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FAREWELL, OLD FRIEND

The Great Northwest Mourns the Passing of Long-Time Friend and GNW Santa, Chester E. Johnson

It is with great sadness that the Great Northwest community learned about the passing of Chester E. Johnson Sr., who graced the neighborhood as Santa Claus for many years. Chester was also a Secret Santa to the Great Northwest, often anonymously donating time and funds to the community. His kindness and charity will always be valued by the residents, clubs and teams at the Great Northwest.

In honor of Chester, please see this obituary, written by his daughter, Pamela Dubay Chester. Chester will be greatly missed by all.



Photo from GNW Archive
Chester was Santa at the Great Northwest for many years.

Chester E. Johnson Sr., age 80, passed away December 31, 2016. He was born on April 11, 1936 in Barton, Ohio to Charles and Emily Johnson. Chester served

his country for 28 years in the U.S.A.F. and received an Air Medal Award while serving in Vietnam. He served as a Medical Evacuation Specialist. Later he became the NCOIC of the nursing unit at Wilford Hall Medical Center. Angel Faile, who worked with him at Wilford Hall, stated that he was a level headed, quiet man with a heart of gold. In the military Angel met and worked for many folks, some good, others maybe not so good. SMSgt Johnson was one of the best. "Other bosses give orders, he gave us direction. Other bosses give targets, he gave us a vision. Other bosses lead by authority; he always led us by respect." SMSgt

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2017 GNW Election Updates

by Jo Ann Fernandez
2017 Election Officer



2017 Elections — the nomination forms are in! We have four qualified candidates that met the nomination criteria. Now it's up to you to vote for three candidates to fill three vacancies. In next month's Passages you will have the opportunity to read our four qualified candidate's bios.

For the Great Northwest to have a successful election, we must meet quorum. Quorum is established when 10% (540) of homeowners vote in the election. A paper ballot is coming to your mailbox in April. Help us in May to meet quorum and elect three candidates for our HOA by either completing the paper ballot which can be mailed or hand-delivered to the office, or voting online. One of the easiest ways to vote is to vote online. Let's continue to keep the "Great" in the Great Northwest.

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(8802 FM471)

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(7350 Tezel Rd)

Chili's
(5790 TX - 1604 Loop)

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(9255 FM 471 West)

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(6511 W Loop 1604 N, 121)

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(at Alamo Ranch)

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(10938 Culebra Rd.)

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Board Briefs

Each Board meeting takes a couple of hours as the Board considers items of business on the agenda. While Board Briefs list decisions made by the Board, Members are encouraged to attend meetings to hear the Board as it discusses and debates matters upon which decisions must be made.

Actions taken by the Board:

January 19, Regular Meeting

The Board:

- Replace the fence and gate by AAA Fencing for \$26,790.00, including one stone column to balance the existing column of the maintenance entrance
- Consensus to donate or give away the unused, upright piano to a good cause.

February 2, Executive Meeting

The Board:

- Thirteen files, unresolved through the letter and notice process, were sent to small claims court, and one required more information before making a decision.
- Replace the Silver Creek pool coolcrete decking surface with the H3O bid for \$42,109.

MEETING MINTUES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ON
GREATNORTHWEST.ORG

Major Repair & Replacement (MR&R) Projects = Value to GNW Residents & Homes

by Cindy Gates, CMCA®, PCAM®
Community Manager



The mission of GNW is to improve the quality of life of residents and preserve and increase the value of property for owners of property within the community. Toward that end whenever Major Repair and Replacement monies

will be spent our review process includes an evaluation of current options, along with their costs, in order to optimize use and relevancy of facilities, vehicles, equipment, etc., to today's residents. These projects also give GNW homeowners a competitive edge when it comes to property values and sales.

SILVER CREEK POOL COOLCRETE REPLACEMENT

\$42,109 was approved by the Board for replacement of the coolcrete decking surface scheduled for replacement this year. After review of three bids H3O was the winning contractor with what happened to be the lowest bid. The Board wants to hear from staff that the bids were based on the same detailed job. They typically want a recommendation as to companies and our experience with them, or their references. The Board is not required to take the lowest bid.



Photo by Ashley Frolick

Workers from H3O begin the deck replacement.

LODGE PLUMBING REPLACEMENT
From time to time someone will ask why we have to put money into reserve savings, and this is the an example of why. The sewer line that runs from the back of the Lodge to the city sewer line under Timberwilde Drive in front of the Lodge. That's approximately 100 feet. We have experienced emergency drainage issues in recent weeks that with inspections and camera footage shows grade issues and three breaks in the lines probably due to building settlement and tree root growth. The Board selected a contractor's bid for \$16,405 for emergency replacement of these 4" underbuilding and under the front yard sewer drain pipes. The job includes hand digging a 3'x3' 35' tunnel under the Lodge from front clean out to the women's restroom. It also includes removal of all piping, engineering report, city permits and replacement of all the lines, dirt, and sod. The lowest price was \$15,426 and the highest was 46,006.

MAINTENANCE GATE & SOCCER FIELD FENCING REPLACEMENT

\$27,690 was the bid selected from AAA Fence Pros to replace the rusted and increasingly less functional maintenance gate and the fencing. AAA will replace the gate with a 4' x 21' wide commercial slide gate made to match the existing iron fence. The chain link fence between the large and lower soccer fields and the parking lot and Timber Path will be replaced with taller 6' iron fencing, which will prevent balls from posing hazards to drivers as well as players.

The Board of Directors, Community Manager and staff all use the best tools to make decisions in maintaining and replacing elements of community amenities. Tools such as a professionally prepared and calculated major repair and replacement schedule and the management best practice of obtaining competitive bidding based on the same job details. Well maintained amenities are not only a pleasure to look at and

MARCH

Community Calendar

HIGHLIGHTS

**MAR
20**

MEET THE DISTRICT 6 CANDIDATES

*Doors open at 6:30, Starts at 7 p.m.,
Callanen Hall (Silver Creek) - 8809 Timberwilde*

The Great Northwest is hosting two Town Halls for residents to learn more about the candidates running for public offices. Join us at the Lodge of the Great Northwest to hear candidates' thoughts and discuss issues that matter to YOU!

Refreshments will be served.

COMING SOON

**APR
18**

MEET THE MAYORAL CANDIDATES

*Doors open at 6:30, Starts at 7 p.m.,
Callanen Hall (Silver Creek) - 8809 Timberwilde*

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**APR
08**

BULK DROP OFF

*8 a.m. -12:30 p.m.,
Emerald Valley and Timberwilde Elementary
9310 Timber Path • 8838 Timberwilde Dr.*

Drop off your bulk and brush items. To see a list of approved items, follow us on Facebook. To volunteer, contact Connie Stallings: connie_stallings@sbcglobal.net • 210-416-8595

**APR
15**

EASTER EGG HUNT

11 a.m., Silver Creek Soccer Fields

Join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt. The hunt starts at 11 a.m. sharp, so be a little early.

