



Happy New Year!!

NEWSLETTER

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A YEAR IN REVIEW

Accomplishments for 2020: The Board of Directors had many issues to deal with in 2020 despite going through the COVID-19 pandemic.

2020 was different in more ways than one. Majority of our social events had to be cancelled due to the pandemic and restrictions in place. Our annual homeowners' meeting was held virtually for the first time due to the pandemic. We hope 2021 will be less stringent and we can continue hosting our family oriented social events.

It has been a year now since the Board approved changing our gate maintenance company, landscaping company as well as parking enforcement patrols. We hope everyone has been satisfied with the change out of these vendors. We look forward to our continuing relationship with them. Below are some of the issues we faced and made improvements to this year:

1. Completed the pool replaster in the spring. Our community pool is over 10 years old and showed signs of wear and tear.
2. Due to the COVID pandemic, temporary rules were put in place for access and use of our community pool for the health and safety of all our residents and families. The Board approved an increase of pool monitoring services as well as maintenance cleaning services in order to be in compliance with local government restrictions.
3. The Board approved the update and improvement of all entrance landscape lighting at all entrances, with more cost-efficient LED lighting.
4. The Board approved the replacement of all gate operators to all entrance and exit gates as recommended and provided for in our Reserve Fund Budget.
5. The Board approved the use of trapper services for the trapping of feral hogs in our common areas causing an excessive amount of damage to landscape areas at entrance islands, shrubs, flower beds, homeowner fences, etc.

Again, above is just a fraction of what was worked on. The Board too responded to many day-to-day problems requiring policy decisions, and provided oversight and direction to our managing agent, Eva Hecox, with DAMC.

Wishing all of you peace, good health and best wishes in **2021!!**



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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 & Kelly Byers
Cameron Cove**



News to Share ???

The Preserve at Alamo Ranch Newsletter combines relevant community news, information, as well as highlights local area events. This monthly newsletter is emailed to all property owners as well as posted on our HOA website. Homeowners are encouraged to submit community news, community photos, group announcements (i.e., Bunco, playgroups, Monday Night Football, wine tasting, weddings, graduation, etc.) and other relevant newsworthy ideas for the newsletter.

Send your news, announcements to
preservehoaboard@yahoo.com for inclusion in our next newsletter.

E-Mail Blast Communication Network



The Board of Directors, through DAMC, periodically sends 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 someone you know wish 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.



HOMEOWNER PORTAL ACCESS

We encourage you to utilize the Preserve at Alamo Ranch website, www.preserveatalamoranch.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.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 Jimenez with your name and address at alyssa@damctx.com for assistance.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

As we have all recently learned, the main entrance gate for the Coves section was severely damaged once again on or about the early hours of December 27, 2020. This will be the second time in less than 30 days the gate has been severely damaged and declared a loss with total replacement with a new custom-made gate. The previous incident took place on December 1st in the early morning hours. An incident report was made and filed with the Bexar County Sheriff's Office for both incidents.



If anyone witnessed or heard anything, please reach out to the Board of Directors at preservehoaboard@yahoo.com or our management agent, Eva Hecox at eva@damctx.com.

The Board has approved additional and increased times and dates for Alamo Area Security Patrol ("AASP" - HOA parking enforcement agent and who are active and retired law enforcement personnel) to patrol our communities for the next two weeks until a replacement gate is installed. We hope with the added security, AASP will provide additional safety measures and precautions while patrolling throughout day and night.



Please remember that AASP is not responsible or authorized to provide first-responder services. In case of any emergency, please reach out to the appropriate city/county agency, or dial 911, if required.

The Board are currently in discussions and actively seeking bids and proposals from various vendors for installation of security/surveillance cameras as well as monitoring services for these cameras for all gates, including the pool pavilion. We welcome your feedback on this matter. Please email the Board with your thoughts and suggestions regarding surveillance cameras at each gate and pool at preservehoaboard@yahoo.com.

More information will be distributed soon once a decision has been made. Please be on the lookout for it.



NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

New Year's resolution tips for 2021: Focus on getting to the end of COVID-19

Welcoming the new year may feel a bit different this year, given the challenges of 2020 and the inability to celebrate together.

For many people, the yearly date change — adding one more year to life's tally — puts a greater focus on long-term goals than busy lives usually allow. For many, this leads to the tradition of New Year's resolutions, a chance to consider our progress on becoming the "ideal self" many people hope to achieve by the end of their days.

Even with the knowledge that the focus will shift back to the short-term demands of day-to-day by mid-January, it is valuable to consider those longer-term aspirations, if for no other reason than for people to remind themselves that there's more to them than the harried exhausted person who, at the end of the day, wants nothing more than to get into their PJs and play a video game, binge-watch a favorite TV serial, or read a current novel.

