



Newsletter

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Dear Association members,

In light of the current government and safety guidelines issued in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Preserve at Alamo Ranch HOA Board of Directors has selected to hold the Association's Annual Homeowners' Meeting via an online meeting platform rather than in person. The Board arrived at this decision after considering other options and after discussing the matter with our property management company and the HOA's attorney.

At this year's Annual Meeting two (2) positions on the Board will be up for election. We will also be voting on changes to several sections of our Association's Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (DCCR). This is the primary governing document for our HOA.

Be on the lookout for important information regarding the Annual Meeting from both the Board and our management company, DAMC. This information will ensure you are able to attend the online meeting, and can cast your votes on the important issues affecting our HOA.

Do not miss your chance to make your voice heard in matters that impact your community, your neighbors, and your home.

As always, you are encouraged to contact the Board with your suggestions, questions, and concerns 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

PRESERVE AT ALAMO RANCH ANNUAL HOMEOWNERS' MEETING

THURSDAY - SEPTEMBER 24, 2020

Location and time TBD
More details to follow

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BACK to SCHOOL

1ST DAY OF SCHOOL ~ AUGUST 24TH

ALL VIRTUAL LEARNING –

NO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION UNTIL AT LEAST THE TUESDAY AFTER LABOR DAY, SEPT. 8



**Texas Tax Free Weekend 2020 is scheduled for
August 7th-9th, 2020**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Comptroller encourages all taxpayers to continue practicing social distancing and support Texas businesses while saving money on tax-free purchases of most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks (sold for less than \$100) during the annual Tax-Free weekend. Qualifying items can be purchased [tax free](#) from a Texas store or from an online or catalog seller doing business in Texas. In most cases, you do not need to give the seller an exemption certificate to buy qualifying items tax free.

This year's sales tax holiday begins Friday, Aug. 7, and goes through midnight Sunday, Aug. 9.

The sales tax exemption applies only to qualifying items you buy during the sales tax holiday. Items you buy before or after the sales tax holiday do not qualify for exemption, and there is no tax refund available.

Online Purchases and Telephone Orders

To promote social distancing, the Texas Comptroller's office wants all taxpayers to know that during the Tax-Free Weekend, you can buy qualifying items online or by telephone, mail, custom order or any other means (including in-store purchases) tax free, when either

- the item is both delivered, and paid for, by the customer during the exemption; or
- the customer orders and pays for the item, and the seller accepts the order during the exemption period for immediate shipment, even if delivery is made after the exemption period ends.

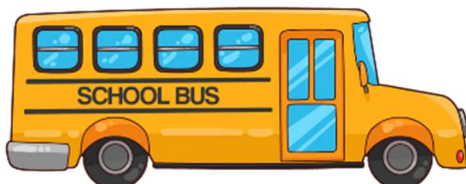
A seller accepts an order when the seller has acted to fill the order for immediate shipment.

An order is filled for immediate shipment regardless of whether the shipment is delayed due to a backlog of orders or because stock is currently unavailable to, or on back order by, the seller.

In-Store Purchases

The Comptroller's office urges all taxpayers buying certain qualifying items at their local retailers to practice appropriate social distancing as described in the [Center for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines](#) during the sales tax holiday.

For more info, please go to: <https://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/publications/98-490/>



Northside Independent School District 2020-2021 Calendar



5900 Evers Road • San Antonio, Texas 78238
Internet: www.nisd.net • Email: info@nisd.net
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: August 24, 2020 • LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: June 3, 2021

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Grading Periods.

Schools use 9-week grading periods. Report Cards will be sent on the last day of the next week following the end of the period.

Produced by Northside ISD Communications Department

Student Holidays:

- July 3 Independence Day Holiday
- Sept. 7 Labor Day
- Nov. 3 Student Holiday/Staff Dev.
- Nov. 23-24 Student Holiday
- Nov. 25-27 Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 21 - Jan. 1 Winter Break
- Jan. 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Feb. 15 Student Holiday/Staff Dev./Bad Weather Makeup Day
- March 8-12 Spring Break
- April 2 Easter Break
- April 23 Battle of Flowers
- May 31 Memorial Day
- June 4 Student Holiday/Staff Dev./Bad Weather Makeup Day

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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.

