



Newsletter

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We would like to say goodbye to Joseph “Joe” Arthur. He resigned from the Board of Directors effective December 31, 2018 due to job and family commitments.

Thank you Joe for all that you have done for our communities. Your commitment and wealth of knowledge will be greatly missed!

A “Call to Serve” notice was sent out on January 18th for anyone interested in serving on the Board and fulfilling the remainder term of Joe through 2020.

The deadline date for anyone to submit their candidate profile information or consideration is no later than 5:00 p.m., February 1, 2019. Please submit to Eva at eva@damctx.com as well as to the Board at preservehoaboard@yahoo.com.

The Board of Directors will be reviewing all candidate forms received for appointment for the remainder term.

More information will be released as it becomes available.

ANNUAL MEETING ELECTIONS:



There will be two (2) seats/vacancies available on the Board of Directors, due to expired terms for the Board of Directors at our upcoming Annual Homeowners Meeting.



Your Alamo Ranch Starbucks is now open! Located at the intersection of Lonestar Parkway and Alamo Ranch Parkway.

GO ON....YOU KNOW
YOU WANT TO!

The Preserve at Alamo Ranch

Board of Directors

Ryan Haskins, Interim President/Vice President
Garry Nutt, Treasurer
Mary Ling, Secretary
Haley Najar, Member at Large
Vacant Position – To Be Appointed

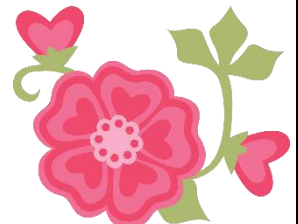


Tara Arthur, Social Committee, Chair
Edward Arroyo, ACC, Chair
Kurt Bergo, Finance Committee, Chair



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Should you answer the “Call to Serve” and serve on your HOA's board?

If you answer “yes” to these questions, serving on your HOA’s board may be for you!

Thinking of volunteering and serving on your homeowners association (HOA) board? Board members have a number of roles and responsibilities, with the main goal of maintaining and increasing a community’s value. Before submitting your candidate profile for consideration for current “Call to Serve” or throwing your name in the hat during the next board member election at Annual Homeowners Meeting, think through and answer these five questions.

Do I want to better my community and help however I can?

The best board members are those who truly want to give back and help their association. While it’s admirable to want to fix one particular issue facing your community, it’s important to keep in mind that as a board member your job is to serve everyone in your community and abide by their collective voice.

Do I have a special skill that would benefit my community?

Perhaps you’re an accountant or engineer or a whiz at recruiting volunteers. If you have a specialized skill you feel could help your HOA’s board and want to volunteer your time, consider running.

Do I have the time? You could expect to spend one to many hours each month on board activities—whether that’s attending meetings, preparing communications or researching projects and costs.

Am I willing to deal with a range of personalities? Because you’ll need to. Your community’s members have a variety of ideas, temperaments and personal styles. Do you have the patience and people skills to deal with angry owners, those who track you down at every turn, or those with well-meaning but impracticable ideas? Only you know your temperament best.

Do I need to be recognized for my time and work? Being part of your HOA’s board is often a thankless job. It’s rare to even receive a slap on the back for your time and efforts. If you need special recognition for your work, being a board member may not be right for you.

If you have the motivation and drive to help improve your community and serve those who live in it, then consider running for the HOA’s board. Still unsure? Talk with your property management company and current or past board members to get a better sense of how your board functions and what is required of you as a board member.

This article contains general information. Individual situations are unique.

DID YOU KNOW?



How did the month of February get its name?

From the Latin (*mensis*) *Februarius* = (month) of purification
The name February comes from the roman festival Februa, the festival of purification. The festival took place on February the 15th. The name of the festival came from the Latin word Februum, which means purification.
The name of the month of February comes from the Latin word februum, which means purification

Why was February selected as Black History month?

February was picked as Black History Month when Carter Woodson created Black History Week in 1926 near the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln, Booker T. Washington, and Frederick Douglass. (February)

Black History Month was made to remember the achievements of black people in America. This was made specially, because black people endured slavery in the early days of the republic, and contributed to various fields even before they were emancipated.

What Is the Meaning of Valentine's Day?

Valentine's Day is a day to celebrate romance, love and devotion. It is usually celebrated by giving friends, family and especially significant others flowers and gifts to show affection. Valentine's Day is celebrated in honor of St. Valentine, a third-century Roman saint associated with love and marriage.

