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## A LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



### Spring Has Sprung in Bluffview!

The flowers are blooming, the sun is shining (most days!), and the community is buzzing again. Whether you're sprucing up the yard or soaking up the longer evenings, we're glad to welcome the season with you.

See you out and about!

Collin Corrington  
President

## DATE CORRECTION — PLEASE UPDATE YOUR CALENDARS!



We apologize for the mix-up in our last newsletter! Please make note of the correct event dates below:

### Easter Celebration

**Saturday, April 19th** | Begins at 11:00 a.m.

Bring the whole family for a festive egg hunt, spring treats, and fun with neighbors!

**Bluffview Shred Day** (FREE for Bluffview residents)

**Saturday, May 31st** | 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Clean out those old files and let us handle the shredding while you enjoy your weekend!

## ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE (ACC)

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Your Restrictive Covenants and the Improvement Request form can be found on the web at:

**[www.BluffviewOfCaminoReal.com](http://www.BluffviewOfCaminoReal.com)**

**Sign In**, then click on **Documents** in the top banner.

For the **Covenants** click on **Governing Documents**, then the Restrictive Covenant for your Bluffview Unit from the list.

For the **Improvement Request form** click on **Printable Documents**, then **Architectural Control Committee**, then **ACC Improvement Request**. **Always send** completed forms and supporting documents to Associated Asset Management (AAM), via mail or email. (See front page **side-bar** for addresses.)

*The ACC is a separate body established by the Bluffview of Camino Real Declaration of Restrictive Covenant 19869 Deed, March 16, 1979. It is not a committee within the Bluffview of Camino Real Home Owners Association. The ACC and the elected HOA Board strive to work together, but neither has legal authority over the other.*

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## SPRING WATERING REMINDERS — STAGE 3 DROUGHT RESTRICTIONS ARE IN EFFECT

Before you begin your spring watering routine, please note: we are currently under Stage 3 drought restrictions. These rules help conserve water and keep our community sustainable.

What's Allowed:

- **Landscape watering (sprinkler, soaker hose):** Once per week ONLY, from 5–10 a.m. and 9 p.m.–midnight, based on your address.
- **Drip irrigation:** Mondays and Fridays, from 5–10 a.m. and 9 p.m.–midnight.
- **Hand-held hose:** Allowed any time, any day
- **Vegetable gardens (drip only):** Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, during approved watering hours.
- **Car washing at home:** Allowed once per week on Saturday or Sunday, as long as there's no water waste.

### STAGE 3 WATERING SCHEDULE

#### YOUR DESIGNATED WATERING DAY

Based on the last number of your address:

- **Monday:** Addresses ending in 0 or 1
- **Tuesday:** Addresses ending in 2 or 3
- **Wednesday:** Addresses ending in 4 or 5
- **Thursday:** Addresses ending in 6 or 7
- **Friday:** Addresses ending in 8 or 9

**No watering on Saturday or Sunday**

## PREPARING FOR SPRING STORMS

From thunderstorms to hail, and flash flooding, spring in Texas can be unpredictable, making it essential for us to prepare. By taking a few precautionary steps, we can keep our homes, families, and neighbors safe when the skies darken and the winds pick up during the rainy season.

Here are some ways you can be prepared:

**Stay Informed:** Monitor weather apps, local news, and NOAA Weather Radio regularly for up-to-date storm information. It's crucial to stay alert to watches and warnings in your area. Additionally, signing up for local emergency alerts ensures you'll receive timely notifications if severe weather is approaching.

**Prepare an Emergency Kit:** Stock your emergency kit with essentials like flashlights, batteries, first-aid supplies, non-perishable food, and bottled water. Don't forget any necessary medications and a power bank for charging your phone in case of power outages. Check the kit periodically to ensure everything is in good condition and ready to go.

**Be Ready for Flooding:** Check if your home is in a flood zone by referring to FEMA flood maps. If you live in an area prone to flooding, elevate important electronics and valuables above ground level to prevent water damage. Have sandbags or other flood barriers on hand to help protect your property from rising water.

