



PARKSIDE AT MAYFIELD RANCH

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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.

BUG SEASON

Whether you're attacked while working in the garden, enjoying a picnic in the park or lounging by the pool, bug bites and stings are an inevitable summer annoyance. At best, bites and stings can be uncomfortable for a few days; at worst, they can be a serious, life-threatening hazard.

Here are some tips on how to relieve the itch or sting and when to know if you should seek medical attention:

If the bite or sting is mildly painful or itchy, apply over-the-counter medication that contains Benadryl or cortisone for topical relief. Other home remedies, like applying a paste made from baking soda and water, dabbing on ammonia with a cotton ball, soaking in oatmeal baths or even applying toothpaste to the site may also provide relief.

Whatever you do, don't scratch. This can cause an infection and leave a scar. And it won't relieve the itch or sting.

If you feel faint, nauseous, dizzy or disoriented, or if you experience rapid heartbeat, difficulty breathing or your lips, tongue or throat swell, call 911 immediately. These symptoms indicate a severe allergy to the insect's venom. Administer an Epi-pen (injectable epinephrine) if one is available and administer CPR if symptoms worsen before emergency personnel arrive. After the episode, follow up with a physician who can determine an allergy prevention treatment.

Stay alert for delayed symptoms around the bite or sting, like redness or swelling, which could indicate an infection or other condition. And see a doctor right away if you have a headache, fever or joint pain within a few days of being bitten. Some insects, like ticks and mosquitoes, can infect their victims with serious, flu-like illnesses, such as Rocky Mountain spotted fever, Lyme disease and West Nile virus, which only a physician can diagnose and treat.

Most important, use insect repellent when outdoors and wear light-weight, light-colored clothing over arms, legs and feet to keep insects off your skin. And avoid wearing perfume and fragrances, which can attract bugs.

PARKSIDE

CONTACT INFORMATION

ON THE WEB:

Parkside at Mayfield Ranch Official web site:

www.southwestmanagement.net/parksideatmayfieldranch/home.asp

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IMPORTANT NUMBERS

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

EMERGENCY 911
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

AT&T/Uverse (phone, internet, cable) 800-288-2020
Atmos Energy 800-460-3030
City of Georgetown 512-930-3640
Pedernales Electric Co. 512-331-9929
Time Warner (phone, internet, cable) 512-576-3521
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
Williamson County Regional Park 512-260-4283
Williamson County Animal Shelter 512-943-3322
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SELLING YOUR HOUSE?

For any homeowner who has waited patiently for the real estate market to improve before putting a home up for sale, now is a great time to do so. After several sluggish years, home sales are experiencing a very healthy recovery. According to a 2013 article in The Washington Post, sales are up as much as 10 percent in some parts of the country.

But before you put the “for sale” sign in your front yard, take some time—and the following steps—to get your home ready to be viewed by real estate agents and potential homebuyers.

- De-clutter and de-personalize the interior by removing family photos, personal mementos and knickknacks from shelves and table tops.
- Pay special attention to the kitchen: Remove small appliances, like toaster ovens and coffee makers, from counters. Take everything out of the cabinets and pantry and wash off shelves—or even repaint them—and only put a few items back. Arrange canned goods by size and height and spices alphabetically. Stack dishes, glasses and cups neatly.
- Clean out and rearrange closets and other storage areas so they look more spacious and not cramped. Hang clothing items by type, for instance, with shirts buttoned and facing in the same direction and shoes lined up in rows. If necessary, rent

a storage unit for any overflow items.

- Make minor repairs, like caulking tubs and showers, patching walls and replacing cracked tiles and grout. Wash windows inside and out, and repaint any uniquely painted inside walls so they are now a neutral color. Replace worn-out bedspreads, throw pillows, curtains or other fabrications. And air out the interior to eliminate any food or pet odors.
- Make sure the lawn is mowed and bushes are trimmed, and place potted flowers on the porch and near the entry. And don't forget to check with the manager or board for rules about real estate signs.



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How to be a Good Neighbor

A little consideration goes a long way. Read the following tips from eHow.com on how to be a good neighbor beyond just a smile and a wave.