The traditions of Valentine's Day date back to ancient Roman times. The Romans celebrated the feast of Lupercalia from February 13 to 15 yearly, including a matchmaking lottery in the festivities. In the fifth century, the Pope combined Saint Valentine's Day with the feast of Lupercalia and made it a day of fertility and love.

The tradition of written Valentine's Day cards began after 1400. The oldest written Valentine's Day greeting still in existence today dates back to 1415. It was written by the Duke of Orleans to his wife while he was imprisoned in the Tower of London. King Henry V also allegedly sent a Valentine written by a hired writer to Catherine of Valois.

Valentine's Day gained worldwide popularity in the 17th century. By this time it was a widespread practice for friends and lovers to send each other handwritten Valentine's Day cards and tokens of their affection. By 1900, printed cards began to gain popularity following major advances in large-scale printing technology.

Today Valentine's Day is celebrated throughout the world. Each year on the holiday, about 1 billion Valentine's Day cards are sent. Other popular Valentine's Day presents are chocolates, candy hearts, teddy bears, and other small tokens of affection. In the United States it's common for children to celebrate Valentine's Day by buying or making cards for other members of their class at school, and for couples to celebrate the day by going on dates and exchanging gifts.

Other countries have unique ways to celebrate Valentine's Day. In the Philippines, Feb. 14 is a popular date to get married or to renew vows. Couples gather together in mass wedding ceremonies in parks, malls, or other public areas to get married. In South Africa, women pin the name of their love interest on their shirtsleeves on Feb. 14, in a tradition known as Lupercalia.

The Preserve 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.

Please welcome our new neighbors to the community.

MODELS SECTION:

Bradley & Ursula Williams
Lampasas Trail

COVES SECTION

Opendoor Property
Cameron Cove



The Polite House: What's an Appropriate Gift to Welcome a New Neighbor?

Welcoming a new neighbor is a hallmark of classic American etiquette and yet, somehow, it can also feel like an intrusion. Although walking right into someone's new home as movers are bringing in furniture may be going a bit overboard, a brief and well-timed welcome is a wonderful gesture that should be encouraged.

So when is the appropriate time? Whenever your new neighbors are outside, it's OK to give a wave or stop by for a quick "Hi, I'm Ben. I live two doors down. Welcome to the neighborhood!" If you want to drop by with a gift, it's best to wait until it looks as though they've settled in a bit. If you're giving baked goods, list the ingredients so that you avoid sending your neighbor into anaphylactic shock right off the bat. A potted plant, a local treat (maple syrup, fudge, specialty oils or cooking supplies) and lists of restaurants or town services are good options, but avoid wine and spirits until you know them better.



If you've had the chance to do a quick hello, you can always ask if there's a better time to stop by, though don't be surprised if your new neighbor has a hard time suggesting one. Moving is a hefty task, and those first few weeks are often very hectic. But generally, in the evenings from 5 to 7 is usually a safe bet. There's a general understanding in our society that these are acceptable visiting hours. The important thing is to make that a friendly stop-by and not get nervous about or hung up on whether it's a good time. If it's not good, your neighbor will say so. Just keep the hello short and sweet. If it looks as

though a member of the family stays home during the day, you might also try dropping by about 10 or 11 in the morning.

Generally, late morning through early evening will be considered acceptable visiting hours. If it turns out not to be a good time, you can always leave your gift with a little note (or just a note). Be sure to include which house on the block is yours and, if you feel comfortable, your contact information so that your new neighbor knows whom to thank for this thoughtful gesture.

If your new neighbors are home and you've dropped by at an inconvenient time, you can suggest getting together another day. Also, don't be surprised if they don't invite you in or give you a tour. Think: unpacking, renovations, repairs or just "not ready for prime time." They may not feel comfortable just yet, and many people don't want to show their house until they feel confident about how they've set it up.

These first visits are usually brief — just a simple conversation conveying the basic facts of each other's lives. This isn't the time for such big life questions or topics as "Are you planning on having children?" Sticking to the basics — "Hi! Welcome to the neighborhood. I'm Keisha Jones. My husband and I live in the yellow house two doors down" — is a great way to start. Sometimes there's an offer of help, either as a community resource or with getting settled, but don't feel obligated to make such an offer unless you'd really like to be taken up on it.

