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911

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210-207-7273

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Message from the...

PRESIDENT

Hello to all,

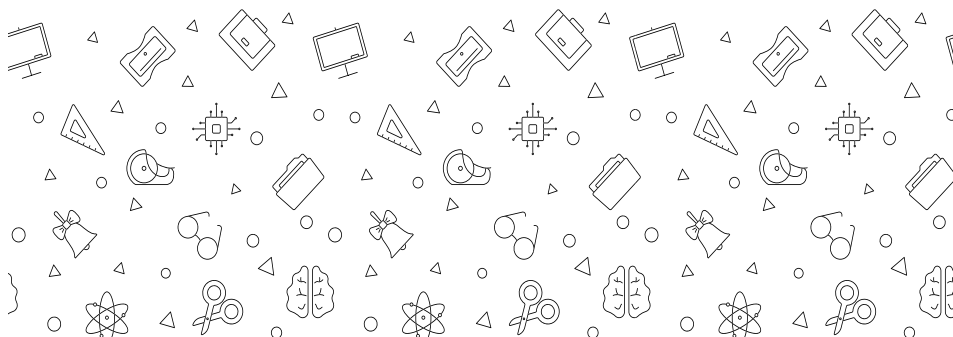
I would like to thank all the Shavano Ridge residents for their great participation during our July 4th parade. They decorated their bicycles and wagons and dressed for the occasion. The weather was fantastic, and it was great to see everyone. I would like to thank our SAFFE Officer Claudia Ramirez and her fellow officers for participating. Fire Engine 51 provided three trucks to support our children's bicycle parade. Both units brought excitement and safety to our neighborhood parade. I also heard a lot of positive comments from people watching the parade. Special thanks to Marbella Cervantes for coordinating the event.

We continue to see families walking in the neighborhood. Children will be playing outside more, so please remember to drive carefully and clean up after your pets. Have a great summer. School will be starting soon. NSID starts August 19th, so be on the watch for children waiting for buses.

Recently, we have had some issues in the neighborhood with thefts and vandalism. Please be sure if you see any suspicious behavior or are personally impacted, call the Prue Substation at 210-207-7425 or the SAPD non-emergency number at 210-207-7273 or 311.

The next Shavano Ridge HOA board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13th at 7:00 pm. We will be meeting at FirstService Residential, located at 3424 Paesanos Parkway. We encourage all homeowners to attend. Bring your questions and/or concerns. If you are not able to attend, any concerns or issues can be forwarded to all HOA board members using the email ShavanoRidgeSA@gmail.com.

Connie Collier, HOA President



Upcoming Events – Save The Date!!

Please note that all Shavano Ridge HomeOwners Association (HOA) meetings be held In Person. Location and time will be provided with the Meeting agenda prior to the meetings. Event dates and times are subject to change. All Shavano Ridge Residents are invited to attend all Board Meetings.

7 PM	August 13	Board Meeting (In Person)
	October 1	San Antonio Neighbors Together 2024
	October 1 - 31	Boo Surprise
	November 9 - 10	Neighborhood Garage Sale
	November 11	Veteran's Day
7 PM	November 12	Board Meeting (In Person)
	TBD	Turkey Trot
7 PM	February 11	Board Meeting (In Person)
	March/April 2025	Annual Meeting

Sun Safety Tips

It's natural to enjoy all kinds of outdoor activities! The Sun Safety Alliance (SSA) encourages you to be safe by following these sun-safety tips year-round to help prevent serious skin damage—and possibly skin cancer later.

