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Linear Creek Trail Extension Through the GNW Greenbelt

Maybe you've seen the surveying stake markers in the Greenbelt as you pass over the Timberwilde Drive bridge just past the Lodge. Those stakes were installed by City survey

crews to mark

the easement boundary through our Greenbelt within which the paved trail will be located. When I last checked the City was waiting for the finalized easement boundary survey, which is needed before that marked area can be



transferred from the Great Northwest to the city. *IF* all goes as planned with the transfer and the City's acquisition of similar easements south of GNW by no later than spring 2020, construction may start on the trail in late 2020.

> Cindy Gates, CMCA[®], PCMA[®] Community Manager

Flores Hall Rentals

he Great Northwest Flores Hall facility is our hidden gem and the perfect size facility to hold your event such as a baby shower, birthday party, anniversary, corporate meeting or workshop. We are dedicated to help you with booking your next event.

Flores hall accommodates up 50 to people; with the price of the rental we include tables and chairs, full service kitchen, bathrooms and an outdoor patio. I encourage and invite you to come and visit the facility inside as I expect you to be awed with its warm and charming looks.

We offer an array of other services to deliver solutions that help residents plan their events with ease. Our services are designed specifically to help you and make it very convenient, saving tremendous amount of time and money. Our party manager is there to assist you with any questions you may have during your event.

Please contact our offices Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. to check for availability or our website www.greatnothwest.nabrnetwork.com



Eduardo Garza-Fourquet Administration/Communications Manager

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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.

DECISIONS MADE OR ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

June 20 Regular Board Meeting Oak Wilt

Discussed the trenching aspect of the plan provided by Texas A&M. At this time, the Association will not launch into a trenching remedy.

July 18 Regular Board Meeting **Board Vacancy:**

The Board will take resumes until August 1, 2019 for the appointment of the vacancy on the Board.

August 1 Executive Board Meeting Action on DRV Files

Directed staff to send 3 Deed **Restriction Violation files to small** claims court; send 1 file a 30-day final letter, then, if the violation is not cured, to small claims court; and one file required more time before taking action.

August 15 Regular Board Meeting Appointed Director: Gabe Briones

The Board appointed Gabe Briones to fill the remaining term for Gene Guido who resigned recently.

Gabe Briones Appointed to the **Board of Directors** Meet the new Director of the Board

he Board of Directors appointed candidate Gabriel (Gabe) Briones to fill the remaining term of Gene Guido who resigned recently, at the Board meeting held August 15. Gabe has volunteered for the past 2 years as Coordinator for GNW's 4th of July Parade and he volunteered as a judge for GNW Christmas Lights contest.

Gabe and his wife Norma moved to GNW 12 years ago from greater New Orleans LA. He retired after 27 years of Air Force service during which time he was the superintendent of the Informational Department and spent the last 4 years as Financial Material Manager for the State of Louisiana. He taught Air Force JROTC for 7 years in New Orleans wearing Air Force Blue for a total of 34 years.

As a civilian he participated in Community playground in Jefferson Parish LA and held positions as Athletic Director for both boys and girls sports as well as coaching football, baseball, basketball, soccer and softball. He was also President of PARD Playground Booster Club. The past year Gabe graduated from Neighborhood Leadership Academy presented by the City of San Antonio Neighborhood and Housing Services Dept.

He plans to bring enthusiasm and a strong work ethic and help to make the Association better. He's a communicator with a track record of helping to get people working together in order to accomplish the job at hand.



Farewell to Director Gene Guido

would like to extend my gratitude to Mr Gene Guido who just left the Board to pursue more family activities and a well deserved retirement. Thank you for being part of the Board, it was truly a pleasure having you on the team!



We have advertised the vacancy and by the time this is published we will have likely selected a new Board member, so keep an eye out for the introduction of a new member of the GNW Board!

Thank you, Gene

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word from the chair • CM's corner



OAK WILT, 2020 BUDGET & TRASH CAN by Cindy Gates, CMCA®, PCMA® Community Manager

l o keep Association business taken care of and common areas and amenities maintained there are always a

lot of projects and work going on. If you haven't gotten your tennis rackets out yet, or maybe it's been a few years, get them out. Our maintenance crew has been busy with new equipment cleaning the courts at Silver Creek and Emerald Valley is next. They look brand new!

Several other items that I wanted to bring you up to speed on follow.

Oak Wilt

Please remember that it's a destructive, incurable and deadly fungal disease and a threat to all oak trees. If your trees get it, it will affect the aesthetics of your property and decrease the value of your property. Prevention is key! Contact the DRACO department at the GNW office 210.681.2983 or call Texas Forest Service at 210.494.1742. It's okay to trim and cut oak trees now until February. Report unlicensed tree cutters to the City of San Antonio's Arborist call 311. Great resources are the websites of the city of San Antonio at www.sanantonio.gov and www.texasoakwilt. com and www.greatnorthwest.org.

