



Newsletter



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The Preserve at Alamo Ranch

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PARADE

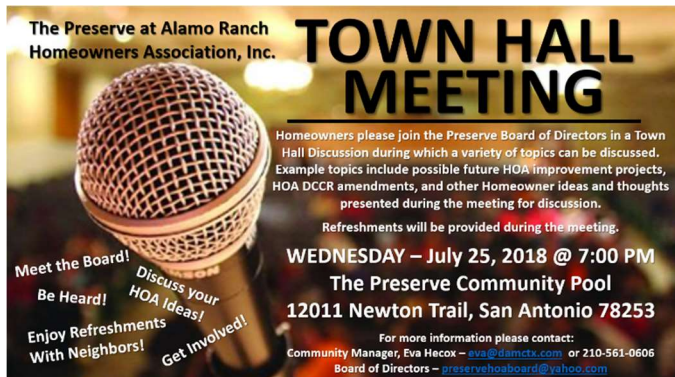
Decorate your bikes, strollers, wagons
and dogs and join us for annual 4th of
July

parade. Meet at pool at 9:45 a.m.

Parade begins at 10 a.m.
with a leisurely stroll through the
neighborhood. Popsicles will be served
immediately after.



Upcoming:



The Preserve at Alamo Ranch Homeowners Association, Inc. TOWN HALL MEETING

Homeowners please join the Preserve Board of Directors in a Town Hall Discussion during which a variety of topics can be discussed. Example topics include possible future HOA improvement projects, HOA DCCR amendments, and other Homeowner ideas and thoughts presented during the meeting for discussion.

Refreshments will be provided during the meeting.

WEDNESDAY – July 25, 2018 @ 7:00 PM
The Preserve Community Pool
12011 Newton Trail, San Antonio 78253

For more information please contact:
Community Manager, Eva Hecox – eva@damctx.com or 210-561-0606
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Meet the Board! Be Heard!
Discuss your HOA Ideas!
Enjoy Refreshments With Neighbors!
Get Involved!



HOA Dues

It's that time of year again! The Preserve at Alamo Ranch dues are billed quarterly in January, April, July and October. If you did not receive a bill, please call or stop by our Management Company, DAMC for your balance information. Please note any payments received after the 30th are subject to late fees.

To make your payment online go to <http://www.preserveatalamoranch.com/> or contact DAMC by phone at (210) 561-0606. For further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Eva Hecox at (210) 561-0606.



NEXT DATE: JULY 7, 2018

The Market Place offers free activities for the kids! Craft/Art Vendors, Food Vendors and a Farmer's Market will be on hand.

The featured music band on this day will be performed by The Texas Tide Band (60s and 70s music) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.!

*They are San Antonio's own Jimmy Buffet Tribute Band.



Summer



Preserves at Alamo Ranch New Resident Welcome

Welcome to the Preserve at Alamo Ranch! We hope you will find this neighborhood just as friendly and enjoyable as we have.

Our neighborhood has 449 homes in the fastest growing area of San Antonio – Alamo Ranch, where neighbors enjoy a feeling of familiarity to one another and share a strong sense of community.

Please welcome our new neighbors to the community.

**Kenneth & Carmen Hannah ~
Galveston Trail
(Models Section)**

**Dawn & Bobby Grant ~ Yoakum
Trail
(Pool Section)**

Good Neighbor Tip: KEEP IT DOWN



The most common neighborly complaint has to do with noise, be it music, TVs, animals or yelling. This is the time of year when its nice to sit outside (sometimes. ... ☺ when below 100 degrees) in the evening and enjoy the outdoors. Let's be considerate and keep music, animals, etc. turned down for our neighbors.

If you're going to throw a big party bash and expect lots of noise and music, tell your neighbors first. If you think they might be adverse to the idea, invite them over!! If your neighbors come knocking with a noise complaint, make an effort to address their concerns.



"Do you suppose you could call him home... he doesn't like what we're having for dinner."

What Does Our Management Company Do?

What does our Management Company do? We receive non-compliance notices from the management company. We send our assessment checks to the management company. We report common area maintenance problems to the management company. So, the management company makes all of the important decisions regarding our community, right? **WRONG!** The management function of our association is administrative in nature. The board is the principle policy-making body which sets policies, standards, procedures, programs and budgets. Management's function is to carry out these board decisions. The board has the authority and the power to set policies and standards to carry these policies out. It may delegate its authority to implement its decisions, but it cannot delegate its responsibility to see that they are implemented and implemented properly.

