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HOA Newsletter Update

Introducing our newest HOA Board Member: Bruce Benke

I have been married to my wife Teresa for 32 years and we have lived in Cedar Springs since 1994. I graduated from Texas A & M University and attended graduate school at the University of Maryland. I retired in 2019 after 31 years with the Board of Pardons & Paroles so I have free time to donate to the neighborhood. If you have seen my yard you know that I spend much of my free time transplanting, propagating, and caring for the trees and plants I have grown during the past 30 years. Otherwise, you can find me riding my bike along the San Antonio Greenway trails or volunteering with the SA Parks and Recreation Department to ensure the parks are maintained. I also spend a great deal of time acting as an Uber for my Special Needs adult child to ensure she remains active in the community.

I accepted an offer to join the Board to fill one of two vacant positions to ensure the Board continues to function properly. I have not previously served on the Board but felt it was important that someone step forward during this tumultuous time. The recent upheaval surrounding the neighborhood's assessments and finances have left us fractured and with no long term direction. I would describe myself as frugal and fiscally responsible in my personal life and plan to continue this tradition in my neighborhood dealings. I have volunteered my time in the past to reduce the costs associated with maintaining the neighborhood by completing certain smaller tasks myself and will continue to do so in the future. I look forward to hearing from, and working with, other neighbors about how we should move forward as an HOA.



Name	Age	Contact	Services
CHILD CARE			
Mara Carpenter	15	210.840.9359	Baby sitting
Cole Carpenter	17	210.777.6569	Lawn Care
Anna Swadick	17	210.365.1318	Experienced w/ younger siblings.
Eva Pruthi	18	210.865.8989	Licensed Driver, Child CPR certified, works at Kumon, worked w/ special needs children.
Mackenzie Kouba	19	210.997.3647 kenziekouba@gmail.com	CPR & AED certified through YMCA. NISD certified Learning Tree teacher Church children's group staff member
Morgan Hennesey	18	210-454-4849	Child care.
PET SITTING / HOUSE SITTING			
Andrew Phovich	19	210-385-3063	Please call for references.
Anna Swadick	17	210.365.1318	Lic. Driver, Experienced, Interested in pet sitting.
Marta Carpenter	15	210.840.9359	Pet sitting
Mackenzie Kouba	19	210.997.3647 kenziekouba@gmail.com	Pet and house sitting
LAWN CARE			
Dalton Blake		210.850.9208	Lawn care.

If you have a teen that has a talent of service and wants to be included in this section, please email **Cheryl Ramirez**, cheryl.helotes@gmail.com. Also, if a teen wants to be removed, please contact as well.

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Board of Director's Meeting

When: June 19, 2024
When: July 17, 2024
Zoom Meeting
Time: 6:30pm

Board Meetings are every 3rd Wednesday
- An Email will be sent with login information
(be sure your email is updated with DAMC)

ATTENTION HOMEOWNERS

Neighborhood Notaries

Lorena Petersen
Phone number is 210-383-5226
email: indij74@gmail.com

Cheryl Ramirez
Phone number: 210-247-7772
email: Cheryl.helotes@gmail.com
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Frontier Waste Bulk/Brush Pickup

Have out on curb no later than 7am the morning of the pickup.

June 10
August 12
October 14
December 9

Fun Facts

Content by Anne Chemell, Contributing Writer (May 22, 2024)

LANGUAGE LOVERS:

1. There is no word in the English language that rhymes with ORANGE.
2. All 5 vowels are found in the word SEQUOIA.
3. Approx. 300 B.C., the Roman Censor Appius Claudius Caecus removed the letter “Z” from the Roman alphabet, saying it was archaic. 200 years later, “Z” was introduced into the Latin alphabet, later into English. Today, “Z” remains the least used letter. (The Zebra don’t mind.)

CREATURE FEATURES:

1. There are 57 avian species that don’t fly. Just a few are Turkeys, Ostrich, Penguins, Emus, Kakapos, Kiwis, and Grebes.
2. A cat’s nose print is unique, just like a human fingerprint. (Boop!!!)
3. Squirrels cannot see the color red.

THE COFFEE BEAN SCENE:

1. Coffee “beans” are not actually beans at all. They are the seeds of coffee cherries, which grow on the coffee plant.
2. A coffee plant produces only about 1 pound of cherries/beans per year.
3. The smell of coffee is America’s 2nd most recognizable odor - coming in just after the smell of burning wood.

THE GOOD, THE BAD, AND THE UGLY OF INSECTS:

1. Honeybees use the Sun as their compass for navigation.
2. Dragonflies love, love, love to eat mosquitoes. Please don’t kill our Dragonflies!
3. According to the W.H.O., 725,000 people die world-wide, every year from mosquito-borne diseases such as Malaria, Dengue Fever, Yellow Fever, Zika, and Encephalitis. (This makes mosquitoes more deadly than Lions, Tigers, and Bears. Oh my!)



The City of Helotes has partnered with SeeClickFix to offer residents a fast and easy way to report non-emergency issues. It’s called SeeClickFix Helotes. Common issues that may be reported using SeeClickFix Helotes include potholes, stray animals, maintenance requests, and more! Review the categories shown in the web form at the following link for a complete list of issues that may be reported using this tool.

[Helotes-tx.gov/departments/public-works/seeclickfix/Mobile App](https://helotes-tx.gov/departments/public-works/seeclickfix/MobileApp)

With the SeeClickFix mobile app, you can report non-emergency issues to the City of Helotes on-the-go, directly from your smartphone. It’s free to download on your iOS or Android device.

After submitting a report using the online web form or the app, your report will be forwarded to the appropriate City department for resolution. You may check the status of your report on the website or you have the option to receive email alerts.

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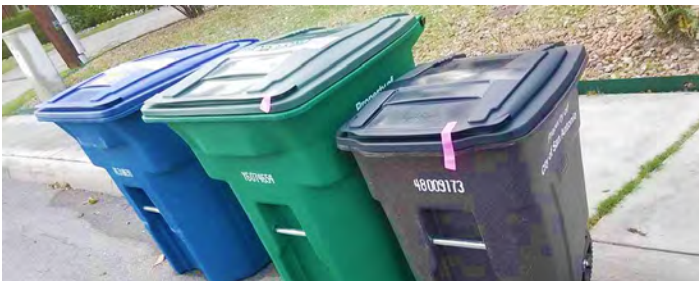
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for a weekly dive into community matters

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SCAN ME



Your neighbors enjoy seeing your flowers and trees, and your well maintained lawns. Not your trash cans. Please store your trash and recycling bins out of sight.

*Help keep our neighborhood beautiful,
one house at a time.*



HOA Volunteers Needed!

- Have better ideas of fixing our neighborhood funding problem?
- Tired of this neighborhood looking worn and tired?
- Want to have more family opportunities for social activities and a neighborhood connection?

Please get involved and volunteer today, we need help with the SOCIAL ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE AND BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE



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1. Enter your portal login and password.
2. If it's your first-time logging in, please use your code you received in the mail.
3. If you are unablE to locate, please contact Diamond Management, 210-561-0606, to retrieve it.
4. Once logged in you can vote, pay annual dues and view HOA documents pertaining to our neighborhood.

A Farewell

Message from Neighborhood News

Neighborhood News would like to express our gratitude in serving the residents of Cedar Springs for the past years. We are honored to have had an essential role in relaying vital information to your community. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this effort.

We truly appreciate your referrals and wish your community the very best.

Sincerely,
The Staff at Neighborhood News



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