



Information for New Residents

First and foremost- welcome to the neighborhood! Moving into a new community is both exciting and stressful. As your professional community association management company, we are here to help. There are many useful tips on living in Parkside at Mayfield Ranch as well as links and number that you will need to set up your utilities below. If you have any questions that are not answered below, please contact the Southwest Management Services office and we will be happy to assist you.

How do I obtain a pool key?

Please login to the community website with your user name and password and complete the online request form -Pool Use Agreement. Here you will agree to the terms and conditions of using the amenities, purchase, and submit your request to the management office. All requests will be filled within 48 and the card will be mailed to your home address on file with us.

How do I obtain a mailbox key?

Please take a copy of your closing papers or lease to the local post office box and they will issue a mailbox key.

How do I reserve the amenity center for a private event?

We make reservations easy for you! Please log in to the community website with your user name and password provided, and click on Activities-Reservation-Request a Reservation. There you can view dates available and submit your request. You will receive a response and further instructions from our office.

Who maintains the ponds at Parkside at Mayfield Ranch?

The Parkside MUD maintains the ponds.

12 Questions that Prevent House Fires

- Is your heating system in proper working order and inspected for dangerous leaks yearly?
- Is there ample air circulation around appliances that are likely to overheat?
- Any overloaded circuits, long extension cords runs, too many devices plugged into one outlet?
- Are your fireplaces and chimney clear of dangerous build up?
- Do you have a protective grate in front of fireplace to prevent sparks and hot logs that could roll into the room?
- Is your kitchen oven hood clear of greasy build up that could catch fire?
- Are your smoke detectors installed on each level and tested weekly?
- Are your smoke detector batteries replaced every 12 months or less?
- Do you have a working fire extinguisher in your kitchen, basement and garage?
- Does your family practice a fire drill? Do you know all your escape routes?



PARKSIDE

CONTACT INFORMATION

ON THE WEB:

Parkside at Mayfield Ranch Official web site:

www.southwestmanagement.net/parksideatmayfieldranch/home.asp

Parkside at Mayfield Ranch Official Facebook page:

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(for questions about your HOA account or vendors with billing questions)

Architectural Review:.....acc@southwestmanagement.net
(for questions about making modifications to the exterior of your home)

Board of Directors:.....parksidemr.hoa@gmail.com
(for feedback and requests to address the board at meetings)

General Info Amenity Center & Pool Info:.....
.....info@southwestmanagement.net
(for general questions about your Owners Association, Reservations & Pool Keys)

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

EMERGENCY911
Fire.....911
Ambulance.....911
Williamson County Sheriff (Non Emergency).....512-943-1300

SCHOOLS

Leander ISD.....512-434-5000
Parkside Elementary School.....512-570-7100
Stiles Middle School.....512-570-3800
Rouse High School.....512-570-2000

UTILITIES

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Atmos Energy.....888-460-3030
City of Georgetown.....512-930-3640
Pedernales Electric Co.....512-331-9929
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Wastewater (Parkside MUD)512-930-3640

OTHER NUMBERS

Williamson County Phone.....512-943-1100
Williamson County Road Department.....512-943-3330
Parks & Recreation Department.....512-943-1920
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Williamson County Animal Shelter.....512-943-3322
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So you think old Fido has nothing to teach us all? Think again. Here is a list of things that we can learn from our four legged besties.

- Greet your loved ones when they get home with a cheery smile and a hug.
- Allow the experience of fresh air and wind in your face to be pure joy.
- Take naps and stretch before rising.
- Play every day, even if you don't feel up to it, get out there and have a good time.
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
- When you're happy, let the world know!
- Don't take rejection easily, when rejected, go back out and make new friends.
- Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.
- Never pretend to be something you are not.
- Be loyal to your loved ones and friends.
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Beware These Scams!

P.T. Barnum once famously said that there's a sucker born every minute. Indeed when we take a close look at all the scams out there, we see that he may have had a point. Here are some suggestions to avoid being that sucker.

Say no.

It's not always easy to spot a con artist. They're smart, persuasive and aggressive. They invade your home through the telephone, your mail box and your television. They're everywhere, really. Most people think that they are too smart to fall for these traps, but con artists cheat all kinds of people, from working class people who live pay check to pay check to university educated, savvy people with plenty of money in the bank. Everyone is a target.

Calling for your money:

Anyone with a phone has probably talked to a con artist; someone who calls you and promotes no-risk investments, contest prizes, or ask you for donations to a familiar sounding charities. These swindlers steal credit card numbers, they promote bogus services and all seem to know of the deal of the century investments in stocks, gold, oil and gas leases, coins and stamps. They have a treasure trove of uncollected or overlooked commodities, and if you just act now, you too will be blessed with unfathomable wealth and opportunity. They're lying. If someone calls you and needs your credit card number for any reason, the correct response is: no way!

