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Our Association is governed by an elected Board of Directors composed of seven members all seven of whom hold staggered 3-year terms of stewardship. The terms of two directors, Brian Stives and Ida Rodkey will expire at the Annual Meeting in May 2019.

Any owner who is interested in running for election must complete a nomination form and provide other information and submit the required information to the Association's office before Noon on the third Thursday of February: Noon February 21, 2019. Nomination forms that are received afterward cannot be accepted. Nomination packages along with more information are available at www.GreatNorthWest.org or at the Association's main office at 8809 Timberwilde Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78250, right across the street from the Timberwilde Elementary School. Office hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

To read more about the annual election and how it works, please read on page 2.

POLAR BEAR SWIM

The Polar Bear Swim is underway! If you're new to the neighborhood, you may not know, but every January 1, we have what is called the Polar Bear Swim.

The swim is actually a New Year's Day tradition is numerous communities around and across the county. The Polar Bear Swim, also known as the Polar Bear Plunge in other areas, was first started by officers who belonged to the Law Enforcement Torch Run for the Special Olympics. The Law Enforcement Torch Run is an organization that is made out of Police Officers from local all the way to federal agencies who are dedicated to raising funds and awareness for Special Olympics.

Here at the Great Northwest, we started our New Years Day tradition back in 1991. The former Community Manager, Brian Erickson, brought the idea of a Polar Bear Swim to the community. In an article from 1995, Brian Erickson tells us how he was inspired to bring the idea to the community, "In the Pacific Northwest



activity for our own Great Northwest."

He was right on the mark! The Polar Bear Swim continues to be a great tradition that brings all the subdivisions together to ring in the new year and have a fun and chilly time! As a funny quote once rad, "Plug-in' aint easy, but someone's gotta do it!



Amanda Jauregui
Media Specialist

there are many 'Polar Bear Clubs' who take a swim in the frigid waters of the Pacific. I just thought it was a fitting

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Mission: To improve the quality of life of Association members, and preserve and increase the value of Association members' properties.



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Annual Election to the Board

Every year the terms of 2 or 3 directors to the Board of Directors expires and an election takes place to reelect or elect new homeowners to fill the expiring director seats with new terms. Any owner who is interested in running for election to the Board must complete an application and provide certain other information. If you're an owner of property in the Great Northwest, whether or not you reside in the Great Northwest, and you're interested in running for election, here's a summary of the process:

Complete a Nomination Application

Nomination packages are available at www.GreatNorthWest.org or at the Association's main office at 8809 Timberwilde Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78250, right across the street from the Timberwilde Elementary School. Office hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. To complete the form, you will need the signatures of 5 other property owners (not tenants) who are Members in good standing, which means they need a \$0 balance on their Association accounts. These 5 owners nominate you by signing their name to your nomination form.

Submit the Nomination Requirements

1. The completed nomination application must be turned in to the main office no later than Noon on the third Thursday of February: February 21, 2019.
2. A head and shoulders photograph of the candidate must be electronically submitted before March 1.
3. A statement with no more than 250 words that includes a bio and reasons why the candidate is running must be electronically submitted before March 1.

Nomination Application Review & Candidate Notification

Submitted applications will be reviewed by the Election Officer and Committee to ensure qualifications are met and the nomination package is completed correctly. You will be notified whether or not you have met the requirements and are qualified or disqualified to run for office.

Notice to the Membership

The Annual Meeting and election mailing will be sent to all homeowners the first week of

April with a proxy ballot on which to cast their votes. Homeowners can also vote on the Association's website www.greatnorthwest.org and with an email address on file, a homeowner will also receive an electronic ballot. All submitted votes will be qualified and counted before voting ends on the evening of the Annual Meeting held the first Thursday of May.

Campaign

Candidate photographs and statements will appear in the April edition of Passages that are printed and distributed to all homeowners. In addition, candidates may buy ad space in the March, April or May issues of Passages. Campaign signs may also be placed in front of the Lodge, at the Emerald Valley campus and on front yards.

A minimum number of property owners must be present in person, by ballot or proxy in order for the Annual meeting and election to be legal. That's 10% or 496. Provided that number is attained, Directors elected to fill the open positions will be announced at the Annual Meeting and will take their positions that night.

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.

DECISIONS MADE OR ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

November 1, Executive Meeting

Board Decisions:

- Motion was made to acknowledge the Board decision by email to change the location for siting the Silver Creek Soccer Field playground equipment from location A, previously approved, to C, where the existing Silver Creek playground is now located.

November 15, Regular Meeting

Board decisions:

- Board approved to change contracted pool management and maintenance to in-house effective January 7, 2019, and purchase needed equipment as outline in the CM's

report.

- Board approved to cancel the January 3rd 2019 Executive Meeting.

December 6, Executive Meeting

Board decisions:

- Motion was made to appoint Director Guido as the Election Officer.

BOARD MEETINGS ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO GREAT NORTHWEST RESIDENTS.