But this year, thinking about the long-term is much more difficult. The pandemic has given us all a different experience of time. The pandemic has not only served as a visceral reminder that something unexpected can land in our well-envisioned path, halting all progress. It has also made the path beyond the pandemic unclear.

As many pundits are noting, a "return to normal" — meaning life exactly as it was before COVID-19 entered our vocabulary — is highly unlikely. The future has become less predictable, which also means that setting long-term goals is much more difficult. It's hard to imagine an ideal self without knowing what that self will be experiencing.

Short-term goals

As a psychologist, I think resolutions for 2021 should be much more short-term than usual. It is probably challenging enough to figure out what's needed to make it through the months until everyone is vaccinated and can start to make their way back into a more social world.

You might be thinking that this hardly seems like a good use of once-a-year resolutions, but even though these goals will be very short-term, this is valuable given that public health leaders are warning that these particular months are likely to be the hardest of the pandemic. So even though these goals will likely only be needed for a few months, they can be vital for determining our state when the pandemic comes to an end.

Living through several months of pandemic uncertainty and restrictions has likely given many people a pretty good idea of which personal vulnerabilities this constrained life chafes against. Some people may be struggling to keep their emotional balance. For others, the absence of friends and even casual acquaintances may be driving them mad. Others might be panting to get back to the gym.

These personal points of pain can give people some idea of what resolutions they might make. Addressing those specific points may help enable people to care for themselves well enough to arrive at the pandemic's end with some semblance of good physical and mental health.

Reviewing the advice that mental health professionals gave at the beginning of the pandemic may be helpful in figuring out your specific short-term resolutions to deal with personal challenges. Or you, like many others, might have discovered the healing properties of nature during this time, as documented in a preprint (not yet peer reviewed) study. If so, your resolutions could be about making sure you continue those activities and visiting your favorite nature spots during these winter months. My own resolution, for instance, is to spend at least five minutes each day appreciating the birds in my yard, which never fails to lift my spirits.

Pandemic lessons

For those who can't resist thinking about long-term goals, despite the uncertainty that this pandemic year has introduced into the world, you could review what you've learned during the pandemic. Long-term resolutions could be based on consideration of three things:

1. What do I want to keep from changes I made to cope with the pandemic?
2. What do I want to reclaim from the pre-pandemic time?
3. How would I "build back better" if I were in charge of the world or my neighborhood?

Each of these things will require some long-term goal focus, and can help you imagine a new ideal self for the post-pandemic times.

Like Christmas 2020, New Year's 2021 is likely to be unique in many people's memories. Many people have gone out of their way to make these moments as tolerable as possible, given the circumstances, but these new ways to commemorate the holidays are unlikely to become traditions, or things people will want to repeat in subsequent years.

Approaching 2021 resolutions by harvesting any bright spots or treasures that have revealed themselves during this unusual time may help illuminate a new path to follow once the pandemic has ended.

Source: [New Year's resolution tips for 2021: Focus on getting to the end of COVID-19 \(theconversation.com\)](https://theconversation.com/new-year-resolution-tips-for-2021-focus-on-getting-to-the-end-of-covid-19)



ANNOUNCEMENTS



NEW **HOA Dues ~ \$235.00**
Effective January 1, 2021

Assessment invoices should be arriving soon. 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.preserveatamoranch.com>, or contact Eva at DAMC phone at (210) 561-0606.

REMINDER

As a reminder, the suspension of street parking enforcement will end on January 4th, 2021. Parking notices will be placed on vehicles found parked on the street between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m., without a parking permit, that may result in a fine.



COVENANT CORNER:



HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

As much as we love the holiday season and having our homes decorated and lit up with holiday lighting and décor, they will need to come down. Our DCCRs provide for time periods for holiday décor to be on display. Please be sure and remove all holiday décor and lighting from exterior of your homes and on trees, shrubs, etc. located on your lot.

DCCRs: Article III – Restrictions – General Restrictions –

3.41 Holiday Decorations. Holiday or seasonal decorations and lighting (i) may only be displayed on a Lot in a reasonable manner, (ii) may be placed on a Lot no earlier than thirty (30) days before a holiday for which Homeowners commonly decorate outside the home, and (iii) must be removed ten (10) days after such holiday.



Around the Community

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2020 Holiday Lighting Contest. All of you are WINNERS!
There were a lot of homes nicely lit and decorated but did not participate.
We hope to see your entry next year.

A **BIG SHOUT OUT** to Alyssa Morales, our Social Committee Chair, for organizing this event and reaching out to homeowners, distribution of yard signs and gift cards! Thanks a million Alyssa!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2020 WINNERS!



