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for the residents of the
Crosstimber neighborhood*

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Letter from the President

Happy Spring / Fiesta!

The guard shack renovations have been underway. By the time this newsletter is delivered the repair and renovation work will have been completed. The guard shack had the flooring renovated, new counter tops, exterior rotted wood replaced, fresh paint and a power washing of the surrounding stone exterior to name some of the work performed.

The target start date to commence manning the guard shack overnight is at or around May 1st. The community management company, Diamond Association Management & Consulting (DAMC), is coordinating with our current security patrol company to ensure personnel is secured during the overnight hours. The Board and DAMC have been looking at different access related applications to negotiate entry permission during the overnight hours. The plan is to use a computer application as a means of communication to inform the overnight guard of allowed guests in real time. For example, if you had a relative visiting and they did not arrive until 1 am, you could go on the app and enter your guest's info so the guard can easily verify that they are an approved visitor. We have received pricing and by the time this newsletter is delivered the Board will have discussed at the March 20th regular meeting and voted by email as to the particulars and hopefully voted to engage a company for this service.

As with all new things, there will most likely be some kinks to work out in the first month so if you feel there are issues we need to be aware of please email DAMC so we can address. DAMC will be sending out eblasts as needed to keep the community informed of the overnight guard and related changes to their operation. If you are not currently receiving eblasts, such as notices of Board meetings, and would like to be kept informed of what is going on in the community, please register with DAMC.

I hope the Rogers Ranch community garage sale that happened on Saturday, March 23 went well for those who participated. As always, we rely on our residents to keep us informed of items that need attention. If you observe a street light out or common area elements needing repair, or would like to notify the Board of anything else that merits attention, please contact our community management company, DAMC at (210) 561-0606 or through our manager, Alyssa Jimenez, via email: alyssa@damctx.com. For additions or corrections to the "Teen Services List" within this newsletter please email me at donald@adacg.com.

Donald Oroian - Board President
Shavano RR Crosstimber HOA

HOA/POA INFORMATION

Shavano Rogers Ranch Crosstimber HOA

Homeowners from the Crosstimber neighborhood only
Handles maintenance and upkeep of Crosstimber property, including the gates and streets.

Billed quarterly

Managed by: **Diamond Association Management & Consulting (DAMC)**

Attn: Alyssa Jimenez 210-561-0606

Shavano Rogers Ranch Swim Club

Homeowners from Crosstimber and Falling Brook, share the pool/tennis/basketball area

Handles maintenance and upkeep of the recreational area and the amenities. Pool, basketball, tennis, playground, clubhouse, etc.

Two billings (Dec + March)

Managed by: **RealManage**

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Shavano Rogers Ranch East POA

Homeowners from all 4 Rogers Ranch neighborhoods and the commercial property along 1604.

Handles the maintenance and upkeep of shared RR amenities like the walking trail, landscaping along Rogers Ranch Pkwy, etc.

One billing in December

Managed by: **Spectrum Association Management**

Attn: Stephanie Brennan contact@spectrumam.com



UPCOMING Rogers Ranch Holidays & Events

April 2024

1 - April Fools

10 - Early Release NISD

22 - Earth Day

26 - Arbor Day, No School

May 2024

12 - Mother's Day

15 - Early Release NISD

27 - Memorial Day,

No School NISD Y NEISD

31 - Last Day of School NEISD

June 2024

6 - Last Day of School NISD

16 - Father's Day

19 - Juneteenth

July 2024

4 - Independence Day

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VOTE in the May 2024 MUNICIPAL AND RUNOFF ELECTIONS



Make an impact – vote in the May Municipal and Runoff Elections. Participate in choosing candidates for the November 2024 election.

Municipal Election May 4

- Early Voting is April 22-30
- Election day is May 4
- The last day to apply for a ballot by mail (received, not postmarked) is Tuesday, April 23.
- The last day to receive ballot by mail is Saturday, May 4, 7 pm if not postmarked or Monday, May 6; 5 pm if postmarked locally by Saturday, May 4, 7 pm.