Executive Board Meetings - 1st Thursday of the Month,
6:30 pm (Residents may observe)

Regular Board Meetings - 3rd Thursday of the Month,
6:30 pm (Residents may participate)

Reflection & Going Forward



by Brian Stives
Chairman

On behalf of the Board and Staff, we hope your holidays were good and you had a chance to spend time with family and friends. As we move into 2019 we need to take some time, as an organization, to reflect on a very successful 2018. Once again our financial goals were met and exceeded, due in large part to judicious management of the budget by the staff and the Board. Our budget and finances are sound, as good as they have been since I have been involved with the Board and our financial position continues to improve. The 2019 budget is approved and you should have your 2019 assessment in the mail, if not please contact the office.

It's never too early to start preparing for the Annual Meeting of Members in May. The Board has appointed Mr. Gene Guido as the Election Officer for 2019 and he will be looking for volunteers to help with the process. If you want to get involved, this is a great opportunity to help out and learn a lot about the processes of our organization. So if you're interested, please contact the office. This year we have two positions up for election and we will start collecting nomination packages in the next month or so. If you're interested in becoming a Board member I'd be happy to give you some background on what the position entails, just drop a line on our "Ask a Director" link at www.greatnorthwest.org and I'll contact you. Of course, the other option is to come on out to a Board meeting and see what's going on, and I'd be happy to talk then.

Extension of the San Antonio Linear Greenway Trail through the Greenbelt is proceeding with the City staff in the planning and testing phase. They forecast presentation of a plan to the Board of Directors before March of this year.

We hope to see you at a Board meeting! Until then, we hope you have a Great New Year!

What's The Deal?

by Cindy Gates, CMCA®, PCAM®
Community Manager

From time to time when you're talking with neighbors, you may have wondered about one thing or another, or heard something that just didn't make sense to you. So I thought you would like to know the answers to some regularly asked questions we get. So here's the deal.

Running for the Board

The Board of Directors is the policy-making body for GNW. Every property owner, whether residing in the community, or not, can run for and be elected to, the Board of Directors. The process is described in this issue.

Why Does the Association Keep Asking for Volunteers?

Great Northwest is a homeowners association and a not-for-profit corporation. Every property owner is a member because their home is in the Great Northwest development. GNW owns facilities and grounds. We need knowledgeable and logical people with an abundance of common sense to create policies for the upkeep and replacement of resident use of commonly owned facilities and grounds. What better way to get to know your neighbors and see how much fun it is to plan a party or improve a park for 5 or 50 minutes. Together, our efforts help to keep assessments one of the lowest and best buys in San Antonio! Read about volunteer opportunities in this issue and watch for them on Facebook and in your email.

Can renters volunteer?

Yes! Volunteering to make the community better is not limited to owning the property. Renters are welcome to join their neighbors who help on committees and teams. Read about volunteer opportunities in this issue and watch for them on Facebook and in your email.

Is it really that big a deal if I don't paint the trim on my house or don't cut the grass?

Property values for the area are based on house maintenance and upkeep for every home in GNW. Yes, it matters. Homeowners are responsible for maintaining grass for a residential area and trimming shrubs. DRACO department gave out over 10,000 citations this year. Yes it matters, a lot.

Why do you send out the agenda for Board meetings?

Board meetings are a time the Community Manager reports to the Board on operations, projects, and the financial activities of the organization. It's a time when they hear from volunteers about what's going on and plans with events, sports, recreation, local government, the graffiti fight, safety and security in the community. You want to know what's going on? THIS is the place to get the skinny on it.

Do we really give out scholarships?

Yes we do. Students should read about volunteering above because volunteering in GNW is highly valued and is a big consideration in who gets the annual scholarships coming up soon!

You live in a great community and award-winning community. We invite you to join the fun and take part! On behalf of the staff, may you and your family enjoy a prosperous new year filled with good health and happiness.

Best regards,

Cindy



Amenity Locations



Silver Creek

8809 Timberwilde

- SC Lodge
- Junior Olympic Pool
- Soccer Complex (8 Fields)
- Picnic Area
- 3 Lighted Tennis Courts
- 1 Playground
- 1 Lighted Basketball Court
- 2 Sand Volleyball Courts
- 1 Hard Volleyball Court



Emerald Valley

9310 Timber Path

- EV Lodge
- Kuwamura Park
- Flores Hall
- Junior Olympic Pool
- Splashpad
- 1 Playground
- 4 Lighted Basketball Courts

Ridge Creek Park

6731 Ridge Place St.

COMING SOON

JAN 1 • Polar Bear Swim

11 am, Silver Creek Pool.

Join us as we celebrate the beginning of a new year with a fun, cold swim out at Silver Creek Pool!

FEB 9 • Valentines Day Dance - Parent & Child

6 pm - 9 pm, Silver Creek Lodge

Our Valentines Day Dance is back! Tickets are \$5 per person and includes admission, plus 1 dinner plate. We will be serving spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, bread sticks and deserts. All proceeds from this event help fund our GNW scholarship program.

