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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE POST OAK ESTATES COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Welcome To My Post Oak

My Post Oak is a newsletter mailed to all Post Oak Estates Owners. Each newsletter will be filled with information for our community.

If you are interested in submitting an article, photo or announcement to be considered for the newsletter, please contact Diane Griffin @ newslettercommittee@postoakestates.com. Submissions are not guaranteed as space is limited.

Committee Reports:

Safety Committee has been working with some Safety concerns in our Neighborhood and possible solutions. Let the committee know if you would like to attend a meeting to help make our community safe. Mr. Amador will give his report at the Annual Meeting.

Beautification Committee has been working with our contractor on cleaning up the Front Entrance. The Deer in our community can present with some struggles when it comes to planting.

Welcome Committee has been putting together the information for our new neighbors. Mr. Williams will give his report at the Annual Meeting.

Newsletter Committee is working to get out a quarterly newsletter. If you have an article you would like to submit please email the committee.

Recreation Committee is in need of someone to take the lead on this committee. There have been so many great ideas and events that can be organized for our Community.

Committee Duties:

Committees are made up of volunteers who donate their time and energy to improve Post Oak Estates. Come to an executive committee meeting and see the committees hard at work. Want to find when the next committee meeting is scheduled? Check the Community Calendar.

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Trailers, Lot Maintenance, Construction and Construction Debris Removal

Motor Homes, Campers. Boats . and other Vehicles. No golf carts, mobile homes, motor homes, trailers of any kind or similar structure, trucks, campers, or boats shall be kept or placed on any lot, other than in a garage, for more than 5 days in any month. No golf carts, mobile homes, motor homes, trailers of any kind or similar structure, trucks, campers, or boats shall be repaired on any lot other than in a garage. No dismantling or assembling of a motor vehicle, boat, trailer, any truck or any other machinery of equipment shall be permitted in any driveway or yard. None of the above or any other vehicles may be left parked overnight on any street within the Property. No vehicle of any size which transports inflammatory or explosive cargo may kept within the Property at any time. The provisions of the paragraph will not however apply to emergency vehicle repairs or temporary construction facilities maintained and used exclusively in connection with the reconstruction or repair of any work or improvements.

Maintenance of Grass. Weeds and Hedges. Grass and weeds shall be kept mowed to prevent unsightly appearance. Dead or damaged trees, which might create a hazard to property or persons, shall be promptly removed or repaired.

Construction. No Improvements shall be constructed, erected, removed, planted or maintained, nor shall any addition to or any change or alteration therein be made, until the plans and specifications showing the nature, kind, shape, height, materials, floor plans, color scheme and the location of same shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the ACC in accordance with Section F of Article III. Any change in the outward appearance of any Improvement, including, but not limited to, repainting the same in a different color, adding decorative sculptures or art work, wrought iron grills, changing in any manner the exterior appearance or the like, shall also require approval in writing by the ACC before any work is commenced. Any Improvement constructed or made without the required ACC approval or constructed or made in a manner which is not consistent with the approval granted by the ACC shall be subject to removal by the Association or Declarant.

Contact Information

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WELCOME COMMITTEE

Chairman: Dan Williams

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SAFETY COMMITTEE

Chairman: Don Amador

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BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

OPEN:

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RECREATION COMMITTEE

OPEN:

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NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

OPEN:

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Reminder: There are open Committee Chair Positions available.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Chair or assisting with any of the committees please send an email to the corresponding email address.

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On Going Committees:

Beautification Committee-beautificatiocommittee@postoakestates.com

- Encourage beautification of Post Oak Estates via the Yard of the Month and Christmas and Holiday Lights Contest and recommend similar programs to the Board.

- Sponsor neighborhood educational opportunities about landscaping and related topics, and write articles for the My Post Oak Newsletter.

- Recommend, design, and implement landscape projects and improvements in Post Oak Estates.

- Assist and advise: residents with questions, problems, and gardening interest, the HOA Board and Committees on current and future projects

Safety Committee-safetycommittee@postoakestates.com

- Organize and plan National Night Out each year.

- Organize Neighborhood watch meetings and encourage participation.

- Encourage neighborhood security and safety.

- Inform residents of safety and security issues via email, the Next Door App, the My Post Oak Newsletter, monthly meetings and other channels.

- Meet with neighbors about safety and security concerns in the neighborhood, and make recommendations/reports to the Board and the Executive Committee about the same.

Welcome Committee-welcomecommittee@postoakestates.com

- Greet new members making their home in Post Oak Estates with a tote bag that includes a Post Oak Estates Welcome packet, a Victoria Chamber of Commerce packet and promotional items from local area businesses

- Solicit promotional items from local businesses to include in Welcome bags

- Provide a directory of services to senior services

- Host periodic meet-and-greet events for new residents

Recreation Committee-recreationcommittee@postoakestates.com

- Plan and organize neighborhood events.

