

Retreat at Oak Hills

JULY / AUGUST
2024

Published bi-monthly for the Retreat at Oak Hills Neighborhood Association by Neighborhood News, Inc.

The Retreat at Oak Hills Homeowners Association

Newspaper Editor, Writer &
Website Editor:
Mary Jean George

Managed by FirstService Residential
Association Manager: Roam Bullard
210-582-6037
Roam.Bullard@fsresidential.com
3424 Paesanos Parkway, Suite 100
Shavano Park, TX 78231

Board of Directors

President: Mary Jean George
7711 Wexford Grove – 210-336-0120

Vice President: Nick Dudley
850-207-9713

Secretary: Gail Newsome

Treasurer: CJ Dungan
7730 Wexford Ridge – 703-343-5799

Director at Large:
Brian League

Architectural Control Committee

Chairman: Anita Eggert – 210-792-3011

Member: Ann Ettipio

Member: Ken Jarzombek

Newsletter Publisher:

Neighborhood News, Inc.
3740 Colony Dr. Ste. LL100
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 558-3160
www.NeighborhoodNews.com



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors (BOD) for the Retreat at Oak Hills (ROH) held our Quarterly Meeting on June 12, 2024. Our next Meeting will be held on September 10, 2024 at 6:30pm. With the non-stop construction on 1604, trying to meet in person is impossible. For the time being, we will continue to have our quarterly BOD meeting using our computers or smart phones to dial in and access the meeting. The access information will be posted at the top of the Agenda on the bulletin board the week before our meeting. All homeowners and residents are invited to attend any of our meetings. If you would like to speak at the meeting, please contact Roam Bullard (210-582-6037) to be included on the schedule. The agendas for the meetings are posted at least 6 days in advance of the meeting on the bulletin boards by the mailboxes.



BOARD updates

- The BOD has decided not to paint the wheelchair ramps at this time. Parking and blocking these ramps cause real issues for handicapped individuals and strollers carrying babies or small children. Fortunately, our community has two ramps at all intersections, one directly on the corner and one just before the nearest driveway.
- If you haven't taken a stroll down the boardwalks to the creek area, make sure to find time to take that walk! The boardwalks are beautiful and we happily said goodbye to the old ones.
- The weather has not been kind to our Stop signs over the last 23 years. I never gave much thought to the life time of the stop signs until recently. Some are just dirty, some are cracked and some look like they were sand blasted. (see more in the article).
- Assessment statements that are sent out every quarter let you know what amount you need to pay. But why would you receive one if you paid the entire year up front in January?? The BOD is trying to get this stopped because it is a waste of paper and postage for our community. Hopefully this wasteful action

(Continued on page 2)

(Continued from page 1)

- will soon be a thing of our past!
- We have mentioned the parking issues we experience on Wexford Place numerous times in the past. Some residents have changed their parking habits by parking 2 cars in their driveways...even 1 story houses have enough room to park 2 cars. On this past Saturday we had 32 cars parked on Wexford Place, one of the worst days I can remember in recent history.
 - If you received a violation letter informing you that you need to paint and/or clean the outside of your house, the Board has decided that the time frame to get your painting completed will be December 1st. We fully recognize this can be expensive and difficult to accomplish. Please contact Roam Bullard (210-582-6037), FSR Community manager, to inform him of when you anticipate completing this request.



LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS RIGHT HERE AT HOME

The BOD is preparing to take on a task that we all will benefit from in our community and we need your help! Our stop signs are showing their ages and we have assessed their needs. They've seen better days in the last 23 years and some need replacing, some are cracking and others just need some TLC with a scrub brush & cleaner. While the date has not been set, we anticipate it will be an early Saturday morning event taking place later in July. We invite all volunteers to call either Mary Jean George (210-336-0120) or CJ Dungan (703-343-5799) to sign up as soon as possible and leave us a message with your name & phone number.. When the date is finalized we will post a notice on the bulletin board & call each volunteer. DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS FUN EVENT (Ice water, donuts, music and more).



**Have a small business?
Let your neighbors know!**

Place your ad here, in YOUR neighborhood newsletter!