1. Keep in mind the sun is strongest between 10am and 4pm.
2. Wear clothing that's dark and tightly woven.
3. Wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses.
4. Remember that UV rays bounce off sand, snow, concrete, and water.
5. Do not use sun tanning beds.
6. Keep babies and very young children out of the sun.
7. Sunscreens need to be applied liberally and evenly over all exposed areas.
8. Apply sunscreen with SPF-15 or higher. Use products that provide broad spectrum protection, which means protection against both UVB and UVA rays. Seek products that contain ingredients like Avobenzone (Parsol 1789) or zinc oxide.
9. For children, the SSA recommends sunscreen with an SPF 30 or higher.
10. Apply sunscreen before going outdoors and reapply often.
11. Reapply sunscreen after swimming, perspiring, and toweling off.
12. Provide complete sunscreen coverage for your skin (including neck, ears and lips!).
13. For people with thin or thinning hair, apply sunscreen to the scalp as well.
14. Stay in the shade whenever possible.



Connie Collier
President



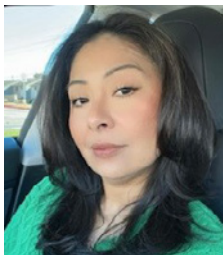
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NEIGHBORHOOD SAFFE OFFICER



Our neighborhood SAFFE Officer is Officer Claudia Ramirez.

Officer Ramirez can be contacted at 210-260-8356.

About SAPD Central SAFFE

SAN ANTONIO FEAR FREE ENVIRONMENT The central core of SAPD's Community Policing activities is the SAFFE (San Antonio Fear Free Environment) Unit. First established in 1994-95 with 60 officers and supervisors, then enlarged in 1996 with an additional 40 officers, the SAFFE Unit consists of officers who focus on identifying, evaluating and resolving community crime problems with the cooperation and participation of community residents. SAFFE officers are assigned to specific areas or neighborhoods within the city, and work closely with both residents and the district patrol officers also assigned to those areas. SAFFE officers establish and maintain day-to-day interaction with residents and businesses within their assigned beats, in order to prevent crimes before they happen. SAFFE officers also act as liaisons with other city agencies, work closely with schools and youth programs, coordinate graffiti-removal activities, and serve as resources to residents who wish to take back their neighborhoods from crime and decay.



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CRIME PREVENTION

Recently, the mailbox cluster on Shavano Hollow at Ridge Farm was vandalized. The Police were notified as well as the US Postal Service.

Please be sure to collect your mail each day if possible.

If you notice anything out of the ordinary, please contact the San Antonio Police at [210-207-7273](tel:210-207-7273) and/or US Postal Service at [800-275-8777](tel:800-275-8777). It is imperative that any instance of mail tampering or theft results in a police report. Please take the time to make the report!

Finally, be a good neighbor – watch for and report unusual activity in our neighborhood. If you see something, say something.

Call 911 to report emergencies, or crimes “in progress.” Call 311 to report non-emergency situations such as excessive noise or animal concerns or issues with city services. Otherwise, call the SAPD Prue Road Station at [210-207-7425](tel:210-207-7425) or for non-emergency situations call [210-207-7273](tel:210-207-7273) during the day time. Our Shavano Ridge SAFFE Officer is **Claudia Ramirez**, [210-260-8356](tel:210-260-8356).

We Need Your Email Address

The HOA email contact is used to provide information of immediate concern to you, our neighbors. You only get added to this list is by providing us your preferred contact email. Unfortunately, you are not automatically enrolled by moving in to the neighborhood.

This list is not restricted to just homeowners. If you are renting or leasing a home in our neighborhood, you are welcome to join and be “in the know”.

If you are periodically receiving emails from Shavanoridgesa@gmail.com, We have your correct address. If not, please send an email to that address so you can be added. Please include your name, street address and telephone number. If you have recently changed your email address; please let us know that too.

Advertisements in the Shavano Ridge newsletter do not constitute an endorsement by the Shavano Ridge Homeowners Association or the HOA Board of Directors.

TRASH AND RECYCLE BINS

Please put away your trash and recycle bins promptly after pick up and store them out of view from the front of your house. Thank you for helping our community look beautiful and well-kept.