FEB 16 • New Resident & Neighbor Breakfast

10 am, Silver Creek Lodge

If you're a new neighbor or just want a refresher on all things Great Northwest, then join us for our New Resident and Neighbors Breakfast! We will be having a nice, light breakfast with drinks.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	Loc.	
Mon	10 A	Int. Line Dancing	SC	\$2
Tue	6 p	Mahjong	SC	
	6:15 P	Bridget Bollom	SC	Prices vary
Wed	11 A	Dominoes	EV	
	5:30 P	SA Tumble Tots	SC	\$10; Age 3-5
	6 P	Chess	EV	
	6:30 P	SA Tumble Tots	SC	\$10; Age 5-7
Thu	10 A	Line Dancing	SC	\$2
	1 P	Poker	SC	



WE INVITE YOU TO OUR

*Valentine's
Parent & Child
Dinner & Dance*

February 9 from 6 - 9 pm
8809 Timberwilde Dr.

\$5/ PERSON
BUY TICKETS AT THE GNW OFFICE OR
ONLINE AT GREATNORTHWEST.ORG
BY FEBRUARY 8

Tickets include admission and 1 dinner plate:
spaghetti with meat sauce, salad, bread sticks and
desserts.

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE GNW SCHOLARSHIP
FUND

JANUARY

■ Silver Creek | ♦ Emerald Valley

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Polar Bear Swim ■ 11 AM SC Pool Office Will be closed.	2 Girl Scouts Club ♦ 2 - 4 pm	3	4	5
6	7 Poker ■ 7 P	8 OWLS Lunch ■ 11:30 AM SC	9	10 GN Watch ♦ 6:30 PM SC	11	12
13	14 ACC Mtg ■ 4 PM	15	16 Girl Scouts ♦ 2 - 4pm Book Club ■ 7 PM	17 Reg. Board MTG. ■ 6:30 PM	18	19
20	21 Poker ■ 7 P	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 ACC Meeting ■ 4 PM	29	30	31		

FEBRUARY

■ Silver Creek | ♦ Emerald Valley

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 Poker ■ 7 PM	5	6 Girl Scouts ♦ 2 - 4pm	7 Exec. Board MTG. ■ 6:15 PM	8	9 Valentines Dance ■ 6 - 9 PM
10	11 ACC Meeting ■ 4 PM	12 OWLS Lunch ■ 11:30 AM SC	13 Office Closed 1pm - 3pm	14 GNWatch ♦ 6:30 PM	15	16 New Residents & Neighbors Breakfast ■ 10 AM
17	18 Poker ■ 7 PM	19	20 Girl Scouts ♦ 2 - 4pm Book Club ■ 7 PM OTR	21 Reg. Board MTG ■ 6:15 PM	22	23
24	25 ACC Meeting ■ 4 PM	26	27	28		

2019 STARTS A NEW YEAR OF EVENTS AND SPORTS!

by Ty Simpson
Recreations Manager



Kick off a new year with a very chilling start at the 28th Annual Polar Bear Swim on January 1st at the Silver Creek Pool at 11:00am. Come out and brave the cold elements and earn a Polar Bear T-shirt! Refreshments will be served in the lodge following the swim.

Basketball is right around the corner! Practices will start January 7th and games get underway on January 12th. Come out and see some great basketball games being played at Crossroads Baptist Church on 8300 Tezel Rd, San Antonio, TX 78254.

Important Recreation Dates to Remember:

Monday, January 1st at 11:00am – 28th Annual Polar Bear Swim (Silver Creek Pool)

Monday, January 7th – Basketball practices start (Timberwilde Elementary 6:30-8:30pm)

January 12th – March 9th – Basketball games at Crossroads Baptist Church

Saturday, February 9th from 6:00-9:00pm – 3rd Annual Parent/Child Valentines Dance

Spring Soccer Registration coming February 4th (Ages 4 – 13)

2019 Events Calendar

Polar Bear Swim	January 1	Tuesday	11:00am
Valentine's Day Dance – Parent & Child	February 9	Saturday	6:00pm – 9:00pm
Spring Community Yard Sale	April 13	Saturday	8:00am – 2:00pm
Easter Egg Hunt	April 20	Saturday	11:00am
GNW Community Bulk Drop Off	April TBA	Saturday	8:00am-2:00pm
Annual Meeting of Members	May 2	Thursday	7:00pm
Spring Market Day	May 11	Saturday	9:00am – 4:00pm
Family Dive-In Movie Night	May 31	Friday	8:30pm
Memorial Day Barbeque & Pool Party	May 27	Monday	4:00pm
Family Dive-In Movie Night	June 28	Friday	8:30pm
Independence Day Parade & Barbeque	July 4	Thursday	10:00am
Family Dive-In Movie Night	July 26	Friday	8:30pm
Family Dive-In Movie Night	August 30	Friday	8:30pm
Labor Day Barbeque & Pool Party	September 2	Monday	4:00pm
National Night Out	October 1	Tuesday	6:00pm
Fall Community Yard Sale	October 5	Saturday	8:00am-2:00pm
9 th Annual GNW Car Show	October 12	Saturday	5:00pm – 9:00pm
GNW Community Bulk Drop Off	October TBA	Saturday	8:00am-2:00pm
Haunted House & Hayride	October 26-27	Sat & Sun	7:00pm-9:00pm
Veteran's Day Ceremony	November 11	Monday	11:00am
Christmas Market Day	November 16	Saturday	9:00am-4:00pm
Tree Decorating	December 2	Monday	9:00am-12:00pm
Santa's Wonderland	December 6	Friday	7:00pm-9:00pm
Holiday Lights Judging	Dec 9-10	Mon & Tue	6:00pm-9:00pm

ASK US ABOUT OUR STRATEGIC SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM AND LEARN HOW YOU CAN ADVERTISE TO THE FULLEST WITH THE GNW!
EMAIL: COMMUNICATE@GREARTNORTHWEST.ORG OR CALL 210.681.2983 TODAY!