Article: <https://www.houzz.com/ideabooks/70420593/list/the-polite-house-whats-an-appropriate-gift-to-welcome-a-new-neighbor>

Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS



Family Movie Night

The social committee will be hosting family movie night on Feb 23rd. There will be smores making, popcorn and drinks. Just bring your chairs and blankets and enjoy watching a movie with your neighbors.

WHEN: February 23, 2019

TIME: Beginning at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: Swimming pool parking lot

MOVIE: Family movie TBD

If you have any questions regarding this event or to be part of the Social Committee, please email preservehoasocial@yahoo.com.

See next page for full list of events planned for 2019.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THESE EVENTS!

PRESERVE AT ALAMO RANCH



SOCIAL CALENDAR 2019

February 23rd	Family Movie Night!	Come out and have some fun with the family, S'more making, eating popcorn and watching a family friendly movie. Evening starts at 6:30pm
March 23rd	Adult Only happy hour	Come hang out with your neighbors and celebrate Happy Hour. Food and friendly faces will be provided. Bring you beverage of choice and join the fun!
April 6h	Neighborhood Yard Sale	Clean out those closets!!
April 20th	Spring Fling	Come join us for the annual egg hunt, games, bounce house. Hotdog, chips and Soda will be provided. 12-3 pm
May 27th	Memorial Day Ice Cream Social	Enjoy some cold ice cream pool side with your neighbors. 2-4:30pm
July 4th	4th of July Parade	Decorate your bikes, wagons, strollers, pets etc. and join the fun parading around the neighborhood. Popsicles at the pool afterwards!! Meet at the pool at 9:45am Parade starts at 10am
October 5th	Neighborhood Yard Sale	Clean out what you forgot too in April
October 27th	Harvest Festival	Family fun time, children's entertainment, hotdogs, chips, soda, and of course All the great chili's and pies from our annual cook-offs. 1-4pm
November 9th	Veterans' Day Adult Only	Come in your red, white and blue and lets celebrate with our Veterans! 4-6 pm at the pool. BYOB, food and fun provided.
December 15th	Holiday Lighting Contest	Judging will be from 6-8pm. Enter your abode at preservehoasocial@yahoo.com By 6pm on Dec. 12thm

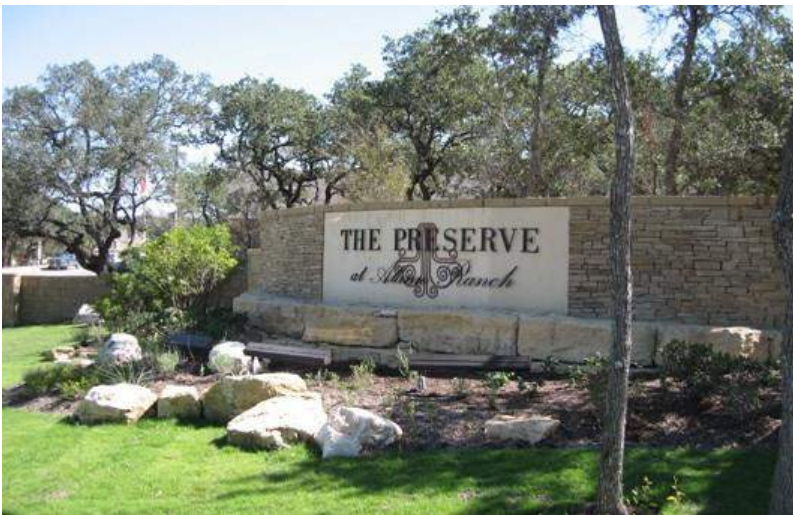
What's Happening In The Preserves?



Have you noticed the new yellow metal pipe barricade located in the greenbelt area behind nearest Cottonwood Parkway? After numerous complaints of vehicles using this area as a pass through, the Board of Directors approved a more permanent solution.



Coming up in the spring, the decks to the swimming pool area as well as the bathrooms will be powerwashed in anticipation of pool season.



The Board recently approved a new Request for Proposals ("RFP") for landscape maintenance contract (upkeep and mowing of all common areas, all entrances and greenbelts due to cost increase of current contractor.



The Board approved a fence restain of the perimeter for the Pool section. The fencing along Cottonwood Way and Lonestar Parkway were stained due to discoloration from weather elements. In 2017, the fencing in the Models section were restained.



