 11 and older

Featured Stroke of the day: Monday Freestyle, Tuesday Backstroke, Wed. Breaststroke (Freestyle again for 6 and unders), Thursday Butterfly (Backstroke for 6 and unders). Class limit: 6 swimmers each.

Cost: \$8 per child per day. Pick and choose. Volume price: \$30 per swimmer for all 4 days. Contact **Coach Lindsay Sullivan** linds261@yahoo.com or call 770-314-6803 cell.

Swim Team Practice Schedule

Facility members please take note. These practice times are not available for regular swimming, but May weekends are open for anyone. In summer the pool opens at 11:00 for regular swimmers.

AFTER-SCHOOL SCHEDULE:

May 17-20 Practice begins for Teenagers only. 13/14, 15 & ups start from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. at Steeplechase Pool (bring shoes to run and suit to swim!)


May 24 - May 27 (all ages at Steeplechase Pool) 3:15 - 4:45 p.m. 13/14 and 15 & ups - Bring shoes to run and suits to swim! (or see below - can attend another practice time)

May 24 - May 27, (continued)
4:15 - 4:45 p.m. 6 & unders
4:45 - 5:30 p.m. 8 & unders
5:30 - 6:15 p.m. 10 & unders
6:15 - 7:15 p.m. 11/12's and any other 13/14's or 15 & up who can't make it to early practice

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SUMMER SCHEDULE

Begins June 1st (no practice on Memorial Day)
7:45 - 9:00 a.m. 13/14 and 15 & ups at Jefferson Station (Mon-Wed) & Steeple Chase (Thurs)
8:00 - 9:00 a.m. 11/12's at SteepleChase (Mon - Wed) & Jefferson Station (Thurs)
9:00 - 9:45 a.m. 10 & unders
9:45 - 10:30 a.m. 8 & unders
10:30 - 11:00 a.m. 6 & unders
11:15 - 12:15 stroke clinics after practice by signups!

Coach Lindsay Sullivan, the Swim Team Head Coach, will be offering **private swim lessons** throughout June and the early part of July. Please call at 770-339-1834 if interested.

The meet schedule affects the Steeplechase pool for HOME meets. A home meet may involve an additional day if the weather does not permit us to finish a meet. Facility members please keep this in mind when planning an event at the pavillion near the home meet days. Set-up for home meets begins at 5 p.m. and the pool is closed to regular swimmers at that time. Facility members may use the Jefferson Station pool during HOME meets & during pool hours.

Season Swim Meet Schedule:

June 3 Practice Meet - Steeplechase Pool (HOME)

June 10 Away to Rivermoore Park
June 17 Away to Timber Ridge

June 24 HOME - Morning View

June 29 Away to Sugarloaf TPC

July 8 HOME - Meadow Trace

July 13 HOME - Duluth Thunderbolts



▶ STEEPLECHASE ENROLLMENT FORM

March 1, 2004 – February 28, 2005

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It's time again for the **Steeplechase Community Directory** to be published. We will begin working on the 2004 issue very soon. Remember, you must be a Community or Facility Member in good-standing for 2004-2005 in order for your name to appear in the book. Our goal is to have the books ready to distribute by July 1st.

Remember, your kids under 18 can advertise for FREE by indicating the kinds of jobs they will perform, such as baby-sitting, yard work, etc. This information will appear by their parents' names in the directory. (No kids' names will be listed - for their protection and privacy).

IMPORTANT: If you paid your dues online through PayPal, you may need to contact us, as we have no way to tell whether you wish to appear in the directory or not. Please don't overlook this - we don't want a bunch of people mad after the book is published! **Contact the directory listings manager at admin@steeplechase.org by June 1st if you paid through PayPal and wish to be in the directory.** (This is only for people who paid online or have yet to pay. If you sent in the paper form with your payment, no further action is needed.) We're sorry for the inconvenience, and hope to have a smoother system in place next year.

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Please email or call for ad size guidelines and to reserve your space! Deadline for copy and artwork is **June 1, 2004**, but you should send payment now to assure that you get the space you want. (**In the event that two payments for the same space are received on the same day, our regular newsletter advertisers will receive preference, as a "thank you" for their on-going support.*)



Newsletter Ad Rates & Sizes

Business Ads:

- Half pg, \$25, (4.5"H x 7.5"W)
- 1/4 pg, \$15, (4.5"H x 3.5"W)
- Business card, \$5

Classified/General Ads:

- Classified ad, \$5
- Kids 18 & Under, FREE
(for paid Community or Facility member families).

Send ads to:

Pamela Wilkinson
2540 Bechers Brook
Lawrenceville, GA 30043

Call: 678.377.5491, or
send email to:
communications@steeplechase.org

Deadline for ads and articles:

The deadline for each issue is the **15th** of the preceeding month.

► Missed Emails?

If you email the newsletter editor and do NOT receive a confirmation within 24 hours, your message may have been stopped by a spam filter. We value your input, and respond to every email we receive, so if you don't hear back from us, PLEASE CALL!

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COMMUNITY WORKDAY, Saturday, May 1ST AT 9:00 a.m.

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

SRHA 1925 Furlong Run, Lawrenceville, GA 30043

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Don't forget –

- **Your Community & Facility Dues. Send them in now!**
- **May 1st - Neighborhood* Work Day!**

* If you live in Steeplechase, please show up and help keep our subdivision looking its best!

(see our Project List on page 6).

- **May 13 - 16 N. Gwinnett Friends Tennis Tournament Benefit**
- **May 31st - Annual Memorial Day Extravaganza!**

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