

# The Park Perspective

*The Newsletter for the Residents of The Park at Quail Creek – January 2005*

Don't Forget - Trash Pickup – Mondays Only

## Manager's Notes



### Trash Pickup

Effective January 1, 2005, trash will be collected only on Mondays!



### Disposal of Your Christmas Tree

If you will cut your tree up into 3 foot in length sections and tie these sections together using some twine, string or rope, TDS will collect them and dispose of them.



### Holiday Lights & Decorations

Please have ALL exterior holiday lights and decorations removed no later than 31 January! Most residents are very conscientious about removing these items in a timely manner, but sometimes there are some that forget or just get busy. Should this be the case, you will receive a reminder notice and if they aren't removed within the time specified another notice will be sent ,and fines may be assessed.

### New Monthly Assessments

Don't forget the new assessment for 2005 is **\$184.23** per month. This amount is due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month with a grace period through the 17<sup>th</sup>.



### Cold Weather and Your Plants

When there is extremely cold weather we understand that you want to protect your plants by placing blankets or tarps on them over night but please remember to make time in the morning to remove the blankets or tarps. Any blankets or tarps found during the day may be picked up and stored in the office.

### Gunshots in Park

On Monday, December 6th at approximately 5:05 pm there were gunshots fired within the boundaries of The Park. *Thankfully no one was hit.* As a result of this, as

well as some other incidents that were recently brought to my attention, the following email was sent to our neighborhood APD liaison, Officer Dale Cooper. His response is also included.

### Dear Officer Cooper,

As you are the APD community liaison for The Park at Quail Creek and surrounding neighborhood, I am writing to you to request that APD make several stops within the Park daily and not because it is the holiday season but due to the fact that there was a shooting here on Monday, December 6, 2004, at 5:05 pm. Five (5) shots were fired into the building of 9500 - 9506 Quail Village.

As you know, a few years ago we had problems with prostitution going on at this property at the end of Bluecreek Lane (nearest 9501 and the pool area). Just yesterday I received a report that on two occasions there has been a small white 4-door sedan (like a Toyota or Nissan) hanging out and driving by there with 3 African- American women in the car between the ages of 27-35 who are leaving and breaking large quantities of beer bottles on the street. This person also stated that there are often some females of the same persuasion hanging out with men on the other side of the pool by the maintenance shed. Basically, I don't know if this activity is picking back up or not but it sure seems like it.

I understand that it probably isn't your call to send patrols within this property so I am requesting that you forward this request on to the appropriate person who does have that authority. Please let me know whom this goes to and their contact information as soon as possible. I'm attaching a map of this property should you need it.

**Respectfully, Holly Skeen, Site Manager**

Response from Officer Cooper

Holly,

*I'll do a Directed Patrol for the area and let our Street Response Unit know about the prostitutes.*

*Thanks, Dale*

An officer from APD did come out and speak with one of the residents who reported this incident. At this time, nothing has been officially determined. However, based on where the shells were found and the direction of impact, the officer thinks this was a disagreement between individuals, **possibly** a drug deal gone wrong and that there was a chase from somewhere on Rutland that ended up here in The Park.

## FREE HOME CONTRACTOR REFERRAL SERVICE

There is a web site available that matches the services of their network of contract professionals with the requirements of each homeowner according to budget, project specification, scheduling, flexibility and craftsmanship.

Homeowners can check out prospective home improvement contractors and service people **free** of charge—*before* they inadvertently make a mistake.

The service, “Home Referral Solutions”, prescreens every contractor and checks licenses, insurance, customer references, Better Business Bureau/Consumer Affairs Records with ongoing evaluations and follow up.

Simply log on to:

[www.homereferralsolutions.com](http://www.homereferralsolutions.com)

While the Board and Management are not endorsing this web site or any contractor named on it, it is a possible source of information you might want to check before you hire anyone.

The Park’s web site will also list the web address for this service.

## BIKE STOLEN - ANOTHER REMINDER TO KEEP GARAGE DOORS CLOSED

Residents living in back of the property accidentally left their garage open and a bike was stolen. A police report was filed, but they would like us to spread the word. They think because they live on property’s last back street where it would be odd for someone to just be walking around the area unless they were living here, it might be someone from the area (just an assumption). They’re hoping that maybe someone saw something and can help identify the thief. It’s a Trek 8700 mountain bike in gray/purple. This is a just to let other residents know and be aware.

## ATTEMPTED BREAK IN

The Park’s office received a report from a resident on East Village Lane who stated that there was a man who knocked on their door, and rang the bell as well, in the middle of the night on January 4th.

The residents asked who it was with no reply. They stated that the man also tried entering through their patio gate. This man did not gain entry into their home.

The residents did call 911, but unfortunately the police were unable to apprehend this man who ran towards the East side fence - towards Copper Mills Apartment Community.

Should someone knock on your doors in the middle of the night, **CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY.**

### Board Members

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### Board Meetings:

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. each month**

**in The Park’s Recreation Building**

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### 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 – Mondays Only

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

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