**Prepare for Your Pets:** Make sure your pets have identification tags and are microchipped in case they get lost during a storm. Keep pet carriers, extra food, and water in your emergency kit, and provide a designated safe space for your pets to go during the storm.

**Have Emergency Contacts:** Keep a list of emergency contacts, family members, local authorities, and neighbors, in a place where everyone can access it. This will help you act quickly in case you need assistance or need to report damage after the storm.

By staying informed, planning ahead, and securing your home, you can help protect your family and property during spring storms. Stay safe, neighbors!



### DON'T BLOW LEAVES OR OAK POLLEN INTO THE STREET

Doing so clogs storm drains and violates city ordinances. Instead, call **311** to schedule **FREE leaf pickup** from **CPS**—they'll take care of it!

### BARKING DOGS

If your dog goes outside during the night, please be considerate of your neighbors who may be sleeping, and get the dog back in the house promptly if it starts to bark.



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## MONARCH MIGRATION: HOW YOU CAN HELP



Monarch butterflies are one of the most iconic and beautiful species to call Texas home. Known for their remarkable long-distance journey, monarchs travel thousands of miles between North America and Mexico each year. These butterflies are famous for their striking orange-and-black wings, but their incredible migration from Canada to central Mexico—covering up to 3,000 miles—makes them a marvel of the natural world. Unfortunately, monarch populations have been declining in recent years due to habitat loss, climate change, and other environmental factors. However, Texas plays a crucial role in their migration path, and residents can take steps to help protect these magnificent creatures.

Here are a few simple yet effective things residents can do to help support monarch butterflies during their migration through Texas:

**Plant Milkweed-** Milkweed is essential for monarch survival, as it provides both food for larvae and a place for monarchs to lay their eggs. By planting milkweed in your garden, you can create a sanctuary for monarchs as they pass through the area.

**Create Butterfly-Friendly Habitats-** Consider planting nectar-rich flowers like asters, zinnias, and lantanas to provide food sources for adult butterflies. Creating a butterfly-friendly garden with a variety of plants will help attract monarchs and other pollinators, such as bees and hummingbirds, which are vital to the ecosystem.

**Provide Water-** Monarchs need water to stay hydrated during their migration. You can help by offering a shallow water source, such as a birdbath or a small bowl, in your yard. Be sure to add rocks or sticks so butterflies can land and safely drink without risk of drowning.

With your help, these beautiful butterflies will continue to grace our state each year, reminding us of the importance of protecting the natural world for future generations. Let's work together to make Texas a welcoming place for monarch butterflies, and ensure they have a safe passage during their migration.

DID YOU KNOW?

Marigolds aren't just beautiful, they're also natural pest repellents! These vibrant flowers produce a scent that helps keep aphids, mosquitoes, and even certain nematodes (microscopic worms that damage plant roots) away from your garden. Planting them near vegetables like tomatoes, peppers, and beans can help protect your crops from harmful pests. Plus, marigolds attract pollinators like bees and butterflies, making them a great addition to any eco-friendly garden!



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## IMPROVING SAFETY IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

As we all know, the safety and well-being of our community are top priorities. Whether it's for our families, friends, or neighbors, a secure and peaceful environment makes a world of difference. While local authorities and law enforcement play a vital role, it's often the collective efforts of residents that make a lasting impact on neighborhood safety.


Here are a few proactive steps we can take as a community to enhance safety for everyone:

First and foremost, communication is key. A well-informed neighborhood can better respond to potential threats and emergencies. One way to build this communication is through neighborhood watch groups or social media platforms where neighbors can share updates, observations, or concerns. By keeping each other informed, we help build a network of vigilance without encroaching on one another's privacy. Whether it's noticing a car that doesn't belong or reporting suspicious activity, an alert community can make a significant difference.

