

The Newsletter

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• **National Night Out** is Tuesday, August 5, 2008
Come join all of Dove Meadows and celebrate with a cookout and lots of fun activities for the kids!
Where: Dove Meadows Pavilion and Pool Area
Time: 6-9pm
More Details to Follow in the next issue!

New Year brings New Resolutions to Our Neighborhood

by Mark Taylor

The year is off to a great start and the board has been actively working to improve our neighborhood. As you drive around the city you have probably noticed some of the older neighborhoods showing their age. We do not want to be one of those neighborhoods! As such we want to let everyone know what we in the Dove Meadows Community Improvement Association hope to accomplish this year.

Keep you informed:

- Get information out to our residents as often as possible (website, newsletter, meetings, flyers, etc).
- Keep the website updated with all meeting minutes,

expenditures, and other up to date information.

Landscaping:

- Power to phase one entrance.
- Replace cage lights in front of entrance monuments with more discrete lighting.
- Landscape entrances as recommended by landscape committee.
- Work with new landscaping contractor to repair and improve the common areas.
- Repair walking path in phase one and look into feasibility of extending the path in the green space for



Together we will help our neighborhood and community with it's growth....

use by all residents.

- Seek resident's inputs as what to put in the HOA owned vacant lot directly inside Phase 2 entrance next to the ditch.

"New Year New Resolutions" Continued on next page....

It's that time of year again....time for your Pool to re-open!

By John Quick

Spring is almost upon us and we are looking forward to another successful and LONG swim season! The pool will reopen for the season on 1 April and will close Oct 30th. If you have filled out your "Swim At Your Own Risk" paperwork, received a pool access card, and you are current in your assessments, then your current card

will be active on opening day.

If you do not have a pool access card, contact ProComm for the paperwork you will need in order to receive your access card. If you are renting, the homeowner will need to request the paperwork. John Quick will be the pool attendant again this season, so let him know of any

concerns. He will also have basketballs, footballs, horseshoes, and volleyballs available for sign-out if you need one. Be sure to use the pool comment box if you have any suggestions for improvement this season.

See you at the pool!!!!



Before you start those hard to resist Home Improvements this Spring, let your neighborhood know. Check out our website at: www.neighborhoodlink.com/schertz/dove

Home Improvement Time is right around the corner, have you asked your neighbor?

A number of home improvement requests have been received over the last few months. Thanks to those of you who have taken the time to submit them for review and approval. With spring right around the corner, there may be some projects you're anxious to begin. Please ensure you submit requests at least 30 days in advance of your anticipated start date so there won't be any delays while waiting for approval.

Prior to making any change or improvement, any owner planning to change or add to the existing structures on a lot must submit a request in writing to the ACC stating the details of the intended change, improvement or need for variance and

attaching samples or plans to more clearly describe the projected change or addition. If any change, improvement or action in variance from the Declaration is taken prior to written approval of the ACC, the Association has the right to require the homeowner to remove the improvement(s) and/or change(s) from the property.

Some examples of improvement/alterations requiring written approval from the ACC include but are not limited to (refer to the Declaration for other details):

- Buildings/Structures (Pools, Storage Buildings, Patio Covers, Play Structures, etc.)
- Fences and Walls

- Solar Collectors

- Other (Flagpoles, light fixtures, etc.)

To ensure timely processing, send your requests to the New Braunfels (Common Street) office and not the San Antonio (Sonterra) address. Additionally, ensure all information is provided (request form, layout plan, plat, etc.) There have been a number of delays due to requests being incomplete and/or lost. ProComm will not forward your request to the committee until all information is received. The request form with the correct mailing address is available at the website (www.neighborhoodlink.com/schertz/dove). By Cathy Williams

New Year brings New Resolutions to your neighborhood...continued

Continued from cover story....

Pool and Pavillion:

- Pool/Recreation Committee.
- Repair and repaint the pool pavillion and fence
- Install power to the picnic pavillion.
- Continue with development of volleyball area.
- Improve the ball field area (Base lines, pitching mound, etc).
- Repair the pool plumbing system.
- Recruit committee members.

- Neighborhood Watch, Social, and Communications committees.

As always, we are eager to hear from you on what needs to be improved in our neighborhood. If you have any ideas or are interested in helping out on any of the committees, please let any board member know.

Notice of Changes to Website...

By Paul and Elizabeth Wiley



Please log on to our user friendly website and check out what's going on in our community at :

www.neighborhoodlink.com/schertz/dove/

Recently our Neighborhood link website President Don Bachner made changes to the Discussion Forum of our website. Most of these changes are designed to address issues that Neighborhood Link users have brought to our attention.

First, all posts will now be accompanied by the username of the person posting them. If you have always posted anonymously in the past because your username contains your real name or email address, you will have the chance to change your username before posting in the new discussion area.

Also, we are improving the layout of the Discussions so that all posts in a thread are visible at one time, and making it possible for you to communicate with other neighborhoods.

There will now be a way for anyone to report any post they feel is inappropriate. An automated system will handle the retention or removal of these posts.

Finally, each user will have a rating based on several different criteria chosen to highlight those who are the most respected and helpful. This rat-

ing level will be automatically assigned by our server and will change often, reflecting how users are seen within the Neighborhood Link community.

An "Under Construction" page will let you know the process is underway.

None of the current posts will be lost; they will all show up in the new format.

We are very excited by these enhancements and we continue to seek your input and ideas for further improvements in the future!

Our Landscape is your Landscape!

