

Steeplechase Country Estates

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

God took the strength of a mountain,

The majesty of a tree,

The warmth of a summer sun,

The calm of a quiet sea,

The generous soul of nature,

The comforting arm of night,

The wisdom of the ages,

The power of the eagle's flight,

The joy of a morning in spring,

The faith of a mustard seed,

The patience of eternity,

The depth of a family need,

Then God combined these qualities,

When there was nothing more to add,

He knew His masterpiece was complete,

And so, He called it ... Dad

To all of the fathers out there...We hope you have a wonderful and blessed day!



June Recipients

Congratulations to Justin & Emily Martin!

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

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, sort of...

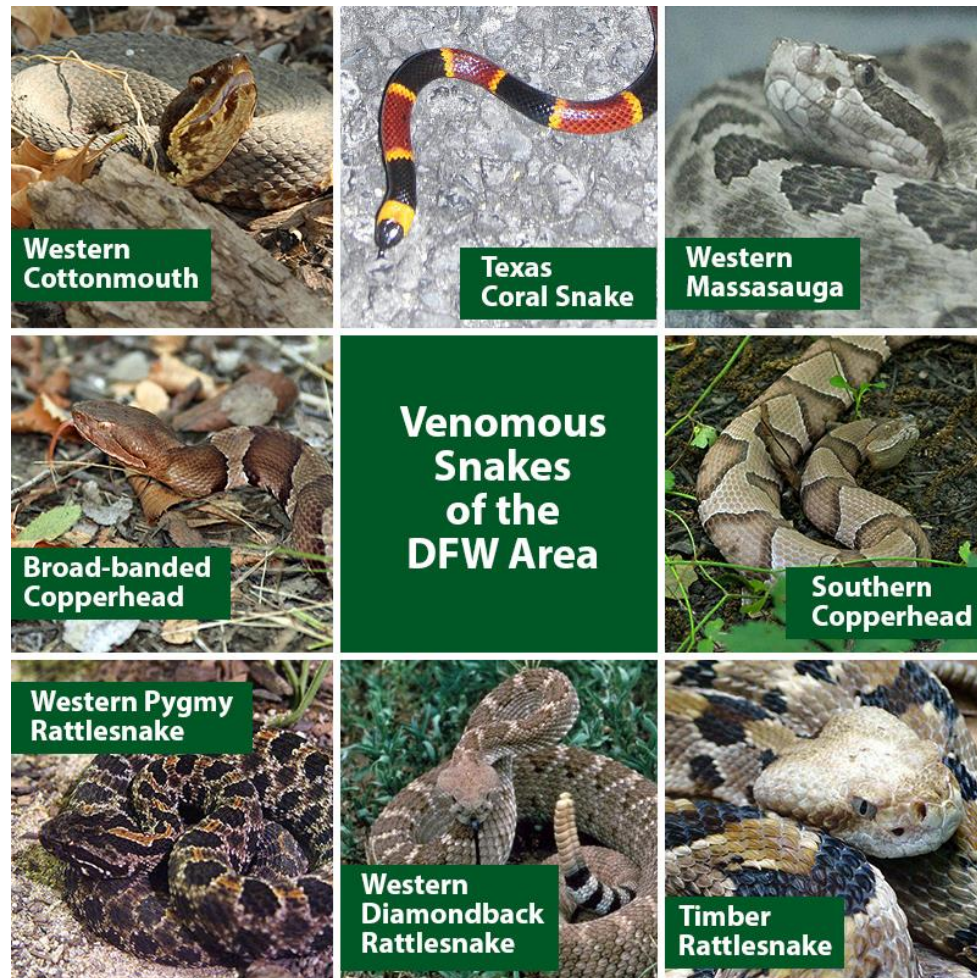
We are still waiting for a start date from TXDOT

Friendly Reminder...

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



It's that time of the year. Please be aware of your surroundings.



Some snakes are very beneficial for rodent control and even some eat the venomous snakes. Above all, be safe while outside working or playing.

