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# The MOUNTAIN LODGE Echo



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## Message from the President

Dear Residents,

As the summer season approaches, it brings with it the much-anticipated opening of our community pools. However, with this excitement, it is imperative that we prioritize safety and adherence to our community rules. First and foremost, I want to remind all residents to familiarize themselves with the posted pool rules. These rules have been established to ensure the safety and enjoyment of all residents. It is crucial that these rules are followed diligently to maintain a safe and pleasant environment for everyone.

I want to emphasize that our security patrols will be conducting random checks during and after pool hours to ensure compliance with our rules. Additionally, our pool areas are equipped with camera monitoring to further enhance safety and security measures. These measures are in place to uphold the standards of our community and to ensure the safety of all residents and guests.

Furthermore, I urge parents and guardians to actively supervise their children while they are at the pool. Ensuring that children are under proper supervision not only prevents accidents but also fosters a sense of responsibility and respect for the rules among our younger residents.

Let us all work together to make this summer season both safe and enjoyable for everyone in our community. By adhering to the rules, we can create a welcoming environment where families can relax and have fun without compromising safety.

Please report rule violations and or vandalism to Alyssa Jimenez at 210-561-0606 or by Email: [alyssa@damctx.com](mailto:alyssa@damctx.com)

Thank you for your cooperation, and here's to a safe and fun-filled summer ahead!



## Mark Your Calendar!

### UPCOMING EVENTS!



#### APRIL 2024

**APRIL 26 ...** BTTL FLOWERS PARADE

**APRIL 26 .....** NEISD NO SCHOOL

#### MAY 2024

**MAY 10 - FRI.** EARTH-KIND WEEKEND GARDENER SERIES "THE HOME FRUIT ORCHARD" BY TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE  
Register online @ <https://bexarmg.org/venue/texas-am-agrilife-extension-service-bexar-county/>

**MAY 12 .....** MOTHER'S DAY

**MAY 17 .....** MENS POKER NIGHT

**MAY 18 COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE**

**MAY 24 - FRI .....** EARTH-KIND WEEKEND GARDENER SERIES "HERBS FOR MODERN-DAY HOMEOWNER" BY TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE  
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**MAY 27 .....** MEMORIAL DAY, NO SCHOOL NEISD

**MAY 31 .....** LAST DAY OF SCHOOL, NEISD

#### JUNE 2024

**JUNE 7 - FRI.....** EARTH-KIND WEEKEND GARDENER SERIES "HERBS FOR MODERN-DAY HOMEOWNER" BY TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE  
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**JUNE 8 .....** FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS  
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**JUNE 16.....** FATHER'S DAY

**JUNE 19.....** JUNETEENTH

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**THE SEVEN WINDS AND MISTY PEAK** pools will be open Friday – Sunday during the months of April and May. Beginning Memorial Day weekend, both pools will open daily and remain open until October 15th for Mountain Lodge residents and their guests.

## THE POOL HOURS

### PRE-SUMMER HOURS

- April 12, 2024 – May 26, 2024
  - o Daily 5:00 am – 8:00 pm

### SUMMER HOURS

- May 27 (Memorial Day) – September 2 (Labor Day)
  - o Sunday – Thursday 5:00 am to 9:00 pm
  - o Friday & Saturday 5:00 am to 10:00 pm.

### POST-SUMMER HOURS

- September 3, 2024 - October 14, 2024 (Columbus Day)
  - o Daily 5:00 am – 8:00 pm

## POOL SAFETY FIRST:

While our neighborhood pools offer a fantastic opportunity for relaxation and recreation, it's important to be aware that there will be no lifeguard on duty.

### Safety Tips for Enjoying the Pool Responsibly:

- 1. Swim with a Buddy:** Always swim with a buddy or in groups. Having someone nearby can provide aid and assistance, in case of an emergency.
- 2. Keep an Eye on Children:** If you're bringing children to the pool, please always supervise them closely. Children should never be left unattended near the water, even for a moment.
- 3. Know Your Limits:** Swim within your abilities and avoid taking unnecessary risks. If you're not a strong swimmer, consider using a flotation device or staying in shallow water.
- 4. Follow Pool Rules:** Familiarize yourself with the pool rules and regulations, including diving restrictions, no-running policies, and any other safety guidelines specific to our facilities.
- 5. Emergency Preparedness:** In the event of an emergency, know the location of emergency exits and first aid supplies. We have an emergency phone at each facility to call for help if needed.

*We can't wait to see you poolside and we hope everyone enjoys the 2024 summer season!*

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# Easter Egg Social Event

The Mountain Lodge 2024 Easter Egg event was a hopping success. Many thanks to the social Committee for putting together an enjoyable and memorable community event.



## Gate Code Updates and Neighborhood Access



Our gate access system was recently updated to remove outdated gate codes and improve neighborhood security. Pedestrian gates were also updated with combination locks to improve neighborhood security. Every homeowner should have received updated gate access codes in March. If you have not received your codes, or are having trouble with your codes, please contact Diamond Association Management for assistance.

As a reminder for everyone, our gate access system can notify your mobile device when visitors use our visitor call box and select your name from the list. Your mobile device will receive a call and you respond by pressing 9 on your device to approve visitor access to the gates. It is not necessary to share your personal gate code with visitors and it is recommended not to do so.