YARD OF THE MONTH

The Yard of the Month is awarded each month from April through October to recognize the hard work and pride of ownership demonstrated by the hardworking residents of our community. Winners receive a \$25 gift certificate from Lowes and the right to display the Yard of the Month sign for all to see.

The Yard of the Month is sponsored by Rhonda Jo Epperly – The Epperly Team.



Congratulations to 13818 Shavano Breeze for being selected as Shavano Ridge HOA June Yard of the Month.



Congratulations to 13811 Shavano Downs for being selected as Shavano Ridge HOA July Yard of the Month.

July 4th Parade



We would like to send our sincere THANKS to all of the families and children that participated in our July 4th parade this year. It was especially nice to see everyone. It was exciting to see how everyone decorated their bikes, wagons and scooters. The costumes were equally impressive! Kudos to Board Member Marbella Cervantes who organized the event.

A very special THANKS for their participation goes to our SAFFE Officer, Claudia Ramirez, and our neighborhood Firemen from Station 51. Also, THANKS to the additional Officers from the Prue Road Substation that worked to ensure the safety of our children on parade.



The Winners of the Decorating Contest! Well Done!



Here come the fire trucks!



SAPD keeping us safe.



Leading the way!



Thanks to all who participated!



Oak Wilt continues to be an issue in our neighborhood. This was confirmed by a Certified Arborist with the Texas A&M Forest Service. It is important that you be aware of the symptoms as you examine the trees in your yard. There are ways to treat your trees for this disease. We have included an article in this newsletter the gives more information on how to recognize, prevent and treat Oak Wilt.



OAK WILT IN TEXAS

Oak wilt is an infectious tree disease caused by a fungus. All oak trees are susceptible to this potentially deadly disease. Thousands of acres in Central Texas have already been affected by oak wilt.

WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Oak wilt can impact entire communities. Infected trees usually die if they are not treated quickly by a qualified arborist. This can affect aesthetics, decrease property value, and be expensive to manage. Ignoring this disease is costly. Prevention is key.

HOW DOES IT SPREAD?

Above Ground By Beetles: The oak wilt fungus can produce spores on red oaks that it has killed. These spores are inadvertently transported by beetles feeding on the fungus. If these beetles land on a fresh wound or pruning cut on an uninfected oak, the spores may enter and infect a new tree.

Below Ground Through Root Connections: Once a new infection starts, the fungus may spread from tree to tree through an interconnected root system. Trees as far as 200 feet apart or more may be at risk. The fungus can spread as rapidly as 75 feet per year.

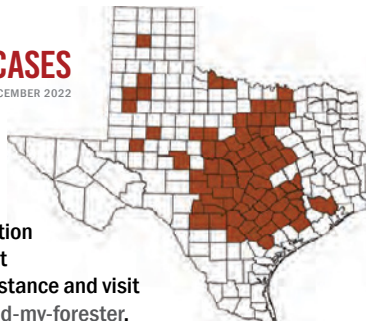
HOW TO RECOGNIZE OAK WILT

Look for defoliation and death of oak trees expanding from a central location. Live oaks will typically defoliate and die in 3-6 months while red oaks may die within 4-6 weeks. The most characteristic symptom of oak wilt is yellow and brown leaf veins in live oaks known as veinal necrosis. Sweet smelling fungal mats may form under the bark of dead red oaks in the spring. Laboratory isolation of the fungus is recommended to confirm the diagnosis. When in doubt, a trained expert should be consulted.



TEXAS COUNTIES WITH CONFIRMED OAK WILT CASES

AS OF DECEMBER 2022



GET HELP

If you suspect that your tree has oak wilt or you need more information on how to prevent oak wilt, contact Texas A&M Forest Service for assistance and visit texasoakwilt.org/getting-help/find-my-forester.

HOW TO REDUCE THE RISK OF OAK WILT

- Avoid pruning oak trees from February 1 to June 30.
- Make proper pruning cuts.
- Paint all oak wounds/cuts/stumps immediately with any type of paint.
- Never store infected red oaks for firewood use.

