



# Views From The Summit

Summit Mutual Amenities Association (MAA)  
Newsletter - May 2005

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Dear Residents,

Hopefully everyone is enjoying the beautiful spring weather and Texas wildflowers that have appeared recently. The Board made a commitment at the 2004 annual meeting to improve communications with the community. We have been working on that task by distributing an informal survey last year, issuing more frequent newsletters, starting a website, and publishing email addresses where board members, and the property manager can be reached (see end of letter). To clarify the purpose of the Summit MAA, the Board has prepared a working mission statement.

Mission Statement:

- 1) To maintain and improve the common areas of The Summit and Summit II,
- 2) to enforce the Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions, and
- 3) to encourage better communication among residents.

By doing these items, we hope to increase the appeal of the neighborhood.

**Update**

You may have noticed that the rusty railings around the drainage areas were recently re-painted by the City of San Antonio. Thanks to Diane Munoz for her repeated requests to have that work completed. Repairs to the SportsCourt have been approved by the Board and will begin as soon as possible.

**Summit Workdays Improve the Community and Save Money Too**

The Summit had two workdays in March to improve the entrances and cleanup the park. Thanks to everyone who came out and volunteered their time to help. The Board would like to give a special acknowledgement to Alice Vida, head of the landscape committee, who spent numerous extra days working to make sure the entrances would be beautiful for spring. The workdays saved the Association money by not hiring a landscaper. However, we need more participation to make future projects possible.

**The Architectural Control Committee (ACC) Needs Assistance**

Burt Thompson and Tom Turbovich have been on the ACC for years. They have served the community well by reviewing homeowner projects and ensuring that the CC&Rs are followed. The Board would like to thank these gentlemen and ask the community for help. There needs to be at least three volunteers on the ACC, which would lighten the work load. Forms are submitted to the manager and reviewed by the ACC periodically. Anyone interested in being on the ACC can contact Troy Feese.

**Crime Alert**

There have been items stolen from cars left in driveways recently. Thieves are looking for DVD players, computers, cameras, CDs, purses, cell phones, etc. They are using methods such as breaking door locks and removing windows. This causes expensive damage to your car in addition to the loss of items. Do not leave any valuables in your car at night. Leave exterior lights on at night, keep garage doors closed, and cars locked. A car alarm can also help. Call the police immediately if you see suspicious activity.

### **House Prices in The Summit**

Many lots in the Summit are above average size and have mature trees. Two new elementary schools will be open next year, which will solve the over-crowding problem and lift the capped student enrollment at Hardy Oak. That should make the Summit more attractive to people wanting to move into Stone Oak.

Don't let anyone tell you that your house should sell for less than the surrounding area. For example, a one-story 2124 sq. ft. home in The Summit recently sold for the full asking price of \$164,900 the first day it was on the market. Last year a one-story house in The Summit sold for the full asking price of \$179,900. This second house had a swimming pool and was 2112 sq. ft. Compare these two examples to a 3-year old 1742 sq. ft. one-story house in The Heights of Stone Oak that recently listed for \$189,900.

### **Simple Ways to Keep the Neighborhood Attractive**

Below are some suggested ideas to help keep our neighborhood attractive.

- 1) Keep landscape trimmed and lawns mowed. If you live next to The Summit's brick wall long Hardy Oak, please keep vegetation away from the wall.
- 2) Kill weeds in cracks of sidewalks, curbs, and streets.
- 3) Clean exterior of home and paint when necessary. Remember that new paint colors must be approved by the ACC.
- 4) Repair or replace fences as needed. Remove graffiti from fences or walls.
- 5) Don't store brush, trash or debris in the yard or around outside of home. Trash containers should not be placed at curb until trash days (Tuesday and Friday).
- 6) When possible, please park cars in driveway. Storage of non-operable vehicles is not allowed on the street. Abandoned vehicles may be ticketed and towed away by SAPD. Also, storage of boats or campers is prohibited in driveways and on the street.
- 7) Pressure wash driveways and sidewalks to remove dirt and oil stains.
- 8) Basketball goals should be set back 25 ft. from street. Portable goals must not be left on the sidewalks or street.

### **Neighborhood Garage Sale**

There will be a neighborhood garage sale on Saturday May 7 starting at 9 AM. The Association has placed an advertisement in the newspaper to promote the sale for the entire community. Those participating should purchase a City permit. Permits can be purchased at a number of locations, including HEB. The next garage sale is scheduled for October.

### **Next Newsletter**

To save on postage costs, we would like to start an electronic version of the newsletter. This could include sending more frequency reminders about upcoming meetings and events. Anyone interested in helping with a newsletter or that wants to be added to the email list, please contact Troy Feese.

### **Summit Website**

Check out The Summit website, which is continuing to be developed. There are downloadable documents, forms, meeting minutes, and previous newsletters.

[www.summitatstoneoak.com](http://www.summitatstoneoak.com) or [www.summitmaa.com](http://www.summitmaa.com)

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