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GNW 4TH OF JULY PARADE TRADITION CONTINUES

The United States is turning the big 243 and we are going to celebrate big! Every year, Great Northwest volunteers, residents, local businesses and organizations come out to celebrate with us. On July 4, you will be able to line up alongside Timber Path and cheer on as people drive, float and dance down the street. You will see everything from festive floats, to bicycles, hula dancers, big trucks and plenty more. This year's parade is being led by the Grand Marshal, District 6 Councilwoman Melissa Cabello Havrda.

The route will start at Zachary Middle School at 10 a.m., go down Timber Path and will end at the Silver Creek Lodge. But the fun doesn't end there! A picnic portion of our event will follow the parade and include free hotdogs, chips, and lemonade will follow. Trophies for outstanding participants will also be announced at this time.

The Great Northwest has been celebrating our Country's freedom for over twenty years now. You too can help celebrate by bringing your family and friends to the parade. Many families will be participating; you can register online by heading to our website or coming to our office at 8809 Timberwilde St. And if you know any businesses or organizations that would like to attend, please pass on the word! Registration ends on July 3.

AWARDS

The neighborhood awards are represented every year at the Annual Meeting and are our way of saying thank you to our neighbors who have contributed to the neighborhood. Candidates are nominated by GNW neighbors. If you didn't receive Passages 2.0, which you can subscribe to for free by going to our website and clicking the "Newsletter sign-up" button, here are the winners:

Spirit Award: Angel Rangel

Rising Star Award: Gabe Briones

Inspiring Others to Serve Award: Laura Cruz

Volunteer of the Year: Cathy Abbott

Neighbor of the Year: Steve Johnson

Neighborhood Hero: Pinky Clinkscales

Community Leadership Award: Brian Stives

Paul Laushey Scholarship: Caleb Weed

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2019-2020



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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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2019-2020 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Congratulations to Director's Ida Rodkey and Brian Stives, who were re-elected for the 2019 - 2020 Board of Directors! The final votes of the 2019 Great Northwest elections were announced at the Annual Meeting of Members on May 2. Quorum was met with the 575 validated votes. A special meeting of the board was held on May 9 to appoint Brian Stives as Chairman and Mel Stallings as Vice Chairman.

A big thank you to our Election Officer, Director Gene Guido, our Administrative Manager Ed Garza-Fourquet, and all the election workers, for helping create an easy process and getting all the votes we needed to meet quorum. Another thank you to everyone who voted!

Below is a list of all the Board of Directors:



Brian Stive, Chairman



Mel Stallings, Vice Chair



Essy Lechon, Director



Gene Guido, Director



Ida Rodkey, Director



Jo Ann Fernandez, Director



Mark Zoller, Director

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:

April 18, Regular Meeting

Board Decisions:

- Motion was made to approve \$4,500.00 to install starter blocks.

May 16, Regular Meeting

Board Decisions:

- Motion made to approve the vote taken via

email for additionally required plaster work at the Emerald Valley pool.

- Motion was made to approve \$2,783.04 to complete security camera replacement.

BOARD MEETINGS ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO GREAT NORTHWEST RESIDENTS.

Executive Board Meetings - 1st Thursday of the Month,
6:30 pm

Regular Board Meetings - 3rd Thursday of the Month,
6:30 pm



Summer is Here!

by Brian Stives
Chairman

Summer is here and all the summer activities are in full swing, to include the pools. We have a new Maintenance Manager who is certified in pool operations and I am confident you will have a much higher quality visit to our pool facilities this year. He has the pool staff trained up and has a schedule that includes much more frequent cleaning and maintenance, so go out and enjoy the pools! If you happen to see Mark out there monitoring or cleaning, make sure you give him a big thank you for getting our facilities in excellent shape!

Starting next month I am looking to assist the National Veterans Outreach Program with donations to support the Residential Center for Veterans. Look for a collection box at the Lodge, and if anyone would like to volunteer to help please contact me through our office. (210-681-2983) I'd appreciate any help we can get to support this worthy cause!

A hot topic on the agenda these days is oak wilt. We have included it as an ongoing agenda item for Board meetings for the future, so if you have questions on the location, how it may affect you, and what you can do to prepare, please stop by any regular Board meeting on the first or third Thursday of the month and let us know what's on your mind. We have a lot of information and are posting it to our website and Facebook pages, so be on the lookout for that as well.

I'll keep this month's column short and sweet so you can get back to enjoying your summer, we'll see you around the neighborhood!

