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Davenport Ranch Neighborhood Association

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER

Board Bytes:

Emphasis this year on the Board will be on mailbox updates at both clusters, neighborhood watch and landscape. The DRNA board had election of officers at the February meeting and Don Neville will remain as treasurer. Meredith Landry as president.

Security: Security budget have been increased by 20%. The constables are patrolling about 30 hours per week in our neighborhood, varied hours throughout the week. Please continue to call 911 in emergencies (a door to door solicitor is a 911 call) and 311 for non emergencies. This will help the patrol to identify peak times and needs of the neighborhood. Always be a watchful neighbor. Brad Weatherford has been attending police forums on a quarterly basis to be Davenport's voice to APD.

Speeding continues to be a safety issue in Davenport. The constables are aware of this issue and are issuing tickets. If you see the constable by the bus stops, tell him your concerns so he can best serve the neighborhood. Riva Ridge, Waymaker and Far Gallant continue to have speeding issues.

ARB – architectural review

please contact Earline Wakefield at Goodwin Management 502-7526 or earline.wakefield@goodwintx.com before embarking on any project.

Check out the Davenport website for ARB forms and info !! www.davenportranch.org if you have forgotten your password and user name contact Brad Weatherford at bradweatherford@austin.rr.com

COMMUNICATION:

Newsletter: Meredith Landry (tejas42@aol.com): newsletter deadline is the 9th of every month. If you have something to submit please email it to me by the deadline.

Website: Email addresses continue to come in which is great. If anyone is having a problem getting on the website please email Brad Weatherford at bradweatherford@austin.rr.com and he will issue you a new password and help to guide you through any problems.

Send the Board your thoughts, comments by emailing us at admin@davenportranch.org

Neighborhood Watch: contact Brad Weatherford (bradweatherford@austin.rr.com) if you are interested in serving as a Block Captain

Mailboxes: installation is

complete, concrete repaired. New bulletin boards, paint and lighting will be addressed

Social Leslie Boldrick has volunteered to be the social coordinator this year. She is a new resident to Davenport. Please contact her at laboldrick@gmail.com if you have questions or ideas or would like to help.

Landscape: The board has a plan, but is currently seeking a better price on work to be performed. This project will be on hold until next fall or at least until the mailbox upgrade is complete. As part of continuing to enhance Davenport we would love to hear from you about areas that you feel need the most attention. Entrances into Davenport are Master association responsibilities but the gardens at the top of Waymaker/ Canonero and Bold Ruler, as well as most of the islands in cul de sacs are neighborhood responsibilities. Please email any of the DRNA board with your suggestions and comments.

From the sprinkler company: at no time should there be sprinklers running during the day. If you see them running please contact Earline Wakefield at Goodwin management earline.wakefield@goodwintx.com.

Mailbox upgrade:

Hopefully the new boxes are in by the time you receive this newsletter. Once installed the board is planning on repainting the mailbox shelter, getting new bulletin boards installed and address lighting needs.



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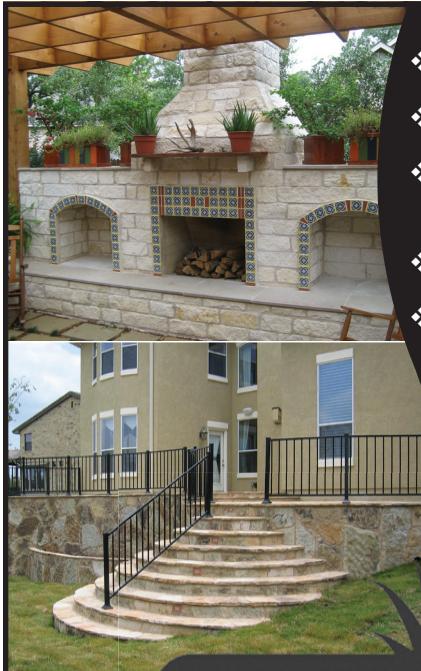
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Signs. "For sale" or "for rent" signs and all other signs are prohibited except for one 2 foot X 2 foot sign per Lot. Board members, security patrol and management company representatives may enter, without prior notice, and remove and throw away prohibited signs. The policy regarding signs is subject to exceptions for the Declarant (developer) under the Declaration.