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.

COVES SECTION

David and Josie Serna
Charles and Anneliese Miller
Chambers Cove

Donavan Bernal
Collin Cove

Robert and Sheryl Huff
Carson Cove

POOL SECTION

Gerardo and Claudia Arellano
Briscoe Trail

MODELS SECTION

Matthew and Sara Sattler
Hudspeth Trail



WHAT IS AN “EBLAST” AND WHY SHOULD I SIGN UP TO RECEIVE THEM?

There are many homeowners who do not receive e-blast notifications, newsletters, or other pertinent information regarding our HOA. We are not sure if they are aware of how to sign up to receive E-Blasts.

An E-Blast is a faster way to effectively communicate important community items to Homeowners without having to wait for newsletters, meeting or other mailers.

E-Mail Blast Communication Network



The Board of Directors through DAMC periodically send out notifications via e-blast including newsletters, social events, repair work, safety issues, crime activity, lost pet information, or other issues that are time-sensitive.

Our monthly newsletters are also posted on our website. If you, or know of someone who wishes to be added to the email distribution list, please submit by e-mail the following information to our community manager, Eva Hecox at eva@damctx.com the appropriate point of contact:

- Your name
- Your address
- Your phone number (day, evening, and cell phone numbers would be appreciated)
- Your email address (If your email address has changed, please submit both your old and your new email address)

You may submit more than one email address, for example, if you have a different email address than your spouse, you may submit both. The list will be comprised of members from The Preserve at Alamo Ranch communities.

Our Community Management Company Is Here To Help You

Our management company, DAMC, works on behalf of our Board of Directors to oversee the operational issues that our association must deal with on a daily basis.

One of the most important roles that our management company has is to act as the communication liaison between you, the homeowner, and the Board.

If you have any association related questions or have an issue that you would like the Board to address, please take advantage of our management company's desire to assist you and contact them. It is always more effective if your concerns are communicated in writing and not submitted anonymously. That way there is a written record of your concern and you can be updated on the progress in resolving or addressing it.

Please call Eva Hecox, our designated Community Manager at (210) 561-0606 or email her at eva@damctx.com.

To-Dos: Your August Home Checklist

As summer winds down, take these steps to get your home and family organized for fall

Source: <https://www.houzz.com/magazine/to-dos-your-august-home-checklist-stsetivw-vs-68269843>

With the transition from summer to the beginning of a new school year (and maybe some back-to-work blues), August can feel like a sudden downshift. Stretch out these last days of summer by squeezing in a few more home projects, savoring simple pleasures and, when the time comes, preparing the house for fall. Pick from these 13 to-dos to create your perfect August plan.

1. Clean and store summer gear. Once the last beach day is behind you, take the time to clean out the buckets, shovels and boogie boards so they're fresh and clean for next year. Toss out cracked or broken toys, and shop end-of-season sales to replace items if needed.

2. Set up a shared family calendar. Whether you choose a big paper wall calendar or a digital version, having one calendar to rule them all will be a big help come fall. Set up your preferred method now, and record important dates.

3. Clear the way for easy weeknight dinners. A too-packed kitchen (and fridge and pantry) can make meal prep harder than it needs to be. Clear away clutter to create a clean workspace on the counter and remove expired, stale and unwanted food from the pantry, fridge and freezer. Donate unwanted and unexpired foods in their original packaging to a local food pantry.

4. Share your backyard harvest. Have a glut of tomatoes, squash or other summer produce? Pack up a basket to share with your neighbors, or check the directory at [Ample Harvest](#) to locate a food pantry in your area that accepts surplus garden produce.

