



Newsletter

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Dear Residents:

Welcome to July! The Board of Directors (the Board) hopes that everyone is having a happy, safe, and fun summer. As our community navigates the new reality of the rapidly shifting Covid-19 pandemic, the Board remains resolute in serving our community.

The association overall is looking great as several residents have been taking landscaping to the next level over these past few weeks. Keep it up! The landscaping in our community is looking great everyone!

We recently opened our association's community pool for the summer so residents could have the opportunity to enjoy swimming and being outdoors by the pool. While the current pool schedule is not perfect, it is the Boards hope that most homeowners can use the pool that wish to do so. Hopefully, in the near future, the pool schedule can be adjusted to allow for more swim time if the COVID-19 pandemic substantially subsides.

Unless otherwise directed please abide by our pool rules and continue to follow guidelines as recommended by the CDC when visiting our pool:

- Stay at least 6ft away from other residents not within your household.
- If you feel sick, please stay home and rest.
- Wash or disinfect your hands often and avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth unnecessarily.

We would like to thank everyone for your cooperation, and we appreciate your understanding as we operate our pool based on current government guidelines.

Our Social Committee recently organized a Graduation Parade event and a PowerPoint slideshow for graduates living within our community. Congratulations to all our 2020 graduates! Also, if residents have other ideas or suggestions for community events, please contact our Social Committee at PreserveHOAsocial@yahoo.com

It was identified last week that the Cove's main entrance gate operator had broken down (the mechanical system that moves the gate). As such, our new gate service company recommended replacement. The Board discussed our options and conferred with our Finance Committee about the matter. The Board had the gate controller replaced with a brand-new model installed on June 29th. In addition, the Board will explore having the remaining gate operators in our community replaced with new models as forecasted in our reserve study expenditure plan.

As always, please feel free to email the Board with any ideas, suggestions, or questions at PreserveHOAboard@yahoo.com

Best Regards,
Your Board of Directors

MESSAGE FROM DAMC:

In accordance with the State of Texas, Bexar County and the City of San Antonio emergency Declarations, DAMC's office lobby is open, but you must wear a face mask covering your nose and mouth to enter.

Office hours are Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. No public restrooms. We continue to be available to handle all operational need by email and phone.

~ Thank you



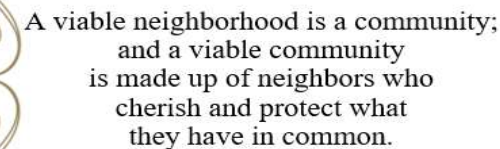
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If you have not set up access to the portal, you may do so by visiting www.preserveatalamoranch.com, clicking “Initial Login?” on the right side of the page, and entering your Account Number (found on your Statements). If you are having trouble with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



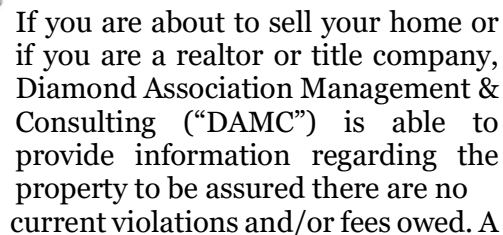
~ Wendell Berry

LIKE THE NEWSLETTERS?

As a reminder, if you or any neighbor you know of who would like to receive these monthly newsletters and to be included in the e-blast of upcoming events (Board Meetings, community events, etc.) please furnish your email address to our Property Manager, Eva Hecox, or Alyssa at DAMC.

Remember, if you have changed your email address, please provide your new email to alyssa@damctx.com so that it can be updated. If you are registered on the portal, you can go in and change your email address.

MOVING/SELLING YOUR HOME?

RESALE/TRANSFER FEE

Resale Certificate is \$175.00 and takes three business days to process. For more information, contact Eva Hecox at Diamond Association Management & Consulting by phone at (210) 561-0606 or email resales@damctx.com.

GREENBELT AREAS

Please remember we have several green belt and drainage areas within and surrounding our communities. Please do not dispose of your glass clippings, tree limbs or any other matter in these areas.

