

Huntington Place Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By Marilyn Choate

Hello neighbors! Over the past several months, many residents have turned the stay at home orders into a positive experience. Homeowners have cleaned up their lawns, homes and garages. Houses have been painted, flowers planted, fences replaced and landscaping refreshed.

The ACC has been busy approving projects such as storage sheds, new windows, patios, pergolas and xeriscaping! It is wonderful to live in a neighborhood that has so many homeowners that take pride in their property!

Your Board of Directors (Jerry Buecher, Marilyn Choate, Robin Joyner) and our ACC members (Idan Mazuz, Carlos Gonzales, Mike Hardin, and

Sharon Sutton) want to thank residents for sprucing up their property and respecting the rules that govern our neighborhood.

Your pride in your home is just one reason that Huntington Place continues to be a well-kept, desirable and safe place to call home.

Lawn Signs

A reminder that signs that are in celebration of an event should now be taken down. We recommend a 4 week maximum for signs that are in celebration. The Association covenants do not allow for signs, but we are lenient on the short term, due to current events.

Installing Gates?

Sometimes people ask about installing gates at the entrances in order to

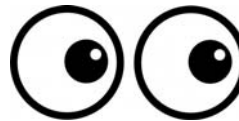


improve security. Basically, once gates are installed at entrances, all road maintenance, power for streetlights, and trash collection become the responsibility of the homeowners and the homeowner association. The streets become private and the city is not responsible for the upkeep of private locations. The cost would be huge for every homeowner.

CITIZENS ON PATROL

By Brian Howell - jbrianhowellhp@gmail.com.

Crime prevention is a hot topic in neighborhoods and it should be. Crimes are damaging and can reduce the morale of neighbors as well as lower property values. Huntington Place residents have done a very good job of reducing crimes in the past. We must continue



to work together to keep this a safe place for families. Consider joining our voluntary Citizens On Patrol (COP) group in Huntington Place; we

need more eyes and ears. It is free, painless, and it is a great way to better your neighborhood and meet your neighbors. For more information, please send a private message to Brian Howell on Nextdoor.com or email me at the address above.

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Keep Informed!

- Facebook: *Huntington Place HOA*
- Nextdoor.com—notes from our neighbors and neighbors in surrounding areas
- News E-blasts—make sure your profile is updated on the Resident Portal—set up through the huntingtonplacehoa.com website

HOW TO ORGANIZE KITCHEN CABINETS

By Elizabeth Larkin— TheSpruce.com—4/4/20

Editor's Note: I recently organized my kitchen cabinets. Because we have a large pantry, I consider the kitchen cabinets as 'prime real estate' and I only keep our most used items here. I moved out all the items we rarely use. This article contains some good suggestions.

Step 1: Declutter Your Kitchen Cabinets

Decluttering your kitchen cabinets is the absolute must-do first step to organizing your cabinets. Do this before you buy storage solutions or begin to rearrange items. Create three piles: trash, donate/sell, relocate. Go through each cabinet and sort the items. Put the items that stay in the cabinet on the counter.

Step 2: Sort and Arrange Items Back into Your Cabinets

Once you've gone through the kitchen cabinet decluttering process, it is time to

organize the contents of your kitchen cabinets. Organize your kitchen cabinets in a way that makes sense to you and your family. Do not get caught up in appearances. Make everything you use regularly as accessible as possible. Follow these guidelines:



- Place items where you use them
- Separate food from all other items
- Categorize your items by type
- Give frequently used items priority
- Be neat – line up boxes, bowls stacked by size
- Use your pantry for lesser used appliances or food items

Step 3: Storing Items in Kitchen Cabinets

The trick is to install only as many kitchen cabinet organizers as you need and no more. Group similar items together and then organize the groups into zones. When you are putting things away into their zones, keep function in mind over form. For example, if you use a certain cutting board more than another one, even if it is not as pretty, move it to the front. Your kitchen cabinets should be usable, not photogenic.

