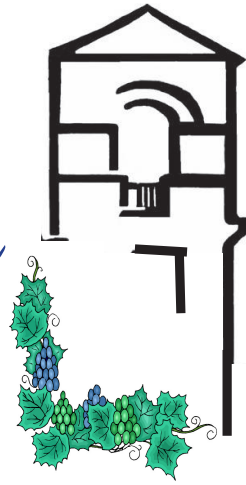




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A note from the President...

Lanie Shearer

Dear Residents,

Well, it looks like Spring is in the air, and based on recent temperatures, Summer isn't far behind. It is nice to see so many residents outside working in their yards or walking dogs in the neighborhood. We are fortunate to have a beautiful place to live filled with wonderful neighbors. On behalf of The Vineyard Board, I would like to share a few of the happenings from our neighborhood agenda.

EASTER EGG HUNT SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to everyone who stepped up for the Easter Egg Hunt Social Committee. Activities like this one make a world of difference for residents and their children, and they would not be possible without significant volunteer assistance. In addition, community involvement is one of the key components of a healthy and vibrant neighborhood, so we very much thank our volunteers.

STREET LINES:

The Board is currently in the process of gathering bids for repainting the white street lines in all sections of The Vineyard.

STREET LIGHTS AND LED BULBS:

The Board is also gathering bids to paint the street light poles and to replace light bulbs with LEDs in **EVERY** light fixture in the neighborhood.



APRIL 2024

- 1 - April Fools Day,
- 1 - Pool Opening 2024 Season - October 31
- 1 - HOA Quarterly dues
- 7 - Vineyard Viper Kickoff at Pavillion
- 8 - Total Lunar Eclipse
- 18-28 - SA Fiesta
- 20 - Spring Garage Sale (9am to 1 pm)
- 22 - Earth Day
- 26 - Battle Flowers/Arbor Day, No School

MAY 2024

- 12 - Mother's Day
- 27 - Memorial Day

JUNE 2024

- 1 - Annual Shredding Event at Pavillion (2pm-5pm)





**The Vineyard
Swimming
POOL OPENS
MONDAY,
APRIL 1 - OCTOBER 31**

POOL OPENING:

Our community pool is opening again. The days of operation are **Wednesdays through Mondays, April 1 through October 31**. Weather permitting, pool hours are **6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.**, with full day closures on Tuesdays for cleaning. The HOA allows each property within the Association to have one pool access card. Cards can be purchased online at www.spectrumam.com by logging into your homeowner account, or in person at the Spectrum Association Management office located near Hwy 281 and Loop 1604. If you purchase a pool card as a tenant, please bring copies of the first and last pages of your lease and an authorization letter from the property owner or management company.

To use the pool, residents must have a pool card and be current on all assessments. Members assume full responsibility for children and guests, and failure to abide by posted rules will likely result in suspension of access. The pool cannot be reserved, and no lifeguards are provided by the HOA. The adult pool is for persons sixteen (16) years old and older, and the children's splash/wading pool is for children under the age of five (5). We also encourage you to review the most current pool information posted on the community website in the "For Homeowners" section under "Documents."



Crape myrtles, those delightful flowering trees, grace the Texas landscape with their vibrant blossoms. The timing of their blooms can vary based on several factors. Let's dive into the details:

Bloom Times:

Some crape myrtles burst into bloom as early as **May**, with large clusters of flowers appearing on the tips of new branches.

Other varieties may wait until **July or even later** to showcase their colorful blossoms.

The blooming season extends into **fall**, ensuring a prolonged display of floral beauty.

Post-Bloom Care:

After the flowers fade and fall from the tree, consider **trimming the fruit** from the plant. This practice can stimulate additional blooms within **30 to 45 days**.

Keep in mind that the **amount of sunlight** your crape myrtles receive significantly impacts their flowering. They thrive in full sun, and light shade can reduce flower production, while full shade might prevent blooming altogether.