Contractors may not advertise in your front yard, and real estate agents may not place any sign that is oversized or any direction signs. Signs honoring children's activities are a courtesy exception allowed by most home owner associations as long as they are kept close to the house.

Please observe these restrictions and you will ensure that the signs of spring in Davenport Ranch are all the work of Mother Nature.

Earline J. Wakefield
Property Manager, Goodwin Management, Inc.

Living With The Natural Areas

Many of you are fortunate to have homes that back to the natural areas running through Davenport Ranch. These are common areas, meaning they belong to every Davenport Ranch owner and they are managed by the Davenport Ranch Master Association.

Although the common area behind your home might seem like your personal piece of the hill country, your may not use it as your own. This means that you must not build anything in the common area such as a playhouse or dump your yard clippings and other refuse. You also may not do any clearing.

If you believe the area behind your home is in need of clearing either for appearance or to remove fire hazard, you may contact me, and I will let the Master Association manager know.

Meanwhile, enjoy your private hill country view and all the changing seasons and wildlife that come with it.

Earline J. Wakefield,
Davenport Ranch Neighborhood Property Manager

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Traffic Concerns at Waymaker and Westlake intersection

TXDOT has not reported the results of the counter placed at Waymaker but they report the intersection is not a candidate for a light due to the limited sight distance coming over the hill. They are reluctant to put a no U turn sign and are addressing all options. Our hope is they place median cuts before and after the Waymaker intersection but they stated there may be an issue with impervious cover. Plans are being drawn for the Westlake intersection upgrade, but the timeline has not been determined. In the mean time please drive with extra precaution looking for Uturns at Waymaker when you are trying to dash across.

Traffic Concerns for the Waymaker /360 and Westlake drive intersections have increased. These are being addressed by the Master Assoc. with TXDOT, COA and our city council members. You can also help by sending your concerns to your city council members

City Council Members and Contact Information

City Council Website: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/council/>

You can email all Austin City Council Members by clicking on the above link and using the form on the City Council Website. Feel free to email your letter to one or all City Council Members.

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Parking on Streets

There continues to be a problem with vehicles parked on the cul d sacs impeding trash pickup. Please be respectful and park off the street on trash day (FRIDAY)

Please be considerate of your neighbors and inform them when you are having a party and tell your guests to not park immediately behind a driveway so that it is difficult for your neighbors to exit their driveway. No cars can ever be parked on a street for greater than 72 hours and cannot impede emergency vehicles, mail or trash delivery.

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Screen your vents to prevent leaves

Wood fences should be joined to the house with a masonry/ metal column so the wood does not directly touch the home

Store firewood away from the house

Trees should not overhang the house and be cut at least 10-15 feet back

Remove dead wood from your yard and dead branches from the trees, but leave a canopy so as to prevent dry grasses from growing with new sun exposure

“fire travels quickly uphill” The master will be addressing the greenbelt but property owners that have undeveloped back yards like the back sides of Bold Ruler, Far Gallant, Waymaker, Belmont and Long Champ lots should take extra precautions.



DAVENPORT PLAYGROUP:

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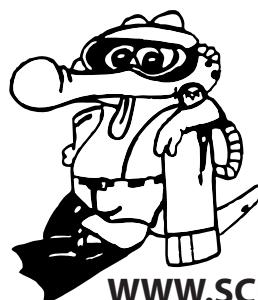
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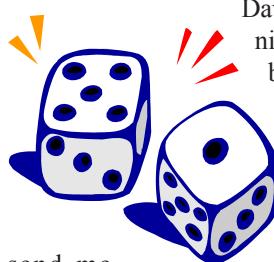
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Did you know all neighbors are listed in the membership directory on the website?

Did you know we use the administrative emails to contact you about neighborhood alerts, activities happening in the neighborhood, voting on issues affecting everyone in the neighborhood?

Without your contact information we do not know you are here to welcome!