Tackle These Tasks Over a Weekend

5. Organize family photos. Have new photos from summer adventures or special moments at home? Take this opportunity to sort and organize them — back up digital photos with cloud-based storage, and make an album or a book of recent photos. If you would like to display some of your photos but are finding it difficult to choose, put them in a big collage instead (like the heart shown here) or hang them from clothespins or bulldog clips on a wire.

6. Clean carpets and floors. Sand and garden dirt tracked in over the summer can really take a toll on floors. Vacuum and mop floors, and have area rugs and carpeting professionally cleaned if needed.

7. Get organized for back to school (and work). Consider what would make this fall run more smoothly for your family: a few extra hooks in the entryway to handle coats and bags, perhaps? Or if papers are a constant problem, take the time now to set up a simple filing system and an inbox for each family member.

8. Check emergency kits. Emergency supplies don't last forever. Open up your kit and check expiration dates on food and any medications; replace as needed. Don't have an emergency kit yet? Make this the month you create one.

9. Organize closets. Before making any new purchases, spend some time assessing what you already have in the closet: Try on clothing, fold and hang up any clothes on the floor, get rid of items you don't wear and make a list of what you need. Doing this before shopping can help save money and prevent cluttering up your closet.

10. Schedule some do-nothing time. It can be surprisingly hard to relax and simply do nothing, even when you do have a pocket of free time. I find that the key is not calling it "free time" at all: By planning to *do nothing*, you are actually giving yourself permission to fully relax. So what do you do during do-nothing time? Sipping from a mug of tea or tall glass of iced tea on the porch with a good book tops my list.

Maintenance and Extras to Budget for This Month

11. Clean and organize the garage. If you haven't cleaned out your garage in a while, it's likely this project will take an entire weekend (or more), so plan accordingly. It helps to think ahead and find out where you can take items (donations, hazardous waste, things to sell) before starting, and get a dumpster if you think you will need it. And if you need help, consider hiring someone to assist you with part or all of the process. Wait until you've cleared away the clutter before purchasing new shelving or wall-mounted organizers. You'll have a better idea of what you need once the decluttering is complete.

Continued (To-Dos: Your August Home Checklist)...

12. Finish up outdoor projects. Make use of the long August days to finish up any outdoor projects you started (or *intended* to start) over the summer, from [cleaning the gutters](#) to [adding a new deck](#).

13. Check your home for signs of pests. It's not a pleasant subject, but being proactive when it comes to pests in and around your home is much better than trying to solve a pest problem that has gotten out of hand. The [Environmental Protection Agency recommends](#) taking preventive measures such as removing sources of food, water and shelter, and closing off places where pests can enter and hide. If you do need to use pesticides, choose the lowest-risk product first, and use according to the directions. If you hire a pest control pro, ask him or her to use bait, and crack and crevice control when possible; fogging should be a last resort.

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Stage 1
Watering
Rules

Aquifer Trigger Level
660 feet

11 A.M.

DO NOT WATER

7 P.M.

Watering day determined
by last digit of address:

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San Antonio Water System uses drought rules, established by city ordinance, to proactively manage the region's water resources.

Stage 1 rules begin when the 10-day rolling average of the Edwards Aquifer level drops to 660 feet mean sea level at the monitored well. Coming out of drought stages can be considered 15 days after the aquifer is above the trigger.