We will have photos with the Easter Bunny afterwards, \$5 per 4x6 print.

**APR
22**

SPRING YARD SALE

8 - 2 p.m., Silver Creek Soccer Fields

Have items to sale? Purchase a spot at the next community yard sale. Registration starts on March 1.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Spring Yard Sale Sign Up Starts	2 Exec. Board Mtg ■ 6:15 P	3	4
5	6 Poker ■ 7 P	7 GNWatch ◆ 6:30 P	8	9	10	11 A-Team Greenbelt Cleanup ■ 8 A FREE CLASS
12	13 ACC Mtg ■ 4:30 P	14 O.W.L.S. Luncheon ■ 11 A	15 Book Club ■ 7 P	16 Reg Board Mtg ■ 6:30 P	17	18
19	20 Meet the D6 Candidates ■ 7 P	21	22	23	24	25 Greenbelt Cleanup ■ 8 A Zumba ■ 9 A FREE CLASS
26	27 ACC Mtg ■ 4:30 P	28	29	30	31	1

Weekly Activities

Day	Time	Activity	Location	
Monday	12:30 P	SA Tumble Tots	SC	\$10; Age 3-5
Tuesdays	10 A	Greater SA Ballet	SC	\$15; Age 3-4
	6 P	Mahjong	SC	
Wednesdays	10 A	Flamenco	SC	\$2.50
	11 A	Dominoes	EV	
	5:30 P	SA Tumble Tots	SC	
	6 P	Chess	EV	
	6:30 P	SA Tumble Tots	SC	
	7:30 P	77 Fit	SC	
Thursdays	10 A	Line Dancing	SC	
	3:15 P	Greater SA Ballet	SC	
	6:30 P	77 Fit	SC	

FAMILIES FALL IN LOVE WITH PARENT & CHILD DANCE

by Ashley Frolick

Communications Manager & Valentine's Dance Attendee



Photo by Liane Davis

A family takes a photo with one of the many Valentine's props at the Valentine's Parent & Child Dance on February 10, 2017.

February 10 marked the Great Northwest's first Valentine's Parent and Child dance, and it was an absolute blast. If you're an article skimmer, you can stop reading here knowing that the event was pretty awesome, by this writer's standards. For those of you who like to relish in the details, please read on.

Attendees were greeted at the door by GNW volunteer Steven Johnson, where girls were given a red or pink carnation, 100 of which were generously donated by Mel and Connie Stallings. Then they were escorted to a table by a gentleman from the Warren High School ROTC member before being served by Warren High School National Honor Society members and GNW volunteers. Each person received a plate of delicious homemade spaghetti, salad, and an Olive Garden breadstick. Later, the volunteers offered tasty desserts: cakes from Chapparitas, pies from Bill Miller's, and cupcakes made and Renee Townsend. Families were visited by a few princesses from Royal Tea Party Princesses. Moana, Aurora, and Jasmine were in attendence, mingling with families and stopping to take the occasional picture. Throughout the night, families would take pictures at the photo booth, complete with Valentine's Day props.

After eating, children and their

parents, grandparents, and guardians danced their way into the center of the room, where they boogied their bedtimes away to an array of music, arranged by the dj from Music Connections.

The dj hit all the right notes, playing music that ranged from essential party staples like "Wobble Baby" and "The Nae Nae" (this writer has yet to figure out what a "nae nae" is) to the classic "Chicken Dance." At one point, several of the children and parents headed to the dance floor to belt out "Let It Go," (that song from *Frozen* that you crazy a few years ago). The dj also played several Selena songs throughout the night, inviting parents to share their nostalgia with the children. All in all, the dj presented a delightful mesh for all generations.

The Valentine's Parent and Child event was a treat for children and parents alike. We sold 127 tickets, with proceeds benefitting scholarships. Given the wonderful feedback that the Community Events Committee received, the dance will be happening again next year.

It would not have been possible without the many volunteers and sponsors. Take a look at photos from the dance on page two of this issue. Don't forget to check out the "Thank You" list, and be sure to give a thanks if you visit one our sponsors.

RECREATION UPDATES

Basketball, Softball, & Soccer

Ty Simpson

Recreation Manager

BASKETBALL

The 2017 Basketball season wraps up on March 11th. I'd like to take the time to thank our wonderful coaches. Thank you for giving up your time to teach our kids basketball fundamentals, sportsmanship, and so much more.

ADULT SOFTBALL

Adult Softball games get underway on Sundays starting March 19th. Come out to see some great games at Leon Valley Raymond Rimkus Park.

SPRING SOCCER

Spring Soccer Registration is filling up fast!! It's not too late to sign up. Registration will end on March 10th. Registration forms can be found at the GNW Lodge. Ages 4-13 are welcome to join the league. We are always looking for volunteer coaches as well.

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COMING SOON

GNW GATORS
SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION
March 6 - May 12
Or until team fills

SOCCER REGISTRATION ENDS
March 10

SOCCER PRACTICES START
March 27

SOCCER GAMES
April 8 - June 3

EASTER EGG HUNT
& PICTURES WITH THE EASTER BUNNY
April 15

SUMMER SWIM LESSON
REGISTRATION BEGINS
May 8

Remembering a Fallen Dog Walker Watch Team Member

by Renee Townsend

GNWatch, Dog Walker Watch, C.O.P. Member

On January 17, 2017 we lost one of our valued Team members. Kayla, the beloved grand dog of Mel and Connie Stallings, crossed the Rainbow Bridge after recently being diagnosed with advanced liver cancer. As a true "poster dog" for the American Staffordshire terrier breed, she was gentle, calm, obedient, and deeply loved by so many members of the Great Northwest Community. She is greatly missed, and we offer our condolences to the entire Stallings family.



Photo courtesy of Connie Stallings

Kayla was a beloved member of the Dog Walker Watch Team .

Neighborhood Watch Teams and Meetings

We have three neighborhood watch

Walker Watch. We are always looking for new members who would like to act as the extra "eyes, ears, and paws" of our law enforcement com-

munity. If you are interested in joining one of our Watch Teams, please join us at one of our upcoming meetings: 6:30 pm Flores Hall, 9310 Timber Path.

Tuesday, March 7

Thursday, April 13

Thursday, May 11

Thursday, June 8

Thursday, July 13

Thursday, August 10

Thursday, September 14

Tuesday, November 7

Thursday, December 14

Contact Connie Stallings for more information at: 210-416-8595 or connie_stallings@sbcglobal.net

A-Team Spring Projects

by Connie Stallings

A-Team Team Leader

Spring is right around the corner and with the arrival of spring comes planning activities for the A-Team. So, get out your calendars and mark the following dates. We would like to see some new faces come out and help keep our community looking beautiful.

