Hey there neighbors,

As I sip my morning coffee and glance at the upcoming weather forecast, I can’t help but chuckle at my own excitement. Can you believe we’re actually looking forward to temperatures ONLY in the 90s? After the scorching heat wave we’ve had, it sure feels like a cool breeze.

Speaking of events to look forward to, **October 20th is our Annual HOA Dinner!** Like last year, we’ll be gathering at Walker Ranch Park. The ambiance of the park and the joy of catching up with everyone always makes it a night to remember. It will be a sit-down dinner followed by our meeting. And trust me, the dinner spread will be just as delightful, if not more, than the last time.

In the coming weeks, keep an eye on your mailbox for a special packet about the dinner. Inside, you’ll find all the nitty-gritty details and also important info about **voting for our board members.** Ever thought about making decisions for our community? Maybe you’ve considered running for the board? Now’s your chance! Please, once you get the packet, take a moment to read through it and respond. **RSVPs are essential for us to ensure everyone gets a plate and a seat.**

Our community is still under **stage two water restrictions** as directed by SAWS. Let’s do our bit and water our greens between the hours of 7am to 11am and 7pm and 11pm on the days assigned by the last digit of your house number. Watering by hand allowed any day and any time. It’s small steps like these that help our community and environment thrive.

September is here, the kids are back in school (hooray for some, aw shucks for others!), and the football season is in full swing. If you happen to overdo it on the BBQ while watching a game (we’ve all been there), give me a shout. I won’t say no to some good ribs or brisket!

Looking forward,

Collin Corrington - **President**
2023 BOARD MEETING DATES

The Bluffview, Next Board of Directors meeting:

2023 Annual Dinner & Meeting
OCTOBER 20TH • 6PM
@ WALKER RANCH PARK
(Rain date October 27th)

NOVEMBER 6TH
Meeting time: 6:00pm.
(Executive session 5:30pm for Board only)
Meeting location:
16414 San Pedro, Ste.#240, San Antonio TX, 78232
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Restrictions: One ad per resident. Ads will run for two months only, unless the advertiser calls and requests renewal. Ads may be edited for length or clarity.

The deadline to submit an ad for the next newsletter, that goes out on October 15th 2023 is October 1st.

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.

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**FLAME ACANTHUS IS A BLOOMING BEAUTY IN THE HEAT!**

Whether you know it by common names such as Flame acanthus, Hummingbird bush, or by the scientific name of *Anisacanthus quadrifidus var. wrightii*, if you know this plant, you know that it practically thrives on heat and drought.

It has profuse blooms of red, trumpet shaped flowers, when it gets sufficient moisture, so that you could call it a “Burning Bush,” if you wanted to coin a new name for it.

Flame acanthus is deciduous shrub that can reach from 3 to 5 feet tall, with a bloom period from June through November.

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*Flowers are orange or red, and have the tubular shape preferred by hummingbirds.*

**Is it heat tolerant?** Yes! **Cold tolerant?** Yes! **Use a lot of water?** No, water needs are low, though it can handle both dry or moist soil conditions. **Drought tolerance is high and it can adapt to a wide variety of soils. It can handle direct sunlight and partial shade.**

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We saw several CPS “energy alert” days this summer, when customers were asked to conserve energy because triple-digit temperatures placed an extraordinarily high demand on the Texas power grid. Conserving energy can help prevent “rolling blackouts,” when power is cut off in various areas for short periods.

There are a variety of ways to conserve energy, from turning up your thermostat a few degrees to closing the blinds to keep heat out and not using major appliances like ovens, washers, and dryers during the alert.

The news media does a good job of disseminating information about these alert days, but you can also get notices delivered to your email inbox by signing up with CPS.

You can get details on how to do that at: https://www.cpsenergy.com/en/customer-support/outage-center/energy-alerts.html.

SAWS Water Saver Coupons

Your WaterSaver Rewards points will be awarded within two weeks after you have attended an approved event. If you are interested in signing up for the rewards program or want to learn 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, Bird baths 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 water-saving garden materials.

