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A note from the President... Lanie Shearer

Dear Residents,

On behalf of the Board of Directors (BOD), I hope that you had a wonderful April. We have enjoyed Easter egg hunts, the pool opening for the 2024 season, a neighborhood Toll Tag event, a neighborhood-wide garage sale, and we'll throw in a partially visible total eclipse to boot. Needless to say, your neighbors have been busy! As we head into May, there are several items I would like to share with everyone and pass on:



MAY 2024

12 - Mother's Day

25 - Pancake Breakfast and Swimtacular Fundraiser (Morning at the Pool)

27 - Memorial Day

JUNE 2024

- 1 Annual Shredding Event at Pavillion (2pm-5pm)
- 16 Father's Day
- 19 Juneteenth
- 21 1st Day of Summer

JULY 2024

4 - Independence Day

Community Pool Issues:



Unfortunately, I have to start off with a disappointing topic. During the very first few days of the pool season, we began encountering problems with the pool facilities. Please instruct your sons that the urinal in the men's room is for urine, not feces. Also, please instruct your daughters that paper towels go in the trash can, not the toilets. There is a trash can right by the wash basin, so please use it. If we have issues like this continually, we can and will shut down the pools until cleaning can be done.

Also please note that a decision was made last year to shut down the water fountains since we were continuously repairing damages to them. They are not functioning this year so plan on bringing your own drinks. For all of us to enjoy our nice facilities, we need do better and treat them with care.





SWIM TEAM INFORMATION:

Vineyard Viper swim team practices start on 1 May and run until late June. For those new to our community, the Vineyard Vipers compete with other neighborhood swim teams across the San Antonio area. With its history stretching to the earliest days of The Vineyard, the swim team has proven to be a great way of involving kids in outdoor activities while bringing families together. It is also another community activity that would not be possible without many neighborhood volunteers.

Swim team leaders, in coordination with the HOA Board, have posted the practice and meet schedule for this summer. So please be advised of the dates listed below when planning outings to the pool. During all practices, the toddler pool and adult pool will remain open. In addition, one lane in the main pool will be made available upon request for residents who wish to swim at those times. This lane is not reserved but will be made available to any resident who requests it. We strive to find a balance between our swim team families and other residents' needs. On a similar note, the pool opens at 6 a.m., and several adults swim laps at that time if you are looking for some comradery.

> Vineyard Vipers Swim Team' Facebook group. https://vineyardvipers.swimtopia.com/



SWIM TEAM PRACTICE SCHEDULE:

MAY 2024						
Date	Time	Activity				
Wed, May 1	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Practice				
Thur, May 2	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Practice				
Sat, May 4	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice				
Mon, May 6	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Practice				
Wed May 8	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Practice				
Thur, May 9	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Practice				
Fri, May 10	4:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Swim Clinic				
Sat, May 11	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice				
Mon, May 13	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Practice				
Wed, May 15	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Practice				
Thur, May 16	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Practice				
Fri, May 17	4:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Swim Clinic				
Sat, May 18	6:30 AM -11:00 AM	Team Time Trial				
Mon, May 20	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Practice				
Wed, May 22	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Practice				
Thur, May 23	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Practice				
Sat, May 25	Morning	Pancake Breakfast /				
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Mon, May 27	No Practice	Memorial Day				
Wed, May 29	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Practice				
Thur, May 30	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Practice				

JUNE 2024

Date	Time	Activity				
Sat, Jun 1	6:00 AM -12:30 PM	Home Meet				
Mon, Jun 3	7:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Practice				
Wed, Jun 5	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice				
Thur, Jun 6	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice				
Fri, Jun 7	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice				
Mon, Jun 10	7:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Practice				
Wed, Jun 12	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice				
Thur, Jun 13	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice				
Fri, Jun 14	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice				
Sat, Jun 15	6:00 AM -12:30 PM	Home Meet				
Mon, Jun 17	7:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Practice				
Wed, Jun 19	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice				
Thur, Jun 20	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice				
Fri, Jun 21	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice				
Mon, Jun 24	7:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Practice				
Wed, Jun 26	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice				
Thur, Jun 27	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice				
Fri, Jun 28	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice				
IULY 2024						

Date	Time	Activity
Mon, Jul 1	Evening	Awards Banquet and Party



FIRE RESILIENT LANDSCAPING:

Howdy Neighbors!

This is Emily Hawthorn, on DaVinci in the Renaissance. I'm a Texas Master Naturalist in the Alamo Area Chapter. Recently we had an educational presentation by Dayziah Petruska of the Texas A&M Forest Service on Fire Resilient Landscaping. It was very timely, especially considering the recent North Texas wildfires.

