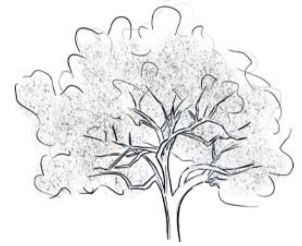




Gardens of Oak Hollow

A SMALL COMMUNITY WITH A BIG HEART

Neighborly News



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1. It is time to update our annual Gardens of Oak Hollow Directory. Please let your Block Captain know if your information needs to be added or updated.
2. If you would like to be considered for one of the elected HOA Board position or to volunteer, please let your Block Captain or one of the HOA Board members know.

Deadline: February 27

Block Captains

- Misty Creek – Lynn Gilbert
- Shoal Run – Blaine Adams
- Shadow Park N – Gordon Chace
- Shadow Park S – Louisa Adams
- Enfield Park E – Frances Menjivar
- Enfield Park W – Judy Hinnant

HOA Officers

- President – Suzanne Shive
- Vice President – Bart Baker
- Treasurer – Zane Chalfant
- Secretary – Donna Fritsch

Thank You!

You do a good job picking up after Fido



But Please

Put the 'package' in your trash not mine!



SAFFE



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.

The SAPD North Subdivision on Jones Maltzberger has twelve SAFFE service areas. As you can see in this map, we are located in the N-02 Zone.

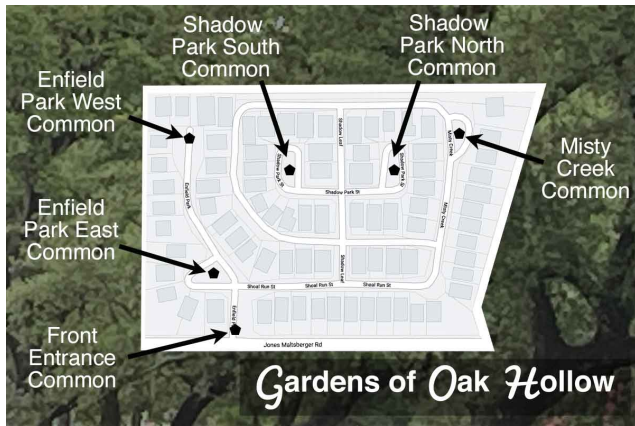
Officer Sonny Kretzer is assigned to the N-02 Zone: 210.219.0258

SAPD North Substation phone numbers:

SAFFE: 210.207.8350

Property Crimes: 210.207.760

Food For Thought



Editorial Submitted by Gordon Chace

The Common Areas are a big part of our neighborhood. Exposure to some are limited, others we drive by daily. Whether we see them in passing or out our home windows, they evoke thought. We celebrate with meet/greet and seasonal neighborhood flings, on or around the Commons, creating and reestablishing friendships.

But when we are not pleased about changes to them, problems can arise. The point is we realize they the Commons are indeed an integral part of the gardens; existing as silent testaments to our appreciation for nature. From the beginning, Sitterle Builders had planned the inclusion of included the common parking areas for the convenience of guests and residents in the neighborhood. They have become more than that. The Front Entrance Common stands as a beacon beckoning curious onlookers to the serene surroundings that lie within.

Today

At the present time, the gardens have a total of six commons areas, five parking and the front entrance. Admittedly, some residents might not be familiar with all five parking

commons areas because of the location of our homes. We may not notice when some are mowed, edged or watered. Somehow we do get to hear of their undesirable condition when they become so. To this end, we have decided to include this editorial in our newsletter.

Since the completion of the Gardens of Oak Hollow, the neighborhood has been able to maintain the Commons within our budget from the vital voluntary HOA dues collected. The help of various residents additional monetary donations have also kept costs manageable. Residents voluntary labor including additional mowing, hand watering, fertilizing, adding top soil, sprinkler replacement or repair and raking of leaves has all helped us from raising dues in the past. We thank and appreciate all their help and work...