2020 Budget

Preparing the budget makes us clear on what money is coming in, and where it is being spent. It tells us how Association monies work for residents, what is important based on funding allocation, and how far the Association is toward reaching our long-term financial goals which is the funding of the list of items in the repair and replacement study.

In developing the operating and MR&R budgets we will consider where monies have been spent, what needs there are now, and project what needs there will be going forward. In order to address what you see as needs next year please email to let me know so that your input can be considered among many other factors of budget development.

Trash Cans

Please maintain the front of your property in a well-kept and attractive manner. City code is that cans must be at curbside (not on the sidewalk) by 6 a.m., then removed and stored by 10 p.m. on the day of pickup. GNW requirements are that residents must store trash cans or carts away from the front of homes – this way drivers and pedestrians who pass by see the architectural qualities of your home and its landscaping. It only takes a little more effort to store the cans in a location that is screened from view.

What type of screen is acceptable? Shrubs, framed lattice or other wood that can prevent passersby from seeing unsightly containers. Go to our website or pick up an application at the office and submit a plan for a screen to the Architectural Control Committee. The ACC meets every other week and they'll review what you want to do and get back with you right away. The ACC is such a great group of resident-volunteers. They'll be happy to look at your application and approve it or help you if they can.



2020 Budget Process Is Underway

by Brian Stives *Chairman of the Board*



Budget planning for the 2020 operational

budget is under way so if you have any ideas, or things you'd like to see, now is the time to come out to a Board meeting and be heard! We have managed to keep assessment increases to a minimum over the last few years and, as always, that will be our goal again this year. All budget discussions are open to the membership and we are always willing to hear your ideas if you attend.

I've asked the question in the past and have still never received a response, if you can

find another Association with the amenities we have for anywhere close to what our assessment fee is, please let me know! Also remember its not necessarily about the amenities you personally use, the goal of the organization is to maintain property values. A good testament to that end is my neighbor's house that just sold for full

asking price within a day of listing. While I do understand that's not "all" because of the Association, it certainly helps when you are spending over \$200K that the neighborhood is well kept, active, and has the amenities we have here.

In closing, please remember, school is about to start and the streets around the area schools will be pretty busy again. Please, please, please pay attention to school zones and slow down! We have had a few concerns expressed about speeding in schools zones and you can likely expect some extra patrols, so be safe and save yourself a chunk of money by observing the flashing lights in the area school zones!

Hope to see you around the neighborhood!

Community Yard Sale - Sell Your Extra Stuff

Great Northwest will hold its 6th Annual Fall Community Yard Sale this September 7th.

Capitalize on The Great Northwest's advertising and enjoy the convenience of trading your extra stuff for \$\$ from your garae and driveway. Pick up a garage sale permitted extra space!



COMING SOON

SEP 02 • 2nd Annual Volunteer Celebration Event

4 pm, Silver Creek Pool

Don't have plans for Labor Day? You do now! Come celebrate with us and our wonderful volunteers from this year and kick back at the Silvercreek Pool. Sausage wraps and drinks will be first-comefirst-served for volunteers!

FREE for residents. Residents must have their GNW membership IDs to get into the pool.

SEP 07 • COMMUNITY FALL YARD SALE

8 am - 2 pm, Silver Creek Soccer Fields Registration starts August 1 Prices: \$10 for 1 spot

With more than 60 booths, the GNW Yard Sale has everything you're looking for: antiques, furniture, toys, clothes, accessories...

You name it!

OCT 01 • NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

6 -10 pm, Various GNW Locations

Help the neighborhood raise awareness about crime and safety by hosting or attending a block party. Register your block party at sanantonio.gov.

OCT 12 • 9TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

5 pm - 9 pm, Silver Creek Soccer Fields Registration starts September 1

Check out all of the entries, from classics to hot rods, at our Annual Car Show. Want to join the competition? Entering the competition is only \$15.

OCT 19 ● NEW RESIDENT & NEIGHBOR BREAKFAST

10 am, Silver Cree

If you just moved in and want to get more acquainted with the community, we're holding a light breakfast to serve YOU. Come gather insight, meet some of the community leaders, meet fellow new neighbors and enjoy some free food.

OCT 26-27 HAUNTED HOUSE & HAYRIDE

7 pm - 9 pm, Silver Creek Lodge

Get spooked at our Haunted House & Hayride!

