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### from your HOA Board

Your new Board has hit the ground running since elections. We have put up new signs around the park and started repairs to the lighting, irrigation system and clubhouse. We are also reviewing existing contracts to reduce costs and are establishing priorities for capital improvements to our facilities in Normandy Forest. We will have more to report in future newsletters.



## Low Income Housing Projects

FROM: State Representative Debbie Riddle District 10

The toughest fight I had this past Legislative Session was keeping the Legislature from silencing your voice and my voice regarding low income Apartment housing projects attempting to build in District 150. The Senate Version of HB 3361 eliminated the negative points that are deducted in the Bidding process when a State Rep writes a negative letter regarding a project. Developers apply to the Texas Dept. of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) for tax credits, which is on a point system - and is very competitive. Any negative points lessen their chances of winning their bid.

If my letter of objection on a project does not deduct points then we no longer have a voice regarding this issue. In the past eleven years, I have blocked many bad actors and projects that would have been detrimental to our community. We had to win and make it a strong win.

My best allies in the effort to stop the Legislature from making this harmful move were State Rep. Harold Dutton, State Rep. Sylvester Turner, State Rep. Patricia Harless, and State Rep. Senfronia Thompson. We won this hard fought battle with bipartisan effort. Attempts to silence our voices on this issue will continue every session, but they know we will be ready, and we will continue to win with your help.

-- Debbie Riddle



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# PRECINCT 4 CONSTABLES UPDATE

With the holidays past, it is time to enjoy all the wonderful gifts bestowed on us. Rest assured the thieves are on the prowl watching your trash and keeping an eye on what we are doing. It's a good time to take some simple steps to protect your property. Over the years I see a reoccurring trend of theft and the same mistakes are made that hampers law enforcements ability to recover items.

A few simple steps can help prevent being a victim in the first place. If the criminal can't see it they move along! Much like your vehicle, the windows of your home provide a sneak preview of what's inside. By adjusting your blinds, you can allow the sun in and still maintain your privacy. Never leave boxes in plain view that advertise your purchases. When outside working, don't leave lawn equipment unattended or leave the garage open. It takes seconds for a thief to run up and help themselves.

Second, take steps to record your property! By engraving a license number on an item, it is now unique to you. A driver's license number is the best option. You should also copy the serial numbers for items and keep them in a safe place. Remember that in today's age products are produced in the thousands and this is the only way to say a piece of property is yours beyond reasonable doubt. Lastly, photograph your property. Not only is it invaluable to insurance companies, but can help police locate that special jewelry or item that may not be serialized.

For everyone's safety please refrain from approaching the neighborhood constable while he/she is in contact with another person (i.e issuing a citation and or in process of pulling a vehicle over) Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## Randy's Lawn Fertilization Schedule

For southern grasses including: St. Augustine, Bermuda and Zoysia

*FERTILIZE* - four times a year: Late February-Early March - apply a simple 15-5-10 for an early green-up. Most companies that make slow-release fertilizers also make a non-slow-release 15-5-10 that provides for a quick two-week green up before we get to the heart of the fertilizer schedule.

**WARNING:** Some people will be tempted to use a weed-and-feed at this time, but if you've been following the Garden Line herbicide schedule, there should never be a need. However, spot weed-and-feed treatments are recommended for those with turf-only landscapes or landscapes that have been established for many years. Most weed-and-feeds contain Atrizine which burns roots of young trees and shrubs.

*LATE MARCH-EARLY APRIL* - apply slow-release 3-1-2 ratio fertilizers. Recommended formulations:

19-4-10	Nitro Phos Super Turff
18-4-6	Fertilome Southwest Greenmaker
18-0-6	Fertilome's Zero Phosphate Formula
15-5-10	Southwest Fertilizer Premium Gold
20-0-10	Bonide Premium Lawn Food

*LATE JUNE-EARLY JULY* - apply slow-release 3-1-2 ratio fertilizers. (Recommended formulations 19-5-9, 19-4-10, 18-4-6, 15-5-10.)

**OCTOBER-NOVEMBER** - apply winterize formulas for winter hardiness. Ratios vary, but make sure they are "winter" or "fall" formulas designed for southern grasses. (examples: 18-6-12, 8-12-16, 10-5-14) Will make lawns winter-hardy.

*JUNE-SEPTEMBER* - if turf grass looks yellow (chlorosis) or necrotic, use an application of either granular or liquid iron. Once a year should be enough.



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#### PARK REMINDERS

The park is open to residents from dawn to dusk the gate is locked from 6pm-6am in the fall back season. During the Spring forward season gate will be locked 8:30 pm – 6am.

Help keep our park clean. Pick up after yourself when picnicking, and clean up after your pets.

Keep your pet on a leash.

The jogging trail is for walkers and joggers. Bikes are not allowed, as they create ruts in the trail. Please remind your children not to ride on the trail.

If you see any suspicious persons or odd activity in the park or greater neighborhood, contact the constable at 281-376-3472. Add this number to your cell phone contact list for your convenience.

#### GOING ON VACATION?

Don't forget the Precinct 4 Constable's office offers protection for your home while you are on vacation. Go to www.cd4.hctx.net/online\_forms. php?formID=vacation, and simply fill out the request form.

### MUD BOARD MEETINGS

MUD Board Meetings are held every fourth Tuesday of the month

at 4:00 PM, at 3327 La MER in Normandy Forest. The meetings are open to all residents.

#### HOME OWNER ASSOCIATION MEETING

The HOA Meetings are held every other month on Tuesday's at 7:00 pm, in the Normandy Forest Clubhouse. Watch for the signs throughout our neighborhood reminding you about the meeting. All residents of Normandy Forest are invited and encouraged to attend.

#### TRASH PICK UP

Trash is picked up twice a week, on Monday and Thursday mornings. Please remember to remove your trash can from the curb and out of the driveway by the evening on those respective days. Heavy Trash Pick Up Day is every second Friday of the month, only once a month.

#### STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

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# Make a Small Bath Look Larger

Make a big splash in a pint-size bath by indulging in chic fixtures and glamorous finishes. Look to colorful fabrics, updated fixtures, and storage niches to help your tiny bath sparkle.

### HIGH STYLE

A powder room is a great place to showcase high style. It's a smart place to invest in luxurious products because this room is often frequented by guests, and its small footprint will keep your budget in order. Here, a wall of glass mosaic tile creates a dramatic backdrop for a glamorous retreat. A standout vanity echoes the rich tone, and a shapely toilet continues the geometric theme.



# Thanks for a Great 2013! I'm Excited to Serve You in 2014!

### Nobody Knows the Neighborhood Like a Neighbor!

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	SqFt	List Price	LP/SqFt	Sale Price	SP/SqFt	Days on Market
Minimum	1,691	135,000	42.91	133,000	40.75	2
Average	2,917	176,965	60.67	173,351	59.43	42.71
Maximum	4,955	250,000	82.50	250,000	80.72	166
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