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Our friend and Forest Creek neighbor, Craig Morgan, will fill the Place 1 seat on the Round Rock City Council on May 26. He ran unopposed for the seat which is being vacated by Rufus Honeycutt.

A casual reception for Craig will be held on Wednesday, May 11th from 6 to 8 PM at the home of Lora and Jay Weber (1902 Mulligan Drive). Come by to visit with Craig, offer congratulations and tell him your concerns as he prepares for his first City Council meeting. Light snacks and beverages will be served.

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Travis Purser, 14, *Recently Achieved the Rank of Eagle Scout!*

Travis is a member of Troop 345 in Round Rock. His project was planting trees and purchasing additional benches for the courtyard at Cedar Ridge High School. He was very appreciative of the generosity of the Forest Creek residents. He collected over \$5000 towards the project. More than half the funds were collected from neighbors. Travis started scouting while attending Forest Creek Elementary, attended Ridgeview Middle School and is a freshman at Cedar Ridge High School. Travis and his family have lived in Forest Creek for 10 years.

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The first North American Mother's Day was conceptualized with Julia Ward Howe's Mother's Day Proclamation in 1870. Despite having penned The Battle Hymn of the Republic 12 years earlier, Howe had become so distraught by the death and carnage of the Civil War that she called on Mother's to come together and protest what she saw as the futility of their Sons killing the Sons of other Mothers. With the following, she called for an international Mother's Day celebrating peace and motherhood:

"Arise, then, women of this day!
Arise all women who have hearts,
Whether your baptism be that of water or of
tears, Say firmly:

"We will not have great questions decided by
irrelevant agencies,
Our husbands shall not come to us reeking of
carnage, For caresses and applause.
Our sons shall not be taken from us to unlearn
All that we have been able to teach them of
charity, mercy and patience.

"We women of one country
Will be too tender of those of another country
To allow our sons to be trained to injure theirs."

From the bosom of the devastated
earth a voice goes up with
Our own. It says, "Disarm, Disarm!"
The sword of murder is not the balance of

justice! Blood does not wipe out dishonor
Nor violence indicate possession.
As men have of ten forsaken the plow and the
anvil at the summons of war.

Let women now leave all that may be left of
home For a great and earnest day of counsel.

Let them meet first, as women, to bewail and
commemorate the dead.

Let them then solemnly take counsel with each
other as to the means
Whereby the great human family can live in
peace, Each bearing after his own time the sacred
impress, not of Caesar, But of God.

In the name of womanhood and humanity,
I earnestly ask That a general congress of women
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Happy Mothers Day - (Continued from Page 4)

May be appointed and held at some place deemed most convenient And at the earliest period consistent with its objects To promote the alliance of the different nationalities, The amicable settlement of international questions. The great and general interests of peace. “

THE RISE & FALL OF HOWE'S MOTHER'S DAY

At one point Howe even proposed converting July 4th into Mother's Day, in order to dedicate the nation's anniversary to peace. Eventually, however, June 2nd was designated for the celebration. In 1873 women's groups in 18 North American cities observed this new Mother's holiday. Howe initially funded many of these celebrations, but most of them died out once she stopped footing the bill. The city of Boston, however, would continue celebrating Howe's holiday for 10 more years.

Despite the decided failure of her holiday, Howe had nevertheless planted the seed that would blossom into what we know as Mother's Day today. A West Virginia women's group led by Anna Reeves Jarvis began to celebrate an adaptation of Howe's holiday. In order to re-unite families and neighbors that had been divided between the Union and Confederate sides of the Civil War, the group held a Mother's Friendship Day.

Important City Of Round Rock Contact Info:

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<http://www.oncorgroup.com/community/streetlights/default.aspx>

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- Parks and Recreation – 218-5540 and press '0' for operator
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- The Association periodically receives information that registered sex offenders are living in or near our neighborhood. Because the Association has no monitoring or policing authority when it comes to people moving in and out of the neighborhood, we encourage those who are interested to check the State of Texas registered sex offender index at www.txdps.state.tx.us or the City of Round Rock link at www.roundrocktexas.gov/docs/publicsexof.pdf.



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The "Real Housewives of Forest Creek"

The first meeting of the "Real Housewives of Forest Creek" was a huge success!! About forty people from the neighborhood met at my house on May 24th for light refreshments and the chance to meet our neighbors. As it turned out, no one was "really desperate" (which is what my husband thought we were calling it) and the activities bore no resemblance to the reality TV shows, nor did we really have a meeting, but the lighthearted theme added a fun component to the evening.