Recreational vehicles are not allowed in these areas. Only authorized vehicles such as SAWS, CPS, Bexar County, City of San Antonio or contractors previously approved for access by the HOA are the only permitted vehicles in these areas.

**SAWS PROJECT: PLEASE SEE
ANNOUNCEMENTS ON PAGE 7 IN THIS
NEWSLETTER.**



THANK YOU TO ALL OUR
HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AND
FIRST RESPONDERS IN OUR
PRESERVE COMMUNITY
DURING THIS
DIFFICULT TIME

The Meaning of the



Why do we celebrate the 4th of July. Why do we invite friends and family over, cook out, eat too much food and watch fireworks? Why do we sit out in the heat (usually) and watch parades? Why do we decorate in red, white and blue everything from cakes to ourselves? Who started all of the hooplah? Well, here's a little bit of history for the history buffs out there.

Independence Day, commonly known as the Fourth of July, is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, declaring independence from the Kingdom of Great Britain (now officially known as the United Kingdom). Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, and political speeches and ceremonies, in addition to various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Independence Day is the National Day of the United States.

Observances in History

- In 1777, thirteen gunshots were fired in salute, once at morning and once again as evening fell, on July 4 in Bristol, Rhode Island. Philadelphia celebrated the first anniversary in a manner a modern American would find quite familiar: an official dinner for the Continental Congress, toasts, 13-gun salutes, speeches, prayers, music, parades, troop reviews, and fireworks. Ships were decked with red, white, and blue bunting.
- In 1778, General George Washington marked July 4 with a double ration of rum for his soldiers and an artillery salute. Across the Atlantic Ocean, ambassadors John Adams and Benjamin Franklin held a dinner for their fellow Americans in Paris, France.
- In 1779, July 4 fell on a Sunday. The holiday was celebrated on Monday, July 5.

- In 1781 the Massachusetts General Court became the first state legislature to recognize July 4 as a state celebration.
- In 1783, Moravians in Salem, North Carolina, held a celebration of July 4 with a challenging music program assembled by Johann Friedrich Peter. This work was titled "The Psalm of Joy." This is recognized as the first recorded celebration and is still celebrated there today.
- In 1791 the first recorded use of the name "Independence Day" occurred.
- In 1870, the U.S. Congress made Independence Day an unpaid holiday for federal employees.
- In 1938, Congress changed Independence Day to a paid federal holiday.

Currently, Independence Day is a national holiday marked by patriotic displays. Similar to other summer-themed events, Independence Day celebrations often take place outdoors. Independence Day is a federal holiday, so all non-essential federal institutions (like the postal service and federal courts) are closed on that day. Many politicians make it a point on this day to appear at a public event to praise the nation's heritage, laws, history, society, and people.

Families often celebrate Independence Day by hosting or attending a picnic or barbecue and take advantage of the day off and, in some years, long weekend to gather with relatives. Decorations (e.g., streamers, balloons, and clothing) are generally colored red, white, and blue, the colors of the American flag. Parades are often in the morning, while fireworks displays occur in the evening at such places as parks, fairgrounds, or town squares.

So, to continue the patriotism that was founded by our forefathers, Have a safe and Happy 4th of July.





FISCAL FORUM

The Board was presented with its monthly financial reports. Revenues and expenditures are on track and money will be transferred from the reserve account to cover anticipated expenses for the coming month.

As of May 31, there is \$12,193.94 in outstanding assessments and 120 days past due. There are 11 number of homeowners pending with our HOA attorney for collection.



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 your July statement, 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.

**PAYMENT
DUE**

FISCAL FINANCE HUMOR:



PLEASE PLAY SAFE!



Just a reminder as we have warmer weather and the need to get out of the house, children will be out playing outside. We often remind drivers to SLOW down, but sometimes we forget that it is also our responsibility to make sure our children are playing safely! Below are a few things to remind them about:

- 🚧 Look both ways before you cross the street.
- 🚧 Do not cross the street in between parked cars.
- 🚧 Take out your ear buds or headphones when you are riding your bikes or make sure the volume is turned down so you can hear your surroundings.
- 🚧 If you are playing and someone looks suspicious, go home and tell your parents.
- 🚧 NEVER GET IN THE CAR WITH A STRANGER.
- 🚧 If balls or other objects roll into the street, look both ways before retrieving it.
- 🚧 Playing after dark can be very dangerous, make sure you have on bright clothing or reflective tape on your bike/scooter, etc.

