

# The Park Perspective

*The Newsletter for the Residents of The Park at Quail Creek – December 2004*

**Park Speed Limit 10 MPH**

**Towing: New Phone Number for Auto Haulers – 280-6906**

## Invitation

### *The Park 's Christmas Party*

Date: Sunday, 12 December

Time: 2:00 to 4:30

Place: Recreation center

Beverages will be provided. Please bring good cheer and an appetizer or a desert to share.

See you there!!!!

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

Please read the following carefully & make note so that you will not be stuck with excess trash:

### **Trash pickup to be on Mondays and Fridays during December only**

Trash will continue to be collected twice per week in December, however, the collection days for DECEMBER 2004 have changed. Pickup will be on **Monday & Friday** (instead of Monday and Thursday).

However, effective JANUARY 1, 2005, trash will be collected only once per week on Mondays.

The reason for all this is that after ten and half years with no increase, Texas Disposal Systems (TDS) is raising the trash collection fee for the year 2005; actually the increase begins on December 1, 2004. Due to the substantial increase, which is still less than other collection companies are quoting, the HOA has had to make some changes to keep the cost to a minimum.

*\*You will still be able to place the same amount of trash out as you have in the past but only once per week.*

## HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSURES

During December the office will be closed on the following dates while our manager, Holly, will be off on vacation.

*Wednesday through Friday – Dec. 22-24*

*Thursday through Monday – Dec. 30-Jan. 3*

## SECURITY ALERT

- There has been a report of someone ringing a resident's doorbell in the back of the property at 4 AM asking directions to a street that is not part of The Park.

We hope this is an isolated incident but we're asking all residents to please always be cautious when opening their doors to strangers—day or night.

- Many people are leaving their garage doors up much of the time. This is an open invitation to someone looking to take something or enter your home. Please leave the garage doors closed unless you are right there.

The ACC wishes to thank all those residents who have had trees and other growth in their patios either cut down or trimmed back. Your actions are truly appreciated.



Notice: There will be no Christmas decorating contest this year, but please go ahead and deck the halls anyway. We love the way The Park looks when you do.

Satellite Dishes and Cable Wires  
DID YOU KNOW?

We see the offers for free installation on TV and the next thing we know, the installer is at our door. What service!!! Uh-oh, did I remember to send my request to ACC?

We've tried to remind residents to get approval *before you install*. Why? Legally, The Park cannot prevent the installation of satellite dishes and doesn't really want to. If you call the office, the manager cannot tell you that you have to wait to install that dish until the ACC gives it's approval. So who cares? The installation is free and he's done in half an hour. In most cases, installers contract with the satellite companies to install the dishes and are paid according to the number that they install. So they will install it in the easiest and fastest way they can.

All's fine, until ACC checks the dish installation. **The Park has the right to restrict where the dish**

**is placed on the residence.** For example, nothing can be installed on the roof as that voids the roof's warranty. When ACC gets a request for installing a dish, the resident receives information on the preferred installation locations. If needed, one of the committee members will visit the resident to answer any questions. This solves two problems.

First, by visiting with the ACC before anything is done, the resident will know where to tell the installer to put the dish. Second, by installing the dish in the approved area, the resident saves the expense of having the installer return to move the dish, and possibly a bill for repairs to the roof to protect the warranty.

Both satellite and cable installers are quick to drape or lay wires across the roofs. This is unsightly and not allowed. If you have questions on the proper installation, please contact the office.

*A word to the wise. You can save money by checking with ACC first!*



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Board Meetings:

3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. each month  
in The Park's Recreation Building

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Phone 328-6100  
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Maintenance Person: Edward Spears

Tennis Court Hours

7-9 AM Tennis Only  
Otherwise, till 11:00 PM daily

Swimming Pool Hours

10AM-11PM  
(Adults only after 8:30 PM)

Trash Pickup – Mon. & Fri.

Texas Disposal Systems

Cans: out by dawn, in that evening  
(other days, out of sight please)

Towing

**Auto Haulers of  
Austin**

**280-6906**

Police

Call 911 to report a emergency or 311  
for a non-emergency

APD District Representative  
Senior Police Officer, Dale Cooper  
[dale.cooper@ci.austin.tx.us](mailto:dale.cooper@ci.austin.tx.us)

*The Board and Management Wish Everyone A Happy Holiday Season*