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for the residents of the  
Crosstimber neighborhood*

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## **Letter from the President**

Hello my fellow Crosstimber residents, I hope your Spring season is going well. I wanted to start off by providing some news as to an incident that occurred at the recreation area on March 25. You likely noticed a large number of police, fire, and EMS first responders at the recreation facility late that afternoon. At about 3:52 pm a young member of our community was observed to be non-responsive in the pool. While it was fortunate nearby residents noticed the trouble, pulled this teenager out of the water and performed CPR before first responders arrived and transported the individual to a local hospital where thereafter where he passed away. I am incredibly sad to report this news and extend my deepest sympathies to the family.

The recreation facility does have a number of cameras of which footage was provided to the police for their review and record. I am not going to go into any further detail out of respect to the family but I do want to thank those residents who attempted aid as well as to our first responders who provided quick and attentive care for this young man. I will say that after watching the footage, I was reminded how quickly a tragedy can occur and how important it is to be careful at the pool. As a reminder, the pool only has lifeguards from around Memorial Day to Labor Day so please be careful when using the facility.

### **MAILBOXES:**

Our community has experienced a small rash of break-ins at our mailboxes. While these mailboxes are federal property, when damaged the HOA is responsible for repairs and/or replacement. Our Board has replaced a number of mailboxes in Crosstimber. Each mailbox cluster runs about \$3,000 or more depending on the size. Mailbox theft seems to be on the rise during late January and into early February which I can only assume is related to the delivery of financial or income tax related documents. The Board has been repairing and/or replacing compromised mailboxes as soon as we find out in coordination with the post office.

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As always, we rely on our residents to keep us informed of items that need attention. If you observe a street light out or common area elements needing repair, or would like to notify the Board of anything else that merits attention, please contact our community management company, DAMC at (210) 561-0606 or through our manager, Alyssa Jimenez, via email: [alyssa@damctx.com](mailto:alyssa@damctx.com). For additions or corrections to the "Teen Services List" within this newsletter please email me at [donald@adacg.com](mailto:donald@adacg.com).

Donald Oroian  
Board President  
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As the temperatures rise and gardens begin blooming, spring is the perfect time to be mindful of water conservation. With a little planning and a few simple changes, you can keep your lawn and garden thriving while also saving water and reducing your utility bills.

### **1. Water Wisely**

Early mornings and late evenings are the best times to water your lawn and garden. This helps reduce evaporation and ensures plants absorb moisture more effectively. Consider using drip irrigation or soaker hoses to deliver water directly to plant roots, minimizing waste.

### **2. Choose Drought-Resistant Plants**

Opt for native or drought-tolerant plants that require less water to thrive. These plants are well-adapted to the local climate and can flourish with minimal irrigation. Incorporating a mix of perennials and hardy shrubs can reduce the need for frequent watering while still keeping your landscape lush and vibrant. Plus, these plants often attract beneficial pollinators.

### **3. Adjust Your Sprinklers**

Check your sprinkler system for leaks and ensure it's watering your landscape efficiently, avoiding sidewalks and driveways. If rain is in the forecast, turn off automatic sprinklers to prevent unnecessary watering. A properly adjusted sprinkler system can save thousands of gallons of water each year.

### **4. Collect Rainwater**

A rain barrel is an excellent way to capture and store rainwater for use in your garden. This free resource can help reduce reliance on municipal water and is great for plants since it's free of chlorine and other chemicals. Placing a barrel under a downspout allows you to take advantage of even light rainfall to nourish your plants.

### **5. Fix Leaks and Upgrade Fixtures**

A slow-dripping faucet or a leaking irrigation system can waste hundreds of gallons of water over time. Fix leaks promptly and consider installing water-efficient fixtures, such as low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators.

### **6. Use Mulch to Retain Moisture**

Adding mulch around plants helps the soil retain moisture, reducing the need for frequent watering. Mulch also keeps roots cool, prevents evaporation, and suppresses weeds that compete for water. Organic mulches, like wood chips or straw, gradually break down and enrich the soil.