Mail scams are as old as time:

Mail scams have been with us since the creation of the United States Postal Service. The key to avoiding these scams is to never, and under no circumstances, ever call them back! If there really was a miracle medical discovery, you wouldn't be hearing about it through your junk mail. Just remember that.

Email Scams:

If a prince from a country far away ever emails you, run away. Don't even open that email. That one goes straight to the delete folder. There is basically no way ever that this email sender is a prince. What that email sender is in fact, is a criminal looking for someone who will share their bank account number.

The key to staying safe is basic and everyone can do it. Remember, no con man ever held a gun to your head demanding your money, they want you to give it to them instead.

Some easy tips:

- Never let your greed or desire for quick cash ever hinder your common sense.
- Never ever reveal your credit card numbers, social security numbers or bank information to anyone.
- If the sales person is overly aggressive, won't take no for an answer, you're probably being played.
- Deals of the century don't really exist when it comes to stocks and commodities. If there was a surefire way to make money in the markets, why is this person sharing that info with you instead of just investing in it him or herself?

An Herb Garden At Home

Herbs have a long and noble history. They've been used to flavor food, create medicines, and beautify gardens for millennia. Try to grow some at home, you won't be disappointed.

Growing herbs isn't difficult at all. There is only a few things you need to do to have a wonderful and useful garden in your home.

Essentials for an Herb Garden:

Ideally, there are three essentials for a proper herb garden: good drainage, plenty of sunlight and light soil enriched with compost. Try to keep your new garden away from trees as the roots can rob needed nutrients away from your garden.

Some herbs will do even without these three things. Rosemary for instance doesn't mind growing in the shade. Basil, fennel, dill, parsley and chives do well in soil suited for growing vegetables. Peppermint doesn't mind wet conditions, thyme tolerates acidic soil, while lavender requires more alkalinity than most herbs.

Indoor Growing:

If you window face south, you should have adequate light for even sun loving herbs, such as dill, coriander, oregano, thyme and marjoram. If your windows face in other direction, you should be able to grow rosemary, sweet woodruff, or bay laurel in natural light. You may have to augment natural light with special synthetic lights.

Be sure to place herb containers as far as possible from radiators and other heating appliances, in a room that is cool moist and well ventilated. On very cold winter days they should be placed away from windows.

Growing From Seed:

Most herbs will grow easily from seed, germinating in five to seven days. There are exceptions. Lavender can take up to a month to germinate. Rosemary is best propagated by cuttings, and French tarragon, which more flavorful than the Russian variety and preferable for cooking, must be propagated by root division. Parsley can be very difficult to germinate. Italian parsley is easier to grow than regular parsley, and tastes better for many people.

Fertilizer of Choice:

Compost is best because it won't burn the tender roots. Enrich your compost pile by including some weeds, especially dandelion, whose long roots bring yep minerals from feel in the soil. A layer of mulch conserves moisture and suppresses weeds in the summer.

Watering Herbs:

Water your herbs as soon as the soil feels dry. Rosemary, especially, should never be allowed to dry out. You need to water daily. Your herbs will also love a daily misting.



The Heart Gallery of Central Texas needs your help!

The Heart Gallery of Central Texas is a portrait exhibit and community education/outreach initiative featuring children who are waiting for adoption right here in our community. More than 50 professional photographers in our community are donating their time and talents to this project. We are always looking for professional photographers to join our team of volunteers. Donate as much or as little time as you'd like, we have photography needs all throughout Central Texas. Learn more about becoming a Heart Gallery of Central Texas Volunteer here: <http://www.heartgallerytexas.com/>.

Association Crime Stoppers

Everyone wants a safe place to call home, and our association strives to make all residents feel secure. While we're diligent in our efforts to reduce possible dangers in our community, we can't do it alone. It's up to everyone to pitch in to keep crime rates down. Thankfully, taking a few simple steps can go a long way in keeping theft, vandalism and other felonies and misdemeanors out of the association.

Know Your Neighbors. And not just the neighbors on your block, but also the neighbors from all parts of the association. At the very least, you'll get a better idea of who actually lives (and in turn, who belongs) here. Talking with your neighbors will also give you the chance to find out if there have noticed any crimes or suspicious activity in the association recently so that you can be on the lookout as well. Consider creating and distributing a block list with everyone's contact information on your block so that you and your neighbors can alert each other of any problems that arise.

Leave The Light On. A good way to deter felons from breaking into your home is to make sure your front porch light stays on all night, even when you're out of town. Not only does it signal that someone's home, it also makes it harder for vandals to hide among the shadows. If you're worried that you'll either forget to turn the light on at night or off in the morning, you can purchase an inexpensive timer that will automatically do that for you every day. Also, if you see any street lights around the association that are burnt out, please contact <https://slo.centerpointenergy.com/> or let the clubhouse know as soon as possible so that we can replace them for everyone's safety.