Late winter or early spring is the ideal time to prune your crape myrtles. Without leaves, you can easily assess the branch structure and selectively remove any necessary branches.

Light and proper pruning can lead to larger flowers and more abundant blooms.

Avoid heavy pruning, as it may delay blooming by several weeks.

Applying **high-phosphorus, slow-release fertilizer** in early spring promotes healthy growth, disease resistance, and vibrant blooms.

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GATE RFID TAGS:

RFID tag readers are installed and activated at all gates across the neighborhood. The new HOA tags are \$30 each and are designed to work both at your respective gate and at the Pool/Pavilion gate on Huebner Road. By the time this newsletter is published, we will have completed four gate tag sales events at the Pavilion, and future sales will need to be completed at the Spectrum AM office. Unfortunately, we are not able to offer refunds or credits for the return of a legacy clicker.

The technology in these tags is similar to a Texas tollway tag. When attached to the inside of your windshield, the tag auto-communicates with a reader to open the gate as you approach a neighborhood entrance. While all gate readers are installed and active, some of the updating of individual tags is still taking place in the Access system. We continue to iron out kinks, and we expect any issues to be resolved quickly. We appreciate everyone's patience with this process.

Just like the old clickers, the new tags are not mandatory since the keypads are considered the primary method for accessing the neighborhood at each entrance. The legacy clickers however will eventually reach an end-of-service date. The HOA has already stopped selling clickers and resetting clickers that require maintenance. If a problem develops with your clicker, we'll ask you to use the keypad or purchase a new tag. At a future not-yet-determined date, we'll also stop maintaining clicker readers at each gate.

There is also one other option for accessing the neighborhood; you may also register a Texas tollway tag (TxTag, NTTA, EzTag etc.) through the Spectrum AM website. The only caveat to this option is that the HOA **does not** control Texas toll tags and therefore cannot absolutely guarantee that they will work on our gates. Thus far, residents who have pursued this route, have experienced no difficulties using the Texas toll tags. To register a toll tag, please follow the steps below.

- Take a photo of your current tag numbers for use during registration.
- Sign into your Spectrum AM account online, select Amenities and scroll down to Gate Access Code where you will be asked to sign a Waiver.
- Fill out the requested info, and where it reads Type of Device Requesting, select Gate.
- Scroll down to Choice, select Renewing Existing Device and then Device #(s).
- Enter your Signature and Legal Name. Then SUBMIT.

You will typically receive a reply within 24 hours saying the tag is active. If there is a problem, Spectrum AM will contact you. For this reason, be sure to submit your email address where requested. Also, be sure to type in the tag number just as it appears on the tag, spaces and all.



2024 VINEYARD VIPERS SEASON REGISTRATION

Mark your calendar! Registration for the 2024 Vineyard Viper Season is around the corner.

Registration Dates

Wed. April 3rd: Registration begins for New Vipers (Vineyard Residents Only)

Wed. April 10th: Registration Begins for New Vipers Families

Sat. April 20th: Registration Closes

VIPERS 2024 KICK OFF EVENT

Also mark your calendars for our Vipers 2024 Kick off Event. Here you can learn more about the team and our wonderful coaches, purchase team swimsuits, and get Vipers gear.

Sun. April 7th: Vipers 2024 Kick-off Event

3 - 5 PM - The Vineyard

'Vineyard Vipers Swim Team' Facebook group.

<https://vineyardvipers.swimtopia.com/>

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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.**
- ★ 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.**
- ★ 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)
- ★ 8' rectangular tables (10)
- ★ 6' rectangular tables (3)
- ★ 5' round tables (6)
- ★ 6' round tables (4)
- ★ Maximum Occupancy = 120 guests



SA Fiesta is a vibrant celebration that draws crowds from all around. As you immerse yourself in the festivities, here are some essential safety tips:

1. Park & Ride
2. Buy tickets ahead of time: fiesta-sa.org/
3. Dress comfortably & wear closed toed shoes
4. Stay Hydrated & non-alcohol designated driver
5. Have a meeting place for children in case get lost in large crowd..