2019 Youth Athletics Calendar

SPORTS	REGISTRATION STARTS	REGISTRATION ENDS	PRACTICES START	GAMES & TIMES
Youth Basketball (Ages 6-12)	Monday November 5, 2018 10 am – 7 pm	When Rosters Fill	Monday - Friday Starting January 7, 2019 Timberwilde Elementary 6:30-8 pm	1/19/19 – 3/9/19 Saturdays Crossroads Baptist Church 9 am – 6 pm
Youth Spring Soccer (Ages 4-13)	Monday February 4, 2019 10 am – 7 pm	Friday March 8, 2019 10 am – 7 pm	Monday – Thursday Starting March 25, 2019 GNW Soccer Complex 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	4/6/19 – 6/1/19 Saturdays GNW Soccer Complex 9 am – 3 pm
Summer Swim Team (Ages 4-17)	Monday March 4, 2019 10 am – 7 pm	Friday May 10, 2019 10 am – 7 pm	Monday – Friday Days & Times TBD Silver Creek Pool	June – July 2019 Mondays/Tuesdays Location/Opponent TBD
Youth Fall Soccer (Ages 4-13)	Monday July 22, 2019 10 am – 7 pm	Friday August 16, 2019 10 am – 7 pm	Monday – Thursday Starting Sept. 2, 2019 GNW Soccer Complex 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm	9/14/19 – 11/9/19 Saturdays GNW Soccer Complex 9 am – 3 pm

GNW A-TEAM & WATCH TEAMS HONOR AREA FIRST RESPONDERS WITH APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

by Renee Townsend & Connie Stallings



Area First Responders gather together with Papa's Burgers owner, Robert Walker.



The Papa's Burger Bus pulled into the Great Northwest Silver Creek Lodge to serve up some tasty burgers for our First Responders and guests.

On November 8th, First Responders from area police and fire stations gathered together at the Great Northwest Silver Creek Lodge to take a well-deserved break from the rigors of their duties. Councilman Greg Brockhouse and the GNW A-Team and Watch Teams partnered to honor these everyday heroes with an Appreciation Lunch which was catered by Papa's Burgers.

What a wonderful turnout! As the Papa's Burgers staff fired up their grills and cooked burgers made-to-order, the District 6 Staff was busy hustling the orders out to the tables to serve lunch to the attendees. The Great Northwest A-Team and Watch Teams work closely with these individuals everyday, and we wanted to take time to show how grateful we are for all that they do for our community.

In the season of giving, we also kicked off the November KSAT/SAPD New Shoe Drive for local children in need. We are proud to say that the Prue Road Substation collected well over half of the shoes that were donated in San Antonio. To those

of you who supported this effort, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Children out there will be very happy to receive a brand new pair of shoes from the men and women in blue.

We also set up the donation box for the Blue Santa Toy Drive. Each year Blue Santa stays busy delivering new toys to children from ages newborn through 17 years of age, and we proudly support the efforts of our area police officers to collect those items. These are children who otherwise might not receive a gift from Santa.

Thank you to all of our A-Team and Watch Team volunteers who work hard to ensure that our community stays clean of graffiti, trash and criminals. We cannot do this alone! If you are interested in volunteering to give back to your community, please join us!

at 6:30 p.m. at Flores Hall, 9310 Timber Path Drive. For more information, please contact Team Leader Renee Townsend at (210) 264-4259 or email multi2two@gmail.com

If you want to help us by reporting and/or abating graffiti, please contact A-Team Leader Connie Stallings at (210) 416-8595 or email connie_stallings@sbcglobal.net

Much of what we do goes on "behind the scenes", but we are passionate about keeping our community beautiful and crime-free. Happy New Year and we hope to see you in 2019!



Renee Townsend
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Get Involved

The GNW Watch Teams meets monthly on the second Thursday of each month



Officers Scott Boehm and Yvette Meade, with Watch Team volunteers, Irene Maldonado and Margie Britten kicked off the KSAT/SAPD New Shoe Drive.



Officer Pete Toniazzo and Watch Team volunteer, Cathy Abbot, kicked off the Blue Santa Toy Drive.



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OWLS Continue to Stay Active in the New Year!

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

Hoping for a warm January! Our senior group will be traveling to the "come and take it" town known as Gonzales on the 15th with Janet Anderson as leader. Travel usually takes place on the Tuesday following the meeting.

Our monthly meeting will be held on the 2nd Tuesday, January 8th at 11:30 a.m. It will be a brown bag luncheon, which means we do not have pot luck or covered dishes this time around. However, there are a number of January birthdays, which are usually celebrated at this time with birthday cake.

Our newly elected officers were installed at the December meeting. Nancy Manley will again preside, Marilee Bowling will serve as Vice President, Judy Francis will again take up her post as Secretary and Shirley Slater will serve as Treasurer. There are still some openings for members to be part of our chair committees, serve as hostesses and providing a speakers for programs. Members may also volunteer to lead our group for travel on a month to month basis!