Lock Up. If you want to keep unwanted guests out, don't make your home inviting. Even when you're around, it's best to keep all gates, doors and garages locked at all times. It's also a good idea to keep your windows closed and locked when possible, especially if they're on the ground floor.

Put On Your Walking Shoes. Taking a stroll around the association isn't just good exercise. You can casually patrol the community for anything suspicious or usual, as well as swap notes about criminal activity in the area with other neighbors who are out and about. Also, when more residents regularly walk around the association, it can help scare off hooligans who are afraid of getting caught in the act.

Clean It Up. Picking up litter, removing graffiti and keeping trees, bushes and lawns trimmed not only makes the association look better, but also sends the message that our residents are diligent about keeping the neighborhood a respectable place to live. This can help discourage troublemakers from hanging around our community and encourage responsible and involved people to move to the association.

See Something, Say Something. If you notice a crime or a suspicious activity, regardless of how small the incident may seem, notify your local precinct or notify 911. Keep in mind that our local precinct is already in our area. List this number under A911 on your phone for easy access.

We all have a responsibility to our community to help keep it safe, and incorporating even a few of these tips can go a long way. Volunteer for our Crime Watch committee; do your part to make our association a place you're happy to call home.





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We all know about the clouds that shade the sun and carry rain. Now it's time to get to know the other cloud—the one that delivers computing power, handy applications, and the ability to share information with others wherever and whenever you need. Like the atmospheric mass that provides its name, the technological phenomenon impacts our daily lives.

Cloud computing sounds mysterious and untrustworthy, but chances are you're already working, playing and surfing in the cloud. If you've purchased an iPhone, Kindle, or any smartphone, tablet or computer recently, you're probably taking advantage of its benefits. If you've downloaded a song from the Internet, chatted on Skype or purchased something from Amazon.com, you've used the cloud.

So, what does the cloud mean to you, and how can you harness its power?

It means you can pay your assessments online. You can access association documents and board meeting minutes from wherever you are. It might also mean, for the owners of second homes, that you can tune in to board meetings from the other side of the country.

It means you can work from a remote office without losing a beat. You can collaborate with others on a document without having to e-mail the file back and forth. You can store photos, music and files online without taking up precious space on your computer.

The cloud offers cheaper, stress-free alternatives to expensive hardware and maintenance. All you really need to take advantage of the cloud is reliable Internet access, but you should carefully consider security, privacy, the provider's reliability and contract terms first.

How secure is your data and information on the cloud? What privacy rules are you subject to? Some cloud services include clauses that allow providers to access and use a customer's data—often for marketing purposes—and can retain that data long after you're done using the service.

What if the company providing the cloud service goes out of business? What happens to all your information? Do contact terms lock you into one program or application?

These are important questions to ask. And though the cloud is relatively new, it's here to stay and will become even more prevalent over time. To see a list of cloud computing providers, visit <http://cloud-computing.findthebest.com>.

Texas Association of Sports Officials



In the late 1930s, the Southwest Conference (SWC) recognized the need for training sports officials and developing local officials associations under the umbrella of the Southwest Officials Association (SOA) throughout the state. While the SWC was motivated by a commitment to improving officiating and athletics, the overriding belief was that such a structure would result

in better trained officials for SWC competition. As a result, the Southwest Conference Official's Association (SWOA) was formed to handle football and basketball officiating duties.

Though originally formed to train collegiate officials, many high school officials joined the SWOA ranks. In 1977, the Texas football, basketball, and baseball officiating associations recognized the need to form a statewide governing body for high school officials. As a result, the Southwest Officials Association (SOA) was formed, with an office based in Dallas. Since the formation of the SOA in 1977, the volleyball, softball, and soccer divisions were added under the SOA umbrella.

In 1999 the SOA changed its name to the Texas Association of Sports Officials (TASO). After a brief tenure in Mesquite and Austin, The TASO office relocated to its current location in Richardson.

With the University Interscholastic League (UIL) governing high school athletics in Texas, and the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS), the largest organization of private schools in Texas, TASO provides officials for UIL and TAPPS contests. Though independent of both organizations, TASO works closely with the UIL and TAPPS in providing officials for sports contests.

Unlike most every other state, TASO is an independent organization of sports officials governed by sports officials. Each of the six divisions is individually governed by a board of directors comprised of officers and regional directors elected by the membership throughout the state. Overall TASO policy is set by the TASO board of directors. The TASO board of directors is comprised of the president and president-elect (or vice president), of each of the six sports.

Current TASO membership is approximately 14,000 members in 155 local chapter throughout the state.

For more information, or if becoming a sports official interests you, please refer to <http://www.taso.org>.

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