Since we are in drought stage 2, we could easily experience wildfires, and we need to be prepared. Here are **two online publications that explain how to arrange your landscape to protect your property.** The second one is specific to Austin/ Travis County, which would apply equally to us here in Bexar County.

https://tfsweb.tamu.edu/uploadedFiles/TFSMain/Preparing_ for_Wildfires/Contact_Us(2)/EDITED 2012firelandscape.pdf

This one has a list of plants to avoid:

https://travis-tx.tamu.edu/about-2/horticulture/ basic-landscape-design/firewise-landscaping/?fbclid =IwAR3YXDQllOqmVoe0H9JX7RawXYy8XUfCK hFmDrjWsfY5pffyIvpl8D-_2gs_aem_AUVNvQS_ Vr2O7zmuSQWjqwtoyTMFBICnVY4lhl8XSt_tV_rv-5FLktR pi9ntgyY6SW1J3U9DsNjz6JDYPFPDzd2r

Obviously, if you have dead brush, shrubs or trees near your house, you want to remove them.

And finally, here's a link to an Insurance Institute for Business and Home video that demonstrates how wildfires spread to houses:

https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=lvbNOPSYyss

Let's all work together to keep our neighborhoods safe from wildfires!

LIMEAID:

Our community will soon have access to a first generation Artificial Intelligence HOA assistant called LimeAId. This tool will answer questions related to CC&Rs, frequently asked questions, and details about your account. Here are some of the features you can expect:

• Quickly locate your account balance history and how much you currently owe.

• Learn about community matters such as pool updates and hours and pavilion rules.

• Find answers regarding our Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions—including house maintenance, decor, community rules, and more.

This platform is currently in beta testing as a smartphone App, and we are requesting feedback since your participation is vital to the growth and success of this new feature. By the time this newsletter is published, you should have seen an email providing the information needed for its use.



Please consider this a friendly reminder that, as of this writing, San Antonio is in **Stage 2 water restrictions**, and SAWS is driving our neighborhoods and fining homeowners who violate the restrictions. To prevent any fines, please check your sprinkler system and coordinate with whoever watches your home for when you are out of town.

During Stage 2, watering with a sprinkler, irrigation system or soaker hose is allowed only between 7 a.m. and 11 a.m. and from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on residents' designated day, determined by the last number of a customer's residential address.

Watering with a hand-held hose is allowed at any time on any day.







PAVILION RENTAL:

As you plan summertime activities, you may want to consider reserving the neighborhood Pavilion. Residents can make this reservation by going to the Spectrum Association Management website and selecting "Amenities" then "Book Amenities" from the dropdown menu. Here is a list of specifics to keep in mind when booking.

- ★ The rental fee is \$300 with an additional \$300 deposit.
- ★ The maximum number of Guests is 120.
- ★ The maximum time-frame for rental is one day so you have it from 8 am to midnight.
- ☆ Reservations do not include pool access. Pool reservations are not permitted.
- \star DJs are allowed.
- ★ If serving alcohol, a security guard is required at a rate of \$35.00 per hour (3 hour minimum).
- ★ The security guard must be in attendance from the time guests arrive until they leave.
- \bigstar One homeowner can book per day.
- ★ Homeowners can also rent a popcorn machine for an additional \$50.00 (popcorn kernels and oil not included). The popcorn machine is located in the kitchen area.
- ★ Four propane heaters are available to rent for a total of \$80.

PAVILION EQUIPMENT:

- ★ Large facility (patio style) with small kitchen and bathrooms.
- ★ Refrigerator (2)
- ★ Lifetime Folding Chairs (64)
- ★ Metal Folding Chairs (63)
- \star 8' rectangular tables (10)
- \star 6' rectangular tables (3)
- \bigstar 5' round tables (6)
- \star 6' round tables (4)
- ★ Maximum Occupancy = 120 guests

QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

Does our neighborhood allow residents to rent out all or a portion of their homes through applications like Airbnb or VRBO?

Answer: The short answer is no. From a legal perspective, short term rentals are considered businesses and our properties are not allowed to be run as businesses. Homes in The Vineyard are residential properties, and since the City of San Antonio (COSA) considers these types of rentals as businesses and collects taxes on them, the HOA can and does restrict them. Over the past few years, we have had several attempts of neighbors trying to turn their homes into short term rentals, and with the support of our legal counsel, all have methodically been shut down.

On a side note, when people purchase homes in a community managed neighborhood, they are often seeking the protections afforded by an HOA. The Vineyard HOA is no different and is focused on maintaining and improving property values to protect the investment of each homeowner. As a homogeneous neighborhood zoned as Single Family Residential, The Vineyard does not allow businesses that provide the services of transient lodging.