HOW TO MANAGE OAK WILT

- Prevent new infections by following the steps above.
- Improve landscape resilience by planting diverse tree species.
- If your trees are affected or at risk, consult with an Oak Wilt Qualified Arborist.
- Trench at least 4 feet deep and 100 feet away from trees with symptoms to stop the spread of oak wilt through tree roots.
- Preserve high-value trees with propiconazole fungicide injections. Fungicide does not stop root transmission of the disease, but it can save individual trees.
- Burn, bury, or chip infected red oaks.
- Communicate with neighbors to monitor the infection area.

PRUNING CALENDAR FOR OAK WILT PREVENTION

FEBRUARY



Beetles that carry the fungal spores from tree to tree are **most active February-June**.

Avoid pruning/wounding oaks February- June if possible. If pruning is a necessity for safety purposes, make sure to **PAINT ALL OAK WOUNDS IMMEDIATELY**.

MAY



Symptoms of oak wilt may be more pronounced this time of year. Reach out to a tree professional if concerned.

JULY

Beetles and fungal mat activity decrease with high temperatures.

AUGUST

Pruning your oak trees in the heat of summer can stress the tree. Try to wait until fall/winter to tackle pruning unless safety is a concern.

OCTOBER

Now is a good time to prune your trees, but **ALWAYS** paint oak wounds immediately!

NOVEMBER

Fall is a great time to plant new trees!

DECEMBER

Don't move firewood! **NEVER** use infected red oak wood.

JANUARY

Wrap up your tree pruning.



We are currently in Stage 3 Water Restrictions

The hours you can water have changed.

LANDSCAPE WATERING

Landscape watering with an irrigation system, sprinkler or soaker hose is allowed only once a week from 5 – 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. – midnight on your designated watering day, as determined by your address.

Stage 3 restrictions begin when the 10-day rolling average of the Edwards Aquifer level drops to 640 feet mean sea level at the monitored well. Coming out of drought stages can be considered 15 days after the aquifer is above the trigger.

- All restrictions from Stage 1 and Stage 2 remain in effect unless added to or replaced by Stage 3 rules.
- Landscape watering with an irrigation system, sprinkler or soaker hose is allowed only **once a week from 5 – 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. – midnight** on your designated watering day, as determined by your address. Weeks when no watering is allowed will be announced via local media and online.
- Watering with drip irrigation is allowed every **Monday and Friday, but only from 5 a.m. – 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. – midnight.**
- Watering with a hand-held hose is allowed any time on any day.

- All residential fountains and indoor commercial fountains can operate at any stage of drought. Outdoor commercial fountains must have a SAWS variance in order to operate during drought stages 1 through 4.
- Washing impervious cover such as parking lots, driveways, streets or sidewalks is prohibited. Health and safety exceptions may be requested from SAWS here.
- Residential car washing allowed during drought once per week on Saturday or Sunday as long as there is no water waste.
- The use of SAWS-certified commercial car wash facilities is allowed any day.

Drought Surcharge

For single family accounts, the Stage 3 surcharge of \$10.37 per thousand gallons will take effect for water use above 20,000 gallon a month.

(source: www.saws.org and www.wateringrules.com)



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1 Home is on the market

List Price \$415,000 SQ FT 2263

1 Home has closed

Sales Price \$491,500 SQ FT 3274

1 Home is in Pending

Sales Price \$519,000 SQ FT 2998

Hello Shavano Ridge!

What a great summer we are having! Hope you have been able to get out and see a bit of Texas!

The real estate market still has very low inventory for pre-owned homes. Builders are attracting home buyers with rate buy downs and closing cost.

If you need to sell a home, it needs to be looking good, maintained well and have a few updates.

Do one major upgrade on your home every year as to insure the value of your home . If you don't know what to do or where to start, call me! I am happy to walk your home with you and help you make a plan!

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