

Views From The Summit

The Newsletter of The Summit Homeowners Association

May 1999

Board Meetings to Become Regular

Do you have questions, concerns, or suggestions about our neighborhood? Bring them to a meeting of the Summit board members! Board members and committee personnel want your input! They need to know what the residents know, feel, and want. Please come and share your ideas and possibly get involved.

The Board of Directors of the Summit Homeowners Association will begin holding meetings on a bi-monthly basis. The meetings will be in a public place such as a school if possible, and will meet the same day of the month, every other month. Residents will be notified as to the date of the next meeting and of the regular meeting days when they have been determined. Meetings should be no longer than 1-1/2 hours long. All homeowners are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend. See you there!

Vandalism Alert

Recently there have been at least two incidents involving damage by vandals to the fencing around the park. This has cost the community between four and five hundred dollars to repair. The Association has also received word from homeowners who live along the drainage area behind the 25000 block of Granite Path that the drainage easement is being used as a hangout and play area for young people in The Summit. Similar reports have come from residents who live further up this drainage area behind the 1300 block of Oak Path. In some cases, unsupervised children have caused property damage, teased or tormented pets and in general are getting into areas where they do not belong. Please remind your child or children that these drainage areas are not public property and are sometimes dangerous. Residents who live along these drainage areas should report any suspicious activity to the San Antonio Police Department immediately. Request a case number and forward it to the Association's management office for possible follow up by the Association. Remember that the Protective Covenants for the Summit prohibit any activity that is unlawful or that can be a nuisance to other residents. Your help in this matter will help stop such activity within the Summit.

Summit Garage Sale

The semi-annual, community garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, June 3rd, 2000. The hours will be from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. For those of you not familiar with this event, your neighborhood association designates dates twice a year for the community to hold a garage sale. The association advertises for the event and all residents are welcome to participate. (The sales are usually held in May and November.)

Residents who wish to participate must obtain an individual permit for their property from the city. Permit applications can be obtained at any participating HEB store or by visiting the city's Northeast Service Center at 1215 Northern Boulevard (airport location). For more information contact the city's garage sale permit office at 207-8263.

The success of this event will be greater the more people who participate. A large number of garages open in the same area make it really worthwhile for persons traveling to the sale. If we gain a reputation for being a "high participation" neighborhood, more and more people will come each time. So take advantage of the free advertising and turn those unwanted items into cash!



Landscaping Improvements Planned

The Board of Directors has approved funds for landscaping improvements at the entrances to The Summit and to The Summit II. In addition, plans have been approved to add three new trees in the park area. Hopefully, these improvements will be started by the time the newsletter is distributed.

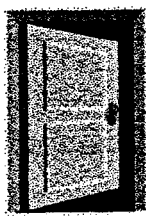
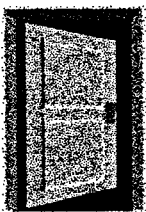
New, Easy -to-Remember S.A. Customer Service Number

The City of San Antonio has established a Customer Service Call Center which is staffed 24-hours a day with live operators ready to assist you at the touch of three buttons, 3-1-1! The *live person* (not an electronic menu) will listen to your problem, assess your needs and connect you directly with the department of the city which can best serve you! Sample services they will handle include reporting of potholes, stray animals, graffiti, abandoned vehicles, broken traffic signals, dead animals, high weeds, and illegal dumping, and information calls regarding garbage collection, brush collection, recycling, and many other city concerns. All departments of the city will continue to have their own direct phone numbers and residents are encouraged to call directly when they know the phone number, but when you don't know who or where to call, the Customer Service Call Center can assist you. So take advantage of this new service and report those things you wouldn't otherwise report because you don't know whom to call.

Just dial 3-1-1!

Hardy Oak Elementary to Open This Summer

According to registrar personnel at Hardy Oak Elementary, everything is on schedule for the new school to open in time for the beginning of the school year late this summer. For anyone who doesn't know it, Hardy Oak Elementary is the new public elementary school that all Summit residents will attend. Registration for kindergarten students took place April 10th - 14th at Reagan High School with registration packets being available at Stone Oak Elementary. For information on how to register a new student at Hardy Oak Elementary, contact that school at 482-2255.



National Night Out Not Far Off

Mark your calendars for the evening of Tuesday, August 1st as the date for the next annual National Night Out! You won't want to miss the opportunity to get out and meet your neighbors or get reacquainted while sharing some good-spirited fun. More details to follow in the next issue.

Cats Roaming Neighborhood

I'd like to say a few words about cats roaming the neighborhood. While it is natural for cats to roam and to establish territories, the cats sharing *our* property as "their" territory has caused us a number of problems.

One problem is the "filing" of their claws and the pressing down prior to lying down on our outdoor furniture's sling chairs. We think this may be the reason for our furniture's premature demise: The fabric split after only two seasons. Also, our glass tabletop mysteriously shattered one day. (We can only guess at the cause, but one explanation is that a cat knocked over a ceramic pot which was sitting atop it.) The furniture was expensive (\$1,000) and too costly to repair, so we have had to replace it. Even if the cats are not actually damaging the furniture, they are leaving behind hair and flea dirt on our new cushions.

Some other problems include having to have a special sandbox made to replace our old one which includes a cover so that cats can't use it as a litter box. This, after numerous times emptying and replacing all of the sand, which we still have to do if we should ever forget to replace the cover after use. The cats also mark their territory by spraying everything from toys in the yard to camping equipment waiting to be packed into the car, to our front door and porch! I may be more sensitive to this smell than most people, but I find it extremely offensive. Cats also keep birds out of our yard, and we enjoy seeing and hearing birds.