Owls having fun at the River Walk.

Get Involved

Membership is open to all seniors who are age 50 and older. If you are interested in joining the OWLS, call the lodge at 210-681-2983. New members are always welcomed!



Janet Anderson

GARDEN VEGTABLE LASAGNA SOUP

Amanda Jauregui
Media Specialist

What you need:

(6 servings)
2 Carrots
4 Cloves Garlic 1/4 lb Spinach
1 15 oz Diced Tomatoes
1 Yellow Onion
1 Zucchini
4 cups Vegetable Broth
1 15 oz can Tomato can
8 oz Lasagna Noodles
1 tbsp Italian Seasoning
1 Pepper
1/8 tsp salt
1 tbsp Olive Oil
1 cup cup of Parmesan
1 cup of Itlaian Blend Cheese

Instructions:

1. Dice the onion and mince the garlic. Add broth to a large soup pot along with the olive oil. Saute over medium heat until the onions are soft and transparent (app. 3 - 5 minutes).
2. While the onion and garlic are sauteing, peel and slice the carrots. Slice the zucchini and then cut the slices into quarter rounds. Add the carrots and zucchini to the pot and saute for about 2 minutes more, or just until the zucchini begin to soften.
3. Add the diced can of tomatos, tomato sauce, Italian seasonings and vegetable broth to the soup pot. Stir to combine. Place a lid on the pot, turn the heat up to medium-high and bring the pot to a boil.
4. Whole waiting for the pot to boil, break the lasagna noodles into 1-inch piece. Once the soup is boiling, add in the broken lasagna noodles and continue to boil for about 15 minutes, or until the noodles are tender.
5. Once the pasta is tender, add the spinach and paremsan cheese into the soup. Mix well.
6. Serve with a dollop of Italian blend cheese on top of the bowl.

This is a perfect recipe for the cool season upon us! If you have any recipes that you would like to share, email: communicate@greatnorthwest.org



GNW Book Club

Jan 16 • 7 pm

The book club will be discussing:

Night Passages

by Robert Parker

Feb 20 • 7 pm

The book club will be discussing:

The Woman in Cabin 10

by Ruth Ware

Emerald Valley Activities

Dominoes • Wednesdays •

11 am

Chess • Wednesdays • 6

pm

9310 Timber Path



Amanda Jauregui
Media Specialist

New Resident & Neighbor Orientation

Join us in meeting your Board Members and find out all about the GNW Community!
Saturday, February 16
8809 Timberwilde st.



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2019

Nominations For Directors on the Board of Directors

Nominations, Candidate Biographies & Photos due by
12:00 Noon Thursday February 21, 2019

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DEED RESTRICTION VIOLATIONS Activity from Oct 4, 2018 - Nov 7, 2018

Below is the list of calls/complaints to the **Deed Restriction Department** made during **October 4 - November 7, 2018**. **Calls per day: 8-15. Correction Rate: 93%** 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	29	22	52	26	33	21	26	209
Inoperable Vehicle	5	2	1	2	1	1	5	17
Basketball Hoop	9	0	11	0	2	1	8	31
Fence/Garage Door	11	4	9	7	5	5	9	50
Overgrown Grass	90	57	80	49	47	53	62	438
Boats/Trailers	6	3	7	1	2	2	5	26
TOTALS	150	88	160	85	90	83	115	771

ACC EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENT APPLICATIONS Activity from November, 2018

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. **November 2018.**

Street	Improvement	Value
Wildewood Ridge	Paint the exterior of their home	\$300
Cliffbrier	Paint the exterior of their home	\$8,500
Valley Bend	Converted Garage	\$10,000
Ridge Mill	Driveway extension	\$1,500
Timber Park	Solar Panels	\$24,000
Timberwilde	Garage conversion	\$2,800
Timberwilde	New roof & paint exterior of their home	\$8,000
Timber Loche	Paint the exterior of their home	\$18,000
Ridge Sun	Room extension	\$6,800
Valley Moss	Driveway extension	\$3,500
Valley Bend	Solar Panels	\$20,195
Ridge Place	Painting exterior of home	\$3,300
Tiber Whip	Solar Panels	\$20,195
Timber Basin	Covered Patio	\$14,000
Timber Glen	ADA Ramp	\$3,750
Ridge Gate	Storage Shed	\$5,000
Ridge Place	Wooden Deck	\$4,500
Forest Village	New Windows	\$5,000
	TOTAL	\$163,145

HOW TO REPORT A VIOLATION

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MONTHLY SECURITY ACTIVITY REPORT Activity from 11/1/18 - 11/30/18

Below is the list of calls/responses the Security Department made during November 2018. 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	1	0	0	0	0	1
Animal Complaints	10	1	2	2	0	0	4	19
Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assist Public	18	0	2	1	1	3	2	27
Burglary Resident	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Burglary Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Child - Found	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Trespass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deed Restriction	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	4
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disturbances	3	1	2	0	0	0	5	11
Lost/ Found Property	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	5
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	1	0	0	0	1
Salesman/ Soliciting	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suspicious Activity	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	6
Suspicious Pers./ Veh.	13	0	3	3	1	0	2	22
Thefts - Auto	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Traffic Complaints	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
TOTALS	54	3	13	7	3	4	19	103