This election will include several school districts and municipalities, as well as a first-time countywide election for three members of the Bexar County Appraisal District. More details will be available closer to the election.

Runoff Election May 28

- Early Voting is May 20-May 24
- Election day is May 28
- The last day to apply for a ballot by mail (received, not postmarked) is Friday, May 17.
- The last day to receive ballot by mail is May 28, 7 pm if not postmarked or Wednesday, May 29; 5 pm if postmarked locally by Tuesday, May 28, 7 pm.
- This is the runoff election for the Republican and Democratic primary races in which no candidate received more than 50% of the votes. People who voted in the March 5 primary can vote only on the ballot of the same party whose ballot they chose in the March 5 primary. Those who did not vote in the primary can choose which ballot they want.

NEW SEASON! NEW COACHES! SAME FUN!

The Rogers Ranch Rapids are excited to let you know that our new summer swim season is coming up, and we have MANY new and awesome changes! With updated practice times, new opponents, and a **WHOLE NEW CREW OF INCREDIBLE COACHES**, our summer league team is going to be a great time for your swimmer! Registration will open soon and season details will be posted in the coming weeks. For more information, please visit our website at <https://rrrapids.swimtopia.com/> and join our Facebook Page at @RRRapids.

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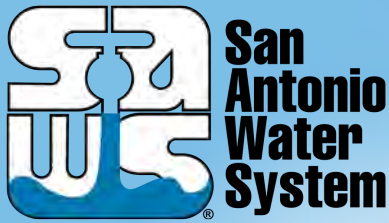
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more information, please visit:

www.gardenstylesanantonio.com/watersaver-rewards/

To view the CPS Calendar of Events, visit:

www.gardenstylesanantonio.com/events/

Three points

Earns you a \$30 coupon to be used at participating local retailers

toward a variety of water conserving materials including:

- Plants
- Mulch
- Rain barrels
- Birdbaths and bird feeders
- Compost
- Other landscaping supplies

Five points

Earns a \$50 coupon toward the purchase of the above items from participating local retailers.

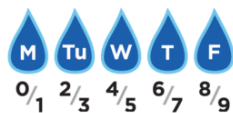
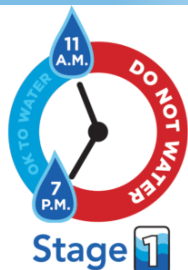
Seven points

Earns you a \$70 coupon to be used at participating local retailers toward these water-saving garden materials.

Fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and rocks are not eligible items.

Rewards points will be awarded within two weeks.

Rewards coupons expire 180 days after issue.



Watering day determined by last digit of address

saws.org/WhenToWater



Earth Day

Woodlawn Lake Park, 1103 Cincinnati Ave, San Antonio, TX 78201

Saturday, April 20th - 10am-2pm

Celebrate Earth Day with the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department! This fun-filled official Fiesta San Antonio event will feature chances to connect with representatives from local environmental organizations focusing on conservation, as well as hands-on family activities, free tree adoption, engaging dance & musical performances and lots more! Take a free Fitness in the Park class and enjoy healthy treats from local food vendors.

This is a free family- and pet-friendly event.



Earth Day at Pittman-Sullivan Community Garden - Rewards Eligible

Saturday, April 20th - 9am-12pm

WaterSaver Rewards = 1 point

Join Green Spaces Alliance and Pittman-Sullivan Community Garden for a morning of service and learning to celebrate Earth Day! Attendees will learn about tree planting, tree care including using treegator bags to efficiently water trees, and pruning from certified arborist Ziggy Nyiri, owner of Knotty By Nature Tree Care. Then put what you've learned into practice as you clean up litter, plant trees, and assist with restoring the garden's berms and swales. Snacks, beverages, and tools will be provided.

Advance registration required. please email us at info@gardeningvolunteers.org.

<https://www.gardenstylesanantonio.com/events/>

Teen Services List

For additions or corrections to this list, please contact Donald Oroian at donald@adacg.com.

