



AUBURN RIDGE

Auburn Ridge Homeowners Association Newsletter

July-September 2009

News from the Board of Directors

We had a successful first quarter of 2009. Total income was \$16,644 and we spent \$9,808.

We were able to transfer \$5,378 to our replacement fund. We are on track to fully fund our Replacement Fund requirements. As of March 31, 2009, our operating checking account balance was \$11,053 and our replacement fund balance was \$136,868.

Areas the Board of Directors are working on:

1. The Episcopal Church of Holy Spirit property is being sold to a developer for construction of apartments. We and the Dell Oaks Association BOD continue to work with the developer to voice our concerns. If you have any questions or comments, please contact a board member. The last we heard was that the church closing was set for June.
2. When we go under Stage Two water restrictions, the Board has opted to ease the lawn maintenance requirements but will still require that weeds be removed from lawns and flower beds and lawns mowed. Brown lawns will be acceptable.
3. We are still waiting for updates on the impact of changing gate openers.

Babcock/Hausman Update...

The new Walgreens at the corner of Babcock and Hausman Rd. has been completed. The City of San Antonio required the developer to install a right turn lane, dedicated left turn lane and straight lane (total of 3 lanes going east). This has greatly eliminated the backup on Babcock during rush hour.

Parking in front of mail boxes...

Please ask your lawn care providers and others who are visiting you not to park in front of the mailboxes. It is important not to block access to the boxes, since we understand that it is illegal to block access to the mailboxes when the mailman is attempting to deliver mail.

Solicitors...

Auburn Ridge is a private community; trespassing and soliciting are prohibited. If you experience problems with solicitors please call the police and report them.

Water pressure problems?...

Previously a resident reported that high water pressure resulted in a leak in his foundation. Water pressure should be around 80psi and his was measured at 150psi. If you want to have your water pressure checked call SAWS at 704-7297. If SAWS identifies a similar problem at your home, please report it to the HOA so we can determine if there are system-wide problems.

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Newsletter Content & Comments...

If you have questions or concerns about this newsletter, contact Rick Doucette at 641-5276 or rdoucette@satx.rr.com, or any Board member. The newsletter committee includes Rick, Diana Drenner, Sherry Dredak and Mike & Cathy Abington. We attempt to publish the newsletter quarterly, and are happy to include any items you might submit, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. *Deadline for inclusion in the next newsletter is Sept 1st.*

Ad Fees/Disclaimer: All ads are approved but not endorsed by the Board of Directors. Personal ads for homeowners are free. To place an ad, contact Rick Doucette at 641-5276 or rdoucette@satx.rr.com. Ads are fee-based as follows:

- Business Card: \$10
- Quarter Page: \$15

Committee Reports

Architectural Control Committee — The committee approved four requests since the April-June newsletter: (1) install a patio canopy, (2) add backyard landscaping, (3) install screen door on back door, and (4) install sprinkler system. No requests were denied.

Welcome Committee — We would like to welcome the following new neighbors. Please add them to your directory:

6534 Amber Oak - Nathan & Joy Shirley - 877-5845

6522 Amber Oak - Lindsay Marr - 368-9307

13911 Laurel Brook - Richard & Michelle Reyes - 619-886-1144

Please notify Laurel Hinton at AMS of any changes or corrections to the directory.

If you know of any new arrivals, please call Betty Reber or Sherry Derdak (phone numbers are in the contacts list), or E-mail them at rbreber@mailstation.com or sherryderdak@sbcglobal.net.

Feral Cat Colony in AR...

Although only a few residents are aware of it, there's a colony of about 15 feral cats in Auburn Ridge helping us control our snake and rodent population. Several residents are working toward containing the colony at current levels using the same humane program being used all over the country: Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR).

With TNR the cats are trapped, spayed or neutered, given a rabies shot, and the tip of their left ear is removed (under anesthesia) so they can be identified afterward and not trapped again. Then they are returned to the neighborhood.

The City of San Antonio Ordinance 2007-12-13-1291 requires a cat colony permit and that proper management and sterilization practices be implemented. All of these steps are in place.

The origin of the colony is unknown but some believe the feral cat colony on the UTSA campus could have been at least one source. Some students are known to abandon their pets when they leave college.

Contact Sherry Derdak or Barbara Shields if you'd like to know more...or if you're aware any litters of kittens. They can be tamed and adopted if caught soon after they're weaned. Three litters have already been placed in foster care and can be adopted as soon as they're old enough to be neutered or spayed.

For more information, contact: Sherry Derdak, sherryderdak@sbcglobal.net, 696-8526 or Barbara Shields, barbs_wires@hotmail.com, 699-3012.

Watering Restrictions To Increase...

San Antonio Water System (SAWS) measures the aquifer level continuously and issues drought restrictions year-round and when the level reaches certain trigger points.

Year-Round: Year-round, landscape watering is allowed only before 10 a.m. or after 8 p.m. every day, except with a hand-held hose, soaker hose, bucket or watering can; charity car washes are permitted only at certified commercial car wash facilities; and water waste is prohibited at all times.

Stage One Alert begin when the aquifer level reaches 660 feet mean sea level at the monitored well. **We are in Stage One now.** Stage One restrictions were included in the last newsletter.

Stage Two Alert begins when the Aquifer level reaches 650 feet mean sea level at the monitored well. **We are expected to reach Stage Two by the time you get this newsletter.**

- All restrictions from Stage One remain in effect, unless added to or replaced by Stage Two rules below:
- Landscape watering with an irrigation system, sprinkler or soaker hose is allowed only once a week from 3-8 a.m. and 8-10 p.m. on your designated watering day, as determined by your address.

Last Digit of Street Address Watering Day

0 or 1 Monday

2 or 3 Tuesday

4 or 5 Wednesday

6 or 7 Thursday

8 or 9 Friday

No watering on weekends

- Watering with drip irrigation or 5-gallon bucket is permitted any day, but only between 3-8 a.m. and 8-10 p.m.
- Watering with a hand-held hose is allowed any time on any day.
- Use of fountains, waterfalls, or other aesthetic water features—outdoors or indoors—is prohibited, unless a variance has been granted for 100 percent non-potable water use.
- All non-public swimming pools must have a minimum of 25 percent of the surface area covered with evaporation screens when not in use. Inflatable pool toys or floating decorations may be used for this purpose.
- Washing impervious cover such as parking lots, driveways, streets or sidewalks is prohibited. Health and safety exceptions to this rule may be requested from SAWS in writing.
- Residential washing of vehicles or other equipment is allowed only on assigned watering days and times. A hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle or bucket of five gallons or less may be used. Water should not be allowed to run into the street.
- The use of commercial car wash facilities is allowed any day.
- Wasting water is prohibited at all times. This includes lawn watering overspray and runoff.
- Restaurants may serve water only on request (to reduce dishwashing).

Additional information is at: <http://www.saws.org/conservation/aquifermgmt/> or by calling 704-SAWS.