- Welcome any new neighbors with a personal note or pop by for a personal introduction.
- Make sure that the outside of your home—along with the grounds—is well-kept and complies with our association's CC&Rs.
- Be mindful of noise—loud music, barking dogs, power tools—that may disrupt the neighborhood beyond a reasonable hour.
- If you have a large party, consider your neighbors when directing your guests where to park, end the party at a reasonable hour and invite your neighbors to join in the fun.
- Return anything you borrow from your neighbor promptly, in the same condition they lent it to you, and express your thanks.
- Replace anything of your neighbor's that you, your children or your pets break or soil.
- Respect your neighbor's privacy.
- Offer to take care of mail pick-up, plants or pets while your neighbor is on vacation.
- Be social! Inviting a neighbor over for coffee and conversation can promote open communication and a friendly neighborhood environment from which all neighbors can benefit.

Visit www.ehow.com for other helpful, neighborly advice.

SMART PHONE CAMERA TIPS



With the advent of smartphones, it's easier than ever to take and share photos. Here are 10 tips for making the most of every photo opportunity:

Perfect your lighting

Use natural light whenever possible, with the sun behind you or over your shoulder. When shooting indoors, find the brightest spot in the room and position your subject directly under it.

Forget the flash

Because the duration of a smartphone's flash is too long, it doesn't freeze the action in a frame the way a traditional flash does. This results in blurry and poorly lit images. Unless

you have no other option, avoid the flash and look for more creative low-light solutions.

Compose your shot

Avoid placing your subject dead center—you create more visual interest if you vary your composition. Keep the horizon as straight as possible unless you are intentionally shooting an angled shot.

Move in close

Small details can often make a photo more interesting—move in when shooting. Avoid using the zoom feature—it enlarges pixels but does not bring your subject closer.

Stay steady

Your photo's clarity depends on how steady you keep your phone, so support your device with your palm, keep your grip firm and lean against a wall or other support when shooting.

Tap, then snap

Just before taking a photo, tap your subject on the touchscreen—on most smartphones, this will adjust the lighting and focus on the subject.

Use HDR

Turn on the HDR (high dynamic range imaging) setting to enable your device to take two photos—one that focuses on bright areas and one that focuses on dark areas—and merge them for an optimal image.

Keep it clean

Chances are your smartphone gets a lot of use and a lot of smudges, so use a Q-tip to gently clean your lens periodically.

Rein in the rays

To remove glare and soften harsh lines and shadows in outdoor shots, hold a sunglass lens over the camera lens as close as possible.

Style and share

There are a wealth of apps for editing your digital images, so use them! Instagram, Hipstamatic, Retro Camera and Vignette are just a few of the popular tools for perfecting (and sharing) your pictures.

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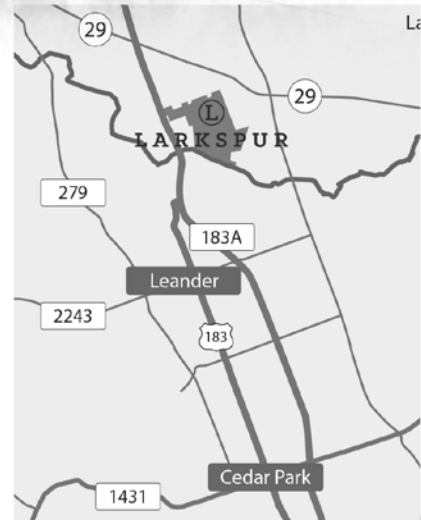
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Start a texting tree

When communication channels are disrupted, texting may be the only available way to stay connected. Create a network of contacts on your smartphone so you can quickly reach out to others in your community.

Set up Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)

WEA are emergency text messages sent through your wireless carrier by government authorities, including local and state public safety agencies, FEMA, the FCC, the Department of Homeland Security and the National Weather Service. The alerts can help you stay informed when you may not have access to television or radio and can help keep you safe during a crisis. Messages include extreme weather warnings, local emergencies requiring evacuation or immediate action, AMBER Alerts and presidential alerts during a national emergency. For information about which mobile devices are WEA-capable and carrier participation, visit www.ctia.org/wea or contact your wireless carrier.

Use mobile banking and insurance apps.

Banking and insurance apps allow you to move money, pay bills, deposit checks and file claims from your smartphone.

Prepare for power outages

If you have advanced warning of a severe weather event, make sure to fully charge your phone. Keep a car phone charger and spare battery on hand as well; if power is out for an extended period, your car can serve as a valuable energy source.

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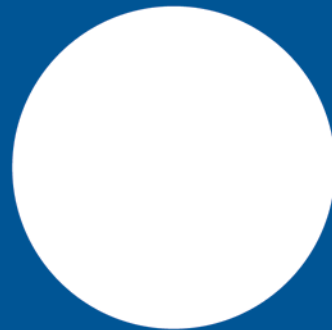
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