**2020 HOLIDAY LIGHTING
CONTEST RESULTS**

Grand Champion: 11934 Willacy Trail, The Pichard Family
1st Place: 3118 Crosby Cove, The Gills Family
2nd Place: 3303 Titus Trail, The Eversole Family
3rd Place: 3311 Titus Trail, The Hess Family

HONORABLE MENTIONS
The Coves: 3302 Collin Cove, The Sweet Family
The Trails: 3554 Glasscock Trail, The Staton Family
The Pool: 11815 Newton Trail, The Wallace Family

**CONGRATULATIONS AND
THANK YOU TO ALL CONTESTANTS!!**

ENTRANCE GATES LANDSCAPE LIGHTING UPGRADES

UPDATE: All entrance gates (main and rear entrances) have been updated with new light fixtures and lighting that will bring more light to the entrances as we enter and exit the neighborhood. We hope you enjoy the new look.

SEE ADDITIONAL PAGES 7 AND 8 FOR ADDITIONAL "AROUND THE COMMUNITY" NEWS SUCH AS

- SAWS PIPELINE PROJECT

- NEIGHBORING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT



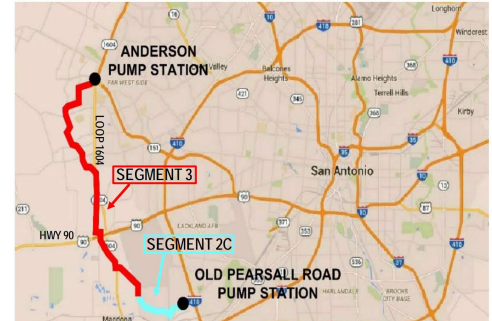
WATER RESOURCES INTEGRATION PROGRAM (WRIP) PHASE 2 – PIPELINE SEGMENTS 2C AND 3 PROJECT

Below is the overall map of the pipeline project immediately affecting our communities.



Project Location

- Segment 2C begins at Old Pearsall Road Pump Station
- Segment 3 ties into Anderson Pump Station



WRIP Phase 2 – Pipeline Segments 2C & 3



A townhall meeting was held via Zoom on December 17, 2020 wherein SAWS Engineer for the above project, Mr. Nathaniel Virdell, provided Board members and homeowners present at meeting with details and specifics for this project and its impact on our communities.

On the right are photos of what the project will look like once they commence digging, boring, laying pipeline, etc.:



Misc. Info:

Segment 3 Project Details

- Approximately 57,191 LF of 200 psi pipe with 0.25 inch minimum wall thickness, 10,515 LF of 250 pressure class pipe, and 2,175 LF of 300 pressure class pipe
- Crosses 24 streams, 15 local roadways, and 4 TxDOT highways
- The pipeline will be installed in an 80-foot wide easement. Limited access to 20-feet of the easement to preserve tree canopy
- Approximately 3,125 LF to be installed by boring
- A significant portion of the line will be excavated in very dense subgrade

Project Special Conditions

- CoSA Tree Permit
 - Coordinate CoSA Arborist – pre-construction walk-through
 - Protective measures shall be utilized to preserve Heritage Trees within the 60' limits of construction. All trees outside of the 60' clearing width must be preserved.
 - Staging, parking, material storage areas and project limits of clearance must be approved by the CoSA Field Inspector prior to construction
 - Re-seed disturbed areas with slopes less than 3:1 by drill seeding
 - Where slopes are greater than 3:1, hydromulching shall be used
 - 85% establishment of native seed is required
 - Silt fencing and temporary fencing will be utilized to delineate limits of construction



More information will be provided when received from SAWS and will be distributed to everyone. Please remember, this will be a two year project. We are hopeful SAWS and their contractors will minimize disruption, and noise, when feasible.

