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## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

### Mesas & Ridge Neighbors:

It is hard to believe summer is over and the school season has started. The months are going by so fast! Please remember to drive slow and cautious as kids are gathering at the bus stops throughout our community.

It's crazy to think that the launch of Facebook was 20 years ago and since then, how many other social media platforms have popped up. Social media today is a news source, a place to share information and connect with people. It allows real-time news information to be received quickly and efficiently. Did you know our neighborhood has a Facebook page? You can find it by searching Facebook for, "The Mesas & The Ridge at Canyon Springs". This page is open to all Mesas and Ridge residents. It is a place to connect with neighbors, view neighborhood information and learn about upcoming social committee events! You will need to answer a few questions (to verify you are a resident of the community) before being admitted into the private group page. A big thank you to our neighbors who are administering this page.

Our next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for September 11th at 6pm. Meetings are open to all homeowners, and we encourage participation.

Looking ahead, our Fall Community Garage Sale will be on Saturday, October 19 from 8am-2pm. The community wide garage sale is open to all residents. A permit is not required as we are out of city limits.

As always, stay safe and be well.

-Mesas & Ridge Board Members

### UPCOMING EVENT:

**National Night Out** – October 1 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. (Looking for a volunteer from the Mesas side to coordinate events in the Mesas neighborhood)

More on Page 4.

## 2024 HOMEOWNERS BOARD MEETINGS:

The Board of Directors meet on a quarterly basis to conduct business of the association. Meetings are open to all homeowners and encouraged to participate. Mark your calendar!

- 4th Quarter: September 11th

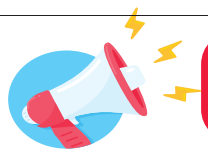


## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:

### Board Updates:

In case you missed our very active 'Special Board Meeting' held on 7/31/2024, you might want to catch up on current events. The new board has been very active in the last couple of months. Following is an overview of the public forum discussed and voted on that evening.

- Turning off Mesas entrance fountain and cancellation of the maintenance contract with no plan of resuming operations in the future: Passed (3 Yes vs. 2 No)
- Removal of towing policy: Passed (3 Yes vs. 2 No)
- Cancellation of the New Era towing contract: Passed (3 Yes vs. 2 No)
- Implementation of a Fine & Enforcement Policy without the details of the policy or how it will be enforced were shared in the meeting: Passed (3 Yes vs. 2 No)
- Increasing Xeriscaping front yard percentage against HOA contract attorney advice and without ACC support: Passed (3 Yes vs. 2 No)
- Adding tennis court night lighting. Basketball court additional night lighting left unaddressed. Undetermined cost and type: Passed (3 Yes vs. 2 No)



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Tennis Court Reservation System:** – The tennis/pickleball courts now have a reservation system. The QR code and site are posted on the courts or at <https://mesasandridges.qsrv.com/>. If you are



on the courts and someone has a reservation, please allow them to use the court and use the reservation system to reserve the next available spot. Be advised homeowners may have a private lesson at the tennis or basketball court with a personal trainer; however, residents cannot teach classes there for payment.

## SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

If you notice someone in your area that may look suspicious, or you witness something out of the ordinary,

First call your appropriate law enforcement agency to get the word out of your observations or concerns.



Additional information which did not make it into the meeting is the termination letter delivered from our current management company (CIA) to the new board effective 8/31/2024. The new board has since secured a contract with a new management company

The attendance at this "special board meeting" had the highest attendance noted in years with many residents vocalizing concerns with the proposed and ratified decisions.

Regardless, if you are in agreement or disagreement with the above decisions, we need your participation at future board meetings to ensure your voice is heard, as well as upcoming elections to ensure your interests are properly represented.

## Children at Play

*Please take extra caution as you drive through the neighborhood.*

Observe STOP Signs.

Observe the posted Speed Limit.

Report any suspicious activity or crime to the Sheriff's office at 210-335-6000 or to 911 if you believe it to be an emergency.



## HOW TO PREVENT MOSQUITOES!

Don't forget! Don't let stagnate water last too long in items like: open trash bins, bird baths, clogged rain gutters, low areas, potted plants, saucers, water bowls for pets, buckets and barrels, toys, neglected pools and ponds and tires.

- Put Mosquito Bits (can buy at store) in the stagnant water.
- Plant mosquito repelling plants on your property like citronella, basil, catnip and lavender.



