



Parking Committee Update

Your board of directors would like to update residents on the newly formed resident parking committee.

The parking committee is a resident run committee that was formed after concerns were expressed from some residents about the current parking policy as written in the CC&R.

Residents who expressed interest and provided suggestions and ideas on ways to possibly improve the parking policy were considered for the committee. The board selected the committee members ensuring there was a range of opinions and that the demographics of the neighborhood were represented.

There are seven residents on this committee and their opinions vary from "leave the policy as is" to "let everyone park on the street". It is led by a committee chair that the committee nominated and the board approved. The board does not lead the committee, nor do they attend meetings unless asked. It is purely a resident committee, but the board will provide guidance and input and have ultimate approval of any revision before being presented to the Developer.

The responsibility of the committee is to evaluate if a revision to the CC&R article is needed and if so, to draft the new article to be presented to the board for approval then to the Developer for possible ratification. There is no guarantee that the Developer will ratify any proposed revision, but the Developer will be consulted throughout the process to help ensure the revision has the best chance to be ratified.

Concerns have been expressed about making sure all of our residents are heard. The committee is already discussing sending out a survey to all residents to better understand the demographics of the neighborhood (college-age children, no children, etc) and to get the pulse on where residents stand. This, along with other communication, will be sent out from the committee soon via the official communication channel (email, not Facebook).

All members of the parking committee are dedicated to finding

a solution that works for most of our residents (there is no perfect solution that will make every resident happy).

If you have any questions or concerns, you can reach the parking committee directly at parksidemr.parking@gmail.com. This email address is the only approved communication channel to contact the committee. Questions will not be answered on Facebook.

Sincerely,

The Parkside at Mayfield Ranch Board of Directors

Weeds Are Back

"A man of words, and not deeds
Is like a garden, full of weeds.

Benjamin Franklin

It's that time of year and weeds are emerging and invading our common areas and yards. The Association is working closely with the contracted landscaper to address the common areas, and we ask that residents take the same care for their individual yards. Please be mindful of this as the season changes, and assist us in keeping Parkside a beautiful place to live.



PARKSIDE

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The Heart Gallery of Central Texas is a project designed to promote and encourage adoptions from foster care and to provide an opportunity for waiting children to be discovered by potential families. There are no fees to adopt from the foster care system regardless of which agency you work with. There is only one pool of children, and they are all in CPS care, every licensed agency has the ability to assist in adoption of any foster child in Texas. Learn more here: www.heartgallerytexas.com

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Bring the World into Your Home



Ayusa International, a non-profit organization that has promoted global learning and leadership through high school student cultural exchanges for more than 35 years, is launching its annual search for families in Houston and the surrounding area interested in hosting international students for the 2016-2017 school year.

Ayusa host families who volunteer to open their home to exchange students contribute to the global community as public diplomats for greater international understanding. Each host family and student creates a lasting relationship that spans the cultural differences between their two nations.

The Bray Family from Houston has been hosting two students this year, Mahau from France and Genzo from Japan. Both students have been attending Mayde Creek High School this year. The Brays have six children of their own but feel that hosting exchange students is “probably one of the best decisions our family has ever made,” according to host mom April Bray. “[The students] quickly become a part of your family and it's always a great feeling to see their eyes light up when they experience something for the first time or hear the excitement in their voices when they tell you about a new friend they made at school. Your children also get to gain another brother or sister and it's always fun to see them trying to learn your exchange student's language or customs. For us, there is no greater feeling than watching our exchange students succeed and grow and being able to share our culture and learn more about theirs.”

The students have also been having a wonderful experience with the Bray family. Genzo shares, “My host family is so nice to me and I feel like this family is the home I can go back to. They make me feel like I'm loved by them. Of course you can share your culture and learn the language but more importantly, you can experience the other family that you love.” His exchange “sister” Mahau says, “It's crazy how much you can love people you didn't know 10 months before. Every day they make my exchange year super great. I consider them like a member of my family. They are the reason why I enjoyed every single day of my new life.”

Ayusa works with diverse families who are interested in hosting an international student of high school age. Families without children, empty nesters, military families, retirees, and single people are all welcome. Ayusa families come from all over the country and reside in rural, suburban and urban communities.

“Houston is a popular destination for Ayusa exchange students in the U.S.,” says Heather Wells, Ayusa Regional Manager for the Southwest. “Host families love to share the diversity and history of Houston. It's such a fun area to live in, with activities and things for students to experience, from music and sports to outdoor activities and delicious Tex-Mex!” She continues, “If you have ever wanted to learn about a new culture while sharing life in America, I encourage you to give us a call or check out our website to learn more about how you can create an international friendship that lasts a lifetime!”

Host families provide the exchange student with three meals a day and a bedroom (private or shared). A professionally trained Ayusa representative supports each host family, student, and local school throughout the program year. Ayusa's exchange students are 15-18 years old and come from more than 60 countries around the world. Students are fully insured, bring their own spending money, and are proficient in English.

How to Host an International Student

Interested families can learn more about the program and available exchange students and request additional information by visiting <http://www.ayusa.org> or calling 1-888-552-9872.

The process to apply is simple. Families complete the online application, which includes questions about themselves and local high school, references, and a background check. The local Ayusa Community Representative conducts an in-home interview. They can also help each family with any questions they may have about the application or process.

After families are fully approved, they can select the Ayusa student they would like to host.

Fleas

Fleas are ectoparasites and females require a blood meal to produce eggs. After feeding on a host, females can produce about 30-50 eggs per day that fall off the host animal and into carpeting or other areas of the home or outside in areas where the animal frequents. Larvae feed on organic matter as well as partially digested blood excreted by the adult fleas. After fleas pupate, they hatch out of the cocoon in about 2 weeks, but pupae can remain dormant for up to 5 months waiting for a host.