SECURITY RESIDENTIAL SERVICES REPORT Activity from November 1 - Nov 30, 2018

Below is the list of responses the security department made when assisting the public during November 2018. 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	1	0	0	0	0	1
Facility Check	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Lost/Found Animals	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Jump Start Battery	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Home/Veh. Lockouts	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Open Doors	10	0	2	1	0	2	2	17
Vehicle Lights Left On	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Welfare Checks	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
Out-of-Town	210	0	122	53	0	0	48	433
Special Watch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	227	0	125	55	0	3	50	460

Security Corner: Security Refresher



by Roger Burton
Security Chief

First of all, everyone in the security department hopes everyone in the community had a very nice Christmas and a Happy New Year. We wish everyone a happy 2019.

I would like to start the New Year by letting the members of the community know some of the services the security department provides.

Please do not hesitate in contacting the on-duty security officer and report suspicious activities. Our number one job is "Crime Prevention". The best tool in combating crime is timely and accurate reporting.

Remember that we are not a law enforcement agency. SAPD enforces all criminal laws and traffic violations. The Security Department's main function here is creating a safe and secure environment for the community through Crime Prevention methods. If you have an emergency that needs to be reported, you must call "911" immediately. For any non-emergency you can call SAPD at 207-7273. Once you have reported the incident to SAPD, please contact our Security Department at 681-6268 so we can initiate our own report. The reporting of all incidents helps our department analyze the information and this helps us know where we need to concentrate our resources. Our patrolmen will not get involved in any confrontation with the public. SAPD will be contacted to respond to any incident that a confrontation is likely. We will respond to such complaints as property crimes, suspicious persons and activities, loud noise, graffiti, deed restrictions, curfew violations or any similar type complaints. We cannot get involved in family/ domestic disturbances, so please contact SAPD for this type of incident. Another number for everyone to remember is 311, which will reach an operator who can help you with city services, such as Code Compliance, Animal Control and etc. You will find this number to be very helpful.

Here are some of the things that you can use the GNW Security team for.

- **Out of Town:** If you are going to be away from home on vacation or other reasons, contact the on-duty patrolman and he will make a report. Our patrolmen will make a check of the property once every shift. At the time of the report, our patrolman will give you tips on securing the property while you are gone.
- **Special Watch:** If a homeowner has a continuing problem or the security department sees a possible problem from a certain residency, we will place that home on as a Special Watch. A check of the residency will be conducted once every shift. We normally will do this if we see a trend developing or there is a continuing problem that exists.
- **Welfare Check:** Give your family members the Security Departments telephone number so

they can contact us if they are concerned about you. We can do a check on a family member, loved one or friends.

- **Lockout service:** This is when you are locked out of your vehicle or home. Anything we do will require the individual to sign a waiver. If we cannot open the vehicle or home, we will be able to assist you in contacting an agency that can.
- **Report a lost pet:** Our patrolmen can help look for your pet during their patrol duties. If you have found someone's pet, please contact us so we can annotate it and hopefully locate the owner. Note: We do not have the facilities or resources to keep pets that are found.

Other Things To Note:

- If you are having vehicle problems, contact us and we will assist you with a jump-start of the battery. If it is something that we cannot help with, the patrolman will contact the appropriate agency for help.
- If a patrolman observes signs/flyers that have been placed on poles and mailboxes, etc., we encourage them to take them down. Please do not place any signs up. If you are missing a pet, you can contact the Lodge to see about placing a spot in the classified section of the "Passages" Newsletter.
- If our patrolmen should find a home or property left unsecure (garage/home doors) they will attempt to contact the resident to advise them. Remember most property thefts are crimes of opportunity, so please keep all your property secured. Crime prevention is our number one priority.
- We will assist SAPD in any way they request such as traffic control at traffic accidents.
- We check Great Northwest association cards of personnel at community recreation areas. We will enforce member and guest policies at recreation and park areas in the community. Please, always have your membership cards in your possession. Please get an updated year sticker placed on yours and all your family member cards by January 31, 2019. Anyone using the recreation areas without a card which has an updated sticker will be asked to leave the premises.

These are some of the services that we provide but are not limited to. Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of service to you. We will help a resident in anyway possible. Please do not expect our security officers to do something that we cannot do for the rest of the homeowners.

ON-DUTY SECURITY OFFICER
210-681-6268

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WEST OF TEZEL	210-207-5829 michael.thornton@ sanantonio.gov
SAPD TRAFFIC	210.207.7765
CITY ASSISTANCE	311 or 21.207.6000 www.sanantonio.gov
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ANIMAL CARE SERVICES	210.207.4738
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POISON CONTROL	1.800.764.7761

We had such a fun time at our Santa's Wonderland event on Friday, December 7. We had arts and crafts tables, cookies, hot chocolate and, of course, pictures with the big man himself! Thank you to all our volunteers who helped make this event possible, we really couldn't have done it without you. And thank you to those who came out to our event, without you, there wouldn't even be an event! We can't wait for the 2019 year.