Please also remind your children that though cars are looking for them, they also need to be following the street rules. Cars are bigger than children!





COVENANT CORNER:



As a reminder, our DCCRs prohibit the use of fireworks within the Association community. This prohibition is in place specifically to prevent the potential disaster that could affect our homes or property. We ask that you be considerate of those around you by not setting off fireworks in the community.

DCCRs: Article III – Restrictions – General Restrictions –

3.30 Hazardous Activities. No activities shall be conducted on the Property and no Improvements constructed on the Property which are or might be unsafe or hazardous to any persons or property. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, no firearms or fireworks shall be discharged upon the Property, no open fires shall be lighted or permitted except within safe and well-designed interior fireplaces, or in contained barbecue units while attended and in use for cooking purposes.



As a reminder, for those who are wanting to rent/lease out their home, For Rent signs are strictly prohibited within common areas or in front of the respective home.

DCCRs: Article III – Restrictions – General Restrictions –

3.21 For Lease Signs. Signs or emblems of any kind advertising a Lot, Improvement, or residence within the Property for lease or rent are expressly prohibited and may not be kept or placed upon any Lot or mounted, painted or attached to any residence, fence or other Improvement upon such Lot so as to be visible from public view

PARKING PERMITS

The Board, in reviewing monthly violations reports, continue to see ongoing violations of the overnight street parking policy. As a reminder, parking on streets overnight is prohibited, unless you have permission from DAMC, the Board of Directors, via a temporary pass or a permanent parking permit. Certain criteria needs to be met, in order to qualify for a permanent parking permit which is valid only for one year.

Please refer to our Parking Policy on how to request a temporary parking permit for guests visiting for a short period of time or a permanent parking permit (review and approval by the Board). Click on the link below for more info.

<https://damc6663.eunify.net/TemplateDisplay.asp?pkid=7702&tid=741&ams=2&ami=AccItem7>

RECEIVE A VIOLATION NOTICE??



Don't Panic!

The purpose of these letters is to keep our community looking great. On a regular basis, our property management company conducts a drive through all three Preserve communities, looking for common area problems and other areas in need of attention.

If you receive a letter from the Association and have questions, need further clarification, or additional time to address the problem, please contact Eva Hecox at DAMC. The Board is happy to work with you, but we must first hear from you. If the problem is not addressed and we have not heard from you, possible fines may be imposed if a second violation is sent.



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Upcoming COMMUNITY EVENTS

On Behalf of the Social Committee, we wish you a safe, happy and healthy Fourth of July! Even though many local events have been cancelled, we hope you enjoy some fireworks, good food and good family time in the comfort of your home!



The Macy's 4th of July Fireworks Are Still On

This year's show will celebrate New York and America with a spectacular display choreographed to an epic musical score! Tune in to NBC on Saturday July 4, from 7PM-9PM CT/MT to watch along with friends and family. Learn more using the following link: <https://www.macys.com/social/fireworks/>. For those who don't have a television or cable subscription, [NBC can be streamed online](#) or try a free trial of [YouTube TV](#), [Hulu + Live TV](#), or [Fubo TV](#) to stream NBC online for July 4.



A Capitol Fourth

A Capitol Fourth is a **patriotic, star-studded concert event that also features the fireworks over the National Mall in Washington D.C** (see "**Watch Fireworks Over DC**" for details on the fireworks show). Watch the 40th annual broadcast on PBS Saturday, July 4, 2020 at 7:00pm CT, or stream on [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and www.pbs.org/a-capitol-fourth. The program can also be heard in stereo over NPR member stations nationwide, to our troops serving around the world on the American Forces Network, and will be available as Video on Demand for a limited time only, July 4 to July 18, 2020.



