

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS LETTER



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From the Editor...

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Welcome, fellow HCN neighbors, to the vibrant Summer season! As the warmth of the sun envelops our community, it's the perfect time to embrace the joys of the season and relish in the countless activities awaiting us. From lively neighborhood barbecues to leisurely picnics in the park, Summer offers us a splendid canvas to create unforgettable memories together. Let's celebrate the longer days and balmy evenings by exploring the exciting calendar of fun activities designed to bring us closer and foster a sense of togetherness.

This Summer, let's venture out and discover the beauty of our surroundings. Whether you're keen on exploring local hiking trails or prefer the refreshing coolness of a swim at the community pool, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Dust off your swimsuits, dig out those bikes, and get ready to make some fantastic memories. Dive into our city-planned outdoor movie nights under the stars, where laughter and popcorn abound, or join in friendly competitions among the various Summer sports tournaments. Let's also embrace our creative sides with arts and crafts shows and workshops or unwind with yoga sessions in the serene embrace of nature. As we immerse ourselves in these shared experiences, let's forge new friendships and strengthen the bonds that make our neighborhood a place we're proud to call home. Let's make this season one for the books, filled with laughter, connection, and unforgettable moments shared with the wonderful people in our neighborhood!

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A Note from Your...

HOA President, Peter Haller - Prez@HuntersCreekN.com

Well the heat is upon us again! But in a welcome turn for San Antonio, this year the heat is accompanied by some degree of precipitation to help with our green spaces.

People have been out and about for the past few months, which is great to see, but please keep in mind that we all need to share our roadways with one another. For motorists this means keeping speeds within our posted limits (we are a 30MPH zone, which is a maximum even on straightaways, and I have personally seen some cars doing 40 - 50), making sure to slow down around turns with the expectation there will be pedestrians around the corner -- including and especially in the evening / night hours when people may be taking advantage of cooler air, and keeping keen eyes on the road at all times and not on cell phones. Local streets with children and activity is wonderful, but far more unpredictable than main city routes or highways so if you're going to risk multitasking, please do not do so on our local streets. For those enjoying the roads on foot, pedals or paws, please keep a close eye on children to prevent dangerous activity, be courteous (and safe) and keep to the sides of the road allowing ample space for motor vehicles to pass - there's no lawsuit worth getting injured for, and certainly no need to create risk between neighbors where it is unnecessary.

Speaking of green spaces we continue to need volunteers to help with our gardening / landscaping committee providing advice and providing some manpower to keep our neighborhood as nice as it is. I know we're all very busy, but please consider donating a little of your time to your local neighborhood management. Interestingly I recently found myself in two unrelated conversations worth noting. The first was at a table of local folks where I heard how horrible HOAs are from people that aren't in one.

After quietly admitting I am not only a member of one, but President, I had to agree with most of what they had to say, although I also feel HOAs can play an important role. HOAs can get into people's business where they shouldn't, they have quasi-governmental powers but operate as private organizations, are costly, and they can be utilized as weapons to attack neighbors. Lucky for us, our HOA isn't abusive due to decades of heartfelt effort and contribution by well-meaning residents, many of whom have understood the dangers. Still, there are decisions to be made and disagreements happen; my solution has been to get involved -- it's just a few hours per year, be there for the discussions and the decisions, and do my part to keep the HOA fun, useful, and economical.

The second conversation was about it being 2024 and an election year. Are you sick of politics yet? Even if you're not, I imagine as the year grinds on toward Election Day it's only going to get less and less bearable. It seems all sides suggest the world is coming to an end; so the question came up - 'what can we do anyway to have any impact?' There were various answers and a few made sense but one stuck out: instead of spending mental energy worrying about national propaganda and following headlines about which you have virtually no sway, are there ways you can make an actual difference in your world directly in front of you? Getting involved in the decisions of your own neighborhood, helping your neighbors enjoy fun events, nice spaces, and safety in a way that makes the most sense to you is something you can do right here at home. Did I mention we have committee and board spots open at your own HOA?



