



Newsletter

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Hello everyone,

Now that school is in full swing, the Board of Directors wish all parents and students a successful school year. Fall is now upon us and we will be looking forward to cooler weather, and what we've all been waiting for.... pumpkin spice.



Just a recap of what has transpired in the last month. During the Labor Day week, the Board approved the services of a private security firm to assist in traffic flow and deterrence of parking within the Wise Trail

entrance when Briscoe Middle School students let out. Thankfully, their placement of blue cones assisted greatly with traffic in deterring parents sitting in our entrance area for pick up.

The pool patio/deck will be undergoing warranty work to correct the painting and staining of concrete floors. During this time, the pool will be closed for a few days. We will promptly notify you when this will take place. We hope this will not be an inconvenience.

At our last board meeting on September 17th, the Board approved to unweld all remaining pedestrian gates (previously welded shut) as well as place combination locks on them as well. Therefore, all pedestrian gates will now accessible, operable and with locks.

Lastly, please welcome our newest member to be Board, Kristen Hess. She was appointed by the Board due to the resignation of Veronica Cardona. Thank you, Kristen, for your service!

The Board of Directors



HOA Dues ~ \$225.00

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.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

FALL FESTIVAL PRE-PLANNING MEETING
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH @ 1:00 P.M.
@ POOL PAVILION

If you would like to volunteer for this event,
please attend this meeting.



well not in TEXAS yet!

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.

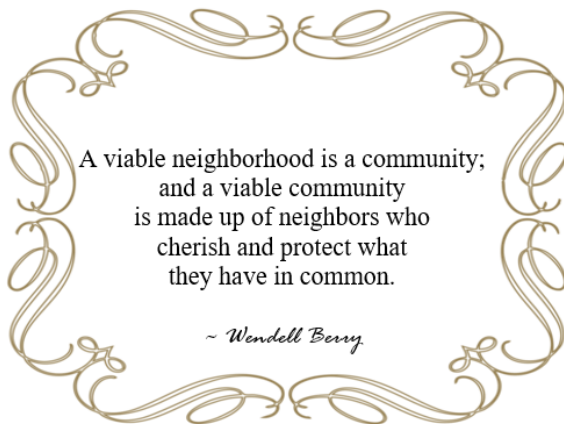
COVES SECTION

Alexander and Rebecca Hodges
Cherokee Cove

Janice Patrin
Carson Cove

MODELS SECTION

Trenton & Sara Tadlock
Galveston Trail



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HOMEOWNER PORTAL ACCESS -

We encourage you to utilize the Preserve
at Alamo Ranch website,
www.preserveatamoranch.com, along
with the Homeowner Portal to keep up
with current events, view your account
details, access documents, pay your assessments, etc.

If you have not set up access to the portal, you may do so by
visiting www.preserveatamoranch.com, clicking "Initial
Login?" on the right side of the page, and entering your
Account Number (found on your Statements). If you are
having trouble with this, you are welcome to email Alyssa with
your name and address at alyssa@damctx.com for assistance.

Halloween is on a Thursday this year.



Dear The Preserve at Alamo Ranch Residents,

Halloween trick-or-treating usually starts around dusk time, so
please be sure your trick or treaters have a proper meal
beforehand.

In years past, we have had a great turnout of trick-or-treaters
in our community as well as some amazing haunted houses and
Halloween decorations for everyone to enjoy.

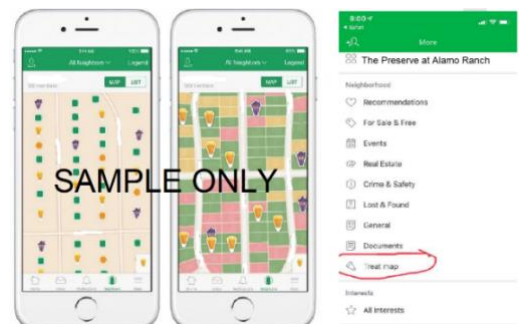
This year should be no different, however, everyone please
keep the following safety tips in mind for a safe and spooky
night out.

Halloween Safety Tips:

-  Wear or use reflectors or glow sticks on your costume.
-  Reflective tape works as well.
-  Carry a flashlight.
-  Do not trick or treat alone, go with a group or adult.
-  Always walk on sidewalks, don't run from house to
house and when crossing streets, always look both ways.
-  If a porch light is not on or looks empty, do not go to this
house.
-  If you are driving, please use extreme caution especially
when passing groups. Drive slowly through
neighborhoods and give yourself plenty of reaction time
should you need to stop suddenly.
-  Parents, please always inspect all candy and fruit when
you get home.



REMINDER: If you are an active member on the
NextDoor App, please look for the Treat Map link, and
mark your home as a participant handing out candy.





ARE YOU READY FOR SOME BASEBALL?

Major League Baseball Playoffs are upon us. Who will you be rooting for? October 1st will be the first day of Playoffs Season.