Before I run into the category of TMI, I think I should wrap things up. In closing, the BOD and I would like to wish you a wonderful start to summer and thank you for allowing us to serve this community. Please reach out anytime if we can be of assistance.

Regards,

Lanie Shearer,

President, Board of Directors

The Vineyard Homeowners Association



Shopping Local Keeps Money in the Community and Supports Your Neighbors' Small Business

From: Neighborhood News

Here are just a few reasons to check out the



small businesses near our homes:

- Supporting the Local Economy: Shopping at local 1. stores contributes significantly to the economic wellbeing of your community. Local businesses tend to reinvest a higher percentage of revenue locally compared to chain stores.
- 2. Community Involvement: Local businesses actively participate in community events, sponsor local sports teams, contribute to charities, and engage in neighborhood activities, fostering stronger community bonds.
- Creating Jobs: Local businesses prioritize hiring 3. from the community, promoting the creation and sustainability of local employment opportunities.
- 4. Community Character and Diversity: Local stores enhance the unique character of a neighborhood by offering products, services, and experiences that reflect local culture and preferences, thereby contributing to community diversity.
- Personalized Service: Local businesses provide 5. personalized and attentive customer service, as owners and employees understand the community's needs, tailoring services accordingly.
- Environmental Impact: Shopping locally reduces the 6. environmental impact associated with transportation, leading to lower fuel consumption and decreased carbon emissions.
- Fostering Relationships: Local businesses build strong 7. relationships with customers, fostering trust and loyalty for a more positive shopping experience.
- Quality and Uniqueness: Local businesses often offer 8. unique, high-quality products not available in larger chain stores, providing consumers with diverse and distinctive options.
- Reduced Carbon Footprint: Supporting local busi-9. nesses reduces the need for long-distance transportation of goods, contributing to an overall decrease in the carbon footprint associated with purchased products.
- 10. Preserving Local Culture: Local stores play a vital role in preserving local traditions, craftsmanship, and cultural heritage, especially in areas where businesses showcase and celebrate community uniqueness.

Free Pet Vaccination



& Microchip Events Clinic time: 9am to 11am

In partnership with Animal Defense League, we host a monthly FREE pet vaccination and microchip clinic. Please note, that this service is available for San Antonio residents only and is free with proof of residency. Limit to 100 pets served, 3 pets per household. All services are offered on a first-come, first-served basis

5/4/2024 Pickwell Park, 6911 May Pickwell Dr 5/18/2024 SouthsideLions, 3100 Hiawatha Pav. 4Dr May July 7/6/2024 Levi Strauss Park, 6100 Old Hwy 90 July 7/20/204 Acme Park, 534 S Acme



THE VINEYARD Teen Services

- ★ ABBY HART, age 17: Hi everyone! I am a senior at Reagan High School and will be attending Texas Tech in the fall. I'd love to help out some busy parents and babysit or pet sit! I'm very responsible, punctual and I love kids and animals. I've baby sat many times before and would love to do it again. Please reach out at 512-781-4122.
- ★ ANDY GONZALEZ, age 15: I am a freshman at Reagan High School. I live in The Renaissance and would love to help you with any pet sitting services you might need. Give me a call at 915-820-1431. I look forward to hearing from you.
- ★ BECCA BROUGHTON, age 15: Hello neighbors, I am a sophomore in high school and have experience walking, feeding and playing with dogs. I can also hand water yards and potted plants while you are away from home. I have experience pulling weeds and raking leaves. Please give me a call if you need any of these services. I am mainly available on the weekends and during school breaks. 210-279-9187.
- ★ CLAIRE FRIEDRICH, age 17. I am a student at Reagan High and would love to babysit or pet sit for you while you are away or out of town. I have a dog and several cats of my own and are familiar with the care they need.I live in the Napa Forest part of the Vineyards. My number is 210-385-4709, you can call or if you don't reach me, leave a text and I will call you back.
- ★ CONNOR LOVE, age 13. Hello neighbors, I am a student at Lopez Middle School. I live in the Renaissance. I would like to offer my services for pet sitting (dogs and cats). I can give my parent's information for reference as well as other references. Please call or text me at 210-427-5318.
- ★ COOPER LUTZ, age 17: am a junior at Reagan High School. I have several clients in The Vineyard and will supply references as needed. I am available for pet sitting and lawn care. I am very proficient on all things technical such as TVs, computers, phones, etc. so I can assist with setting up these devices. I am also available to help with math tutoring up to Algebra 2, science and chemistry should you need help in those areas. I can be reached at 210-417-5010.
- ★ EVERETT DENTON, age 15: Hello neighbors. I am an experienced dog sitter and can sit with other pets as well. Give me a call. I will be happy to supply you with references requested. 864-508-6368.
- ★ HANNAH BROUGHTON, age 13: Hi neighbors. I attend Lopez Middle School and am looking forward to helping you with any pet sitting needs you might have. I can help you with hand watering plants while you are away from home as well. I can supply you with references as requested. My number is 830-273-8330. I look forward to hearing from you.



