Dear Neighbors,

Firstly, the Board would like to extend our sincere apologies for the omission of the oak wilt map from last month's newsletter. We understand the significance of this information in helping homeowners address the issue of oak wilt and protect our community's oak trees. We assure you that the map has been included in this month's newsletter, and we urge you to take these maps seriously and do what you can to help stop the spread of Oak Wilt. (see maps on page 5 of this newsletter)

Oak wilt poses a substantial threat to our community, not only in terms of its impact on the health and vitality of our oak trees but also in its potential to affect real estate values. It is crucial that we address this issue promptly and responsibly to preserve the beauty and value of our homes. Therefore, we strongly urge homeowners located between the red and green lines on the oak wilt map to take immediate action and have their oak trees treated by a licensed arborist. This preventive measure will help protect your trees from the devastating effects of oak wilt.

For those residing between the green and blue lines on the map, it is likely that your trees will require treatment within the next year or so. We encourage you to proactively contact a licensed arborist and seek their expert recommendation on the best treatment approach for your specific situation. By being proactive and taking preventive measures, we can collectively combat the spread of oak wilt and preserve the health and beauty of our community.

To access the oak wilt map online, please visit the following website: https://www.neighborhoodnews.com/bluffview/oak-wilt/.

In addition to the oak wilt matter, we would also like to take a moment to express our gratitude to the social committee for their remarkable efforts in organizing the Summer Soiree. Despite the challenging heat, they successfully created a memorable event filled with drinks, sports, snowcones, pizza, and fun for all. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the social committee members for their dedication and commitment to fostering a vibrant community spirit. We eagerly look forward to the next event they plan, as we know it will be equally enjoyable.

Once again, we would like to thank each one of you for being such great neighbors and for your continued support in maintaining the well-being of our community. As the summer heat continues, please remember to stay cool and hydrated.

Wishing you all a pleasant and enjoyable summer.

Warm regards,
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*Have you ever played Codenames?*

I’d like to see if anyone is interested in organizing a neighborhood group to play a creative word association game called Codenames.

It requires only a deck of special cards and two teams of 2-4 players each. I’m already part of another group that plays once a month, but it’s so much fun that I’d love to play more and get to know some neighbors at the same time.

Codenames was the Board Game of the Year for 2016, and if you’re a word and game lover like me, you just might get hooked.

If you are interested in participating in or helping to organize this new group, please email Wendy Friedman at:

CODENAMES

CLASSIFIED ADS

Classified ads are a free service for the residents of the Bluffview neighborhood. Classified ads are for goods only (no services). You may place, edit, or remove an ad by sending an email to Brielle@NeighborhoodNews.com. Please put “Bluffview Resident – Classified” in the subject line of your email.

**Restrictions:** One ad per resident. Ads will run for two months only, unless the advertiser calls and requests renewal. Ads may be edited for length or clarity.

The deadline to submit an ad for the August 15, 2023 issue is July 15th.

2023 BOARD MEETING DATES

The Bluffview Board of Directors meeting dates:

- **July 17**th
- **November 6**th

**2023 Annual Meeting**

- **October 20**th
  - (*Rain date October 27*)

  **Meeting time:** 6:00p.m.
  - (*Executive session 5:30pm for Board only*)

  **Meeting location:**
  - 16414 San Pedro, Ste.#240, San Antonio TX, 78232
  - (*Inside the Wells Fargo Building*)

Bluffview BOOK CLUB

Have you read a good book lately and want to talk about it with other book lovers? Would you like some book recommendations that you might enjoy reading? If so, your neighbors would like to join a book club in the area.

If you already have a book club and can add members or would like to start a book club together please contact Heather Ward at:

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PRUNING GUIDELINES FOR PREVENTION OF OAK WILT

Oak wilt, is the most destructive disease affecting live oaks and red oaks in Central Texas. Most of the tree mortality results from tree-to-tree spread of the pathogen through interconnected or grafted root systems, once an oak wilt center becomes established. Research has shown that both oak wilt fungal mats on infected red oaks and insects that carry oak wilt spores are most prevalent in the spring.

- Regardless of season, immediately paint all pruning cuts and other wounds to oaks. Any kind of wound dressing or paint can be used, and all are equally effective at preventing infections from fungal spores when applied immediately.
- Avoid pruning or wounding oaks from February 1st through June 30th. As an exception, pruning can be conducted to:
  * accommodate public safety concerns such as hazardous limbs, traffic visibility or emergency utility line clearance
  * repair damaged limbs (from storms or other anomalies)
  * remove limbs rubbing on a building or against other branches, or to raise low limbs over a street
  * accommodate required clearance on construction sites where schedules take precedence
  * remove dead branches where live tissue is not exposed
- Pruning for other reasons (general tree health, non-safety related clearance or thinning, etc.) should be conducted before February 1st or after June 30th.
- Debris from diseased red oaks should be immediately chipped, burned or buried.