MARCH 11 AND 25 (weather permitting) we will be all hands on deck getting the greenbelt ready for our spring rains by removing all of the dead wood and debris. When deadwood or other debris wash downstream during the rain, it may block drainage ditches and cause flooding.

IN APRIL (1, 29) AND MAY (6, 20) before it gets so awful hot, I want to start painting the Kodiak Brown fences along Timber Path.

If you would like to join the A-Team in any of these projects, please contact Connie Stallings.

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The Great Northwest Book Club

March 15, 2017
7 p.m. in the Olivia Theriot Room -- Silver Creek

Join the Book Club as they discuss

The Whistler by John Grisham

Faciliator - Jean Glauser

For more details contact:

Lynda Welchel - txsun@satx.rr.com
JoAnn Sanderson - code318@aol.com

10 Years of Line Dancing

by Janet Anderson
Line Dance Instructor

Our Line
Dancers are always ever ready to exercise by dancing to Country and Western melodies, Rhumba, Tango, Cumbia, and even to Mambo music

Every Thursday at 10 AM about 30 ladies gather to socialize, make new friends, have coffee and snacks... and then DANCE! Under the leadership of Kum Cha Jahn, a GNW resident, this group has existed since 2006.

HISTORY OF THE HIGH STEPPERS

A survey was conducted by a group in the GNW known as the Happenings in 2006. The idea was to find out what residents in the GNW wanted for activities. Many suggestions were submitted including: Poker, Penuckle, Bunco, Dominos, Scrapbooking, Chess, Ballroom Dancing, Zumba and Line Dancing.

IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS: From 2006 to now, all of those activities were originally set up and began to take place. The only ones to survive the test of time are Dominos; which takes place on Wednesdays at 11 AM; Chess; on Wednesdays at 7 PM, Zumba, and Line



Photo by Darryl Edwards

The High Steppers have performed at many GNW events, including the 2016 July 4th and 40th Anniversary Parade and BBQ.

as the next instructor. Again, Kum Cha Jahn and Janet Doherty-Anderson were present in the class. Finally, Mary had to give it up and the community manager asked Janet to lead the group.

With Judy Francis and Kum Cha Jahn assisting, Janet led the group. This was around the time that the group was named. Suggestions were given, and a vote determined that the group be named the High Steppers. Official shirts were ordered and the group wore the blue uniform shirts for performances at the Association and Retirement homes. Janet continued to lead the group together with Kum Cha until 2015, when problems developed with her right knee. Then Kum Cha Jahn took over with the assistance of her niece Carmen.

The High Steppers have performed for the association and at many retirement homes

Dancing which is held on Thursday mornings for only \$2 a class.

Helen Stumpf was the original instructor for the Line Dancing. Current instructors Kum Cha Jahn and Janet Doherty-Anderson began in her class.

Later, Helen's husband became ill and Mary Martinez took over

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

MARCH 11 & 25

A-Team Greenbelt Clean Up
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Meet at the Silver Creek Picnic Area
Volunteers Needed: 15 (no young children, middle school age ok)

Help the A-Team clean up the Greenbelt. Wear gloves, closed-toe shoes, long, loose-sleeved shirts, hats, sunscreen, and bug spray.

APRIL 01 & 29

Re-paint Timber Path Fences
8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Meet at Village Park and Timber Path
Volunteers Needed: 15

Help the A-Team keep our community looking great by painting the Kodiak Brown fences along Timber Path.

APRIL 08

Bulk Drop Off
7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Emerald Valley Parking Lot
Timberwilde Elementary
Volunteers Needed: 5 (NO children under 10)

The A-Team needs volunteers to help residents move their large bulk and brush items into the trucks.

APRIL 15

Easter Egg Hunt
9:30 a.m.

Meet at SC Soccer Fields
Volunteers Needed: 20

Help set out easter eggs, control the crowd, and clean up after the event.



O.W.L.S. ROUNDUP FOR THE RODE

by Janet Anderson
O.W.L.S. Communication Officer

Yipee Ki Yi Yay! Git along little doggie!

That's Cowboy talk for Roundup Time at the Ranch! Roundup time is real here in Texas...home to many cattle ranchers and farmers!

RODEO at the AT&T Center is the time and place for Ranchers and Farmers to come and show off their best animals as well as their skills riding horseback. Our Senior Group, the OWLS will have toured the Rodeo Grounds on the 21st of February and viewed the Barrel Races in which cowboys and cowgirls demonstrated their horsemanship. Dining out took place on the 28th at Sea Island Shrimp House on Bandera Road and 1604.

In March, on the 21st, our very active Seniors will be going on a tour of Castroville, just west of San

Antonio. Our first stop will be at Haby's Bakery, a well known bakery in town, then a museum that is an authentic Alsatian house brought brick by brick and board by board from France known as the Steinbach Haus. The group will then dine out at the Castroville Café, an actual Alsatian restaurant!

The meeting day for March will be on the 14th and members will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day while hosting the Inishfree Irish Dancing group at 12:30 PM. Our group of Seniors are ever ready to go out about our fair city, always looking for new places to visit and explore. On the 28th all of our seniors will once again meet to dine out at the Olive Garden Italian Restaurant at Alamo Ranch at 1 PM. It's just \$10 to join for the entire year. To join, call president Pat Walker for details at 521-2918.

ZUMBA IS COMING BACK!

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays 6:30 p.m.

Starting April 3

Free Class on Saturday, March 25

8809 Timberwilde Dr



Photo Courtesy of Samantha Scott

Zumba instructors Kristen (left) and Stephanie (right).

"Kristen and I have been teaching together for several years now and enjoy a variety of music and styles. We like a higher intensity cardio interval class. We get the heart rate up and then back down during the class for not only an enjoyable experience, but as one of the most effective ways to stay in shape. I have been a licensed Zumba instructor since 2014 and Kristen since 2010. I used to live in the Great Northwest on Timberwilde and Kristen also used to live just up the street from Timberwilde

Elementary school. We are both very familiar with the community and are excited to be a part of it again. We have consistently been teaching at Northwest Crossing for many years but are ready to try something new and meet some new, wonderful Zumba friends.

All of our classes are low pressure and offer a great workout. We complete 17 songs during the hour and encourage everyone to keep moving throughout the whole class, getting water as needed. We will show modifications for many steps and welcome everyone to dance their way and bring their own style to it."

Samantha Scott

FITNESS CLASSES

Greater SA Ballet

Tuesdays (3-4) 10 a.m.

Thursdays (5-6) 3:15 p.m.