CALENDAR OF FUN EVENTS



Every Sat 8 am: 5K Walking Group, Ray (SMS: 210-837-2145)
Every Sun 10 - 2 pm: Farmers Market (Shavano Park City Hall parking lot)
Every Mon 6:30pm: Tennis Club, QFS&TC
Every Tue & Thu 8 am: 5K Walking Group, Ray (SMS: 210-837-2145)
Every last Wed of every month: No Pressure Book Club* 6 pm (Nowhere Bookshop) info @ 210-640-7260
Every Thu: Live Music on the Lawn* 6 pm (Legacy Park)
Every Thu: Havana Hi-Fi* (DJ playing Afro-Latin sounds) 7 pm (Hotel Havana)
Every Thu (now - NOV 21) Jazz on the Roof Top* 6 pm (The Fairmount Hotel)
Every 2nd Thu of month: Sun Poets Writing Workshop* (Barnes & Noble at San Pedro Crossing) info @ 210-342-0008
Every 1st Fri of month (now - OCT 04): Party on the Plaza! 7 pm (Tower of the Americas)
Every Fri & Sat (now - AUG 03): Fiesta Noche del Rio 8:30 pm (Arneson River Theatre)
Every last Sun of month (AUG 25 - DEC 29): Sunday Art Fair* 11:30 am Hotel Contessa

Wed, JUL 03: Hill Country Fun Fest 5 pm Jumbo Evans Sports Park
Thu, JUL 04: Independence Day Parade & Celebration (HCN + PF)* 10 am: QFS&TC
Thu, JUL 04: City of SA & H-E-B 4th of July Celebration* 11 am - 9:30 pm (Woodlawn Lake Park)
JUL 04 - JUL 07: 4th of July Celebration* 10 am - 6 pm (Historic Market Square)
JUL 04 - JUL 07: 4th of July Artisan Show* 11 am - 11 pm (River Walk)
Sat, JUL 06: Star-Spangled Movies by Moonlight: Armageddon* 7:45 pm (Legacy Park)
JUL 06 - 07: FRIDA Fest 12 noon (The Rock Box)
JUL 11 - JUL 14: 45th CineFestival San Antonio (presented by Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center)
JUL 12 - JUL 14: Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey (Alamodome)
Fri, JUL 19: Teen Nights at the Y* 6 pm (D.R. Semmes Family YMCA at Tripoint)
Sun, JUL 21: Hot Wheels Monster Trucks Live Glow Party 2:30 pm Frost Bank Center
Fri, JUL 26: Bexar County's Fri. Night Flicks: Guardians of the Galaxy* 8 pm (Woodlake Park)
Sat, JUL 27: National Day of the Cowboy (and Girl!) Celebration* 10 am Briscoe Western Art Museum
Sat, JUL 27: San Antonio Reggae Festival 2 pm (Rosedale Park)

Sun, AUG 04: Blossoms & Brews: A Tea Party 9:40 am (San Antonio Glasshouse)
Sat, AUG 10: Morphinominal Expo 2024* 10 am (Wonderland of the Americas)
Sat, AUG 10: Teen Nights at the Y* 1 pm (YMCA at O.P. Schnabel Park)
Fri, AUG 16: Teen Nights at the Y* 6 pm (D.R. Semmes Family YMCA at Tripoint)
AUG 24-25: San Antonio Home Show* 10 am (Freeman Coliseum) free passes online at www.bxhomedshows-fc.com
AUG 30 - SEP 2, 7, 8: Ford Parade of Lights* 8 pm (San Antonio River Walk)



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your email has changed?
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Neighborhood Projects

Thank you to those listed here for improving your homes & for following the ACC rules to get those improvements approved. Thank you also to the homeowners for reporting any compliance issues so that we may follow up.

- 13144 Queens Forest
 - o Replace wood fence around the home
- 3730 Hunters Trail
 - o Front yard Landscaping work
- 13170 Hunters Brook
 - o Replace skylights



Mailbox Break-Ins and Mail Theft Tips

Our community recently gathered for an important conversation on the prevalent issue of mailbox break-ins and mail theft at our District 8 Breakfast with the Councilman event. While USPS is overseen by the federal government, this issue is affecting neighbors across our district and the city, so we want to share the most helpful tips and insights from Michael Martinez-Partida, the USPS Postal Inspector.

- **Regular Mail Retrieval:** It is imperative to pick up your mail daily as promptly as possible. Allowing mail to accumulate in your mailbox is akin to leaving a valuable item, such as a laptop, unattended in your car.
- **Informed Delivery:** Utilize Informed Delivery by USPS to receive mail and package updates via email, the online dashboard, or the USPS Mobile app. Learn more here: <https://www.usps.com/manage/informed-delivery.htm>
- **Hold Mail Service:** When planning to be away from home, consider utilizing the USPS Hold Mail service. This service ensures your mail is securely held at the local Post Office until your return for a period of up to 30 days. Learn more here: <https://www.usps.com/manage/hold-mail.htm>
- **Neighborhood Cooperation:** Foster relationships with your neighbors. If you anticipate being away during a mail delivery, ask a trusted neighbor to retrieve your mail.
- **Report Suspicious Activity:** Stay vigilant and report any suspicious vehicles. If possible, note the license plate number or unique characteristics, such as bumper stickers. Remember to prioritize your safety and refrain from putting yourself in danger.
- **Monitor Finances:** Regularly monitor your bank accounts and scrutinize credit card statements for any signs of suspicious activity.