Evergreen and Ever Pleasing!

by Camille Fiorillo
Horticulturalist

Latest watering advice from SAWS is that no watering is necessary until Valentine's Day! I would make an exception for any new plants that should be thoroughly soaked when planted.

This time of year I must recognize some of the wonderful evergreen trees and shrubs that give us pleasure all through the winter. Here are some Texas Native evergreen plants that you may consider adding to you landscape:

Mountain Laurel (*Sophora secundiflora*) - In addition to its all year greenery, who can resist the wonderful grape soda aroma of Mountain Laurel blossoms in the spring? A Texas favorite, this is a slow grower but totally worth the wait.

Arizona Cypress (*Cupressus arizonica*) - Lovely soft grey green branches makes this a favorite. Easily pruned into a "Christmas" tree shape makes it a nice platform for decorating.

Yaupon Holly (*Ilex vomitoria*) - Available in standard or dwarf sizes, it gives us green all year and red berries. Can be used as a shrub or a tree.

Cenizo (*Leucophyllum frutescens*) - Soft grey leaves and purple/pink flowers that bloom profusely after the rain. Provides a nice contrast in the landscape.

Texas Sabal Palm (*Sabal Mexicana*) - This is a cold hardy palm that is the only native



palm for Texas. These can grow up to 50 feet tall so plan ahead when selecting a location.

Anacahuita/Wild Olive/Mexican Olive (*Cordia bioissieri*) - This is a shrub or small tree with very attractive white blossoms.

Texas Persimmon (*Diospyros texana*) - This tree is easily identified by its smooth grey bark. This is a dioecious species so be sure to pick a male tree if you don't want the black berries on your sidewalks.

Rosemary (*Rosmarinus officinalis*) - This woody perennial herb lends a green spot to the landscape as well as its delicious fragrance. Available in upright and trailing varieties. Useful in cooking as well!

As always, follow planting, watering, and fertilizing directions carefully.

Best Wishes to all for a Happy, Healthy, and Prosperous New Year! Happy Gardening!



Camille

E-tip of the month: Texas Tree Planting Guide <http://texastreeplanting.tamu.edu/ViewAllTrees.aspx>

Volunteer Opportunities!

Polar Bear Swim

Date: January 1, 2019

Time: 11 am - 12:30 pm

Location: Silver Creek Pool - 8809 Timberwilde

Details: Volunteers needed to organize, fold and hand out Polar Bear T-Shirts and prizes for participating swimmers. Volunteers will be needed to set up, distribute and clean-up area inside the GNW lodge. Volunteers will also receive a complimentary Polar Bear T-shirt for their contributions! If you or your teenager is interested, please contact our Recreational Manager, Ty Simpson: tysimpson@greatnorthwest.org.

Parent & Child Valentine's Dance

Date: February 9, 2019

Time: 6 pm - 9 pm

Location: Callanen Hall - 8809 Timberwilde

Details: Volunteers are needed to help set-up tables, decorate, distribute food plate and break down post event. If you or your teenager are interested in volunteering, please contact our Recreational Manager, Ty Simpson: tysimpson@greatnorthwest.org.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

November - Claudia Carbajal
DRACO Officer



Congratulations on being selected as Employee of the Month! What is your background?

I'm originally from McAllen, Texas. Before moving to San Antonio, Texas, I worked in the Clinical research industry, I've also held a supportive member position with a litigation team for a large law office, and for several years I was the Administrator of a non-profit organization focused on disease prevention throughout Hidalgo County, in partnership with Texas A&M University of Health and Science. I strive to make positive improvements in the community, and in the world of science, while continuing my education in the field of Criminal Justice and Computer Information Systems.

What is your job at the Great Northwest?

As a Deed Restriction and Architectural Control Officer, my job is to apply and enforce Association Deed Restrictions and other rules, regulations and guidelines of the Association. I also provide staff support and assistance to the Association's Architectural Control Committee.

What is the most challenging part of your job?

The most challenging part of my job is to send uncured violations to court, because we strive to always work with our residents to ensure they meet deed and Architectural control restrictions.

What is your favorite part of your job?

My favorite part of the job is being able to visually experience the improvements of the community properties, and to build relationships with our residents.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

December - Matthew Perez
Lead Maintenance Tech



Congratulations on being selected as Employee of the Month! What is your work background?

I was born in San Antonio, but grew up in Tulsa Oklahoma. I moved back to San Antonio to be with family. I have been in the maintenance field for 15 years. When I'm not working, I enjoy a round or two of golf.

What do you do at the Great Northwest?

My job at Great Northwest is Lead Maintenance Tech.

What is the most challenging part of your job?

Nothing that I can really think of.

What is your favorite part about your job?

My favorite part of my job is getting the different tasks done and feeling that accomplishment.

GNW History: Former Resident Went the Extra Mile

by Amanda Jauregui
Media Specialist

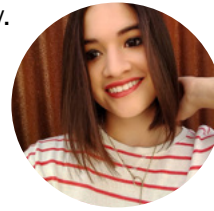
In November of 1990, a Great Northwest resident by the name of Ed Norris, went the extra mile for his community. Ed was the block captain of the Valley Moss/Valley Bay Neighborhood Watch program in Emerald Valley. That month, he decided to participate in the San Antonio Marathon to earn money towards sprucing up his neighborhood.

