



The Park Perspective

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

Community Corner

ENTRY GATES. The board is frequently asked why we do not have access gates at the entrance. The following list our reasoning:

- 1) The gates do not prevent anyone from getting in. In order to prevent being sued for damage to cars, the gates have to stay open long after a car gets through. Even if it starts to close, if another car tries to squeeze through, it automatically opens again. Therefore, in order to gain entry, all a person who does not have a code has to do is follow another person in. The same is true for pedestrian traffic. They will simply go in and out when a car is entering or exiting.
- 2) Codes are easily compromised. If a person moves, or just does not care about security here, they can give the code out as freely as they want. Once the code is compromised, the security value is lost.
- 3) Gate placement- It would have to be offset from Rutland with enough room so that if someone pulls in and cannot get past the gate, they could also turn around and get back onto Rutland. Doing so would require the gate to be well past the entries for Park Village Cove and Quail Village. As a result, we would have to create a road to get to Park Village Cove, at the very least. We simply do not have enough room at the entrance to do so without tearing a building down.
- 4) The purchase of a gate would cause us to need to further increase our monthly homeowner's dues, or sacrifice much needed capital items such as repaving. In addition, access gates break frequently and are expensive to maintain.

OUTDOOR COOKING. A reminder to all residents about barbecues: The City of Austin Fire Code states that "Residential barbecue pits, hibachis or other cooking appliances utilizing charcoal, wood or gas as a fuel may not be stored, or used within fifteen feet measured along the shortest distance if the pit is located below any portion of a combustible building."

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION VIA THE WEB.

The board has decided to do a trial version of distribution of the newsletter via e-mail. Only the newsletter will be distributed- no other e-mail will be allowed. In addition, your e-mail address will NOT be viewable by anyone else who has subscribed.

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The newsletter will come via e-mail as a .pdf attachment, which can be viewed via a free download of Adobe Acrobat Reader. Most of the time, the newsletter will be available through e-mail and on the web site sooner than the paper copy. Please be sure to subscribe within the next month as we will be re-evaluating the value of e-mail distribution after that. For any questions, please contact the webmaster, Andi Windham, at parkhoawm@swbell.net.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS APPOINTED. The board would like to welcome its two new board members, Jerry Pritchett and Georgeann DuBell-Nero-Shockley. We would also like to thank those who applied for the vacant board positions for their willingness to serve.

Manager's Notes

**The office will be closed
Friday, October 28th and
Monday, October 31st**

Should you experience a **common area** maintenance emergency that poses a threat to the property only, please call 328-6100, for all other emergencies call 911.



Don't Forget!

Garage Sale

Saturday, October 1st - 8:00 am to 4:0 pm

If it rains, the date will be October 8. If you only have a few small items to sell, we will have tables placed in the parking lot of the recreation center so that you can combine your location with others. Availability of the tables will be on a first come, first served basis. Or, you can bring your own card table and set up. Betty Whalen, with ACC, will be on hand to assist residents.

Hail Damage Repairs Almost Complete



The repairs to the buildings and roof replacements are almost complete. The crews should be through in approximately a month or less. Once the crews are gone, a walk through will

be done and a "punch list" will be made of any oversights. Then the general contractor will send the appropriate crews out to finish up. This has been a long haul and inconvenience for many. I would like to thank you all for your cooperation, patience and input.

It is that time again when we ask residents to survey your unit from a common area perspective (i.e. stand outside of your town home both front and back) to see what maybe out of compliance with the Park's Rules and Community Policies. Can anything be seen above your patio fences? For example: bicycles, fitness equipment, shelves, cleaning supplies. Are all doors, window frames and screen frames painted the proper color. If it applies, is the patio cover frame painted, etc. Front porches: dead potted plants, broken pots, broken furniture, etc. In most instances residents aren't aware of these issues and are not intentionally being non-compliant. The purpose of this self-inspection is to keep the property as aesthetically harmonizing on the exterior as possible.

Also, all trash and trash cans need to be out of sight except on trash pickup day. If you're going to be away on pickup day, ask a neighbor to help out.

Thank you for your efforts, they are truly appreciated!

Holly Skeen, Community Manager

Board Members

President:: H.C. "Hank" Wallace
VP:: Wendy Polston
Secretary: Andi Windham
Treasurer: Stephanie Harvey
Jean Bowie
Ruth Markowsky
Steve Heineke
Jerry Pritchett
Georgeann Shockley

Board Meetings:

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

Policies & Procedures Committee
Hank Wallace: Chair
Architectural Control Committee
Steve Heineke: Chair
Parking Committee
Andi Windham: Chair

Newsletter Editor: Elizabeth Granger
(Deadline – 25th of each month)

Web Editor: Andi Windham

Web site: <http://www.pqchoa.com>
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Insurance: Stephanie Harvey, Chair
Social/Welcoming Committee:
Stephanie Harvey, chair and
Betty Whalen, Co-chair

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

Groundskeeper: Juan

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
834-7513

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