Oak Wilt. So What? Here's So What.

by Cindy Gates, CMCA®, PCAM®
Community Manager



Oak wilt is a destructive, incurable, deadly fungal disease, and a threat to all oak trees

- **Oak wilt impacts your' oak trees and the oak trees at your neighbors**
- **Trees with oak wilt generally do not survive**
- **Oak wilt affects aesthetics, decreases property value and is expensive to manage**
- **Oak wilt – prevention is key**

At the end of April, we learned about an area of dying trees in Silver Creek from an Arborist called by a homeowner's landscaper to look at trees the landscaper thought had foliar symptoms of oak wilt. The Arborist surveyed the wider area then with his observations, the owner met with me. Subsequently, we called in the Texas A&M Forestry Service who sent a Forester, Erin Davis, to meet with us at the site of the initially cited dying trees. Ms. Davis further inspected the whole area to identify and define the currently infected area. She has provided a plan showing the infected site, a recommended tree injection area that surrounds the infected area, and a phased trenching plan to help homeowners and the Association make plans and take actions to contain and minimize tree and property damage.

GNW staff reported a second area with foliar symptoms of oak wilt. Ms. Davis has confirmed that second oak wilt infected area in Ridge Creek and is in the process of defining the extent of the area infected. Once she's done she will provide a plan similar to that provided for Silver Creek.

Initially, a tiny beetle that carries the fungus on its back, sits on a wound of an oak tree and deposits the fungus onto an oak tree. That wound may be caused by pruning a branch, or lawn mower/string trimmer bumping through the tree bark. Once infected the fungal disease spreads to other trees through its root system. What's the size of the root system? Two and a half times the height of the tree.

The Key is Prevention

Pruning – Do not prune February – June. Prune in the fall to better allocate tree resources. When pruning IMMEDIATELY paint with “any” paint – the beetles are attracted to the sap smell from the cut tree. Paint covers that attractive sap smell. Cover tree wounds: cut-paint, cut-paint, cut-pain. Cut and get rid of the wood or mulch of a diseased tree. San Antonio requires tree trimmers to be certified. Ask anyone you consider if they have this important certification. Make sure cutting tools are

sterilized between jobs.

Plant Diverse Kinds of Trees

What kind of trees should I plant? Check www.texasoakwilt.com There's a great list of trees there that are recommended by Texas A&M.

Trench

Save trees 100' on the other side of an infected tree by trenching. The fungus can spread 75' annually through its root system. To be effective, trenching must cut at least 4' deep to sever root connections, then it is 74% successful.

Apply Fungicide Treatment

Fungicidal treatments are used to protect high-value oaks. They can be done by a professional and www.texasoakwilt.com has a video showing the DIY method. Good candidates for injection are healthy, non-symptomatic live oaks up to 75-100' from a diseased tree. The success of the treatment depends on the health of a tree, fungicide application rate, and technique. Prices for a professional is generally \$15 per diameter inch. Re-injection is recommended every 18-24 months.

Our understanding of the situation is still unfolding and at this time the Association's position is to educate, inform and facilitate homeowners in dealing with oak wilt. We will let you know as a plan develops. That said each homeowner is responsible for the maintenance of their property. The Association is looking into the ways we may be of assistance by facilitating group rates for treatment or tree removal with vendors, etc.

Texas A&M Forester, Erin Davis, says prevention is key: Don't wait. Great resources are the websites of the city of San Antonio at www.sanantonio.gov and www.texasoakwilt.com and www.greatnorthwest.org. To read a little more about oak wilt, please head to page 7.

Best regards,

Cindy



COMING SOON

JULY 4 • Independence Day Parade & Pool Party

10 am, Parade starts at Zachary, ends at Silver Creek Lodge

Join us for our ever growing 4th of July parade! Line up on the sides of the parade route and come cheer your GNW businesses and residents on! Then afterwards enjoy some free hotdogs, chips, and drinks at the Silver Creek Pool.

JULY 26 • AUG 30 • Dive-In Movie Night

8:30 pm, Silver Creek Pool

No plans Friday night? Join us for our Dive-In Movie summer series! Please check on our website and Facebook page for updates on what movie will be playing. Tickets are \$5 per family.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	Loc.	
Mon	10 A	Int. Line Dancing	SC	\$2
	10:30 A	World Home School	EV	
Tue	10 A	World Home School	EV	
	6 P	Mahjong	SC	
Wed	6:15 P	Bridget Bollom	SC	Prices vary
	11 A	Dominoes	EV	
Thu	6 P	Chess	EV	
	10 A	Line Dancing	SC	\$2
	10 A	World Home School	EV	
	1 P	Poker	SC	

SPORTS

FALL SOCCER • Registration starts July 22

Ages 4 - 14 | \$80 for residents, \$100 for non-residents

Fall soccer season is right around the corner! Residents and non residents are welcomed to sign up! Registration ends on August 16 and practices start September 2. Follow us on Facebook and our website to find out about our Early Bird special!

VOLUNTEER WITH THE GNW!



