

The Park Perspective

A Newsletter for the Residents of the Park at Quail Creek, HOA, Inc.

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Good News....Recreation Center Rental fee revised again!!!!

Utilities were the biggest reason for the increase that was implemented in the last newsletter (effective March 1st), however, after further discussion it was decided to put the fee back to where it previously was (i.e. Mon. – Thurs. \$25.00 and Fri. – Sun. \$50.00) and to penalize the deposit on those who reserve the center and do not set the thermostats where they indicated on each thermostat.

Pool Opening Delayed

Normally the pool opens on March 15th; however, due to this season's colder than normal winter, the water is too cold to open the pool area at this time. Some folks would just sunbath on warmer days; however, we do not want to risk any unattended children (with spring break next week) getting into the water too soon. The pool will open on April 1st after the water has had a chance to warm up a bit.

City Council

The Park at Quail Creek is a wonderful community and some of the areas nearby are getting better; however, as we are aware, there are still some on-going issues. Should you have any concerns with any issues within the Park and/or surrounding neighborhood, such as crime (theft, break-ins, drug dealing) solicitation, litter, traffic/speeding, vagrants/transients/homeless, please know that by clicking on the following link you can email the ENTIRE Austin City Council in one single email: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/council/groupemail.htm> (feel free to copy the Park on any email at hollys@allianceonline.net) and express your concerns to them. It may help make a difference.

Garage Sales

Over the last several years it's been noticed that there aren't as many homes participating in either the spring or fall garage sales. Ads are placed stating 'large community garage sale' in order to attract buyers and with little to no participation the Association will hold one garage sale per year and that will be the first Saturday in November. Please note that there will not be a spring garage sale this year.



Don't forget to set your clocks 1-hour ahead (Spring Forward) on March 14th at 2:00 AM.

The NACA Newsletter is available monthly for you if you'd like a copy on the wall next to the front doors to the Recreation Center after the 1st Friday of each month.

Thank you
for taking
the time to
Scoop the
Poop every
time you
walk your
dog(s)!

Rabies/Distemper Notice

By Susan Wayman

On March 8th I walked outside to find an extremely sick raccoon on my front porch. She (judging by size) was displaying many symptoms of the combination form of rabies which were:

1. She was out during the day which is totally uncharacteristic behavior for a raccoon;
2. She had both discharge from the eyes and was drooling, coughing and pawing at her mouth;
3. She was losing control of her hindquarters;
4. She showed no fear of me; and
5. She appeared to be unaware of her surroundings or potential danger.

There are two types of rabies:

1. Furious: the "mad dog" type people most equate with rabies wherein the animal is frenzied and vicious, the face is in spasm showing teeth and shows no fear.
2. Paralytic: the head muscles become paralyzed and symptoms include open mouth with tongue hanging, drooling, coughing and, at the mouth, loss of muscle control and/or collapse.

The most common carriers in our immediate area are the occasional bat and raccoons. Rodents like rats and mice are rarely afflicted with rabies and Opossum (Possum), North America's only native marsupial, actually enjoy the highest natural resistance to rabies of all mammals – including humans- and aren't often infected. However, any warm blooded animal, including dogs, cats, and us, can become infected if bitten because the virus is spread through saliva (even walking through fresh saliva with a cut foot or paw can become infected) and once symptoms are showing, rabies can be fatal. I cleaned my front porch with bleach.

Animal Control diagnosed the illness as distemper, however, could not confirm because without doing an autopsy of the brain they can not be 100% sure. I later confirmed with my veterinarian who stated that distemper in raccoon's presents with very similar symptoms as rabies does. This time of year is high season for such issues in our wild life population. Distemper is also very contagious. Please be vigilant by protecting your pets by making sure that they their inoculations are current.

If you observe a sick animal on or around the property DO NOT TOUCH, ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE OR AGGREGATE IT. Call 311 immediately to report it and let them know where the animal is or in what direction it is headed and they will contact Animal Control. Please consider speaking with your children about these signs at a level you think is appropriate in case they play outside.

The onset of rabies is very subtle and can incubate in an animal for widely varying lengths of time. One of the best ground rules for staying on top of any possible problem is to remember that any change in behavior or habits may be a red flag as well as any change in eating or elimination should also be investigated.

On-Site Office Information

Office Hours are generally Tues. - Fri. 9 am to 1pm.

Please call 836-1383 or

E-mail:
hollys@allianceonline.net

Office Fax No.
512-836-1550

Park website:
www.pqchoa.com

Should you need assistance in case the on-site is closed or after hours, please call Customer Service at 347-2888 or email Holly (see above).

For common area emergencies after 5pm Mon. – Fri.) or on a holiday, please call 328-6100.

For all other emergencies call 911.

On-Site Office Closures

Wed. 3-17: Vacation Day

Fri. 3-19: Vacation Day

Fri. 4-2: Good Friday

Advertisements:

The Park at Quail Creek, HOA, Inc., does not endorse any of the paid advertisements

Welcome New Residents

Welcome! We invite you to log onto the Park's website to familiarize yourself with the community at www.pqchoa.com. This is a Homeowners Association (HOA) and with this comes specific rules. Here you will find the Association's governing documents, ACC Request Forms, Newsletters, Insurance Certificates, etc. One of the best ways to ease into community living is to review the Association's Policies & Procedures. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the on-site office for assistance.

Towing

Elite Towing patrols the Park. If your vehicle is towed you can reach Elite by calling 835-5444.

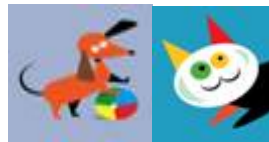
- Vehicles may be towed by the HOA if: The vehicle has expired inspection/registration stickers or is inoperable or abandoned (notice is give on for these issues). If towed, the cost for recovery is at the vehicle owner's expense.
- If parked in a fire lane/zone, the vehicle may be towed immediately without any warning at the vehicle owner's expense.
- Also, if parked in a neighbor's assigned space or blocking their assigned space or garage, that neighbor does have the right to have said vehicle towed without notice and at the vehicle owner's expense.

Trash Collection

Trash is collected every Friday. TDS usually comes very early so trash may be placed in the common area (by the garage door) for collection at dusk the night before and must be removed from the common area the same day as collected. Please make sure you have secured your trash so that a strong wind or animals will not open and create a mess. *If for some reason TDS skips collecting your trash please contact them immediately at 421-1360 and also leave a message with the on-site office (# is below) so that we will also be aware of the situation.* If you need to have large items hauled off please contact TDS directly as well to arrange this with them (this is at the resident's cost). Recycling is available by the Recreation Center; cardboard is not a recycling option here and may be taken to Lanier High School (look for the yellow dumpster).

Dates to Remember

- **Board Meetings:** The 3rd Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm in the Recreation Center and open forum is held at the beginning of the meeting. If you cannot attend but have something you would like to bring to the Board's attention please send it to the on-site manager in writing the Friday before the meeting so that it can be added to the agenda.
- **Monthly assessments:** Due on the 17th of each month.
- **Spring Forward:** Set your clock a head by 1 hour on Sun. 3-14 at 2:00 AM.



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**Susan Wayman, NAPPS Certified Pet Sitter
9508 Quail Village LN - Call 835-5550**



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