LANDSCAPE COUPON - Has your lawn gone crispy and sparse, and in desperate cry for help? When grass thins or browns, that’s the perfect opportunity to switch to less high-maintenance pants. https://www.gardenstylesanantonio.COM/WATERSAVER-LANDSCAPE-COUPON/
REMmvng Tree Banches That Hang Ovcr Sidewalks

Homeowners often wonder if they are responsible for tree branches that hang over sidewalks. Especially if limbs are hanging low blocking the public right of way. The answer is “yes”. Overgrown trees and shrubs endanger us all when they block the view of traffic signs, pedestrians, bicyclists and driver’s on our roads. If the trees and vegetation are blocking visibility in the street, at an intersection, it is the responsibility of the property owner to trim the trees or whatever vegetation back.

Here’s What You Should Know About Tree Branches That Hang Over Sidewalks

• No tree branch should hang lower than 13 feet over the roadway
• No tree branch should hang lower than 8 feet over the sidewalk
• All trees, bushes, shrubs, and other types of foliage shall not obstruct the visual sight of street signs or the illumination of streetlights

Resource: https://arboristsnearme.com

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
• Pot Hole Repair
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Leaves will start changing color soon, it might still be in the 90s for a while, but there are plenty of ways to enjoy that fall has arrived. Signs it is fall in San Antonio and things to do:

1. **Football** season full swing, Tailgate or go out and play football.
2. **Eat & drink all the pumpkin flavored things you can.** Enjoy seasonal flavors and dig into all the pumpkin treats around town.
3. **Watch your favorite band** at SA upcoming music concerts.
4. **Visit a pumpkin patch or corn/hay maze.** This is one of those fun fall activities that everyone can enjoy, no matter your age!
5. **Make pumpkin pie from scratch.** Learn grandma’s recipe to pass along.
6. **Enjoy hot chocolate under the stars.** A yummy fall drink out in the crisp cool air.
7. **Curl up under a blanket with a book on a rainy day.** Who doesn't love a good overcast day!
8. **Rake leaves.** Stepping on crunchy leaves is just one of those things where you can’t exactly explain why it’s fun, it just is.
9. **Make a delicious, hearty soup in a crock pot.** Mmmm, soup season! What’s your favorite?
10. **Visit a museum for FREE on September 23rd.** Enjoy free admission at participating museums on Museum Day in 2023.
11. **Carve a jack-o-lantern.** Is it really ever fall if you DON’T decorate at least one pumpkin?
12. **Make a Boo Basket for a neighbor.** A Boo Basket is merely a Halloween themed gift basket or care package. If you love gift giving, this is great!
13. **Have a fall photo shoot.** Professional or just with a friend! Just be sure to capitalize on all the beautiful scenery.
14. **Knit a scarf.** There’s no better time than autumn to pick up knitting as hobby.
15. **Go to a haunted house.** Gotta have some spooky fun thrown in with the other fun fall activities.
If you are interested in planting a fall vegetable garden, you will find some great tips in this article. Having a fall garden right outside to pick herbs and greens is a nice advantage when cooking stews and soups for cooler fall weather.

One of the most important factors in growing a successful fall garden is to plant at the appropriate time. According to Texas A&M Agrilife Extension, we are in Zone III, so our dates to plant are listed in the table below:

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<th>Month to Start Planting Vegetables in Fall Garden</th>
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PREPARING SOIL FOR FALL GARDEN

- Add a slow-release fertilizer per every hundred square feet of your garden.
- Mix soil thoroughly and prepare rows to plant vegetables. Each row should be about 30 to 36 inches apart so there is ample space once the plants begin to grow.
- Water garden area well, then allow area to dry. Now, you're ready to plant.

COMPANION PLANTS

If you have never heard of companion plants, you are not alone. Some herbs and flowers planted alongside vegetables in a fall garden can be used to act as repellents for certain types of bugs. Other plants and flowers can be planted next vegetables to enhance the flavor, and some do both! The following is a short list of companion plants and how they will work well in your fall garden.

- **Borage** – This is great for deterring worms that pop up on cabbage, kale, and broccoli.
- **Dill** – Plant this next to lettuce and cabbage to repel spider mites, aphids, and squash bugs. But be sure not to plant near carrots because it can cross-pollinate with them and result in a bitter taste.
- **Marjoram** – This can improve flavors of any vegetable.
- **Mint** – Plant this near cabbage to improve growth and flavor. Mint also helps repel moths and ants.

These are just a few tips for your fall garden. Enjoy!

To read more, visit:

- Agrilifeextension.tamu.edu/browse/featured-solutions/gardening-landscaping/fall-vegetable-gardening-guide-for-texas/
- Thekitchengarten.com/companion-planting-for-vegetables-and-herbs/