

Parkwood HOA Homeowners

2/1/2009-

The Board is pleased to announce there are 13 residents who volunteered to participate in the COPS Program at the meeting held on January 26, 2009. Below is a brief description of the Program. If you are interested, email Marisela@ams-sa.com. Approx 20 families were represented at this productive meeting.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Cellular on Patrol Program

The Board of Directors and Management would like to invite you to become active in the fight against crime within your Community. Parkwood is fortunate to offer Patrol, however the Patrol is not 24/7. Remember if there are any criminal acts which occur to your property, contact 911 for emergency situations or 207-SAPD for non-emergency occurrences, including graffiti. If SAPD is not called, they will not know there is a problem. The City of San Antonio offers a COPS Program (Cellular on Patrol) in which SAPD will teach a class and help citizens become active in crime prevention. I have personally taken this class and it does offer a different perspective on establishing a "community", in which we can all act together to help the fight against crime. If the Community has at least 15 residents who want to take a class, we can try to have the class on-site at the Community Center/Clubhouse. With participation of at least 10 residents, a COP sign will be posted at the Parkwood entrance, symbolizing our commitment towards community vigilance. Below is some more information on the COP Program as described on the City Website.

THE COP PROGRAM (from the City Website)

The purpose of the COP Program is to prepare neighborhood residents to be the "eyes and ears" of the police and to promote closer cooperation between residents and city agencies that exist to serve them. The Basic COP Training Program, presented at each of the six SAPD substations, consists of eight hours of classroom training, plus the opportunity for up to eight hours of ride-along with a district patrol officer. Basic COP Class content includes:

- Recognizing suspicious activities
- Taking descriptions and calling the police
- Crime Prevention
- Working with Code Compliance and other city agencies
- Setting up COP Patrols
- Testifying in court
- COP Volunteer Rules and Agreement

2008 Holiday Decoration Winners

1st Place = Philip & Judy Heidmous

2nd Place = Clarence Hensley

3rd Place = Michael & Elizabeth

2008 Holiday Social

The Holiday Social with Santa was a great success! Approx 65 families were present and enjoyed picture taking with Santa, gifts and hot chocolate. Next Christmas we are looking into "Breakfast with Santa". Special thanks to Doris Pearson for coordinating this event.

Social/Rec Committee Chair – Doris Pearson

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the Chair for the Social/Rec Committee, Mrs. Doris Pearson. If you have an interest in being part of this Committee email Marisela@ams-sa.com. Below is a list of tentative Socials for the community.

Calendar of Upcoming Social Events

April

Easter Egg Hunt and Party

Saturday, April 11, 2009

Easter Egg Hunt Starting at 10 AM

Activities to follow at the Clubhouse

May

Community Garage Sale

Saturday, May 2, 2009

Garage Sale Permits can be purchased at HEB

August - September

Back to School Party

Date: TBA

October

National Night Out

October 6, 2009 (Tentative)

This is a time to get to know your neighbors!

If you are interested in signing up contact

Marisela@ams-sa.com. More details to follow.

December

Breakfast w Santa

Trash Receptacle Information

New trash and recycle receptacles will be delivered late February. The new service with these containers will commence the week of March 3rd.

Tuesday – Trash Pick Up

Friday - Recycle

Notes from the Parkwood Patrol

With the economic times we are in, property crimes, (Burglary, Vehicle Burglary, Theft, etc.), are on the rise throughout the city, especially in the more affluent areas. Parkwood would be considered one of these areas compared to the city overall and we are a "cut through" subdivision that has several less affluent areas

around us. Many of the property crimes and vandalism are committed by non-Parkwood residents. So here are some tips to make note of.

- Residents need to leave exterior lighting (porch lights and/or garage spotlights) on in front of their homes to help illuminate vehicles that are parked in driveways. The cost of electricity is miniscule compared to the cost of repairing damage to a vehicle burglary and property loss.
- Park vehicles in the driveway whenever possible, as far from the street as possible, not blocking the sidewalk.
- DO NOT leave any valuables in the vehicles! In the past two months items such as laptops, removable radios, GPS, purses and schoolbooks have been taken from vehicles in our subdivision.
- If you are going out of town, let a neighbor know so they can collect newspapers from the driveway and set timers on your lights. Notify Marisela so the Parkwood Courtesy Patrol can patrol by along with calling the Prue Rd. Substation 210-207-7425 and requesting the district officer patrol by the home during the dates of absence. Also, have a neighbor place one of their bags of trash at the curb in front of the home on trash pick up days to add to the illusion that someone is there.
- When leaving and returning to your home, vary your departure from your driveway to the right and left different days along with returning from different directions to be less predictable, if someone is watching your home or street.
- If you believe there are residents involved in criminal activity on your block, get with neighbors and start spending time outside on the driveway. Document vehicle/person descriptions and license plate numbers but do not confront anyone for any reason other than to protect yourself or your family. Criminals do not like eyes on them!
- Be aware of activity on your block and report any suspicious activity to the police department and Marisela. You must give your name and be willing to be contacted by an officer if you want the incident documented on a report when you call the police. If you refuse to give your name and do not ask for an officer to contact you, the call may be given to the officer as a "patrol by," which means the officer is not required to go to the call unless time permits during his/her shift. This is likely the case due to the number of calls for service currently in this patrol area along with lack of police manpower citywide. Call 911 for emergencies and the non-emergency number (210-207-7273) for other incidents. Program the non-emergency number into your home and cellular telephone for easier access.
- For other issues, graffiti removal, road repairs, sidewalk repairs, street lights out, traffic signs damaged, call 311. To report speeders on your block, call the SAPD traffic division at 210-207-7400 to request motorcycle officers to run radar. Notify your city councilwoman, if traffic division doesn't send officers out. This should generate a report that gets sent to the chief of police from the councilwoman's office, which then gets sent to the traffic division, which should get officers on motorcycles out to run radar on the streets.
- You can make a report online or by phone. The online link is http://www.sanantonio.gov/sapd/FILING_REPORTS.ASP

Clubhouse Information & Update

The Clubhouse was rented 26 times during the months of July – Dec of 2008! The Board is pleased to be able to provide each owner with the option to rent this venue at a low cost for your personal “special occasions”.

Clubhouse Rental Fees

Homeowners have the option to rent the Clubhouse for a “flat rate” of \$200.00 for an 8 hour period OR \$35.00 per hour at a minimum of 4 hours. The security guard rate remains the same; 1 guard minimum no alcohol and 2 guards with alcohol. A refundable deposit of \$200.00 is also required. Amenities in the Clubhouse include: microwave, refrigerator, folding tables and chairs.

Assessment Information

The Board of Directors has approved the 2009 budget, which was enclosed with your statement. The homeowner assessment for 2009 are available by calling 210-829-7202 for the current rates. The assessment will be billed annually and due on the first of January 2009.

Please make note of these payment dates listed above, in the event you do not receive a statement.

Helpful Numbers#’s

Council District Information: You are in **Council District 8** email is district8@sanantonio.gov and you can call to voice concerns at (210) 207-7086.

Newspaper Delivery:

Delivery of the San Antonio Express News is available by calling (210)250-2000 or on-line at http://www.mysanantonio.com/about_us/express-news/subscribe.html.

Post Office:

The Cedar Elm Station (210-641-0248) provides postal service and keys to mail boxes. They are located at 5837 De Zavala Road - please call: (800)275-8777 to set up service. The zip code is 78249.