*Realtors*Help Wanted* Congratulations* Home & Lawn Services*

Sixteenth of a page ..(1.75 x 2.5).....	17.50
Eighth of a page ...(3.5 x 2.5).....	23.25
Quarter Page(3.5 x 5).....	37.65
Half Page(7 x 5).....	58.50
Full Page(7 x 10.5).....	78.95

- We can design your ad, no extra charge.
- Discount for long term contract. **RESIDENT ONLY RATES**

Contact sales@NeighborhoodNews.com or call (210) 558-3160

Enhance Your Green Bin Use for a Greener Community

by Brent League

Did you know that those green organic bins that we all have can be used for more than just leaves and grass clippings? You can do your part to help the environment by collecting food scraps and waste in the bin. Pizza boxes with grease or cheese stuck to them are not recyclable, but you can place them in your organics bin, where they will be turned into compost for use in city gardens and parks. Did you know that shredded paper is not recyclable either? However, it can also be put into your organics bin. In fact, the shredded paper makes a good liner in the bottom of the bin to help keep it clean. Eggshells, used paper towels, coffee grounds, and filters can also be composted.

The city of San Antonio Solid Waste Management Department lists the following items that can be disposed of in the green bins:

Food Soiled Paper:

- Paper cups and plates
- Paper takeout boxes
- Cups (no plastic lids) and wrappers
- Pizza boxes
- Napkins
- Paper towels
- Coffee filters and tea bags

Food Waste:

- Peels and cores
- Rinds, husks
- Table scraps
- Nuts and grains
- Bread, cereal, and pasta
- Eggshells
- Coffee grounds and tea bags

Yard Trimmings:

- Small branches (smaller than 3 feet)
- Plants and leaves
- Yard clippings and grass

Other Materials:

- Shredded paper
- Popsicle sticks
- Wooden chopsticks
- Toothpicks
- Coffee filters

Put all these materials in the green cart loose or in these types of approved bags:

- Kraft bags
- Leaf bags
- Plain brown paper bags (but never plastic bags!)

For more information on the green organics bin, visit <https://www.sa.gov/Directory/Departments/SWMD/Recycling-Organics/Organics>

Let all work together to make our community greener and cleaner!

HEADS UP... this means YOU! PLEASE READ!

PAY ATTENTION to parking on the street or better yet, park in your driveways

PUT YOUR BINS AWAY Trash cans and Recycle Bins must be put up, out of sight, by the morning after the pickup day. Please quit hiding them in your bushes out front or behind the pillar on your front porch. These receptacles should not be seen from the street at any other time.



SLOW DOWN, Kids play in our neighborhood and cannot move fast enough to get out of the way of a speeding car. If I yell at you, I am telling you to slow down, I'm not saying howdy! **Speed Limits throughout the neighborhood are 20 miles per hour.**



DOG OWNERS! Stop leaving your dog poop in people's yards or common areas. If your dogs poop outside of your own yard, pick it up and take it home to dispose of it.



THE 2024 TEXAS TAX-FREE WEEKEND

Friday, August 9 through Sunday, August 11. During this period, you can save on sales taxes when purchasing most clothing, footwear, school supplies, and backpacks (priced under \$100). Whether you shop in-store or online, these qualifying items are eligible for the tax exemption. Remember that the exemption applies only to purchases made during the tax-free weekend, so plan accordingly!



Qualifying Items

- List of Clothing, Footwear and Other Items
- List of School Supplies
- Clothing and Footwear
- Face Masks
- Backpacks
- School Supplies

Go Green

LET'S DO OUR PART IN HELPING THE ENVIRONMENT!

DID YOU KNOW... YOU CAN "OPT IN" TO HAVE THIS NEWSLETTER DELIVERED ELECTRONICALLY

- 1) Visit www.NeighborhoodNews.com
- 2) Click on: "Let's do our part" and follow the instructions.

Neighborhood News is pleased to be offering this free service!
Questions: Feel free to contact us at (210) 558-3160 or info@neighborhoodnews.com

WHAT WILL CHANGE? NOTHING! You will begin receiving your newsletter by email on the next publication. We'll be sure to remove your address from the mailing list while you enjoy your digital copy.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME PREVENTION

DON'T LET YOUR GUARD DOWN!!

