

# The Park at Quail Creek Community Newsletter

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## Happy Independence Day!

We hope that you, your friends and family have safe and happy July 4<sup>th</sup>! Please remember that fireworks are illegal within City limits. Also speak with your children about the hazards of fireworks. This is not only for building safety but theirs as well as others. While we've had recent rains, a fire cracker or bottle rocket on the roof could start a fire so please don't use them in the Park. Should you see anyone in the Park setting off fireworks please call 911 immediately.



## Recycling Center Issues...

Some folks have been leaving all sorts of things in the recycling center recently that do not belong there. The carts in the recycling center are clearly marked as to what can be placed in the there.

- Please do not put any regular trash in the recycling area (**this includes leaving your personal trash can in there or bags of trash**)
- Please do not put cardboard boxes in the recycling area or in the containers
- Please do not leave grocery store carts in the recycling center
- Please do not leave signs in the recycling center
- Please do not leave TV's, furniture or other miscellaneous items in the recycling center.



## Messages: *From One Resident to Another*

- *One homeowner wanted us to remind everyone not to put your trash in any trash can that is NOT yours. On a few occasions someone has left raw food scraps in another owners can after its been emptied on collection day causing all sorts of gross bugs to invade their can.*
- *One homeowner has been having issues with people taking the fruit/veggies/peppers from plants that they have grown. **This is THEFT!!***
- *A homeowner was expecting a UPS parcel and UPS left it for them at their front door and stolen. While this could have been someone from the outside it could have just as easily been someone who lives here. Please keep your eyes open for any suspicious activity and report it immediately to 911 – no matter how trivial it may seem and then, if you can, call or email the on-site office with the information as well.*

# Annual Homeowners Meeting & Board Candidates

## It's that time of year again!

The Annual Homeowners Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 pm (sign in will begin at 7:40 PM). The only voting matter for the year is the three expiring Board Member terms (there are nine members and each year three terms expire).

## Incumbent Board Members & Candidates for the Board:

**Georgeann Shockley:** Georgeann is currently the Board Secretary and wishes to run for another term. She has served on the Board for four years. Georgeann and her family have lived

on West Meadowmere LN for the past 12 years. Georgeann is an orchestra teacher for AISD. Georgeann would like to see us continue to maintain the Park with everyday maintenance as well as larger projects.

**Ricardo Garcia:** "I have lived at the Park at Quail Creek for 6 years this August and have served on the board for the last four years, most recently as Vice President. I am also a member of ACC. I have really enjoyed living here and especially serving our community here at the Park. I would like to continue to serve on the board and participate in the ongoing improvements to maintain the quality of our little "Oasis".

Aaron Twitchell's term is also up. Aaron also resides on West Meadowmere LN and has for the past nine years. Aaron has served as a Board member and as the web editor for the past three years.

If you would like to submit a board application, please contact the on-site office.

**Please note that the July Board of Directors meeting will be on Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 pm instead of on it's regularly scheduled 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. The August meeting will return to its normal schedule in**

## Seasonal Reminders!



**School is out** so please be careful of children bicycling, playing, running, etc.

**Talk with your children** and make sure that they know how to proceed with caution and that they know what they can and cannot do in the common area (i.e. pool, tennis courts, grassy areas, etc.). **A child's safety is ultimately the parent's responsibility.**

**BBQ Grilling:** Per the City of Austin, Local Ordinance Section 308.3.1, "Residential barbeque pits, hibachis or other cooking appliances utilizing charcoal, wood or gas as a fuel may not be stored or used on any balconies of residential occupancies or other combustible balconies, within 5 feet measured horizontally from any portion of a combustible building, or within 15 feet measured along the shortest distance if the pit is located below any portion of a combustible building". (i.e. patio covers, trees, siding, etc.). Grilling outside of your patio area in the street is acceptable providing that the

grill is removed from the common area as soon as the appliance has cooled and all embers are out and that you clean up any ash or residue from the street. Grilling in the grass or on a sidewalk is not permitted. Any violation of this City ordinance should be reported to 911 immediately.

**Curfew** in the City of Austin for those 17 and under is as follows: Sun. – Thurs. 11:30 PM to 6:00 AM and Fri. & Sat. 12:30 AM to 6:00 AM.

**Crime** is highest in the summer and at Christmas. Juveniles are out of school and are most likely to be the offenders. This is not our personal opinion – this is a statistic from the Austin Police Department and was featured on a local news station in June. Please do not keep items in your vehicle that someone may want to take. Lock your vehicle every time you get out of it, etc. Report any and all suspicious activity to 911 immediately.