- Landscape watering with an irrigation system, sprinkler or soaker hose is allowed only once a week before 11 a.m. or after 7 p.m. on your designated watering day.
- All residential fountains and indoor commercial fountains can operate at any stage of drought. Outdoor commercial fountains must have a SAWS variance in order to operate during drought stages 1 through 4.
- Water waste is prohibited at all times. Water waste includes allowing water to run off into a gutter, ditch, or drain; or failing to repair a controllable leak.
- Reduce water consumption by any means available.
- All non-public swimming pools must have a minimum of 25 percent of the surface area covered with evaporation screens when not in use. Inflatable pool toys or floating decorations may be used.
- Hand watering with a hand-held hose, drip irrigation, bucket or watering can is allowed any time and any day.
- Washing impervious cover such as parking lots, driveways, streets or sidewalks is prohibited. Health and safety exceptions to this rule may be requested from SAWS at www.saws.org.
- Residential car washing allowed during drought once per week on Saturday or Sunday as long as there is no water waste. No street runoff allowed.
- The use of SAWS-certified commercial car wash facilities is allowed any day.
- Operators of golf courses, athletic fields and parks must submit a conservation plan to SAWS. For submittal requirements contact SAWS at 704-SAVE. Golf courses, athletic fields and parks may not irrigate between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Landscape areas on golf courses not directly "in play" are required to follow one-day-per-week watering based on address unless otherwise instructed by SAWS.

The use of treated wastewater or recycled water for irrigation is allowed — without waste — any day during the restricted hours if the customer has posted proper signage approved by SAWS. Stage 1 restrictions continue until there is an announcement in the newspaper that Stage 1 has been canceled or that Stage 2 is in effect.

2800 U.S. Hwy 281 North • San Antonio, TX 78212 • 210.704.7297 • www.saws.org

Landscape watering with an irrigation system or sprinkler is allowed only once a week before 11 a.m. or after 7 p.m. on your designated watering day as determined by the last digit of your street address.

No watering on weekends with a sprinkler or irrigation system.

Water for Today & Tomorrow
San Antonio's cheapest source of water is conservation — water we don't use. That's why our proven conservation programs have become a cornerstone of the community's long-term water management and supply strategy.

With your help, we can keep SAWS rates among the lowest in the nation, while managing tomorrow's water today.

For more information:

- www.saws.org/drought
- conserve@saws.org
- 210-704-SAVE



Rev. 5/2018

Did you know that SAWS offers coupons and rebates to help you save money by conserving water through conservation and educational programs? Below are various rebates and coupons currently being offered by SAWS.

WaterSaver Irrigation Consultation	↗
WaterSaver Landscape Coupon	↗
WaterSaver Patioscape Coupon	↗
Irrigation Design Rebate	↗
Swimming Pool Rebate	↗
Water Flow Sensor Rebate	↗

Go to <https://www.saws.org/conservation/residential-outdoor-programs-rebates/> for more information about the above programs, coupons and rebates.

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As of July, there is \$11,082.22 in outstanding assessments and 120 days past due and 6 accounts pending with our HOA attorney for collection.

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In order to meet its financial obligations, our association depends upon the timely receipt of our monthly assessments from all homeowners. When our community's budget is approved by the Board, it assumes two things:

- 1) the amount of income must equal the amount of expenses; and
- 2) that each homeowner will pay his or her maintenance assessment in a timely manner.

If one or the other fails to happen, we have a cash-flow problem and it usually results in costing all of us more money in the long run. Our community depends entirely upon the monthly assessments to pay its bills (insurance, landscapers, water, electricity, gas, management, etc.).

Whenever homeowners are delinquent in paying their assessments, it creates a "cash-flow shortage" that may prevent the association from paying its bills in a timely manner. There is no other source of income available to make up for the shortage. If we "borrow" money from the reserves to pay for operating expenses, we are required to pay it back, thus we create even more expenses.

Ultimately, when even a few homeowners fail to pay their assessments on time it ends up costing us all more. That is because since most of our expenses are pre-determined, the only way to make up for a cash-flow problem is to increase the amount of money coming in, or in other words, raise our monthly assessment amount.

We can all take part in keeping our community's expenses down, and one of the best ways is to make sure that your monthly assessment check is sent on time!

