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The Association's Board of Directors meets the third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm in a meeting room at the Brushy Creek MUD (Municipal Utility District) Community Center located at 16318 Great Oaks Drive (at the corner of Great Oaks Dr. and Racine Trail).



A message from your...

HOA President, John Bernard:



Hi Fellow Cat Hollow Members,

It's great to see plants starting to grow, trees budding and the days getting longer. I'm pleased to announce that Evan Eppinger has been appointed to the Board. Evan has lived in Cat Hollow since 2017. He is a realtor with considerable experience with property management and has worked with many HOA communities. His experience will be very helpful as we move forward with the fining policy and updating our bylaws and ARC guidelines. Please join me in welcoming Evan to the Board.

The walkway between Almelo and Liberty Walk is scheduled to be completely refurbished the week of March 17 during the school break. The walkway will be closed during construction. Please plan accordingly. The walkway will be widened to 7'. We've chosen to concrete the walkway because of its durability and low maintenance. The ends will be flared to make it easier for pedestrians and the slope near Liberty Walk will become ADA compliant. The edges between the new path and concrete fences will be stone and mulch to match the O'Connor medians.

Urban Dirt is well underway completing phase 2 of our landscape upgrade project. You'll see them throughout the neighborhood refurbishing corners, entry islands and other common areas. They are also adding trellises to the butterfly garden on Liberty Walk to make the vining plants more visible. We've resolved the irrigation issues along O'Connor and are looking forward to a banner year for color and growth.

There are still a few other areas that are under discussion. We're reviewing alternative design options and proposals to find the best options. These areas include Bobcat, the Liberty Walk trail head and a few other smaller areas. We'll address these areas in the fall if we don't finalize designs and quotes before the spring planting season ends.

Maintenance on the monument signs is planned for the week of March 17. The signs will be cleaned so that all traces of graffiti will be removed and then they will be sealed to help defend against future vandalism. We've added more cameras near the monument signs to improve our ability to identify vandals. Thanks to Rob Rich for getting the cameras installed and monitoring notifications.

We still have one open position on both the ARC and Board. We hope that more members will come forward to volunteer to help continue to improve our neighborhood. Please reach out to Samantha at cathbc@ciramail.com or via the Portal if you'd like to volunteer or learn more about the roles and responsibilities of each position.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, April 16 starting at 6:30 PM in the Community Center. We hope to see you there. We also welcome your feedback or suggestions to the Board on any topic through the Portal.

Happy Spring Season!

John Bernard, President

April

Brushy Creek
Community Center Events



EGG HUNT!

Saturday, April 12th, 2025 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Cat Hollow Park
8320 O'Connor Drive, Round Rock, TX 78681

Each egg hunt has a location designated by age group. There is a maximum of 10 eggs per child. Once your child has 10 eggs, please exit the hunting area. Arrive early to locate your child's hunt area, and be ready to start on time. Don't be late!

EGG HUNT SCHEDULE & AGES:

- 0-24 months- starts at 10 AM (1 parent may enter hunting area)
- 2-3 years- starts at 10:10 AM (1 parent may enter hunting area)
- 4 years- starts at 10:20 AM (Parents may not enter hunting area)
- 5-6 years- starts at 10:30 AM (Parents may not enter hunting area)
- 7 years and up- starts at 10:40 AM (Parents may not enter hunting area)

FREE ACTIVITIES

- Performances: Joe McDermott
- Contests: Prize for the golden egg finders!
- Petting Zoo
- Egg Painting
- Free giveaways- Located at the Information Booth!
- Inflatable fun
- Pictures with the Bunny!



BBQ COOK OFF

Saturday, May 3rd, 2025 | 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Brushy Creek Community Center Park
16318 Great Oaks Drive, Round Rock, TX 78681

Free Admission!

Join us at the Brushy Creek Community Center for our 16th Annual Backyard BBQ Cook-Off. Enjoy Texas BBQ at its best, as well as a fantastic live music concert series! Kids activities include face painting, balloon twisting, and petting zoo!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:


- 12:00 PM- FESTIVAL OPENS- National Anthem: School of Rock
- 12:15 PM- Lixbox
- 1:30 PM- Chris Hoff
- 3:00 PM- Wyatt Weaver Band
- 4:30 PM- Anders Drerup
- 6:00 PM- COOK-OFF AWARD CEREMONY
- BBQ COOK-OFF T-SHIRTS

2025 event shirts will go on sale Friday, May 2nd, 2025 in the Community Center and will be available at the BBQ Cook-Off in youth and adult sizes up to 3X.