FIRST ROUND OF PLAYOFFS:

NL Wild Card			
			
Oct 1	Brewers @ Nationals		8:08 PM
AL Wild Card			
			
Oct 2	Rays @ Athletics		8:09 PM

**For complete schedule and up to date information, please go to: <https://www.mlb.com/postseason>



The NBA Season will be kicking off soon. Will our very own Spurs bring home another title this year? Let's hear it....

LET'S GO SPURS!!

Below is the preseason game schedule. The first season game opener will be on Wednesday, October 23rd when we host the New York Knicks! Full schedule can be found at:

<https://www.nba.com/spurs/schedule>

Preseason	 Magic	Oct 5, 7:30 PM	@ Spurs 
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Preseason	 Spurs	Oct 8, 6:30 PM	@ Heat 
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Preseason	 Pelicans	Oct 13, 3:00 PM	@ Spurs 
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Preseason	 Spurs	Oct 16, 7:00 PM TV: ATSW	@ Rockets 
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Preseason	 Grizzlies	Oct 18, 7:30 PM TV: FSSE	@ Spurs 
	0-0		0-0

Reasons for an HOA Community Website

With the many technological advancements, we have today, an association website is a virtual necessity. A well-run, accessible site is critical to ease and improve HOA communication, finances, and board functionality.

While not without risks, creating a community website that is easily navigated, professional, and that contains useful content for community members is well worth the time and expense to develop and maintain.

Website Benefits

Easy Communication.

Gone are the days when every announcement, regulation change, or update must be sent out via snail mail or flyer to each resident. A website gives all members 24-hour access to HOA news, community documents, covenants and by-laws, board meeting minutes, and calendar events. A quick email blast or post can alert residents to an emergency in the area or other critical information.

Simplified Payments.

One of the main functions and greatest benefits of a community website is to provide an easy, user-friendly way to request and collect payments and assessments. Residents love a one-stop, hassle-free place to view balances, make payments, and receive other financial information.

Offset Costs.

Because a website is a relatively inexpensive way to manage community affairs, it doesn't take long to see the financial benefits. Not only do associations see savings in postage and paper, but also in time and effort.

Sense of Community.

HOA websites provide the best of both worlds: community members have all the information they need right at their fingertips without feeling overwhelmed or constantly bombarded by HOA board or staff members. A website can provide the perfect balance between privacy and communication to foster a comfortable, natural sense of community.

Risks

As with most online ventures, HOA websites are vulnerable to cyber crime – particularly theft of financial information. Additionally, making board meeting minutes available for all to see and providing open forums on websites can also lead to potential lawsuits.

The good news is that with a little foresight and preparation, these risks can be greatly minimized. HOAs should take care to use password protection to ensure that no financial information is compromised and there should be varying levels of access within the website to limit liability.

Tips for a Winning Website

Keep it Current.

Keep your website consistently updated with fresh, relatable content that will keep members connected and encourage them to check back frequently. It's also helpful to provide a way for users to give regular feedback and make adjustments to the content flow as needed.

Organization is Key.

No one wants to log on to a website only to have to weed through complicated layouts and unimportant information. Simple, seamless navigation is critical to creating a platform that members are eager to use.

Reach Out

Using social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter to promote your website is a great way to engage users and encourage them to share content and extend the reach of your site.

As you can see, there are multiple benefits to using an HOA website. With precautions in place, those benefits foster a sense of community, provide easy access for homeowners, and allow the board to communicate effectively in a timely and cost-effective manner.

Source: www.spectrumam.com/hoa-community-websites



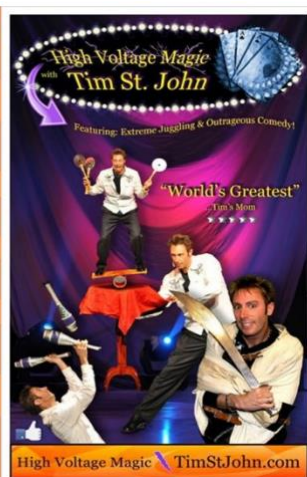
Got stuff? Would you like to clean out your closet, garage and attic spaces? Now is your chance. There will be a neighborhood garage sale on Saturday, October 5th.

All gates will open at 8 a.m. and close at 2 p.m.

For a successful garage sale, please see the checklist from www.yardsales.net on the right.

Supplies Checklist

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| ☐ Pricing stickers | ☐ Garment Rack |
| ☐ Blank stickers | ☐ Moving Dolly |
| ☐ Hand sanitizer | ☐ Mirror |
| ☐ Stapler | ☐ Packing supplies |
| ☐ Hammer/Nails | ☐ Extension cords |
| ☐ Batteries | ☐ One & five dollar bills |
| ☐ Boxes | ☐ \$10 in Quarters |
| ☐ Signs | ☐ Fanny pack |
| ☐ Black Sharpie | ☐ Rubber bands |
| ☐ Calculator | ☐ Scissors |
| ☐ Notebook | ☐ Shopping Bags |
| ☐ Card Tables | ☐ Ziploc Bags |
| ☐ Folding Chairs | ☐ Paper towels |
| ☐ Measuring Tape | ☐ Trash can |



Our annual Fall Festival will be held (rain or shine) **Sunday, October 27th**, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the pool pavilion and parking lot.

