

The Park Perspective
The Newsletter for the Residents of The Park at Quail Creek - July 2005

THE PARK'S ANNUAL ELECTION
Wednesday, July 20, 2005

The annual election and audit report will take place Wednesday, 20 July 2005 in The Park's clubhouse. The schedule of events is as follows.

6:00-7:15 PM: Board Meeting
7:00-7:45 PM: Register to Vote
8:00 PM: Annual Meeting Begins

Just a reminder to all homeowners that there is only one vote per household, and monthly assessments must be up to date in order to vote. Also, votes will not be collected until all nominations are in, to allow for those made from the floor.

Following the election, board members will meet and select officers for the coming year.

Hope to see you all there.

Candidates for The Board
(Presented in alphabetical order)

Stephanie Harvey (Running for Reelection)

Stephanie has resided in The Park since 1994,

and has been a Board member since 1995. She has served and continues to serve as our resident expert in insurance matters and is presently chair of the Park's Insurance Committee. She has brought her excellent business experience to the position of Vice President, and is currently serving as our Treasurer.

She is employed by The Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool which is a self insurance

risk pool for political subdivisions. Her goal is to continue to maintain the integrity and ambiance of The Park.

Ruth Markowsky (Running for Reelection)

Ruth is a six year resident of The Park. She is a graduate of New Orleans Baptist Hospital, is a retired nurse who spent many years in South Texas hospitals, often as a night supervisor. She has also done private duty nursing and has had vast experience with retirement and nursing home care. She is a past President of the Council for the RBJ Retirement Home in Austin. She would now like to continue working to help fulfill the Board's many improvement projects, and make a solid contribution towards keeping our community a place we are proud to call home.

Harrington C. "Hank" Wallace

(Running for Reelection)

Hank, our present president, has lived in The Park since 1986, retiring in the year 2000 after 29 years in law enforcement, the last 22 years of which were with a state agency. He has served on the board

of a state wide law enforcement association in both regional and state positions. For many years he has served as a committeeman and in management positions of a large charitable association in Houston.

Harrington's law enforcement experiences make him well qualified to deal with a myriad of situations. Personal opinions and prejudices, he says, should not influence a person's judgement in dealing with matters that govern others.

He admires the manner in which the HOA has made this a desirable place in which to live and would like to help in that continuing effort

The President's Corner

Greeting's, It's that time of year again and if you haven't heard summer has definitely arrived. This month there are several issues I would like to make all our residents aware of.

First, please allow the contractors to do their job while on property. They are here to get a job completed within a specified amount of time not to mention how hot it is outside.

Engaging them in lengthy conversations is distracting and dangerous. In addition, asking questions of an employee of our general contractor or a sub contractor might not provide you with the correct information. If you have questions regarding any aspect of the repairs please contact Holly.

The second item is POOL RULES!! Ladies and gentlemen, the rules adopted by the Board of Directors are there for a purpose. That purpose is to make and keep the pool area a safe clean place for everyone to enjoy. I have personally observed the following: glass containers in the pool area, people in the pool in cutoffs, and small children without a plastic covering over their diapers. These are health and safety issues that cannot be tolerated. We don't have a lifeguard on duty and there is no "pool police". All that is being asked is for everyone to obey the rules and have fun.

The last item and perhaps the most important is the annual Homeowners Meeting. I encourage everyone (owner/or resident) to attend. This is your association and this meeting is a great opportunity to learn more about the issues that affect the area in which you live.

Hank Wallace
President



As you are aware, there is currently road construction underway on Rutland. The City is putting in new sewer lines. This work is expected to last approximately two months.

Mosquito Season Again

In addition to being pesky, mosquitoes can bring the West Nile Virus. The best way to control mosquitoes is to eradicate mosquito breeding grounds. Surveillance and monitoring activities are directed at known breeding areas and areas of reported adult mosquito infestation.

What Can You do...? There are a number of precautions that people can do a great deal to protect themselves, their families and their communities. Reducing exposure to mosquitoes is one of the most important things.

Remember the four D's:

- 1. Dusk to Dawn:** Stay indoors from dusk to dawn, times when those mosquitoes likely to carry the infection are most active.
- 2. Dress:** dress in pants and long sleeves when you are outside, especially in mosquito-infested areas.
- 3. DEET:** (N,N-diethyl-m-toluamide) Apply insect repellent that contains DEET. Read and follow label instructions. Spray both exposed skin and clothing with repellent.
- 4. Drain:** Get rid of standing water in your yard and neighborhood. Old tires, flowerpots, clogged rain gutters, leaky pipes and faucets, birdbaths and wading pools can be breeding sites for mosquitoes.

For more information on mosquito control activities or to report dead blue jays, crows or hawks, contact the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department at 972-5692.

Fireworks Illegal In Austin

It is illegal to have or set off fireworks in the City of Austin. A few homeowners will be patrolling for violations, and complaints will be filed with APD.

Hail Storm Update

We are slowly but surely beginning to receive money from the insurance company. The claim is estimated at \$1.2 million dollars. Work has begun such as replacing siding on the worst hit buildings. Broken window glass has been completed. Per the General Contractor, work will be done in the following order: siding repairs and damaged a/c condensers, light poles and fixtures, painting, roofing, fencing, patio covers, etc.

Please allow the contractors to do their job while on property. They are here to get a job completed within a specified amount of time not to mention how hot it is hot outside. Please remember this when approaching them because they encounter this several times per day.

If you have any questions, concerns or complaints please call the on-site office or the General Contractor, Ingram Construction, at 512-339-2111.

Board Members

President: H.C. "Hank" Wallace
VP: Steve Heineke
Secretary: Wendy Polston
Treasurer: Stephanie Harvey
Greg Berry
Jean Bowie
Ruth Markowsky
Andi Windham

Board Meetings:

**3rd Tues. each month at 7:00
PM in The Park's Recreation
Building**

Policies & Procedures
Committee
Jenalyn Engstrom
Architectural Control Committee
Steve Heineke: Chair

Parking Committee
Andi Windham: Chair
Newsletter Editor: *Elizabeth
Granger*
(Deadline – 25th of each month)
Web Editor: *Andi Windham*
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Community Manager:

Holly Skeen

Office: 836-1383

Hours: 9:00 – 1:00 Mon-Fri

For Common Area Emergencies

Phone 328-6100

Email: parkhoa@swbell.net

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

Austin Express

851-0222

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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