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## Urgent – Action Needed

From Peggy Boydston, Legal and Budget Director

### Rezoning Alert

#### *Townhouses proposed on Sever Road!*

There will be a Planning Commission meeting Wednesday, September 22, and County Commission meeting **Tuesday, September 28**, both at 7 p.m. at the Gwinnett County Justice and Administration Building, 75 Langley Drive in L'ville.

The property on **Sever Road across from Jefferson Station**, on which we successfully fought rezoning to commercial use, is coming up again. Wayne Mason, a powerful developer, took the County to court and has been granted a Consent Order to submit it for rezoning again. He is requesting RM-6, which would allow six townhouses per acre. **THIS IS A BIG GIANT NO!!!**

As soon as the first attached unit is allowed on our side of Brown Road, all property on Sever Road can be rezoned for townhouses! The Planning Staff has recommended denial as attached housing, and suggested single family detached houses with the same conditions as the detached houses in the new development on our side of North Brown Road.

But that is only a recommendation; we need to contact the people who make the decisions. **Please take the time to contact our Planning and County Commissioners to tell them we want NO attached housing.** Only single family detached homes are appropriate on Sever Road, and we need the Commissioners to support their own professional staff and deny this request. We also need to have people at both meetings to oppose this rezoning. **This is a very influential person making the request, and it could be approved – even though the staff knows it is wrong!**

**Please e-mail** our Planning Commissioners: Amy Lynn Hoch at amylynnhoch@aol.com, John Bell at bellja@mindspring.com, Marcia Bumbalough at mbumbalough@iopener.net, and our County Commissioners at waynehill@gwinnettcountry.com, & marcianeaton@gwinnettcountry.com.

Also please mark your calendars to attend these two very important meetings. Bring the kids; it is a great lesson in Civics. Thanks for caring about our community!  
 – Peggy Boydston

*Elections for the 2005 Steeplechase Board of Directors will be held during the November General Membership meeting. Nominations are now open for volunteers! See page 6 for a description of each Board position. Please, Get involved! We need YOU!*



## Words From Our President . . .

### ► Community News

We still have over 100 residents who have not paid their community dues - their fair share to help defer the cost of maintaining our entrances. We have a door-to-door campaign going on to ask those residents to kindly help us out. Thanks to all those who have joined!

I have had a lot of complaints lately about commercial trucks being parked in the street or in driveways. This is a County code violation, and in order to keep our streets safe for emergency vehicles, please avoid violating the code. Please notify me of any these issues so I can notify the county and keep a record.

Another complaint I've received is about people walking dogs. As a reminder, please take along your necessary supplies to clean up lawn areas after your pets have used them as a bathroom. Also, there is a County Leash Law specifying that dogs are not allowed to roam the neighborhood. They must be restrained and on a leash when out of their yards. Please obey the laws.

Remember, drive carefully through the neighborhood - especially now that school has resumed; protect our kids walking to school. — Nate Orrico, Community President

### ► ... And Our Chairman!

#### **The New By-Laws & Covenants are coming!!!!**

The new By-Laws and Covenants are on the website for review. It's important for everyone to review them, and more important that we get EVERYONE on board with this. We are already governed by some County codes, which is what we now use. The new By-Laws and Covenants will allow us, the Steeplechase Resident Homeowners Association, to police ourselves and to take action against anyone who violates the rules.

Our goal from the beginning has been to establish some "common sense" rules. I think you will find what we are proposing - keeping up your yard, paint your house a "normal accepted color," etc., are just that - common sense. Your house is your LARGEST investment. When it comes time for you to sell, you want to get the most out of it. Imagine yourself in that position, but your neighbor's house is unkempt. We will be able to respond to that situation, more quickly and effectively than the County.

Talk about it with your neighbors; let's get everyone on board. Call or EM me with any questions you may have. 770-822-4517, chairman@steeplechase.org

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# ► News Shorts

## Out & About...

► Please be patient with the construction on Sever Road. The county is putting in sidewalks. It will be awfully nice to have sidewalks along Sever for those of us whose kids walk to school. It looks nicer, too!

## College-Bound News...

Shea McDaniel, (Camden Hunt Drive) daughter of Randy & Keri McDaniel, will be going to Valdosta State University this fall.

