



The Thorough-Read News

Steeplechase Resident Homeowner's Association, Inc.

1925 Furlong Run, Lawrenceville, GA 30043

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Are you civic minded or selfish? That's the subject of this month's talking points. I was listening to Bill O'Reilly the other day. He was bloviating on how people, for the most part, do not get involved or feel the need to be involved in their community. This made me think.


We have elections coming up in November. I will soon complete my third year as Chairman of the Board, and I will not run again. Of the one-hundred or so residents that attended at last year's general meeting NO ONE would volunteer for this position....Why?

I think it's important that those of you that have lived in this neighborhood for a few months or several years seriously consider taking your turn in one of these important positions. It's EVERYONE'S civic duty to be involved.

I know what a lot of you are thinking: *I have never done that before, I wouldn't know what to do.... I have a job.... I have kids and they have activities..... I could not possibly handle another thing on my plate.... It's not my responsibility to be on the board..... Other people are more qualified.....*

Believe it or not, every board member had the same concerns when we volunteered, but we "bit the bullet" and jumped in. And, guess what? We all survived!!

We have 427 homeowners in this neighborhood. I know we have a lot of "Civic-minded" people out there--we had a good turnout in taking down the Dean Road pear trees. This neighborhood stays in good shape partly because YOU, the homeowners, take some pride in their property, and because this board gets involved in addressing situations that could have a negative effect on this community.

By volunteering on the Board, you will can provide a valuable service for you community meet neighbors who may even become your friends. For those of you who have been sitting on the sidelines, it's time to suit up and get in the game. Your team needs you!!! 

Scot Sherwin

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

LOOK WHO WAS OUT AND ABOUT IN AUGUST

Rory Ensing celebrated his third birthday with friends and family at the pool. Special guests, in addition to the birthday boy, included his cousin, Emmerson, and his great-grandmother.

Happy Birthday Rory!



Your photos could be featured here. Email photos with a short description of each to: communications@steeplechase.

Important: Mark Your Calendars!

General Membership Meeting - Thursday, November 10th
7 PM in the Jefferson Station Clubhouse.
Elections for the new board will be held then.

It's as easy as it looks...



See for yourself. I can help you quickly and easily preserve precious photos and memorabilia in keepsake scrapbook photo albums.

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The Thorough-Read News is the perfect publication through which to promote your local business or service.

Business Ads:

- 1/4 page: \$15
- Business Card: \$5

Community or Facility members in good standing:

- Classified ads: \$5
- 18-and-under ads: Free
- Community-oriented ads (like tennis team, etc.): Free

Sent ad artwork/copy/questions to: communications@steeplechase.org

FROM THE COMMUNITY PRESIDENT

I'm certainly not an expert on landscaping but I've researched Walter Reeves web site and retrieved a few tips and according to Walter, now's the time to start pruning so our shrubs will look great next year.

Landscaping - Late Summer Jobs:

Pick Faded Flowers: Besides tying up roses, clip faded blooms especially on the knockout roses. Prune the shrub rose down to the first five-leaflet leaf beneath the flowers and they will make new growth and new flowers by late September.

Weed Control: One of the reasons weeds are weeds is their incredible ability to reproduce. Mowing or pulling weeds before they set seed is very effective as long as you remove them all. Kudzu, poison ivy, honeysuckle and English ivy all deserve a bit of attention in the next few weeks.

Prune Limbs: The simple rule concerning pruning shrubs and trees in summer is "removing less than one-fourth of the foliage."

Azaleas have already begun to form buds for next Spring's flowers but if yours are scraggly and unkempt it's better to prune now than not at all.

Happy pruning! 

Nate Orrico
COMMUNITY PRESIDENT

Payment should be mailed to:

Tracy Clement
2450 Valentine's Court
Lawrenceville 30043



A LOSS IN THE STEEPLCHASE FAMILY

We regretfully report that long-time Steeplechase resident, George Putz, passed away August 13th.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, LaVonne, and the friends and family who loved him.

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE – OCTOBER 14TH & 15TH

GWINNETT COUNTY PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ORDINANCES

When necessary, your Steeplechase board members intervene with “difficult neighbor” situations. Unkept and cluttered yards and lack of home maintenance can impact more than just your enjoyment of your home. They can pose safety problems and affect the value of your home.

*Helping guide these efforts is Gwinnett County. The county provides guidelines and assistance through the enforcement of protective county-wide ordinances. For more information, go to: www.co.gwinnett.ga.us Click on **Departments**, then **Documents and Regulations**, and scroll down to **Property Maintenance Ordinances**.*

It's time to clean those closets again and participate in the Community Fall Garage Sale!