### **7. Group Plants with Similar Water Needs**

Organizing your garden by grouping plants with similar water requirements helps ensure efficient irrigation. This method, known as hydrozoning, prevents overwatering some plants while underwatering others.

By making thoughtful choices about how we water and maintain our yards, we can all do our part to reduce waste and protect our local water supply. Small steps like using drought-resistant plants, collecting rainwater, and adjusting sprinklers add up to a big impact over time. Together, we can keep our community's landscapes beautiful while using water wisely for the future.



## Rogers Ranch Rapids Swim Team

The Rogers Ranch Rapids Swim Team will be celebrating their 25th Anniversary this coming summer 2025.

The Swim Committee is hard at work planning for another great season for our community. The team is open to Crosstimmer and Falling Brook residents ages 5-18 (June 1st age deadline).

The summer swim season is from May - June. For more information, please visit: [www.rrrapids.swimtopia.com](http://www.rrrapids.swimtopia.com) <<http://www.rrrapids.swimtopia.com>>.



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NAME	CONTACT	SERVICES
Anna Kate Roberts (2008)	210-901-4826	Babysitting, Pet Sitting, Dog Walking, CPR and First Aid Certified.
Anna Mason (2009)	210-243-2282	Babysitting/Pet Sitting
Antonio Rodriguez (2002)	210-493-3918(h) 210-439-5911(c)	Pet sitting / house sitting
Brooke Bartle	(210) 947-6211	Babysitting, Pet Sitting, Dog Walking, House Sitting.
Clayton Bentley	210-902-2525	Power Washing, Lawn Mowing
Cosette Beigel (2006)	210-367-8343	Pet Sitting, Babysitting
Ella Fall (2013)	210-240-2762	Pet Sitting
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Haley Ryals	210-367-3832	Babysitting / pet sitting / house sitting
Lauren Scovel (2005)	210-303-3884	Pet sitting & child sitting (CPR & 1st Aid certified)
Kaitlin Burnside (2016)	210-884-7766	Petsitting
Merrill Kasanoff (2002)	210-560-4490 (c)	Babysitting / dog sitting
Morgan Schlueter (2007)	210-473-4375	Babysitting / pet sitting
Nathaniel Best	(210) 952-4437	Pet Sitting, Pet Walking and Pet Waste cleanup
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Sara Schlueter (2011)	210-216-0626	Pet Sitting, Dog Walking, House Sitting.
Carlos Alvarez, Jr.	(210) 907-2889	Yardwork

## Reminder: Keep Your Pets Leashed!

For the safety of our community and furry friends, please remember to keep your pets on a leash when out and about. Leashes help prevent accidents, protect local wildlife, and ensure that everyone can enjoy our shared spaces comfortably. Thank you for being a responsible pet owner and helping keep our neighborhood safe and enjoyable for all!

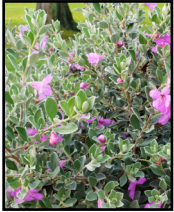




## BRING POLLINATORS TO YOUR YARD

This spring, consider adding plants that attract pollinators like bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. In Texas's warm, dry climate, selecting native and drought-tolerant plants can support pollinators while keeping your garden beautiful and resilient.

Here are some excellent choices:



### 1. Texas Sage

A native Texas plant, Texas Sage blooms with vibrant purple, pink, or white flowers and attracts bees and butterflies. It's drought-tolerant and thrives in our climate.

### 2. Black-eyed Susan

With bright yellow petals, Black-eyed Susans are a favorite of bees and butterflies. They're low-maintenance and perfect for our hot summers.

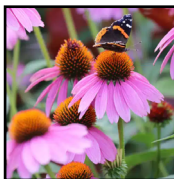


### 3. Lantana

These colorful plants attract butterflies and hummingbirds and are heat and drought-tolerant. Lantanas come in several bright colors, making them a vibrant addition to your yard.

### 4. Purple Coneflower

Purple Coneflowers are easy to care for and attract bees, butterflies, and birds. This native plant is drought-resistant, making it ideal for Texas gardens.