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# Recipe Corner

## Blueberry Banana Cream Cheese Pie

### INGREDIENTS:

- 1-2 yellow bananas
- 1/2 can blueberry pie filling
- 1 pie shell (such as Ritz or Pillsbury frozen pie shell; baked and cooled)
- 1 - 8 oz tub of Cool Whip
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tsp Vanilla extract
- 1 - 8 oz pkg softened Cream Cheese



### DIRECTIONS:

1. Slice bananas and layer in pie shell.
2. Mix with beater the softened cream cheese in a small mixing bowl.
3. Add sugar and vanilla to the cream cheese. Mix until completely blended.
4. Gently add the Cool Whip to the mixture.
5. Pour the mixture into the cooled, cooked pie shell on top of the layered bananas.
6. Add 1/2 can of blueberry pie filling to the center top of the pie. Chill and eat!

## Green Chile Chicken Enchilada Soup

This soup is so easy and delicious. You can also make this soup in the crockpot.

### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 cups Cooked Chicken, diced into 1/2" chunks
- 2 cans White Beans, rinsed and drained
- 4 oz. cream cheese, softened and cubed
- 1 cup corn, canned or frozen
- 1 - 4-oz can Green Chiles
- 1 - 14 oz can Red or Green Enchilada Sauce
- 1 tsp. onion powder
- 1 tsp. Garlic powder
- 1 tsp. chili powder
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 4 cups Chicken Broth



### OPTIONAL TOPPINGS:

- 2 cups tortilla strips
- 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 large avocado diced
- Chopped fresh cilantro

### DIRECTIONS:

1. To a large pot, add cooked chicken, white beans, corn, green chiles, green enchilada sauce, onion powder, garlic powder, chili powder, salt and chicken broth. Stir.
2. Stir while heating on medium heat. Bring to a simmer for about 10 minutes.
3. Serve. Ladle into bowls and add your favorite toppings. Enjoy!

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## SAN ANTONIO NEIGHBORS TOGETHER

Save the Date! Tuesday,  
October 1, 2024



**Upon completion of 4th of July celebration, we now move on to our next event, National Night Out/San Antonio Neighbors Together. In Texas, National Night Out/Neighbors Together is held the first Tuesday in October.**

Residents are often unaware of the variety of services and events that the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) offers to help educate communities. This event can help the police inform communities of what's going on in their neighborhoods.

We are always looking for residents to host block parties; as hosting a block party for National Night Out offers numerous benefits, fosters community engagement, and enhances neighborhood safety. Here are some key advantages:

**Strengthening Community Bonds:** Block parties provide an excellent opportunity for neighbors to meet, socialize, and build relationships. Knowing your neighbors creates a sense of belonging and fosters a supportive community environment.

**Enhancing Neighborhood Safety:** When neighbors know each other, they are more likely to look out for one another and report suspicious activities. This collective vigilance can deter crime and contribute to a safer neighborhood.

**Promoting Police-Community Partnerships:** SA Neighbors Together encourages positive interactions between community members and local law enforcement. By hosting a block party, residents can engage with police officers in a friendly, non-confrontational setting, which helps build trust and cooperation.

**Raising Crime Prevention Awareness:** Block parties can include informational sessions on crime prevention and safety tips. Educating residents about how to protect their homes and neighborhoods can lead to a more proactive approach to safety.

**Boosting Community Spirit:** Fun activities such as games, cookouts, and entertainment at block parties enhance community spirit and morale. A vibrant, engaged community is more resilient and capable of addressing challenges collectively.

**Facilitating Communication:** Block parties provide a platform for residents to discuss neighborhood issues and concerns. This open communication can lead to collaborative solutions and a stronger, more united community.

**Encouraging Civic Engagement:** Participating in SA Neighbors Together and organizing a block party can inspire residents to become more involved in their community. This increased civic engagement can have long-term positive effects on neighborhood development and governance.

**NOTE: 2024 Events must be registered by Friday, September 6, 2024 to be eligible for full SAPD support. Register online at <https://us.openforms.com/Form/fe8b7463-4aac-40ca-a00a-5d6c4db6e09e> Anyone wishing to hold a block party within their area is welcomed to do so. We encourage those that are interested to contact at 311 or 210-207-SAPD (210-207-7273) for more information.**