Whether you need hours or just want to help your community, we have something for you! We have a volunteer day every third Saturday of the month. We also have multiple events throughout the year that we need helping hands with.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT WHAT ACITIVTY IS NEXT, YOU CAN CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK AT [FACBOOK.COM/GNW CIA](https://www.facebook.com/gnwcia) OR EMAIL COMMUNICATE@GREATNORTHWEST.ORG

JULY

■ Silver Creek | ♦ Emerald Valley

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 ACC Meeting ■ 4 P	2	3	4 4TH OF JULY PARADE! OFFICES ARE CLOSED	5	6
7	8	9	10 Staff Training. Office closed 1 - 3p	11 GNWatch ♦ 6:30 P	12 SC Play-ground Ribbon Cutting ■ 10 AM	13
14	15 ACC Meeting ■ 4 P	16 OWLS Lunch ■ 11:30 A	17 Book Club ■ 7 PM	18 Reg. Board MTG. ■ 6:30 P SC	19	20
21	22 Fall Soccer Registration Starts!	23	24	25	26 Dive-In Movie 8:30 P	27
28	29 ACC Meeting ■ 4 P	30	31			

AUGUST

■ Silver Creek | ♦ Emerald Valley

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Exec. Board MTG. ■ 6:15 PM	2	3
4	5 Poker ■ 7 PM	6 OWLS Lunch ■ 11:30 AM SC	7	8 GNWatch ♦ 6:30 PM	9	10
11	12 ACC Meeting ■ 4 PM	13	14 STAFF TRAINING. OFFICE CLOSED 1 - 3PM.	15 Reg. Board MTG ■ 6:15 PM	16	17
18	19	20	21 Book Club ■ 7 PM OTR	22	23	24
25	26 ACC Meeting ■ 4 PM Poker ■ 7 PM	27	28	29	30 Last Dive-In Movie Night ■ 8:30 PM	31



IMPORTANT SWIM HOURS AND DATES COMING UP!

by Ty Simpson
Recreations Programs Manager

Don't forget about the Independence Day Parade on Wednesday, July 4th. The parade route begins at Zachary Middle School at 10:00 am and ends at Silver Creek Pool. We will be serving hotdogs, lemonade, and chips immediately after the parade. We hope to see all of you out there!

Adult Swim Hours

Silver Creek: Saturday & Sunday mornings – 10:00-11:00 am

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday evenings – 8:00 - 9:00 pm

Emerald Valley: Tuesday – Friday mornings – 10:00-11:00 am

Important Recreation Dates to Remember:

Swim Lessons for Beginners to Advanced swimmers: Still taking registrations.

Swim Lessons (mornings)

Tuesday-Friday at Emerald Valley: 8 am or 9 am.

Independence Day Parade: Thursday, July 4th 10:00 am Parade Procession starts at Zachary MS. Picnic and awards ceremony follows the parade (approximately 11:30 am at SC Pool).

Fall Soccer Registration:

Early Bird Registration runs July 15-19 (\$70 GNW Residents

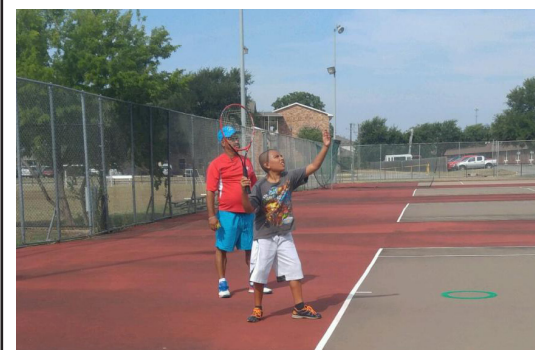
Only). Regular Registration runs Monday, July 22 and remains open until the league is full. Ages 4 to incoming 7th Graders Fall 2019 Soccer. It's very important to register early to ensure your spot. Don't hesitate

July Dive-In Movie Night:

Friday, July 26th – Family Movie Night (Movie TBA)

Full concessions available including BBQ hotdogs, nachos, mini pizzas, popcorn, and ice cream.

Amenity Locations



Silver Creek

8809 Timberwilde

- Callanen hall
- 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.

- Picnic Area

GNW SUMMER OF FUN!

NEW!

Dive Right into our GNW Summer of fun contest! So how does it work? Post a picture of you having fun with your friends and family at the pool or at the cafes, use the #GNWSummerFun in your caption and you'll be automatically entered for a chance to be featured in our newspaper and receive a free combo to use at the cafes! One winner will be announced on our Facebook page each week on Monday starting June 17!

DIVE RIGHT INTO OUR

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GNW Book Club

July 20 • 7 pm

The book club will be discussing:
Indiana Jones and The Crystal Skull
by James Rollins

DID YOU KNOW?

by Connie Stallings
A-Team Leader



I noticed we have a big problem in some of our neighborhoods, there is no visible address on properties. I did some research and boy was this ordinance

hard to find! It was not until I attended Neighborhood Day and was able to talk with two very knowledgeable code compliance officers. The COSA ordinance for premises identification is stated below.