I don't know what the solution is, but I believe the responsibility lies with the owners of the cats to figure it out, and to do something about it. There is a city ordinance which states that pet cats as well as dogs must be kept on their owner's property unless on a leash. Whether this means tying them up or putting them in a cage, (both cruel and possibly dangerous to do to a cat), or keeping them indoors, it is the ethical and now legal responsibility of cat owners to somehow restrict their pets to their own property.

I don't have anything against cats. I just believe that people should not be caused so much expense and inconvenience by another person's pet(s). I really don't want to take matters into my own hands. Calling the Animal Control Board and having cats picked up every time I see one would only add to the problem of excessive homeless animals (as well as the emotional distress of the animals and their owners). I hope that the owners of these cats will take care of the problem so that I am not forced to resort to such a solution.

Thank you to all cat owners living in the vicinity of 1118 Oak Path for your attention to this matter! And all other cat owners in the neighborhood as well!

-Melanie Constantinides
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Neighborhood Directory

The new neighborhood directory is not lost out in cyberspace somewhere . . . it is sitting right here in the home of your Neighborhood Watch Coordinator patiently waiting to be arranged and printed! I apologize for the delay and will try to get it printed and have the block captains distribute it to you all before the end of May. Many thanks to the block captains for obtaining the remaining missing information and to Doug Bock for his work on storing all the information in a database!

The New, The Old and the Still Needed

In the last issue of the Summit newsletter, I put out a plea for volunteers to fill the positions of block captains for three blocks without captains (blocks six, seven and eight) and one block whose captain wishes to be relieved of duty (block ten). And I am happy to report that three volunteers stepped forward! The only hitch is that they all live in the same block! Not to diminish the merit of their offer however: Thank you Gay Pfaff, Theresa Scruggs and Connie Barz for serving your neighborhood as block captains!

Unfortunately, we will be losing two dedicated block captains this month. Regina Bock, you may recall, is the person who organized the fire engine parade for National Night Out last year, and Doug Bock painstakingly entered all the information for our new neighborhood directory into a database. They also organized numerous block parties in their attempt to unite the residents of block one. Their time and commitment to block one are greatly appreciated and they are wished all the best in their new home!

Dianne and Richard Garza will take over as captains of Block one. Thank you for being willing to serve your community in this way!

That still leaves block six not represented, and block ten in need of a replacement as well. I trust that more responsible and good-hearted persons will offer to fill these spots as well.

I look forward to working with you all!

-Melanie Constantinides, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Welcome New Residents

I would like to like to extend a hearty welcome to the following new Summit residents who have joined us this year:

Kevin & Tammy Dunn (block 4)
Corey A. & Michelle M. Luhrs (block 2)
Clinton E. & Connie M. Hildabrand (block 6)
Edward A. Maxwell (block 3)
David L. & Laura L. Starnes (block 3)
Keith Browne (block 6)



I hope you will feel welcome, safe and happy living in the Summit. The captain of your block (see list of block captains) should be greeting you soon (if they haven't already) to provide you with some information. Please feel free to contact them or myself should you have any questions pertaining to the Neighborhood Watch Program or any safety issue. And again, welcome to the neighborhood!

-Melanie Constantinides, Neighborhood Watch Coordinator

Block Captains

Block 1

Dianne & Richard Garza
497-0779

Block 2

James & Terri Slason
497-5889
Troy and Judy Feese
497-5554

Block 3

John & Kris Stanzione
497-7624
Gregg & Patty Larsen
497-0552

Block 4

Debbie Schultz
481-1240

Block 5

Rodney & Teri Bradley
497-8984

Block 6

Available

Block 7

Gay Pfaff, 497-3678
Connie Barz, 497-3938
Theresa Scruggs, 497-8911

Block 8

Connie Walden
497-2554
Brenda Kelley
497-7612

Block 9

Debbie Wadiwalla
497-0150
Lisa McMinn

Block 10

Charles & Linda Franks
497-2445
(temporary)

Next issue to be completed July 1st. If you have an article, notice or ad, please submit it electronically or typed. Copy deadline is June 16th. Copy received later will not be published.

Neighborhood Leadership Training Program

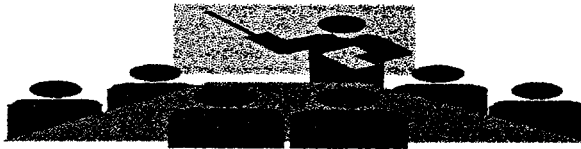
I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with information of a great program that is being offered at UTSA Downtown Campus. This spring, the UTSA Office of Extended Education, the Department of Planning of the City of San Antonio, and the Neighborhood Resource Center of San Antonio started a series of courses for San Antonio residents. These courses focus on neighborhood leadership skills, which will help you develop knowledge and ability to carry out planning and organizing initiatives to improve the quality of life in our neighborhood. This program is also designed to enhance the development and effectiveness of our Homeowners Association. The courses are offered in the evening and cost \$10 per NLP Module.

I am currently attending the courses and so far have learned a wealth of information, which will enable our Board of Directors to better serve you and our neighborhood.

<u>Course</u>	<u>Description</u>
NLP 101	<i>Introduction to Neighborhood and Neighborhood Associations</i>
NLP 102	<i>Organizing and Making Neighborhood Associations Work</i>
NLP 103	<i>Building on Neighborhood Assets</i>
NLP 104	<i>Goal Setting and Problem Solving</i>

If you are interested in learning more about this program, contact the Office of Extended Education-UTSA Downtown at (210) 458-2404.

-Daniel H. Aponte, President, Summit Homeowners Association



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