

PHHOA Fall Newsletter 2009

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President's Column

Greetings Preston Hollow residents. We are very thankful for the September rain and cooler temperatures. Remember we are still under Stage Two watering restrictions. In Stage Two we are allowed to use our sprinklers once a week on our assigned day of the week. Violators will be fined. According to the SAWS website, we will stay in Stage Two for 30 days once the aquifer reaches 650 feet. Check out the SAWS website if you get a chance.

Congratulations to our Yard of the Month Winners. Winners are: Alfredo & Elena Cavazos; Layne & Kristin Sedate; Amy Sondergeld; Bill and Lana Jo Stanley; Nick & Rebecca Villarreal; and Joann and Owen Kilgore. Their pictures can be seen on the next page. There were many yards in the running and choosing the winner was not easy. Most lawns are well maintained and I have seen many changes in landscaping when walking through the neighborhood. Four homeowners volunteered to be our judges and they contributed many hours towards this summertime event. If this event continues in 2010, we are going to need some new judges. Be ready to volunteer next spring/summer.

Just a friendly reminder. The trash and recycle cans are supposed to be stored out of view from the street. This means behind your fence or inside your garage.

The board voted again not to raise the annual homeowner's dues for next year. We received half of our new trees through the city tree challenge saving us about \$2000.00. Our Preston Hollow volunteers have saved us quite a bit of money tending to the front entrance. You can never have enough volunteers.

Crime is on the rise. There have been a few cases of vandalism and petty theft in our neighborhood. Some simple precautions we can exercise include: keeping our garage doors shut when we are not in the garage and keeping valuables out of sight in our vehicles. Consider taking the COP (Cellular on Patrol) class and learn how to protect yourself and your neighbors. Let's look out for one another.

Councilman Clamp sends me his newsletter every month. If you would like a copy of it, send me an email and I will add you on my homeowner's email list. While on patrol, our SAFTE Officer has noticed an increase in traffic violations and is issuing citations. Violations he has noted are: illegally parked vehicles; parking opposite the flow of traffic; blocking the sidewalk or within 30 feet from a corner; and failure to stop at the stop signs.

The Preston Hollow newsletter started when a couple of homeowners decided to get involved and created our neighborhood newsletter. Over the years, these volunteers have moved away or became tired of gathering articles to include. Putting the newsletter together takes time. I too have many commitments and am finding fewer and fewer hours to devote to its publication. If the newsletter is to continue, we need volunteers to continue its publication.

Our sponsors are providing additional funds to help offset the cost of our yard of the month, Christmas decorating contest and block parties. Please consider supporting their services.

Kevin Johnson

Yard of the Month winners



May: Alfredo & Elena Cavazos
Gift card presented by Beverly Williams



June: Layne & Kristin Sedate & boys



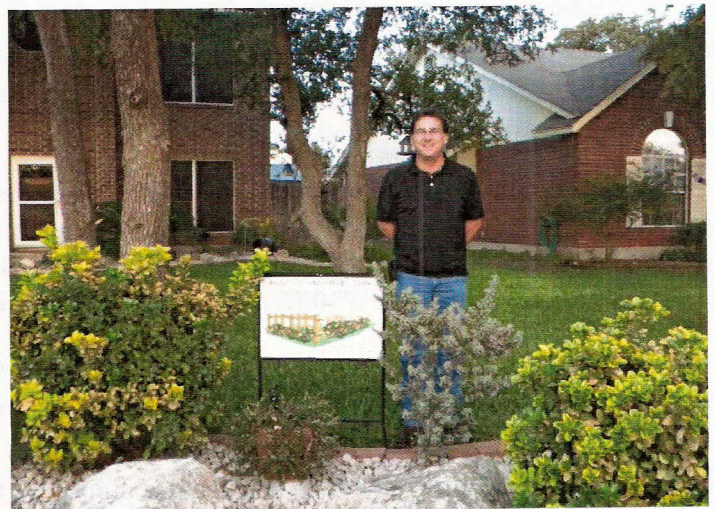
July: Amy Sondergeld



August: Bill & Lana Jo Stanley



September: Nick & Rebecca Villarreal



October: Joann & Owen Kilgore