Heather Foster, daughter of Rick and Renée Foster, is transferring from Georgia Perimeter College to Kennesaw State University.

## Chris Harris Is On TV!

Chris Harris, who grew up in Steeplechase and graduated from Collins Hill in 1996, is going to be on a reality show called "The Benefactor." The show will begin to air on ABC, Sept. 13, 2004.

Chris is the son of Evie and Bruce Harris. They reside at 1291 Steeple Run. Congratulations, Chris, (and Evie & Bruce)! Neighbors, tune in!

"A good example is the best sermon."  
– Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790)  
American statesman, writer, scientist & printer

## ► New Playground

The playground, which is in a sad state of disrepair, will be re-built by volunteers at a cost of \$600 for materials. Call one of the Board members to join the group of helpers! (Phone #'s on Page 1).

## ► NEW TREASURER

Big thanks go out to **Everett Fernandez**, who is our new neighborhood Treasurer. Everett volunteered to fill this critical board position when Michelle Clark, our previous Treasurer, moved out of the subdivision.

Everett is a long time resident of Steeplechase, and an accountant by trade. His ideas for the position, combined with his background, will make a great contribution to the neighborhood.

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## ► Announcements

We are still taking donations for the **Wall Fund**. The walls at the Sever Rd. entrances desperately need replacing. If you can make a donation of any size, it will be earmarked for a wall building fund.

## ► LABOR DAY PICNIC, Sept 6th - noon to 4pm

Facility Members - Bring your family and enjoy the Labor Day Picnic at the Pool Pavilion. There

will be some giveaways at this event. Plans are to start eating around 1:30pm. The main dish (Burgers & Hotdogs) will be provided. Please *bring an appetizer or dessert to share* and *your own soft drinks or beverages* (remember, no glass containers!)

Make reservations by calling **Bud Fletcher (770)962-8718** or **Sandy Parris (770)822-0437** by August 29th. This will help us properly plan for the food. Hope to see everyone at the Labor Day Picnic!

## Classifieds

### ► WANTED:

**High School Honor Student (10-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Boy)**

To act as "Study Mentor" for slightly disinterested, but very intelligent rising 7<sup>th</sup> grader.

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Would like teacher references. Call Tracy at 678-376-2629.



### ► Do you need help?

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**Note: Balloons can be picked up at the pavilion entrance each day**

Please enclose \$5\* cash or a check made out to SRHA in an envelope, labeled with your street address, name, phone number, and which day(s) you'll participate. Drop this off in my mailbox at 2208 Sandown Drive by September 28th at the latest. If you have any questions, please contact me at 770-822-0437 or e-mail at [community.social@steeplechase.org](mailto:community.social@steeplechase.org).

*\* We've had to increase the fee from \$3 to cover costs for printing all new signs; most of ours were either stolen or damaged during the last sale. However, \$5 is still an excellent deal!*

Happy cleaning, Sandy Parris

► **Be There, or BeWare!**

**STEEPLECHASE HALLOWEEN PARTY**



Join us for an evening of spooky fun for the whole family at the annual Halloween party!

Dress up the goblins and come down to the Facility Pavilion and parking area on Friday, October 29th at 7 PM.

**For the kids:** There will be crafts, games, treats and hayrides.

**For the whole family:** Enjoy a bonfire complete with s'mores and lots of twilight fun!

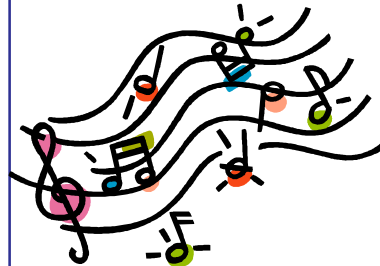
All community members are welcome – see you there!

For more information, contact Sandy Parris at 770-822-0437.