“COSA ordinance section 304-page 19 Premises Identification states: The property shall have address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property.

These numbers shall contrast with their background.

Effective 1/1/2016 in addition to premises identification in front of the property as described above, residential properties using an alleyway longer than ten (10) lots in length to access a rear garage, carport, or driveway will require premises identification along the alley.”

The importance of this is two-fold, one being when you have an emergency our first responders will be able to find the address quickly and be able to get to you without delay. We all want to have a safe community to live in and having our property clearly marked will make a difference when we have an emergency.

GET INVOLVED

If you would like to get involved with the A-Team, please contact A-Team Leader, Connie Stallings, at (210) 416-8595



Bad



Good

Emerald Valley Activities

Dominoes • Wednesdays • 11 am

Chess • Wednesdays • 6 pm

9310 Timber Path

RENTERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED!

Did you know that as a renter in the Great Northwest, you are apart of the community and have access to the amenities that we own? These amenities include the basketball courts, parks, pools, the lodges and much more. Please come into the office to get your membership I.D. card that allows you access to these amenities, we will verify a couple of things, including the delegation of rights.

The delegation of rights is when a landlord or property management is giving his or her amenity rights to the renter. We will need a copy of the delegation of rights in order for you to obtain a membership I.D. You can have your landlord download the delegation of rights straight from our website at www.GreatNorthwest.org and it will be under our resources tab. You can also give us a call and we can send them the delegation of rights if we have an email for them.

Once the delegation of rights is signed and everything on your addresses account is up to date, we can issue you a membership card and you can have access to everything the Great Northwest has to offer!

RECIPE CORNER: ONE TURKEY VEGETABLE SKILLET

What you need:

2 tsp olive oil
1/2 pound lean ground turkey
1/2 cup onion, diced
2 cloves of garlic, minced
1 cup zucchini
1 cup yellow squash,
1/2 green beans diced
1 cup of fire roasted tomatoes
1 tsp of salt
1/2 tsp dried oregano
1/2 tsp dried basil
1/4 black pepper
1/2 cup Italian blend cheese, shredded

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350.
2. In a large, ovenproof skillet, heat the olive oil.
3. Chop up the zucchini, yellow squash and green beans, and when skillet is hot, add in and cook for about 7 - 10 minutes.
4. Add in the turkey, onion and garlic and break up into small pieces.
5. Cook until turkey is cooked all the way and vegetables have

softened lightly and add in the sun-dried tomatoes.

6. Top the skillet with the Italian blend cheese.
7. Put the skillet in the oven and bake it until the cheese has melted.
8. Serve with a side of steamed potatoes or rice.

This is a perfect recipe for those looking for an easy and healthy meal for lunch or dinner. It is filled with vegetables and is something a little different from the norm. I usually eat this meal with a side of steamed rice for dinner, but you could also do steamed or roasted potatoes. You can also add in more types of vegetables, these are just the ones that I enjoy and I think go best with this dish.



What is OAK WILT?

Oak Wilt is a destructive, incurable, and deadly fungal tree disease that is a threat to all oak trees.

Why should YOU care?

Oak Wilt not only impacts trees, it impacts our community. Trees with Oak Wilt generally do not survive. Oak Wilt can affect aesthetics, is expensive to manage, and can decrease your property value.

How does Oak Wilt SPREAD?

ABOVE GROUND through beetles: Diseased red oaks produce fungal mats generally in the spring. These fungal mats attract small beetles and spores become attached to their body. Beetles, which can travel long distances, are then attracted to fresh cuts and other exposed wounds on ALL oak trees.

BELOW GROUND through root connections: Live oaks grow in dense groups with interconnected roots and this is how it is most commonly spread. Although less common, it can also spread through interconnected roots of red oaks.

How to PREVENT Oak Wilt

1. **AVOID** pruning oak trees February 1st – June 30th

This is the time Beetles are most active and fungal mats produce spores

2. **DISINFECT** pruning tools

Disinfect tools prior to cutting. Use an all-purpose household disinfectant or denatured methyl/isopropyl alcohol.

3. **PAINT** wounds immediately

Oak tree wounds need to be painted immediately, regardless of the season, with latex or commercial tree wound paint. The paint minimizes exposure to beetles.

4. **KNOW** the source of your seasoned firewood

Oak Wilt can be transmitted through unseasoned firewood from diseased red oaks.

SAN ANTONIO OAK WILT ORDINANCE

Sec. 21-170. – General requirements.