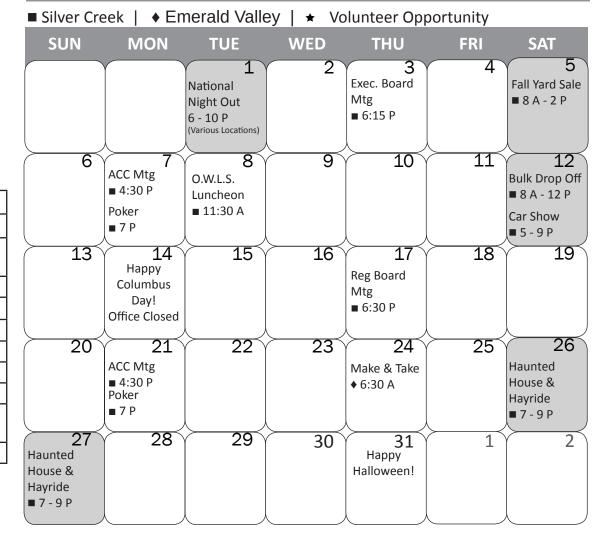
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ACTIVITIES	Tue	10 A	World Home School	EV	Flores Hall
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5		6:15 A	Bridget B. Fitness	SC	Callean Hall
A	Wed	11 A	Dominoes	EV	Flores Hall
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8		10 A	World Home School	EV	Flores Hall
		1 P	Poker	SC	OTR

September

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October



As Summer Activities Slow Down, Action in Recreation is Speeding Up

By: Ty Simpson Athletics and Recreation Director

t's back to school time for the kids. As things slow down at home, the action is

just beginning in the Recreation Department at GNW. We hope you got to cool down at the pools this summer. Our last day of pool operation will be Labor Day – Monday, September 2nd .

Upcoming Fall Events to Remember:

Friday, August 30th Family Dive-In Movie Avengers: Endgame 8:30pm at Silver Creek Pool \$5 entry fee per family

Monday September 2nd Labor Day Pool Party & Volunteer Appreciation Bash

4:00pm at Silver Creek Pool Refreshments include grilled sausage wraps, chips & lemonade Saturday, September 7th Fall Community Yard Sale 8:00am in the soccer field parking lot

Saturday, October 12th 9th Annual GNW Car Show 5:00-9:00pm at the soccer field parking lot

Saturday & Sunday, October 26th & 27th Haunted House & Hayride 7:00-9:00pm

Upcoming Sporting Events to Remember:

September 9th Fall Soccer Practices begin Ages 4-13

September 21st – November 9th (Saturdays) Fall Soccer Games GNW Soccer Complex

November 4th Basketball Registration Starts Ages 6-12



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IMPORTANT RECREATION DATES

-	Fall Soccer Practices Begin						
2	GNW Soccer Complex						
SEP TO NOV	Fall Soccer Games						
14 9	GNW Soccer Complex						
NOV TO DEC	Basketball Registration						
4 ¹⁰ 6	Register before rosters fill up!						

EVENT NEWS

FALL COMMUNITY YARD SALE September 7

Join us for our Fall Community Sale

With more than 60 booths, the GNW Yard Sale has everything you're looking for: antiques, furniture, toys, clothes, accessories... You name it!

If you're interesting in registering for a booth slot, come into the office and fill out a form to save your slot. Registration has already started, so come in fast since spots are first-come-first-served!

9TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW OCTOBER 12

Registration for the 9th Annual Car Show starts on September 1! All vehicles are welcome: vintage cars & trucks, hot rods, corvettes, trucks, imports, classics, motorcycles, muscle cars, and more!

Own a business and want to reach out to the community? We will have booths available! Contact Ty Simpson for more information - tysimpson@greatnorthwest.org.

HAUNTED HOUSE & HAYRIDE October 26-27

We are very excited about this year's Haunted House. We have many new animatronics and creepy décor that you will die for!! We are always in need of volunteers to help make this event great. Also, you may have noticed that the Haunted House falls on the Saturday and Sunday prior to Halloween, so we don't take away from your precious Trick-or-Treating hours!

> HOW WAS YOUR SUMMER AT THE GNW POOLS? Let us know at: facebook.com/GNWCIA

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Waste Collection Assistance Program

by Eduardo Garza-Fourquet

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Administration/Communications Manager

The City of San Antonio, Solid Waste Management Department offers customers who are unable to bring their solid waste container(s) to the curb as certified by a medical professional may qualify for collection assistance either temporarily or permanently.

For more information contact 3-1-1 or 210-207-6000 Mon- Fri 7:00a-7:00p or Sat and Sun 8:00a-5:00p and request the Collections Assistance Program Application. Once the application has been filled out by you and a licensed medical professional submit the form back to Solid Waste Management by mail, email or fax, SWM will contact you to make the arrangements as far as container size and placement.

