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Davenport Ranch Neighborhood Association

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### NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER



The Davenport Annual meeting was held Jan 20 at the Austin Country Club. The results of the elections for the 2 board seats will be posted in the March newsletter.

### **Mark Your Calendars:**

Monthly meetings are open and always the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at the building near the Westlake mailbox cluster. (we do not meet in December and July)

### **Architectural Review Forms:**

(ARB) – architectural review please contact Earline Wakefield at Goodwin Management 502-7526 or earline.wakefield @goodwintx. com before embarking on any project. House plans and exterior modifications should now be submitted electronically. If plans are not submitted in an electronic format, the homeowner will be charged \$50 to put it in an electronic format. This allows the records to be reviewed by the ARB more efficiently and plans stored with minimal space.

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

### Watering:

If you see sprinklers running in the common areas during the day, there may be a problem with our sprinkler system. Please contact Earline Wakefield at Goodwin management immediately so the problem can be addressed.

### Finance:

The 2009 budget was approved and will continue to give a \$60.00 discount for a total of \$150 annual DRNA dues. The mailboxes came in under budget.

### **Security:**

Dave Knutson, our new commander in this area (Baker Sector-Central West district) attended the meeting to discuss the structure of APD and get feedback fro us about the needs in Davenport. He handed out a resource manual to deter theft etc. See the website under announcements for these resources. 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 (issues that are ok to take up to a week to respond). 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.

Please report all theft, accidents to APD so that they have it in their database. It is our hope that APD will increase their monitoring of this area based on activity reported. Some vehicle theft has been reported in the neighborhood due to doors being unlocked with expensive items in sight.

Please remember to lock your doors and keep expensive items (purse, ipod, CD's computers) hidden or on your person.

The more you contact David Knutson about issues in our neighborhood the more likely we will have APD presence here. His phone # is 974-5917, email davidknutson@ci.austin.tx.us.

You can also join a central west Austin yahoo group to stay informed of APD issues in our area. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/centralwestdr/

Speeding continues to be a safety issue in Davenport especially cut through traffic during rush hour down Riva ridge to Carryback and down Longchamp. Please email Brad Weatherford at bradweatherford@austin.rr.com to report speeding issues. Dave Knutson from APD says he will try to get the trailer back out into the neighborhood to deter speeding.

Proceed slowly down the Waymaker hill especially when wet. SLOW DOWN on Longchamp.

### **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**: 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.

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**Board Bites** - (Continued from Cover Page)

If we do not have your email we cannot notify you about concerns in Davenport Ranch (ie: Christmas solicitor)

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. A map of Davenport has been created which can be used by the constables and the neighborhood watch group to quickly see where there are breaks in the watch coverage. Someone from your neighborhood watch area will be contacting you soon to get your email address and names for quick communication of any problems that may occur in your area.

### **Mailboxes:**

The bulletin boards are up. If you would like something posted please send to Earline Wakefield, our property manager and she will post it for you. If you still need a key, contact Meredith Landry at 512-663-9680. The blue mailbox was relocated to Davenport Village by the liquor store. All outgoing mail can be deposited in the slot marked outgoing and will be collected with your carrier delivery.

### 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. Future gatherings for all ages will be announced. Mark your calendars next year for another Davenport Memorial day party.

### Landscape:

Island trimming was done. The board is revising the plan and seeking a contractor to complete the work. It is the board's hope the upgrade will begin this winter. Entrances into Davenport are Master association responsibilities.

### Sidewalks:

We hope to get sidewalks completed throughout the neighborhood over the next few years. Mike Beiter and Meredith Landry met with Brewster McCracken in September to discuss possible bike lanes in addition to sidewalks in the platted areas within Davenport

### Master:

Hidden park road paving is complete with additional parking spaces being added. The apron from the street to the road and sidewalk have been held up due to a variance the fire dept needs to grant to the paving company since it exceeds a 15% grade. It will be poured when the variance is granted or the road company will need to adjust the grade. The auto gate is installed and card distribution for use of the gate will occur once it is operational. Fire control measures continue in

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### **Hidden Park Road Update**

Some of you have undoubtedly wondered why work on the Hidden Park Road has suddenly come to a halt. The City of Austin has required the fire department to approve the angle of the unfinished concrete apron. When that is accomplished we hope to move forward with the finishing touches on the road and gate.