Future

The world is changing. Water is becoming scarce. Costs are rising for maintenance. HOA voluntary dues have remained static for a number of years. The U.S. Government has raised the Cost Of Living Allowance 8.25% this year alone.

The neighborhood is coming to a crossroads, a new dynamic on how to best handle our Commons expenses are upon this neighborhood. The responsibility for maintaining the Commons weighs heavy on the newly elected board members this year. In the next newsletter we will explore the cost of Commons maintenance.

- What we can anticipate in 2023?
- How do we meet these new challenges?
- Do we turn our backs or rise to meet these challenges?

It all depends on us.

February 9-26, 2023



As you probably know, the annual Rodeo begins this week. I don't go to the actual rodeo performances, but I do LOVE to roam the fair grounds. Once you are on the grounds you can watch some fun events.

Here are a couple that I enjoy and one new one that I have just learned about.

Swiftly Swine



Swiftly doesn't do it for the money. He really wants that Oreo cookie, waiting at the finish line! They run as

fast as their little legs can take 'em, and then it's back to nap time to be ready for the next race!

Bustin In The Barn

Enjoy a fairgrounds Mutton Bustin' experience! There will be more than 1,500 opportunities for riders (boys and girls between the ages of 4-7 years old) to compete for 1 of 8 slots in the Wildcard performance. Limited spots are still available.



Youth Rodeo



Events take place over four days, February 20-22. Competitions include Pole Bending, Goat

Tying, Barrel Racing, Tie-Down Roping, Breakaway Roping, Ribbon Roping and Team Roping. In 2018, we began offering Saddle Bronc Riding, Bareback Riding, Bull Riding and Steer Wrestling.

Armadillo Day



"We don't need no mangy groundhog in Pennsylvania predicting weather for us," Terry Boothe, a fifth-generation Texan, told reporters last year. While much of the country celebrates Groundhog Day on February 2 with Punxsutawney Phil, Texans celebrate Armadillo Day with Bee Cave Bob. Bob is a native of Bee Cave, Texas. Located in Texas Hill Country, outside of Austin, Bee Cave was declared by the Texas Legislature the "geographical west pole" of the globe in 2007.

The origin of Whatever-You-Want-To-Call-It Day is rooted in Europe several centuries ago, with mainly badgers in the starring role. German-speaking immigrants brought the

tradition to Pennsylvania. Finding no badgers, in the 1880s they made the groundhog their go-to animal for winter weather wisdom.

On Groundhog, er, Armadillo Day, (February 2) Bob was taken outside to fulfill his duty. If it is a clear day and he casts a shadow, the legend says there will be six more weeks of winter. A cloudy day means no shadow ... and an early spring.

Results

Neither Bee Cave Bob nor Punxsutawny Phil, however, has a great track record. Both are said to be wrong more often than right, but it is a tough call since there is no clear answer as to when winter ends and spring begins.

In the last five years, Bob has never predicted six more weeks of winter for Texas, while Phil has predicted the extended winter three times in the last five years.

Let's see what this year bring:

2023: Phil predicts 6 more weeks of winter.

2023: Bee Cave Bob predicts early spring.

Armadillos Cool Facts

- “Armadillo” is Spanish for “little armored one.” Of the 20 species, only one — the nine-banded armadillo — is native to the United States. Bands are movable sections of the mammal’s hard shell.
- Nine-banded armadillos grow to about 30 inches long, with an average weight of 12 pounds. Other armadillo species range from 3 inches to 5 feet. Armadillos can live up to 30 years in the wild.
- Armadillos mainly eat insects. They have strong claws and can dig burrows 20 feet long, in which they sleep up to 16 hours a day.
- When threatened, smaller armadillos roll up in a ball and play dead. Larger ones

can jump four feet high when scared or surprised.

- Armadillos can hold their breath for up to six minutes.
- In water, armadillos can walk underwater or float on the surface.
- Nine-banded armadillos have litters of four identical pups. Quadruplets!

sources: San Antonio Express News and The Washington Post



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