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CATN HOA FEBRUARY MEETING REPORT

The February regular monthly meeting of the Civic Association of Terra Nova (CATN) was held on Tuesday, February 11, 2014.

Directors Reports & Old Business:

Security report: Trey Marrs (Insurance and Security) reported on one incident of criminal mischief and two burglaries that occurred during the month of January. The criminal mischief incident involved a car window being broken; nothing was taken from the car. The burglaries involved theft of wheels from a truck on Alamosa and theft of a laptop from a car on Slashwood.

Clubhouse report: Melanie Breed (Clubhouse) reported that there was one clubhouse booking scheduled for the month of February, and that a calendar was being set up to note clubhouse use by the scouts and a quilting group.

Recreation/pool report: Debby Cariss (Pool and Recreation) reported that tennis team league play at the tennis had resumed courts and that preparations were underway for the opening of the pool for the 2014 season. Pool hours had been set and will be published in the April and May newsletters.

Repair/replacement of the lifeguard stands was discussed again and the matter was given priority since the stands must be in good condition before the pool season begins. The board's preference was to repair/replace the fiberglass-coated wood steps rather than purchase new stands since cost to replace the stands significantly outweighed the cost to repair the stands. Director Marrs stated he would like to have a warrantee on the repairs,

and Andy Armstrong, with Community Asset Management (CAM), said that he would look into the warrantee.

Plans were made to get a bid to power wash the pool deck. In addition, plans were made to walk through the pool area with Mike Usimaki from Quality Aquatics Pool Management to ensure that the pool meets current safety codes.

Maintenance report: "Gio" Giovanangelo (Trash and Maintenance) reported that minor repairs were made to the lights in the esplanade and pool areas. He also received a bid from Coastal Electric for the installation of lights in Sabrina Park. Coastal Electric could not make a bid for the installation of the security cameras and suggested that the HOA contract with a security company for the camera installation.

Financial report: Andy Armstrong, with CAM, reported that 97% of the 2013 HOA fees had been collected and that approximately \$66,000 of the 2014 HOA assessments had been received. He also reminded the board that a tax bill is coming due and that the taxes would be paid from cash reserves.

New Business:

The Directors discussed the recent bid from Coastal Electric for the installation of lights in Sabrina Park. The bid noted installation of CFL lamps instead of LED lights. Coastal recommended using CFL lamps as they felt there were potential ventilation issues with the LED lights. Director Marrs obtained another bid from a private contractor for installation of LED lights. This second bid noted that the ventilation was built into the lighting system. The board recommended contacting Coastal Electric to find out if they could adjust their bid for installation of the LED lights as specified in the second bid. It was also suggested that a third bid be obtained. The directors plan to review the bids during a special meeting.

At the suggestion of Coastal Electric the directors decided to return the security camera system that was recently purchased and look to setting up a contract with a security company to install and monitor the pool and playground areas.

The Board reviewed three different sets of bylaws from other

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communities and made plans to begin revising the bylaws for Terra Nova. Melanie, Debby and Gio along with one resident from the community will work on a draft of the revised bylaws, which will be brought to the board for consideration at a future meeting.

The directors received and reviewed bids from three website development/management companies. The bid from SRI was approved.

The landscaping and irrigation bid in the amount of \$2700, submitted by D.W. Miller Maintenance, for work to be done in Sabrina Park was approved since the removal of the dead trees would not change the design or the cost. A contract in the amount of \$1536 for mosquito control was approved.

Disclaimer: The report given above is NOT a record of minutes for the CATN February meeting. The official minutes can be obtained from Andy Armstrong (aarmstrong@communityassetmanagement.com) once they have been approved by the Board of Directors

The next regular meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, April 8, 2014 at 7:30p.m. All residents are encouraged to attend.

Erratum

Due to a typesetting error, the following text was omitted from the January Meeting Report published in the March 2014 issue of The New Dirt. Regrettably, the error was not caught in proof. The publisher and the editor apologize for the oversight.

The Directors also discussed on the issue of landscaping in Sabrina Park. Contract was approved for removal of 13 dead trees in area parks which pose a hazard to park goers. Following the removal of the dead trees, the Board will consider hiring D.W. Miller Maintenance to design and install landscaping and a water-sprinkler system in Sabrina Park.

Lastly, the Directors discussed ways to improve neighborhood communication. Funds were approved to compile an updated neighborhood directory. The directory will be set up as an Excel file that will be available only to Terra Nova residents. On request, the file will be sent by email to the resident, who can then update the directory when new listings become available. A printed version would be available for those residents, who prefer a hard copy. The Directors also discussed the possibility of contracting with a website management company to build and manage a neighborhood website. President Heaton wanted look into how other communities are handling their websites, before discussing the topic further.

