

# Park at Quail Creek

Home Owners Association, Inc.

Winter 2013

## AN OPEN LETTER TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE PARK AT QUAIL CREEK

I wish to thank Holly Skeen for all of the effort she has put forth to make The Park a safe neighborhood. However, some of her memos in the newsletter have “fallen on deaf ears”. She has emphasized the speed limit in The Park several times in the past. This is the reason for this letter.

The speed limit once you enter the gates is 10 mile per hour or as painted on the streets 10 MPH or on the signs 10 MPH. Many people disregard this. I’m talking about those folks who blatantly ignore it, those who think the side streets are actually real streets; those who pass residents who are driving the speed limit! This happened to me one afternoon, not in the morning when someone was in a hurry to get to work! In the afternoon when kids were out and about. My suggestion is leave earlier by 3-5 minutes so you don’t have to speed!



But I digress. The main reason this distresses me so is that I KNOW what 20-25 miles per hour can do to a kid on a bike. DO YOU? It’s not a pretty sight (and no I’m not the one who hit the kid on the bike! He happened to land in my front yard and I was one of the first responders.) We did what we could on site and the ambulance took him to the hospital. I found out the next morning that he had been pronounced dead soon after arrival.

More than once I have had to slam on brakes, even going 10 mph because a child has come zooming out of one of the side streets. Cars come out of the cul-du-sacs (the only true streets we have are Park Village and East & West Park Village) and lanes without regard for stop signs. The cul-du-sacs and lanes ARE NOT true streets, some so narrow that two cars can’t pass. Yet people drive like they are.

THE SPEED LIMIT IS 10 MILES PER HOUR! PLEASE OBSERVE THIS! PROTECT THE CHILDREN AND THE RESIDENTS WHO WALK FOR EXERCISE. IF YOU HIT ONE OF THESE PEOPLE IT WILL BE YOUR FAULT AND YOU MIGHT END UP LIKE THE LADY WHO HIT THE CHILD THAT LANDED IN MY FRONT YARD—SCARRED FOR LIFE AND A FELONY RECORD TO FOLLOW HER FOREVER.

W. Polston

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## Annual Termite Inspection – Sat. 12/14/13



This is scheduled with Andy Howard’s Pest Control for **Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>**. AHPC will inspect the exterior of units on this date for termites and if any are found they will treat for them. If you wish to have AHPC inspect the inside of your home while on property and you are home they will do so at no charge. If you cannot be home on this date they will come back within 30-days to inspect the interior at no charge. You will need to call them at 512-835-9393 and schedule a time with them. Should you have termites inside your home you will need to have them treated by AHPC or any exterminator of your choice. AHPC will leave a door hanger on your front door indicating their presence.

Dear Fellow Park Residents,

At the October board of directors meeting it was proposed and voted on that for 2013 The Park at Quail Creek will not host a holiday party. Instead we are going to resurrect the Holiday Decorating Contest and expend the funds on prize money. Holly will have the details in the office. In addition, we are making plans to join forces with a corporate sponsor to have another spring/summer BBQ like this year with AT&T.

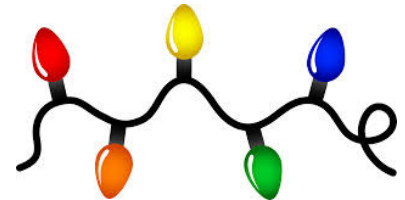
Happy Holidays,

Hank Wallace  
President  
The Park at Quail Creek HOA



## Holiday Decorating Contest Details:

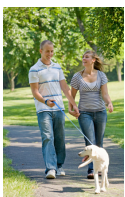
- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Prize = \$150 gift card
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Prize = \$100 gift card
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Prize = \$75 gift card



Judging will be concluded by Friday, December 20th and the gift cards will be awarded to the winners the first week of January.

***REMEMBER: All holiday decorations and lights must be removed by January 15<sup>th</sup>!***

## Are you being a good pet owner & neighbor?



Besides being unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children who play in the community and to other pets. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through fecal matter. It is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. When walking your dog, take along a baggie with you to pick up waste with and then dispose of it properly. Also, when walking your dog in our community, remember that it must be leashed. Thank you for your cooperation!

