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Dear Neighbors,

Greetings! As we roll into May and June, I hope you're all doing great and gearing up for the sunny days ahead. With summer just around the corner, I wanted to give you a heads-up that our local schools will soon be out for the break. That means our streets will be buzzing with kids on bikes and playing outdoors. Let's all keep an eye out and stick to the 20 MPH speed limit on our residential roads. Also, a quick reminder to chat with your little ones about staying alert around traffic. We've noticed some kids being careless on bikes; remind them to watch for cars, stay mindful of traffic, and ride on the right side of the road. Let's keep The Vineyard safe.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Jennifer Curlee, the social committee, and all the hardworking volunteers who poured their energy into making this year's Annual Easter Egg Hunt a hopping success! It was a day to remember for all of us, and their dedication truly reflects the heart of our community.

Now, onto some Vineyard updates I'm excited to share with you:

**Bingo Night – Join the Fun!**

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 25 at 7:00 PM at the Pavilion for our community Bingo Night. Everyone gets one free bingo card, and you can receive up to two additional cards per person by bringing a donation for the Food Bank. Come enjoy a night of games, prizes, and giving back!

**End of Elementary School Year Tunnel Party:** Can you believe the 2024-2025 school year is almost over? To mark the end of the elementary school year, our community is invited to gather in the clubhouse west parking lot to greet the children walking home from Vineyard Elementary. This cherished tradition is getting an exciting upgrade this year with a foam party!

Join us on the last day of school, May 21, 2025, at 2:45 PM for an hour of bubbly fun. The kids will love playing in the foam while a family-friendly DJ spins tunes to celebrate the school year's end. All elementary school children from our Vineyard community are welcome, along with younger siblings.

To ensure this event is a hit, please provide adult supervision for each child. Note that water balloons are not permitted. Let's make this a fantastic farewell to the school year!

**Shredding Event:** The annual shredding event is happening on Saturday, May 17th, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM at the Pavilion. This complimentary service, provided by your HOA, is our way of helping you securely dispose of sensitive documents after tax season. Beyond just clearing out paperwork, it's a great opportunity to declutter by shredding old financial statements, medical records, or other personal files. It also protects against identity theft by keeping credit card statements and utility bills out of the wrong hands. Plus, enjoy a neighborly gathering at the Pavilion—and feel good knowing the shredded paper is often recycled, making it an eco-friendly choice too. Bring your papers and join us for this worry-free shred-fest.

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Neighborhood Leaves: As we enjoy this beautiful Spring season, let's keep our streets and yards looking their best. Blowing leaves into the street and leaving them there might seem like an easy fix, but it's not cool—those leaves can easily blow back into everyone's yards, creating extra work for all of us. Please take a moment to bag or mulch them instead. A little teamwork goes a long way in keeping our neighborhood tidy and neighborly. We appreciate everyone doing their part.

Trail Update: After in depth discussions between the HOA BOD and the City of San Antonio, we were unable to reach an acceptable solution regarding the usage of HOA property to extend the city bike trail system. No additional discussions are planned at this time or in the foreseeable future. The greenbelt area in question will remain an undeveloped portion of HOA property.

Stage 2 Water Restrictions: Please consider this a friendly reminder that, as of this writing, San Antonio is in Stage 2 water restrictions, and SAWS is driving our neighborhoods and fining homeowners who violate the restrictions. To prevent any fines, please check your sprinkler system and coordinate with whoever watches your home for when you are out of town.

During Stage 2, watering with a sprinkler, irrigation system or soaker hose is allowed only between 7 AM and 11 AM and from 7 PM to 11 PM on residents' designated day, determined by the last number of a customer's residential address.

- 0 or 1 – Monday
- 2 or 3 – Tuesday
- 4 or 5 – Wednesday
- 6 or 7 – Thursday
- 8 or 9 – Friday

Watering with a hand-held hose is allowed at any time on any day.