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Terra Nova

Bulletin Board

Terra Nova Phone Directory Now Available

The 2014 Terra Nova Directory is now available. You may get your copy in either of two ways: 1) by email - contact Melanie Breed at meeb@sbcglobal.net, or 2) in print - call Melanie at 281-320-8353.

Yard of the Month Judges

Terra Nova is looking for a volunteer to take over Yard of the Month. This position is really the easiest and most fun of all volunteer jobs.

1. every month you pick the yard you think is most deserving. The only restriction is that the yard cannot have won within the last 12 months.

2. take a picture of the yard to include with an article
3. write a brief article for the New Dirt that describes the yard
4. send the article and picture to the New Dirt
5. pick up the \$25.00 gift certificate from Plants for all Season's and deliver it to the winner.

If you are interested, please contact Debby Cariss at mutts.cariss@gmail.com or call 832-559-1990. The position is open home owners as well as renters.

Terra Nova Welcome Committee

The TN Welcome Committee works very hard to greet every new neighbor and could really use your help. If you notice someone new moving in on your street, please contact us. We have a care package, containing important documents and gift, to welcome each new neighbor into the community. Our contact information is as follows:

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AROUND THE
NEIGHBORHOOD**Terra Nova Pool Hours Set for Summer of 2014**

The 2014 Summer Pool Season will kick off with special hours during the Memorial Day weekend.

Memorial Day Weekend Pool Hours:

Saturday - May 24th - 10am-8:45pm

Sunday - May 25th - 1pm-8:45pm

Monday - May 26th (Memorial Day) 10am-7:45pm

The pool will open for regular hours a week later, beginning on Saturday, June 7th. Regular pool hours are as follows:

CLOSED Every Monday

OPEN - Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday - 1pm-8:45pm

OPEN - Friday & Saturday - 10am-8:45pm

OPEN - Sunday - 1pm-7:45pm

The pool tags that were handed out last year are good for both the 2013 & 2014 pool seasons. If you still have last year's tags, you do NOT need new ones. If you did not receive a pool tag last year, or if you lost them, stop by Debby Cariss' residence at 18103 Fireside Drive to obtain new ones.

All persons, who get a pool tag, must complete a contact information form, so pool personnel can contact you in the event of an emergency. In addition to contact information, any specific medical conditions should also be noted on the form. Forms are available at the front door 18103 Fireside Drive. If Debby is not at home, the completed form can be left in the container at the door, and she will deliver your tags directly to you.

For every tag you have, you may bring ONE (1) guest. Grandparents do not need to have a tag for every grandchild, but if you have only two tags, you may bring in only two kids. If you are frequently bringing grandchildren as guests over the summer, please get them a tag in addition to your tags.

Please do NOT wait until the last minute to get your pool tags. Getting a pool tags easy!! Even if you NEVER use the pool, get the tags! We have neighborhood parties at the pool during the summer. You may want to come to the July 4th barbecue, get a free snow cone, popcorn or ice cream.

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The Pool will be staffed and managed by lifeguards under the direction of Mike Usimaki with Quality Aquatics Pool Management. Quality Aquatics is currently hiring lifeguards. Contact Mike Usimaki for training & employment information.

The Terra Nova pool may be reserved for private parties. Lifeguards are required at all pool parties. Residents wishing to book a pool party should contact Mike Usimaki with Quality Aquatics for booking availability and costs.

Mike Usimaki - Quality Aquatics Pool Management
phone: 832-557-1217; fax: 281-220-8388;
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ASSISTED LIVING CENTER OPENING SOON

Cypresswood Senior Living Center, a small assisted living center currently under development on Cypresswood Drive, will be opening early to mid-summer. Although the center is adjacent to Terra Nova, there will be no street entry into the neighborhood.

The Recipe Box

Susan Tsujimoto, Editor

You know how you find a recipe for a dish, and no matter how many variations for that particular dish you run across, you always go back to that preferred recipe. That is a "go-to" recipe. Salmon V8 is the go-to recipe that I always end up preparing whenever I'm craving salmon; first of all, because it's simple, and second because the lovely flavor of the salmon shines through the very light sauce. YUM!!

Salmon V8

1 – 1.5 lbs salmon fillets
¼ tsp salt
paprika to taste
8-oz. can of V8 juice
1 tsp lemon juice
1 Tbsp butter

Instructions:

Preheat the oven to 375°F and position a rack in the middle of the oven. Line a baking sheet with foil and coat with nonstick cooking spray.

Put the salmon fillets on the baking sheet and sprinkle with salt and paprika. Bake until the salmon fillets are cooked through, about 15-20 minutes, depending on thickness.

While the salmon is cooking, in a small saucepan, bring the V8 juice to a boil. Reduce to a simmer and cook for about 5 minutes. Turn off the heat and stir in the lemon juice and butter.

When fish is done place on a plate and serve with the hot V8 sauce. Asparagus and rice are perfect sides to complete the meal.