April METS Calendar




The guidelines for the METS events are: Ages 30+, Brushy Creek Community Center member or Brushy Creek MUD resident = free METS events, Out of district = purchasing a \$5 day/guest pass to attend, Trips are not free. There is a minimal cost for travel and all other fees (tickets/lunches/tips) are paid by individuals.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	1 10:30a Card Games	2 8:30a Pickleball 9:30a Seated Pilates 10:30a Bingo	3 10:30a Team Games 1:00p Needles & Sew	4 9:30a Chair Groove 10:30a Gardening with Kathleen
7 9:30a Seated Pilates 10:30a Fire Dept. Operations	8 10:30a Card Games	9 9:30a Seated Pilates 10:30a Bingo	10 10:30a Tile Games 1:00p Storytelling	11 9:30a Chair Groove 10:30a Craft
14 9:30a Seated Pilates 10:30a Card Games	15 11:30a Lunch Bunch	16 8:30a Pickleball 9:30a Seated Pilates 10:30a Bingo	17 10:30a Learn Latin Moves 1:00p Book Club	18 9:30a Chair Groove 10:30a Armchair Traveler: Alcatraz
21 9:30a Seated Pilates 10:30a Art w/Jessica	22 10:30a Card Games 11:30a Lunch & a Movie	23 9:30a Seated Pilates 10:30a Bingo	24 11:30a Potluck 1:00p Bridge	25 9:30a Chair Groove 10:30a Lawn Games
28 9:30a Seated Pilates 10:30a Watercolors	29 10:30a Card Games	30 8:30a Pickleball 9:30a Seated Pilates 10:30a Bingo		

FREE FOR BCCC MEMBERS & RESIDENTS
NON-RESIDENTS MUST PURCHASE A GUEST PASS
QUESTIONS OR TO RSVP FOR EVENTS:
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DID YOU KNOW?

Bananas are berries, but strawberries aren't!

Botanically speaking, a berry is a fruit that develops from a single ovary and has multiple seeds inside. Bananas, kiwis, and even eggplants fit this definition, while strawberries, raspberries, and blackberries do not!



GRADUATES!



Let's commemorate your accomplishment! Simply, send us a senior photo along with a blurb of your future plans! Send your pictures and stories to:

maddie@neighborhoodnews.com.

CBS: DOG BITES 101

Would you know what to do if you suddenly came upon an aggressive, threatening dog? And what if you got bitten?

On “The Early Show”, resident veterinarian Dr. Debbye Turner Bell offered important pointers on preventing -- and treating -- dog bites. She also had words to the wise about keeping your dog from becoming aggressive.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 4.7 million people are bitten by dogs in the United States each year, and one-in-five bites requires medical attention - some 800,000 a year. Not only that, but children are most at risk, especially those between the ages of 5 and 9 (as published on www.CBSnews.com).

WHY DOGS BITE

There are several reasons a dog will bite, and many of them have nothing to do with being mean. More often than not, a dog will bite out of fear, rather than aggression. Dogs that feel threatened, unsure, or challenged will respond by biting as a self-defense mechanism. Dogs that haven't been spayed or neutered may display aggressive behavior related to their sex drive. Dogs are territorial creatures and will protect their turf. So a dog might bite if its food, toys, or pups are bothered. A surprised dog will bite. If you approach a dog unexpectedly or he doesn't hear you coming, his instinct might be to bite out of fear. Dogs that haven't been properly behavior-trained and socialized are more likely to bite.

WAYS TO PREVENT AGGRESSION IN YOUR PET

1) Spay or neuter your animal. This is not only good for the health of your dog, it can decrease the dog's drive to roam, and compete for the affections of the opposite sex. Often, intact dogs (those that have not been spayed or neutered) are more territorial, aggressive and protective.

2) Avoid playing “tug of war” with a dog. Many dogs interpret this as aggression. If they “win,” they feel empowered. If they feel threatened, they may try to retaliate.