We will be having a Halloween theme this year, so come in costume, it should be a spooktacular time for all!

Come join us for a day of food, friends, games, magic, and fun! The event includes a chili cook-off, pie contest, Halloween costume contest, bounce houses, petting zoo, pumpkin carving contest, caricature drawings, balloon artist, face painting, firetruck, games and more!

Do you want to show off your pumpkin carving skills? Would you like to enter in the chili cook-off? Perhaps you prefer to bake? Please enter our pumpkin carving, chili cook-off, or pie contest by emailing the social committee that you will be participating in either, or all, of the contests this year. Our local fire department has

been invited to be our celebrity judges for our contests.

We will be having a Halloween costume contest with small prizes for all participants during the event, so remember to take advantage of the face painters before the contest!

Please contact the Preserve Social Committee if you would like to assist with the Fall Festival or if you have any questions about the event at preservehoasocial@yahoo.com.

Fall Festival Timeline:

- 10:15 a.m.** Social Committee, Board members and volunteers meet at the pool to start the setup.
- 12:15 p.m. -12:40 p.m.** Participating residents, please drop off carved pumpkins, chili entries and/or pie, for judging at the pool.
- 12:40 p.m.** Judging starts for pumpkins, chili, and pie entries.
- 12:55 p.m.** Chili, Pumpkin, and Pie Contest Winners Announced.
- 1:00 p.m.** FALL FESTIVAL BEGINS
- 1:30 p.m.** Tim St. John starts entertaining
- 2:30 p.m.** Mummy Wrapping Event
- 3:00 p.m.** Costume Contest pool parking lot. Participants will line up in three groups for costume judging (adults first, teens, then children)
- 3:50 p.m.** Pinata Event
- 4:10 p.m.** Closing remarks
- 4:15 p.m.** Cleanup

Around the Community

WISE TRAIL ENTRANCE -

Earlier in the year, a leak was found under the monument. Repairing the damaged water pipe leak by all estimates would have been a costly project for the association, as it would have required the take down of the monument wall, digging up of roadway, replacing pipe, etc. The Board approved to close the water to this entrance and install a xeriscape design to the entrance. Photos are below.



WHO LET THECOW OUT?!

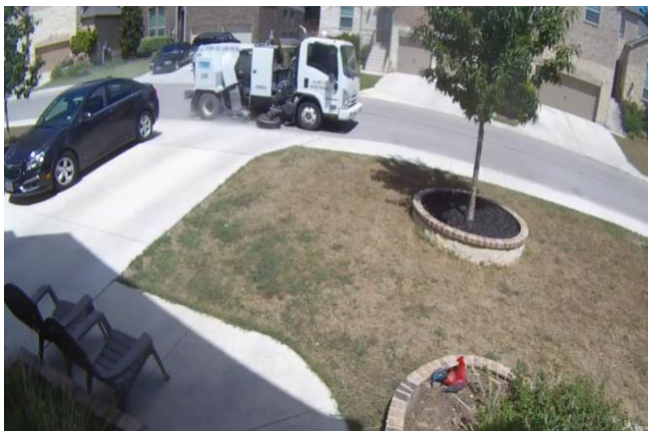
Colorado Cove residents had a special guest visit a few weeks back. Say hello to Ms. Bessie the Cow. Somehow she snuck through an opening and headed for greener pastures... our neighborhood. She was not camera shy. Eventually she wandered back to the other side.



School Fundraising is in full swing for various schools that will benefit programs, trips, committees, etc.

Please remember that students who participate in these fundraising activities learn many skills such as communication, persuasion and sometimes rejection.

STREET SWEEP – FALL 2019



The streets were swept in September in all three sections. Street sweeping plays a vital role in the aesthetics and curb appeal of our communities. A clean street without litter has shown to improve and maintain the value of our real estate.

October

2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 Open House Neighborhood Garage Sale 8 – 2 p.m. 
6	7 Trash Day	8	9	10 Recycle Day	11	12
13	14 Trash Day	15	16	17 Recycle Day	18	19
20	21 Trash Day	22	23	24 Recycle Day	25	26
27  1 – 4 p.m.	28 Trash Day	29	30	31 Recycle Day		

CONTACT INFORMATION

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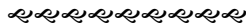
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WHEN REPORTING ISSUES

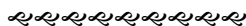
GATES: If your remote or code does not work or if the gates are not opening during normal business hours, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday thru Friday, call DAMC at 210-561-0606 or email accesscontrol@damctx.com.
If it is after hours or on the weekend, please call DAMC at 210-561-0606 and press 5. The on call manager will receive the message. When leaving a message, please leave a call back number.

STREET LIGHT OUT

Please email alyssa@damctx.com. Please provide intersection or address light is in front of. We will contact CPS and please note, it may take up to 10 business days for the light to be fixed.

IRRIGATION

If you see irrigation running on common areas, please report them to eva@damctx.com with the location of the issue, such as "the island where keypad is at Newton Trail." If it is after hours or on the weekend, please call DAMC at 210-561-0606 and press 5. The on call manager will receive the call. When leaving a message, please leave a call back number.



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