In an article in the San Antonio Light, Norris was quoted, "We have some empty houses that have been neglected in our subdivision...The people in my neighborhood (GNW) will be glad to go mow the grass and clean up the area. So I'd like to raise enough money to take care of the gasoline and oil and other supplies we'll need to clean up the area."

Norris went door-to-door asking for pledges if he crossed the 26 -mile finish line. As Norris was going door to door, he was also explaining to his neighbors about the importance of organized efforts from neighbors looking out for one another as a means of deterring crime.

This wasn't the only time Norris did something out of uniform to spread the word of neighborhood watches, he also formed a bicycle patrol that went around the streets of Emerald Valley.

I'll leave you with this quote that Norris stated in his San Antonio Light interview, "I'm trying to get people to know their neighbors," Norris said.



Original article from the San Antonio Light

WHY WOULD ANYONE SELL THEIR HOME IN JANUARY?

BY LAURA RAE PALENCIA

GNW RESIDENT & KELLER WILLIAMS REALTOR

The New Year is a time when many evaluate various aspects of their life. During the holiday season, families unite to celebrate traditions and share their life experiences. These times of reflection spawn others to review financial goals and rethink their priorities and implement their goals and action plans for the New Year. At the beginning of the year, we ponder ways to make extra money to fund retirement plans, pay off debts, send kids to college, downsize or upsize our current home. If you have significant equity in your home and are looking to make a move, then selling your home may be an option.

Homes sales in San Antonio were lucrative in 2018 as rates remained historically lower than past decades and as people continued to migrate to San Antonio at a rate of over 100 persons a day. If homes were well maintained and priced well, they were under contract on the same day, resulting in multiple offers. As buyers competed for limited inventory, home prices rose quickly. Sales in the Great Northwest were no exception. Data analytics provided by Realtors Property Resource (RPR) showed an Estimated Home Value 12- Month Change of 6.6 %, slightly higher than San Antonio's Estimated Home Value 12-Month Change of 6.5%. Many GNW home sellers found substantial equity through the sale of their homes. In many cases, the profits afforded GMW

home sellers a welcome lifestyle change and comfortable financial outcomes.

Spring is generally the most popular time of year to sell a house, with hordes of buyers looking to move into a new place before the school year begins. So why would anyone consider selling their home in the winter season? During the holidays, prospective buyers had the opportunity to shop neighborhoods while visiting friends and relative. Realtor.com suggests several reasons why selling your home in the winter may be the best decision ever. Among the reasons is the obvious reason that the lower inventory will result in less competition. Another reason is that winter tends to bring out the serious buyers. If a great home is on the market in January, the serious buyer may not want to wait until spring when there will be more competition. Realtor.com also reported that Year-end financial bonuses and payouts could mean that buyers have more money to purchase a new home. According to data from the Center for Health Statistics and Social Security Administration, there are more birthdays in the month of September than any time of year (Probably a result of all the holiday spirits). New parents may need more space and a backyard to accommodate their toddler's future needs. Income tax returns have provided many first time home buyer the realization of buying a new home. Whatever is behind the buyer motivation is

sure to

be a good timing strategy for the winter sellers.

A review of MLS data reflected that homes closed during December 2017 and January 2019 sold for 99% of the list price to sold price ratio. That means that homes sold during the winter sold for 99% of the list price. The data further reflected that the average price of a 1750 square foot home sold in an average of 41 days on the market at the average sales price of \$175,500. For many, that meant money in their pockets towards their next financial goal.

So, let's say you decided that selling your home in the GNW in January is the right move for your family needs. Now what? Finding the right Real Estate Professional is the next step to achieving your goals. While there are many options to selling your home, it is important that you choose a professional whose actions and marketing action plan support selling your home during this slower time of the year. Professional photography and personalized marketing strategies distinguish the average Realtor from the great Realtors . Recently a number of alternative home sale platforms have emerged into the real estate equation Many tout significant discounts to selling the traditional way; however it is important to



Laura Rae Palencia

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We had such a good amount of people with lights around our neighborhood this year! We are so happy that many of you were able to participate and really create masterpieces of your homes. If we could make you all winners, we completely and wholeheartedly would. It did come down to the judges' decisions and here are pictures from some of the winning homes. And here is a list of 1st place, 2nd place and 3rd place winners for each of the subdivisions:

Village Northwest/ The Commons/Stagecoach Crossing

1st Place: 9621 Woodland Hills

2nd Place: 6462 Forest Village

3rd Place: 6446 Woodland Hills

Silver Creek West

1st Place: 8382 Timber Cabin

2nd Place: 8630 Timberwilde

3rd Place: 8354 Timber Cabin

Silver Creek East/Timberwilde

1st Place: 8426 Timber Belt

2nd Place: 8700 Timberbriar

3rd Place: 8706 Timberwilde

Emerald Valley

1st Place: 6102 Belle Village

2nd Place: 9318 Valley Gate

3rd Place: 9239 Cliff Valley

Ridge Creek

1st Place: 9218 Ridge Shadow

2nd Place: 9211 Ridge Grove

3rd Place: 9210 Ridge Grove



Volunteer Judges from the Holiday Lights Contest