Meanwhile, the Master Association Board is reviewing the options for improvements to the park and trails. They are using the survey to which so many of you contributed.

As soon as the road and gate are ready to go, you will receive instructions for requesting a magnetic card to the gate.

Earline J. Wakefield

Property Manager

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### **Board Bites** - (Continued from Page 3)

the greenbelt spaces. This will be an ongoing project to minimize fire damage to properties in Davenport. There are 2 crews now working in Davenport. DRMNA (Davenport Ranch master neighborhood assoc) held their annual meeting Dec 8. Mike Ayers was elected to another 3 year term. Tom Goebel is the new treasurer. The master approved \$ to address some park and playground upgrades once the road is complete. The road upgrade is on budget. Any questions regarding the playground, hidden park road or the greenbelt clearing should be directed to Earline Wakefield at Goodwin Management.

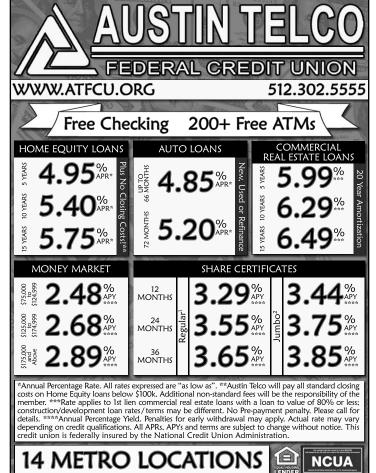
The master association continues to address the traffic issues at Waymaker and Westlake drive with TXDOT and COA. Please contact your city council members and TXDOT officials with your comments about these intersections.

**Survey results**: All subassociations but 3 turned in surveys Top 4 were Landscape 251, Security: 233, Trail 227and Playground: 191, At the master annual meeting money was approved for park improvement. This improvement will occur over a three year period.

### **New business:**

DRNA board has requested the property manager to have the concrete removed from the roads deposited by construction vehicles

The community policies were reviewed and will be undergoing an update this year.



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The **Teenage Job Seekers** listing service is offered free of charge to all Davenport Ranch teenagers seeking work. Submit your name and information to tejas42@aol.com by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month!

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### BENEFITS OF 9-1-1

- There is only one telephone number to remember in an emergency, so you will not have to look up the number for Police, Fire or EMS.
- 9-1-1 eliminates the need to determine which emergency agency to call.
- Thanks to Enhanced 9-1-1 technology, which displays your calling location, you do not have to be able to speak in order for the 9-1-1 call-taker to know your address. Most Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP's) in Texas use this technology.
- All emergency agencies have devices called a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD) to communicate with hearing impaired callers.

### WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DIAL 9-1-1

- Your call is automatically routed to the correct PSAP based on your location.
- With E9-1-1, your address and telephone number are automatically displayed on a computer screen in front of the call-taker.
- Based on this information, the call-taker will dispatch police, fire and EMS in your area.

### WHEN CALLING 911 DO THE FOLLOWING

- Give the location of the emergency. Try to be as specific as possible.
- Specify the kind of emergency: Police, Fire or Medical.
- Report if weapons are involved.
- Report number of persons involved.
- Report obstacles or conditions that would prevent public safety responders from rendering service such as vicious animal on premises, or person can only be reached by helicopter, etc.

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The Association does want to know about these types of activities so that the Neighborhood Watch and the patrolling Constables are informed. However, you should call the police first. If you have a visitor at your front door who doesn't seem to be quite right, call 911 immediately. If you have just found your car burgled, call 911 to report it.

It seems that many of these activities are not reported because people don't believe it's possible to find the person who did it. However, you don't know whether they might have caught the person two blocks over. If your property was stolen, the police might very well find it in someone's house a month or so later. If you haven't reported your stolen items, they have no way to return them to you. Your report might contribute to a pattern that would help police slowly close in on an habitual thief.

So please do let the police know about activities that disturb you. It might seem minor to you, but it might be just the piece of information they need.

Earline J. Wakefield, Property Manager

### **Davenport Needs You!!**

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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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