Swim Team Information: Vineyard Viper swim team practices start on 1 May and run until late June. For those new to our community, the Vineyard Vipers compete with other neighborhood swim teams across the San Antonio area. With its history stretching to the earliest days of The Vineyard, the swim team has proven to be a great way of involving kids in outdoor activities while bringing families together. It is also another community activity that would not be possible without many neighborhood volunteers.

Swim team leaders, in coordination with the HOA Board, have posted the practice and meet schedule for this summer. So please be advised of the dates listed below when planning outings to the pool. During all practices, the toddler pool and adult pool will remain open. In addition, one lane in the main pool will be made available upon request for residents who wish to swim at those times. This lane is not reserved but will be made available to any resident who requests it. We strive to find a balance between our swim team families and other residents' needs. On a similar note, the pool opens at 6 AM, and several adults swim laps at that time if you are looking for some camaraderie.

## May 2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Thur, May 1	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Practice
Sat, May 3	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice
Mon, May 5	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Practice
Wed May 7	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Practice
Thur, May 8	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Practice
Sat, May 10	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice
Mon, May 12	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Practice
Wed, May 14	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Practice
Thur, May 15	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Practice
Sat, May 17	7:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Team Time Trial
Mon, May 19	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Practice
Wed, May 21	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Practice
Thur, May 22	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Practice
Sat, May 24	7:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Swimtacular
Mon, May 26	No Practice	Memorial Day
Wed, May 28	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Practice
Thur, May 29	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Practice
Sat, May 31	7:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Home Meet

## June 2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Mon, Jun 2	7:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Practice
Wed, Jun 4	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice
Thur, Jun 5	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice
Fri, Jun 6	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice
Mon, Jun 9	7:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Practice
Wed, Jun 11	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice
Thur, Jun 12	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice
Fri, Jun 13	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice
Sat, Jun 14	7:00 AM -12:00 PM	Home Meet
Mon, Jun 16	7:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Practice
Wed, Jun 18	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice
Thur, Jun 19	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice
Fri, Jun 20	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice
Mon, Jun 23	7:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Practice
Wed, Jun 25	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice
Thur, Jun 26	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice
Fri, Jun 27	7:30 AM -11:00 AM	Practice



## July 2025

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
Mon, Jul 1	5:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Awards Banquet and Party

Pavilion Rental: Looking to host a summer gathering? The newly renovated neighborhood Pavilion is available for reservation. Residents can book it through the Spectrum Association Management website by selecting “Amenities” and then “Book Amenities” from the dropdown menu. Recent upgrades include fixed prep-kitchen plumbing that now drains efficiently to the outdoor sewer, an expanded and more accessible table storage area, a full-height backsplash behind the sink, and a fresh coat of paint with an epoxy floor finish. A drape now offers the option to separate the prep-kitchen from the serving space.

The prep-kitchen features a commercial-grade double sink, and we’ve added two USB/GFI outlets above the prep shelving. The arched wood doors to the serving area have been refurbished, hardware included, and a chair rail now protects the walls in the table storage space. We’ve widened an opening by removing a door and plan to install a light filter on the arched window to soften the sunlight in the prep-kitchen.

Booking Details to Know:

Pavilion Equipment:

- Spacious patio-style facility with a small prep-kitchen and bathrooms
- No cleaning supplies or microwave provided
- 10 8' tables
- 3 6' tables
- 4 large 6' round tables
- 5 small 5' round tables
- 6 adjustable 24" bar-height round tables
- Chairs: 67 white, 66 brown
- 4 heaters
- 2 side-by-side refrigerators
- Double sink with garbage disposal (please use responsibly)
- 15' stainless steel prep shelf (24" deep)

Rental Information:

- Cost: \$300 rental fee + \$300 deposit
- Guest Limit: 120 people
- Rental Duration: Up to 8 hours
- Pool access is not included and cannot be reserved
- DJs are permitted
- Alcohol service requires a security guard at \$35/hour (minimum 3 hours), present from guest arrival to departure
- One homeowner may book per day

Plan your event today and enjoy these refreshed amenities!

