

The Park at Quail Creek, HOA

Community Newsletter

February 2008

Happy New Year to you and your family!

In case you were wondering, no, a January newsletter was not published!

Due to all of the rain and cold in January, the construction of the recycling center has been delayed. However, it will be completed this month.

Important Issues

Dogs Barking: Please try and be aware of your dogs barking and make arrangements for them if you are not at home much. This month, complaints on three completely separate homes were made about dogs barking for long periods of time (there is also one near the Rec Center that I often hear while trying to work). I know folks don't mean for this to happen and the dogs are usually just barking because they are lonely or bored, etc. but please know that it does make simple tasks such as watching TV, working at the computer or trying to get a good night's sleep very difficult (if not impossible) and this experience is so frustrating for those having to endure it.

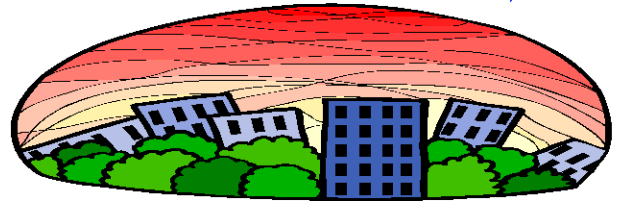
Speeding: Over the last 10 years many newsletters have requested that folks slow down in the Park (the posted speed limit is 10 MPH), however, the problem has gotten worse. In light of this, the board has approved to lower the height of the existing speed bumps and to add additional bumps closer together on the main street. This action is being taken with the hope of preventing someone or something from being hit. (F.Y.I. - you may have heard of a dog being hit on property in November. The surveillance data shows that it was a vehicle traveling on Rultand that struck the dog and not on Park Village DR).

Reminders

Holiday Decorations: Per the December newsletter, all holiday decorations and temporary lighting must be removed by Jan. 31st so if you have not already removed them please do so.

Dog Walkers: Please don't forget to 'scoop the poop' when walking man's best friend!

Fire Lanes/Zones: More & more frequently vehicles are being parked in a fire lane/zone (this would be along side a red curb or red line). In light of this, the tow company has been asked to make random patrols and to tow any vehicle in violation of this policy. By the way, the Austin Fire Marshall designated the fire zones on this property so it is a City law that is also being violated!



Tired of Catalogs & Junk Mail?

Did you know that **19 BILLION** catalogs are mailed within the U.S. annually? It takes **53 million** trees to produce this many catalogs; that's like clear cutting **2,000** Central Park's per year (yes- as in New York City's Central Park).

If you want to help put a stop to this wastefulness, log onto the following website to opt out: **www.catalogchoice.org** and stop receiving catalogs. You can always log back on to receive a particular catalog or your holiday catalogs but with most households having internet access these days it's really not necessary. **Please note that it can take up to ten weeks to stop receiving the catalogs once you've opted out.*

As of January 24th, **500,000** people opted out of receiving **5 MILLION** catalogs and do you know what **5 MILLION** catalogs equates to in saved resources that it would have taken to produce them? It saved filling 225 Olympic sized swimming pools with water. It saved the amount of energy that it takes to provide power to 3,500 homes in one year. It took 6,000 vehicles off the road per year in terms of fuel and pollution. The numbers are staggering; let's all do our part! *This information was gathered from NBC.*

Another huge consumption of natural resources is **junk mail!** To stop receiving junk mail, log onto **www.dmchoice.org/mps**. You may also want to search around online for other websites that offer this service for free.



Have you ever wondered what types of items can be recycled and then where on earth to actually them? If so, check out the following recycling resources:

Appliances: www.recycle-steel.org

Business Clothing:
www.dressforsuccess.org

Carpet: www.carpetrecovery.org
Cell Phones & Rechargeable Batteries:
www.rbrc.org

Computers: sharetechnology.org

Electronics: www.mygreenelectronics.org

Eyeglasses: www.neweyesforthe needy.org

Floppy Disks & Video Tapes:
www.greendisk.com

Formal Dresses:
www.operationfairydust.com

Packing Peanuts:
www.loosefillpackaging.com

Paint: www.earth911.org

Tires: www.epa.gov/garbage/tires/live.htm



For the Mary Kay cosmetics representative here in the Park, please call Dee Slager at 834-9216.



To ensure that your heating and cooling system is operating correctly for the season, call **Dee's AC & Heating Service** at **310-0588** for a 14-Point check up procedure



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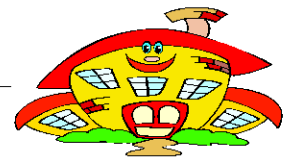
Repairs, Upgrades, Networks, Virus & Spyware Removal
Park residents will receive \$10.00 off the 1st hour of service.
Credit Cards are accepted . Member of the BBB.
Call 512.796.1691 or email thomas@tsmitty54.com or go online to tsmitty54.com

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Quarterly Carpenter Ant Treatment: Sat., Feb. 2nd

This was originally set for 1-19-08 but was rained out. Andy Hoawrd's will treat the exterior of all units and they will leave a sticker on the inside of the patio indicating that they were there. Please be sure to make your patio area accessible and that your pets are not on the patio on this day and that you have put up or moved away from the building all valuables/breakables. If for any reason the exterior of your home was not treated, please call 835-9393 to have them return. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in maintaining the Park.



Wecome New Residents!

We invite you to log onto the Park's website to familiarize yourself with the community at www.pqchoa.com. You will find the association's governing documents, ACC Request Forms, Newsletters, Insurance Certificates , etc.

Trash Collection

TDS collects trash twice weekly, Mondays & Friday's. We encourage the use of waste bins versus just a bag as animals may tear open the bag(s). Trash receptacles may not be placed in the common area before dusk the night before collection and must be up out public view the day of collection. If you have an extra large load (i.e. furniture, etc.), please call TDS directly at 421-1360 to arrange this but do not store out in public view the day it is to be collected.



On-site Office Information

Office Hours are Mon. - Fri. 9 am to 1pm

Phone 836-1383, Fax 836-1550, email parkhoa@swbell.net or hollys@allianceonline.net
To report an after hours common area maintenance emergency, please call 328-6100

The Monthly Board of Directors Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of Each Month 7pm in the Rec Center