



December 2009

Newsletter for The Park at Blackhawk and Lakeside

*Park at Blackhawk and Lakeside HOA, Inc.
cordially invites HOA members* to a*

HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

**Saturday, December 12, 2009
Noon – 3:00 p.m.
Blackhawk Amenity Center
3111 Speidel Drive**



Photos with Santa Claus

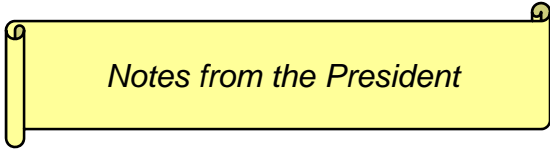
Catered Barbecue Plates

Crafts for the Kids

We will be collecting food, cash, and new,
unwrapped toys for local charities.

Join us for a bit of holiday cheer.
Meet your neighbors, relax, and celebrate the season!

*\$7.50 per adult & \$3.00 per child for non-HOA members



Notes from the President

Happy Holidays everyone,

The Holiday season is fast approaching. Soon the kids will be out for the Christmas holidays and some of us will be traveling to visit friends and family. Make sure that before you leave the neighborhood, you let a friend or family member know how to reach you incase of an emergency. Also contact the Travis County Sheriff's Department so they can patrol your area periodically.

Speaking of holidays, be sure to attend the Holiday Party scheduled for December 12, 2009 at the Amenity Center. There will be food and games for all...did I mention Santa Claus will be there? Make plans to attend so you can take pictures with Santa and you can tell him what you want for Christmas!

Also, look for newsletters and information regarding changes for next year's swimming pool use rules. We are going to change our format for the swimming pool. As we speak we are getting bids for a new swimming pool management company to help us in running the pool more efficiently. This will include making some changes with lifeguards. The current method has been extremely expensive! We are heading in a direction that will save us a substantial amount of money while still maintaining accountability at the gate and safety for the swimmers for next season. In the past, the responsibility has been mostly on the lifeguards. In the future we will rely heavily on people using the pools. All of the rules will stay in place, everything will be the same, except instead of having 3 or 4 lifeguards, and we will have one gatekeeper and one monitor during the regular days. On heavy use days we'll have a third person to help out. I will send out more information in the coming weeks as to which we are going to use and how they will help us manage our pools. Whichever company we select will also be in charge of booking swim parties directly. I know this is a lot of information at once -- if you have any questions on the changes, let me know.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to All,

Respectfully submitted,

Eddie M. Garcia

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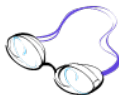
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Place your ad here! HOA members may place an ad or announcement free of charge in this “classifieds” format – just contact Marnie at mmtexas1@hotmail.com by the 15th of the month to submit your ad.

DECEMBER POOL HOURS No Regular (Lifeguard) Swim Hours



Lap Swim Hours
5am-10am Tue-Sat
5am-12pm Sun

POOL CLOSED MONDAYS
(no lap swim)

Blackhawk Amenity Center
3111 Speidel Drive
Pflugerville, Texas 78660
Tues. 8-6
Wed. & Thurs. 10-6
Fri. 8-6
Sat. 10-4
Sun-Mon Closed

Fitness Center Hours
Daily 5 am – 11 pm

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Electric Choice

Did you know that unlike most residents of the City of Austin, we have the power to choose from a variety of retail electric providers? There are many companies offering service in our area. Each has its own rate plans and terms of service. The decision to switch from one retail electric provider to another does not compromise the safety or reliability of your electric service because the wires that bring the power to your home are maintained by a separate, unrelated company called a “transmission and distribution” utility, which is regulated by the state. You can save yourself a lot of money by shopping around and reading some fine print. For more information, go to:

www.powertochoose.org

There you will find general information about retail electric providers and their complaint “scorecards.” You will also find a link you can use to find the various rate plans each provider is offering in our area at any given time. Happy Shopping!

Crime Statistics

The crime statistics for the summer months looked noticeably better than previous months. For the months of July, August, and September, the Travis County Sheriff's Office reports receiving many calls from our area, including:

- 1 burglaries of a vehicle
- 1 dangerous animal incident
- 8 suspicious person incidents
- 9 suspicious vehicle incidents
- 4 criminal mischief incidents
- 3 noise reports
- 2 shots fired incidents
- 2 reckless driving calls
- Several traffic hazard reports

It is important that everyone continue to be vigilant in the neighborhood and report any suspicious activity to local law enforcement.

It is also important that we maintain our Neighborhood Watch Program. The coordinator for the program is Charles Vochatzer. Charles continues to recruit block captains and get our neighborhood organized. Please contact him at chaspvoch@yahoo.com if you are interested in helping. Together we can make our neighborhood a safer place.

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