Management implements decisions of the board and administers the programs, services and activities of the association within the policies and guidelines set by the board. When communicating with our management company, please keep in mind that although the board has given them the authority to make many of the day-to-day operational decisions, some requests are going to need the approval of the board of directors. Here are some tips to help facilitate your communication with the board:

- When in doubt about your request, put it in writing.
- Attend the Open Forum portion of the Board of Directors meeting.
- If your request is "non-emergency" in nature, please be patient. In most cases, management will research the issue for the board so that the board can make the best educated, business decision possible.

Other duties of Management include: paying association bills, keeps tract of unpaid assessments, contacting and negotiating with contractors, on behalf of Board, they contact service providers when job is unsatisfactory, as well as maintain all important documentation. Hats off to our management company.

If you have any questions whatsoever, do not hesitate to call our association manager, Eva Hecox at 210-561-0606.



COMPLIANCE NEWS:

Garbage Can Storage

Trash pick-up is every Monday. Any items not picked up must be removed from curb and stored out of street view until the next scheduled collection day.

Please refer Section 3.22 of the governing documents: ***Rubbish and Debris.*** *No rubbish or debris of any kind shall be placed or permitted to accumulate upon the Property and no odors shall be permitted to arise therefrom so as to render the Property or any portion thereof unsanitary, unsightly, offensive or detrimental to any other property or to its occupants. Refuse, garbage and trash shall be kept at all times in covered containers and such containers shall be kept within enclosed structures or appropriately screened from view.*

Store all garbage cans, debris and miscellaneous items out of street view by placing them behind the fence, gate or in the garage.

Did You Know..

Independence Day Should Have Been July 2 –

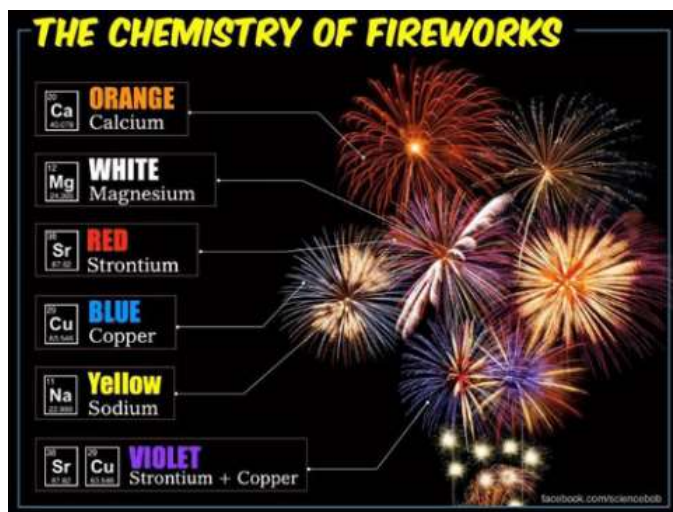
July 2, 1776 is the day that the Continental Congress actually voted for independence. John Adams, in his writings, even noted that July 2 would be remembered in the annals of American history and would be marked with fireworks and celebrations. The written Declaration of Independence was dated July 4 but wasn't actually signed until August 2. Fifty-six delegates eventually signed the document, although all were not present on that day in August.

Who Signed and In What Order? –John Hancock signed first, with a large hand right in the middle because he was the President of the Congress. The others signed by state delegation, beginning in the upper right in one column, and then proceeding in five other columns, arranged from the northernmost state (New Hampshire) to the southernmost (Georgia).

Who Signed Last? It is believed Thomas McKean of Delaware was the last person to sign. When Congress authorized the printing of an official copy with the names attached in January 1777, McKean's name was not included. He signed after that date, or the printer made a mistake by omitting him.

Line of Descent – Actress Reese Witherspoon is a direct descendant of John Witherspoon, one of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence. John Witherspoon is pictured in a Barry Faulkner Mural, entitled "The Declaration of Independence," which illustrates 28 delegates to the Continental Congress of 1776. This newly restored mural is hanging in the Rotunda of the National Archives.

Courtesy of: <https://www.archives.gov/press/press-releases/2005/nr05-83.html>



I can't imagine the Fourth of July without fireworks! Fireworks displays actually have a history. According to scholars, war rockets and explosives were first made in China during the 6th century. The first fireworks were probably firecrackers, also known as Chinese crackers. Firecrackers are still used in China - and elsewhere - to celebrate weddings, births and Chinese New Year.

In the 14th century, Europeans began using gunpowder for weapons, as well as for pyrotechnics shows for entertainment; Italians and Germans were recognized as the masters of the fireworks game. Some medieval fireworks featured living people holding sky rockets and other fireworks. They were called "green men" because they placed leaves and greenery all over their bodies to ward off burns.

