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PARKWOOD NEWS

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**Neighborhood News &
The Paper Shortage**

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Committees

Beautification – *Volunteers Needed*
Safety Committee – *Volunteers Needed*
Social / Welcome – **Cynthia Ortiz**
Swim Team – **Suzanne Quinones**
Yard of the Month – *Volunteers Needed*

First Service Residential Team

Marisela Delgado, Community Association Manager

General Questions – How to pay bills, etc.?

CAstatx@fsresidential.com

Accounting Questions – How to pay bills, etc.?

ARstatx@fsresidential.com

Payment plans – If your account is not in legal already.

PaymentPlan.SATX@fsresidential.com

How do I reserve the Clubhouse or Pavilion? The pool is not available for parties due to lifeguard availability.

SAReservations@fsresidential.com

ACC – Where do I send my exterior Home Improvement Requests?

ACCstatx@fsresidential.com

Parkwood Maintenance Associations Monthly Activity Report September/October 2021

****Does not include 2nd and 3rd notifications.**

Architectural Submittals		Qty
	Total For Month	5
Non-Compliance	Type	Qty
	ACC MOD - Fencing	1
	Exterior of Home - Remove debris	2
	Exterior of Home - Remove misc. items	4
	Exterior of Home - Repair or Replace Siding	2
	Exterior of Home - Repair Trim	1
	Fence - Repair	10
	Fence - Replace	11
	Garages - Replace	1
	Landscaping - General Maintenance	42
	Landscaping - Remove Dead Landscaping	1
	Landscaping - Remove Dead Tree	2
	Landscaping - Remove Tree Stump	1
	Landscaping - Replace Dead Sod	1
	Landscaping - Trim Trees	4
	Other - Holiday Decorations	1
	Other - Storage	1
	Paint - Trim on home	1
	Roof - Repair	1
	Unauthorized Object - Window Unit	1
	Vehicles - Not permitted	1
	Vehicles - Remove Boat	2
	Vehicles - Remove Trailer	5
	Total for Month	96

Board Updates

Financials as of September 30, 2021

Note: All financials are posted for review by the 20th of each month on:

<https://parkwoodmaintenance.connectresident.com>

Financial Report

Not available online.

Communications

The Board has received some concerns pertaining to Social Media sites (Facebook, NextDoor, etc). While visiting the Social Media sites; note, they are not sanctioned by the Board of the Parkwood Homeowners Association. We recommend you register your email for communication from the Association as the Board and Management will send out updates, to include newsletters, etc. If you have not signed up for e-communication, please email CAstatx@fsresidential.com and provide the property address along with the email you would like to receive updates.

When Do I Submit an Improvement Request Form?

Any exterior improvements or modifications to your property including an installation of a shed, patio, painting the house, patio cover, driveway extension, needs approval before work begins. A form can be obtained from www.parkwoodsa.com.

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I would like to thank the Parkwood HOA for inviting my team to your Fall Festival. My team had a great time visiting with neighbors and passing out goodies to the kids. Your HOA put together an incredible event that was well attended and had so many activities for families. My team especially enjoyed the petting zoo. What a great way to bring your community together! If you ever have any city related questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office at council.district8@sanantonio.gov or 210-207-0943.

Thank you, Kristen Stubblefield, Neighborhood Services, District 8 | Office of Councilman Manny Pelaez



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(BPT) - Moms are more focused than ever on doing good for their families and those around them as conscious consumerism continues to grow. That sentiment is heightened this time of year - as people look to give to their own friends and families, they also look to make a difference among other families and communities,

From purchasing a new seasonal throw pillow for your home, to helping give toys to less fortunate children, here are three simple ways that you can give back to your community and make a difference this holiday season:

1. Create a homemade card for local frontline workers: Grab your crayons and construction paper and huddle the kids around the kitchen table to make homemade holiday cards. Frontline workers rarely get time off around the holi-

days, and after the past year and a half, a homemade holiday card can show your appreciation and help spread some holiday spirit.



3 Ways to Make a Difference this Holiday Season

2. Clean out your closet or toy room: Before the holidays are in full swing, clean out clothes that your family doesn't wear anymore to donate to a local shelter or organization. Whether it's a winter coat your child grew out of or that pair of jeans in the back of your drawer, pass along your gently-loved clothing to a local shelter. You can also donate unused toys to make space and make another child's holiday!

3. Help those facing hunger throughout the holiday season by visiting one of the donation stations throughout San Antonio to drop off your food donations, courtesy of Neighborhood News. Visit the Neighborhood News website for location information at: www.neighborhoodnews.com/food-drive.