Step 4: Maintain Kitchen Cabinet Organization

Plan to go through your cabinets and do a complete overhaul once a year. Post it as an event on your calendar.”

or refer to the maintenance checklist in this newsletter for a reminder :)

LAWN MAINTENANCE

By Raul and Lauren Melendez, Curb Appeal Team

The Texas summer heat is upon us! We all need to be careful when we work outdoors. Make sure you are well hydrated before you work outside for an extended period.

Choose your yard work hours wisely. It is best to start in the cooler mornings. If that is not an option, wait until after 7:30 pm as the day begins to cool down.

We all have a goal to keep our lawns

healthy and green. There are three things that lawns need: food, water, and care. Fertilize your lawn regularly with the proper food for the season. Water deeply in the summer time and

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stay in compliance with current city ordinances.

Mow your grass to promote root health. If you leave the grass clippings in your grass, avoid patches of grass clippings which can cause thatch.

Make sure to control weeds. Any herbicide you use needs to be safe for your lawn. If you have a seed grass lawn, try to add seed in bare spots and water well. If possible, try to seed before predicted rain.



SUMMER WEIGHT GAIN

By Kelly Plowe, MS, RDN from Livestrong.com

“We might be less conscious of the pounds we put on over the summer. The good news is, there are some simple tweaks to avoid them, without taking out all the fun.

Lack of Sleep

Sleep and your weight are connected in many ways. Losing shut-eye can throw your hormones off track and cause your body to hold onto its fat stores. Plus, when you're tired, it's harder to manage

your food cravings. In the summer, people stay up later. They drink more alcohol. The upstairs may not cool as quickly when you go to bed.

To combat these items, avoid drinking alcohol a couple hours before you go to bed. Set the thermostat to a cooler temperature during sleep hours. Try to get to bed earlier on weekdays.

Summer Treats

The foods of summer are so much of what make summer so enjoyable. Getaways, beach days and weekend barbecues can make it hard not to take in too many extra calories from these temptations.

Don't skip out on these foods entirely, but keep your portions in check. Try to balance indulgent options with other in-season foods like green salads, fresh corn on the cob, watermelon, peaches and strawberries.”

NEIGHBORHOOD ISSUES FROM NEXTDOOR.COM

Vulcan Quarry

Editor's Note: The following excerpt appeared on the Shavano Park website. The link is no longer active but I was able to obtain the text from the cached site.

“Vulcan has monitors in properties from the Shavano Heights, Shavano Forest, and Shavano Ridge subdivisions. The San Antonio Fire Department is responsible to regulate the Vulcan Quarry and the blasts are below the allowable thresholds. Recently, the City received a complaint of “another huge blast” felt in the Shavano Creek subdivision from the Vulcan Quarry.

Staff contacted the Seismic monitoring company and Vulcan Quarry and received the measurements from that blast. The readings were substantially below the allowable levels.

With the cloud cover being so low on that day, the overpressure was no doubt higher than it routinely is and was the effect that was felt. Discussions with Vulcan Quarry indicate that they are about three years from completing all blasting in that quarry.”

Animal Visits

There has been a lot of discussion of animals that visit our yards at night. Some homeowners have tried to use their own remedies to alleviate the problem. This information concerning the use of mothballs came from the National Pesticide Information Center.

“Mothball fumes can stick to fabrics or clothing following storage, requiring

items to be aired out and washed to remove the odor. Mothballs are not intended to be used outdoors as the ingredients can contaminate plants or soil, harm wildlife, contaminate water supplies and contribute to air pollution.

Mothballs are not snake repellents.

Mothballs (paradichlorobenzene and/or naphthalene) should not be used for animal abatement. Both of these chemicals are fumigants and must be present in high concentration to be effective, and this is the problem. Concentrations high enough to be effective for pest control can be dangerous for anyone exposed to them.”

Graffiti

This checklist for dealing with graffiti comes from City Code 21, Article X

1. Property owners who have been victimized by graffiti vandalism should record damages for insurance purposes.
2. Take photos of the vandalized area and document when the crime occurred; the Police may request this information when you report it.
3. Call the police non-emergency number to report graffiti vandalism, (210) 207-7273.
4. Remove graffiti within 24-48 hours. This is key to graffiti prevention.
5. Request graffiti removal on public property by calling 311 or download the free *SanAntonio311* Mobile App on your iPhone or Android.

