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Greetings from the President, Ron Van Kirk

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May Board Meeting

Monday, May 1,
 Betty Vacek's home,
 7:00PM

Deadline for the May Pebbles is May 1

Articles may be submitted to Marceen Lancaster either by phone - 496-3467 or e-mail at ohp_nw@bexar.com

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NEISD No School
 Friday, April 14
 Friday, April 28

San Antonio Fiesta
 April 20 - 30

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We have had some really nice cool temperatures interspersed with some hints of summer so far, but it is now that time of year - it will be heating up! To those that have resisted the temptation to water so far this year, and celebrate that the aquifer is 15 feet above average right now, be frugal when you do start the irrigation, and mindful of the new SAWS rates - it quickly gets expensive!

On 17 April at the Toolyard, just across Wurzbach Parkway from Heroes Stadium, will be the Mayoral candidates forum. There are 14 people running for Mayor this time - you just might want to hear and see them all in one place before making your decision on who will get your vote. District 9 and 10 are tied for the next most candidates running, with 10 each, as both seats have no incumbent running. There were some 200 people in attendance at the March District 10 candidate forum. The crowd may be even larger for the Mayoral candidates, so try to be there well before 6:30 if you want a parking space. The City election will be on 6 May - which will include that \$850 bond package. The inevitable runoff election will be on 8 June.

16 April is Easter and Fiesta follows right on it's heels, so parties may be in plans. Start the diet now so you can enjoy the food and treats when the time comes. Believe it or not, at the end of next month school will again be out for the summer - yes - already! Summer plans done? Income taxes filed? Got the suntan lotion yet? The clock is ticking.

Hopefully anyone who had damage to their roof from hail last year, now has it all repaired. Many thanks to all of the neighbors that have done the Spring cleanup thing and maintained their yards in spite of the weeds.

Happy Fiesta.

FYI --- Just a few reminders

San Antonio Ordinance

Noise - There are restrictions to the decibels allowed during the nighttime hours between ten o'clock p.m. and six o'clock a.m., Sunday through Thursday and eleven o'clock p.m. and six o'clock a.m. Friday and Saturday

Lease Law - All dogs must be confined to their owner's property at all times except when on a leash

From the Oak Hollow Park Subdivision Restrictive Covenants.

15. **Signs.** No sign of any kind shall be displayed to the public view on any lot except school booster signs, one (1) professional sign of not more than one (1) square foot, one (1) sign of not more than five (5) square feet advertising the property for sale or rent, or signs used by a builder to advertise the property during the construction and sales period. Campaign signs during election periods are permitted but are to be removed within 48 hours after election.

Is if a junked vehicle to be removed?

One of the most common code violations encountered across San Antonio as Code Officers is junked, or inoperable, vehicles. There are a few things we look for to determine if a car falls into this category. First, we determine if the vehicle is in public view, meaning it's visible from any public right-of-way, adjacent land, or from the first floor of a home or business next door (as long as the owner or occupant is not the same person as the one in which the inoperable vehicle is parked). What if it's covered by a tarp you ask? The same applies. The second step is to verify if the vehicle is operable. We look to see if the car is wrecked, dismantled (fully or partly), or has been converted for another use such as storage. City Code doesn't require a valid registration sticker or state inspection certificate, nor does having these exempt a vehicle from investigation and abatement. However, not having them may be a factor in determining if the vehicle is inoperable. What exactly is inoperable? For us, it's defined as a vehicle no longer usable for the purpose for which it was manufactured, regardless of the potential for repair or restoration. Inoperable vehicles in the street are normally routed to the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD), who remove them within 72 hours. SAPD takes them to an impoundment lot, where they are stored. Owners can recover their vehicles by paying a fee. Code Enforcement can also issue notices for this same violation, but vehicles removed by Code Enforcement are taken to a salvage yard, where they are destroyed. Remember, an inoperable or junked vehicle is one that's self-propelled, in ordinary public view and remains inoperable for a continuous period of ten days (City Code, Sec. 19-357 and Sec. 19-358).

Can that huge truck park there?

Within the past few months, code enforcement has gotten quite a few questions from homeowners regarding oversized vehicles and where they can legally park in a neighborhood. Recreational vehicles are not considered oversized. Per our municipal code an oversized vehicle is a vehicle, trailer, or boat (either by itself or together with other structures or vehicles attached) that exceeds any one of the three following dimensions: 24 feet in length, 8 feet in width or 8 feet in height. If you happen to own one or see one in your area, keep in mind they cannot be parked in front of a home or home business unless it's needed to load or unload passengers, freight or merchandise. Another exception is if it bears a valid special handicapped parking permit. This doesn't mean recreational vehicles can be parked anywhere. They shouldn't be on the front or side yard, unless on a parking area built of gravel (with barriers or permanent curbing to define the driveway), concrete, brick or asphalt. Whenever we see an over-sized vehicle parked illegally, the first step will be to attempt to contact the person living in the home to explain where they can park following the City's code. In instances where we are unable to contact anyone or it is a continued offense, we will issue a citation carrying a fine of \$200 if "No oversized vehicle" signs are posted or a \$35 fine if signs are not present. For further information regarding oversized vehicles, refer Sec. 19-194 of the San Antonio Municipal Code and Sec. 35-383 of the Unified Development Code.

Neighborhood Happenings

Joint General, Special, Charter and Bond Election
 Saturday May 6, 2017

Early Voting

Closest Early Voting Location is Brookhollow Library

Monday, April 24 thru Thursday, April 27	8:00 am to 6:00 pm
Friday, April 28	Closed
Saturday, April 29	8:00 am to 6:00 pm
Sunday, April 30	Closed
Monday, May 1 thru Tuesday, May 2	8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Oak Hollow Park is Precinct 3090 and generally votes at Thousand Oaks Elementary School. For a sample ballot go to https://www.bexar.org/1568/Elections-Department

It is the time of year our yards are in need of some tender loving care. Please help the neighborhood to look good by cutting and edging on a regular basis. If you are unable to care for your lawn yourself, the neighborhood directory has a list of young people who would like to earn money by taking care of your yard.

OHPNA Scholarship will be awarded on Monday, May 1

Please take care of your pets.

We have had complaints of dogs barking through the night. We ask that you be considerate of neighbors and if you have a dog that barks during the night, please find a solution.

Please be sure to care a bag with you so when your dog leaves a present in someone's yard you can take care of it.

Be watchful of the feral cats and do not leave food for your cats out where it is an invitation to others to come for dinner.