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Annual Easter Bunny Celebration is Canceled

Unfortunately, we regret to advise you that the Annual Easter Bunny Celebration Planned for April 5th will not happen because of Corona Virus concerns.

The event was headed by a tri-chairman Committee consisting of Peggy Barriga, Samantha Miller, and Chimeria Gonzales. The Committee wishes to thank those who participated until the cancellation.

Future events are in the planning stage, and volunteers are always needed. Please contact Peggy at pbarriga@earthlink.net if you are interested.

Please watch the news for virus developments and stay safe.



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New Infrastructure Committee (Cover Story)



By the Editor

In March, McKenna Construction, under the guidance of the new Infrastructure Committee and the Board filled our five playgrounds with wood chips. Wood chips provide fall protection for the swings and playground equipment.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) guidelines suggest the thickness, type, and size of the protection. Wood chips are the most common fall protection. The contractor removed soil from our five swing and playground areas to assure sufficient padding for fall protection. Because the soil was partly from decomposed wood chips and of high quality, the contractor, (under the direction of the Landscape Committee) reused it to fill low spots in the forest near the Sweet Rain Park. The contractor also smoothed out the dirt avoiding another cost in the future.

The contractor went above and beyond the contract and shortened some swing chains as well as inspected equipment for hazards.

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The Voice

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE REPORT for APRIL

*Sherry Watson, Chair with Laura Domangue, Kristin Jonec, and
Peggy Barriga: Members*



The trimming of the oaks and one pine tree and removal of invasive Chinese Tallow trees have been completed in Sky Haven Park. This rarely used park has a swing set with new wood chips

and a seating area all under shade! Grab your favorite drink, a good book, or better yet a companion and find this park. You will be overcome by this peaceful setting.

The Committee has received full Board support on a proposal for needed improvements on the west side of Lake Vista West. There is already a grove of Basham Party Pink Crape Myrtles near Mossy Ledge and others will be planted east of that. Vitex trees will also be planted to add beautiful color to the area. Low areas will be filled in with sand.

Great news! The Board has approved planting ten new Mexican Oaks adjacent to the Village Creek Lake sidewalk on the North East side to eventually provide shade for walking. The plan is to continue the with shade trees until the entire lake walkway is in shade.

The Committee may already have sent a proposal to plant Bashan Party Pink Crape Myrtles on Village Creek Trail West to add to the beauty already there. Sod will be planted to fill in empty areas on the East side.

ARC Monthly Committee Report



Several requests from both current and future residents have been received regarding the policy on fences. It does seem confusing, so let me see if I can explain this concisely.

The deed restrictions call for the fence to be wood (metal if existing as metal), no closer than three feet from the (back yard side of) the front of the dwelling. It must follow your property line and be no higher than six feet tall. On sections facing a public street, a two-inch (recognizing that typical 2" boards are actually 1.5") cap is required. Those are the requirements in the Deed Restrictions.

Several years ago, the Board was petitioned by a group of residents to allow a 6"x 2" (nominal) horizontal rot board at the bottom of the fence. The Board approved this as a 'continuing variance' for all those who wanted to use a rot board. This was well within their powers to do but what it caused was a checkerboard of varying fence heights. So, the current board resolved and stated their preference for all new fence requests to be 6'-6" WITH a rot board, and as such, all applications sent to the ARC are noted with this preference. Actually, all the current fence requests are for 6'-6". A 6' fence request hasn't been seen in almost a year.

So, here are the standards:

Height: 6' pickets with a 6"x2" (nominal) rot board horizontal to the ground. If bordering a street, a 2"x4" (nominal) horizontal header is required (creating a 6'-8" nominal fence).

Location: Original fence line or no closer than three feet from the front of the dwelling (three feet toward backyard).

Gates: No vehicle gates or gates opening to the property you do not own or county easements.

Horizontal members: three are recommended because it keeps the pickets from bowing, but two are required.

As always, if you have a question or need assistance in filling out or filing an Exterior Modification Request, please contact me.

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The Voice

The Minimalist Gardener *By Flint Sage*

Vegetables: Warm weather has arrived, so plant summer plants as soon as possible. Plant okra. It is a star performer here. You will need only a few plants...maybe five for a family. The plants are about two feet wide and grow to six feet or so. You will learn to pick them when less than 3" long. Battered and deep-fried: delicious!

Add some fertilizer for most plants this month.

Perennials and Annuals: Divide clumps and remove old growth now. Plant warm season perennials and annuals. Plant bulbs. Unless you are looking for a showy yard, minimize annuals and maximize perennials to save money.

Trees, Shrubs, and Vines: Those trees, shrubs, and vines that have been dormant have awakened for their spring, summer, and fall show.

Lightly prune if required. Oaks probably shouldn't be pruned this month because of the potential for disease transmission.

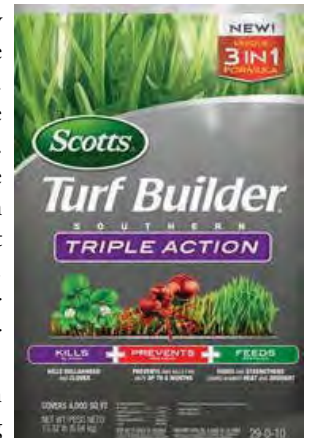
Fertilize trees with inexpensive pure nitrogen such as ammonium sulfate. Water deeply after fertilizing: Use one inch of water to drive the nitrogen down to the roots. Don't forget that trees in lawns compete with the grass. Professionals use separate bubblers for trees to assure they get enough water during the first year or two.

April is the peak season for roses. When the rose flowers fade, do a light pruning (deadheading) to remove the old blooms.

Add ¼ cup fertilizer to each plant soon after to encourage new growth.

Lawns: Healthy grass is your best defense against weeds. Apply lawn fertilizer after the second mowing and monthly after that during the growing season. Consider using straight nitrogen (such as 12-0-0) lawn fertilizer now. Make sure you are getting sufficient water to those areas which tend to grow weeds rather than grass. If it doesn't rain, you will need to irrigate your lawn, trees, and other plants.

A friend, advises that Scott's Triple Action is great for lawns. It fertilizes, kills fire ants, and weeds. Sounds like a good thing!



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