Many people have commented that one of the positive aspects of our neighborhood is the friendly and outgoing nature of our residents. In order to promote the sense of community, the EPC continually tries to sponsor activities that will provide opportunities for the residents of our neighborhood to meet each other and establish friendships. These activities include the Christmas lights tour, the summer events, and many events for the neighborhood children. In addition, for many years, the EPC has sponsored a "coffee" held

periodically in the morning to give residents another opportunity to get to know each other. With the increasing numbers of women working outside the home, this traditional method of meeting our neighbors is not as available as it once was. Hence, the creation of the Real Housewives of Forest Creek

All of those who attended the "meeting" thought it was a great idea. I met new people and for some attending, this was their first HOA event. Because the turnout was so good, I would expect that the EPC will try to sponsor other meetings later in the year. We need these opportunities to meet our neighbors. It strengthens the neighborhood, enriches our lives and helps the sense of community for which Forest Creek is known. I hope that everyone will make an effort to attend the next meeting. Look for advertisements in the Caddie or on the marquee for the date and location of the next meeting of the Real Housewives of Forest Creek.

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Overnight street parking is a regular source of resident complaints and an ongoing problem for violating the property deed restrictions. Overnight street parking of vehicles is prohibited by the Forest Creek Master Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, Article III, paragraph 3.15 Unsightly Articles; Vehicles. "... No automobile or other vehicles may be parked overnight on any roadway within the Property. ..." (the Property is referring to the entire development of Forest Creek).

At the HOA Board of Directors meeting on Monday, March 7, 2011, the Board has resolved to address this problem with two steps.

1. A resident identifying and/or complaining about overnight street parking must provide photographic evidence of the

offense to the Property Manager. Time/date stamped photos of the vehicle reflecting it has been on the street overnight and clearly showing the license number is needed for the Property Manager to take any action against the owner of the vehicle.

2. The Property Manager will notify the owner of the property where the vehicle is parked and place a sticker on the vehicle indicating that overnight parking is prohibited in Forest Creek by the deed restrictions. If the vehicle does not belong to or a guest of the property it is parked in front of, the Property Manager will attempt to determine the owner of the vehicle and notify the related Forest Creek resident of the violation and consequences of violating Forest Creek deed restrictions.

*Kurt Thomason, Secretary
Keith Chandler, President*

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Recipe of the Month

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- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 squares unsweetened chocolate (melted)
- 4 eggs 2 tsp. vanilla
- 2 cups plus 2 level Tbsp. flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- ½ tsp. salt

Mix oil, chocolate, & sugar. Blend in one egg at a time until well mixed. Add vanilla. Stir flour, baking powder, and salt into oil mixture. Chill several hours. Drop teaspoon of dough rolled into small balls into powdered sugar. Place 2" apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake 10-12 minutes at 350 °. Do not overbake!

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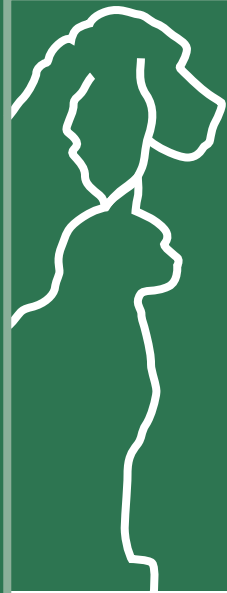


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Swim Season is Upon Us...

Here is a re-cap of the pool rules & regs and an article on swimsuit longevity for any residents who might have concerns about the effect of pool sanitizers on swimwear...

FOREST CREEK AMENITY AREA RULES

Purpose: These Amenity Area Rules are established by the Forest Creek Homeowners Association (HOA) Board of Directors as written guidelines for the beneficial use of the Forest Creek recreational facilities in order to preserve the safety of our members and their guests while at the amenity area as well as to protect the investment in the HOA facilities.

It is the responsibility of each member to understand, abide and follow the rules as outlined below. Any user who elects to ignore requests regarding these regulations will be subject to expulsion from the facility and/or having their access key turned off. All Forest Creek HOA representatives, including security guards, have the authority to enforce the rules of the amenity area.