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\$10

Ballet class for ages 3-4 has moved from Monday at 3:15 to Tuesday at 10 a.m.



SA Tumble Tots

Mondays (3-5) 12:30 p.m.

Wednesdays (3-5) 5:30 p.m.

Thursdays (5-6) 6:30 p.m.

\$15

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High Steppers Line Dancing

Thursdays 10 a.m..

\$2

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NEW THE GREAT NORTHWEST

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Wednesdays 7:30 p.m. • Thursdays 6:30 p.m.

First Class Free • \$10 per Class

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Fitness Group Training

Each class is a 45 minute workout designed to be performed in small groups or in multiple stations (Circuit training). With multiple progressions and regressions, this class will allow a variety of participants of different fitness levels to participate at the same time. The workout will include functional training, strength training, HIIT and flexibility improving daily life activities.



Photo Courtesy of Jose Gonzalez

About the Trainer



Instructor Jose Edwin Gonzalez

Jose Edwin Gonzalez, born in Cali, Colombia, was a professional Ballet dancer for over 23 years. The physical demand that ballet required made me look for ways to cross train to gain more strength and stamina to be able to sustain long performances and stay injury free. After seeing my results, others wanted to train with me which motivated me to become a personal trainer to not only help dancers, but anyone who wanted to get better, stronger and achieve their fitness goals. Mr. Gonzalez is an ACE (American Counsel on Exercise) Certified Personal Trainer.

NEW: Flamenco and Folklorico

Wednesdays 10 and 11 a.m. • \$2.50 per class

8809 Timberwilde Dr



Photo courtesy of Chayito Champion

If you have stopped by the office on a Wednesday morning, you may have been treated to the colorful sights and sounds of advanced Flamenco and Folklorico classes. In February, the Great Northwest welcomed the Flamenco and Folklorico performers to the community.

Taught by the amazing Chayito Champion, the new classes are only \$2.50 each, or \$10 a month. Flamenco is taught at 10, and Folklorico is taught at 11. If you are already knowledgeable about Flamenco and Folklorico, sign up in advance online or at the office. Interested in attending a beginner's class? Let us know by registering online or signing up in the office.

For Class Schedules go to Greatnorthwest.org ► Recreation & Events ► Calendar
Log In is required to view the Calendar



LODGE RENTALS

Make Lasting Memories

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Spring Yard Sale

APRIL 22, 2017



SPACE FEES: 1 FOR \$10 | 2 FOR \$15 | 3 FOR \$25
8 A.M. — 2 P.M. | SET UP — 7 A.M.

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INTRODUCING THE DISTRICT 6 2017 ELECTION CANDIDATES

The City of San Antonio's General Election is May 6, 2017. If you want to make an impact on your local area, get out and vote. To help you make your best, informed decision, the Great Northwest is holding two town halls. Meet the District 6 candidates at our first town hall on March 20 at 7 p.m. Meet the Mayoral candidates at the second town hall on April 18 at 7 p.m. Both town halls will be at 8809 Timberwilde Dr.

The Meet the Candidates town halls is open to the public.

Learn about the District 6 candidates by reading their biographies below.

Note : The presence of candidate biographies and photos in Passages does not imply endorsement by the Great Northwest. The candidates have been presented in alphabetical order, based on their last name.



Ropal Anderson

Ropal Anderson has been involved in the community since he moved to San Antonio as a member of the Air Force in 1996. He has served an executive board member on 3 school boards and as a swim judge for the NISD. As CEO of Lapor Tax Services, Ropal has helped struggling families to file their taxes at no cost and currently works as an Analyst with a Fortune 100 company.

Ropal holds a degree in Business Administration Accounting from the University of Texas, San Antonio. He's married and has two daughters currently in college.



Greg Brockhouse

First things first, I am married to Annalisa, a Northside Elementary teacher, and father to five wonderful children: Emma, Edward, Daisy, David and Luke. I am a proud Air Force Veteran and John Jay High School graduate. I am running for the District 6 City Council seat with the goal to focus on neighborhoods first. Through listening to our residents, I have learned our priorities are public safety and crime control, streets and sidewalks, improving our parks, and lower taxes and utility costs. Together, let's continue growing our community and building the best home we can for our families.



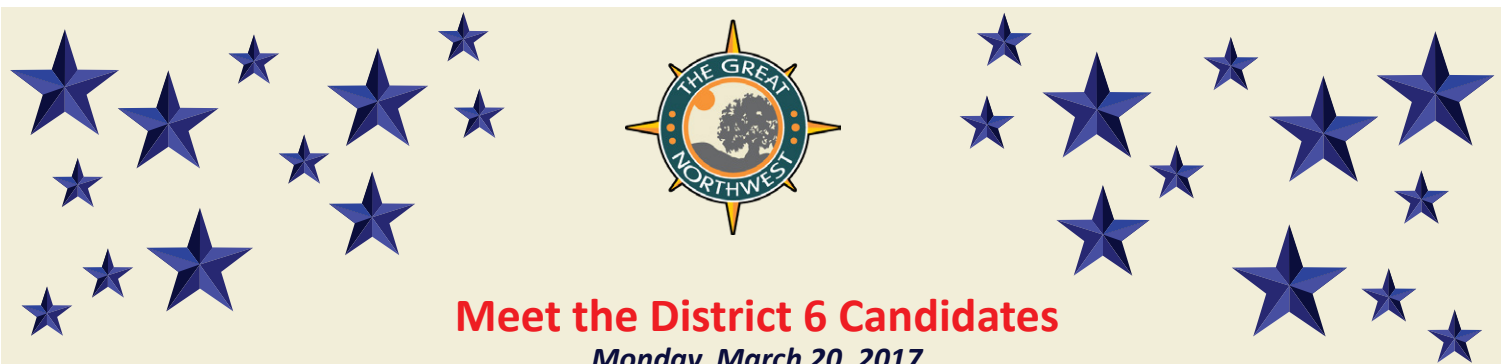
Melissa Cabello Havrda

Melissa is from San Antonio and grew up in District 6. She attended Timberwilde Elementary and Taft High School.

She graduated from St. Mary's University and worked at City Hall in constituency services. She managed projects and responded to residents to get basic needs such as speed bumps, sidewalks and street lamps to improve quality of life.

Melissa worked her way through law school and now owns a law practice, which primarily focuses on social security disability cases.

Melissa is married to Jason Havrda, an assistant principal at Jones Middle School and is the mother of three children.



Meet the District 6 Candidates

Monday, March 20, 2017

Meet the Mayoral Candidates

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Doors open 6:30 pm ★ Program begins 7:00 p.m.