The least hazardous periods for pruning are during the coldest days in winter and extended hot periods in mid to late summer. The best time to prune oaks is during late fall. Regardless of the reasons or time of year, proper pruning techniques should be used. These techniques include making proper pruning cuts and avoiding injurious practices such as topping or excessive crown thinning. As a general guideline for pruning, clean all pruning tools with 10% bleach solution or Lysol™ between sites and/or trees.

If you are uncertain about any of this information, you should consult with a Texas Oak Wilt Qualified Arborist, ISA Certified Arborist, or an oak wilt expert from a city, county or state government agency such as Texas A&M Forest Service or Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

https://texasoakwilt.org/
MAINTENANCE EVERY HOMEOWNER SHOULD DO

Owning a home can be a wonderful milestone in one’s life. However, there are certain responsibilities when it comes to maintaining your home and protecting your investment. Staying on top of these tasks is paramount to keeping your home in top shape while saving money on unexpected home repairs.

Clean kitchen exhaust hood and air filter to remove dust, grease, and grime. Instead of spending money on expensive cleaning products, try mixing hot water and dish soap to use as a cleaner. Another option is to try using a mixture of one part vinegar to one part water. Baking soda is also useful because it neutralizes acidic compounds on the vent screen. Soak screen in hot water and baking soda for about 15 minutes to remove buildup. Keeping your vent hood clean has many benefits such as cleaner air in the kitchen, fire risk reduction, reduces the need for repairs and maintenance, and increases energy efficiency.

Vacuum your refrigerator’s coils to remove dust and debris. The first thing to do here is to unplug your refrigerator to prevent electric shock. This should only take 10 or 15 minutes, so your food will be fine. Next, locate your refrigerator coils. Newer refrigerators have a vent at the bottom and older refrigerators usually have coils in the back of the refrigerator. Once you remove the vent cover, you will see the coils there. Vacuum all of the dust off the coils and the fan. The long-term benefits of this maintenance task are that it prevents your refrigerator from having to work harder, which increases energy use and the life of your product. Typical average savings after cleaning the coils is approximately 11%.

Clean or Replace Faucet Aerator to increase water pressure. If you notice a faucet doesn’t seem to have the same water pressure it once did, the problem may be the aerator. Aerators have a small mesh screen that is used to conserve both water and energy.

Aerators are located inside the tip of the water faucet spout. This part gets clogged with lime, calcium, and sediment over time. Use a toothbrush or soft bristle brush to loosen up mineral deposits in the aerator screen. Cleaning the faucet aerator has several benefits including using less water, increased water pressure, less water used, and lower water bills.

These are just a few of the things you can do to keep your home running smoothly. If you have suggestions on other maintenance tasks for homeowners, be sure to drop by our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/neighborpro and let us know.


Real Fruit Popsicles Recipe

Ingredients - Choose your flavor:

- Banana Blueberry = 1 cup banana, 2.5 cups blueberries
- Strawberry = 3.5 cups sliced strawberries
- Banana Kale = 3 cups banana chunks, 1/2 cup fresh kale
- Mango = 3.5 cups mango, diced
  - 3.5 cups coconut water
  - 2 tablespoons honey (optional)

Directions:

1. Place ingredients in a blender and blend until smooth
2. Pour into popsicle molds and freeze for 4 hours or overnight.
3. Put under hot water to release popsicles from mold, enjoy!
4. Simply adjust the amounts depending on the volume of popsicle molds you have on hand. Use equal parts of fruit (fresh or frozen) with coconut water - it’s that easy. You can also choose to add a touch of honey if desired.
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- Pot Hole Repair
- Animal Cruelty
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- Use fans to feel 4-6 degrees cooler  
- Run ceiling fans in occupied rooms, counterclockwise in summer & clockwise in winter  
- Close shades & blinds; turn off unnecessary lights  
- Unplug electronics when not in use  
- Cook on a grill & line-dry clothes when possible

**YELLOW DAY**  
Peak Energy Demand  
- Continue everyday conservation measures  
- Check cpsenergy.com & our social media for times of day when more conservation is needed  
- Charge Electric Vehicles (EV) at night, after 10 PM  
- Adjust thermostats further to minimize HVAC use, if health permits  
- Avoid using large appliances like your oven, washer, dryer, & dishwasher

**ORANGE ALERT**  
Energy Grid Reliability Risk  
- Limit power usage  
- Prepare for possible loss of power  
- Be ready to implement your household plan for power emergencies  
- Turn off pool pumps  
- Avoid charging EV, or charge overnight

**RED ALERT**  
Controlled Outages in Progress  
- Implement emergency preparedness measures, including plans for alternative operation of medical devices  
- Turn off and unplug appliances, turn off HVAC and all lights but one  
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