**Steeplechase Events Calendar, 2004**

Check out the following dates and mark them in your calendars (dates may change, will advise via this newsletter). — Sandy Parris and Bud Fletcher

Date	Event	For Whom
Sept 6	Labor Day Party	Facility Members
Sept 6	Pool Closes!	
Sept. 13	September Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m.	All
(Any resident who has an issue for discussion with the board is welcome to attend; please contact Stacy Hemphill to be added to the agenda.)		
Oct 1-2	Fall Garage Sale	Community & Facility members
Oct 29	Halloween Party	Community & Facility members
Also planned:		
Fall 2004	Adult Party	Date planning is underway



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**Chair** – Oversees the Board, schedules and manages monthly Board meetings, handles general neighborhood issues and contributes to the newsletter. Receives 50% off of facility membership.

**Facility President** – Oversees all facility property, pool management, contributes to the newsletter and handles issues regarding facility membership. Receives 100% off of facility membership.

**Community President** – Oversees community issues, maintenance of neighborhood entrances and landscaping, contributes to the newsletter. Receives 50% off of facility membership.

**Legal and Budget Director** – Maintains Steeplechase By-laws, handles local rezoning issues, works with the budget and with legal issues as necessary. Contributes to the newsletter when applicable. Receives 50% off of facility dues.

**Facility Budget & Operations** – Establishes and maintains Facility and Community budget, assists with neighborhood membership dues and coordinates Adopt-a-Project list and workday sessions. Contributes to the newsletter when applicable. Receives 50% off of facility membership.

**Treasurer** – Oversees funding in connection to the budget, checking account, money market account and accounts payable and receivable. Assists in maintaining the neighborhood database. Receives 100% off of facility dues.

**Facility Social Director** – In charge of the Memorial Day party, the Adult party and Labor Day and/or July 4th party. Assists with the Community Parties as needed. Maintains the budget for neighborhood social events. Contributes to the newsletter when applicable. Receives 50% off of facility membership.

**Community Social Director** – In charge of the Memorial Day parade, Easter party, Halloween party and two neighborhood garage sales. Works with the Facility Social Director regarding the budget. Receives 50% off of facility dues.

**Activities Director (Swim/Tennis)** – Oversees all swimming and tennis activities. Receives 50% off of facility dues.

**Communications** – Produces, edits and distributes the monthly newsletter, works with advertisers, produces and distributes the annual directory. Receives 100% off of facility membership.

**Secretary** – Records and manages board meeting minutes, general membership meeting minutes and schedules rental of the pavilion. Receives 50% off of facility membership.

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## ► Golden Triangle Community Association News

### Zoning Changes Coming

There have been many questions lately regarding the “yellow” rezoning signs at the corner of Old Peachtree and Collins Hill, as well as the “Horse Farm”.

Yes, changes are on the way for our Community. The Land Use Committee for the Golden Triangle Community Association have spent many hours with the developers and their attorneys on each of these. Each case is on the Board of Commissioners calendar to be heard in September.

We also have been contacted by Richardson Housing Group, who is developing the opposite corner of Old Peachtree and Collins Hill. They have provided us with site plans and pictures of their upcoming

project. But there is also a new issue, regarding a detention pond, which has to be resolved before building can begin. They would like the community’s feedback on a request.

### Progress on the Park

Now the GREAT news... The new 64 acre park at Spriggs, Rock Springs, and Old Peachtree is starting to come together. The long-anticipated Master Planning meeting for the community’s input has been set for **Tuesday, Sept. 21** at 7:00, Collins Hill High School. According to Phil Hoskins, Director for Gwinnett County Department of Community Services, “At the public meeting, we will share some basic information on the future park site, provide an opportunity (either written or

verbal) for public input, and finally, take applications for citizens willing to serve on a citizen-steering committee. We are limited on the number of folks that can be placed on the committee, so we work to make sure we have a good representation...”

### Land Use Meeting, Sept. 2

On Thursday, September 2, We will hold a “State of Collins Hill Land Use” meeting. The purpose of this meeting is to better inform the community, gain feedback, and answer any questions you may have on all of the above projects.

**What:** Collins Hill Land Use Mtg  
**When:** Thursday, September 2  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Edgewater Clubhouse

Thanks to all! – Paula Hastings,  
Land Use Chair



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Myles lives on Middleburg Hunt with his wife Cheryl and 2 kids, and he has been a Steeplechase resident for almost 2 years. He said he is excited about helping to make a difference in the neighborhood, and we know he will!

**This is the guy to call**

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