Joseph Cortez

Joseph Cortez has spent the past 3 years working for the families of District 6 as the Senior Policy Advisory under Councilman Ray Lopez. In that capacity, Joseph worked to implement policy directives aimed at improving the quality of life for residents and increasing local business opportunities. He has the endorsement of several neighborhood leaders, including the support of Councilman Lopez who has termed out of office. Joseph is a graduate of Central Catholic High School. He holds a BA in Political Science and History from UT San Antonio, and MA in Political Science from St. Mary's University.



Eric Gosset

Eric Gosset was born and raised in the Great Northwest. At the age of 13 he represented San Antonio at the Junior Olympics running the 800m. At 16 Eric set a National USATF 4x 800m relay record in Walnut, California. While attending the University of A&M Eric broke a 26 year record in the 4x 800 in NYC, New York. After transferring to the University of Texas at San Antonio he earned his Finance degree, and was part of two Conference Championship track teams, and had been giving back ever since. Want to learn more? Go to www.ericgosset.com



Don Page

“Working Together – Working Smarter” — Bexar County, the City of San Antonio, and our excessive number of independent school districts must be required to share resources, eliminate redundancy, and reduce our constantly increasing tax rates while creating programs that provide summer activities for our youth, night school opportunities for residents challenged to travel to ACCD campuses, and develop programs to serve our senior citizens. On behalf of the residents of District 6, I will bring to the City Council my over 25 years of real-world experience in service and leadership to maintain and improve our quality of life.



Rick Trevino

As a teacher, I see the economic struggles of working families in the classroom, and I work hard to each day to help our children succeed. This experience and my conversations with residents have shaped the following priorities for my platform:

- Raise wages in District 6
- Build Neighborhood Empowerment
- Restore Ethics and Integrity at City Hall

I can provide the bold leadership needed to achieve the goals in my platform. As your council representative, I will fight for working families, and together we will build a better future for our children and families in District

How to Vote in Bexar County

From the Bexar County Website

In Person

Registered voters may vote early at a convenient polling location within their political subdivision. Unlike early voting by mail, you don't need to state a reason for voting early in person. Polling locations may vary from election to election and will be posted below or on the Bexar County Elections Department home page as the information becomes available.

Curbside Voting

This service is available to any voter who has difficulty walking or standing for long periods. Please call ahead to the polling location to notify the early voting clerk that you want to vote from your car. The election official will bring your ballot to your car outside the polling location.

By Mail

Voting by mail has been available to elderly voters and voters with physical

disabilities in Texas for decades.

Applications for a ballot by mail must be submitted to the Bexar County Elections Department no earlier than 2 months before Election Day and no later than 11 days before.

You may vote by mail if you are:

- Going to be away from your county on Election Day and during early voting

- Sick or disabled
- 65 years of age or older on Election Day
- Confined in jail, but eligible to vote
- Please complete and return your application between 60 days and 11 days prior to the election for which a ballot is requested. For further information, please call 210-335-0362.

The early voting clerk must receive your marked ballot by 7 p.m. on Election Day.



Greg Brockhouse

FOR CITY COUNCIL | DISTRICT 6

To learn more about Greg and his campaign, go to gregbrockhouse.com
or call him at 210.706.0671.



“I will work hard to make our neighborhoods safer, improve seniors’ quality of life, reduce traffic congestion, and help local business prosper so that families can proudly call District 6 home for generations to come.”

–Joseph

JOSEPH CORTEZ
FOR CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 6

EDUCATED IN SAN ANTONIO
St. Mary’s University, M.A. Political Science
UTSA, B.A. Political Science & History
Central Catholic High School
Phi Sigma Alpha, Honor Society

EXPERIENCED IN WORKING AT CITY HALL
Senior Policy Advisor to Councilman Ray Lopez
Investigator with Child Protective Services

Endorsed by
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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH: FEBRUARY

CARL BARRELLA - SECURITY OFFICER



You've been working for the Great Northwest for 24 years, but what did you do before?

I was a police officer for Leon Valley, Balcones Heights, and Bexar County

What do you do at the Great Northwest?

I make sure everything is secure, and everything stays in order on premises.

What is the most challenging part of your job?

Talking to people who are so upset that nothing I say will please them.

How do you handle that?

I talk to them in a calm voice and advise them that as best I can. For example, if their house has been burglarized, I will tell them what I do. I have locks in my house, because I'm in the business of security and police work. You want to make sure your home is secure. I believe in having pad locks on electrical boxes, so when the lights go out, CPS is knocking them out, not me or anyone else. That's a secure home. Locks on everything. If there's a place for it, there's a lock on it.

I have to ask... Do you put a lock on your refrigerator?

No, I don't need to. I just buy food that my brother doesn't like.

What do you do when you're not working?

I like metal detecting. You have to do a history of the area before you bring in your metal detector. I searched Stinson field and found a bag of coins from before 1964. I've found rings, a 1923 standing liberty. I've been doing it since 1979.

NOMINATE YOUR NEIGHBOR

It's time to nominate your neighbor! Do you know a Great Northwest resident who has gone above and beyond to help the community?

Send in your nomination by visiting the website, greatnorthwest.org or visiting the office. Nominate your neighbor for one of the following awards

NEIGHBOR OF THE YEAR

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

NEIGHBORHOOD HERO

PIONEER AWARD

ABVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

YOUTH SERVICE AWARD

GREAT NORTHWEST SCHOLARSHIPS 2017 APPLICATION FORM

PAUL AND JAY LAUSHEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$ 1000

CAMILLE FIORILLO PERPETUAL SCHOLARSHIP

\$ 1000

QUALIFICATIONS/ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES:

To be considered for these scholarships, applicants must be residents of the Great Northwest (Emerald Valley, Village Northwest, Commons at Village Northwest, Ridge Creek, Silver Creek, Stagecoach Crossing or Timberwilde subdivisions). Scholarships are payable upon proof of summer or fall registration at any post-secondary educational institution.

APPLICATION:

Use this form only to apply for one of these scholarships.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:

Applications must be received by **7:00 p.m. Friday, April 14, 2017** at the Association Main Office. **LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

APPLICATION REVIEW:

All applications received will be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee and a short-list of candidates established. Candidates included on the short-list may be scheduled for personal interviews with the Scholarship Committee.

AWARDS PRESENTATION:

GNW Annual Members' Meeting, Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 7 pm.

Your Full Name: _____

Your Street Address: _____

Your Daytime Phone Number: _____

Your Evening Phone Number: _____

Your Birthdate: _____

Name Of Post-Secondary Educational Institution You Plan To Attend:

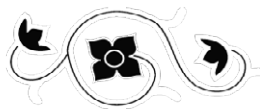
INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use one or more pages to tell the Scholarship Committee why you are the most qualified applicant for one of the scholarships. Note: Laushey scholarship requires past participation in recreation leagues. Please provide dates and type of sports. Attach these to your application form.
2. Use one or more pages to tell the Scholarship Committee about community service activities in which you have been involved. Attach this to your application form.
3. You may provide, at your option, two letters of recommendation from people who can tell the committee about your involvement in community service. If you decide to submit these letters, attach them to your application form.
4. Provide any information regarding your academic achievements and/or financial needs, which you believe, the committee should be aware of when your application is reviewed. Remember to attach all information submitted for review by the Scholarship Committee to this application form.