AUGUST 2ND
NATIONAL ICE CREAM SANDWICH DAY

August 1 – Homemade Pie Day
August 3 – National Watermelon Day
August 4 – National Chocolate Chip Cookie Day
August 5 – National Oyster Day
August 6 – National Rootbeer Float Day
August 7 – National Water Balloon Day
August 8 – National Frozen Custard Day
August 9 – National Women’s Day
August 10 – National S’mores Day
August 11 – National Son’s and Daughter’s Day
August 12 – National Middle Child Day
August 13 – National Prosecco Day
August 14 – National Creamsicle Day
August 15 – National Lemon Meringue Pie Day
August 16 – National Tell a Joke Day
August 17 – National Nonprofit Day
August 18 – National Fajita Day
August 19 – Cupcake Day
August 20 – Bacon Lovers’ Day
August 21 – National Senior Citizen’s Day
August 22 – National Be An Angel Day
August 23 – National Sponge Cake Day
August 24 – National Waffle Day
August 25 – National Banana Split Day
August 26 – National Dog Day
August 27 – National Just Because Day
August 28 – National Red Wine Day
August 29 – National Chop Suey Day
August 30 – National Beach Day
August 31 – National Eat Outside Day

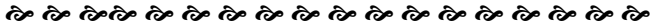


ANNUAL MEETING ELECTIONS: SEPTEMBER 24, 2020



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.

Call to Serve Applications for the Board will be sent out via mail, eblast as well as posted on social media in the next coming weeks.



TEN REASONS TO VOLUNTEER AND SERVE ON THE BOARD

There are many reasons why homeowners volunteer to be a part of our HOA Board of Directors. Below are 10 reasons to Volunteer for our Board of Directors. Our community is constantly looking for dedicated and talented homeowners to join our Board of Directors. Give it a shot!

Why volunteer to be on the Board?

1. To protect our property values and maintain the quality of life you expect in our community.
2. To correct a problem within our community. Perhaps parking is an issue, or maintenance has been neglected.
3. To give back to our community and neighbors.
4. To be sociable, meet your neighbors, and make friends.
5. To advance your career and build your personal resume by including your leadership capacity and community volunteer service.
6. To have fun accomplishing things around our community together with your neighbors. Being on the Board doesn't always have to be negative.
7. To get educated on the many facets of running a community association such as the many laws and regulations, maintenance and repair, and understanding financials.
8. To express yourself and be creative while offering your opinion on solutions to our communities' day to day problems.
9. To earn recognition from your peers for your contributions to the community.
10. To advance the 'givers gain' mentality of improving society as a whole while assisting your neighbors throughout the community.

As you can see, joining our HOA Board of Directors can be rewarding in many ways. Give it a try!

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOARD MEMBERS:

An association's board of directors exercises certain rights and responsibilities. Board Members have the right to:

1. Expect owners and non-owner residents to meet their financial obligations to the community.
2. Expect residents to know and comply with the rules and regulations of the community and to stay informed by reading materials provided by the association.
3. Respectful and honest treatment from residents.
4. Conduct meetings in a positive and constructive atmosphere.
5. Receive support and constructive input from owners and non-owner residents.
6. Personal privacy at home and during leisure time in the community.

Take advantage of educational opportunities (e.g. publications, training workshops) that are directly related to their responsibilities, and as approved by the association.

Additionally, board members have the responsibility to:

1. Fulfill their fiduciary duties to the community and exercise discretion in a matter they reasonably believe to be in the best interest of the community.
2. Exercise sound business judgment and follow established management practices.
3. Balance the needs and obligations of the community as a whole with those of individual owners and non-owner residents.
4. Understand the association's governing documents and become educated with respect to applicable state and local laws, and to manage the community association accordingly.
5. Establish committees or use other methods to obtain input from owners and non-owners residents.
6. Conduct open, fair, and well publicized elections.
7. Welcome and educate new members of the community—owners and non-owner residents alike.
8. Encourage input from residents on issues affecting them personally and the community as a whole.
9. Encourage events that foster neighborliness and a sense of community.
10. Conduct business in a transparent manner when feasible and appropriate.
11. Allow owners access to appropriate community records, when requested.
12. Collect all monies due from owners and non-owner residents.
13. Devise appropriate and reasonable arrangements, when needed and feasible, to facilitate the ability of individual residents to meet their financial obligations to the community.