- The provisions of this section apply to any person, firm, corporation, business entity, city department, public or private utility to the extent permitted by law.
- All wounds to the trunk, limbs and root system of oak trees in the city that expose sapwood shall be painted within thirty minutes of the wound with asphaltic or exterior oil or latex based paint.
- Firewood from oak wilt infected trees shall not be brought into the city at anytime (Ord. No. 97332, § 18, 3-13-03)

SUSPECT A TREE IS INFECTED WITH OAK WILT?

Contact the DRACO department at the GNW office at 210.681.2983 or call the Texas Forest Service at 210.494.1742. Report suspected out-of-cycle tree trimming (February 1 - June 30) to the City of San Antonio's Arborist call 311.

Teen Time at the Library

Great Northwest Library

There are plenty of things for your teen to participate in during the summer at the GNW Library! We have our Teen Craft and Movie nights on Mondays from 6 - 8 p.m. Teens are invited to share their favorite original songs and poetry at our Teen Open Mic Night on July 1 from 6 - 8 p.m. We will also be making Sailor Moon crafts and mini moon pies during the open mic night. In addition we have Teen Video Game days where your teen can bring their friends and have a friendly competition on the Nintendo Switch, WiiU, or PS4. This is every Wednesday from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. and leads up to our end of summer Super Smash Tournament on July 31. All activities are for teens ages 13-18 years old. If you have any questions, please call the library at 210-207-9210.

SAN ANTONIO HEARTWARMERS: BLANKETS FOR CRITTERS

Great Northwest Library

This group is for a circle of friends to get together a few hours each month and make blankets for rescue dogs. Lisa Sprouse started this group as a fun way to help doggies and also to meet other like-minded friends! No skill or talent required! Fleece tie blankets can be made very easily and quickly. For those with the skill and the materials, we can also sew, knit or crochet blankets. Anything goes! Any materials you can bring along are also greatly appreciated. For additional information and to join us, you can find our group at Meetup.com

This event is the 2nd Sunday of the month from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Great Northwest Library on 9050 Wellwood St. You can give them a call at 210-207-9210.

Line Dancing

Monday & Thursdays •

10 am

8809 Timberwilde Dr.

Join us while we boot-scoot in boogie through our Mornings!

OWLS

Luncheon

July 9 • 11:30 am

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**GNW Annual
4th of July
Parade!**

10 AM | FREE | OPEN TO PUBLIC
Register to be part of the parade today!

DEED RESTRICTION VIOLATIONS Activity from May 2 - June 6, 019

Below is the list of calls/complaints to the **Deed Restriction Department** made during **May 2 - June 6, 2019**. **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	46	36	35	18	28	31	26	220
Inoperable Vehicle	3	0	2	0	0	0	3	8
Basketball Hoop	5	0	1	0	1	0	8	15
Fence/Garage Door	7	4	6	1	6	5	11	40
Overgrown Grass	100	55	87	56	56	60	131	545
Boats/Trailers	4	0	4	1	1	2	10	22
TOTALS	165	95	135	76	92	98	189	850

ACC EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENT APPLICATIONS Activity from May, 2019

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. **May 2019.**

Street	Improvement	Value
Timber Row	New Windows	\$4,690
Timberhurst	New Fence	\$2,000
Timber Rail	Paint the exterior of their home	\$5,000
Timber Lodge	Paint the exterior of the home	\$2,500
Old Chimmney	Storage Shed	\$1,500
Timber Branch	New Fence	\$5,000
Valley Bend	Solar Panels	\$18,182
Cliff Path	Siding	\$25,000
Ridge Wind	Garage Conversion	\$25,000
Ridge Place	Solar Panels	\$55,200
Ridge Arbor	Sun Room	\$45,817
Timber Slope	Fence, painting trim, patio cover	\$1,800
Timberwilde	New windows	\$7,000
	TOTAL	\$174,589

HOW TO REPORT A VIOLATION

All reports are anonymous

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MONTHLY SECURITY ACTIVITY REPORT Activity from 5/1/19 - 5/31/19

Below is the list of calls/responses the Security Department made during May 2019. 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	0	0
Animal Complaints	7	0	4	2	1	2	3	19
Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assist Public	13	1	2	1	0	0	2	19
Burglary Resident	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Burglary Vehicle	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Burglary Mailbox	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	5
Criminal Trespass	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deed Restriction	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	5
Fire	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Death-Natural Cases	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disturbances	0	0	2	1	0	0	6	9
Lost/ Found Property	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
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	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Suspicious Activity	5	0	0	1	0	0	4	10
Suspicious Pers./ Veh.	25	1	6	4	0	0	5	41
Thefts	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Traffic Complaints	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
TOTALS	66	2	15	11	1	2	27	124

SECURITY RESIDENTIAL SERVICES REPORT Activity from 5/1/2019 - 5/31/2019

Below is the list of responses the security department made when assisting the public during May 2019. 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	0	0
Facility Check	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	4
Lost/Found Animals	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	6
Jump Start Battery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Home/Veh. Lockouts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Open Doors	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Vehicle Lights Left On	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Welfare Checks	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Out-of-Town	369	0	36	19	0	14	51	489
Special Watch	24	0	0	0	0	10	12	46
TOTALS	402	0	40	20	1	25	65	553

Security Corner: What Does Summer Time

Bring to the GNW?

by Roger Burton

Security Chief



Let's talk about the things that summertime brings for the Great Northwest! The most obvious thing is the children are out on summer break. Please make sure as you drive through the community, you watch for the children playing

in the street and walking to and from the many recreation areas the Great Northwest provides. Please stay alert.