Diamond Association Management can also provide home sellers with short-term codes for selling and showing your home. Posting gate codes on post-it tags taped to the visitor call box is highly discouraged for granting visitor access to the neighborhood and will be removed when found.

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Texas One Call (call 48 hrs before digging).....	1-800-545-6005
Bexar County: Animal Control (stray animals, etc.).....	210-207-6000
Household Hazardous Waste Pickup .....	1-800-449-7587

### UTILITIES

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Republic Services (trash pickup/dead animal pickup).....	210-304-2700
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Trouble.....	210-353-4357

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**Website and E-blast Delivery System, Online Parking Pass Request, ACC Request Forms, Reporting of Gate**

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## By My Observation

By Dave L.


### THE CRIB


Did I ever tell y'all about the first time I experienced the mighty Snake Farm? Well, the year was 2002 and I was a graduate student in advertising. Having grown up in San Antonio, I had always been keenly aware of the existence of Snake Farm. I couldn't tell you how long it has been there, but Google can. Suffice it to say that I remember driving past it in the very early 80s. The place always had an interesting appearance from the road, and not one that necessarily compelled us to stop and go in. Then again, my parents weren't exactly the adventuresome type. Fast forward to 2002 and I had decided to create an advertising campaign for Snake Farm. Of course, before I could do that a site visit was required. We were living in Austin at the time, so one morning my wife and I drove down to the place that had been there most of my life, but that I had never bothered entering. One point of reference: back then, it wasn't Snake Farm Zoo. That sanitization and re-branding occurred later. Now then, when we arrived on that October morning, the gravel parking lot was empty. We had the place to ourselves, and what a treat it was. Back then, there wasn't a petting zoo. There was just a poorly fenced area, quite large, that was home to one of the most pitiful looking alpacas I had ever seen. No, I don't see alpacas all the time, but this example was noteworthy in its slovenly appearance. The other denizen was an aggressive emu who didn't care for the alpaca one bit. And to prove that point, the emu followed the alpaca around the yard pecking at his ears. I could have watched for hours. Back inside, the room was claustrophobic at best. The corridors were lined with flimsy cages holding some of the world's most dangerous animals. Snakes were the kings, but I recall spiders, centipedes, scorpions, and other nightmare-inducing critters. One cage housed a cobra. I'm sure the scientific name is more interesting, but as I was gazing into his eyes, I noticed that I was looking at him through plastic, not glass. I took a slight step back. The cage needed some paint, as well. But the best part was feeding time when they released about thirty white mice into a pit of about fifteen diamondback rattlesnakes. To this day, I can still hear the frenetic rattling. I only thought the emu and alpaca were interesting. A pit of feeding snakes will help remind you that you aren't really at the top of the food chain, after all. The whole experience was bucolic awesomeness. The next time we went was 2012 and the place had grown in every respect. There was a real petting zoo. There were monkeys out back and the enclosures were much nicer. You could buy food to give to the animals, or more realistically, food that they would steal from your hands. The place was truly a zoo and was quite nice. Our kids loved it and even got to hold a python. I am reminded of this since a good friend recently asked what I thought of the place, and would it be a good place to take kids. Indeed, it is.




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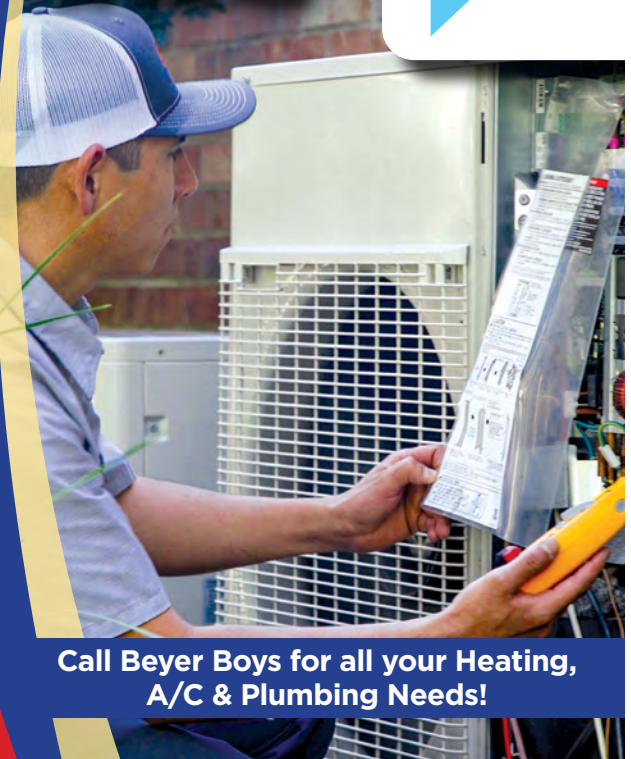
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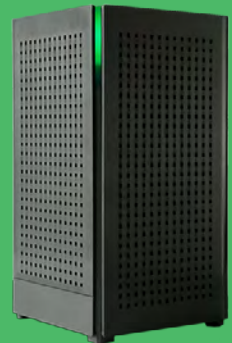
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