## Save the Dates:

- April 25: Bingo Night, 7:00 PM, The Pavilion
- May 17: Shredding Event, 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM, The Pavilion
- May 21: End of Elementary School Year Tunnel Party, 2:45 PM, tunnel near The Pavilion
- July 21: COSA Brush Pick Up

As we head into the warmer months, I’d like to wish all of our residents a safe and enjoyable start to the summer. Whether you’re firing up the grill, lounging by the pool, or just soaking in the sunshine, let’s make the most of this season. Please look out for one another, keep safety first, and here’s to a fantastic summer ahead for our community!

Regards,

Lanie Shearer

President, Board of Directors

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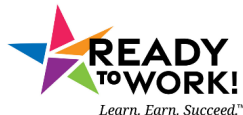
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## THE ART OF DOING NOTHING



In a world obsessed with hustle, “doing nothing” almost feels illegal. But hear this idleness is not laziness. It’s a skill. One that’s been practiced and perfected for centuries in places that rank among the happiest in the world.

Take Italy’s dolce far niente or the Dutch niksens, both translate to the sweetness of doing nothing. These cultures understand that intentional rest can unlock creativity, reduce stress, and lead to better decision-making. When your brain isn’t constantly overloaded, it has time to reflect, connect dots, and generate fresh ideas. But in our fast-paced culture? Rest is often viewed as weakness. We’re glued to screens, multitasking ourselves into burnout, and calling it productivity.

Here’s a small rebellion: try 10 minutes of nothing. No phone. No music. No agenda. Just...space. Breathe. Stare at the ceiling. Sit on the porch. Let your thoughts drift.

You might feel uncomfortable at first, itchy for stimulation, but that’s kind of the point. Getting good at nothing means getting comfortable with stillness, with yourself, and with the fact that not every moment has to be filled. In a noisy world, doing nothing is a quiet kind of power.

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# THE VINEYARD: TEEN SERVICES

