# The Thorough-Read News

Steeplechase Resident Homeowner's Association, Inc.

1925 Furlong Run, Lawrenceville, GA 30043

## From the Chairman of the Board

Merry Christmas to all!!!

We had a nice turnout for our November meeting, we would like to see more and hopefully more will get involved next year.

This is my last article as Chairman of the Board, I have been in this position for the last 3 years and it is time for me to hand the reins over to someone else. Although I will not be Chairman, I will still be involved in the board. It has been a good run and I am glad I had the opportunity to make a difference in this community.

Thanks to all of those that showed up to our meeting, we have several things on the plate for the upcoming year:

Provide a new and updated playground for next year Add an County Covenant Enforcement Committee Convert the volleyball court into a bonfire pit Add a shade covering over the bleachers on courts #1 and #2

We also have several new board members, Thanks to all of you that have stepped up for this upcoming year and I'd like to extend a special thanks to the board that served alongside me this past year! Our new board members are:

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD: Al Cherpak

FACILITY SOCIAL DIRECTOR: Nancy Hawkins

Legal & Budget: Scot Sherwin

COMMUNITY PRESIDENT: Jason Moore

COMMUNITY SOCIAL DIRECTOR: Meg Lovejoy

DATABASE: Myles Perper

FACILITY PRESIDENT: Cathy Ensing

COMMUNICATIONS: Suzi Waldron

SWIM & TENNIS:

WEBMASTER: Kevin Kluesner

SECRETARY: Alexis Alfaro

George Brodnax

Treasurer: Nicole Lister BUDGET & OPERATIONS: Martha Carmack.

I wish everyone a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!!

2005 Chairman of the Board

Scot Sherwin

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## FROM THE FACILITY PRESIDENT

The year's end is coming near and so are the terms for the current board members. Since no one was jumping up and down at the General Meeting to take my place, I will continue as Facility President for the 2006 year. Thanks to all of the neighbors who volunteered to be board members for next year. The neighborhood appreciates the time you are giving to Steeplechase. Thank you to all of the board members who worked hard this year and have decided to step down. We accomplished many things in 2005 and everyone on the board did their part.

FOUNTAIN NEWS-The pond fountain is finished. Thanks to Jamie Nock, Tyler Nock, Susan Nock and Steve Sohn for taking on this project. The team finished quickly, effectively and were very cost conscious. They were able to save the pump and just replace some parts. They saved the neighborhood a large chunk of money. An extra thanks for getting the canoe back up to its storing position in the shed. The offer for a reimbursement for band-aids still stands.....

PLAYGROUND NEWS-Further inspection of the playground has resulted in the decision to get rid of what's there and completely replace it in the spring. I will have the designs complete in January. I have taken elements from other local playgrounds to offer our children a more interactive structure. There will more climbing, swinging and opportunities for play using their imagination. If you have carpentry skills please volunteer your time for this project. I will need a long list of people with the ability to construct the new playset. I'm guessing that the construction weekend will take place in late April or early May.

POOL NEWS- We will most likely eliminate lifeguards from our pool next year. The weekend guards are expensive and not really beneficial to the facility or members. If you would like to express your opinion either way, please contact me by email or by phone. If our membership grows to allow guards FULL TIME guards, I will consider that option. Speaking of our growing membership, the board has proposed to allow other nearby neighborhoods that do not have swim/tennis to join Steeplechase. These neighborhoods include Sever Woods, Settler's Place, and Dean's Landings. We would actively solicit to these neighborhoods through their homeowners' associations. The issue will be up for vote at our spring membership meeting.

Remember that you may start paying for your 2006 Facility Membership using PAYPAL to spread out your payments. Dues will remain at \$420 for use of the Facility including the pool, pavilion and tennis courts. Go to our website at www.steeplechase.org for more information.

Have a wonderful holiday season with your families!



Cathy Ensing FACILITY PRESIDENT



# This space is available!

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

Payment should be mailed to: Tracy Clement 2450 Valentine's Court Lawrenceville 30043

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To The Steeplechase Neighborhood,

I would like to extend this offer to provide preferred exclusive residential waste collection service to the homeowners of Steeplechase. SWS a locally based company in Gwinnett County with strong interest in the local community and will be dedicated to servicing your community for the long term. We are supporters of our local school system as well as civic organizations in our area thru our "Talk Trash Pays" programs.

Our service trucks are brand new state of the art 2005 models with 2006 models on the way. Every homeowner in your community will receive a brand new 95-gallon cart and matching new 18-gallon recycle bin so that every one looks neat and uniformed. We have a long-term commitment to service the residents of Gwinnett County for many years to come, because we believe in local service with a local touch that you will not receive from a company that is attached to an out of state corporate conglomerate as is in your case now. We are the best at what we do guaranteed, with added special services that no one can or is willing to offer you.