SECURING YOUR PROPERTY

We have noticed in past years a problem with guests not securing property while they are swimming. In the past, we have had thefts at the pools, which could have been prevented if guests would have secured their property. Please leave valuables at home or in your vehicles (out of sight) when visiting the recreation areas. It only takes a few seconds for someone to take something when you're not looking. The lifeguards are on location for a specific purpose and can not watch people's personal belongings. Please make sure that you do not leave any valuables in plain view inside your vehicles. Lock items in the trunk and make sure that you lock your vehicle. The GNW is not responsible for any items lost or stolen, whether in the pool area or the parking lots. Please keep your belongings in a safe place.

UPDATE GNW MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Every year there is always a rush by the parents and kids to get their new 2019 sticker during the first few days the pool is open. Without the updated card you will have a problem getting your children in the pool areas. When this happens the parents will feel a need to lash out at the employees who are only doing their jobs. This month is the perfect time to take care of this issue. You will be happy you did and you will notice the stress from previous years is gone. Most importantly, your child is the big winner.

SOLICITOR COMPLAINTS

This is the time of year when the Security Department receives many complaints concerning solicitors in the community. Security officers will respond to these complaints and make contact with the individuals. The solicitors are required to have a permit in their possession that is issued by the City of San Antonio. If they are not in possession of a permit, they will be requested to leave the community. If they do not comply, we will contact SAPD. However, if they have a permit they are granted certain rights under that permit. We can not force them to leave, though; most solicitors will comply with the homeowner's request to leave. Suggestion: Place a "No Solicitor" sign on your door and most solicitors will bypass your home.

ON-DUTY SECURITY OFFICER
210-681-6268



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Summertime Safety

by Renee Townsend

GNWatch, C.O.P., Dog Walker Watch Team Leader



School is out and summertime fun is in full swing. Whether at home, work, or play, safety is always a concern.

Make sure that your home is secured. Lock doors, pick up your lawn and garden items when you are not outside, and put your bicycles and toys away when you are not using them. Peering eyes are always on duty, and they look for the golden opportunity to strike.

While on vacation, make sure that you alert your neighbors so that they can watch your home for anything unusual. Great Northwest

Security will also do “courtesy checks” on your home while you are away. Stop your mail and newspaper delivery too.

While at the swimming pool, don’t take anything of value with you. Cell phones, money, and valuables can quickly disappear as you take a refreshing dip. Thieves won’t mind “dipping” into your bag or purse for those items. Keep an eye on your children at all times. Use appropriate life vests; the little plastic rings and armbands are not life-saving devices.

Have fun, stay safe, and use plenty of sunscreen!

If you are looking for an opportunity to get out of the sun, please join us at our monthly Watch Team Meetings. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at Flores Hall, 9310 Timber Path Drive. For more information, contact Team Leader, Renee Townsend, at (210) 264-4259 or mutti2two@gmail.com

TREE TRIMMING SEASON ADVISORY

It's officially okay to start getting your trees trimmed starting July 1. During this time, we ask that you seek out a professional. Call the city of San Antonio at 311 and ask for an arborist to inspect the trees that you are thinking of trimming or cutting down. They come out for free and would be able to give you advice and check the health of your tree.

Make sure that when you obtain someone to do the job, that they are certified and work with clean tools. Uncleaned tools can lead to Oak Wilt and other possible health problems for your tree. You should also not cut your own tree without proper tools, equipment, and safety measures. This can not only hurt your tree but can possibly hurt you.

If you have any questions about tree trimming/cutting, you can give the City of San Antonio a call at 311 or call the Texas Forest Service at 210.494.1742.

If you would like some more information on Oak Wilt, you can go to our website at www.GreatNorthwest.org and find out more information under the Resources tab.

5 Ways to Be a Good, Great Northwest Neighbor

by Jose Morlett

DRACO Manager



When people live side by side with common walls, a small nuisance can become a big deal. This is especially true in the Great Northwest where sights, smells, and sounds intrude into the tranquility of our own homes.

Being a good neighbor in the Great Northwest Community

Improvement Association means more than a friendly wave or a quick chat at the mailbox. Sharing property with your neighbors brings social interactions that most people would never predict or think about.

