



November 2008

Newsletter for The Park at Blackhawk and Lakeside

VOTE at the AMENITY CENTER November 4!

Voters registered to Precinct 209 should vote at the Blackhawk Amenity Center, 3111 Speidel Drive, on Election Day. The facility will be equipped with about 6 voting machines and will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Exercise your valuable right!
VOTE!

Seasonal Decorating Contest

In lieu of the traditional "yard of the month" award, we will be having a contest for the best outdoor seasonal decorating during the months of October, November, and December. The winner each month will receive a \$50 Home Depot gift card. The judging will take place:

October 10/26/2008
November 11/23/2008
December 12/20/2008

We hope to have lots of participants!

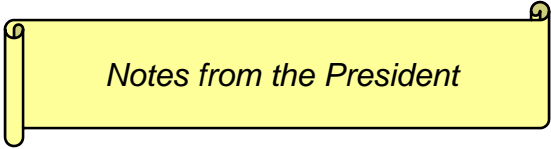
Save the Date HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

Saturday, December 6
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Santa will begin this special event by making his way through the neighborhood with a bag of goodies, so be on the lookout for him beginning at 11 a.m. He will end up at the Amenity Center, where we will have photos, food, and lots of fun activities for the whole family. We will also be hosting a charitable toy and food drive at this event. Mark your calendars now, and pick up the next newsletter for more details! Spread the word!

Calling Volunteers

We need volunteers for both the Social and Neighborhood Watch Committees. Specifically, we need people to chair the Neighborhood Watch Committee, and we need people to serve as members on both the committees. We can work together to make our neighborhood an even better place. You do not have to commit to spend overwhelming amounts of time - you can give whatever amount of time you have. You can also get to know your neighbors and have fun doing it. Please email Eddie emgarcia51@sbcglobal.net or Marnie mmtexas1@hotmail.com if you are interested in participating at any level on the Neighborhood Watch Committee, and email Alida at alidarbennett@aol.com to join the Social Committee.



Notes from the President

Folks,

I hope everyone has a wonderful, safe, and delicious Halloween day. The ghosts and goblins will be out in full force. Let's keep in mind that even when Halloween is over, there will still be a lot of children that ride bikes and walk back and forth to school or to friends' homes. Daylight savings time will end November 2nd, the days will be shorter, and darkness will come sooner. Please be careful as you drive through the neighborhoods.

There are a couple of things occurring during the winter months. First the Yard of the Month will be judged based on decorations for that month's season and holidays. After the New Year, the Yard of the Month contest will revert back to landscaping and yard maintenance. Even though yard maintenance will not be judged in October, November, and December, yards still need to be maintained in accordance with the CCRs.

Second, the Social Committee will be hosting a Holiday Celebration. This celebration will be a charitable event including a toy drive and a non-perishable food drive. Mark your calendars so you won't miss this celebration. It is sure to be a lot of fun.

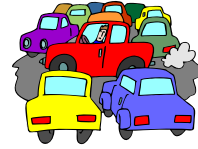
There is still concern with some back yards not being maintained. Neighbors are worried about rodent and snake habitat. The Association does not go into the backyards of any homeowner. However, if someone sends photos to the management company, the HOA has no choice but to follow up on the request for intervention. They are not here to intrude; however, the safety of each and every neighbor is of the utmost importance. Please mow your back yards accordingly and if you are going to be out of town for a lengthy time, have someone mow your lawn so you won't get a violation notice.

Overall, our neighborhoods look good, but there are still some who choose to let their yards go. This is not acceptable. Please take care of your yards.

The HOA Board of Directors for The Park and Lakeside at Blackhawk have been meeting with the HOA Board of Directors and the residents of The Estates at Blackhawk for a possible merger. The Estates will seek votes from the residents as to what they want to do. Once the votes are tallied, they will decide whether to merge with us or not. We will keep all of you informed on the progress of this issue.

Respectfully submitted,
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President EC/Board Member
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A Note from Management About Street Parking



In our collective efforts to make the Blackhawk Park and Lakeside a safer and higher quality environment in which to live, we would like to ask everyone to please park all vehicles in their garages or driveways rather than in the street.

Children and pets can easily dart out from behind a parked car into the path of a vehicle. Vehicles parked on the street can be a hindrance to emergency service vehicles when the difference between life and death can be just a minute or two. When parking in the driveway, please ensure you do not block the sidewalks with parked vehicles. This will enable walkers, joggers, children on bikes, etc. to remain safely on the sidewalks.

We realize that this may cause a minor inconvenience to everyone from time to time, but the benefit for all owners will far outweigh the inconvenience. Thank you in advance for your participation in this effort. It is truly appreciated.



CLASSIFIEDS

BABYSITTING! I have been babysitting for 6 years and love to be around little ones. I just moved here from the Dallas area and am looking for some part time babysitting work in the neighborhood at the rate of \$8.00 an hour. I am 18 years old and will be attending college in December. If you have any questions for me please contact me at bubblegum02@gmail.com. – Jessica W.

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Sun-Mon Closed

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I am the Chair of your Newsletter Committee, a member of your HOA, and a lawyer. I am paying for this advertisement out of my own pocket.

A very important judicial race will be on your ballot in November – Chief Justice of the Third Court of Appeals. One of the candidates, former justice Woodie Jones, served on that court for 12 years. In 1999, the local bar association rated him as the top judge in all of Travis County, out of 36 judges. In a similar survey last year, his opponent received the lowest rating out of 44 judges. We need Woodie Jones back on the Third Court of Appeals.

Please vote for Woodie Jones on November 4.

Sincerely,

Marnie A. McCormick (mntexas1@hotmail.com)

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