CASES OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY

A comparison of commonly confused Northeastern venomous and non-venomous snakes

VENOMOUS

NON-VENOMOUS

<p>Timber Rattlesnake <i>Crotatus horridus</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognized by a tail rattle, a shovel head, facial pits (see picture), and vertical pupils. Adult length: 36-54 inches Typically a yellowish color with brown or black bands down its back. Found in deciduous forests on rugged terrain. Hibernates in rocky crevices and dens. Endangered in several Northeastern states: NJ, VT, MA, and NH. 	<p>Eastern Hognose <i>Heterodon platirhinos</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distinguished by an upturned snout (see picture), lack of facial pits, and round pupils. Adult length: 18-45 inches Variable coloration; can be spotted yellow or all black. Found in woodlands with dry sandy areas. When threatened the hognose will flatten its neck and bring its head up off the ground. It may also play dead.
<p>Copperhead <i>Agkistrodon contortrix</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognized by a copper/brown/red shovel head, facial pits (see picture), and vertical pupils. Adult length: 24-36 inches Juveniles have tails with yellow tips. Found in forests, rocky outcrops, and farmland/fields. Endangered in MA. 	<p>Eastern Milk Snake <i>Lampropeltis triangulum</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distinguished by a Y or V on the top of its head, tapered tail, a lack of facial pits, and rounded pupils. Adult length: 24-36 inches Typically has bands of red/brown/black down its body. Its underbelly is checkered white and black. Found in fields, forests, or rocky outcrops. Has a broad range across the Northeast.
<p>Cottonmouth <i>Agkistrodon piscivorus</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognized by black "hourglass" bands on its back, a flattened head, facial pits (see picture), and vertical pupils. Adult length: 30-48 inches When threatened the cottonmouth will expose a white mouth. Found near freshwater. Range does not extend further north than Virginia. 	<p>Northern Water Snake <i>Nerodia sipedon</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distinguished by dark bands down its body, a narrow head, a slender body, a lack of facial pits, and round pupils. Adult length: 24-42 inches Coloration can be brown, reddish, gray, or black. Found near freshwater. Has a broad range across the Northeast.

Quick Tips:

- Venomous snakes are very rare in the Northeast.
- Snakes are shy creatures and will typically not attack unless disturbed.
- Venom is meant for prey, not protection.
- Non-venomous snakes will also vibrate their tails when agitated.
- All Northeastern species of venomous snakes have heat sensing facial pits and vertical pupils.

Why Are Snakes Important?

- Snakes are an essential part of ecosystems because they act as both predator and prey. Their absence can alter the balance of a food web.
- Snakes control populations of smaller animals. This directly impacts humans because smaller mammals can spread disease, for example the deer mouse that spreads Lyme disease.

Poster Design by Erin Capra
Illustrations by Brittany LeBold

Don't forget the Opossum is our friend...even with those beady little eyes.

Just one of me eats up to 5,000 ticks a year, yet I don't contract or carry Lyme disease!

I also eat insects, snails, small rodents, and dead stuff! I'm nature's pest control & cleanup crew.

95% of my kind are naturally immune to rabies!

If you see me, kindly ignore me. I mean you no harm.

I may be ugly, but I'm more scared than scary

I'm North America's only Marsupial!

HELLO, MY NAME IS POSSUM!

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



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

BUBBLE SHOW!



10:30 AM

June 20th, 2022

CENTRAL SOCIAL DISTRICT PARK

215 E VAN ALSTYNE PKWY

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**BENTON-LUTTRELL
INSURANCE**
SINCE 1890

Bacon Jalapeño Corn Salad

Ingredients:

3 c. corn
6 slices cooked bacon
1 tbsp. cilantro
1 jalapeño, minced
1/3 c. mayonnaise
Juice of 2 limes
1 tsp. chili powder
1 tsp. garlic powder
kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper

In a large bowl, combine all ingredients. Stir until ingredients are completely mixed and coated in dressing. Garnish with herbs, if desired, then serve.

Yields: 4 Servings

Prep Time: 10mins

Total Time: 10mins



Bacon Pea Salad

Ingredients:

4 c. peas, thawed if frozen
1/4 small red cabbage, thinly sliced
3 radishes, thinly sliced
2 green onions, thinly sliced
1/4 c. freshly chopped parsley
1/2 tsp. kosher salt, plus more for seasoning
4 strips bacon, cut into 1" pieces
1 shallot, thinly sliced
3 cloves garlic, minced
3 tbsp. red wine vinegar
2 tbsp. Dijon mustard
1/4 tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
Freshly ground black pepper
1/2 c. crumbled feta

In a large bowl, toss peas, cabbage, radishes, green onions, parsley, and salt together.

In a large skillet over medium heat, cook bacon until crispy, 10 minutes. Using a slotted spoon, remove bacon from pan and place on a paper towel lined plate.

Return skillet to heat and add shallots and garlic. Cook until shallots are soft, 5 minutes. Add red wine, then whisk in mustard. Season with red pepper flakes, salt, and pepper.

Pour warm dressing over pea mixture and top with bacon and feta before serving.

Yields: 6 Servings

Prep Time: 20mins

Total Time: 40mins



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
P.O. Box 2164
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www.steeplechase-hoa.org



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

❖ whitmirej@co.grayson.tx.us

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

