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Mission Creek Subdivision

Mission Statement:

"The Mission Creek Homeowners Association envisions a community of neighbors working together to promote a friendly, healthy, safe, and aesthetically pleasing community that provides a high quality of family life and enhances property values. To augment this vision, we encourage the use of new technology and materials and involvement in the Mission Creek Homeowners Association."

What happens if you missed the May 15th deadline to protest your property tax?

If you missed the May 15th deadline it could mean that you are forced to give up your right to protest your property's taxable value.

However, there are a few instances where you can file a property tax protest after the deadline. Late protests may be filed if the property is over-appraised, if clerical errors have been made in the property description, if notices were not received from the appraisal district, If you moved into your home after the deadline, if you are serving in the military, or if you were traveling due to work. So, even if you miss the initial deadline, explore these exceptions to protect your rights. In these cases, you are eligible to file for a late property tax protest.



Pool safety is crucial to ensure a fun and secure swimming experience.

Whether you have a pool or plan to visit one, here are essential guidelines to follow:

- **Supervise Children:** Never leave a child unattended in the water. According to the CDC, 1 in 5 drowning victims is under the age of 14. Always ensure a responsible adult is watching children while they play in the water. If you're at a gathering, designate adults to supervise the kids, especially if alcohol is involved¹.
- **Teach Swimming:** Encourage your children to learn how to swim. Swimming skills significantly reduce the risk of accidents in the water.
- **CPR Knowledge:** Learn CPR. Knowing how to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) can be a lifesaver during emergencies.
- **Avoid Pool Drains:** Teach children to stay away from pool drains. Drains can pose entrapment hazards, and it's essential to educate kids about their dangers.
- **Install Safety Equipment:**
 - **Fences:** Install fences around the pool area to prevent unsupervised access.
 - **Alarms:** Consider pool alarms that alert you if someone enters the water.
 - **Pool Covers:** Use pool covers when the pool is not in use.
 - **Float Liners:** These can help keep children afloat.
 - **Life Preservers:** Keep life preservers nearby.
 - **Pool Safety Hooks:** These can assist in rescuing someone who's struggling in the water.
- **Regular Inspections and Maintenance:**
 - **Drains and Covers:** Regularly inspect drains and drain covers to ensure they're functioning correctly.
 - **Pool Chemistry:** Maintain proper pool chemistry to prevent health risks.
 - **First Aid Kit:** Prepare a first aid kit with essential supplies.
 - **Take the Pool Safety Pledge:** Commit to pool safety by taking the pledge.

Remember, pool safety is everyone's responsibility. By following these guidelines, you can enjoy a safe and enjoyable pool season!





Mosquito Bite Prevention

- Use repellent with DEET
- Wear long sleeves & pants
- Avoid outdoors dusk & dawn
- Drain standing water

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Traveling Safety Tips

Traveling for business? Or just taking a vacation? No matter what the reason, you can always make sure that you're traveling safely.



Here are some tips to help you out:

1. When it comes to securing your house, there are two main things to keep in mind: the doors and windows. Make sure all doors and windows are locked, including garage doors and back doors (which can be accessed from outside). Also make sure all windows have latches or bars in place to prevent them from being opened by intruders.
2. Turn off utilities: Before leaving town, make sure all utilities are turned off at the source—including water, gas and electricity.
3. Leave a light on.
4. Lock all doors and windows.
5. Keep your curtains closed and blinds drawn.
6. Don't leave valuables in plain sight, and don't leave cash or credit cards lying around the house when you're away.
7. If you're going out, tell someone where you are going, who you are with, and when you plan on returning home (and then actually follow through).
8. If you have a pet, it's best to find a friend or neighbor who can take care of them while you are away. If that's not possible, you might be able to board them at a local kennel. If neither of those options work for you, consider hiring a pet sitter for the duration of your trip.
9. While traveling, don't leave valuables in your car—they're easier to break into than they look!
10. When staying at an unfamiliar hotel, don't leave anything valuable in the room while you're gone—even if it's just for a few hours!



NEWSLETTER SUBMISSION

Have ideas or suggestions for the newsletter?
Want to share a story or wish someone a Happy Birthday?
Send it to Ariel@neighborhoodnews.com to be featured in the next newsletter!

**Submissions will be reviewed and possibly edited for length prior to publication.*



Master Gardener Guide

Spring fever has set in. Use the following Master Gardener guide to plan your spring vegetable garden. (Information provided by Comal Master Gardener Association's Vegetable and Herb Gardening Guide) The last average freeze date for the Hill Country has passed. Happy planting!!

Beans, Lima Bush	April through mid-May
Beans, Lima Pole.....	April through mid-May
Beans, Snap Bush	mid-March through mid-May
Beans, Snap Pole	mid-March through mid-May
Beets.....	March
Cantaloupe.....	April through mid-June
Chard, Swiss	March through mid-May
Corn, Sweet.....	mid-March through mid-May
Cucumber	mid-March through April
Eggplant	April
Okra.....	April through June
Peas, Southern	April through mid-June
Peppers	mid-March through mid-May
Potato, Sweet (Slips).....	mid-April through June
Pumpkin	mid-April through June
Radish.....	March
Squash, Summer.....	mid-March through early April
Squash, Winter	mid-March through mid-June
Tomato	late March through mid-May
Turnip	March through mid-April
Watermelon	April through May

Your Life is Your Garden
Your Thoughts are the Seeds
If your life isn't Awesome
You've Been Watering the Weeds
~Unknown



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TUESDAY, 5 NOVEMBER – General (National) Election

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Smoked Salmon Dill Eggs Benedict

- ¼ cup butter, softened
- 2 tablespoons fresh dill
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- 1 pinch cayenne pepper
- salt and ground black pepper to taste
- 1 teaspoon white vinegar
- 1 pinch salt
- 4 eggs
- 2 English muffins, split and toasted
- 4 ounces sliced smoked salmon
- 1 pinch cayenne pepper
- salt and ground black pepper to taste
- 4 small fresh dill sprigs



1. Stir butter, dill, lemon zest, cayenne pepper, salt, and black pepper in a bowl until combined. Set aside.
2. Fill a large saucepan with 2 to 3 inches of water and bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium-low, pour in vinegar and a pinch of salt. Crack an egg into a bowl then gently slip the egg into the water. Repeat with remaining eggs. Poach eggs until whites are firm and yolks have thickened but are not hard, 4 to 6 minutes. Remove eggs from water with a slotted spoon, dab on a kitchen towel to remove excess water, then transfer to a warm plate.
3. Generously spread each English muffin half with dill butter. Top with a layer of smoked salmon, then 1 poached egg. Season with cayenne pepper, salt, and black pepper to taste. Garnish with a dill sprig and serve.



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