

VA Community Calendar

VA Central Social District

(Main Drive & Cooper Street)

Railcar *Farmer's* Market

May 3rd thru Nov 1st

Every Tuesday, 4p - 7p

Railcar *Crafter's* Market

3rd Tuesday each month, 3p - 7p

Sounds of Summer

Featuring Shenandoah

Saturday July 2nd, 6p

City of Van Alstyne Fireworks

Van Alstyne HS, Monday July 4th, at dusk

Cars & Coffee, Downtown Van Alstyne

Saturday, July 2nd, 8a - 10a

Van Alstyne Public Library

Children's Story Time, Every Wednesday

English, 0 - 5yrs, 1030a

Spanish, 5mo - 5yrs, 4p

Van Alstyne Senior Center

Lunch served daily at 1130a

\$2 for seniors, \$5 for non-senior adults

American Legion, James Adams Post 376

Friday Night Meals, 4p - 7p

1st Friday - Fish Fry

2nd Friday - Hamburger Night

3rd Friday - Ribeye Steak Dinner



July Recipients

Congratulations to Bradlzy & Jourdan
Clough on Derby!

*Don't forget to submit your nomination for YoTM to
contacthoa@steeplechase-hoa.org or via the Contact Us
feature on the HOA webpage.*

Steeplechase Country Estates

Friendly Reminder...

School is out for Summer vacation. Children are playing outside more so, please **SLOW DOWN** when driving thru our neighborhood.



CR3356 Adopt-A-Highway Event

We are very proud to announce Steeplechase Country Estates has adopted the stretch of CR3356 from SH121 south to the Grayson/Collin County line thru the TXDOT Adopt-A-Highway program. Please be sure to be on the lookout for additional details, schedule and ways to volunteer for each clean-up event.

Update: I reached out again to TXDOT for Grayson County and I am still waiting to hear back with regard to our start date.





Independence Day, also called Fourth of July or July 4th, in the United States, the annual celebration of nationhood. It commemorates the passage of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. Independence Day is celebrated on Monday, July 4, 2022 in the United States.

The Congress had voted in favour of independence from Great Britain on July 2 but did not actually complete the process of revising the Declaration of Independence, originally drafted by Thomas Jefferson in consultation with fellow committee members John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Roger Sherman, and William Livingston, until two days later. The celebration was initially modeled on that of the king's birthday, which had been marked annually by bell ringing, bonfires, solemn processions, and oratory. Such festivals had long played a significant role in the Anglo-American political tradition. Especially in the 17th and 18th centuries, when dynastic and religious controversies racked the British Empire (and much of the rest of Europe), the choice of which anniversaries of historic events were celebrated and which were lamented had clear political meanings. The ritual of toasting the king and other patriot-heroes—or of criticizing them—became an informal kind of political speech, further formalized in mid-18th century when the toasts given at taverns and banquets began to be reprinted in newspapers.

In the early stages of the revolutionary movement in the colonies during the 1760s and early '70s, patriots used such celebrations to proclaim their resistance to Parliament's legislation while lauding King George III as the real defender of English liberties. However, the marking of the first days of independence during the summer of 1776 actually took the form in many towns of a mock funeral for the king, whose "death" symbolized the end of monarchy and tyranny and the rebirth of liberty.

During the early years of the republic, Independence Day was commemorated with parades, oratory, and toasting in ceremonies that celebrated the existence of the new nation. These rites played an equally important role in the evolving federal political system. With the rise of informal political parties, they provided venues for leaders and constituents to tie local and national contests to independence and the issues facing the national polity.

By the mid-1790s the two nascent political parties held separate partisan Independence Day festivals in most larger towns. Perhaps for this reason, Independence Day became the model for a series of (often short-lived) celebrations that sometimes contained more explicit political resonance, such as George Washington's birthday and the anniversary of Jefferson's inauguration while he served as president (1801-09).

The bombastic torrent of words that characterized Independence Day during the 19th century made it both a serious occasion and one sometimes open to ridicule—like the increasingly popular and democratic political process itself in that period. With the growth and diversification of American society, the Fourth of July commemoration became a patriotic tradition which many groups—not just political parties—sought to claim. Abolitionists, women's rights advocates, the temperance movement, and opponents of immigration (nativists) all seized the day and its observance, in the process often declaring that they could not celebrate with the entire community while an un-American perversion of their rights prevailed.