- ★ HATHAWAY HUTCHISON, age 13: Hello neighbors. I attend Lopez Middle School and would love to babysit or be a parent helper for kid 4 and older in my home or yours. I can cook with your kids, do arts and crafts with them or just help out!! My number is 737-228-4648. My mom can be reached at 512-773-1979.
- ★ MORGAN GLASS, age 15: Hi neighbors. I attend Reagan High School and live in The Enclave. If you need a pet, baby, plant or house sitter, I would love to help. have twin siblings that I am very helpful with as I am creative at keeping them busy with crafts, games and activities. We also have several dogs and cats that I adore and care for. I am extremely responsible and am excited to help you. I can be reached at 210-790-4896 (me) or 210-367-5896 (Mom).
- ★ REESE SWEATMAN, age 14: Hello neighbors. I live in the Renaissance and I am currently a Freshman at Reagan High Shcool. I would love to help with babysitting, pet sitting, walking dogs, watering plants, and tutoring younger students. I have 3 younger sisters so I am well experienced with younger kids! I also have a dog myself so I understand pet care, playing and walking them. I can also help water plants if you are out of town. I am 2 years ahead in math (currently in Algebra II Honors) and I love science so if your student is struggling, I'd be happy to help tutor them. You can text my mom (Tonya) at 361-779-0025.
- ★ RYDER KERR, age 17: I am a home-schooled 11th grader therefore available for jobs during the day. My business Rent-A-Ryder is here to help with our pet sitting, lawn care, pressure washing and any odd jobs. I started pet sitting several years ago mainly because I love animals. Now I have several clients and a lot of experience caring for everything from dogs and cats to turtles and fish. Plus, I am the main caretaker for our family dog, Biscuit. I would love to add you to my client list. For more information call or text 210-501-5597 (me) or 805-291-2528 (Mom).
- ★ SAMANTHA ABRAMSON, age 15: Hello neighbors. I am a freshman at Reagan High School and the girl to call if you want to enjoy shopping alone, enjoy an evening out-date night. I have over 2 years experience looking after children and I love caring for them, doing arts and crafts, playing games and activities. I am trustworthy, reliable, loyal, responsible and hard working. I can be reached at 210-887-2770 by call or text. I look forward to hearing from you.
- ★ SARAH CLARKE, age 15: I am a student at Reagan High School. I am particularly good with animals and especially cats. I have 3 cats myself. I also have experience with small animals such as hamsters and guinea pigs. I also very much enjoy playing with and walking dogs. I would very much enjoy helping you. I can be reached by calling or texting 210-612-1520.

Is there a 2024 Graduate-To-Be in your home?

If you would like us to recognize them in the June newsletter, please email Amy@NeighborhoodNews. com with the graduate's name, school, <u>photo</u>, degree (if applicable), future plans, and put Vineyard Neighborhood in the subject line to be admitted.



Did You Know?

Approval from the Architectural Control Committee is needed prior to making any changes to the exterior of your home or to the lot? It's true. Prior to making any changes to the home, yard, or fence you must have completed and received approval from the Architectural Control Committee.

This includes but is not limited to improvements such as storage sheds, decks and patios, landscaping borders, installation of additional landscaping and walkways. Improvement Request forms are available online at www. spectrumam.com. If you have any questions please call Spectrum Association Management at 210-494-0659.



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Indoor Scavenger Hunt

How many of these items can you find around the house?

stuffed bear	푯	flashlight	AND SE
paper airplane		mug or cup	
random sock	III See	keys	1
sunglasses	00	alarm clock	Ø
book		measuring tape	
crayon	ALTERNA	ball of any sort	S
toy truck	0 0	scarf	1 States
potted plant	Å	building blocks	BBCC
ruler	and a state of the	baby doll	*
toothepaste	ê	salt and pepper	

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Dial 311 to Request City Service Assistance

Call City Customer Service at 311 to request assistance with city-related problems such as pothole repair, missing or damaged street signs, overgrown vegetation in city easements, stray animals, or abandoned cars. Customer service hours are 7 AM to 11 PM Monday through Sunday, including all holidays.



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— THE RODICK FAMILY —