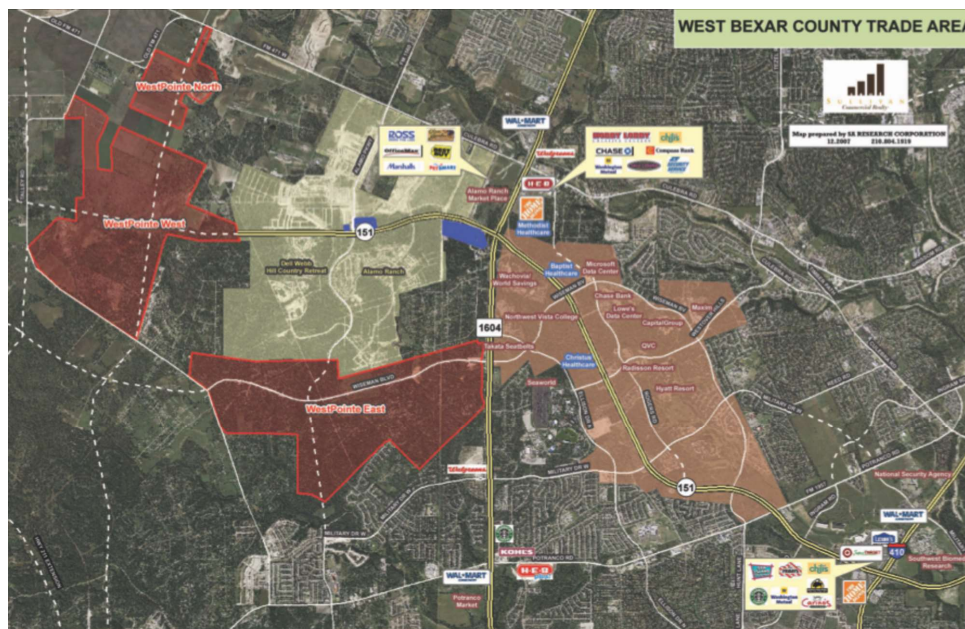
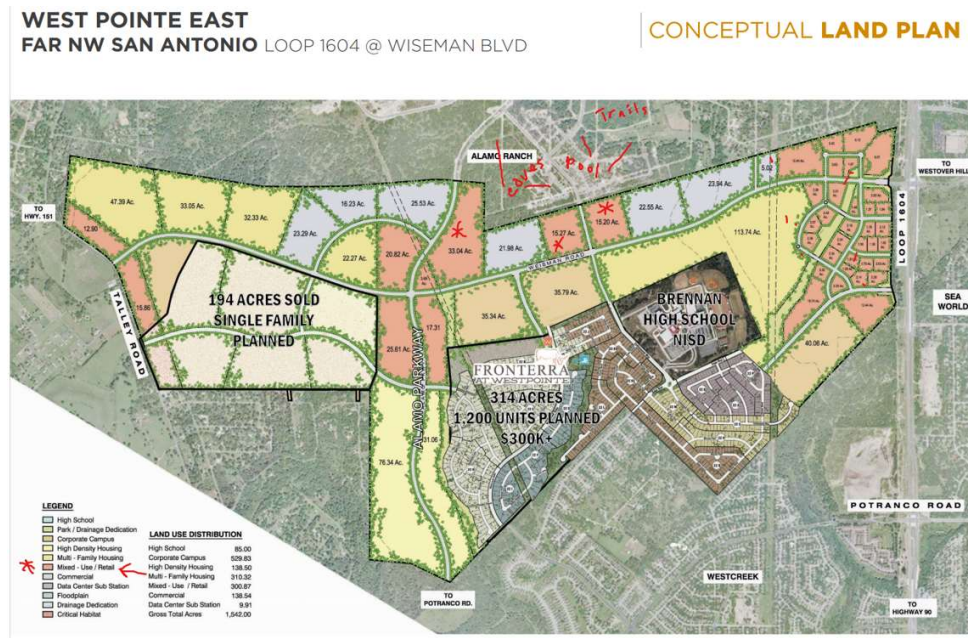
PROPOSED PLANS FOR DEVELOPMENT ALONG WISEMAN BLVD.

The Alamo Ranch community is growing and growing, with plans for retail and mixed use along Wiseman Blvd. and within the vacant lot areas directly behind the Pool section. Below are copies of maps that depict the future development along Wiseman Blvd, Cottonwood Way, and Alamo Ranch Parkway that will be impacting our community. Alamo Parkway, as you exit the rear entrance of the Coves section, will be extended and cut through Wiseman Blvd., which may benefit parents taking their child(ren) to the elementary school.

Please note our respective sections marked and labeled in map below in conjunction with proposed development descriptions marked in the legend. We believe the SAWS project beginning soon will coincide with the proposed development and services being provided to the new infrastructure.

For more information and demographics of the proposed developments, please click on the below link:

[THE VILLAGE AT WEST POINTE SITES AVAILABLE - SULLIVAN COMMERCIAL REALTY](#)



January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Open House – Gates Open 12 pm – 5 pm
3	4 Trash Pick Up Suspension of Street Parking Ends	5	6	7 Recycle Day	8	9
10	11 Trash Pick Up	12	13	14 Recycle Day	15	16
17	18 Trash Pick Up	19	20 Presidential Inauguration Day  MLK Day	21 Recycle Day	22	23
24	25 Trash Pick Up	26	27	28 Recycle Day	29	30
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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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