You are cordially invited to the Annual Great Northwest Veterans Day Ceremony Monday, November 11, 2019 @ 11:00 a.m. At the Lodge of the Great Northwest

This is our opportunity for The Great Northwest Community to pay tribute to all the brave and selfless individuals who have defended our nation and protected our freedoms.

I would like to extend a very special invitation to the veterans we have in the community to come to this years ceremony so we can honor you. Please contact me if you can come.

If anyone has any questions concerning this year's ceremony please contact Security Chief Burton @ 681-2983, Ext. 114.

God Bless America!

Spotlight on a Veteran

<u>Need your help for the following</u> <u>please!</u>

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What to do When You're Out of Tools

by Connie Stallings

A-Team Leader

Did you know that you could borrow tools from the Ciy of San Antonio Toolshed? Lawnmower broke and you get a notice from DRACO what to do? Check out the COSA Toolshed.

WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY TOOLSHED? The community tool shed contains a collection of hand and gas power tools that can be used at no cost by residents, businesses, and community groups of San Antonio to clean and improve their properties.

WHAT TOOLS ARE AVAILABLE? Tools that are available to loan through our Community Tool Shed program include the following:



BORROWING TOOLS

A completed Application and Release Form are required to use the tools. Residents may borrow the tools



free of charge with advance notice, completed forms, and proper identification. Tools are checked out on Friday mornings and returned on Monday mornings.

If you are interested in borrowing tools, contact the Community Tool Shed at 210.416-5963 or email the Tool Shed Team.

If interested in volunteering for the A-Team contact:

Connie Stallings at (210)416-8595 or email at connie_stallings@sbcglobal.net

Connie Stallings 210-416-8595



There's No Holding Us Down by Janet Anderson

O.W.L.S. Communication Officer

Our Senior group in the GNW is constantly on the move!! In June the group traveled to Stinson

Airport Museum in south San Antonio to view early aircraft and to learn the history of aviation for our region Following this interesting journey the group stopped at Rudy's Barbecue for luncheon together. Travel for July took the group to the IKEA Store close to Randolph Air Force Base. We were warned about the amount of walking involved in this humongous retail store; but it was so worth it! Our members discovered items that were unusual and amazing to bring home!! The IKEA cafeteria had foods from Scandinavia which were greatly appreciated by the group!

Dining out for OWLS is usually on the last Tuesday of the month! BJ's Restaurant had contributed great food for our Annual Meeting in early May, so we went to BJ's and again enjoyed their cuisine! Luckily, the desserts were on sale! Needless to say, our group took full advantage!! The Owls do not travel in August; the temperatures are too high! Therefore an ice cream social is planned! Janet Anderson volunteered to be in charge of purchasing these frosty treats as well as the variety of toppings!!

While members are enjoying their sundaes; other members are displaying current hobby items. Nancy Manley just completed a gorgeous quilt; you can bet that will be on display!!! Dorothy Atkisson does needlepoint and always has a new one to show; Janet Anderson does paintings; new ones will be shown as well as caricatures done of members who are new to the group! But we have new people in the Owls who may have hidden talents.....we may be pleasantly surprised with what they have to show all of us!! Finally, dining out for August is at an all time favorite! Olive Garden, at Alamo Ranch at 1PM!

Residents 50. Plus years of age are welcome to join the Owls. At this time of year the dues are just \$5.00. New members are welcome to attend our August 13th meeting at 11:30am. There is no covered dish buffet for August. Members bring a brown bag lunch of a sandwich, salad, yogurt, or a favorite leftover. You may also call president Nancy Manley at 210-251-3100.



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Back to School Means Making New Friends

by Renee Townsend

GNWatch, Dog Walker Watch, and Citizens on Patrol (C.O.P.) Team Leader

September brings the ring of school bells as well as transitions from pre-school to elementary shchool, elementary school to middle school, and middle school to high school. It also brings the opportunity to make new friends. Parents, please pay attention to who your children are making friends with (whether in person or online). I recently came across a chart that I want to share with you. This chart outlines 15 apps that are often found on teens' cell phones. Take a moment to review the chart, and then take a look at your children's phones. Some of these apps can lead to some very dangerous outcomes. A pound of prevention can go a long ways in this day and age.



day and age. We invite all interested neighbors and friends to join us at our Great Northwest Neighborhood Watch meetings. We meet on the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Flores Hall (near the Emerald Valley Pool), 9310 Timber Path. Our local SAFFE officers, GNW Security and representatives from Senator Menendez's, Representative Minjarez's and Councilwoman Cabello Havrda's office are often in attendance. Stay involved, and remember to

say something when you see something!