YOUR SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

The Gardening Spot Busy Spring Gardening

by Camille Fiorillo
Horticulturalist



March is a busy month in the garden—so much to do!

For lawns, it's time to fertilize. Go with organic fertilizer if you want to prevent polluting run-off water. Synthetic fertilizers are a major source of water pollution. Also time to top dress your lawn with compost as well as your flower beds and vegetable garden. For best results aerate the lawn after top dressing. Watch out for your irrigation system lines. Top dressing has many benefits as well as adding nutrients.

Plant your favorite vegetables. Nothing is as good as fresh picked chard, cucumber, tomatoes, spinach and summer squash. For herbs select from basil, oregano, sage, thyme and my favorite perennial, Rosemary. There are many varieties of Rosemary with different forms. Choose upright or trailing to suit your growing area.



Great time to plant trees; get them established before the major heat hits us.

Bulbs are always a favorite and seem to be popular in our neighborhood. Try Elephant Ears, Cannas, Day Lilies and Caladium. I always add some bone meal when planting bulbs.

If you haven't cut back your Firebush and Esperanza (Texas Yellow Bells) get it done now to prevent long scraggly looking shrubs. You can plant new shrubs now, too. For something a little different, try the orange Esperanza Tecoma 'Orange Jubilee'.

If you like annuals plant Coleus, Marigolds, Pentas, and Zinnias. Check plant labels to make sure you are planting in the correct light exposure.

Keep your garden clean by raking up leaves and debris that can harbor insects and disease. Add to your compost pile or dispose in the green organic recycling totes.

Happy Spring and Happy Gardening

E-Tip of the Month:

Ten Secrets for a Successful Spring Vegetable Garden from Texas Gardener

<http://www.texasgardener.com/pastissues/janfeb03/10secrets.html>



HOME REPAIRS THAT SHOULD NEVER BE PUT OFF

Mark Zoller

Director

Oh, the thought of tackling home repairs. Some projects can be annoying, costly, and time consuming. So often we put them off, justifying to ourselves that they can wait.

Light switch doesn't work? Whatever—you never go in that room anyway. Squeaky floors? You're already used

to them! But, there are some home improvement projects that simply can't wait. You may risk much bigger problems that can cost you time and money later. Here are some home repairs that should never be put off.

A LEAKING ROOF: If you see water stains on your ceiling or down your walls, it is best to handle the problem right away. Not repairing a roof leak as soon as you notice it can lead to mold, damage to the structure of your home, water damage, and even fire if water comes in contact with electrical wiring.

CRACKS IN THE FOUNDATION: Your home's foundation may develop small cracks over time, and it's best to address them to prevent spreading. Otherwise you might have major problems with your foundation, which can be quite costly. Large cracks that go un-addressed can lead to everything from leaking water pipes to parts of the concrete collapsing.

GAS LEAKS: Since natural gas and propane are heavier than air, they "pool" in the low points of your home. The second you smell gas (a telltale rotten egg-like smell), call C.P.S. and vacate the premises until the technician arrives.

PLUMBING LEAKS: Leaking water can lead to mold, structural problems, and health issues. Homeowners should check under sinks at least once a year to ensure no water is leaking into the cabinets. If you see any leaks, call a plumber right away.

MOLD: When you see mold in your home, deal with it as soon as possible. The reason the mold formed in the first place needs to be determined and the problem fixed. While not all molds are life-threatening, all of them—even your shower mold can potentially make you sick.

OVERTAXED OR POOR ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS: More than 40,000 electrical fires occur each year in the United States. And most of them could have been easily avoided. Some warning signs of faulty electrical work include circuit breakers blowing unexpectedly, lights flickering, and outlets and/or switches being warm or hot to the touch. Not calling an electrician can result in your home catching fire.

CLOGGED GUTTERS: Clogged gutters are easy to ignore, but they can cause substantial damage to your home if you don't make it your business to keep them clean. The role of gutters and drainpipes is to draw rainfall away from the home. If they're stopped up, water begins to pool in vulnerable areas. You'll face a higher risk for wood rot around the fascia and for foundation damage in low, sloped areas around the perimeter of your home.

CLOGGED DRYER VENTS: Removing the lint from your dryer vent prolongs the life of your dryer and prevents fire due to lint buildup. If you allow lint and other fabric to sit in a dryer vent, it will ultimately cause an airflow and exhaust backup that will turn into a fire hazard. So you have your work cut out for you. When you see warning signs, address them right away or risk bigger problems down the road.

2017-2022 Bond Program

Article Courtesy of District 6 Councilman Ray Lopez

On February 9, 2017 my San Antonio City Council colleagues & I have voted unanimously to send the 2017-2022 Bond Program to the voters for their approval on Saturday May 6, 2017 in the General Election.

Extensive public input contributed to the development of the proposed 2017-2022 Bond Program. Last fall more than 1,400 residents attended 25 public meetings convened by the five Community Bond Committees appointed by the Mayor & City Council. Committee members heard 350 public comments during the public testimony portion of their meetings. After careful deliberation, the citizen Committees approved 173 projects and presented their recommendations on January 11, 2017 for City Council's consideration. City Council added seven projects and approved a total of 180 projects to be included in the May 6, 2017 Bond election.

I would like to thank all the District 6 residents who served on the 2017-2022 Bond Committees, especially Bill McDonough & Myrl Britten from the Great Northwest Community. With their input & recommendations I am confident that San Antonio has put our best foot forward with this Bond Program.