Fall Activities Around Town

As the cool weather brings a refreshing change, here in Texas, we need to take advantage of the fall season. There are so many beautiful sites to visit around town. Here's a list of local and short drive outings.

- San Antonio Botanical Gardens
- San Antonio Historical Missions
- Owl Creek Farm - San Antonio
- Boerne TX/Comfort TX/ Fredericksburg TX - wineries-shops-sites
- Enchanted Rock
- Corn Maze-Hondo, TX - South Texas Maize
- Pipe Creek Tree Farm & Pumpkin Patch
- Lost Maples State Park

These are just a few of the many outing suggestions to help ring in the wonderful season of autumn in Texas. Please look online for hours of operation and COVID updates.





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Crime Prevention Tip

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One of the easiest ways to prevent becoming a crime victim is to lock your car doors. Leaving cars unlocked in your driveway allows easy access to see what can be stolen.

Please keep the crime tip of **LOCK, TAKE, HIDE** in mind. Lock, Take, and Hide is an easy 3-step plan that drastically reduces your chances of becoming a victim:

1. **Lock** your car doors.
2. **Take** your keys and valuables with you. (This includes cell phones, wallets/purses, GPS units, computers, weapons, and jewelry).
3. **Hide** those valuables so they aren't in plain sight.



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How We are Handling the Paper Shortage

Neighborhood News has long been a staple in communities across Texas. This has been especially important over the past year and a half regarding the dissemination of vital information about the global pandemic and related issues to residents across Texas.

The nation's supply chain has been continually inconsistent with shortages in each segment. Currently, paper products are in short supply and high demand. This is mainly due to labor and transportation shortages directly related to the global pandemic.

In addition to paper shortages, costs for paper products have dramatically increased. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics (2021), materials used in paper production have increased upwards of 50% and the cost of paper products have risen 14.2% over the past year.

While Neighborhood News has been in business for over 25+ years, this is a first for us. Our team has come up with a plan to ensure neighbors continue to receive their community newsletter, uninterrupted. We are also working with our suppliers to ensure communities continue to receive their printed newsletter. However, we have no control over the national supply chain or the availability of paper products we need to continue newsletter printing and distribution services.

Our Plan

It is our plan to continue to print neighborhood newsletters as usual. We may use different paper types, colors, or sizes as necessary. To ensure there is no disruption in service, we wish to remind you about the option to join our e-newsletter distribution list.

Residents have the option to view the most recent copy of their respective neighborhood newsletter online by signing up for the e-newsletter at:

www.neighborhoodnews.com/go-green-2

We will continue to keep you posted on this situation.

For more information on paper products and production pricing, visit: <https://www.bls.gov/iag/tgs/iag322.htm>

FALL TIPS FOR GARDENING

By San Antonio Botanical Gardens

- To minimize the likelihood of weeds this fall, do not allow weeds to go to seed.
- Plant shade trees now to take advantage of the mild fall and winter weather for root growth.
- Prepare beds to plant cool season flowers. Add compost as needed to your flower beds.
- Deadhead flowering plants to increase blooms.
- This is the last time to fertilize roses for the winter months. Wait until January or February to fertilize again.
- With the mild weather, it is a perfect time to plant landscapes. The cooling temperatures allow for more root growth, which will establish the plant before winter cold snaps.
- Take advantage of the weather and dig, divide and plant your spring/summer blooming perennials.
- Begin to back off on watering. With the cooler temperatures, soils stay moist longer than they did this summer. You do not want to over-water your plants.
- Mulch all new plantings to reduce weeds, maintain soil moisture and regular soil temperatures.
- This will be the last time to do any pruning on your rose bushes until February.
- Sow bluebonnets and other wildflowers.
- Make preparation to protect tropical plants or move them to a greenhouse.
- Prepare exposed pipes for winter.
- After last use of your lawn mower or other power equipment, make the machines ready for winter storage. Don't leave gasoline in the machine over winter.



Thanksgiving Safety Tips

Source: NFPA.org

For most, the kitchen is the heart of the home, especially during the holidays. So keeping fire safety top of mind in the kitchen during this joyous but hectic time is important, especially when there's a lot of activity and people at home. As you start preparing your holiday schedule and organizing that large family feast, remember, by following a few simple safety tips you can enjoy time with your loved ones and keep yourself and your family safer from fire.

SAFETY TIPS:

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stove top so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey, and check on it often.
- Keep children at least 3 ft. away from the stove.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy etc. could cause serious burns.
- Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- Be sure electric cords are not dangling off the counter within reach.
- Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children.
- Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, etc..
- Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them.

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