Renee Townsend MUTTI2TWO@GMAIL.COM

Earn Cash for college Students - Volunteers! JoAnn Fernandez Director of the Board



Seniors of 2020, did you know that you could earn a scholarship at the Great Northwest with volunteer hours? If you're the type of person who spends your free time helping others, you probably already know about some of the benefits of this type of work: you get to make a positive impact in your community while getting life experience that will help you develop as a person.

But you may not have been aware that there's another potential benefit: community service is also a great way to earn some extra cash for college. Many

universities and organizations value individuals who they think will make a difference in the world, and offering scholarships to students who have dedicated their time to improving the lives of others is one way that they can contribute to those changes.

At the Great Northwest you have the opportunity to win one of two scholarships - academic scholarship or an athletic scholarship. So start volunteering at the Great Northwest as you excel academically and could qualify for one of the scholarships.

The Great Northwest community rewards you for helping others. It's a nice way of doing well by doing great. **Key points: apply early, and apply often! Scholarships ARE NOT LIMITED to high school seniors and college students.** Contact the Great Northwest office for details at **210-681-2983**.



GREAT NORTHWEST

BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, September 20 7 p.m. in the Olivia Theriot Room Silver Creek

SEPTEMBER

Join the Book Club as they discuss The Gown, A Novel of the Royal Wedding by Jennifer Robson Faciliator - Nicki Moore

OCTOBER

Join the Book Club as they discuss Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman Faciliator - Jean Glauser

For more details contact:

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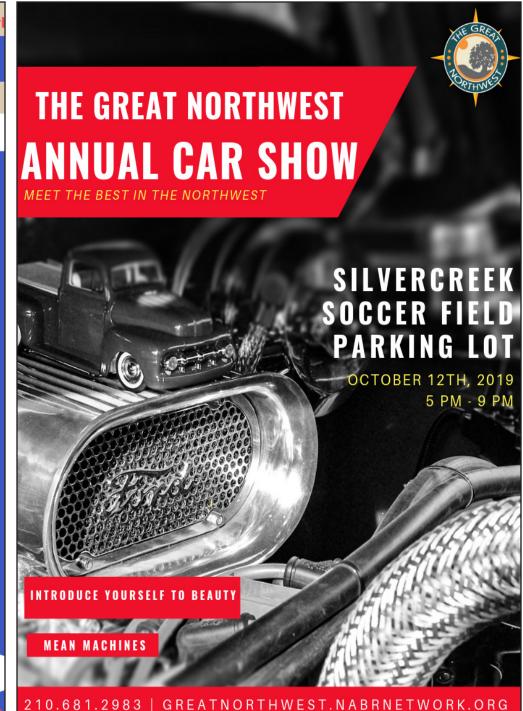
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DRACO: We're Here to Help You, But.. by Jose Morlett

Deed Restriction and Architectural Control Officer (DRACO)

Let us do our job.

This past month our DRACO Department has been giving notices for trash cans in front of homes. As Deed Restriction and Architectural Control Officers, we have been cussed out, screamed at, followed, and threatened – all this for working to enforce property standards. Yet, we will continue to enforce the rules that preserve and increase the value of property owned by Association members of the Great Northwest.

Great Northwest Community Improvement Association rules and regulations are enforced uniformly and should be abided by everyone. It is the duty of DRACO to enforce these rules, as part of the commitment to Great Northwest residents.

Duty

Homeowners agreed to abide by the rules when they purchased property in the community. All DRACO are held to their duty to not only abide by the rules, but also to enforce the rules. This duty includes me as Manager of the department.

Fairness

Regulations only work if they are administered fairly across the entire community. The DRACO are prohibited from selectively picking which rules to enforce, and which rules not to follow. We have to ensure that the covenants apply to the entire community. We do not allow any community members to 'skirt the law'.

Community Distrust

If a DRACO continually allows rules and regulations to be broken, you may lose your ability to govern the Association effectively, and this can greatly affect the value of your property, as well as the quality of life, and welfare of Great Northwest residents. Community distrust may lead homeowners to conclude the DRACO Department cannot be trusted in carrying-out their duties. The DRACO's job is important and often tough. It is essential to the Community that DRACO **enforce all rules in the community with fairness and compassion**. These core values promote attractive homes, where members of the neighborhood know they are **treated fairly**, **and equal**.

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Trash Can Policy - A Deeper Understanding

No one really likes looking at trash cans up and down a street. Let's face it. Trash and recycling cans are not the most attractive things in the world. They are big, bulky, and usually an unattractive color. They can attract unwanted guests, such as skunks and cockroaches and they can leave a mess after windy days.