With the rise of leisure, the Fourth of July emerged as a major midsummer holiday. During the later 20th century, although it remained a national holiday marked by parades, concerts of patriotic music, and fireworks displays, Independence Day declined in importance as a venue for politics. It remains a potent symbol of national power and of specifically American qualities—even the freedom to stay at home and barbecue.

If They Poop, You Scoop

There are several areas in our neighborhood where this is an issue. As seen recently on our neighborhood FB page, homeowners are not happy and at their wits end with this. Even to the point of starting to take photos when they see people not clean up after their pets and post on social media.

We understand people from other neighborhoods walk their dogs in Steeplechase also. However, the big offenders seem to be a few Steeplechase homeowners. Take bags with you and clean up the fecal matter. I'm not sure how many times this needs to be reiterated. Be a responsible pet owner and do the right thing by cleaning up after your pet and having respect for fellow SC homeowners and their property.

Thank you



FIREWORKS SAFETY TIPS

- 1 OBEY ALL LOCAL LAWS REGARDING THE USE OF FIREWORKS**
- 2 KNOW YOUR FIREWORKS**
Buy from a licensed fireworks dealer and read all instructions before igniting
- 3 A RESPONSIBLE ADULT SHOULD SUPERVISE ALL FIREWORK ACTIVITIES**
Never give fireworks to children
- 4 ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND FIREWORKS DO NOT MIX**
Save your alcohol for after the show
DON'T
- 5 WEAR SAFETY GLASSES**
When shooting fireworks
- 6 LIGHT ONE FIREWORK AT A TIME AND THEN QUICKLY MOVE AWAY**
- 7 USE FIREWORKS OUTDOORS IN A CLEAR AREA...**
away from buildings and vehicles
- 8 NEVER RELIGHT A "DUD" FIREWORK**
Wait 20 minutes and then soak it in a bucket of water before you discard it
- 9 ALWAYS HAVE A BUCKET OF WATER AND A CONNECTED WATER HOSE NEARBY**
- 10 NEVER CARRY FIREWORKS IN YOUR POCKET**
or shoot them from metal or glass containers
- 11 DO NOT EXPERIMENT WITH HOMEMADE FIREWORKS**
or alter the consumer products you buy
- 12 DISPOSE OF SPENT FIREWORKS**
by soaking them in a bucket of water and placing in a metal trash can away from any building or combustible materials
- 13 ENSURE ALL PETS AND ANIMALS ARE AWAY FROM FIREWORKS NOISE**
- 14 DON'T POINT FIREWORKS AT PEOPLE**
and maintain a safe distance when watching fireworks shows

Brought to you by American Pyrotechnics Association and National Council on Fireworks Safety (NCFSS)

Macaroni Salad

Ingredients

2 cups elbow macaroni
¼ cup sweet relish
½ cup onion, finely chopped
½ cup finely chopped green bell pepper
¼ cup finely chopped carrot
1 hard-boiled egg, chopped

Dressing

¼ cup creamy salad dressing (such as Miracle Whip®)
¼ cup reduced-fat sour cream
2 tablespoons low-fat milk
2 tablespoons white sugar
1 teaspoon dried dill weed
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon ground black pepper

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Cook elbow macaroni in the boiling water, stirring occasionally, until tender yet firm to the bite, about 8 minutes. Drain well; rinse with cold water and drain again. Reserve 2 tablespoons relish juice; place the rest in a large bowl with onion, bell pepper, carrot, and egg. Whisk creamy salad dressing into reserved relish juice. Mix in sour cream, milk, sugar, dill, salt, and pepper. Fold gently into the macaroni mixture. Refrigerate to let flavors blend, 4 to 24 hours.

