

## **Update on the Cellular on Patrol Program**

The Board of Directors would like to send out a “thank you” to the **24 members** of the Association who have completed the COPS Program (Cellular on Patrol). This Program is a City Sponsored Program if you graduated and would like to participate in the Safety Committee, contact us! We are aware that all who graduated from the Program signed a confidentially form and we will respect the rules set forth by the City.

### **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

### **Going on Vacation?**

As you plan your summer vacation, add a couple of task items to your list. Did you know that if you call the non-emergency police substation number you can request a patrol car drive-by while you are out of town? And don't forget to notify the Express-News to stop delivery of your daily newspaper while you are away. Nothing says “we are not at home” more than a stack of newspapers on the driveway.

### **Report Suspicious Activity**

It would be nice if we never had to worry about burglaries, vandalism, or thefts. But the reality is that all of those unpleasanties are a part of our modern world. But there are things you can do to curb these activities in our neighborhood. If you see suspicious activity or suspicious vehicles in our neighborhoods, grab a pencil and paper and jot down a description or license plate. If something happens later, you may just have the piece of the puzzle needed to solve the crime. In no circumstance approach a suspicious person. Leave that for the trained professionals in blue. Keeping your eyes open and recognizing things that “just don't look right” may play a very large part in keeping our neighborhood a safer place to live.

### **Visit Our Official Parkwood Website**

**This website will provide you general information that may benefit ALL Parkwood members and residents.**

**<http://www.parkwoodsa.com/>**

**NOTE: The Board has received concerns with certain information posted on the Neighborhood Link website. Please keep in mind while visiting ALL other websites; they ARE NOT sanctioned by the Board or the Parkwood Maintenance Association. We recommend that you visit the “Official Website”**

**<http://www.parkwoodsa.com/> for Association related information.**

### **Social/Rec Committee Chair – Doris Pearson**

If you have an interest in being part of this Committee email [Marisela@ams-sa.com](mailto:Marisela@ams-sa.com).

### **Yard of the Month**

June – Jason & Danette Dill

July – Stephen & Alice Fretz

August – James & Sylvia Peak

### **Spring Is Here....Maintenance Reminders**

Water, mow, edge, weed lawns to keep your upkeep!

Inspect your fence, is it missing pickets? Are any of you pickets broken? Does your fence need replacement? If you answered “yes” remember to make your repairs or if you are going to replace, the fence must be replaced exactly where it is presently located due to property lines, etc.

Does your house need painting? If so, fill out an ACC Request Form which can be found on <http://www.parkwoodsa.com/>. All painting has to be approved by the Architectural Control Committee.

Remember any additions or improvements to your property including an installation of a shed, patio, patio cover, driveway extension, needs approval before work begins. A form can be obtained from <http://www.parkwoodsa.com/>.

### **Calendar of Parkwood Maintenance 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**

#### **June**

**Board Meeting**

#### **July**

*Annual Meeting*

#### **August - September**

*Back to School Party*

**August 15, 2009**

**11:00-12:30 PM @ Clubhouse**

**Come join us for food & school supplies!**

#### **October**

*National Night Out*

**October 6, 2009**

**This is a time to get to know your neighbors!**

**If you are interested in signing up to host a block party contact [Marisela@ams-sa.com](mailto:Marisela@ams-sa.com).**

**Remember if you host a block party, the Association will fund up to \$75.00. More details to follow.**

**December**

*Breakfast w Santa*

### **Pet Etiquette**

- Remember your pet must be on a leash at all times.
- Don't forget to pick up after your pet.
- Continuous barking throughout late hours may interrupt your neighbor's sleep.

### **Annual Meeting Election Results!**

The Association's Annual Meeting was held in July. The Board is pleased to announce Gil Vipraio won the election and will serve as a Director on the Board for a 3 year term.

### **2008 Audit**

The 2008 Audit is complete and available for your review. An electronic copy is available online at [www.parkwoodsa.com](http://www.parkwoodsa.com). If you would like us to mail you a copy, please contact Management at 829-7202.

### **Trash Receptacle Information**

**Many of you have received the new Trash & Recycle Receptacles. If these new 96 gallon receptacles are too BIG for you, dial 311 or 207-6000 and the City may exchange them for smaller receptacles. If you have already made these arrangements and you are on a "waiting list" with the City, please contact our office.**

**These receptacles may be larger than what you are use to, but remember they must be "out of view from the street during non-trash pick up days". If your receptacle is out in view, this is a violation and you will be sent a letter and requested to rectify the problem.**

### **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. This money is collected to offset additional expenses, including set up, breakdown, electricity, water; etc the Clubhouse incurs during private parties. 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.

## **BRIEF NOTES FROM THE 2009 ANNUAL MEETING**

**Question & Answer Session:**

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*The Board opened the floor to the membership for a question and answer session:*

1. What is “due process” for filing a lawsuit? Mr. Newton stated an initial letter of demand would be sent to the member in violation upon the request of the Board further action can be taken and with the proper steps could a judgment/lawsuit can be filed within due process outlined in the Texas Property code. Upon such action witnesses may be called on. The cost to file a lawsuit depends on how far it goes and the extent to which the defendant mounts a legal defense. The expense of the initial paperwork and costs is around \$1,000. If the defendant does not hire a lawyer or try to defend themselves, then it should be about \$1,500. If they hire counsel and fight hard it could be \$20,000 to \$25,000. Most of these cases end up costing \$3,500 or less. It is rare that they go over \$10,000. If the Association prevails, or if the defendant wants to negotiate a settlement, then the Association should get its money back (although there are no guarantees).
2. What does it take to amend the Deed Restrictions? Mr. Newton stated 75% of the members and lien holders would have to approve changing the Deed Restrictions.
3. Is there a limit to the number of renters or leasers in the Association? Mr. Newton stated there are no rules in the Deed Restrictions prohibiting owners to rent or lease their homes.
4. It was brought to the Members attention the 22 acres of land located in the middle of Parkwood is for sale. This property’s address is 11025 Pomona Park. Some members are concerned this property could be re-zoned from R-6 to Commercial.
5. Trash Cans – Several homeowners asked if the Board is enforcing trash cans which are left on driveways and at the street side. The Board and Management stated they are sending out letters to those who are in violation and the Board reminded those members present when letters sent for ANY violation the more administrative expenses the Association incurs. To date approx 800- 1000 letters regarding trash cans have been sent during the past 3 months.
6. Pool – The Board and Management will talk to the lifeguards pertaining various upgrades, etc.

### **HELPFUL #'s**

#### **Council District Information:**

You are in **Council District 8**. Their email is [district8@sanantonio.gov](mailto: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.

#### **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.