Follow the 3Rs (Record, Report & Remove) to help eliminate graffiti vandalism in your community. Contact the Graffiti Hotline at (210) 207-2833 for assistance with removal or supplies, or if you would like to volunteer.”



Dog Issues

The following appear in San Antonio ordinances, Section 5-19 and Section 5-150 respectively.

“An animal owner or keeper shall not walk an animal without a leash restraint, and shall not guide or take animals onto the yards or driveways of property not owned, leased or occupied by the animal owner for the purpose of allowing the animal to defecate, but shall keep the animal in the public right-of-way, and shall carry a container and implement for the sanitary removal of the animal's fecal matter from the public sidewalk and public right-of-way adjacent to any property with a structure or other improvements thereon.”

“The owner or keeper of any animal in the city is responsible for the behavior and conduct of that animal at all times including the creation of a public nuisance. Violations of the following acts or omissions are public nuisances: (1) The owner or keeper shall keep the animal (except cats) restrained at all times and insure that the animal (except cats) does not roam or run unrestrained.”

HUNTINGTON PLACE—A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE

Location

There are 25 restaurants within 1 mile. All the schools are within 2 miles. Also within 2 miles are HEB, Walmart, and Home Depot.

The Shops at La Cantera are only 4.8 miles away. Six Flags Fiesta Texas is 4.1 miles away. The airport is about a 15 minute drive (when traffic is light).

Access

There are only 3 lights between us and IH-10 via DeZavala. There are only 3 lights to get to Loop 1604 via Vance Jackson. Huebner Rd. offers another access route to IH-10. Wurzbach Highway is convenient also.

Minimal Traffic

None of the neighborhoods have thru streets so nonresidents do not use our streets for shortcuts.

Strong Neighborhood Association

The builder Ray Ellison became Rayco (the company name that built our homes) and ultimately was purchased by Kaufman & Broad. One of their important items for every neighborhood concerned strong homeowner covenants and a neighborhood association. Absent these, many neighborhoods fall into disrepair and property values drop. Strong associations keep property values higher and neighborhoods more inviting.



HUNTINGTON PLACE

Our neighborhood consists of 582 households. The homeowner's association was created to provide exclusive benefits to the owners within our community. The elected Board of Directors oversees the neighborhood budget and coordinates landscaping, architectural control, and compliance with the covenants of the Association. Our Management Company is Diamond Association Management and Consulting (DAMC).

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Other Important Numbers

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Locke Hill Elementary - (210) 397-1600
Hobby Middle School - (210) 397-6300
Rawlinson Middle School - (210) 397-4900
Clark High School - (210) 397-5150

SA Police Department: (210) 207-7273
SA Crime Stoppers: (210) 224-7867
SA Fire Department: (210) 207-8400
Poison Control Center: (800) 222-1222

City of SA Hotline: 311
Emergency: 911

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HOME MAINTENANCE CHECKLIST

By Bill Telford—huntingtonplacenewsletter@gmail.com

Every newsletter will include a list of things you should do for regular maintenance for your home. After you have read the newsletter, pin this page up in your garage to serve as a reminder.

If you have a home maintenance tip, send it in an email to me for possible inclusion in future newsletters. You can also send me story ideas.



Summer Maintenance Tips

Monthly

- Maintain the overflow drain in your AC unit
Inspect/change AC filter
Clean kitchen sink disposal
Inspect your fire extinguisher

June

- Drain off sediment from hot water tank
Test smoke/carbon dioxide detectors
Test garage door auto-reverse feature

July

- Wash the exterior of the house
Look for signs of destructive insects
Check grout in bathrooms and kitchen; repair

- Inspect plumbing for leaks; clean aerators
Address insect problems

August

- Clean carpets and wax tile and hardwood floors
Clean and repair deck
Clean debris from windows
Clean dryer vent
Clean garage
Organize your kitchen cabinets :)

Source: Home Repair Resource Center