Serves: 8
Prep Time: 20 mins
Cook Time: 15 mins



Flag Fruit Pizza Recipe

Ingredients

1 tube Refrigerated Sugar Cookie Dough, 16.5 oz
8oz Cream Cheese softened
2/3 cup Sugar
1 teaspoon Vanilla
8oz Whipped Topping thawed
12oz Fresh Raspberries 3 to 4 cups
1 dry pint Fresh Blueberries about 2 cups

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
Open tube of cookie dough and slice into ¼ inch pieces.
Place remaining cookie dough slices on a lightly greased 12" pizza pan and press into an even layer. (If desired, bake one slice of dough separately and use a cookie cutter to cut a star).
Bake cookie crust 11-12 minutes until lightly browned. Cool.
Beat cream cheese, sugar, and vanilla together until smooth. Beat in half the whipped topping. Fold in the remaining whipped topping.
Scoop a little less than half of the cream cheese mixture onto the cookie crust and spread it all the way to the edges of the crust.
Use blueberries to outline the pizza and create the blue portion of the flag, and top with the star cookie.
Use raspberries to create seven red stripes.
Use the rest of the cream cheese mixture to pipe the white stripes.
Keep in refrigerator until ready to serve.

Serves: 16
Prep Time: 30 mins
Total Time: 42 mins



ARC & Compliance

If you are planning to do any construction/changes, not including interior, please be sure to reference the ARC Guidelines or Article VII of the D&C's on the Steeplechase HOA webpage and submit an ARC application prior to beginning. There have been several instances where homeowners have begun and not submitted an application for approval.

As A Reminder...

Section 8.3 Maintenance and Repairs. All structures upon said property shall at all times be maintained in good conditions and repair. No junk vehicles or vehicles not with current registration and safety inspection sticker shall be allowed on the property or any lot within STEEPLECHASE COUNTRY ESTATES. Vehicles must be garaged or be on driveway only. Except as expressly provided otherwise in this Declaration, no trailers, boats, boat trailers, mobile homes, motor homes, trucks or campers shall be permitted to park or be stored overnight on any street within the Property.

All complaints for any violations with regard to a homeowner's property MUST be submitted via USPS or an email to the HOA.

Steeplechase Country Estates HOA
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Neighborhood Billboard

Blue Sky Drone Photography
Mario Salvato - 214.457.5905

Easy Life Realty
Kelly & Mike Bishop - 903.821.7227
Joshua Janek - 214.929.0372

EXP Realty
JC Young - 214.799.9139

Fierce Motions in Dance
Donna Almon - 214.551.9515

Grace & Heart Sterling Jewelry
Lora Johnson - 817.475.4012

Happy Tails Pet Care
Kathy Wright - 469.450.8962

Happy Tails & Tummies - Pet Health and Wellness Products
Erica Northrup - 562.773.4834

The Rowell Agency
Independent Insurance Agent
Kristina Rowell - 972.241.5464

Modere - Live Lean & Live Clean
Lora Johnson - 817.475.4012

North Texas Aerial Photography
Mike Bishop - 760.646.3891

SL Handyman
Steve Hipps - 903.818.5264

Travel Easy Decks
Kristy & Jody Rowell - 972.241.5464
www.traveleasydecks.com

360 RV Inspections(pre-purchase)
Mario Salvato - 214.457.5905

For additional information on these businesses, please look for them on the web.

**SUPPORT
LOCAL
BUSINESS**

Helpful Numbers

Trash Removal:

Alford Trash Service - 903.433.1454
Cain's Trash Removal - 903.482.1303
IESI - 903.893.1936
Jerry's - 903.482.6696

Water Service:

Mustang/Marilee SUD - 972.382.3222

Electric:

GCEC - 903.482.7100

Cable/Satellite/Internet Services:

Frontier Communications - 800.921.8101
Sparklight - 903.442.0440
DirecTV - 855.838.4388
Dish Network - 888.605.8443

Grayson County Sheriff, Non-Emergency - 903.813.4200

Van Alstyne FD, Non-Emergency - 903.482.6666

Grayson County P1 Road & Bridge Maintenance - 903.893.2033

Grayson County Commissioner P1, Jeff Whitmire

❖ 903.813.4327

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HOA Board Information

President - Cynthia Stewart
Vice President - Open
Secretary - Erica Northrup
Treasurer - Patty Stephan
Board Member - Debi Crouchman
Board Member - Suzanne Etchieson
Board Member - Sean Vo

ARC Member Information

ARC Lead - Gary Gates
Member - Josh Janek
Member - Mark Salgado