Let's explore five things that people can do to boost the good neighbor factor.

1. Read and Follow the HOA Covenants

Be familiar with and follow your Great Northwest covenants. Being a good neighbor is easier when everyone is playing by the same rule book.

2. Work Out Your Problems Face to Face

Our busy world consists of emails and social media —so we sometimes distance ourselves from actually communicating in person. However, in person is usually the best way to handle a disagreement. Sometimes all that's needed is a non-confrontational face-to-face chat to solve the problems.

3. Reach Out to Your Neighbors

The old adage that you catch more flies with honey than vinegar is doubly true when engaging your neighbors. Take the time to offer a little assistance when it's needed, learn different cultures, taste different foods, explore different customs offer a little help. You're building goodwill that will help you when your own emergencies arise. Focus on being a good neighbor.

4. Offer Advance Solutions

If your child is having a slumber party, work with your neighbors to establish lights out time. Most of us cook food that the smell permeates the air from time to time. Put yourself in your neighbor's shoes – and open the windows to let some of the odor escape. You may also want to invite your neighbors to a taste testing — it's a fun way to explore new foods, especially from other cultures.

5. Involve Yourself in Your Community

When you're an owner in the Great Northwest Community Improvement Association, being a good neighbor means getting more involved in your community. As a member of the Association, it's your responsibility to stay involved in the neighborhood affairs. Pitch in where you can.

So, love thy neighbor ... or at least try to be a considerate one. By doing this, you and your neighbors will reap rewards for years to come.

Ball Moss and Mistletoe: Love it or Lose it?

by Camille Fiorillo
Horticulturalist

Ball Moss (*Tillandsia recurvata*) a native plant, is a common sight on trees in our neighborhood. It especially likes Southern Oaks (*Quercus virginiana*). Ball moss is an epiphyte, not a parasite. That means it does not feed off of its host tree but merely clings to its surface. It gets its water and nutrients from other sources such as humidity, rain, and dust. It is also not a true moss but is in the bromeliad family of plants. Environmentally it provides a benefit to birds by harboring bugs and providing shelter. Many find it unattractive and actively remove it from trees. It can block sunlight and prevent trees from budding if it is heavily infested causing a decline on the host tree. It also adds weight to the branches. So the choice is up to you if you find it aesthetically unappealing remove it. If you don't mind it, leave it be unless it gets too heavy. Ball Moss can be used for crafts and flower arrangements as well.

Mistletoe, (*Viscum album*) long connected to Christmastime activities, is however, a parasite. It feeds off the nutrients of the host tree and its roots can weaken the branches of the host tree. In our area, it particularly favors Cedar Elms, Red Oak, and Hackberry trees. I have some on my Mesquite tree as well. It is spread by birds distributing the seeds. All parts of the plant are poisonous to humans. Although a native

plant, it is harmful to trees and people and I suggest removing it. If used for winter decorations, be sure it is out of the reach of children since the berries could be tempting.

The heat is upon us so when working in the garden stay hydrated and try to rotate your activities with the shade.

Happy Gardening!

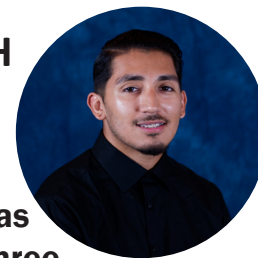
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EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

May - Jesse Rizo

Facilities Tech



Congratulations on being selected as Employee of the Month! What are three words you would use to describe your job?

Fast-paced, collaborative, and busy.

How do you balance your career and personal life?

By setting an organized ranked list of priorities.

What have you gained from working at the GNW?

Self-reliance.

What is your motto or personal mantra?

Come back with your shield, or on it.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

June - Kara Farias



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

General and commercial cleaning.

What is your job at the GNW?

Facilities Tech

What is the most challenging part of your job?

Wanting to do so much and only one of me.

What is your favorite part of your job?

Being able to provide my services to my fullest potential.

Volunteer Opportunities!

4th of July Parade

Date: July 4, 2019

Time: 11 am - 2 PM

Location: Silver Creek Pool - 8809 Timberwilde

Contact Info: 210-485-9034, tysimpson@greatnorthwest.org

Details: Volunteers needed to help sell concessions and packed cooked goods in accordance with the City of San Antonio's Health Code. Volunteers needed to help distribute hot dogs, chips and drinks. Volunteers needed to help put up tables and clean up food preparations areas at the conclusion of the event.

GNW Volunteer Day

Date: July 20, 2019

Time: 9 am - 12 pm

Location: Callenan Hall - 8809 Timberwilde Dr.

Contact Info: communicate@greatnorthwest.org

Details: Volunteers needed to help organize storage and shred unwanted documents. Volunteers will help the Administrative Manager, Ed Garza-Fourquet, organize and move things around the room. Some volunteers will help shred unwanted documents.