Please contact Brad Weatherford at bradweatherford@ausitn.rr.com with your name, address, phone #'s and email addresses so we can get you in the loop.

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Spring is Here... Head for the Parks

Submitted by LCRA



The unseasonably warm weather just might bring out the wildflowers, creating a wonderful opportunity for photos.

Spring break and Easter have come and gone, so you know what that means in Central Texas: It's time to head for the parks to camp, fish or just take a long day to play in the warming weather.

The busiest weekends of 2008 recreation season are upon us as outdoor lovers by the thousands pull out their stored-away camping equipment to give it a check and uncover the boat to make sure it still runs and is safe.

Then they head for outside adventures, including flocking to LCRA's 40 parks and recreation areas that are located from the Highland Lakes down the Colorado River to Matagorda Bay.

Because of the drought-breaking floods last summer, the Highland Lakes are full and offer plenty of water for recreation of all types.

Depending on what Mother Nature does with the weather — remember this is Texas and spring can mean rainy and cold or perfect 70s or higher — some people will even jump in the cold river or lakes for an early springtime dip. Or maybe water ski. If you do this, consider these safety tips: Don't stay in the water too long and swim with a buddy.

Back on land, it's a little early for wildflowers. Some trees will start to bud and the prime wildflower season is just around the corner.

This is also a good time to watch birds migrating north, such as hummingbirds,

robins and purple martins.

If the weather is right, early spring can provide some of the best tent camping of the year. RV camping is good even if it's raining and chilly because you can be snug in your camper anywhere.

Word to the wise: Campgrounds and particularly cabins and RV spots get reserved early. In fact, reservations can be made 333 days out. For instance, some reservations were made last fall for Memorial Day. So the sooner you call the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Reservation Center at (512) 389-8900, the better chance you have to get the spot you want when you want it. Plan ahead.

Special discounts may still be available during the spring at some LCRA parks. Call the individual parks to check.

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17-Aug. 3—AUSTIN: Inside El Salvador Exhibition features 67 black-and-white photographs that depict those directly involved in the conflict, as well as the impact on the civilian population. The Ransom Center. www.hrc.utexas.edu 512/471-8944

18—AUSTIN: Acoustic Alchemy One World Theatre. www.oneworldtheatre.org 512/329-6753

18-26—AUSTIN: Bizet's Carmen Bizet's operatic masterpiece features a mystical score and tells the tale of a tragic lovers' triangle. The Long Center for Performing Arts. www.austinlyricopera.org 512/472-5927

19—AUSTIN: Grisha! (Russia) This flamenco and classical guitarist is spectacular. Begins at 8 p.m. Northwest Hills United Methodist Church. www.austinclassicalguitar.org 512/300-ACGS

19-20—AUSTIN: Austin Reggae Festival A message of peace and non-violent change couples with world music, arts & crafts, and ethnic food. Auditorium Shores. www.austinreggaefest.com 512/791-0222

20—AUSTIN: Leon Russell One World Theatre. E-mail: info@oneworldtheatre.org • www.oneworldtheatre.org 512/329-6753

26—AUSTIN: An Open Blossom (Conspirare Children's Choir) The children's choir performs a glittering array of works based on beautiful images derived from stories and poems. Begins at 7 p.m. St. Martin's Lutheran Church. www.conspirare.org 512/476-5775

26—AUSTIN: Eeyore's Birthday Party This former picnic has evolved into an annual festival filled with colorful costumes, drum circles, live music, games and contests. Pease Park. www.eeyores.sexton.com 512/448-5160

27—AUSTIN: A. Mozart Fest Piano Concert Pianist William Doppmann performs a program of Mozart's Adagio in B Minor, Schubert's Sonata in B-flat, and Liszt's Sonata for Piano. First Baptist Church, 901 Trinity St. www.amozartfest.org 512/371-7217

29—AUSTIN: Hugh Masekela One World Theatre. www.oneworldtheatre.org 512/329-6753

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			5		9		
	6			1	2		3
1							4
		9		6	3		
		1					
7	4	3					
		2				1	
8		7	4			2	9
		3					8

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