Residents need to know that the City has no code related to trash can storage. But in the Great Northwest Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions, Article 6.5 (Lot Area & Frontage), Use Restrictions, Property Use Standards and Guidelines to address trash and recycle containers. Here's what the current GNW guidelines state:

CC&R Article 6.5 States;

Article VI, Use Restrictions, Section 6.5. Every dwelling erected on any lot shall front or present a good frontage on the street on which said lot fronts. Dwellings on corners shall have a presentable frontage on all streets on which the particular corner lot abuts. No dwelling shall be erected on any lot having an area of less than 6,000 square feet, nor a frontage of less than 5,400 linear feet at the minimum set back on the street on which the lot fronts, unless such lot is platted as a separate lot in the aforesaid plat.

Maintaining homes and front yards of homes preserves property values and makes all homes and the neighborhood look better. Seek ACC approval before making any changes and use these guidelines in caring for your home and yard:

Receptacles must be removed before 10:00 pm the same day as the collection.

Moving to A New Home? Here Are Tips to Make It Less Stressful

will fit where you want it to.

make the mistake of assuming that all of your furniture will

fit in your new place. The room sizes won't match up exactly,

so you'll want to measure all of your furniture to make sure it

house on moving day, you'll want to have easy access to

soap, and shampoo. An extra change of clothes, a towel,

Check in two weeks ahead of time to confirm what time

page. Make sure you know what you're responsible for,

of stress and potential extra costs to your move.

it's likely you will be responsible for some packing prior to

moving day. Being unprepared on moving day can add a lot

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they'll show up on moving day, and then check in again the

day before the move to make sure you're both on the same

checkbook, and other moving essentials.

your daily necessities like medicine, toothbrush, deodorant,

toilet paper, a book, chargers for cellphone and computer, a

Pack an emergency bag. When you arrive at the

Double-check your reservations with the movers.

by Mark Zoller Director of the Board

he idea of moving can sound like a great adventure, but for most people, the actual process of moving is a giant headache, or

much worse Relocating is a reality of life. The good news: There are ways to make it less stressful. Moving doesn't have to be a traumatic experience. So, when the time comes, consider putting the following tips to use.

- Make a checklist that includes the following items: · Contacting your utilities company to change or cancel service
- Scheduling cable and internet installation
- Updating your home or renter's insurance
- Hiring a moving company
- Updating your billing address

Pack in sections, going room by room. Start with small tasks in each room-each drawer and cabinet are their own victories. Packing should be considered a progressive process, not something you complete overnight. And don't forget as you tape each box closed, label it with the contents and the name of the room where it will be unpacked.

Get acquainted with your new floor plan. Don't

Succulents in the Garden

by Camille Fiorillo Horticulturalist

Plants seem to enjoy periods of popularity, and right now, I would say succulents seem to be in style. Did you know that certain succulents - with some being interesting house plants - can survive year round outside in our plant hardiness zone? (The USDA rezoned us to 9A from 8B due to climate change) Remember, not all succulents are cold hardy; Aloe Vera, for instance, will turn to mush in a hard freeze.

Succulents need at least six hours of direct sun. It is okay if they are shaded in the hottest part of the day. They generally don't need to be watered (except in extreme drought) and, in fact, do not like to have wet feet. They should be planted in an area that drains well. Succulents store water in their leaves. For best results, while using our clay soil here in The Great Northwest, mix in a little perlite or decomposed granite to loosen the soil. As an option, you can buy cacti and succulent soil mix and incorporate that into your growing area. Succulents can be used in wall gardens, roof gardens, rock gardens, areas of lawn replacement, as well as being added to existing borders and beds.

A popular outdoor succulent is Sempervivum tectorum, commonly called hen & chicks. These evergreen perennials come in a variety of colors and form in rosettes. The central rosette is the "hen' and the smaller off shoot rosettes are the 'chicks.'

Another consideration

is Sedum (stonecrop). There are a variety of forms such as groundcover, upright and trailing. These come in a multitude of colors.

Echeveria is another popular choice. There are dozens of species of Echevaria. They are easy to grow and are easily propagated by leaf.

I am going to replace a bit of lawn with some succulents. I'll let you know how it works out! Remember to hydrate and work in the shade or early morning to beat the heat.

Happy Gardening

e-tip of the month: PLANTING SUCCULENTS: TIPS FOR GROWING SUCCULENTS IN YOUR GARDEN https://www.gardendesign.com/ succulents/planting.html



property tips

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.

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

DEED RESTRICTION Activity from July 6 - August 3, 2017

Below is the list of calls/complaints to the **Deed Restriction Department** made during **July 6, 2017- August 3, 2017**. **Calls per day: 8-15. Correction Rate: 92%** 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	С	VNW	EV	TOTAL
Nuisance	33	25	45	20	27	38	47	235
Inoperable Vehicle	3	0	4	0	0	1	5	13
Basketball Hoop	3	0	7	1	1	0	9	21
Fence/Garage Door	11	2	21	3	6	5	15	63
Overgrown Grass	45	46	89	39	50	47	130	446
Boats/ Trailers	6	1	5	2	0	2	9	25
TOTALS	101	74	171	65	84	93	215	803

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.