GIRL SCOUTS COOKIES

As a reminder, for those of you who ordered Girl Scouts Cookies, they should be arriving the first week of February.

Please contact your Girl Scout for exact date!

Thank you for supporting the Girl Scouts

If you have any concerns, questions, suggestions or ideas for project improvements, please feel free to email the Board with this information. It can be discussed among the Board for future consideration.

What's Happening In San Antonio?



FEBRUARY 7 – 24, 2019

Established In 1949, The San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Has Grown To Be One Of The Largest And Most Prestigious Single Events In The City, With

Over 2 Million Visitors Each Year.

Family Fun For All Ages! Carnival rides, petting zoos, pony rides, animal adventures for the kiddos and more!

Go to www.sarodeo.com for more information!

2019 Entertainment Schedule

Thursday	02/07/19 – 7:00 PM	Aaron Watson
Friday	02/08/19 – 7:30 PM	38 Special
Saturday	02/09/19 – 1:00 PM	Martin McBride
Saturday	02/09/19 – 7:30 PM	Trace Atkins
Sunday	02/10/19 – 1:00 PM	Why Don't We
Monday	02/11/19 – 7:00 PM	Darius Rucker
Tuesday	02/12/19 – 7:00 PM	Matthew West
Wednesday	02/13/19 – 7:00 PM	Jim Gaffigan
Thursday	02/14/19 – 7:00 PM	Alabama
Friday	02/15/19 – 7:00 PM	Brad Paisley
Saturday	02/16/19 – 1:00 PM	Eli Young Band
Saturday	02/16/19 – 7:30 PM	Eli Young Band
Sunday	02/17/19 – 1:00 PM	Russell Dickerson
Sunday	02/17/19 – 7:30 PM	La Aditiva
Monday	02/18/19 – 7:00 PM	Kelsea Ballerini
Tuesday	02/19/19 – 7:00 PM	Jon Pardi
Wednesday	02/20/19 – 7:00 PM	Lady Antebellum
Thursday	02/21/19 – 7:00 PM	Sammy Hagar
Friday	02/22/19 – 7:30 PM	Prince Royce
Saturday	02/23/19 – 1:00 PM	Randy Houser with Xtreme Bulls
Saturday	02/23/19 – 7:30 PM	Brett Eldredge with PRCA Rodeo Finals



IKEA of San Antonio Grand Opening Feb 13th



The new IKEA in Live Oak will open on Feb. 13, 2019... The 289,000-square-foot store, which will anchor the 760,000-square-foot Live Oak Town Center off Interstate 35, will be the Swedish company's fifth store in Texas and its 49th in the U.S. Eager shoppers can begin lining up at the store at 5 a.m. on February 13th.

The future IKEA Live Oak will feature nearly 10,000 exclusively designed items, multiple room settings, three model home interiors, a supervised children's play area and a restaurant serving Swedish specialties such as meatballs with lingonberries and salmon plates, as well as American dishes.

RESTAURANT WEEKS

JANUARY 21 - FEBRUARY 2, 2019

Restaurant Weeks celebrates food at all of our local restaurants! It is a cross section of the culinary scene that encompasses a diverse range of cuisines and includes some of our most time-honored restaurants and buzz-worthy newcomers. Restaurant Weeks gives visitors and residents the opportunity to experience the quality, variety and hospitality that embody the Boerne, New Braunfels, and San Antonio dining experience. Bon appétit! (Reservations aren't required but are a good idea! Call restaurants directly to book reservations or click their link to reserve online through OpenTable.)

DATE:

January 21- February 2, 2019

Menu Offerings: \$25 Breakfast/Brunch, \$15 Lunch, \$35 Dinner, and \$45 Dinner

VENUE:

Various Restaurants
Boerne, New Braunfels,
San Antonio, TX

For participating restaurants and locations, please go to:
<http://www.culinaria.org/events/restaurant-weeks/>



FEBRUARY 2019

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUE</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THU</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
					01	02
					5 p.m. Deadline to receive candidate profiles for vacant Board seat	Open House Gates Open 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.  Groundhog Day
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
	Trash Pick Up			Recycle Day		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Trash Pick Up			Recycle Day  Valentine's Day		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Trash Pick Up			Recycle Day		Family Movie Night 6:30 p.m. Pool Parking Lot 
24	25	26	27	28		
	Trash Pick Up			Recycle Day		