According to the USPS Postal Operations Manual, the HOA is responsible for mailbox replacement. Oakland Heights HOA leadership is proposing the installation of a secure mailbox pavilion to create a safer environment for their neighborhood. Talk to your HOA to see what security measures might be best for your neighborhood.

Let's remain proactive in safeguarding our community against the threat of mailbox break-ins and mail theft. By implementing these strategies and fostering a sense of collective responsibility, we can work towards a safer and more secure community. If you have been a victim of mailbox break-ins or mail theft or would like to know the steps to report such incidents, see chart.



Guide To Reporting Mailbox Break-Ins & Mail Theft

San Antonio Police Department	To report mailbox break-ins: Emergency: 911 Non-emergency: 210-207-SAPD (210-207-7273)	
United States Postal Inspection Service	To report mail theft: 877-876-2455 Online reporting form: https://www.uspis.gov/report	
Homeowners' Association Leadership	Contact your HOA or Neighborhood Association leadership: City HOA Registry: https://bit.ly/4cqFWAB	
United States Postal Service	To coordinate mailbox repair or replacement: Dusty Lingard: 210-368-8417 Dusty.M.Lingard@usps.gov	
Federal Representatives	Find federal elected officials here to voice concerns: https://www.usa.gov/elected-officials	
Bexar County District Attorney	To pursue prosecution of case: District Attorney Joe D. Gonzalez: 210.335.2311 bexar.org/1384/District-Attorney	
SAPD San Antonio Fear Free Environment (SAFFE)	To contact your SAFFE Officer: 210.207.7169 Substations & SAFFE Officer Look Up: https://www.sa.gov/Directory/Departments/SAPD/About/Substations/Substation-Lookup	
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"ALL IN THYME"

by Betsy Meyer

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Welcome to Summer! I hope you have an exciting yet relaxing one planned. Stay cool and safe while having fun and working in your yard!

A friendly reminder of the HCN Covenants, Codes and Restrictions (CCRs) for all of us to help maintain a neat and beautiful neighborhood and to be considerate of our next-door neighbors:

- "Grass, weeds and vegetation on each lot sold shall be kept mowed at regular intervals. Trees, shrubs, vines and plants which die shall be promptly removed from the property. Lawns must be properly maintained, fences must be repaired and maintained, and no objectionable or unsightly usage of lots will be permitted which is visible to the public view."

- "Maintenance of the 'Subdivision Wall' is the obligation of the respective owners of the lot on which the Subdivision Wall is located. The term 'Subdivision Wall' shall mean any, and all parts of the (brick) wall on the perimeter of the Subdivision located along Lockhill Selma and Huebner Roads."

Helpful local landscape nurseries and supply resources can be found at:

- Milberger's Landscaping and Nursery (Includes a monthly newsletter) - <https://www.milbergernursery.com/>
- Rainbow Gardens - <https://www.rainbowgardens.biz/garden-center/>
- Shades of Green - <https://www.shadesofgreensa.com/>
- Evergreen Garden Center - <https://www.evergreengardentx.com/>
- Fanick's Garden Center - <https://www.fanicknursery.com/plantdb.html>
- Wilson Tree and Landscape Nursery - <http://www.wilsonlandscapenurseryandflorist.com/home.html>
- SAWS Landscape Guide - <https://www.gardenstylesanantonio.com/garden-articles/your-guide-to-planting-like-a-local>
- Texas Grow Green - <https://www.austintexas.gov/departments/grow-green>
- Texas A & M AgriLife - <https://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/>
- Garden-Ville Starcrest (supplies) - <https://www.garden-ville.com/>
- Wholesale Landscape Materials (supplies - sells to individuals as well as to companies) - <https://www.wholesalelandscapematerials.com/>

We welcome all volunteers, regardless of skill or experience level, on the Beautification and Landscape Committee! If interested, please contact Betsy Meyer at 210-478-6117 or email landscapecommittee@hunterscreekn.com

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