Provide a process that residents can use to appeal decisions affecting their non-routine financial responsibilities or property rights – where permitted by law and the association's governing documents.



COVENANT CORNER:

Approval First!

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>

Why Do We Have a Trash Can Policy?



Almost all HOA management companies have a regular community inspection schedule as part of their management duties when caring for a property.

Every community is different and so are the governing covenant documents as well. Out of all of the restrictive covenants that we help our communities enforce, it seems one stands out amongst as the most bothersome to many homeowners. I am of course talking about the rules and restrictions regarding trash can and recycle receptacles.

Many HOA communities have restrictions specifically regarding the placement of trash and recycle bins and the timing of which they are allowed to be out. Recently this topic has become more of an issue specifically because many Home Owners Associations are now on what we call a "Single Stream" system of recycling, requiring an

additional, large receptacle. So now most communities have two different containers to deal with.

It is a shared feeling amongst many homeowners that this specific type of violation is petty and unimportant. Many don't understand why their documents restrict the location, or time in which their receptacle can be out for pick-up. The most common language we see in our documents usually states that the receptacles "cannot be in public view". This usually means that trash bins have to be completely hidden from the view from the street. Some communities of course have different rules or regulations, but most have some form or variation of this rule.

In order to comply with this type of regulation, many homeowners place their trash cans in their garage area or behind their backyard fence gate. This way they are completely hidden and out of the way.

Believe it or not, there are several good reasons for having these kinds of restrictions. Below are the reasons that developers and lawyers involved in the initial community setup include trash and recycle bin restrictions.

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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THINGS TO DO AROUND THE CITY

Please remember to practice safe distancing and wear your face masks.



Dine OUT and Dig IN at your favorite San Antonio restaurants for less during this Bi-Annual extravaganza! SUMMER RESTAURANT WEEKS delivers an entire month of Food Charm with the best eateries in town participating! Experience THREE-COURSE Menus for Lunch (\$20) And Dinner (\$35 AND \$45). To-Go options are strongly encouraged!

For various menus and pricing, please go to: <https://culinaria.org/menus>

Eddie V's
PRIME SEAFOOD

DOUGH
PIZZERIA NAPOLETANA

COPA
Wine Bar and Tasting Room

ALDO'S
Ristorante Italiano



KONA GRILL
kitchen • sushi • cocktails

The Melting Pot
FONDUE RESTAURANT

Perry's
STEAKHOUSE & GRILLE

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Get ready to set sail on a culinary adventure every Friday - Sunday!

Weekends August 1 - 30. Set sail on a celebration of flavors, cuisines and cultures with A Taste of Seven Seas. Foodie favorites return for a limited time for you to enjoy.

Culinary adventures await from France, Germany, Greece and Italy. Plus, sample a global collection of specialty cocktails, beer and wine. Each weekend perk up your palate with savory eats, scrumptious sweets and distinctive drinks at all four of our Seven Seas locations.

Event locations are open Fridays through Sundays from 11:00 a.m. until 4 p.m., August 1 - 30.

Have a Seven Seas Food and Beverage Sampler Lanyard? You can use it at this event. Additionally, 10 and 15 item Sampler Packages can be purchased in-park at any Seven Seas food locations. Pass Members with a 15 Sampler Package will receive an extra three samples for FREE!



Around the Community

Pool Section Main Entrance Updated Lighting

Additional lighting was added to the main entrance of the Pool section. New and improved perimeter lighting was necessary to provide more lighting coming into the community. We hope everyone is pleased with the improved look.

Before:



After:



Dead Tree Removal

The Board of Directors approved the removal of a dead Red Oak tree at the rear back gate entrance on Limestone Trail. Our landscape company confirmed its status condition and recommended extraction. Plans to replace the tree were considered but opted only for removal.

