



MOUNTAIN LODGE

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HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION

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An Explanation for the Villas

RealManage has been swamped with phone calls from homeowners in the Villas who are upset because they received a copy of the new towing policy. Here is the explanation:

The Villas do not fall under the Mountain Lodge towing policy because, as an un-gated area of our community, their streets are public streets and are maintained by Bexar County. All Bexar County laws and regulations do apply and can be enforced there. Also, please notice that a towing sign was not installed at the entrance to the Villas.

However, the Villas are part of the entire Mountain Lodge community and the homeowners living there are subject to the covenants and restrictions (the CC&R's) which specifically state that on street parking by residents is not allowed. This can be found in Article III, paragraph 3.19. The Villas are not excluded from this covenant and any changes or additions to them need to be sent out to all residents regardless of which area they live in. In addition, the RealManage database of homeowners does not know which area each resident lives in. A group, such as the Villas, Phase 1 or Fairway Bridge for example, cannot be singled out for a mailing list.

Exciting News from the ACC NEW Construction Committee:

As we transition from the developer to managing the neighborhood on our own, we also take on the task of reviewing any new construction that will take place. A committee will be in place to, not unlike the current ACC Committee who oversees modifications after purchase, to review and approve all new construction from the various builders in our area that contract on lots not bought from the developer.

The committee has been busy this month with the review of two new construction plans. As of publication, we will be nearing the start of two new homes. One is on Sun Mountain and another on Alpine Mist, new homes means new neighbors!!

I am looking for a few new members to work with me on this committee. I can be reached at jemerick@satx.rr.com. I am looking forward to this new challenge, with a twenty year history in the Real Estate business, I want our neighborhood to grow, our property to appreciate, and the neighborhood continue to be a great place to live.

Jan Emerick, CRS, ABR, GRI

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FEBRUARY 14

Valentine's Day

FEBRUARY 22

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MARCH 13

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MARCH 14 - 18

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MARCH 17

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Weather Watch

We can expect the following average conditions for the months of February & March

		FEB	MAR
TEMPERATURE	High	67	74
	Low	42	50
	Highest recorded	97	100
	Lowest recorded	6	19
PRECIPITATION		1.7 in	1.9 in
RAINY DAYS		8	7
SNOWFALL		1/4 in	0 in

based on NOAA data recorded at the San Antonio Intl Airport from 1971 to 2000. Lat 29d 32m N Long 98d 28m W Elev. 809 ft.

Gate Closing at Alpine Association

Tuscany Heights Elementary is planning **Run for the Heights, a 5K Run/Walk, Kid's Fun Run, & Health Fair on Saturday, February 26, 2011.** All proceeds benefit the Tuscany Heights Elementary PTA, which provides programs for the school throughout the year.

We are requesting that you inform your Mountain Lodge and Fairway Bridge Homeowners of this event as it will impact access into and out of your neighborhood. On Saturday, February 26, 2011, from 7:15 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. the Mountain Lodge neighborhood exit on Alpine Lodge at Wilderness Oak will be closed. Residents will still have access in and out through Mountain Lodge Street via Middle Fork and Mountain Mist or through Fairway Bridge. This plan has been approved by Bexar County and the

NEISD Police will be securing the roadway for our event. To see a map of the course go to the website shown below.

Since this is a community event, we would love to have your homeowners participate and support their local elementary school!

Event Details

- 7:15 a.m. Road Closures
- 8:00 a.m. Kids' Fun Run
- 8:30 a.m. Chip-Timed 5K Run/Walk
- 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Health Fair

All events take place in the back parking lot, patio and cafeteria of Tuscany Heights Elementary School located at 25001 Wilderness Oak.

For more information or to register for **Run for the Heights**, please visit our website at <http://www.tuscanyheightspta.org/runfortheheights/>.

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By My Observations...

When I was eight years old, my parents took me to see "Star Wars". To this day, I remember few snippets from that original screening. I remember the opening scene with that star destroyer that seemed to take forever to pass. I remember C3P0 and R2D2 walking across the hallway passing safely through the crossfire of a viscous laser battle. And I remember when that sand person jumped up and started beating on Luke, and in the process scared the tar out of me. A few years later, my dad took off work and took me and my brother to see "The Empire Strikes Back" at the Northwest Six. I remember the line wrapped around the building more than once. A few years older, I could appreciate more of the movie than I did with the first one, although I had seen "Star Wars" a couple of times since it was first released. I remember vividly the entire Hoth scene, especially the speeders racing over the ravines looking for Han and Luke.