By Gene Basler

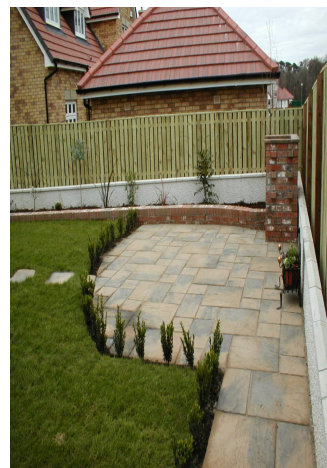
As your community matures, the need to pay careful attention to the condition of landscaping, house painting and the repair or replacement of fencing becomes more apparent. Your Association has tasked the managing agent to periodically inspect the entire community for any of the above mentioned items that may need maintenance. Garbage containers left out past the pick-up date, un-kept landscaping and accumulated debris stored in front of or alongside the house are also a few items that we look for during our inspection tours. The purpose is to ensure that everyone is contributing to the high standards of care that we all agree is important to your community.

Our observations are based on

how your property compares to the best-kept properties in the neighborhood – the best and most objective measurement we can use. Your property values depend upon everyone taking an extra measure of care in property maintenance. Some such examples which can make a huge difference include Weeds in the lawn, or flowerbeds, along curbs and street or expansion joints of the driveway. Un-mowed grass, dead or dying plants, shrubs needing trimming, edging of grass along side walks or driveways. Trees that need to be trimmed. House trim and garage doors that need to be painted. Fencing that needs to be repaired or replaced. Holiday lights/decorations that need to be removed from home or yard.

Garbage containers left out beyond the day of collections – containers should be placed either in the garage or behind the fence entirely out of sight. Boat, RV, trailers or disabled vehicle parked in the driveway or street. Basketball goals may not be placed in the street (street statute) or block the sidewalk. At present, we would like to highlight the fence along Dietz Road. Homeowners in this area need to start replacing or repairing their fences as some of them are in very bad condition, if you have replaced your fence you may want to check to make sure the pickets are nailed.

By Gene Basler– President of the Dove Meadows Landscape Committee.



If we keep our home, and landscapes looking great....it won't only make you feel better about your home, it will help keep your property value's going up also.

City of Schertz 50th Anniversary 1958-2008!

Did you know that you live in the **"#1 Place to Live in the State of Texas"** according to CNN money Magazine? Or better yet the **"111th Best Place to retire in 2007"** according to U.S. News & World Report?

Schertz has undergone a huge amount of growth in the last 50 years, and it will be celebrating it's Golden Anniversary

this year! Between 2000-2006 Schertz alone had a population increase from 18,694 to 31,788. In 2006 alone the population increased by 5,325 residents. That same year Schertz platted 1,357 new lots.

Despite all the rapid growth you may have noticed that Schertz has stayed true to it's roots, and has kept that community feel.

This entire 2008 year Schertz will have activities for the entire family and community to enjoy. You can check out all the activities and festivities by visiting the Schertz website at www.Schertz.com.

The City looks to continue it's growth with it's community feel by remembering that in Schertz, **"The Sun Shines Brighter Here!"**

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Your dog's won't pick up after themselves....please lend them a paw!

Notice for all Pet Owners! Please help our neighborhood's pet nuisance problem by cleaning up after your dogs and cats. It is your responsibility as a pet owner to clean up any mess they may

leave around the neighborhood and yes, even in your neighbor's yard. Also, animals are to either be on a leash, in a fenced yard, or indoors. Fines can and will be imposed on owners who fail to

keep control of their animals or allow them to run at large. Fines can be anywhere from \$25-\$200 for violations.



Please help your neighbors keep your yard clean.

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Have you ever wondered how much your home is worth? Or Are you thinking about selling your home in the near future? Maybe your just looking to make a great investment property purchase in the area? Whether your looking to inquire about purchasing an investment property, or even if you'd like a free market analysis, including what your home is currently worth. Let the Galdos Team help you take your first step...

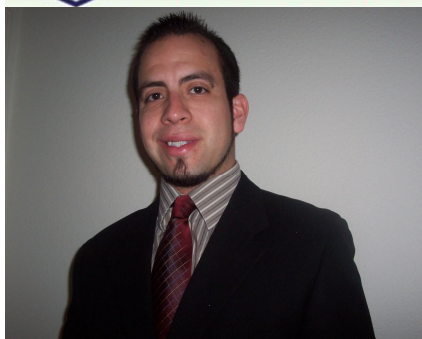
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Many Special Thanks to all who helped contribute to our Dove Meadows Spring 2008 edition of "The Newsletter". Special Thanks go out to: Susie Basler, Gene Basler, Mark Taylor, Paul Wiley, Elizabeth Wiley, Jon Quick. Also a big thanks to everyone else on the board and Neighborhood Watch. You're what keeps Dove Meadows going!!!!

Schertz and Area Related Calendar of Events...

Sunday 03/09/2008— Daylight Savings Time Begins..Be sure and Spring your clocks forward One hour....

Thursday 03/27/2008— Dove Meadows Neighborhood Quarterly meeting at the VFW off Fm78 begins at 7pm.

Saturday 02/29/2008— BVYA Opening Day and Parade from 9:00 am-12:00pm in the Schertz Ballpark.

04/18/2008 thru 04/28/2008— San Antonio's Annual FIESTA begins....next to the National Night Out Dove Meadows will be having this year, this will be the second largest event of the year!!!!

04/28/08 thru 05/06/08— Early voting from 8:00am-5:00pm takes place at the County offices on Elbel Rd. call 210-945-9708 for more details....

Tuesday 08/05/2008—NATIONAL NIGHT OUT-DOVE MEADOWS-this even is so BIG it deserves CAPS LOCK....we will reveal more details in the Summer edition of THE NEWSLETTER.

Remember Every First Friday San Antonio hosts the First Friday Art Show located in Downtown San Antonio. Most galleries are within walking distance of South Alamo, between Durango and Probandt. This event is completely FREE!!!!