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YARD OF THE MONTH

March YOM honors go to long time residents Dean and Kathy Hirschfeld of 5230 Cobble Lane. This large corner yard looks great all year round. It can be difficult to keep a large corner lot looking attractive during the gray days of winter. Happily, Dean and Kathy Hirschfeld are up to the challenge. Mature butterfly iris, gardenias and agapanthus that surround their home will soon shrug off the winter chill and bloom, providing color through early summer. The lawn is always healthy and well groomed, and rustic birdhouses, made by Kathy's Dad, dot the flower beds. Congratulations to the Hirschfeld's for maintaining a beautiful yard.





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AT THE LIBRARY

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BARBARA BUSH LIBRARY BOOK CLUBS APRIL MEETINGS

Evening Book Club

On April 8, from 6:30 – 8:45 PM the Evening Book will meet to view a movie based on a book by Frances Mayes. This event will be in the Earl Elliott Meeting Room (Foyer). All are welcome, bring a friend.

Great Books Discussion Group

On April 21, from 7:00- 8:45 PM the Great Books Discussion

Group will meet in the Women's Council of Realtors Conf. Rm. (2nd Floor) to discuss "The Metamorphosis" by Kafka. The Great Books Discussion Group meets on the third Monday of each month.

Afternoon Book Discussion Group

The Afternoon Book Club will meet on two dates in April to discuss "The Shoemaker's Wife" by Adriana Trigiani. The first meeting will be held on April 24 from 1:30 - 3:30 PM, in the Earl Elliot Room (Foyer). A second meeting will be held on April 25 from 2:30 – 4:30 PM in the Women's Council of Realtors Conference Room (2nd Floor).

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KLEIN COLLINS VOCAL AND ORCHESTRAL MEMBERS PERFORM AT MUSIC CONVENTION

Three students Klein Collins High School were invited to perform at the Texas Music Educators Association (TMEA) Convention, which took place in San Antonio, TX during February. Congratulations to Jared Hardy (Bass 2), Ricky Tatum (String Bass) and Gordon Trehern (Tenor 2) for being selected to perform.

KLEIN STUDENTS EARN AWARDS IN THE SCHOLASTIC ART & WRITING CONTEST

Strack Intermediate and Klein Collins HS art and writing students collected 35 awards in the Scholastic Art & Writing Award competition hosted by the Harris County Department of Education (HCDE). Strack and Klein Collins students received Gold Key (14, listed below – name, category and title of work), Silver Key (16) and honorable mention (5) awards. Gold Key winners in both art and writing advance to the national level of judging in New York City. Winners are invited to receive awards and scholarships at Carnegie Hall, where they also gain the opportunity to participate in artist workshops.

2014 REGIONAL WRITING GOLD KEY RECIPIENTS:

Strack Intermediate

Mary Ann Hurtado	Poetry	Dear Diary...
Cassandra Keimig	Personal Essay/Memoir	Home
Kaili Mora-Duarte	Personal Essay/Memoir	Buried
Claire Noel	Personal Essay/Memoir	Peace
Nanci Orgill	Personal Essay/Memoir	Red

Klein Collins High School

Sanah Jivani	Personal Essay/Memoir	Underneath the Wig
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2014 Regional Art Gold Key recipients:

Strack Intermediate

Sara Collier	Drawing	Downcast
Patrick Doyle	Drawing	You Talkin' To Me?
Patrick Doyle	Drawing	Don't Fall!
Haley Jamison	Drawing	I Think I Can Fly
Alex Kohlmann	Drawing	Field Of Dreams
Oliver Lewis	Drawing	Me And My Music

Klein Collins High School

Elyse Buller	Drawing	Gears
Rebekah Rodriguez	Painting	Catherine

KLEIN COLLINS STUDENT WINS TITLE AT REGIONAL SWIMMING AND DIVING MEET

Swimmers and divers across Klein ISD walked away with many regional titles at the recent UIL meet. Kyle Hendricks of Klein Collins High School placed first in the Boys 100 yard Butterfly and qualified for the UIL 5A state meet.

April Gardening To Do List - Plant plants!!!

- April is a great time to plant many bulbs such as: canna, caladium, blood dilly, and iris.
- Plant new shrubs and trees early before the heat arrives.
- Plant summer blooming perennials and annuals.
- Start your veggie garden if you haven't already. April is a good month to plant tender vegetables, such as beans, sweet corn, squash, melons, and cucumbers. Continue planting warm-season crops: tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, and cabbage too.
- Mulch your garden well to preserve moisture and keep down weeds.
- Prune spring - flowering shrubs after flowering is completed.
- Fertilize azaleas, hibiscus, and containers.
- Ladies and gentlemen, start your lawn mowers! Mow your lawn at recommended heights (St. Augustine and Bahia: 3 to 4 inches; Centipede: 1.5 to 2 inches; Dwarf St. Augustine: 2.5 inches).



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