Architectural Control Committee Improvements to Your Home

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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QUESTION OF THE MONTH:

After working in my yard, I left several bags of leaves and my garbage can in front of my house during the day on the day before garbage pickup. I subsequently received an email from the HOA reminding me to store trash in accordance with HOA guidelines. I would kindly ask that the HOA focus on other more important issues especially when a few neighbors aren't taking care of their yards.

Answer: Thank you for your question. First, if this was the initial email you received regarding this issue, it was a "courtesy message" which would also have said to "please know that no fines or penalties have been applied to your account." It was, as stated, a courtesy notice to please abide by the rules agreed to when purchasing your home in The Vineyard.

These messages are initiated by a Site Manager who drives all sections of the neighborhood several times per month to ensure residents are in compliance with our Covenants, Codes, and Restrictions (CCRs). When we as homeowners closed on our homes, we signed CCR paperwork stating that we understood and would comply with the CCRs. This process helps us to maintain standards in our neighborhood.

The HOA rule regarding trash receptacles states, "An owner may place trash on the street curb abutting his or her Lot only on those days designated by the City of San Antonio, Texas as trash collection days. On all other days, an Owner must keep all trash, garbage and other waste material hidden from public view." The HOA is lenient in regards to putting it out the night before but not full days before or after garbage pickup. If you will be out of town or if others are responsible for placing garbage out for pick up, please inform them of the rules.

In regards to other neighbors' unkept yards, those neighbors most likely received courtesy notices as well, and the HOA will continue to work on enforcing our CCRs. During COVID, neighborhood aesthetics became much more lax than normal, but your HOA is back to full enforcement, and we have had many praising us for finally getting back to the upholding neighborhood standards. We ask that all residents revisit the guidelines and make necessary adjustments, repairs and improvements to maintain the appearance of our neighborhood and preserve our property values.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone for your continued patience as we work through our gate tag reader transition, and I hope you enjoy a wonderful springtime season.

Lanie Shearer

President, Board of Directors

The Vineyard Homeowners Association

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

- April 4/6/2024 Perez Park, 8601 Timber Path Park
- April 4/13/2024 Paul Jolly Center, 210 Tuleta Dr.
- April 4/20/2024 Cuellar Park, 5626 San Fernando St
- April 4/27/2024 Animal Care Services, 4710 HWY 151



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THE VINEYARD Teen Services





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

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



Recipe Corner

Blueberry Banana Cream Cheese Pie

Ingredients:

- 1-2 yellow bananas
- 1/2 can blueberry pie filling
- 1 pie shell (such as Ritz or Pillsbury frozen pie shell; baked and cooled)
- 1 - 8 oz tub of Cool Whip
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 tsp Vanilla extract
- 1 - 8 oz pkg softened Cream Cheese



Directions:

- Slice bananas and layer in pie shell.
- Mix with beater the softened cream cheese in a small mixing bowl.
- Add sugar and vanilla to the cream cheese. Mix until completely blended.
- Gently add the Cool Whip to the mixture.
- Pour the mixture into the cooled, cooked pie shell on top of the layered bananas.
- Add 1/2 can of blueberry pie filling to the center top of the pie. Chill and eat!



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





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Kids Corner

Backyard Scavenger Hunt

How many can you spot?
Color in as you find them


	Butterfly		Cloud		Worm
	Flower		Twig		Grass
	Leaf <small>(bonus point for one that's been munched on!)</small>		Bee		Listen! Can you hear a bird singing?
	Ant		Stone		
	Snail		Flowerpot	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <h4>Bonus Hunt</h4> <p>Find something:</p> <p>Soft</p> <p>Hard</p> <p>Spiky</p> <p>Shiny</p> <p>Round</p> <p>Smelly</p> </div>	
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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.

United Way Help Line: Dial 2-1-1



2-1-1 is a free, anonymous social service hotline that helps people find information about local resources in their community.

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