Access: The tennis courts and pool area are electronic key (e-key) access only. New members should contact Centex at (512-759-3734) to obtain their electronic access key. It is the responsibility of property owners to maintain and manage their e-key. Normally, only one e-key is issued to each household. Contact the property manager if a second key is needed for special circumstances. There will be an additional charge to replace lost or misplaced keys. No owner or resident shall provide their e-key to any non-resident of Forest Creek HOA. Any owner found violating this policy will lose their access privileges to the Forest Creek Amenity area. Keys will be deactivated for those members not current with their HOA dues. Please review the hours of the amenity facilities since the electronic key will not allow access into the tennis courts or pool area outside of those hours unless special arrangements are made with the Property Manager. Hours will be posted at the pool and on the HOA web site. The Forest Creek HOA Board of Directors reserves the right to modify these hours as needed. If members wish to swim before or after the posted dates and hours, including Adult

Lap Swim, arrangements must be made with the Property Manager on a per request basis so that individual e-keys can be adjusted to accommodate the request if approved. Please allow two business days for your key to be activated. The FAST Frogs are an HOA sponsored activity and normally practice at both the Forest Creek and Lake Forest pools during the months of May (afternoons) and June (mornings). During FAST Frogs swim team practice times the pool will be closed to normal use, but a lane will be reserved for the exclusive use of our Adult Lap Swim members. All security personnel, HOA Board members, and Property Management staff reserve the right to request identification from anyone entering the amenity area. This will only be done to establish that the person in question is a member of the Forest Creek HOA and not trespassing on the premises. Persons entering the pool or tennis areas may be required to sign-in. The Property Management staff, security guard or HOA Board representative may limit access to the pool from time to time due to occupancy limits, weather, the condition of the pool, or maintenance.

Video Surveillance: The entire amenity area is under video surveillance 24 hours a day. The HOA is taking a proactive approach to security. Security management has never been easy. Due to some users not following established rules as well as some vandalism, video surveillance has become a necessity. Since the cameras are not hidden, visitors should know that they are being recorded. Video surveillance as a preventative measure will enhance the management of problem behavior. The prompt video feedback will help confront the individuals involved soon after an incident occurs. Video surveillance is a long-term investment that will promote safety as well as deter trespassing and vandalism. Members and residents are encouraged to report problems to the Property Manager or a Board member as soon as possible so that appropriate action can be taken.

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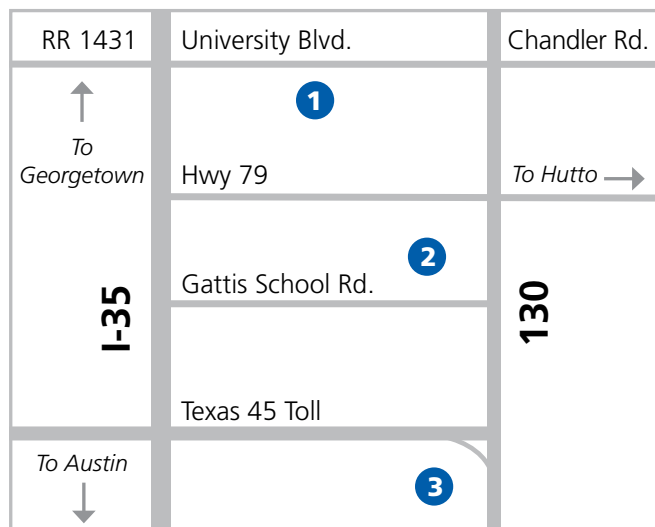