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Street	Improvement	Value
Valley cliff	Solar Panels	\$19,500
Timer Wind	Solar Panels	\$29,900
Timber Point	Stain the Bricks of Homes	\$350
Valley Dale	Storage Shed & Sidewalk	\$3,000
Tree Village	Solar Panels	\$19,500
Valley Glen	New Garade Door & Siding	\$12,500
Old Quarry	Solar Panels	\$27,400
Timber Whisper	Solar Panels	\$23,400
Timber Lodge	Garage Conversion	\$5,000
Timber Trace	Fence Extension & Storage Shed	\$1,525
Timber Spring	Storage Shed	\$1,525
Timberhurst	A Metal Roof	\$9,450
Old Corral	Solar Panels	\$24,700
Cliff Way	Solar Panels	\$24,700
Encino Village	Solar Panels	\$18,200
Ridge Run	A/C Window Unit Cover	\$30
Valley Lawn	Paint the Exterior of the Home	\$3,800
	TOTAL	\$225,555

For more information you can find a copy of the GNW deed restriction and exterior guidelines on the Great Northwest website, greatnorthwest.org.

Below is the list of calls/responses the Security Department made during July 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	С	SCC	EV	TOTAL
Alarms	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Animal Complaints	7	0	1	3	0	0	1	12
Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Assist Public	15	0	0	1	0	2	4	22
Burglary Res/ Bldg	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Burglary Vehicle	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Child - Missing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Criminal Mischief	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	6
Criminal Trespass	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	4
Deadly Conduct	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deed Restriction	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	6
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disturbances	4	1	2	1	0	0	4	12
Lost/ Found Property	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	6
Poss. Controlled Substance	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Public Intoxication	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Harassment - Threats	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Salesman/ Soliciting	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Sex Offenses	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Suspicious Activity	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	5
Suspicious Pers./ Veh.	12	0	1	1	0	1	7	22
Thefts	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Traffic Complaints	3	0	3	2	0	0	5	13
TOTALS	64	2	9	12	0	3	31	121

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

Below is the list of responses the security department made when assisting the public during July 2017. 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	С	SCC	EV	TOTAL
Alarms	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Facility Check	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Lost/Found Animals	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Jump Start Battery	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Home/Veh. Lockouts	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Open Doors	8	0	1	0	0	2	0	11
Vehicle Lights Left On	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Welfare Checks	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Out-of-Town	283	0	37	22	0	0	62	404
Special Watch	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	10
TOTALS	296	0	37	33	0	2	64	432

Back to School Safety

by Roger Burton Security Chief

> Yes, it is unbelievable; school began on August

12th, 2019. It seems just like yesterday we were discussing about the children getting out of school for the summer. Here are some things to remember in the back-to-school season:

School Zones

Remember when driving in "School Zones", we all need to be careful and watch for the children. The speed limit is 20 M.P.H. in these areas. Observe these speed limits and watch very closely for children crossing the street. Please do not talk or text on your cell telephones while in the school zones. This is the law.

Walk with your children

On the first day or two of school, I recommend parents walk with their children to school and explain important safety practices. This is especially important for the first graders who have not ever experience this before. The number one thing to teach your children is to only cross the street at the crosswalks. Show them the way you want them to go and what intersections and crosswalks they are to use.

Be aware of peer pressure

Parents of middle school and high school, beware of the peer pressure your kids will be under. Monitor your kids very closely during this phase of their life. The peer pressure to drive recklessly, drink and drive, do drugs, and other activities that can place them in harm's way will be overwhelming. Ask about the what, when, where, and with whom. Knowing these things can make a big difference.

School Bus Safety

Knowing and investigating these things can make a big difference. School Bus Safety: Even though the school bus drivers gives safety information to the kids, the one thing and probably the most important item you must speak to them about is to ensure they look at the bus driver prior to walking in front the bus. They need to make sure the driver sees them. Prior to crossing the street they must look for on-coming traffic (coming around the bus or coming in the opposite direction). Even though vehicles are supposed to stop for these school busses that don't mean all vehicles will. This leads me to a very important item..

Educating Your Children About Strangers

All parents need to take time discussing with your children the importance of not getting into vehicles or leaving with strangers. You must understand it is a natural instinct for children to be very trusting toward people. It is up to you to make sure they understand that at no time is it permitted to leave or get into a vehicle with a stranger. This also includes while at a park, shopping mall or just walking down the street.