Watch Fireworks Over DC and Fun Fourth of July Activities

A lot goes on behind the scenes of A Capitol Fourth to bring the sights and sounds of the concert to millions of viewers watching at home. More than twenty television cameras are stationed on the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol and around Washington, D.C. to capture the show and spectacular fireworks display. Now you get to direct the show! Click on the clips using the following link to pick your favorite shots from cameras we've hidden around the nation's capital. <http://www.pbs.org/a-capitol-fourth/fireworks-fun/watch-fireworks-over-dc/> and other **4th of July activities** here: <http://www.pbs.org/a-capitol-fourth/fireworks-fun/fourth-july-activities/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLAYGROUND IS STILL CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



As the playground equipment is not cleaned on a daily basis, for your health and safety, and to avoid the spread of the COVID-19 virus, it was decided to close down temporarily the children's' playground area until further notice.

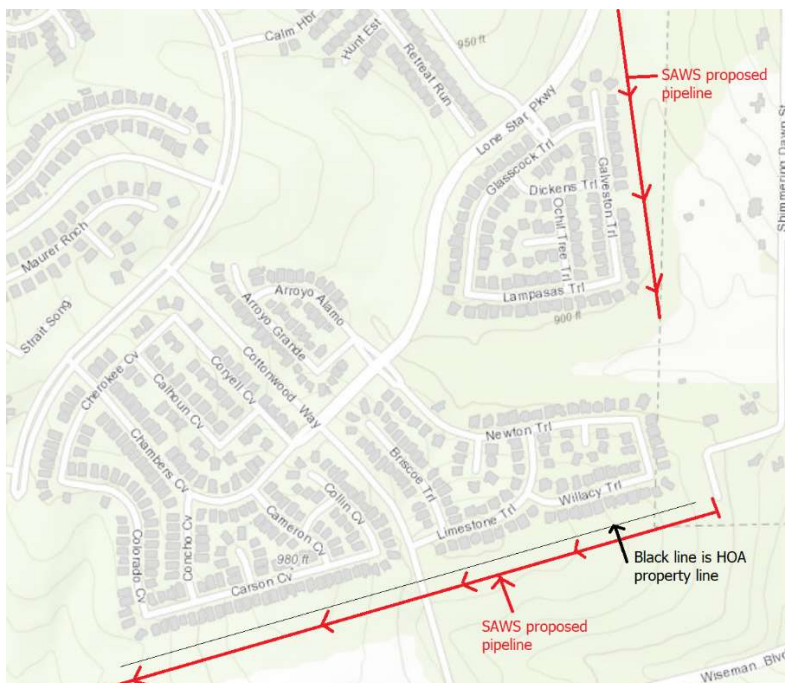
REMINDER: Interim Pool Rules:

- Max occupancy of people is 74
- New Waiver must be signed prior to entry in pool
- Use rinse shower prior to entering pool
- Hours of Operation 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- 2 hr block sessions
- Last 15 mins of session, patrons must exit pool for cleaning and sanitizing for next group session
- No Guests allowed.
- Bring your own chairs and beverage (no glass)
- Face masks are preferred not mandatory
- Maintain 6 ft safe distance from others not in your household
- Wash hands, wash hands, wash hands
- Sanitize, sanitize, sanitize

- HAVE FUN!

SAWS WATER PIPELINE PROJECT

It was brought to the Board's attention of activity in the greenbelt areas near Motley Trail and Willacy Trail. One of our Board members researched and contacted SAWS and spoke to their legal staff for confirmation of any and all work in the area. It has been confirmed there will be construction taking place in the Preserve greenbelt areas. SAWS states this will be a two year project. It was also confirmed SAWS acquired permanent water easements from our HOA in 2013 as well as in early 2014 for their project. During this time, our HOA was still under Developer control and not Board controlled so we are unable to provide all the details at this time. Rest assured, more details will be gathered and obtained from SAWS and communicated to you. Below, is a depiction of the easements they acquired in 2013 and 2014 for project purposes. As they are public record, if you would like a copies of the 2013 and 2014 deed instruments, please email the Board directly, and we will send you them.



