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Entrance Gate problems to report?

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FYI:

When calling Spectrum with questions be sure to use our registered name:

THE HEIGHTS OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Introducing....

our new Website dedicated solely to our community. Created by new HOA Board member Mark Beatty (Heights I). You will find everything you need to know about life in the Heights, including: Pool info, Rules and Regulations, Bylaws, Trash pick up schedules, Contest info, HOA Board info including financials and Important contact information. Mark will be adding a Community Directory where you will be able to opt in if you would like to be listed.

www.ilovetheheights.com



We are asking residents to discontinue parking on curves especially across from other vehicles. Emergency vehicles and School buses have trouble getting through these areas. If we cannot improve this situation we will be forced to Post "No Parking" signs, paint curbs red and start towing vehicles.

Please make sure to park only along the straight-aways. Our local firemen have sited this as a hazard and could potentially stop them from getting to a home fire if not corrected.



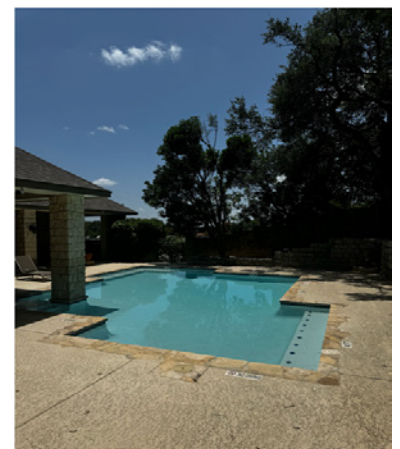
KEEP THE DATE:

Heights HOA Annual Meeting
Tuesday, August 13th @ 6:30 pm via Zoom
Eblast will be sent with link to join this meeting.



Pool Tree Pruning Complete:

Residents have been asking for some time and it is finally complete. The trees have been cut back to allow afternoon sun to shine onto the pool to keep the water from getting too chilly due to shade.



Thanks to Artistic Trees, San Antonio.



We are currently in Stage 3 Water Restrictions

Source: www.saws.org

www.wateringrules.com

NOTE: The Hours you can Water Have

Changed!!!!

LANDSCAPE WATERING

Landscape watering with an irrigation system, sprinkler or soaker hose is allowed only once a week from 5 – 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. – midnight on your designated watering day, as determined by your address.

Stage 3 restrictions begin when the 10-day rolling average of the Edwards Aquifer level drops to 640 feet mean sea level at the monitored well. Coming out of drought stages can be considered 15 days after the aquifer is above the trigger.

- All restrictions from Stage 1 and Stage 2 remain in effect unless added to or replaced by Stage 3 rules.
- Landscape watering with an irrigation system, sprinkler or soaker hose is allowed only once a week from 5 – 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. – midnight on your designated watering day, as determined by your address. Weeks when no watering is allowed will be announced via local media and online.
- Watering with drip irrigation is allowed every Monday and Friday, but only from 5 a.m. – 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. – midnight.
- Watering with a hand-held hose is allowed any time on any day.
- All residential fountains and indoor commercial fountains can operate at any stage of drought. Outdoor commercial fountains must have a SAWS variance in order to operate during drought stages 1 through 4.
- Washing impervious cover such as parking lots, driveways, streets or sidewalks is prohibited. Health and safety exceptions may be requested from SAWS here.
- Residential car washing allowed during drought once per week on Saturday or Sunday as long as there is no water waste.
- The use of SAWS-certified commercial car wash facilities is allowed any day.

Drought Surcharge

For single family accounts, the Stage 3 surcharge of \$10.37 per thousand gallons will take effect for water use above 20,000 gallons a month.

Trash Pickup:

Tuesday: Household trash

Friday: Recycling and organics (yard clippings)



Heat Safety Tips for Our Pets

Taking care of pets in high temperatures requires special attention to ensure their safety and well-being.

Here are some essential tips:

Hydration: Ensure your pet has access to fresh water at all times. On hot days, they may need more water than usual. Carry water with you if you're going for a walk or spending time outdoors.

Shade: Provide ample shade for your pet to rest in if they are outdoors. Direct sunlight can quickly overheat them, leading to heatstroke.

Avoid hot surfaces: Pavement, asphalt, and sand can get very hot in the sun and burn your pet's paw pads. Walk your pet on grass or use protective booties.

Limit exercise: Avoid vigorous exercise during the hottest parts of the day. Instead, walk your pet early in the morning or late in the evening when it's cooler.

Cooling options: Provide ways for your pet to cool down, such as a shallow pool or a damp towel for them to lie on. You can also use pet-specific cooling mats or vests.

Signs of heatstroke: Be aware of the signs of heatstroke, including excessive panting, drooling, rapid heartbeat, lethargy, and vomiting. If you suspect heatstroke, move your pet to a cooler area immediately, offer water, and seek veterinary attention.

By being mindful of these tips and adjusting your routines accordingly, you can help keep your pet safe and comfortable during hot weather.

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School Bus Safety Tips

As students go back to school please be aware of school bus rules, respect the speed limits posted as children will be learning about their bus stops, crossing the roads, and walking to and from school. Please take extra caution.

Traffic laws of stopping for school buses cited on www.dps.texas.gov

According to Texas statute, a driver – traveling in either direction on a roadway – must stop when approaching a school bus that is stopped and operating a visual signal. The driver may not proceed until one of the following occurs: the school bus resumes motion; the operator is signaled by the bus driver to proceed; or the visual signal is no longer activated.

If a road is divided only by a left-turning lane, drivers on both sides of the roadway must stop for school buses with alternating red flashing lights activated. However, if the lanes are separated by an intervening space or physical barrier, only motorists traveling in the same direction as the bus are required to stop.



The Case for Growing Native

By: Jared Wright, SAWS Conservationist



The benefits of going native with your landscape are plentiful. Among them: minimal maintenance, less watering and little-to-no use of fertilizers and pesticides, to name a few.

In addition to these obvious advantages, a landscape with native plants and trees has hidden benefits to the environment and atmosphere.

Plants utilize photosynthesis to store carbon that would otherwise end up in the atmosphere as harmful carbon dioxide. A majority of that stored carbon ends up underground in the root systems and soil — instead of wafting about the environment.

Native plants also create positive effects for the nitrogen cycle. Nitrous dioxide is hundreds of times more dangerous to the atmosphere than carbon dioxide. All too often, nitrogen fertilizer is applied to lawns at far greater rates than necessary. Native plants, on the other hand, require less fertilizer, if any, reducing runoff and the potential for nitrous dioxide to enter the atmosphere.

Although conventional lawns can store carbon, they do so inefficiently since they require frequent watering and mowing. That adds carbon dioxide to the atmosphere. Also, frequent mowing keeps their root systems shallow.

Don't have a native landscape? It is possible to increase the carbon storage of a typical yard with some simple steps.

- Encourage deeper roots by watering less.
- Mow less frequently to reduce emissions.
- Leave the lawn clippings on the lawn to reduce the amount of carbon lost.

Simply watering less reduces the carbon footprint cost of maintaining a lawn, along with the emissions from mowing the yard. By utilizing less water, root systems will develop deeper creating greater underground carbon storage.

Source: www.gardenstylesanantonio.com

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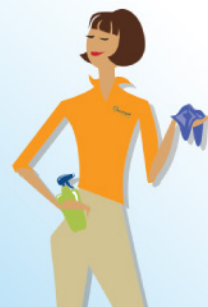
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