A proper flea management program has two parts- managing fleas on any pets and managing fleas in the environment. A veterinarian should be consulted about flea control for pets; there are numerous products on the market that work well. Grooming the animal with a flea comb or bathing can help reduce flea numbers. When you find fleas on a pet, you most likely will need to treat the pet, inside the home and the yard. Treatment should be targeted to areas where the pet likes to hang out.

Fleas found in and around homes that do not have pets may be coming from wildlife. The attic and crawl spaces should be inspected to see if wildlife has moved into the area, bringing fleas with them. Wildlife should be removed with traps and the area treated with an insecticide labeled for fleas. After wildlife is removed, the area should be sealed so that wildlife cannot move in again.

It is also possible for new homeowners with no pets to have fleas. This usually results from previous owners having pets. Fleas can remain dormant for several months and become active again when they sense vibrations from hosts.

Inside, vacuum regularly, getting under furniture and along baseboards to reduce flea eggs, larvae and pupae. Place the vacuum bag in a sealed plastic bag and throw away in an outdoor garbage can at least once a week so fleas do not hatch out and re-infest the home. Wash pet bedding in hot water. Bathe pets regularly and use a flea comb to remove fleas. Avoid walking pets in known flea infested areas.

Outside, pesticide treatments should target areas where pets frequent. Full sun areas do not need to be treated as fleas will not remain in these areas.

When treating for fleas, you need to treat at least two times. The second treatment should occur 10-14 days after the initial treatment.

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com



July Gardening Tips

*By Charles Evans, Director of Operations,
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Things are green and it's July. This can't be central Texas! Enjoy it while you can.

Even though the rain seems to be coming fairly regularly, it won't be long before drought stress will show up. Make sure your irrigation system is fully functional. You should:

- Check the controller for correct time and day settings
- Make sure it has a backup 9 volt battery in case of loss of power
- Turn on and visually check every head and nozzle, fix if necessary
- Using manufacturers specifications, apply 1 to 1 ½ inches of water per week if possible (if needed)

Spring flowering plants are blooming for much longer than they normally do. Soon they'll start fading and stop blooming. At that point, cut them back and remove spent flowers and increase water. This should trigger a new bloom cycle.

Turf Tip: Increase the mowing height of your lawn mower. Cutting too low will stress you turf and make it susceptible to drought, insects and disease. Increasing your mowing height will reduce water need and develop deeper roots. Keep your blades sharp on your mower.

Try to water turf as close as possible to sunrise as possible. Wet grass overnight encourages turf diseases.

Even though some plants like Hibiscus bloom even better in the heat of the summer, they are hungry feeders. Feed them regularly with a balanced product. Always fully water in granular products or use water soluble products.

Keep an eye out for powdery mildew, especially on crepe myrtles. A formula using 4 teaspoons of baking soda and one half teaspoon of dishwashing detergent mixed into a gallon of water and sprayed on the affected plants generally controls it.



Avoiding Anger

We all have expectation about everything in our life. We expect our family, friends and neighbors to behave in certain ways and when they don't, we often fall into a state of anger. Our expectations are not just limited to those people who we know, but also to just about everyone we come in contact with or depend upon. We expect our leaders to make decisions that we believe to be right. We expect the cashier at the store to be quick and competent. We expect the driver of the other vehicle to obey the rules of the road. When they fail to meet those expectations we get angry. Often, what we expect of other is a reflection of what we ultimately expect of ourselves. When I am in a hurry I expect other to respect that and get going. When I am frustrated I expect other to understand that and make everything right. When I am overworked I expect others to sympathize with me and help out. When other don't behave according to our expectations, we get angry. Learning to be gentler with ourselves goes a long way towards being gentler towards others.

For most of us, anger is not an emotion that feels good at all. It disrupts our daily flow and brings out the worst parts of ourselves. I never want to say a bad word to my family. I love them dearly. However, when angry I have been known to say mean-spirited words directed at those same family members. Anger makes us more aggressive and limits the way we think about and treat others. Anger is usually one-pointed: outwards towards someone else. In the act of being angry, instead of feeling closer to the object of our anger, we create even greater distance. We isolate them, but more importantly, we isolate ourselves. Anger is like a prison that binds us and keeps us from making choices that reflect compassion and caring and understanding. Attributes that contribute to the happiness of ourselves and those around us.

One of the keys to avoiding anger is to transform our habit of expectations. This does not mean that we allow people to run all over us, or our community. It means I transform what I expect of other into understanding that no one can read each other's mind and their reasons for doing what they do usually have nothing to do with me. My daughter didn't clean up her room because she wanted to make me angry, she was late getting ready for school this morning. The cashier at the store was slow and distracted not because she wanted to make me angry, but because her child is sick today and she is upset that she can't be home to care for her. The neighbor doesn't let his dog poop on my lawn to make me angry, he does so because he hasn't read or understood our community's rules. Transforming our expectations into a greater understanding of other people's challenges and sufferings will do quite a bit to disarm our anger and increase our own happiness.

If your family member or neighbor behaves in a manner that fails to meet your expectations and makes you angry, the only way you are going to really resolve the situation is not by creating an even wider distance between yourself and them, but by making a choice to get

closer and put forth an honest effort to remedy the situation together. Effective communication can only occur when there is a process of two-way listening. Anger prevents us from honestly listening to anything but our anger. When we transform our expectations and reduce our opportunities to get angry, we put ourselves in a position to make better choices about how we relate to the people around us and, in turn, how they relate to us. When everyone works together, anything is possible.



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