Around the Community

Community Pool Reopening

The Board hopes you have enjoyed the pool amenities since its opening on **May 29th, 2020**. The pool is still operating under strict restrictions due to **COVID-19**. We are not out of the woods yet. In fact, the Governor of Texas as well as our Mayor and Bexar County Judge have just enforced the masks requirement. Remember, if you are not able to maintain the 6 foot distance when not in the water, please be sure to wear your masks and of course, wash your hands frequently and use hand sanitizer. Please remember to bring your own chairs and drinks as all chairs, loungers, tables and water fountain have been put away or turned off, for the protection and safety of everyone in avoiding highly touched surfaces.

Feral Cats:

There have been a number of reports of stray or feral cats roaming our communities. Please do not injure these cats. The San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition is an organization that can provide you with traps (TNR – Trap and Release) to assist in the spay/neuter of these cats for a small fee, which will help reduce the multiplying of cats within our community. Please see below the attached flyer regarding Facts and Fallacies about Feral Cats from the San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition (courtesy of Gretchen Barton, a fellow neighbor and strong activist for spay/neuter of feral cats). For more information in obtaining training for TNR, please go to: <https://sanantoniوفرالcats.org/>

Facts & Fallacies About Free-Roaming Cats

There are outside cats in most neighborhoods and apartment complexes in San Antonio. Due to our warm climate they breed year-round here. Where did they come from? The answer is simple: people. People who do not fix their pets and allow them outside, and people who move away and leave their pets behind, are why we have so many outside cats.

The most effective way to control outside cat populations is a method called Trap – Neuter – Return (TNR). This is a proven method done in cities and countries around the world. Our city council has endorsed TNR to reduce San Antonio's overpopulation of cats and has given funds to the spay/neuter clinics in support. It can be difficult to get people to participate in a program to fix a problem they did not create. Residents who trap and fix neighborhood cats are performing a service for their community and should be thanked!

It all starts with one unspayed female. Tomcats will find her! That one cat and her offspring will create 95 cats in the span of one year. So the money spent to fix that one cat is actually a very good investment!

Outside cats only live an average of 5-7 years. During this time the cats will keep rodents and snakes away, as well as other stray cats. Neutered cats will still spray to mark their territory but the odor is not as strong. This marking keeps other cats, who are not fixed, out of their territory and out of your yards.

If you are a feeder, be a good neighbor and put a sandbox in the corner of your property to encourage the cats to use that instead of next door. There are very effective deterrents to keeping cats out of yards. One of the most effective is the Scarecrow. It's a motion-activated device that connects to your water hose and sprays out in all directions. Cats do not like to be sprayed with water and will quickly learn not to enter your yard.

There are 2 myths regarding outside cats that are important to understand:

1. Stop feeding them and they will go away.

Cats do not leave their home territory. They just widen their search for food and can become more destructive in that search.

2. Remove them and that will solve the problem.

For a short while, yes. Then other cats will move in when they do not detect cats in the area. This is a phenomenon called the "vacuum effect". (you can Google this)

It is illegal to harm an animal. Pets have died when people were trying to poison outside cats. Please do not let this tragedy happen in your neighborhood.

The San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition is an all-volunteer group dedicated to humanely reducing the free-roaming cat population in our city. We help the public with TNR by providing the traps and subsidizing the spay/neuter clinics so the cost to you is only \$20 – which includes surgery & rabies vaccination. Let us help you be part of the solution, not the problem. **Call us at 210-877-9067.**

Email: info@sanantoniوفرالcats.org Website: www.sanantoniوفرالcats.org

San Antonio Feral Cat Coalition

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FERAL CAT COALITION
TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN WORKS! FIX 'EM AND FEED 'EM!



JULY 2020

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUE</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THU</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
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	Trash Pick Up			Recycle Day		
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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.

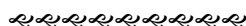
If it is after hours or on the weekend, please call DAMC at 210-561-0606 and press 5. The on call manager will receive the message. When leaving a message, please leave a call back number.

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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