NAME	CONTACT	SERVICES
Anna Kate Roberts (2008)	210-901-4826	Babysitting, Pet Sitting, Dog Walking, CPR and First Aid Certified.
Anna Mason (2009)	210-243-2282	Babysitting/Pet Sitting
Antonio Rodriguez (2002)	210-493-3918(h) 210-439-5911(c)	Pet sitting / house sitting
Brooke Bartle	(210) 947-6211	Babysitting, Pet Sitting, Dog Walking, House Sitting.
Clayton Bentley	210-902-2525	Power Washing, Lawn Mowing
Cosette Beigel (2006)	210-367-8343	Pet Sitting, Babysitting
Ella Fall (2013)	210-240-2762	Pet Sitting
Emily Riojas	210-288-2329	Baby sitting, dog walking, pet sitting
Gwen Joyce	210-957-1159 (h) 302-883-4985 (c)	Babysitting / pet sitting / house sitting, Red Cross Certified, 4+ years experience
Hale Lacquement (2003)	210-693-9914	Pet sitting / house sitting
Haley Ryals	210-367-3832	Babysitting / pet sitting / house sitting
Lauren Scovel (2005)	210-303-3884	Pet sitting & child sitting (CPR & 1st Aid certified)
McKenna Furchak	210-381-6227	Babysitting
Merrill Kasanoff (2002)	210-560-4490 (c)	Babysitting / dog sitting
Morgan Schlueter (2007)	210-473-4375	Babysitting / pet sitting
Paulilna Flores (2006)	210-849-0655	Babysitting, pet Sitting, dog walking, house sitting, CPR and First Aid Certified
Sara Schlueter (2011)	210-216-0626	Pet Sitting, Dog Walking, House Sitting.



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2024 UPCOMING SESSIONS

Wednesday April 13: 10:00 AM **(Spanish-Language only)**

The workshop will take place at the Ozuna Library at Palo Alto College.
Enter from Villaret Blvd and park in lot 11.

Wednesday April 17: 4:00 PM

Texas A&M University-San Antonio,
1 University Way, San Antonio, TX,
at the auditorium at Texas A&M University-San Antonio.

Tuesday, April 23: 5:00 PM

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,
7100 Wilder Street, San Antonio, TX

Saturday, April 27: 10:00 AM

Elma A Neal Elementary School,
3407 Capitol Avenue, San Antonio, TX

Wednesday, May 5: 5:00 PM

Second Baptist Church,
3310 East Commerce Street, San Antonio, TX

Monday, May 6: 5:00 PM

True Vine Baptist Church,
435 S Ellison Dr, 78245

Saturday, May 11: 10:00 AM

Woodlawn Pointe Center for Community,
702 Donaldson Ave, 78201



Best-Ever Crab Cakes with Green Tomato Slaw Recipe

INGREDIENTS - Total Time 45 minutes - Serves 6

Crab Cakes

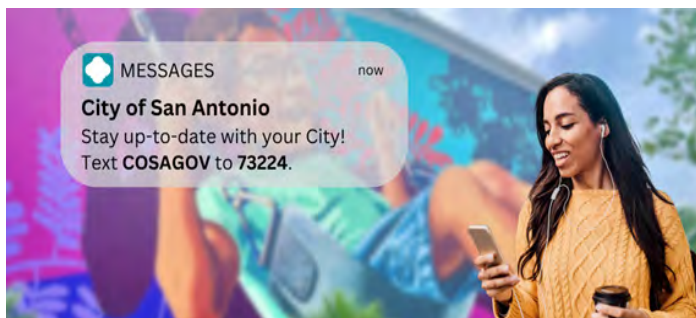
- 12 ounces fresh jumbo lump crabmeat, drained picked over
- 12 ounces fresh lump crabmeat, drained and picked over
- 4 1/2 tablespoons salted butter, melted and cooled
- 4 1/2 tablespoons chopped scallions (from 4 scallions)
- 1 1/2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1 1/2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh dill
- 1 1/2 teaspoons lemon zest plus 1 1/2 Tbsp. fresh juice (from 1 lemon)
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons hot sauce (such as Tabasco)
- 3 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 large garlic clove, minced (about 2 tsp.)
- 2 1/4 cups panko (Japanese-style breadcrumbs), divided
- 4 tablespoons canola oil