Councilman Ray Lopez



2017-2022 Bond Projects in District 6

Streets, Bridges & Sidewalks \$26.10 Million District Total

- Enrique Barrera Parkway (Old Hwy 90) Corridor Phase I - \$9 million
- Military Drive (Dead End to Potranco) & Ingram Connector (Dead End to Military) - \$10 million
- Ingram Road (Potranco to Dead End) - \$1 Million
- District 6 Pedestrian Mobility Program (sidewalks, pedestrian refuges, cross walks or other improvements as needed) - \$5 million
- Heath Road & Grissom Road Intersection - \$1.10 million

Parks & Recreation \$3.72 Million District Total

- Cuellar Park - \$368,000
- Culebra Creek Park - \$368,000
- Levi Strauss, Meadowcliff, & Westwood Village Park – \$828,000
- New Territories Park - \$368,000
- North San Antonio Hills Park Development – \$532,000
- Oscar Perez Park - \$368,000
- Tom Slick Park - \$368,000
- Piper's Meadow Park Development - \$520,000

Drainage & Flood Control \$10.16 District Total

- West Military & Westmar Area Drainage Improvements - \$10.16 million
Facilities – \$4.5 Million District Total
- Tezel Road – City Facility Center - \$2.5 million
- Potranco Branch Library Field Improvement - \$2 million

Neighborhoods \$ 20 Million City Wide

- 12 distressed areas around the City of San Antonio (TBD) – \$20 million total

MONTHLY SECURITY ACTIVITY REPORT Activity from January 1 - January 31, 2017

Below is the list of calls/responses the Security Department made during January 2017. Abbreviations of sub-divisions are as follows: Silver Creek (S/C); Timberwilde (T/W); Ridge Creek (R/C); Village Northwest (VNW); Commons (C); and Emerald Valley (EV).

	SC	TW	RC	VNW	C	SCC	EV	TOTAL
Alarms	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Animal Complaints	6	1	4	2	1	0	4	18
Assist Public	18	0	3	1	0	1	14	37
Burglary Res/ Bldg	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Burglary Vehicle	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Child - Missing	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Criminal Mischief	4	0	1	0	0	0	3	8
Criminal Trespass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deadly Conduct	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	5
Deed Restriction	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	4
Disturbances	12	1	7	4	1	0	6	31
Lost/ Found Property	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Poss. Controlled Substance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Public Intoxication	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harassment - Threats	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Salesman/ Soliciting	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	3
Suspicious Activity	4	0	0	2	0	0	1	7
Suspicious Pers./ Veh.	13	0	4	3	0	0	4	24
Thefts	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	5
Traffic Complaints	1	0	1	1	0	0	6	9
TOTALS	62	4	30	19	0	2	38	155

SECURITY RESIDENTIAL SERVICES REPORT Activity from January 1 - January 31, 2017

Below is the list of responses the security department made when assisting the public during November 2016. Abbreviations of sub-divisions are as follows: Silver Creek (S/C); Timberwilde (T/W); Ridge Creek (R/C); Village Northwest (VNW); Commons (C); Stage Coach Crossing (SCC) and Emerald Valley (EV).

	SC	TW	RC	VNW	C	SCC	EV	TOTAL
Alarms	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Facility Check	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	5
Lost/Found Animals	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Jump Start Battery	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Home/Veh. Lockouts	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
Open Doors	5	0	2	0	0	0	4	11
Vehicle Lights Left On	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	4
Welfare Checks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Out-of-Town	44	0	34	33	0	0	53	164
Special Watch	94	16	26	0	0	0	44	180
TOTALS	152	16	64	33	0	1	107	373

DEED RESTRICTION Activity from January 5 - February 2, 2017

Below is the list of calls/complaints to the Deed Restriction Department made during January 5 - February 2, 2017. Calls per day: 8-15. Correction Rate: 90%. Abbreviations of sub-divisions are as follows: Silver Creek (SC); Timberwilde (TW); Ridge Creek (RC); Sage Coach Crossing (SCC); Commons (C); Village Northwest (VNW); and Emerald Valley (EV).

Complaint	SC	TW	RC	SCC	C	VNW	EV	TOTAL
Nuisance	30	14	42	14	23	29	70	222
Inoperable Vehicle	12	3	8	0	0	2	15	40
Basketball Hoop	10	2	8	1	1	0	7	29
Fence/Garage Door	15	3	11	3	4	3	8	47
Overgrown Grass	35	7	27	8	3	18	55	153
Boats/ Trailers	8	1	6	1	0	3	5	24
TOTALS	110	30	102	27	31	55	160	515

ACC STATS

All exterior construction, additions, changes or alterations must be approved by an "Architectural Control Committee," as per section 5A.2-5A.9 of the deed restrictions.

January 2017

Street	Improvement	Value
Timbermont	Fence replacement	\$700
Valley Ridge	Patio	\$2,000
Timber Wind	Foyer, room addition, patio	\$70,000
Ridge Mill	New windos, siding, painting home	\$5,000
Village Brown	Solar panels	\$29,000
Village Park	Siding	\$9,187.50
Village Hedge	Solar Panels	\$16,280
Ridge Breeze	Solar Panels	\$23,000
Wildewood Ridge	Painting the exterior of home	\$500
	Total	\$155,667.50

For more information you can find a copy of the GNW deed restriction and exterior guidelines on the Great Northwest website or call DRACO at 210.681.2983 ext. 102.

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210-681-2983 ext. 102
greatnorthwest.org

Security: March Updates

by Roger Burton

Security Chief

Spring Break, March 13-17, 2017

It's Spring Break and children will be looking for activities to do. Unfortunately, some activities are criminal in nature. The first three to four days are primetime. Judging from our past records, the first Friday-Monday (weekend) at the beginning of spring break we can expect activities from graffiti, vandalism, and malicious mischief to occur. Most of the activities occur between 9:00pm – 3:00am. If parents will take a little bit of time monitoring their children

most of these mischievous activities could be avoided. If any of the residents notice suspicious activities, persons, or vehicles in the area, please contact the on-duty security officer to check it out.

Inoperable Vehicles Parked on Street

Any inoperable vehicle that is parked on the street is in violation of a City of San Antonio code. Residents need to call the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) at their non-emergency telephone number at (210) 207-SAPD (7273) and request they have one of their police units tag the vehicle. Once a vehicle has been tagged the vehicle has 24 hours to be moved. After the 24 hour period SAPD can then have the vehicle removed by towing it the SAPD vehicle impound lot. Most of the time it will take the complainant to

make a follow-up call to have it removed. SAPD will require the address, type of vehicle, license number and the reason you believe it is inoperable or left abandoned.

GNW Membership Cards

Since February 1, 2017 anyone using GNW recreation facilities were to have a current 2017 sticker on the back of their cards. Beginning March 1, 2017 the security officers will be checking everyone's card. If you are not in possession of a card with a current 2017 sticker or you are not a guest of a card carrying member you will be asked to leave the premises. You will be required to have your card with you every time you are using a GNW facility. The GNW Lodge office is opened from 10:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m.

secchief@greatnorthwest.org

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Inoperable Vehicle Citations

by Jose Morlett

Deed Restriction and Architectural Control Officer



Inoperable vehicles on your lot are in violation of Deed Restriction code 6.16: Storage of Automobiles, Boats, trailers and other vehicles (see the deed restriction on the right). It also reduces property values to have unsightly, inoperable vehicles on your lot. Just remember, your house is your home, but you are surrounded by neighbors who also call their houses home. Communities have to work together to keep property values up. If your neighbor has an unsightly fence, or a badly painted home, that may also reduce the property value of your home. Being a good neighbor means working with your neighbors to help keep the property values up for all the houses on your street.

