



Mission Tracer



MISSION TRACE HOA

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*Thanksgiving Day is November 24th.
Make happy memories!*

Mission Trace Homeowners Association

Board Meeting November 9, 2011

In the Clubhouse @ 7:00 p.m.



Grounds

October was a much better and wetter month for us. As you may have noticed, the grounds crew has been able to do some very minimal planting and landscaping. Current landscape requests were reviewed and approved at the last Grounds Committee meeting. A spread-sheet with requests and approval information is available at the clubhouse office. It will be an on-going piece and will be updated each month. If you have submitted a request, please don't hesitate to call the office for updated information. Ideas were presented at the meeting to enhance the grassy area behind the Lomita houses that face the lake. The committee agreed to expand the Xeriscape bed, as well as add plantings and treat the grass for weeds. The grounds crew will also be supplementing the grass with Tiffway Bermuda sod, so the area should soon return to a pleasant green entrance. Work will also be done on the sprinklers at the entrance to ensure the grass retains maximum benefit from watering. There was much discussion regarding the need to keeping Mission Trace a natural community, maintaining or reducing the number of flower beds and maintaining a healthy amount of natural planting.

Despite the much needed rain we received last month, we are not out of the woods yet. Because we are in a La Nina year, the winter forecast calls for dry weather, with little or no rain. Those of you who are watering, we thank you. Please continue to water your common areas, as it is a huge help in enhancing the community for all residents. Watering regulations can be found at: <http://www.saws.org/>.

We understand there is some concern in the community regarding the feeding needs of the ducks and swans. Please rest assured that they are being adequately fed. We have recently consulted with the bird and water fowl curator at the San Antonio Zoo to ensure that we are meeting the nutrition needs of our feathered residents, and we were informed that our established feeding habits suit their needs well and our ducks and swans are thriving.

Grounds Chairperson: Nancy Feagin

Committee Members: Linda Brown, Donovan Fothergil, Mary Steelman, Norma Ellington

Controlled Access

There has been an increased amount of speeding throughout the neighborhood. Please be mindful of the 15 MPH speed limit. There are walkers, dogs and children walking the neighborhood and we want everyone to be safe. If you should witness cars speeding through out the neighborhood, we encourage you to report it to the guard immediately. Make sure you provide as much information as possible, including description of car, license plate and person driving. This is a serious issue that must be resolved immediately.

We regret to report that we had a vehicle broken into this week. Despite the fact that we are in a gated, guard monitored community, we are not completely immune to these types of incidences. It is so important that you not leave any valuables in your car, especially if you park outside. Not leaving valuables in your vehicle in plain sight can be an additional layer of protection against car thieves.

Halloween is Monday October 31st. If you are planning on taking your children trick or treating, or want to hand out candy, the general rule is: If you will be handing out candy, leave your porch light on. If the porch light is off, it should be assumed the home is not participating, so as a courtesy do not knock or ring the bell. Be sure and bring a flashlight or wear reflective clothing and stay on the sidewalk. Have a safe and fun Halloween!

Controlled Access Chairperson: Larry Ocanas

Committee Members: Al Mozisek, Ricardo Cornejo, Marvin Jalnos, Mary Thomas, Elsa Cuellar

Amenities

Now that fall is officially here and the weather is cooler, the pool has closed. Don't forget, the clubhouse is available for your holiday functions, but dates are filling up fast. If you would like to rent the clubhouse, call or stop by the office.

Amenities Chairperson: Sandy Laston

Committee Members: Kathy Nessvig, Pat Evertson

Architectural Control Committee

Since the last committee meeting, there has been 1 new architectural work request approved by the board, 1 pending request, and 4 new maintenance issues with outgoing letters. Don't forget, if you have plans to make any exterior home improvements or repairs, you must fill out and submit an Architectural Work Request form before any work is started. Upon receipt of a request, it will be reviewed by the Architectural Committee and presented to the board for approval. Once a decision has been made, either the Architectural Control Chair or Office Manager will notify the homeowner. Architectural Work Request forms and Architectural Standard can be picked up at the office or emailed upon request.

Architectural Control Chairperson: Owen Seidenberger

Committee Members: Sally DeLa Garza, Madeline Welch, Doris McNair, Marcia Kemble, Allen Thompson

Engineering

*Please refer to the President's letter. We would like to announce that Juan Brizuela has been elected as a replacement for the Engineering Chairperson. Welcome!

Community Relations

We would like to extend warm birthday wishes to resident Carmen Coindreau, who turned 100 years old on October 17th. To commemorate this truly remarkable day, the Community Relations Committee presented her with a lovely fruit basket on behalf of the neighborhood. Just a reminder—the Mission Trace Christmas Party is on Saturday, December 17th at 6:30 pm. Save the date!

Community Relations Chairperson: Doris Wade

Committee Members: Jo Huff, Priscilla Martinez, Roberta Ocanas, Ellie Brizuela, Zaida Thompson, Ann Scotty

Administration

We would like to remind everyone that the office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8 am to 12 pm, and Tuesday, Thursday from 8 am to 4 pm.

*Hello everyone! I would like to say that it has truly been a pleasure getting to meet our residents. I also wanted to mention that I am a Notary and if anyone should have any notarizing needs, please call or stop by the office and we can take a look at it. Don't hesitate to stop by the office or call with any questions or concerns as I am available to assist you in any way that I can.

Vanessa Lofton
MT Office Manager

Fall Back!



Daylight Savings Time ends on November 6th. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour.



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MISSIONTRACE.ORG

A Message from the HOA President:

On 10/3/11, Bob Ray and Nancy Feagin met with three representatives of SAWS concerning necessary repairs on Open Meadow because of the recent water line leak. SAWS explained that what they would be doing to repair the street is called “mill and overlay”. That means stripping off 2 inches, more or less, of the asphalt (down to the base) and then overlaying a new type of hot mix asphalt.

Ms. Feagin and Mr. Ray inquired about Mission Trace “piggy backing” on the SAWS work to get some more work done to repair Mission Trace streets, so the HOA would not have to pay delivery/return charges for the machinery required to do the work. SAWS informed us that the work would be done by H.L. Zumwalt Construction and J & P Paving, and that SAWS had no objection to the idea.

Mr. Ray left a message for Zumwalt’s representative. Mr. Ray is currently in the process of acquiring bids and will relay more information as matters develop.