Important Phone Numbers
Animal Control
(972) 292-5303
City of Frisco
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(800) 566-2314
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New Website:
https://www.panthercreekestates.org/

We're thrilled to introduce our new, user-friendly HOA website! Our team has put in a lot of effort to ensure that the new design makes it a breeze to explore the site and discover all the information you need about Panther Creek Estates community and the HOA.

You’ll find a brand-new Resident Portal right on the homepage, making it convenient to access your account. For common queries, check out our FAQ section, which should provide most of the answers you're looking for. If you still have questions, feel free to reach out to us or contact Real Manage directly. We hope you all enjoy the fresh PCE/HOA website!
Not Receiving Community Email Blasts?

1. Scan this QR Code and follow the prompts.

2. Text the long word “PANTHERCREEK” to 22828 and follow the prompts.

3. Visit the website below and fill in the form.
   www.PantherCreekEstates.org

Gardening Tips

Fall is usually a great time to plant new shrubs or sod. This year, maybe not so much. September thru mid-October is our last chance to fertilize or spread pre-emergent winter-weed killer.

Until the 100 degree temperatures give us a break, it may be wise to wait a bit. And remember, when the tag on the plant says “full sun” they don’t really mean it in central Texas. Texas sage is one of the few plants that will tolerate it. Even lantana has a hard time in true full sun. If you notice 12” to 18” circular brown spots in your lawn, you may have brown patch. Best to apply a fungicide to treat it.

Neil Sperry, author of several Texas gardening books, warns us not to assume that cooler weather means we can quit watering. New plants and sod especially, will still require frequent watering. We’re all too aware that is hot and dry, but let’s be planning now on how we can improve our curb appeal. A little paint, plants, weed killer and elbow grease can go a long way. Maybe you will be a winner of the Yard of the Month contest starting up again next May.

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Unable to access your account or need assistance? Please contact us at Service@CiraMail.com or call 855-877-2472.
How to Make Elderberry Syrup on the Stovetop

One of the things we always make to keep on-hand during cold and flu season is elderberry syrup. It is great for natural immune support during cold and flu season.

**Ingredients:**
- 4 cups water
- 1 cup – either dried elderberries from whole foods market or “Starwest Botanicals Organic Dried Elderberries” on Amazon will work
- 2 cinnamon sticks (or 1 teaspoon cinnamon)
- 1” piece of ginger root (optional)
- 1 cup honey (using raw honey is preferred)

**Instructions:**
1. In a medium saucepan, combine the water, dried elderberries, cinnamon sticks, and ginger (if using).
2. Heat on medium heat until the mixture starts to boil. Reduce heat to simmer and cover with a lid.
3. Simmer for about 1 hour, stirring occasionally, until the syrup is reduced by about half.
4. Remove from heat and allow it to cool for 10-15 minutes. Pour the syrup through a strainer into a glass bowl. Use the back of a spoon to squeeze any remaining juice out of the berries. Discard the elderberries.
5. Allow the elderberry syrup to cool completely before whisking in the honey.
6. Add the honey and stir until it dissolves into the mixture.
7. Pour the completed elderberry syrup into a jar, add a lid, and store in the refrigerator for up to two weeks. For longer storage, freeze syrup in ice cube trays and thaw whenever you need them.

**How to Take It:**
**Suggested Use:** Children over 1 year of age can take 1/2—1 teaspoon a day (do not give to children under 1 because the recipe contains honey). Adults can take 1 tablespoon per day as a preventative, and increase to every 2-3 hours if you feel an illness coming on. These are the amounts that we personally use.
Frisco's FY2024 Budget Reduces Property Tax Rate, Increases Homestead Exemption

FRISCO'S FY2024 BUDGET REDUCES PROPERTY TAX RATE, INCREASES HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION AND PROVIDES FOR 74 NEW POSITIONS

(September 20, 2023) The City of Frisco’s new budget reduces the property tax rate while raising the homestead exemption. Tuesday night, the Frisco City Council unanimously approved a $267 million General Fund budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024.

“We’ve approved a budget proving our commitment to provide Frisco homeowners tax relief,” said Mayor Jeff Cheney. “Dropping the tax rate and raising our homestead exemption are bold decisions. Even so, our city’s high growth allows us to make these moves while continuing to deliver quality programs and services.”

Frisco’s FY2024 property tax rate is .432205 – which is down 1.4 cents. The new budget also accounts for a higher homestead exemption of 15% - up from 12.5%. The Frisco City Council raised the homestead exemption in June. Residents 65 and older also benefited from a ‘senior tax freeze’, adopted last year and effective this year.

“Raising the homestead exemption will save our homeowners about $22 million, collectively,” said Mayor Cheney. “Ultimately, our City Council intends to raise the homestead exemption to 20%, which is the maximum allowed by the state.”

“Frisco’s budgeting approach continues to earn our city triple-A bond ratings from both S & P and Moody’s,” said Jenny Hundt, Interim Chief Financial Officer. “This is significant because the higher our bond ratings, the more money we can potentially save our taxpayers.”

Utility rates will increase by 10%, which includes a nearly 9% water rate hike imposed by the North Texas Municipal Water District. Increased rates will also help cover costs to ‘change out’ meters and maintain cash reserves to meet the city’s financial policy.

The FY2024 budget provides for 74 new positions, including 32 new positions for the Police Department. “We do appreciate the support that we have from our community,” said Chief David Shilson. “We appreciate residents passing bonds that will allow us to continue building the facilities we need to maintain a safe community.” In May, voters approved a $473,400,000 million bond package that will provide capital financing for the next five years.

Equipment replacement, such as vehicles for first responders, is an important part of the FY2024 budget. The City of Frisco maintains 47 facilities, spanning two million square feet. Maintenance and upkeep are priorities while Frisco collaborates to develop its remaining 18-percent of land until ‘build-out’.

“Frisco’s not a new community, but there is a lot of new in it,” said Wes Piersen, City Manager. “There are certainly areas of the community that have been around for a long time. We want to make sure we’re taking care of those areas so people feel like they’re in a world-class city whether they’re in a new part or in a more established part of the city.”