- ★ **AMELIA SALAZAR**, age 14: Hi everyone! I am in 8th grade at Lopez Middle School. I am Red Cross Babysitting certified. I can help your kids stay active with arts & crafts, games, dance, cooking, baking and active play. I have been a dance teacher assistant with younger classes at Heather Stolle School of Dance for three years. I also love pets and have experience pet sitting. You can call or text me at 210-367-3601 or my mom, Laura, at 210-508-2064.
- ★ **BECCA BROUGHTON**, age 17: Hello neighbors, I am a senior in high school and have experience walking, feeding and playing with dogs. I can also hand water yards and potted plants while you are away from home. I have a lot of experience helping with yard work. I can also tutor math. Please give me a call if you need any of these services. I am available weekends and during school breaks. 210-279-9187.
- ★ **CONNOR LOVE**, age 13: Hello neighbors. I am a student at Lopez Middle School. I live in The Renaissance. I would like to offer my services for pet sitting (dogs and cats). I can give my parents as a reference as well as other references. Please call or text me at 210-427-5318
- ★ **DAVID SALAZAR**, age 16. I am a sophomore at Reagan High School. I am Red Cross Lifeguard certified. I am available for backyard pool parties as a lifeguard and extra set of eyes on the pool. I also teach swim lessons to kids age 5+ at the neighborhood pool. I have experience as a Vineyard swim team junior coach and private lifeguard. You can call or text me at 210-965-7439 or you may call or text my mom, Laura, at 210-508-2064.
- ★ **EMMA SWEATMAN**, age 14: Hello neighbors, I live in The Renaissance, and I am an 8th grader at Lopez Middle School. I would love to help with babysitting, pet sitting, walking dogs and watering plants. I have 1 older and 2 younger sisters so I am experienced with kids! I volunteer at our HOA Swim Team by helping the younger swimmers and I am also a mentor to a younger child. I have 2 dogs and 2 bunnies, so I understand pet care, playing and walking them. I can also water plants if you are out of town. I am 2 years ahead in Math (currently in Geometry), in NJHS, Athletics & Advanced Art. References are available. You can text my mom (Tonya) at 361-779-0025.
- ★ **EVERETT DENTON**, age 17: I am a senior at STEM Academy and can provide tutoring and homework assistance for a range of subjects, with a focus on Math and Science. I also love pet sitting and can provide care for your cats and dogs during the day or overnight. References for tutoring and pet sitting available. 210-426-7854
- ★ **HANNAH BROUGHTON**, age 14: Hi neighbors, I am a freshman at MacArthur High School and am looking forward to helping you with any pet sitting needs you might have. I can hand water plants while you are away from home as well. I excel in Spanish and will be happy to tutor your child with his/her Spanish. My number is 830-273-8330. I look forward to hearing from you!
- ★ **HARPER HUTCHISON**, age 17: Hi neighbors. I am a senior at Reagan High School and would love to babysit or pet sit for those parents who are looking for a little extra help or a night out! I am the oldest of three and have a dog as well, so I have experience with kids and pets. Feel free to contact me at 512-962-2385.
- ★ **HATHAWAY HUTCHISON**, age 15: Hello neighbors. I am a freshman at Northeast School of the Arts. I am an experienced babysitter and would love to watch your child! I love to cook, do arts and crafts and play games! I am also a dog owner and animal lover and available for pet sitting. My phone number is 737-228-4648. My mom can be reached at 512-773-1979.
- ★ **INES MIRAVALLS**, age 15; Hi American neighbors. I am a Foreign Exchange Student from Spain staying with my host family, the Sweatman's in The Renaissance this school year. I am a sophomore at Reagan, am fluent in Spanish and can speak English very well. I love competing in triathlons back in Spain. I am trying to experience as much of the American culture as I can and would love to help with babysitting, pet sitting and tutoring in Spanish. I have a dog back home and my host family has 2 dogs and 2 bunnies! I have already done a babysitting job with Reese Sweatman since being here. You can text my host mom, Tonya at 361-779-0025.
- ★ **KIRA WEESE**, age 15: Hello neighbors! I am a sophomore in high school, and it would be my pleasure to care for your loved ones. I have experience both pet and babysitting. I am also comfortable with unique care for pets such as live feeding, cleaning and medication administration. If your pet needs any play or exercise, I would be happy to give them all the attention they need. For your kiddos, I can cook, play, craft and help them with homework. If you have toddlers or infants, I have experience through countless hours of volunteering at my church. Contact me at 210-788-1217.
- ★ **MACY GLASS**, age 12: Hello neighbors. I attend Lopez Middle School. I live in The Enclave. I can help you with pet, house or plant sitting while you are busy or away from home. I also have experience filling in when my sister (Morgan) is not available. I am very responsible and would love to help you. I can be reached at 210-997-2414. I look forward to hearing from you.
- ★ **MORGAN GLASS**, age 16: Hi neighbors. I attend Reagan High School and live in The Enclave. I would love to pet, house or plant sit for you. I am extremely responsible and attentive and have helped many of my neighbors in The Vineyard. I would love to help your family. You may reach me at 210-790-4896.
- ★ **PIPER DOWNING**, age 14: Hi neighbors, my name is Piper and I live in The Renaissance. I currently attend International School of the Americas as a 9th grader. I would love to help you out by babysitting, dog sitting, watering plants and more. You can reach me by texting 210-848-8870. Thank you and I look forward to helping you.
- ★ **REESE SWEATMAN**, age 15: Hello neighbors. I live in The Renaissance, and I am a sophomore at Reagan High School. I would love to help with babysitting, pet sitting, walking dogs, watering plants and tutoring younger students. I am CPR and Lifeguard certified! I have 3 younger sisters, so I am very experienced with younger kids. I also have 2 dogs and 2 bunnies, so I understand pet care, playing and walking them. I can also help water plants if you are out of town. I am 2 years ahead in math (currently in Pre-Cal AP), so if your student is struggling, I'd be happy to help tutor them. References available. You can text my mom (Tonya) at 361-779-0025.
- ★ **RORY KERR**, age 14: I have been working with my brother Ryder for several years and now that he is off to college I am taking over. Rent-A-Rory can help with pet sitting, house sitting, lawn care, pressure washing and any odd jobs. I am the main caretaker for our dogs, Biscuit and Cheerio, plus I have fostered several dogs. Working with my brother supplied extensive experience caring for all types of animals and providing clients with high-quality lawn and home care services. I would love to add you to my client list. For more information call or text 210-429-6304 or my mom at 805-291-2528.
- ★ **SAMANTHA ABRAMSON**, age 16: Hello neighbors. I am a sophomore at Reagan High School and the girl to call if you want to enjoy shopping alone or enjoy an evening out (date night). I have over four years' experience looking after children. I love caring for them, doing arts and crafts, playing games and activities. I am trustworthy, reliable, loyal, responsible and hard working. I can be reached at 210-887-2770 by call or text. I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.
- ★ **SARAH CLARKE**, age 17: I am a student at Reagan High School. I am particularly good with animals, especially cats. I have three cats myself. I also have experience with small animals such as hamsters and guinea pigs. I also very much enjoy playing with and walking dogs. I would very much like to help you. Call or text to 210-612-1520.
- ★ **SCARLETT SWEATMAN**, age 13: Hello neighbors. I live in The Renaissance, and I am a 7th grader at Lopez Middle School. I would love to help with babysitting, pet sitting, walking dogs and watering plants. I have 2 older and 1 younger sister so I am well experienced with kids. I volunteer at our HOA Swim Team by helping the younger swimmers and I am also a mentor. I have 2 dogs and 2 bunnies, so I understand pet care, playing and walking them. I can also water plants if you are out of town. I am in Advanced Art and the Honors Orchestra (Viola) and play the piano. References available. You can text my mom (Tonya) at 361-779-0025.