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Residential/Home Alarms and their Required Permits

All homes that have alarms installed are required by the City of San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) to have permits. These permits are renewed on an annual basis. Residential alarm permits cost \$40.00 a year and if you are a senior over 65 years old it is \$30.00. If the police department responds to an alarm activation and it is revealed that you have no permit or if the permit is expired you will be processed as an alarm code violator. For any questions concerning this matter you can contact the SAPD Alarms Investigation Office, 315 S. Santa Rosa St. San Antonio, Texas 78207 or call Telephone (210) 207-8282. You can contact that office for your alarm permit application. You can also contact Security Department at (210) 681-6268 or come to the Security office and contact the security chief or one of the security officers and we can provide you with an alarm permit application.

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IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

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kimberly.kory@sanantonio.gov

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210.207.5829 michael.thornton@sanantonio. gov

SAPD TRAFFIC 210.207.7765

210.207.7703

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Employee of the Month - July

Teresa Johnson Member Services Advisor

What is your background?

The Great Northwest I was a stay at home mom.

What is the most challenging part of your job? Working the late hours and still having time for family life.

What is your favorite part about your job?

Helping residents book the venues so that they can celebrate those important moments in their lives with family and friends.

What's your motto in life?

Its going to be fine!!



Employee of the Month - August Elizabeth Garcia Accounting Assistant

What are 3 words you would use to describe your job?

Three words that I would use to describe my job are

challenging, rewarding and inspiring. My job keeps me very busy but I truly enjoy it.

How do you balance your career and family?

I balance my career and family life by setting boundaries. During the week, I put 100% of my concentration on my job and on weekends my concentration is completely on my family.

What have you gained from working at the GNW?

I began working for the Great Northwest last year. In such a short time, I have gained a lot of knowledge about many different topics pertaining to home owners associations.

What is your motto or personal mantra?

When it pertains to my job, my motto is "Let's just do it." I tend to focus on the end result and it feels great to complete a job.

The Great Northwest Library Schedule

The Great Northwest Library (and all San Antonio Public Libraries) will be closed on Monday, September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

Learn Nature: August 20, 2 pm

Come meet some of your animal friends with Tom Kinsey and the Learn Nature crew; Randolph the baby snake, her big friend Racket, Sarah and Roseanne the playful rats, Teddy Toad, and more. Maybe even Fred, Wilma and their cockroach buddies. Touch animals and take pictures with them. Come learn more about the animals that live all around us and how they make our world a happier place.

Friends of the Great Northwest Branch Library: August 27, 11 am

Do you love your local branch and want to know how to help support programs and events? Join the Friends of the Library! Newcomers are welcome to join at any time! Visit www.friendsofsapl.org to learn more and to join!

Citizenship Information Session: September 4, 6-7 pm

Free information session on the benefits, requirements, and process for applying for citizenship.

Hispanic Folklore: September 16, 4-6 pm

We will be seeking those who want to engage in the Hispanic folklore stories that were told throughout generations. We will craft an "Ojo de Venado" or "Evil Eye" bracelet to fend off the evil. There will be refreshments "Pan de Dulce" and coffee.

Barre Fitness Class:

Mondays and Wednesdays in August, 12-12:55 pm Mondays only in September, 12-

12:55 pm

Barre Fitness classes use a combination of postures inspired by ballet and other disciplines like Yoga and Pilates. All classes are free and open to the public. All fitness levels are welcome. No registration is required. This program is offered through San Antonio Parks and Recreation Fitness in the Park program.

Core Training:

Mondays and Wednesdays in August, 1-1:30 pm

Mondays only in September, 1-1:30 pm

Core Training classes will blast your abs by performing specific exercises to strengthen the muscles. All classes are free and open to the public. All fitness levels are welcome. No registration is required. This program is offered through San Antonio Parks and Recreation Fitness in the Park program.

Quilting with the GNW Library Bee: 3rd Saturday of the month, 10-12:30 pm

Join the Great Northwest Library Quilting Bee - beginners and on are welcome! Come enjoy the art of quilting and learn from each other. Please bring your own supplies. Ages 15+ welcome!

San Antonio Heartwarmers: Blankets for Critters: 2nd Sunday of the month, 2-4 pm

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 aroup as a fun way to help doagies and also to meet other likeminded 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.

Teen Craft & Movie Night: Mondays, 6-8 pm

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 - 6 p OTR Mahjong Silver Creek Lodge

WED

- 10 a EV Dominoes Emerald Valley
- 5:30 p SA Tumble Tots Silver Creek Lodge
- 10 a EV Chess Emerald Valley

THU

- 10 a Line Dancing Silver Creek Lodge
- 1 p OTR Poker

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Tuesdays the 5th, 12th, and 19th Thursdays the 7th, 14th, and 21st

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