Green Tomato Slaw

- 2 medium-size green tomatoes, thinly sliced and cut into matchsticks (about 2 cups)
- 1 celery stalk, thinly sliced (about 1/2 cup)
- 1 small sweet onion, thinly sliced (about 1 cup)
- 1 small red bell pepper, thinly sliced (about 1 cup)
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons white wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper

DIRECTIONS

1. Prepare the Crab Cakes: Place first 11 ingredients and 1 3/4 cups of the panko in a large bowl, and gently combine.
2. Shape crabmeat mixture into 6 (3-inch) cakes, about 6 1/2 ounces each. Sprinkle remaining 1/2 cup panko on a large plate; gently transfer cakes to plate, pressing both sides in panko. Cover and chill until slightly firm, about 15 minutes.
3. Preheat oven to 375°F. Heat 2 tablespoons canola oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium-high. Gently reshape 3 Crab Cakes, and place in hot oil. Cook until golden brown, 4 to 5 minutes on each side. Transfer to a wire rack set in a baking sheet. Repeat with remaining oil and cakes. Place baking sheet in preheated oven, and bake cakes until heated through, about 10 minutes.
4. Prepare the Green Tomato Slaw: Toss together all slaw ingredients, and serve over Crab Cakes.



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THE APRIL CATERPILLARS ARE COMING

MARK PETERSON, SAWS



Spring is here and so are the caterpillars. These little guys are famished and to their hungry eyes your trees are a bountiful buffet.

But before you go about banishing them, console yourself with this knowledge: Song birds are nesting right now and many depend on these caterpillars as a food supply for their young.

A spring with many caterpillars is a great year for the birds! The seemingly endless supply of fat, juicy caterpillars ensures strong and healthy fledglings. On top of that, young birds right after they fledge have a very high mortality. The pesky caterpillars are an easy food source and give them a greater chance of survival.

Now, allow me to introduce you to the three kinds of wolfish wormlike larva feasting on your trees. The small, green ones with black heads are officially known as oak leaf rollers (*Archips semiferrana*). Spring inchworms are also called spring cankerworms or spring loopers (*Paleacrita vernata*). The dark ones with dots and two blue stripes on their backs are forest tent caterpillars (*Malacosoma disstria*) (no, they don't make tents). All three have only one generation per year and will be gone by early summer.

These caterpillars have quite the appetite and can consume all the leaves from an entire tree. While this is rarely fatal, it does cause a certain amount of stress. A defoliated tree will use up its reserve food supply growing a second set of leaves.

All insects go through cycles but these caterpillars seem especially cyclical. They follow annual paths throughout the Hill Country and South Texas that are known only to them but are likely due to moisture patterns and predator levels.

They all have similar lifecycles in that they all hatch from eggs that are laid on twigs by female moths. But the oak leaf roller and forest tent caterpillar moths lay their eggs in late May, where they spend the summer and winter. The cankerworm spends the summer and winter as a pupa or cocoon before hatching

in late February as an adult moth. Adult female cankerworm moths are wingless and they crawl up the trunk of the tree, mate and lay eggs. All three caterpillar species emerge in late March to begin the feasting!

When you see a caterpillar floating in the air, it's probably mature and finished eating leaves. They produce a silken thread to lower themselves from the tree canopy to the ground where they pupate and hatch into a small, non-descript moth either in a few weeks or the following spring. The severity of next spring's outbreak will depend on predation and climate conditions between now and then.

It's not necessary to protect your trees from any of these caterpillars. Some years there are many and some years there are very few. Wide population swings are natural and inevitable. If anything, a good soaking when needed and a two inch layer of compost and mulch mixture are the most important treatments.

Of course, pesticides are generally not recommended because the song birds are doing their part to control the caterpillar population.

These little guys are famished and your trees are a bountiful buffet. But before you go about banishing them, remember this: Song birds are nesting now and these caterpillars are the food supply for their young.



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