This rate is firm form the date of acceptance by the HOA board as the preferred waste collections provider in Steeplechase. Thru Commitment, Involvement, Dedication and Relationship. Best Service Wins Every Time!

#### Special member rates

- \$14.00 / month (\$42.00 / quarter) weekly garbage service at the curb. (1-49% participation)
- \$13.50 / month (\$40.50 / guarter & Free deodorizer) (50-100% participation)
- · Recycling is always free.
- \$5.00 / month (\$15.00 / quarter) weekly yard waste removal (This service is optional)
- Cart deodorizer service. At an added cost of \$1.00 per month, we spray various deodorizers-sanitizers in the cart each week when serviced to cover the odor in the cart. This is great for those who keep their carts in the garage. "We are the only company that offers this service in the state of Georgia" (This service is optional)
- Liner Service At an added cost of \$3.00 per month we will place a liner (Big garbage bag) in each cart and change it out each week when serviced. This is an added service and can purchased individually by each homeowner if they desired. The cart stays clean and dry inside all the time and it's great for those who keep their cart in the garage. "We are the only company that offers this service in the state of Georgia." (This service is optional)
- · Commons, pool, tennis and Play area will receive Free service with up to 6 roll carts
- · Garbage and recycle service is on Friday.
- Yard waste service is on Monday (This day is great for weekend yard work, you never have to handle bags twice, just put them out at the curb and their gone on Monday)
- We are the only Sanitation Company in the metro Atlanta area that is part of the National safety awareness campaign (SLOW DOWN TO GET AROUND) for sanitation, police and public utility workers that have to work out on our highways each and everyday. Safety is our #1 Goal.
- For the safety or motorist and pedestrians in Steeplechase we will always placed the roll carts and recycle bins back on the curb off the streets with the lids closed. (Unless you would desire otherwise)
- Speak to a live customer service representative every time you call during normal business hours. (8-5 Mon-Fri)
- Each homeowner is allowed 1 bulk pick up per week @ no extra charge (i.e. couch, stove, chair, etc.) no need to call ahead for this pick up, just set it out on garbage day and its gone.
- Steeplechase will also receive one free annual Saturday Service Day Bash for Spring-cleaning. We come out on a Saturday (date to be determined by you) and pick up unusual items at the curb that homeowners want to dispose of. (No household garbage, yard waste or hazardous materials allowed on this day)
- Steeplechase will also receive a free Kids Fun day, we come out with your permission and involvement around your calendar of events, and set up a bouncing moonwalk, face painting, clown, and various other fun and educational activities for the kids and residents (This is great for Spring festivals) We are the only company in Georgia that offers this to their preferred members.

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# Steeplechase Becomes SPOOKYchase for Halloween!

By all accounts, the annual Steeplechase Halloween party continued the tradition of fun times in this neighborhood. Thank you to all who, despite the cooler temperatures, came to have a good time with family, friends and neighbors. Special Thank-Yous go to Scot Sherwin and Myles Perper for keeping us all warm with a roaring bonfire. Also, a huge Thanks to the "Hayride Team" of Driver Chris Parris, Fire Marshall Bruce Bagnasco and Tim Peninger for keeping the kids from getting too rowdy, and to Jerry Decatrel for letting us use his trailer - we'll be calling you next year!

It has been a fabulous two years for me as Community Social Director thanks to all the neighbors who always step in to help out. We've had some interest in this board position for next year -- I hope to see you at the General Membership Meeting and Elections on November 10th.



### From the Community President

I'm sure you've all noticed the new Christmas decorations at all three entrances - we now have lights on the shrubs.

A special thanks to Jason Moore who purchased the new lights for the shrubs and in addition, he, along with his family, Catherine, Todd & Victoria Robertson decorated all three entrances. Thanks for a great job!

I hope you enjoy them as much as I do and be sure to thank Jason and his family when you see them and let them know how much you appreciate their volunteer work.

I have served on the Board for two years as President of Community and as always, have enjoyed the opportunity of serving Steeplechase. Even though I won't be on the Board next year, I'll continue to help anywhere that is needed because Steeplechase is a GREAT place to live!

Have a wonderful holiday season with your families!

Nate Orrico
Community President



Children need Children's.®

Steeplechase is a proud host of the annual Friends Tennis Tournament. This fund-raising event is great fun and it benefits Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. If you are interested in volunteering to be a part of the team that puts it all together, contact Nancy Orrico - (770) 962-4668 or nathan43@bellsouth. net

#### **REMINDER:**

If your car is parked in your driveway rather than in your garage, please keep the doors locked at this time of year to prevent items being stolen.

If possible, keep packages in the trunk of your car rather than in the car.

More thefts occur this time of year than any other.



Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah!