Garage Sale Dates:
Friday Oct. 14th and
Saturday Oct. 15th

Please send your \$5 participation fee to Sandy Parris at 2208 Sandown Drive. Checks should be written to SRHA and cash must be in an envelope – make sure your street address is noted. Also indicate payment is for the Fall Garage Sale. 🐾

Participation fee covers:

- Newspaper Advertising (Gwinnett Daily Post and AJC)*
- One balloon per mailbox (each day)
- Directional signs at entrances and throughout the neighborhood

Fee Deadline is Monday, October 10th.* If you have any questions, please contact Sandy Parris at 770-822-0437 or community.social@steeplechase.org.

** Sign up early!*

Newspaper advertising depends on the number of households participating.

FROM THE FACILITY PRESIDENT

It's hard to believe that the swim season is almost over. The pool is scheduled to stay open until September 12th. Make plans to attend the Facility party down at the pool on Monday, September 5th. The party is open to all Facility members. Please RSVP to Paula Wofford at 770.237.2418.

Once the pool is closed, I would love to complete some of the unfinished projects from the spring workday. There is some painting to finish and some rotten wood to replace. If anyone would like to volunteer some time down at the Facility, please let me know. Any assistance would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you to all of the residents who have helped me throughout the summer. Facility members have consistently kept the pool area clean, the bathrooms reasonably tidy, assisted with member verification and followed the safety rules with just a few reminders. Vandalism has been almost non-existent and calls to the Board members have been minimal. For those of you continuing to use the Facility as tennis players for the fall season, I would appreciate the same level of responsibility that you have shown throughout the summer.

A HUGE thanks to Rick Foster and anyone else who has helped with the trash this summer. Taking the cans up to the street every Thursday (and back down) is a true commitment to the neighborhood. There have only been a couple of rare occasions when I have had to drag those cans up the driveway. I appreciate anyone taking the initiative to help control the trash within the Facility.

I look forward to seeing Facility members at the November 10th General Meeting. Facility issues for 2006 will be up for discussion. 🐾

Cathy Ensing

FACILITY PRESIDENT

2005 Steeplechase Board

*Volunteers working to maintain
your neighborhood and home values*

Chairman

Scot Sherwin - 770.822.4517
chairman@steeplechase.org

Facility President

Cathy Ensing - 770.338.9564
facility.president@steeplechase.org

Community President

Nate Orrico - 770.962.4668
community.president@steeplechase.org

Communications

Tracy Clement - 678.376.2629
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Legal & Budget Director

Jason Moore - 678.775.2137
legal.budget@steeplechase.org

Facility Budget & Operations

Bruce Bagnasco - 770.962-0778
budget.operations@steeplechase.org

Treasurer

Everett Fernandez - 678.442-9725
treasurer@steeplechase.org

Facility Social Director

Paula Wofford - 770.237.2418
facility.social@steeplechase.org

Swim/Tennis Coordinator

George Brodnax - 770.962.0145
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Community Social Director

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Alexis Alfaro - 678.376.0222
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NonBoard Volunteers Database Manager

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admin@steeplechase.org

Webmaster

Vinnie Costa - 404.664.7948
webmaster@steeplechase.org

THE COMMUNITY DIRECTORY IS COMING...AND MORE!

The long-awaited community directory will soon be prepared and ready for distribution. To get this done, a volunteer is needed to work alongside the Communications Coordinator. If you'd like to help prepare this vital neighborhood document please contact Tracy Clement at 678.376.2629 by September 7th.

Also, if you have any questions or comments about *The Thorough-Read News*, please contact Tracy at communications@steeplechase.org or 678.376.2629.

Finally, we want to see your photos! Please take a moment to forward any photos of your friends and family enjoying life in Steeplechase to the Thorough-Read News to Tracy at communications@steeplechase.org. I'll feature them in the next issue. 🐾

Tracy Clement

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

FALL TENNIS TEAMS

Tennis is a lot of fun, good exercise and a great way to make new friends. Fall teams have already begun to form. This neighborhood has four ALTA teams, two ladies teams and two men's teams.

To contact team captains, please call and I'll get you hooked up. 🐾

George Brodnax

TENNIS COORDINATOR

DUMPSTER TIME!

Steeplechase has arranged for two dumpsters to be dropped off from *Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful* the weekend of the neighborhood yard sale (Oct 14th and 15th). The dumpsters will be will parked in the Facility parking lot from Friday at 4pm until Monday at 9am. This service is free of charge.

This service from *Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful* provides an opportunity for residents to dump non-household trash such as furniture, non-freon appliances, bikes, swing sets, etc. Regular household garbage, such as building materials or other "natural" products like wood or lawn waste will not be accepted.

ANNUAL STEEPLECHASE HALLOWEEN PARTY

Dress up in your spookiest get-ups and join your neighbors for the annual Halloween party. This Steeplechase tradition is one you don't want to miss!