A few other friendly dog reminders:

- Please remember that dogs must ALWAYS be leashed when in the common area no matter their size or temperament or just the quick trip outside
- Dogs may not be permanently stored in an enclosed patio area (one hour at a time tops on the patio)!

## TRASH PICK UP

TDS – Texas Disposal Services, 512-421-1300

Trash is collected **every Saturday**; recycling is single stream and is available at the Recreation Center Receptacles **may NOT** be stored in the common area or in public view at any time except for on collection day.



## Holidays, Crime and Safety



It's that time of year when crime picks up (summer and at the holidays). So far nothing has been reported but it needs to be said! Do not leave anything in your car such as bags, boxes, loose change, clothes, shoes, etc. Thieves only see this as a possibility that there may be something of value that's been left in the vehicle.

Leave your porch lights on at night. Report any light poles that are out immediately. Management is not on property after dark & will not know if they are out unless it's reported and please don't assume someone else has already reported it because that's not usually the case its often only reported "this poles been out for days" yet no one has reported and that person has just admitted that they knew it was out yet did not report it themselves.

Close your blinds if you're not at home; this will help deter a burglar from looking in and seeing what you have to take. Crimes such as these are always done with means, motive and opportunity – help limit this! If you see any suspicious activity at all report it immediately to 911.

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## CHRISTMAS TREE SAFETY TIPS

The carolers are out and the holiday decorations are everywhere. The joy of the season should not be dampened by the risk of fire. In recent years, nearly 600 fires per year have been started by ignition of Christmas trees in the United States, causing an average of 33 deaths, 112 injuries and \$21 million in direct property damage per year. Christmas trees add a special touch to the holiday season, but they also can be a fire hazard. Here are some helpful tips to reduce the risk of fire:

- Check your tree lights for broken or frayed wires and loose connections.
- Replace non-working light bulbs.
- Avoid decorating Christmas trees with candles.
- Make sure live Christmas trees are fresh. Don't buy trees with brown needles or dry limbs.
- Consider having the tree sprayed with a Fire Marshall-approved flame retardant chemical.
- Give the tree plenty of water. Never let the base holder dry out.
- Don't place the tree near a heat source, open flames and room exits.
- Keep light strings and other electrical decorations out of children's reach.
- Always unplug the Christmas tree lights when you leave or go to bed.
- Don't burn the Christmas tree or package wrappings in a fire place or wood stove.



**Keep this holiday season full of life, laughs and memories – remember to have a fun and safe time!**

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## Recycling Do's and Don'ts



Items that ***may be*** recycled:



Glass bottles and jars, aluminum & steel cans, foil and pie plates, plastic, embossed cardboard such as soda & cereal boxes (no corrugated cardboard and no pizza boxes). Mixed paper & Junk Mail (please remove any personal information about yourself to help avoid scams/identify theft/invasion of privacy before recycling).

Items that ***may not*** be recycled:

Food, Styrofoam, paper towels, pizza boxes, plastic bags, sharp objects & needles, appliances, water heaters, oil, furniture, etc. If you are caught you could be reported to the City and fined. This is not a dump, please respect the area & your neighbors.



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## CAT (Feral) Feeding Stations



There are approximately six feral cats that live here on property. Some very kind and generous ladies have trapped the feral cats over the last few years and have had them tested for disease. If disease was found they were euthanized. If no disease was found they were spayed or neutered and given immunizations and then released. The cats are fed and watered by a volunteer between the Rec Center and West side creek. All of this is done at this volunteers expense. These cats do seriously help keep down the snake and rodent population. Over the summer, the feeding stations were tampered with and again this week their bowls are missing. It is shameful and disheartening that someone would have it so bad for these animals to keep doing this. Please stop it. If you know who is doing this please report it to the office. If you have questions or concerns about this please contact the property manager to discuss.