Before:



After:



VACATION PHOTOS



Ryan Haskins and his family enjoyed some time at the beach in Port Aransas.

Letter from the President

*By: Ryan Haskins, President
The Preserve at Alamo Ranch Homeowners Association
August 2020*

Dear Residents of The Preserve at Alamo Ranch:

We truly live in a wonderful community here in The Preserves especially during the summer, which is my favorite time personally. During our warm summer evenings when the heat of the Texas sun falls below the horizon, you begin to see fellow neighbors out for an evening walk, or our children out for a bike ride adventure around the block. You can even smell summer, as our grills light up in the evenings, leaving the neighborhood awash with the aroma of summer barbeques. It is my hope that everyone in The Preserves is having a fun and safe summer with your loved ones and enjoying all this season has to offer.

As we head into August, homeowners will soon be receiving our 2020 Annual Meeting announcement for The Preserve which is tentatively set to be held on or around September 24th, 2020. The meeting will be held via Zoom, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. While meeting in person is the preferred option for holding our Annual meeting, we need to innovate this year to achieve the needs of our community, so to continue our HOAs 2020 Annual meeting business forward we will utilize Zoom to come together as a community. In addition, as was done last year, electronic voting will be used as managed by our HOAs management company, DAMC. More information will be provided soon to all homeowners about this meeting in our 2020 Annual meeting announcement that will be mailed out to all homeowners by DAMC.

As our community ages, it is imperative, we address routine and preventative maintenance matters to keep our HOA looking beautiful and to maintain the functionality of our assets for all residents. Our HOA has slowly been repairing or enhancing our HOAs assets over the past few months with projects such as the pool resurfacing, street repairs, vehicle gate maintenance, and lighting repair work, just to name a few of these recent projects that help to maintain our HOAs curb appeal.

The Board will also be having our HOAs reserve study updated this year to ensure that we are on track regarding future maintenance and reserve funding plans. Our HOAs reserve study is a long-term capital budget planning tool that identifies the current status of the reserve fund and a stable and equitable funding plan to offset the ongoing deterioration of the HOA common areas and to prevent insufficient HOA reserve funds when those anticipated major common area expenditures actually occur, such as our HOA roadways or our vehicle gate operators.

However, it takes all residents to help to identify issues within our community. So please feel free if you see something amiss in our community to contact either the Board of Directors or our Association Manager, Eva Hecox with DAMC so that any issues can be addressed quickly for all. The Board can be reached at PreserveHOAboard@yahoo.com. While Eva Hecox with DAMC can be reached either at Eva@damctx.com or by phone at 210-561-0606.

Our Social Committee had several ideas for this year to enhance the lifestyle of residents with events such as our Spring Fling, 4th of July Parade, and other events. Unfortunately, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, these plans were not feasible to carry out. However, if residents have alternative ideas for events or functions that can help to enhance the lifestyles of all residents within our community, that are compliant with current governmental Covid-19 pandemic guidelines, please contact our Social Committee at PreserveHOAsocial@yahoo.com.

Finally, as a resident of The Preserve, I have to say that our community is a wonderful and friendly place to live. It is great to see everyone coming together and assisting one another during this crisis. There have been many in our community who created and donated masks to others in The Preserve, for free! In addition, the offers of assistance, humor, and stories being shared among The Preserve residents on various social media platforms help to keep our community connected. Seeing all the positive and friendly discussions shows what a great community we are in how we communicate and connect with each other as neighbors here in The Preserve.

Until next month! Please take care of yourself, your family, and your neighbors, and remember to always, "Be excellent to each other!"



August

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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				Recycle Pick Up		Open House Gates Open 12 – 5 p.m.
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
	Trash Pick Up			Recycle Pick Up		
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Trash Pick Up			Recycle Pick Up		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Trash Pick Up			Recycle Pick Up		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	NISD – first day of school Trash pick up			Recycle Pick Up		
30	31					

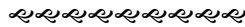
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WHEN REPORTING ISSUES

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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