In England, a fireworks display helped celebrate the 1486 wedding of Henry VII, and by 1749 fireworks were such the rage that composer George Friedrich Handel created a symphony called Music for the Royal Fireworks. Fireworks finally made a big bang in the U.S. before the Revolutionary War and fireworks displays have been synonymous with the Fourth of July since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The biggest U.S. fireworks display ever was staged for the centenary of the Statue of Liberty in 1986, which brought together Zambelli, Grucci and Souza, the biggest names in modern-day American pyrotechnics.



We Want a "Waste-Free" Community!

It doesn't take much to remember that we have pets in our community. In fact, if you don't watch your step, you're liable to step in one such reminder! Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children who play in the community and other pets. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter.

When walking your dog in our community, remember that it should be leashed. **Also, it is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet.** Take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly. By taking a few simple steps to clean up after your pet, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Burn Ban In Effect

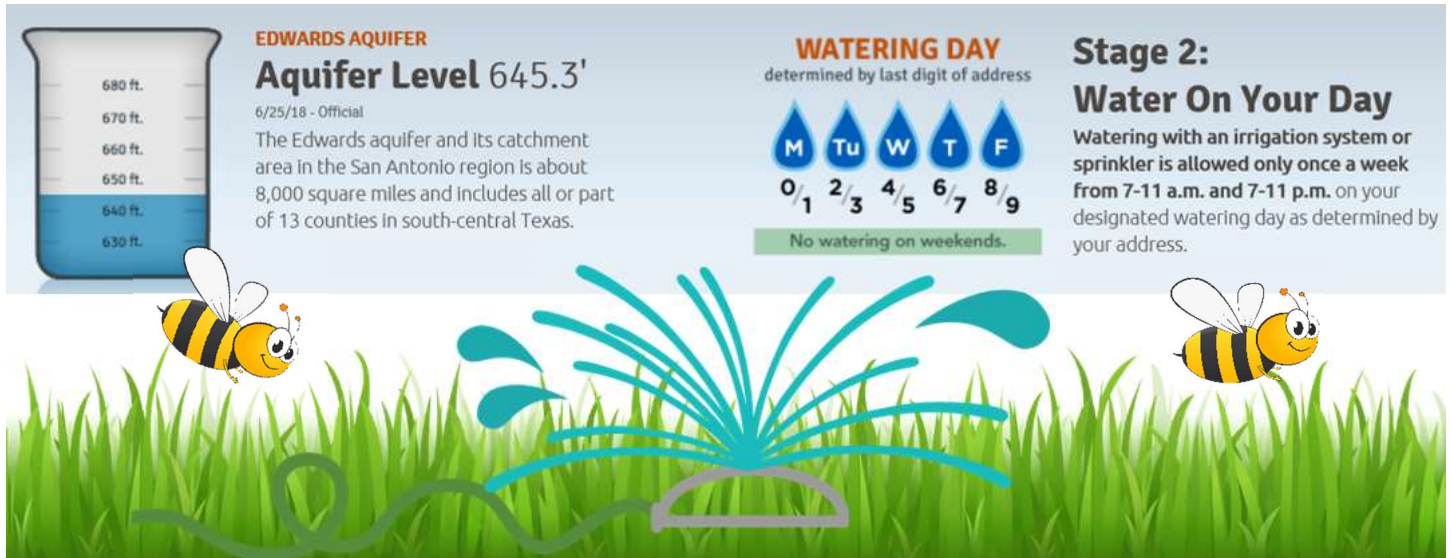
BURN BAN IN EFFECT as of 6/19/18.
Fire Marshal (210) 335-0300.

The ban restricts residents to burning household waste in burn barrels with metal wire mesh screens that prevent the spread of sparks and flames. All other outdoor burning is prohibited unless approved by the Fire Marshal.



AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES:

After hours, if there is an emergency such as the gates not opening/closing, someone hit the gate and damaged it, an irrigation leak, etc., please call (210) 561-0606 to report this.



Well it has been quite some time since we had decent measurable rain. Along with the rain come the weeds that

have been waiting to sprout. It is much easier to keep the weeds under control if you get them while they are small. We are all looking forward to some good rains, but let's keep The Preserves at Alamo Ranch looking nice by keeping the weeds under control.

Something to keep in mind is the use of a pre-emergent spray to treat your soil prior to rains, which will keep weeds from germinating. A more expensive but longer lasting approach is put down weed barrier fabric and cover it with 2" of rock. This is a very effective long term solution.

RECENT BURGLARIES..



There was rash of vehicle burglaries during the Memorial Day weekend, not just in the Preserves of Alamo Ranch, but throughout the Alamo Ranch Community. The vehicles that items were stolen from were unlocked. Please let this be a reminder to lock your vehicles and make sure your garage doors are completely closed. If you see something or someone suspicious, please do NOT hesitate to call 911. Don't take matters into your own hands.