3) Avoid “roughhousing” with, or other sudden movements toward the dog's owner. Many dogs will see this as an attack on their owner, and will attack you to defend the owner.

4) Socialize and behavior-train your dog.

5) Do not try to take food or toy away from a dog. NEVER bother a dog while he is eating. The most common situation where a dog bite occurs is while a dog is eating!

6) Have enough toys for your multiple dog household, so that the dogs don't have to share. They also should not share food and water bowls.

7) Do not allow your dog to roam unsupervised or off-leash.



Springtime Irrigation Check

In addition to cleaning gutters and preparing planting beds, irrigation system inspection is essential for preparing your yard for spring. Before simply turning the system back on to run the last program it used in the fall, visually check it to ensure everything is functioning properly.

This way, when you start using it again you won't be caught off guard by high water bills, dying plants, or uneven coverage. When you test your irrigation system you are looking for problems that include:

- Sprinkler heads that aren't popping up – maybe grass grew over the heads.
- Heads that are turned the wrong way and are spraying areas they shouldn't be (e.g. driveways, sidewalks, the house, or the fence).
- Leaking heads – these should be replaced.
- Heads that are covered by shrubs or bushes.
- Areas of low water pressure.

Taking a little time now to inspect your irrigation system could help prevent unexpected yard problems as the year progresses.



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CAT HOLLOW

****COMMUNITY PARTY****

Saturday, May 17th 3-6pm

Cat Hollow Park Pavillion

Fun & Games For All Ages

Bring your family and meet your fellow residents. Bring a chair and your favorite dish or snack to share. Drinks will be provided.

"SAVE THE DATE" FOR OUR CAT HOLLOW COMMUNITY PARTY!

The pavilion at Cat Hollow Park has been reserved and there will be fun and games (& prizes) for the residents of Cat Hollow, both young and old! If you have any questions or want to help with the festivities, please email Michelle Allen at realtorlady07@gmail.com.



LOOKING TO START A GROUP OR CLUB?

Looking to start a walking group, bike riding group, book club? Let us know so we can get the word out for you. This would be a great way to get to know your neighbors.

Send an email to:
editorial@neighborhoodnews.com



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CAT HOLLOW OWNERS ASSOCIATION

Samantha Dominguez, Community Manager1-866-473-2573

- Common area maintenance including mowing, landscaping, and sprinkler systems along O'Connor, Liberty Walk, Conchos Valley, and the entrances to neighborhood sections.
- Deed restriction enforcement
- Architecture Committee approval for all improvements
- See also: ciranet.com/ResidentPortal

BRUSHY CREEK MUD

Brushy Creek MUD..... 512-255-7871

- Common area maintenance along Great Oaks
- Residential water service
- Parks and pools
- Approval for installation of pools, sprinkler systems, and other plumbing
- See also: bcmud.org

ONCOR

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CLASSIFIED ADS RESIDENTS IN CAT HOLLOW:

- Residents can list multiple items for sale, with each listing 3 lines of text (about 25 words) and without photos.
- Listings will run for one month.
- Teen Service listings for Teens in the neighborhood can be run at no cost.
- Teens can offer services for babysitting, yard work, pet/house sitting, etc.
- Teen listings continue to be in the newsletter until they request their listing to be removed and/or they turn 19.

Please reach out to Neighborhood News directly at info@neighborhoodnews.com if you'd like to discuss discounted rates for advertising small businesses in the Newsletter.



Measles

IT ISN'T JUST A LITTLE RASH



Measles can be dangerous, especially for babies and young children.

MEASLES SYMPTOMS TYPICALLY INCLUDE

- High fever (may spike to more than 104° F)
- Cough
- Runny nose
- Red, watery eyes
- Rash breaks out 3-5 days after symptoms begin



Measles Can Be Serious



About 1 out of 5 people who get measles will be hospitalized.



1 out of every 1,000 people with measles will develop brain swelling due to infection (encephalitis), which may lead to brain damage.



1 to 3 out of 1,000 people with measles will die, even with the best care.

You have the power to protect your child.



Provide your children with safe and long-lasting protection against measles by making sure they get the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine according to CDC's recommended immunization schedule.

WWW.CDC.GOV/MEASLES