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### CORNER OF RIDDLES

A. I STRETCH AND YAWN ACROSS THE SKY.  
MY COLORS COME BEFORE GOODBYE. YOU  
WILL FIND ME QUIET, BOLD, OR BRIGHT  
- A PAINTED PAUSE BEFORE THE NIGHT.  
WHAT AM I?

B. YOU USE ME DAILY, YET I STAY UNSEEN,  
IM FELT, NOT TOUCHED; IM CAUGHT  
BETWEEN. I CARRY WORDS, I LIFT A KITE,  
AND HOWL WITH STORMS DEEP IN THE  
NIGHT. WHAT AM I?

a. A sunset b. The wind

## THE 7 WONDERS OF THE WORLD AT A GLANCE

From ancient marvels to modern masterpieces, the 7 Wonders of the World represent the pinnacle of human creativity, ambition, and endurance. These awe-inspiring sites are not only cultural treasures but symbols of the collective power of imagination across civilizations.

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**The Great Wall of China** – Spanning over 13,000 miles, this defensive structure weaves through the mountains and valleys of northern China, a monument to endurance and protection.

**Petra, Jordan** – The rose-red city carved into rock, Petra served as a flourishing trade hub of the Nabateans and continues to mesmerize with its architectural elegance.

**Christ the Redeemer, Brazil** – Towering above Rio de Janeiro, this iconic statue is a global symbol of faith, peace, and welcome.

**Machu Picchu, Peru** – Perched high in the Andes, this Incan citadel holds secrets of a once-thriving empire and stuns with its harmony with nature.



**Chichen Itza, Mexico** – A Mayan archaeological site famed for its astronomical precision and the majestic El Castillo pyramid.

**The Taj Mahal, India** – A white marble mausoleum built for love, symbolizing eternal devotion and exquisite Mughal artistry.



These wonders remind us of what humanity can create; lasting impressions that transcend borders, time, and generations.

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