Lighting plays an essential role in deterring criminal activity. Properly lit streets and public areas can prevent incidents from occurring. Homeowners can also make sure their own properties are well-lit, especially entry points like porches, driveways, and backyards. It's a simple yet effective way to make your home less appealing to intruders. Keeping public areas well-maintained can help create a safer atmosphere for everyone in the neighborhood.

In addition to taking personal precautions, maintaining an eye on the physical environment is equally important. Regularly reporting broken streetlights, damaged sidewalks, or overgrown foliage can go a long way in preventing accidents and reducing hidden spots where criminals may take advantage of poor visibility.

Creating a safe neighborhood is not the responsibility of one person alone; it's something we all must actively work towards. By strengthening communication and improving our environment, we can build a safer, stronger community for all.



### Crime Prevention Tip

#### **LOCK, TAKE, HIDE**

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.

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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Charman, Ava - 18	778-1454	House sitting, Babysitting, Pet sitting/walking, Swim lessons, Lifeguard parties, Volleyball lessons for 2nd - 8th graders.
Kelly, Wilson - 12 Kelly, Catalina - 15	382-4610	Dog walking, Pet sitting, House-sit, Poop scooping, Baby-sitting, Private swim lessons
DeHart, Lauren - 15	860-0953	Pet sitting, Dog walking, House-sitting, Baby-sitting / Childcare, Plant watering

## To Contact SAPD

Emergency ..... 911  
Non-Emergency..... (210) 207-7273  
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Property Crimes ..... (210) 207-7601

## To Contact the Main SAFD Divisions

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Fire Prevention Division ..... (210) 207-8410  
Arson Bureau ..... (210) 207-7673  
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& Education Division

## Request a City Service - 311

With the 311 Mobile App, residents can submit service request reports for the following services:

- Aggressive Animal
- Dead Animal Pick Up
- Graffiti in Parks
- Graffiti Public Property
- Graffiti Private Property
- Junk Vehicle
- Overgrown Yard
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## Recipe Corner

### 5-MINUTE FRUIT MOUSSE



Source: <https://www.serious-eats.com/light-and-easy-five-minute-fruit-mousse-dessert-recipe>

#### Ingredients:

- 8 1/2 ounces (about 2 1/4 cups) frozen berries or other fruit
- 2 tablespoons sugar (or use sugar, honey, maple syrup, or stevia extract to taste)
- 1 large egg white
- Fresh berries and whipped cream for serving (optional)

#### Directions:

1. Add fruit to the bowl of a food processor. Process to a rough puree, about 1 minute. Add the sugar or another sweetener and pulse briefly to combine. If you're using a different sweetener, add a small amount at a time to taste.

2. Add the egg white and process until smooth and fluffy and the mixture has lightened in color and doubled or tripled in volume, 2 to 3 minutes.

3. If the mixture clings to the sides of the food processor's bowl too much (this may happen if the blade doesn't extend all the way to the sides of the bowl), transfer the mixture to a normal medium-sized bowl and beat with a mixer fitted with the whisk attachment until fluffy.

4. Spoon the mousse into glasses and top or layer with fresh berries and/or whipped cream (optional). Serve immediately or store in the refrigerator for up to 2 hours (because this mousse has very little sugar in it, it's not very stable and it won't hold for longer than that).

## CELEBRATING ARBOR DAY

Arbor Day, celebrated annually on the last Friday of April, honors trees and the many benefits they provide to our environment and communities. Here's how you can celebrate Arbor Day:

**Plant a Tree:** Planting a tree is a great way to celebrate. Each tree provides oxygen, improves air quality, and enhances your neighborhood.

**Learn About Trees:** Take time to learn about the trees native to your area and their role in the local ecosystem.

**Tree Care and Maintenance:** If you already have trees, Arbor Day is a great time to check their health. Proper care like pruning and watering can extend their life.

Arbor Day reminds us that small actions can have a big impact. Celebrate the trees in your community and help ensure they thrive for generations to come.

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