- Who: All Community members are welcome
(Especially the little ones)
- When: Friday, October 28th, 7:00 PM
- Where: Steeplechase Pavilion and Facility Area
- What: Halloween crafts and snacks
**Back by popular demand: Bonfire and S'mores

WANTED:

1. A trailer to pull behind a pick-up truck for a possible hayride. Last year's was the hit of the entire party!
2. Teenagers 13 & older willing to help out. Earn your community service hours and have a blast!

Contact Sandy at 770-822-0437 or community.social@steeplechase.org 

Sandy Paris

COMMUNITY SOCIAL DIRECTOR

FROM THE COMMUNITY SOCIAL DIRECTOR:

The year is more than halfway over and, despite a slow membership start, Steeplechase neighbors care deeply about their community. This is definitely a great place to live and raise a family.

The Back-to-School Ice Cream Social was a huge success. Even with the constant rain, neighbors and their kids came out for a good time and a chance to meet fellow schoolmates. I want to send a special Thank You to my awesome helpers: Raney Wofford, Zoe Fernandez, Brittany Carmack, Cameron Luteraan, Lisa & Monica Sakalik and Sarah Curry (my apologies if I've missed someone!). It's great to have such nice young people in our community.

Don't forget the Fall Yard Sale and the Halloween Party coming up next

month; more details are included in this newsletter.

This is my last year on the Steeplechase Board for a little while. I've served for four straight years and had the best time doing so... but it's time for a break AND time to let some of you folks take over and do great things for the neighborhood. I've had the chance to meet some wonderful people and learn about my community, my neighbors and my surrounding areas. I encourage you to join the Board in any capacity; the time commitment is minimal compared to the rewards you'll receive. I'll be happy to talk with any of you regarding a Board position.

If you know someone who has not paid their Community dues, let them know of all the great things they're

FACILITY ADULT SOCIAL

The annual Adult Social is scheduled for October 1st.

As usual, the event will be held at the Steeplechase Facility.

This year's party will be a LOW-COUNTRY BOIL

More details in the next issue of *The Thorough-Read News*.

If you'd like to volunteer to help with this fun party, contact Paula Wofford at 770.237.2418 or facility.social@steeplechase.org

WELCOME!

We are pleased to welcome new Steeplechase residents to our neighborhood family:

*Chad and Laura Cross
1210 Midland Way*

Weclome, Chad and Laura!

missing out on. If you have any questions, comments and/or suggestions please contact me at 770-822-0437 or by e-mail at community.social@steeplechase.org 

Sandy Parris

COMMUNITY SOCIAL DIRECTOR



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Steeplechase Resident Homeowners' Association

Board of Directors' Elections November 10, 2005

| <u>Position Available</u> | <u>Current Board Member</u> | <u>Returning?</u> |
|--|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Chairman of the Board | Scot Sherwin | No |
| Community President | Nate Orrico | No |
| Facility President | Cathy Ensing | If elected |
| Secretary | Alexis Alfaro | If elected |
| Treasurer | Everett Fernandez | No |
| Budget & Operations Director | Bruce Bagnasco | No |
| Legal & Budget Director | Jason Moore | No |
| Facility Social Director | Paula Wofford | No |
| Community Social Director | Sandy Parris | No |
| Facility Swim & Tennis Director | George Brodnax | If elected |
| Editor - Thorough-Read News | Tracy Clement | No |
| C.O.P.S. Coordinator Non-board member volunteer | Charles Baylot | Need block captains |
| Welcome Committee Coordinators Non-board member volunteers | Donna Redmond & Cathie Weschrek | Yes |
| Webmaster Non-board member volunteer | Vinnie Costa | No |
| Database & Security Administrator Non-board member volunteer | Myles Perper | Yes |

Elections for the 2006 Board of Directors will be held on **November 10, 2005**. The homeowners' association is currently accepting nominations for the positions listed above. If you would like to nominate yourself or a neighbor, please submit the attached form to any current Board member or put the form in the mailbox at the top of the Facility driveway.

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Please accept the following nomination for the 2006 Board of Directors of the SRHA.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Position desired: _____

Call for Volunteers for the 2006 Board of Directors!

Have ideas about making Steeplechase a great place to live? Want to be involved in the decisions made regarding the neighborhood? Join the Board and be an active part of your community. Have a direct impact on neighborhood issues, get a reduced facility membership* — and meet your neighbors!

Board Positions:

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, coordinates swim/tennis activities, 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. Takes the initiative to offer additional social activities. 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. Works with the Facility President as needed. 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.

- Gift of full or partial facility membership will be given at the end of each board term as stated in the by-laws.

Non-Board Volunteer Positions:

COPS Block Captains: Assists the COPS program to keep crime issues at a minimum.

Welcoming Committee: Greets new neighbors and provides information regarding the neighborhood and surrounding area.

Webmaster: Maintains the Steeplechase website, steeplechase.org.

Database Administrator: Maintains the Steeplechase database. Sends email alerts to those residents with an email address on file. Provides labels for the newsletter and resident information for the printed directory.