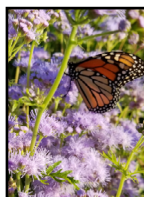


### 5. Mexican Sunflower

Known for its vibrant orange flowers, the Mexican Sunflower attracts Monarch butterflies. It thrives in our heat and is drought-tolerant.

### 6. Gregg's Mistflower

This low-growing plant produces clusters of soft purple flowers that butterflies, especially Monarchs, love. It's easy to grow, drought-tolerant, and thrives in Texas gardens.



### 7. Firewheel

The Firewheel features bold red and yellow blooms that stand out in any garden. It's ability to thrive in hot, dry conditions makes it a perfect fit for Texas landscapes.

In addition to planting these pollinator-attracting flowers, consider adding a shallow water source like a birdbath to provide hydration for bees and butterflies. Avoid using pesticides, as they can harm pollinators and disrupt the ecosystem. To ensure a steady food supply for pollinators throughout the season, plant a variety of flowers that bloom at different times.

By incorporating these plants and practices, you can create a thriving habitat that supports pollinators and enhances the beauty of your garden. A pollinator-friendly space not only benefits wildlife but also contributes to a healthier environment for all.

Happy Gardening!

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## A GUIDE TO SUNLIGHT FOR PLANTS



Have you ever wondered what it really means when a plant is labeled as needing full sun or partial shade?

Here's a simple guide:

**Full Sun:** Requires more than 6 hours of direct sunlight per day, including afternoon sun.

**Part Sun:** Receives 4 to 6 hours of direct sunlight per day, with some afternoon exposure.

**Part Shade:** Gets 4 to 6 hours of direct sunlight per day, primarily before noon.

**Full Shade:** Gets less than 4 hours of direct sunlight per day, with no afternoon sun.

It's perfectly normal for your plants to droop a bit in the late afternoon sun, as they have already absorbed the sunlight they need for growth earlier in the day.

### 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. Marigolds contain pyrethrum, a compound used in many natural insect repellents. Planting them near vegetables like tomatoes, peppers, and beans can help protect your crops from harmful pests.



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April Chang's journey is one of resilience, dedication, and community service. A proud Texan and Texas State University graduate, she built a successful career in medical sales before becoming a business owner. For nearly two decades, she has called San Antonio home, deepening her commitment to District 9.

After the tragic loss of her son, Mitchell, in 2018, April turned her grief into action—leading the creation of Mitchell's Landing, an inclusive playground, and advocating for stronger swim school safety standards. Now, she's ready to bring her leadership and passion to City Hall, fighting for a safer, stronger, and more connected San Antonio where every family can thrive.

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## **APRIL'S PRIORITIES**

- ◆ A City Budget That Works For You
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- ◆ Invest in Quality Infrastructure
- ◆ A Safer District 9

## **D9 TOP 5 ACTION ITEMS**

- ◆ Reduce Property Taxes
- ◆ More Police, Enforce All Laws
- ◆ Protect Neighborhoods First
- ◆ Audit CPS Energy and SAWS
- ◆ Clean Streets, Sidewalks, and Community



## FOSTERING CONNECTION IN OUR COMMUNITY



In today's fast-paced world, it's easy to feel disconnected, even in our own neighborhoods. The importance of community connection has never been more crucial. Building relationships and fostering a sense of togetherness in our neighborhood can enhance our quality of life, make us feel supported, and create a more vibrant, welcoming environment for all.

One of the best ways to bring people together is by hosting or attending neighborhood events. From block parties and potlucks to holiday gatherings and yard sales, these events allow us to meet, interact, and form friendships. If large-scale events seem intimidating, consider smaller meet-ups like coffee mornings or book clubs.

Small, everyday gestures also go a long way. Taking a moment to greet your neighbors, offering to pick up groceries for someone, or sharing a homemade treat can make a big difference. These simple acts not only brighten someone's day but also send a message that you care. Over time, these small exchanges can grow into lasting friendships.

At the core of fostering connection is creating a welcoming environment. Being open to meeting new people and introducing yourself to neighbors can go a long way. Sometimes, all it takes is a friendly hello or an invitation for coffee to break the ice. The more welcoming we are, the more we create a culture of kindness, where everyone feels valued and appreciated.

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