Weekend Projects to Try This Summer



Add a Bright New Headboard

Add style, color and texture to your bedroom with this do-it-yourself headboard that looks anything but DIY. A great project for newbie woodworkers, this headboard can be completed in just a few hours and for less than \$100.



Add a Splash of Ikat Print

Similar to tie-dye, an ikat pattern is the result of a procedure known as resist dyeing that creates a cool, tribal-inspired print. This trendy motif looks especially chic when used in a bright hue, like these attention-grabbing aqua pin boards.



Create Your Own Vintage Sign

Add style and function to your kitchen with a vintage-inspired sign made from plywood, paint and vintage knobs. It's ideal for storing reusable bags and baskets for farmers' market and garden goodies.



Create a Family Message Center

Keep beach trips and summer camp schedules in order by creating a custom-framed chalkboard message center.



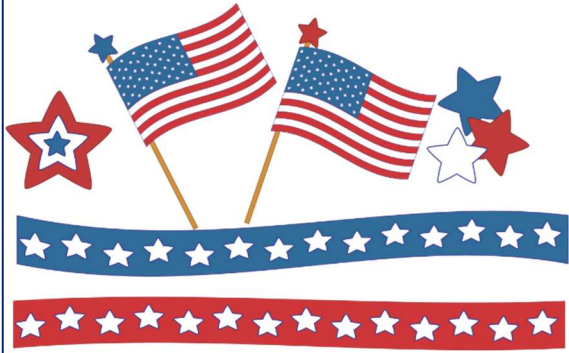
Build a Factory Cart Coffee Table

Add updated style to your living room with this DIY version of the popular (and often pricey) factory cart coffee table.



Create a Custom Upholstered Headboard

Recreate HGTV Green Home's Master Bedroom headboard in your home. To create this easy-to-build headboard, wrap natural linen and batting around squares of plywood.



July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 TRASH PICK UP	3	4  PARADE @ 10 A.M. @ POOL	5 RECYCLE DAY	6	7
8	9 TRASH PICK UP	10	11	12 RECYCLE DAY	13	14
15	16 TRASH PICK UP	17	18	19 RECYCLE DAY	20	21
22	23 TRASH PICK UP	24	25 TOWN HALL MEETING @ 7 P.M. @ POOL	26 RECYCLE DAY	27	28
29	30 TRASH PICK UP	31				



The board is hosting a town hall session on July 25th. The goal of this session is to get your input on priorities for us to focus on this year as well as establish some goals for long-term improvement of our neighborhood. We hope you will be able to join us.



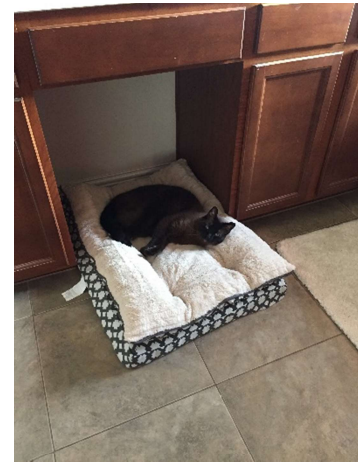
Photo of Lily: Courtesy of Gretchen Barton



Photo of OAKLEY
Courtesy of Mary Ling



Photo of Sadie
Courtesy of Haley Najjar



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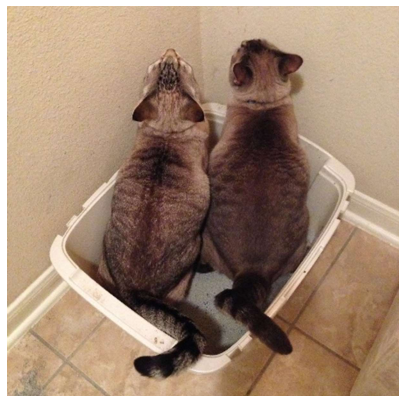


Photo of Pierre & Motley (Brothers)
Courtesy of Mary Ling

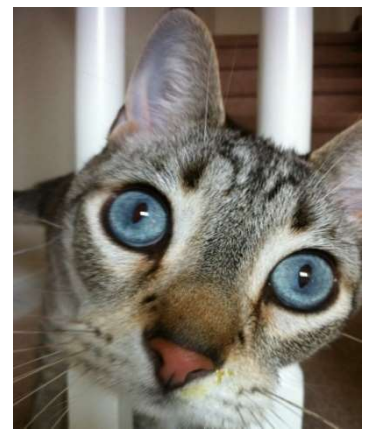


Photo of Pierre
Courtesy of Mary Ling



Photo from
left to right:
Chloe, Sophie,
and Koby.

Courtesy of
Brenda Salas



Photo of Sadie – Courtesy of Haley Najjar

Please send in your favorite or
silly photo(s) of your pet(s) for our
next newsletter!!

