Exciting Times in Bluffview

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Annual Dinner and Meeting on **Friday, October 12, 2018, 6PM**, at the Walker Ranch Park.

As President, I believe 2018 has proved to be one of our biggest challenge years with best responses to date. While we started out the year with a visible neighbor casualty, we organized a new emergency recall roster maintained by our manager in the event another crisis situation occurs. The board also requested to have a new 2018 directory published and available at the meeting. We took these measures to ensure the full safety and security of each of you.

In May 2018, we did have confirmed reports of tree oak wilt. The board quickly organized informational Town Hall Meetings with Texas A&M Forest Service, created an Oak Wilt Committee responsible to the Board, and have a scheduled update by our new committee leaders at the annual meeting.

While those are the tough issues, on positive notes, the board worked with your consensus to change the Walker Ranch Park Tennis Courts to a Multi-Sports Court. The work is moving forward with our contractor and we are hopeful to have a ribbon cutting at the annual meeting to signify the upgrades to this sought after amenities project.

It’s gratifying to know our Bluffview community is very well-respected by all. We will hear brief updates from District 9 City Councilman John Courage, City Manager Sheryl Sculley and just confirming with me, City of San Antonio Mayor Ron Nirenberg. As a community, we owe thanks to each of these leaders for giving us the best services that keep our quality of life at an all-time high.

It’s election time! The readers of *San Antonio Current* voted our Board Member and Past Vice President Maggie Wilmoth as their 2018 Best Realtor in the City! We very much applaud Maggie for her 4 years of leadership and care for her community! Maggie’s demanding schedule will not allow her to seek re-election. As such, we will elect two Bluffview of Camino Real residents to the HOA Board.

Our management company has mailed you agendas, ballots, and a yellow RSVP card. Please return your RSVP card NLT October 5, 2018. We want to make sure we have appropriately planned considering our guest. We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting…also be reminded our “**Shred in the Park**” event will be on **Saturday, October 13, 2018**! Please plan to participate and light up your streets on October 31, 2018 - Halloween. We have so many young families in our neighborhood to meet and greet. Thank-you so much for your assistance in helping our neighborhood to be the best ever!

Your HOA President,
**Christopher C. Herring, USAF Retired**
The Social Committee is starting to plan a holiday party at the Walker Ranch park. Please join us **Friday, November 30th** to toast the holidays, make a gingerbread house, holiday movie, a visit/picture with Santa.....social time with your neighbors!

If you would like to help with the planning of the holiday party or join the Social Committee please contact:

Halloween can be the spookiest night of the year, but keeping your pets safe doesn't have to be tricky. The ASPCA recommends taking these simple, common sense precautions to keep your pet happy and healthy all the way to Nov 1st.

**Stash the Treats**
The candy bowl is for trick-or-treaters, not Scruffy or Fluffy. Several popular Halloween treats are toxic to pets. Chocolate in all forms—especially dark or baking chocolate—can be very dangerous for cats and dogs, and sugar-free candies containing the artificial sweetener xylitol can cause serious problems in pets. If you suspect your pet has ingested something toxic, please call your veterinarian or the ASPCA Poison Control Center at (888) 426-4435 immediately.

**Watch the Decorations and Keep Wires Out of Reach**
While a carved jack-o-lantern certainly is festive, pets can easily knock over a lit pumpkin and start a fire. Curious kittens are especially at risk of getting burned or singed by candle flame. Popular Halloween plants such as pumpkins and decorative corn are considered relatively nontoxic, but can produce stomach discomfort in pets who nibble on them.

**Be Careful with Costumes**
For some pets, wearing a costume may cause undue stress. The ASPCA recommends that you don’t put your dog or cat in a costume unless you know he or she loves it. If you do dress up your pet for Halloween, make sure the costume does not limit his or her movement, sight or ability to breathe, bark or meow. Check the costume carefully for small, dangling or easily chewed-off pieces that could present a choking hazard. Ill-fitting outfits can get twisted on external objects or your pet, leading to injury. Be sure to have your pet try on the costume before the big night. If he or she seems distressed or shows abnormal behavior, consider letting your pet wear his or her “birthday suit” or don a festive bandana instead.

**Keep Pets Calm and Easily Identifiable**
Halloween brings a flurry of activity with visitors arriving at the door, and too many strangers can often be scary and stressful for pets. All but the most social dogs and cats should be kept in a separate room away from the front door during peak trick-or-treating hours. While opening the door for guests, be sure that your dog or cat doesn’t dart outside. And always make sure your pet it wearing proper identification—if for any reason he or she does escape, a collar with ID tags and/or a microchip can be a lifesaver for a lost pet.
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Early voting begins October 22 and ends November 2. You can cast your ballot at ANY voting location during this time period. Check the Bexar County website - www.bexar.org for polling sites.

ScooP the PooP

Please observe the Pooper-Scooper and Leash Laws! If you are walking your dog, take a bag along to pick up their deposits. This is YOUR responsibility, not the homeowners whose yard or street you let them do their business on. Thanks for your thoughtfulness!

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Fall Gardening Tips

It’s easy to forget about working on the lawn and in the garden as the holidays approach, but there are important steps to take so that your yard and vegetation make it through the winter in good shape.

- Irrigate during dry spells.
- Prune berry-producing plants, such as hollies.
- Plant trees and shrubs.
- Mix organic material into your flower beds to prepare them for spring planting.
- Plant cool season plants such as pansies, snapdragons, dianthus, violas, and stock.
- Place your orders for seeds from seed catalog companies.

Other gardening chores to think about include:

- Cleaning out containers and flower pots that you’re storing for the winter.
- Have protective covering ready for the plants you want to protect on below-freezing nights.
- Cleaning and storing lawn and garden tools.
- Replacing or repairing tools and equipment that are not working properly.
- Applying mulch to help protect plants in flower beds.
- Replacing or installing edging around trees and flower beds.

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