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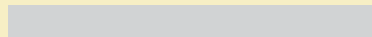
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ARTICLE DEADLINE

for the Sept/Oct 2023 issue
of the Guilbeau Park Newsletter is
August 15, 2023.

Submit articles for consideration to



GPOA BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Board meetings are held
the 2nd Thursday for homeowners
and renters at the Guilbeau Park
Community Center. Meetings start
at 7 pm. All are invited to attend and
share comments and concerns.



Yard of the Month Winners

Not available online.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE



Regular Board meetings are held on the
second Thursday of the month at our
Guilbeau Park Community Center. The
Board's Executive Session starts at 6:30 pm.
At 7:00 pm, homeowners and renters are
invited to share comments and/or concerns.
We ask families to please share your email
with Gabbie at Lifetime Management
(gabbie@lifetimehoamanagement.com).
This enables the BOD and Lifetime to
send you essential information and dates
between newsletters.

★ ☆ ★ Memorial Day Pool Picnic ★ ☆ ★

The family day picnic was a great success! There were about 150 residents in attendance, throughout the day. This was a wonderful way to start bringing our neighbors together. A big **THANK YOU** to the volunteers. Your help and donations made the day fun for our families, especially the children!

Special Notice

Corner Store Eye Sore

The Jedco/Chevron store has been leased to a new tenant, as of June 15th. The new tenant has reassured the board that the perimeter will be cleaned up while the interior is being demolished.



Vandalism – GRAFFITI

Graffiti on the ball courts, the community center, and mailboxes continue to be a problem. Mailboxes are ripped open causing residents to have to pick up their mail at the post offices. This community is in line to have the new "graffiti proof" mailboxes, yet it may take up to a year or more, according to the postal service.



TRASH / RECYCLE Containers Remain an Issue

More homeowners are placing *ugly* receptacles behind privacy fences, screens or in the garage. Your neighbors appreciate it and realtors selling homes in the neighborhood appreciate it. Thank you, neighbors!



Code Compliance

Many of our residents were ticketed recently for various code violations involving junked vehicles, parking across the sidewalk and on lawns, overgrown grass and weeds, etc.



Please remember that the perimeter around your fence is your responsibility. That includes behind the fence against a street. City fines can be costly.

Announcements

Northwest Neighborhood Alliance

The Northwest Neighborhood Alliance meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Braun Station West clubhouse on Tezel Road. The not-for-profit organization represents property owners' associations, community improvement associations, smaller groups and individuals living within its boundaries before elected officials on issues of concern within our area. Everyone is invited to participate. Membership is not required. Contact Pam Meissner at [REDACTED] for more details.

Pool Rules

The pool monitors have the authority, under the HOA pool guidelines, to ask families to leave. Problems that would cause this are warnings for offense language, back flips off the pool side, dangerous horse play, bringing in glass containers or alcohol, unattended children, or no ID. Please remember that children cannot come into the pool area without an adult 18 years or older. Adults are responsible for their children's behavior. We want our families to have fun this season, safely.



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Board Reminders

Board meetings are informational. We cannot/ will not discuss any residence's circumstances.

Here is a list of routine questions that may help in determining where a resident can go to find answers:



1. Neighbor is being vocally abusive, offensive language especially to children, coming onto private property to harass another neighbor: SAFFE Officer Shawn King at 210-207-7169.
2. Neighbors' house outside and lawn are filled with junk, cars that are not running or on blocks in the street, high grass and weeds in front of the property or along the back side of the fence facing a street-311.
3. Lifetime Management should be called at 210-504-8484 if the neighbor is keeping a trailer or junk vehicles in the driveway.

The management company does periodic drives through the neighborhood and will also identify these problem areas.



The new board would like to take time to thank past president **Dominick Dina** and past secretary **Hans Anderson**. Their multiple years of experience kept our neighborhood running smoothly and efficiently. The BOD is a serious entity and these gentlemen worked hard behind the scenes to keep the budget balanced, maintenance working, establishing our Facebook page and GPOA.org, and keeping council Districts 6 and 7 busy. Again, thank you for all you have done for the good of the neighborhood.

Water for Birds and other Wildlife

By Sharon Reynolds, Neighborhood News Staff Writer

As the weather turns from warm to hot, it's important to remember that wildlife around us need water to survive. By adding a bird bath to your backyard, you can, eh um, 'kill two birds with one stone'. Birdbaths assist with providing



water to local wildlife and can be a great design feature too. If you have ever had the pleasure of watching a bird flutter around in a birdbath, then you know it's a joy to observe.

Adding any type of water feature to your backyard not only increases the value of your home, but also increases wildlife's chance for survival. Moving water features attract wildlife because the motion catches their eye, and they can hear the splashing of the water. Water features that move water also stay cleaner longer, meaning less time spent cleaning and changing the water and more time spent enjoying your new backyard paradise.

Birds, especially, need water for drinking and preening. On a hot day, water keeps their little body's cool from the inside out. As birds flutter around in the birdbath or water feature, they are removing parasites, dust, and other debris from their feathers. Adding medium-size rocks to the center of the bird bath allows baby birds to use it too.

Other wildlife such as deer, raccoons, squirrels, etc. also benefit from a birdbath or water feature in your backyard. These local animals will greatly appreciate a cool drink of water on a hot summer day. WaterforWildlife.org are working on projects across the United States to assist with this endeavor. If you would like to view current and completed projects in Texas, please visit: <http://www.waterforwildlife.org/>

Resources:

- <https://www.therockpile.com/2011/03/10/the-importance-of-birdbaths/>
- <https://www.gardenstylesanantonio.com/garden-resources1/water-for-wildlife/>

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