My stomach dropped and the crowd gave a collective groan as the visual ride grew more and more intense. That was so cool. I also remember screaming like a baby when the mynock slapped its tentacle sucker face to the side of the Millennium Falcon. And the odd little green dude who absurdly mixed up the language, but who would later be shown to be the great Jedi he was. Do I sound like a nerd? My wife says yes, but she's not fooling anyone. She likes the movies, too. Finally, or so I thought, was "The Return of the Jedi". By the time this movie was released, I was a freshman in high school, and my friends and I could literally spend hours discussing the ins and outs and other nuances of the first two movies. We had seen them both several times, and would often get into heated debates over the best one. And what we thought was going to happen in the new one.

To this day, I'm still a little put off that the Emperor was defeated, in essence, by a bunch of teddy bears. By this time in my life, I had Star Wars action figures, ships, tee shirts, posters, cups, plates and bed sheets. I knew that the TIE in TIE Fighter meant twin ion engine, even though I had no idea what that really meant. It really didn't matter either. As high school turned into college, Star Wars never went away. I never out grew it, and one of my best friends and I would give each other action figures for Christmas and birthdays. One of the most memorable viewings of the first movie was at a place called the Paramount Theater in Austin. It was an old playhouse, and the show was a midnight movie on a Saturday night, and the place was packed. When the Death Star blew up at the end there was a standing ovation complete with high fives, hugs, and whistles. No one cared if we all looked like geeks. We were simply in our element. And that was thirteen years after I first saw the movie with my parents.

I cannot imagine another movie have that kind of effect on an entire population. When the three new movies were released starting in 1999, we asked each other if we had seen the movies yet, not if we planned on seeing them. There was no question. Although good, they are not in the same league and the first three. What is fascinating to me is that my six year old son likes Star Wars. I could have never imagined that a movie would transcend generations in that manner. And that iconic metallic breathing of Darth Vader gives him goose bumps as it still does to me.

My name is Dave L, and I live in Mountain Lodge. By my observations, life can be fun, hard, tragic, entertaining, or just plain uneventful. And, it is always interesting.

Letter From The Editor

Today I witnessed a car driving north up my street, Misty Peak, going well over the posted 20 mph speed limit. I would guess between 30 to 35 mph. Not only that, the driver did not even touch the brakes when they went through the stop sign at Misty Peak and Mountain Crest. This is the intersection where the Ryland construction trailer is located. Even though this happened 3 to 4 weeks ago, I'll bet this driver remembers the incident because I was out at the end of my driveway motioning to them to slow down, which they did not do. Both people in the car looked right at me as they sped up the street. The day was Sunday, January 16th at about 5:30 pm. There were cars parked at the curb and there was no way that driver could have stopped in time if a child had run out from between those cars. It could have happened in just a split second. As much as I hate the idea of speed humps, this my friends is why I, as a member of the Board of Directors of your HOA, am going to vote to have them installed on our streets. It's pretty sad when we have to resort to such an extreme measure just because a few residents put their schedule ahead of the safety of our children.

The speed limit in Mountain Lodge is 20 mph and sometimes that is even too fast when cars are parked along the curb.

*Dave Bollinger - Secretary
ML HOA Board of Directors*

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Trashing Our Neighborhood

There seems to be an increase of people dumping their trash along the streets and in vacant lots in Mountain Lodge. It is hard to comprehend what these people are thinking. How in the world do you convince yourself that it is okay to dump trash in any unauthorized area much less the same neighborhood you live in.

The long hill on Alpine Lodge has begun to look like a city dump. I drive that road every day and I often have friends who come to visit come that way. It is embarrassing to have them comment on how trashy our neighborhood has become. I have also noticed a number of Christmas trees that have been dumped. People who buy real trees need to understand they need to dispose of those trees in a responsible manner. There also was a lot of used fireworks debris, from New Years Eve, left in the roadway at the bottom of Alpine Lodge.

Some of the items that are visible from the road are a television, shrubs and landscape debris, a queen size box spring, a lawn mower, an old tire, and a large palm tree trunk dumped right on the curb.

If you recognize any of the items in these pictures as belonging to you, items that you may have 'misplaced', please feel free to come and pick them up.



New Texting-While-Driving Law

Starting Friday, January 14th motorists caught texting while driving will be subject to a warning citation. San Antonio is now the fourth city in Texas to pass a texting ban while driving. This is not yet a state wide law, however El Paso, Austin and Universal City have already passed similar laws.

The San Antonio City Council adopted an ordinance that bans sending, reading or writing a text message on a hand-held communications device while driving. This includes sitting at a red light. The law does allow a driver to dial or talk on hand-held devices while driving. Exceptions will be allowed for reporting illegal activity to law enforcement, communicating about fire or medical emergencies, or preventing injury to a person or property.

After a 90-day grace period beginning January 14th, drivers may be fined up to \$200 per violation.

And the reason why...

Records from the Texas Department of Transportation indicate that since 2005 San Antonio law enforcement officers have cited cell phone use as a contributing factor in more than 17,519 accidents with 7,519 injuries and 167 deaths. San Antonio had the greatest number of cell phone related accidents in Texas during the past five years.



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