**POOL (the full policy can be found online):** (1) Entry is by key only – do not prop the gate open for friends or let anyone in without a key. (2) No children are allowed in the pool or pool area 12 years and under. Adolescents between 12 and 17 cannot supervise children under 12 years of age in the pool/pool area; only those who are 18

and over can watch minors in the pool/pool area. (3) After 8:30 PM the pool is for the use of adults-(18 and older only). (4) The pool opens at 6:30 AM and closes at 11:00PM. (5) Toddlers & Infants must wear a protective plastic coating over diapers at all times or "Little Swimmers". (6) Only swim wear (suits and trunks) are allowed in to be worn in the pool – no cut off's, gym shorts, etc. (7) No glass containers or food is allowed in the pool area.

**Tennis Courts (the full policy can be found online):** Hours of use are 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM. The courts are for tennis only; no other balls are to be used on the courts besides tennis balls. No roller blades/skates, skateboards, scooters, wagons, etc. No pets are allowed – it is not a dog run or park. The nets are not toys or hurdles; they should not be sat on, leaned on, etc.

**A Park resident is looking for an available garage space for an antique vehicle. An owner occupant is preferred & compensation provided. Please contact Barry Woltag at 835-6468 for more information.**

## Quarterly Carpenter Ant Treatment



Please mark your calendar! The next quarterly carpenter ant treatment is scheduled for **Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**. Please be sure that your patio area is accessible on this day so that Andy Howard's Pest Control will be able to treat the area. Should it rain on the 24<sup>th</sup> then the treatment will fall on the next Saturday. Please be sure that your pets cannot access the patio on their own on this date (i.e. doggie/cat door).

## Certificate of Insurance



If your lender requires that you provide them with a current copy of the Association's insurance you can obtain one by going to the following link: <http://www.pqchoa.com/publications.html>. This link will also provide you with insurance recommendations and the contact information should your lender require that their information be listed on the Certificate of Insurance. If you don't have internet access please contact the on-site office.

## Water Conservation & Foundations



**We are under mandatory water restrictions twice per week.** The sprinklers are set to come on Tuesdays and Fridays. Hand watering is allowed at anytime. We do suggest that you **hand water your foundation** as needed or set up a soaker hose. This may help alleviate settling or shifting of your foundation. Just a reminder, these are town homes – not condos- and that means that each homeowner owns their own lot and that includes the foundation.

## It's Your Doodie to Scoop the Poopie!



After your pet defecates in the common area **you are responsible** to pick it up via any plastic bag of your choice and then properly dispose of it. Leaving it on the grass only allows it to wash into OUR city's water supply. It can also carry disease that is harmful to other dogs.

### Okay, now for a few other dog reminders!

- Dogs must be on a leash and controlled by someone at all times when in the common area.
- Dogs are not to be kept for any length of time on the enclosed patio or tied to a tree, pillar, etc. or staked in the common area.
- No dogs except for service dogs are allowed in the pool area or tennis courts at anytime.



## It's been a busy first half of the year in regards to projects!

Building repairs and painting to our budgeted buildings has been done as well as some needed light pole replacements. Seal coating and striping are completed (with a few minor follow ups) – despite all of the rain outs... Structural tree trimming have been completed (e.g. building roof and walkway clearance only – no pruning as that is done in the winter only if needed). Sidewalk repairs are soon to be underway – a certain number are budgeted per year to repair.

Later in the fall/winter there will be several landscaping improvements made. Thank you all for your patience and cooperation to make improvements to the property as everyone benefits. Several realtors and new homeowners have commented how well kept the community is especially for and age and that that's why they bought here.

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For after hours common area  
maintenance emergencies please  
call 328-6100.

If the office is closed during regular  
hours Customer Service is available  
to assist you at 512.347.288

*On-Site Office Hours Are:*  
*Tues. – Fri. 10 am to 2 pm.*

We're on the Web!  
[www.pqchoa.com](http://www.pqchoa.com)

### Towing...



Elite Towing makes random patrols  
the Park for vehicles parked in the  
fire lanes. 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  
are inoperable or abandoned  
(notice is give on for these issues).  
If towed, the cost for recovery is at  
the vehicles owner's expense. If  
parked your vehicle is parked in a  
fire lane the vehicle may be towed  
immediately without any warning at  
eh vehicle owners' expense.

Also, if you are parked in your  
neighbors assigned space or  
blocking their space or garage that  
neighbor can have your vehicle  
towed without notice to you and at  
the vehicle owners' expense.  
So please be careful where you  
park!

### Trash Service



TDS collects trash  
weekly each FRIDAY. We  
encourage the use of waste bins  
versus a plastic bag as animals  
could tear open a bag. Trash  
receptacles **may not** be placed in  
the common area before **dusk**  
the night before collection and  
must be out of the common area  
the same day as collection. If you  
have an extra large load – more  
than a 96 gallon container (i.e.  
furniture, etc.), please call TDS  
directly at 421-1360 to arrange  
for them to collect it - **do not**  
store these items in the common  
area until the day you have  
scheduled your bulk collection.

### Love'Em All Pet Care



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could be better?**

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