Newsletter Committee

- Plan and organize the information for My Post Oak newsletter to the Newsletter Company.

- Gather information for Newsletter from all Committee members, ACC and Board.

- Submit Newsletter information for Publication.

Ad Hoc Committee (one time purpose)

Join a committee and help improve Post Oak Estates. Share your ideas and energy. Maybe you can only donate a few hours of your time. Help out during one of the many community events. Volunteers are needed!

Want to find out more about what a committee does? Send a request to the committee email to find out about the committee and when the next committee meeting is scheduled

Raptors

By Cheryl Conley, TWRC Wildlife Center



Baby Screech Owl

Have you ever heard of a hawk vest, raptor shield or coyote vest? I had no idea they even existed until I started researching this article. Although they may go by different names, they are all very similar and serve the same purpose. They claim to protect small animals from birds of prey, coyotes and even aggressive dogs. Now you may think this is silly and even a little ridiculous but if you're someone who has suffered the loss of a pet snatched by a raptor or coyote, it makes perfect sense. As recently as January 18th in Pennsylvania, an 8-pound bichon frise was playing in the backyard when an eagle swooped down, grabbed it with its talons and flew off with it. Not to worry. For some unknown reason, the eagle dropped it 4 miles away and the dog recovered.

A bird of prey is a meat-eater but not all birds of prey are raptors. Eagles, owls, ospreys, kites, hawks, buzzards, harriers, vultures, and falcons are all raptors. Three traits help distinguish a raptor from other birds of prey and these three traits make raptors excellent hunters. A raptor has a curved beak with sharp edges, sharp claws or talons and excellent eyesight.

Of all the animals in the animal kingdom, raptors have the best eyesight. Their eyesight is 6 to 8 times better than ours. As far as which raptor has the best eyesight it is most definitely the eagle. It is believed that an eagle can spot an ant crawling on the ground from atop a 10-story building, or a rabbit up to a mile away. Breaking that down even a little further, this means an eagle flying at an altitude of 1000 feet over open country could spot prey over an area of almost 3 square miles from a fixed position.

The talons, or claws, of raptors are curved downward and are razor sharp. If you were to see a raptor's foot up close you would also notice rough bumps on the pads of the feet which aid in hanging onto their prey like slippery fish. The raptor swoops down and with a vise-like grip either kills the prey or inflicts serious wounds.

The beaks of raptors are all the same. They are curved with very sharp edges. They use their beaks to tear off fur, pull out feathers and tear meat into bite-sized pieces that they swallow whole.

Raptors also have what we would call a "tooth" on the inside of the upper part of their beak. It's shaped like a triangle and is called a tomia. This is used to cut the spinal cord of its prey.

If you come across an injured raptor, there are very important steps to take to insure your safety and the safety of the bird. First, call TWRC Wildlife Center. If the bird doesn't fly away when

approached, this doesn't always mean it's injured. It could be protecting food or babies. If it is determined that the bird actually needs rescuing, we will direct you on how to safely capture and restrain the hawk. If you do not feel comfortable handling the hawk, we can recommend other options for transport. If it is injured, you'll need heavy gloves, safety glasses and a thick towel or blanket. Throw the towel or blanket over the bird and take hold of the bird by keeping its wings close to its body and your hands out of reach of the talons. The towel provides darkness and darkness helps calm birds. Place the bird in a sturdy box or pet carrier that is only slightly larger than the bird. If the container is too big, the bird can flop around and can cause further injuries. Be sure to remove the towel or blanket. Now place that towel or blanket over the carrier. Bring the bird to us as quickly as possible for care. Please do not attempt to feed the bird or provide water. As with most wild animals, it is illegal to have raptors in your possession. They are federally protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918.

If you have wildlife questions, please call us at 713.468.8972 or check our website at www.twrcwildlifecenter.org.

Mark Your Calendar

Annual Meeting Date

All Residents and Lot Owner Welcome

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Sign in starts at 2:30 PM, Meeting starts at 3:00 PM

**St. Joseph Catholic Church Education Center
32 Church St., Inez, Tx.**

Community Reminders

COMMUNITY WEBSITE

Please make sure to visit at www.postoakestates.com to receive community information, announcements and emails.

DRIVE SAFELY

As a reminder, please obey the speed limit signs (30-mph throughout the neighborhood). Please be patient and keep an eye out for children, pedestrians, bicyclists, pets and wildlife. On behalf of Post Oak Estates Association, we appreciate your assistance in keeping Post Oak Estates as safe as possible.



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