

# BLACKHAWK NEWS

## PRESIDENTS NOTES few words from Eddie Garcia....

Folks,

The exceptional drought has continued to add stress to our yards. Now that Pflugerville has implemented mandatory watering restrictions, we all have to abide. Our watering days are posted on your water bills and the Pflugerville website. Please check these days so you will not be cited from the utility department for watering on the wrong days or hours. The management company and the HOA will not monitor nor will we turn in residents for non compliance. This is a restriction that will be enforced by Pflugerville Water Department. We ask that all of you be conservation minded and adhere to the request from the water department.

I continue to get request from residents regarding street parking and speeding on our neighborhoods. I want to remind all of you that as an HOA we do not have enforcement authority of any kind. The streets are owned by Travis County in The Park, Lakeside and The Retreat, they are the law enforcement entity who is responsible for writing citations. As residents, anyone can report traffic incidents to the TCSD by calling the number posted on our website or by calling the non-emergency number listed on the phone book. There are several streets that have excessive amounts of

vehicles parked on the street, here to the Management Company nor the HOA have the authority to deny residents the right to park on the street. If the vehicles are blocking your driveway or someone else's you have the right to call TCSD so they can either cite the resident or have the vehicle towed away. The HOA will not engage on attempting to identify who owns the vehicles that are improperly parked. The process in trying to identify who is the actual owner of the vehicles is too time consuming and costly. As residents, we need to be neighborly and cognizant of the congestion it is causing on your streets and make it a point to visit with the neighbors about it. Realize that school buses are picking up students throughout the neighborhoods. The bus drivers have the authority to call in and report vehicles that are blocking their routes. Please do not create traffic hazards or congestions for them. Also, please slow down as you drive through our streets. There are a large amount of students who ride their bikes, walk or use skateboards to get to school. Their safety is the most important factor here. Slow down!

The swimming pool has also been affected by the watering restrictions. We are trying to get a waiver so we don't have to use a water hose to refill the pool water on a regular basis. We have all the components to regulate the pool water

## WHO INVENTED THE LIGHT BULB?

WHO INVENTED THE LIGHT BULB? NO, IT WASN'T THOMAS EDISON. LIGHT BULBS – IN PARTICULAR STARR'S ELECTRIC LAMP – WERE IN USE 50 YEARS BEFORE EDISON APPLIED FOR THE PATENT IN 1879. IN ADDITION, BRITISH INVENTOR JOSEPH SWAN WAS AWARDED A LIGHT BULB PATENT THE PREVIOUS YEAR. EDISON WENT ON TO MAKE BIG BUCK FROM THE LIGHT BULB BUT SWAN SUED EDISON FOR INFRINGEMENT AND WON. AS PART OF THE SETTLEMENT, EDISON WAS FORCED TO TAKE SWAN IN AS A PARTNER BUT LATER BOUGHT HIM OUT IN THE COMPANY THAT WAS TO BECOME GENERAL ELECTRIC.

without having to use hoses. However because, it is mandated by Pflugerville, we will continue until we get a waiver. The pool will be opened on weekends with regular hours, however starting the week after Labor Day. The pool will be open in the evening until the end of September. Check the website for pool hours.

If you see a street light that is not working within the neighborhoods, please write down the numbers posted on the light poles. You can either go to the ONCOR website and report the light pole yourselves or send me the numbers on the pole and I will refer them to ONCOR.

Folks, we are all effected by this exceptional drought, I know yards are hard to upkeep in the manner we are accustomed to. The watering dates and times need to be adhered to so we can

## **FEMA MAPS –URGENT**

**If you have been affected by the new FEMA Flood Maps, please let me know. I don't know that we can do anything as an HOA, however I will request assistance from the Water Control Improvement District directors and attorneys for advice. Please send me your name, home address, contact numbers and email address... etc. The management company does not have any jurisdiction on this issue. I will try to get some information as soon as possible.**

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Onsite Manager: [Tara De Leon](#) (512) 670-9704

Property Manager: [Randy Vogel](#) (512) 502-7506

[www.oncor.com](http://www.oncor.com) – street light outages

Pool Hours:

Tues-Friday:

Sat/Sun:

conserve our water resources. Do the best you can in maintaining your yards. Treat the weeds or pull them, don't let your yards get out of control and unsightly. Failure to maintain your yards in a decent manner is not drought related. Please do your best and stay hydrated as you work or play in you yards.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **Whats happening around Pflugerville this month:**

\*\* All About You, Unique Boutique is now open at 112 Pecan St. , stop in and see the home décor, Brighton, Vera Bradley accessories, and cute original clothing. They have spirit wear for Hendrickson Too!!!

\*\* The Path Christian Academy opened this year on Aug, 22<sup>nd</sup>. Currently taking kids up to 4<sup>th</sup> grade and is right down the road on Kelly Lake. [www.thepathchristianacademy.com](http://www.thepathchristianacademy.com)

\*\* Pflugerville remembers 9/11, a ceremony of remembrance o the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks. Capt. Brian Payne is speaking. 7pm, free at Pflugerville HS Stadium.

\*\* Progress on all new businesses in Stone Hill Centre is moving along. They have started on the buildings for the ER and the credit union and are currently starting on Shogun Japanese Resturant which will be the first of the sit down restaurants to go in! Sounds like the support is there for many more sit down restaurants.

\*\* A new apartment community will be built up at Stone Hill center as well. 370 apartment homes with attached garages.

\*\* Hendrickson Hawk football is underway every Friday night. September 16<sup>th</sup> is homecoming and they play LBJ! Come support our team at 7:30pm.

## **Neighborhood Watch news.....**

As October 4 will be here before you know it, start making plans to get together with your neighbors. October 4 is National Night Out in Texas. Spend a few minutes or a couple of hours together - anyway you do it, make plans to get out of the house with those around you.

Over on Grand Banks Ave, we are having a cookout/pot luck dinner. We should easily top last years attendance of 55. We have several more houses of families that weren't here last year. It's fun! Eating and sharing an evening together.

We are still looking for some neighbors on each of our blocks to help with the Neighborhood Watch Program. Can you help? You beat you can. With as little or as much time as you can give it.

Since the beginning of the development of our street, I have kept a directory of names and contact information. As the houses have gone up, I've been able to add each of the families to our list. If an emergency arises, if we just want to get together or share some of lives up and downs - we have a list to turn to.

Do your street a favor - volunteer to be your block captain.  
Charles Vochatzer

## **Real Estate News in Your Neighborhood .....**

How about these interest rates? As low as 4% on a 30 year loan and 3.125% on a 15 year loan. This is absolutely the best time to buy! With the weather cooling some, people are getting out to look more too. In our sections of Blackhawk (Lakeside, Park and Retreat) there are 25 active listings for sale, 2 sold in the last 30 days. The average days on market are 74. Both homes that sold this past month sold at 100% of the list price. That is great news too.

### **Classifieds:**

\*\* Realtor, Lisa Cleary, Keller Williams, [www.happyhomestx.com](http://www.happyhomestx.com), [lmcleary@kw.com](mailto:lmcleary@kw.com), 512-924-1271

\*\* Elka Tesis-Babysitting and Caregiver if interested, call 512-689-9270 or email, [graciela.tesis04@gmail.com](mailto:graciela.tesis04@gmail.com)

\*\* [www.JoshHobbs.com](http://www.JoshHobbs.com) Solar Screen Services, Josh Hobbs 512-351-5762

\*\*\* Tori Holcomb, babysitting services all ages. 512-925-3725

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