You may have also received a ticket for an inoperable vehicle on the street. This is a courtesy warning to you. Inoperable vehicles on the street are in violation of the City of San Antonio codes. When we give you a ticket for an inoperable vehicle on the street, we are really giving you a courtesy notice, notifying you that your vehicle may be ticketed by the City of San Antonio.

If your vehicle is tagged by the City of San Antonio, it must be moved within 24 hours. After that, the vehicle can be towed (with a cost of \$250 to retrieve it), and you could be fined up to \$350 by the city. That's a possible charge of \$600, just because your vehicle is inoperable or has an outdated tag. The Deed Restriction office would rather work with you to avoid that fee.

If you received a citation for an inoperable vehicle, here's what happens next if the issue is not corrected:

1. Courtesy Door Hanger (10 days to correct the violation)
2. 1st Delinquent Letter (15 days to correct the violation)
3. 2nd Delinquent Letter (30 days to correct the violation)
4. File goes to the Board of Directors for review.

Deed Restriction 6.16:

Storage of Automobiles, Boats, Trailers and Other Vehicles

No trucks, trailers, boats, automobile, camper or other vehicle shall be stored, parked, or kept on any lot, driveway, or in the street in front of the lot unless such vehicle is in day to day use off the premises and such parking is only temporary, from day to day and not to exceed forty-eight (48) hours in duration; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit the storage of any unused vehicle in the parking facilities permitted on any lot covered hereby.

- a. No vehicle over eight (8) feet in height is permitted (e.g., cab of tractor-trailers or the trailer, monster trucks, delivery vans).
- b. Vehicles must have proper registration and safety stickers.
- c. No vehicles will be left on jacks (of any type) unattended.
- d. Minor maintenance may be done on vehicle(s) in the driveway of a home. Provided the vehicle is operable and the area is cleaned in the same day.
- e. No inoperable vehicle is permitted on a lot unless it is screened from sight from the street or any other lot. Only fitted vehicle covers are permitted, no tarps or blankets will be used to cover a vehicle.
- f. No vehicle will be parked on any part of the property except the driveway.

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by respect." SMSgt Johnson lived life to the fullest and she is so blessed to have had his guidance and friendship.

In his younger years Chester liked to be right, or at least he tried to convince you that he was; yes, he loved a good debate. He'd read an article and tried to convince you that you misunderstood it. He enjoyed a challenge and played many rounds of cards, chess, cribbage, and Phase 10 with his family. Any time he took the family on a vacation the destination was always the same... to visit family in California and Washington state, but he always made sure to take a different route and give us adventures along the way.

Chester played Santa for 15 years at Brauchle Elementary School, the Nellie Reddix Center, and numerous other locations, donating countless hours to making children smile. For the first 10 years representing the Christmas Spirit in his role of Santa, he insisted on donating his own time and funds to make Christmas special for many families, friends and organizations. Visiting Brauchle Elementary School one year he was asked to sit on stage for the entire school's Christmas Program and lead a sing-a-long. He gladly accepted. Once he joined the Alamo Area Santas, any payments he received went directly into a special fund to provide children with presents for the following year. Even in his last three weeks of life he mustered the strength to wear his beloved red suit to spread his Christmas cheer to the children and families that he loved so much. Everywhere he went people wanted to take their picture with him no matter the time of year. In the summer time children and parents alike would say, "Look! Santa's on vacation!" Many times he'd chuckle as he would overhear parents tell their children, "See! I told you he was watching you!" Coming across a family with triplets in a restaurant he introduced himself and they shared stories of how

he raised 5 kids with a set of triplets. After he ate his meal, he felt compelled to return to them and empty the \$240.00 in his wallet and bless them with it. His mission in life was blessing other people and his Christmas Spirit continued 365 days a year.

Chester had some quirky characteristics as well; he was an avid recycler, right down to the foil off of the yogurt containers. He never wasted a toilet paper tube, used aluminum, a cardboard box, or a plastic or glass container, and he expected his family to do the same while in his home. He washed his paper plates before he threw them away. I mean, who does that... okay, so they might draw ants, but still... silly silly.

Chester loved food... especially sweets. Pat Walker, Emma Loud, LaNae Fager and Barbara Foley kept his supply of Peanut Butter Cookies coming and he loved them. He accepted with delight and often joked that these were his, but always gave in and shared them. He loved Neapolitan ice cream, Milky Way Mid-

nights, Black Licorice, his mom's Blackberry Cobbler and Strawberry Shortcake. One time at Souper Salad he ate a small salad saving room for dessert. He covered a salad plate with shortcake, spread strawberries in syrup on top and covered the entire plate in vanilla ice cream. I think it was one of the most satisfying desserts he ever ate. Every Christmas Dad and Stephanie would make 98 dozen cookies, tons of Dutch Cake, pumpkin bread, banana bread and lemon bars to share with neighbors, family and friends. His light shined and he radiated generosity.

Chester liked sappy Christmas movies, actually any sappy movie. He cried through endless dramas. On occasion he would watch Westerns into the wee hours of the morning. He enjoyed music. He and Mom would sing duets at church in his younger years and he encouraged all of his children to play instruments. He loved opera, the bal-

let and live theater. He loved old time country, classical and gospel music.

Chester had two second families... from TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) and the O.W.L.S. (Older Wiser Leisurely Seniors). He was able to shed over 100 lbs and represented the state of Texas in Reno in 2015 as the Texas State King. He enjoyed numerous lunches and outings with the O.W.L.S. The friendships he built in both organizations were genuine and everlasting.

Thank you to Chet, Stephanie and Kyla for dedicating themselves to the tender care they provided their father with 24/7 until his last breath. Tanya, Edward and Brian supported them and encouraged them as they allowed their dad's final years to be lived as he wanted and deserved. They were able to take care of Chester just as he so devotedly took care of Joyce in her time of need. Chester passed peacefully just as the neighborhood fireworks started sounding surrounded by his family. He is reunited with Joyce, his parents and all of his siblings. He is survived by his children, Chester E. Johnson Jr. and wife Tanya, George W. Johnson and wife Marie, Charles E. Johnson II and wife Marsha, Pamela J. Dubay and husband Brian, Stephanie J. Valadez and husband Edward; grandchildren, Justin Aiken, Kathleen (Michael) Cullin, Klaire Johnson, Colby McGhee, John (Sarah) Johnson, Anthony Johnson, Monica Johnson, Jacob Johnson, Jonah Johnson, Kyla Dubay, Travis Dubay, Cameron Valadez and Jordan Valadez, and his beloved Chihuahuas, Mollie and Dollie. He loved and was loved by all who knew him.



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