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- The amenity facilities are for the exclusive use by the Forest Creek HOA members (and authorized residents) and their accompanied guests. Members are responsible for the supervision and conduct of their guests. All others will be treated as trespassers.
- Park closes at sundown. Tennis courts close at 10 P.M. Trespassers will be prosecuted.
- Amenity area is under video surveillance 24 hours a day. Trespassing or vandalism will be prosecuted.
- No pets allowed in the tennis courts or pool area. Pets will be on a leash at all times. This is a "people park", pick-up after your pets.
- No use of radios or other noise producing devices except during HOA sponsored events.
- No use of profanity or threatening, abusive, boisterous or insulting language while on the premises.
- No lewd or offensive behavior of any kind.
- No glass containers of any kind in the amenity area. Place all trash in the trash bins.
- The use of roller blades, scooters or skateboards is not allowed in the park, pool or tennis court. (There are no facilities in the amenity area suitable for these activities at this time.)
- The gates in the amenity area are to remain closed and locked at all times. Do not prop open the gates or admit unsupervised visitors or children.
- All guests must be accompanied and supervised by an adult resident at all times. Each resident family may bring up to three (3) guests to the pool.
- The pool will be reserved for HOA sponsored activities such as the Forest Area Swim Team (FAST Frogs). The pool may not be reserved for private parties. Limited hours will be posted on the HOA web site.
- Babies and those children that are not toilet trained must wear tight fitting, plastic lined swim diaper AND a swimsuit. Disposable swim diapers like Huggies Little Swimmers are not allowed. (They can clog and destroy the pumps.) Children/Infants that are sick with Diarrhea shall not enter the pool!
- Children that are not water safe, including those utilizing water wings or any other type of floatation device, must be accompanied in the water by a parent or guardian over the age of 18 and be within arms length distance at all times.
- Any person having a skin disease, sore or inflamed eyes, nasal or ear discharges, open wounds, or any communicable disease shall not enter the pool.
- No tanning "oil" is allowed in the pool (it collects and gums up the filtering system) Sunscreen "lotions" are acceptable and recommended if applied at least 10 minutes before entering the water. Showers are recommended before entering the pool.
- No running, pushing, scuffling, or rough play, is permitted in the pool area. No footballs, or tennis balls, soccer balls, basket balls or any other ball that upon impact could hurt other swimmers or cause other damage to the facility are allowed inside the pool area.
- No diving or jumping into the pool. No "somersaults", "back dives", "cannon balls", "preacher seats", "can openers" or similar type entries from the edge of the Pool are permitted.
- No food or drinks in or within eight (8) feet of the pool.
- No tobacco products of any kind are permitted inside the gates of the pool.
- Proper swimming suits only in the pool. No thongs, cut-offs, tee-shirts, or street clothing.
- All bobby pins, hair-pins and other such items that can fall out of the hair and clog the filtering system are to be removed before entering the pool.
- Water toys: Water wings and small, one-person floats, "noodles", etc. are allowed. Only rubber coated sinking devices may be used for diving games. (Rocks or metal objects can damage the surface of the pool). Balloons are NOT allowed inside the gated pool area. (Broken balloons, like diapers, clog our pumps, which are expensive to repair.)
- The pool furniture is not to be removed from the pool area. Other furniture is not to be brought into the pool area.
- In the event of inclement weather, swimmers are to clear the pool during the storm and for at least thirty (30) minutes after lightning and/or thunder are last heard.
- It is the responsibility of all residents to report any suspicious behavior or unsponsored non-residents that are in the pool and park area.
- Users of the pool area are responsible for removing all articles they bring to the pool at the time they leave the area.
- Shoes or sandals are to be worn while walking to the pool, so that only clean feet enter the pool.
- Failure to abide by these rules will be grounds for expulsion from the facilities and possible suspension of privileges.

NOT AVAILABLE ONLINE

SAVE THE DATES

Neighborhood Garage Sale May 7th from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Rain or Shine)

Start cleaning out your closets and garage! The garage sale will take place at individual homes throughout the neighborhood. The neighborhood garage sale will be advertised in the Austin American Statesman, Round Rock Leader and Craigslist. A truck from the Round Rock Area Serving Center will be on hand at the Forest Creek park from Noon - 2 p.m. to receive your donations and/or garage sale left overs. Tax receipts will be provided.



Summer Kick-off BBQ - Sat., May 14th at 4:30 p.m. at the Forest Creek park

All are welcome to attend this fun family event! The pool will be open, a DJ will be playing music and a bouncy house will be in the park for the kids. Delicious BBQ from Pok-E-Jo's will be served (includes: brisket, turkey, beans, cole slaw, potato salad, bread, all the fixings, tea, lemonade and a cookie). This event is loads of fun for the whole family! Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for kids up to 12 yrs. old and \$7 at the door.

A limited # of tickets will be available @ the event for \$10. & \$5. Respectively. Advanced payment is required for the BBQ event. No refunds will be provided after May 7th.

You can purchase tickets conveniently online from the Forest Creek HOA website:

<https://cta.cincweb.com/?stp=1&a=forestcreekhoa>

Click on the "Events Planning" tab on the left-hand side.

Click on the "Buy Now" button underneath the Summer Kick-Off BBQ event.

(You can pay via credit card or your bank account (payment is received through PayPal - a secure site) - you do not need your own PayPal account).

We will also have a table set up at the Forest Creek park for you to buy tickets on:

- Saturday, April 30th from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- Sunday, May 1st from 2 - 4 p.m.
- Saturday, May 7th from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Adult Social at The Pool – Sat. June 11th , 8pm at the Forest Creek Pool

BYOB and an appetizer to share (no glass containers), leave your troubles behind, and join us for some Grown-up Time!

For further information about any of these events, please contact Michelle at 565-9655 or at mickieannmack@yahoo.com.

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Colin's Hope Night at Eastside Movies in the Park
Tuesday, May 3rd, Doors open at 6PM, Movie at sundown

Join us at The Expedition School Lagoon (On Lady Bird Lake in East Austin next to Fiesta Gardens) for a screening of Whale Rider. Bring your family and friends to enjoy the movie under the stars.

Colin's Hope Day at Schlitterbahn-New Braunfels
Saturday, May 21st

Join us for a day to promote Water Safety and Drowning Prevention at Schlitterbahn-New Braunfels! Special tickets are available from Colin's Hope. Email alissa.magrum@colinshope.org for more information.

For more information, visit our website at www.colinshope.org

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