GNW History: Parade of 4th of July Past

by Amanda Jauregui

Media Specialist

As our front article stated, our 4th of July Parade is a tradition spanning back over 20 years. Through our archives, we found one parade where it looks like that one day in summer where the rain actually fell.

On July 4th of 1998, the weather was predicted to turn out nice and sunny. Everyone is out getting ready for their big moment. For some, they have participated in the parade prior years and some are first-timers. People are lining up in their trucks, on their bikes, and making sure their shoes are tight enough to make the 2-mile walk. As soon as the parade commences, the rain comes running in like a wedding crasher. Even though it rained, that didn't stop anyone from having fun! The parade went on according to schedule and all participants pressed through as the show had to go on. After the tread through Timber Path, the music played on. A band called the Northwest Sounds played patriotic music at the end of the parade, even though the rain was pouring down. Everyone had a good time and we hope we can bring that momentum once again 21 years later!

The parade brings out so many people every year and we hope you are able to participate and come out and see the parade!



Keep Your Pets Safe During Emergencies

by Mark Zoller

GNW Board Member

In my home, the pets seem to rule the roost. Our schedules revolve around their feeding times, backyard visits, and exercise events. My buddies are part of our family. Recently, I wondered what would happen to them in the event of a natural disaster. My primary goal would be to keep everyone safe – including my pets, so I did a search for a disaster safety and evacuation plan. Here are some tips to help with the process.

Know where your pet hides

When thunder strikes or fireworks explode in the night sky, where does your beloved pet take refuge? “You need to know where they usually sleep and where they hide, so you can get them quickly if needed.”

Decide in advance where to take your pet

You may have only a split second to get out of your home in a flood, fire, etc., so you need to decide well in advance where you and your pet will ride out the disaster. Not every hotel or public shelter has to accept pets during an evacuation. Find out if family, friends, pet-friendly hotels, boarding facilities, and/or veterinarians could take your pet if needed.

Prepare a disaster kit for your pet

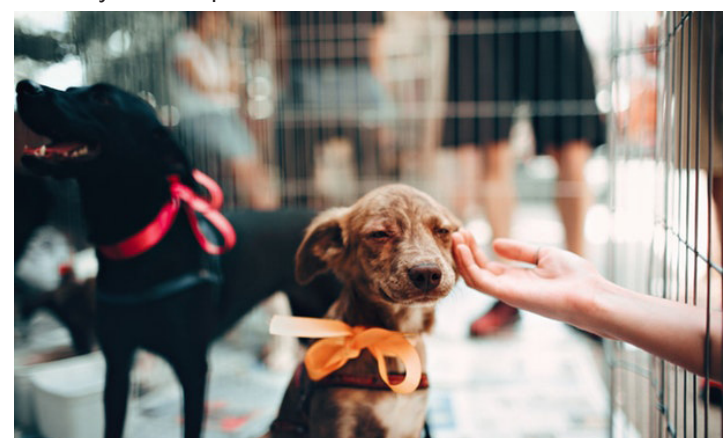
When assembling your family's disaster kit, consider the needs of your pets, too. You need enough supplies for your pet to last as long as you will be displaced, typically a week. Items to include in your kit are:

- Copies of your pet's medical records and veterinary information
- Food and water
- Collapsible food and water bowls
- Water-purifying tablets and filters
- Treats
- Manual can opener
- Cloth towels and paper towels
- Pet first-aid supplies
- Dog crate
- Dog bed
- Special toys or comfort items
- Leash, collar, harness

- For dogs, poop bags
- For cats, litter box and kitty litter for at least one week

Make your pet easy to identify

If you need to leave your pet in a shelter or you're inadvertently separated, try to make identifying and tending to the pet as easy as possible. That means making sure your pets are microchipped and have an ID tag on their collar. You might think that having a collar is enough; however, if it comes off in an emergency, the microchip may be the only form of identification. Keep photos and a description of your dog in your disaster kit. Include detailed markings of your pets, which can help you locate them if they become lost or you're separated.



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Volunteers squeeze together for a photo.



Audience members paying attention.

The 2019 GNW Election Results were announced at the Annual Meeting of Members on May 2, 2019. During the meeting, volunteers were recognized for their hard work, Neighborhood Award winners and Scholarship recipients were announced, and the Chairman of the Board and Community Manager reviewed last year's accomplishments. In our Passages 2.0, we announced the winners of each category, now here are some highlight photos of our event.



Some of our OWLS prepping the food.



Everyone enjoying the food provided.



Member Services Advisor, Teresa Johnson, helping prepare.



Bill Gregory, CPA giving the Association a run down of 2018 records.



Residents waiting for the meeting to start.



Eating and mingling before the meeting starts.