KEEP YOUR OUTSIDE LIGHTS ON & PLEASE FOLLOW THESE SUGGESTIONS:

- DO NOT LEAVE PRESENTS OR VALUABLES IN YOUR VEHICLES OUTSIDE! KIDS IN NEIGHBORING APARTMENTS ARE OUT LOOKING FOR TROUBLE!!
- LOCK your cars & place all valuables out of sight
- Keep outside lights ON every night to prevent darkness
- Trim tall bushes & trees that provide cover for burglars
- PLEASE consider having Motion-Activated lights installed above your garage door
- When observing suspicious activity or people cruising the Community, who look as if they don't belong, take a picture of the person/car ONLY IF IT IS SAFE TO DO SO TO CAPTURE THE LICENSE PLATE
- Report issues directly to the Police by calling 911 if the issue is taking place at that moment and to the non-emergency number (210-207-7273) if the issue occurred earlier
- Inform a BOD of the police report number and what occurred after reporting to the Police
- PICK UP YOUR MAIL EVERY SINGLE DAY TO KEEP YOUR BUSINESS PRIVATE & SAFE.

Please consider joining the Nextdoor app on your phone which we use to alert the community of something taking place AND join the e-mail list so we can inform you of issues taking place in Retreat at Oak Hills maryjeanrohnews@gmail.com



KNOW THE NEW WATERING HOURS

CHECK THE TIME 5-10 AM

9 PM-MIDNIGHT

STAGE 3 WATER ONCE A WEEK

KNOW YOUR DAY

M	T	W	T	F
0	2	4	6	8
1	3	5	7	9

LAST DIGIT OF ADDRESS

License TECL #30576
Insured & Bonded

ALAMO HANDYMAN

No Job Is Too Small. We Do It All!

Residential | Commercial

(210) 684-8500

2008 to 2020 www.alamohandyman.com

Retreat at Oak Hills
c/o FirstService Residential
3424 Paesanos Parkway
Shavano Park, TX 78231

PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
SAN ANTONIO, TX
PERMIT NO. 1568

Time Dated



Join

In The Neighborhood

for a weekly dive into
community matters

Scan the QR code below to sign
up for insightful discussions
and local highlights, landing in
your inbox every Friday!



SCAN ME

**GRAHAM
PLUMBING
SERVICE**



Kirk Graham
210.313.8852

- Leaks • Clogs
- Installation
- Water Heaters
- Repairs

MASTER LICENSE #18441

COMMUNICATIONS CORNER

**ONE MORE PLUG ON COMMUNICATIONS ONGOING
REQUEST FOR E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

Two (2) new homeowners have joined the
e-mail list recently....so **PLEASE CONSIDER**
sending me your e-mail address!



The technology world we live in today gives us
a perfect opportunity to facilitate communications and to
distribute community news faster. Using e-mail would also
allow us to do surveys to get your opinion on upcoming events
or possible changes the Board of Directors are considering. We
feel it is important that you have a say in how our HOA serves
our community. Send me your e-mail and home address to
maryjeanROHnews@gmail.com We take your privacy to heart
and will not sell or share it with anyone other than our Board
and First Services Residential. UPDATE: WE HAVE A TOTAL OF
109 HOMEOWNERS WHO HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE E-MAIL
FILE!!

**JOIN THE NEXTDOOR APP TO GET SPECIAL OR URGENT
MESSAGES PERTAINING TO OUR COMMUNITY!**

BARKING DOGS

If your dog goes outside during the night,
please be considerate of your neighbors
who may be sleeping, and get the dog back
in the house promptly if it starts to bark.



ADVERTISE WITH US!

For information, call (210) 558-3160 or
email Sales@NeighborhoodNews.com

Published and distributed by: **Neighborhood News, Inc.**
3740 Colony Drive Suite LL100, San Antonio, TX 78230 • www.NeighborhoodNews.com

Articles that appear in the Retreat at Oak Hills newsletter do not necessarily reflect the official position of Neighborhood News, Inc. and their publication does not constitute an endorsement therein. The appearance of any advertisement in the Retreat at Oak Hills newsletter does not constitute an endorsement by Neighborhood News, Inc. of the goods or services advertised. Neighborhood News, Inc. is not responsible for errors beyond the cost of the actual ad space. Any publication of Neighborhood News, Inc., whether draft or final is the sole property of Neighborhood News, Inc. and cannot be reproduced or distributed in any way, whether in print or electronically, without the express written consent of Neighborhood News, Inc.