

Our Park Bench

Mowing Schedule '08

March 5, 12, 19, 26
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
May 7, 14, 21, 28
June 4, 11, 18, 25
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Aug. 6, 13, 20, 27
Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24

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From the President's Patio

The Homeowners Annual meeting is May 19th which is a Monday. It will start at 7PM and usually lasts for an hour. This year there are no looming decisions except ONE. That is the election of board members. Finishing their terms this year are Ole Smistad, Mo McClean and myself. Ole and I will not be seeking reelection to the Board. Mo will run for another two year term. The nominating committee will be seeking interested individuals to run for the three open positions. If you are interested please contact any Board member or Ole Smistad who will again head up the nominating committee. Dave Reinhardt and Ralph Russo still have a year remaining on their Board terms.

The last few years we have seen interest in volunteering to serve on the Board and on the committees dwindle to a disturbing low. We can't keep this "bus running" without volunteers. This community NEEDS YOUR HELP—GET INVOLVED!

Resolution and subsequent progress on settlement with the insurance company, removal of debris, and receipt of repair construction bids has been slower than anticipated. One problem has been getting bids back from construction contractors. At the March Board meeting we selected a contractor to handle the necessary permits, demo, and new construction pending some background/reference checks and confirmation of some open insurance coverage questions. . We have a target construction completion date of mid May, 2008.

At the April Board meeting a representative from the Pasadena Police Crime Watch Group will be in attendance to talk about the Crime Watch Program. We encourage residents to attend this meeting. Watch for notices on the mail boxes for more information.

Speaking of the Tennis Court we have a couple of skate boarding teenagers who are continuously jamming the lock on the entrance with wood to keep the gate open so they can skate board in the court. This is a special surface and we do not want that type of mischievous activity occurring. Obviously they have access to a key to get the gate open to begin with. We are not sure wear they live, are occasional visitors, etc. If you see these young folks doing this or skating in the court please call the Pasadena Police. If we cannot stop this type of activity we will be forced to put a different lock system on the entrance gate.

Other than this activity we still have the on going problem of inconsiderate dog owners not "picking up" after their pets when walking the dogs in the commons/park area or other homeowner's lawns.

Hope to see you at the April Board meeting and the Annual meeting on May 19th.

Remember to watch for the Pasadena Police "speed trap" between Bay Area Park and the Boeing Building—they'll be watching for us!

*Regards,
Ken*

Park Bench Banter

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Beautification

Summer is around the corner and it is time to start thinking about flowers and trees. A reminder for all who have growing pants on fences. *It is your responsibility for damaged caused from your plants, whether it is the wood, brick or concrete fence.*

Becky Overcash is the chairperson of the beautification committee and she is in need of volunteers. To keep the flowerbeds looking pretty, it takes work and a lot of her helpers have moved away. If you like to work with flowers and want to keep the beds in the neighborhood looking good please contact Becky @ 281-486-8503 to volunteer a *little* of your time.

To keep your flower beds weed free, I would recommend using a pre-emulsion, after your beds have been cleaned of weeds, following directions on package. The brand that has been recommended is AMAZE I. It really works.

Thanks to all who participated in decorating their homes for Christmas. Bill & Bea Hill were named Yard of the Month for December. Peter & Elena Garetener were named for February, Alice Leahy for March. A big thanks to everyone for keeping you yards looking nice.

Becky Overcash

A Word From the Social Committee

The attendance for the neighborhood dinners has been very good. Linda Oswald has been trying to come up with new restaurants for us to try. Our next dinner will be at a new restaurant in Pasadena called Acapulco's. It's located at 5144 Center Street. Please mark you calendar for Thursday, April 10th at 6:30. There will be reminders on the mail boxes, and emails going out.

If you want to be added to an email list please call Mo McClean @281-480-8216.
(I send out blind copies)

KEEPING OUR NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN

WITH SUMMER... COMES MOLD & MILDEW. LET'S KEEP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD LOOKING NICE BY MAINTAINING THE EXTERIOR OF OUR HOMES I.E. MOLD ON SIDING, CHIMNEYS & FASCIA: GUTTERS CLEAN OF DEBRIS & CURBS FREE FROM THE BLACK MOLD. VIOLATION LETTERS ARE GOING TO BE ISSUED, STARTING NEXT MONTH TO ALL IN NEED OF CLEANING AND/OR PAINTING.

FOR A NEIGHBORHOOD OF 167 HOMES, WE HAVE MORE THAN 200 ANIMALS LIVING WITH US. LET'S BE "GOOD NEIGHBORS" & PICK UP AFTER OUR PETS.

NO ONE LIKES TO STEP IN THE POO!

University Park & Power Surgeries

As residents of University Park, most if not all of us, have noticed the electrical power surges that happen to our neighborhood. Approximately two months ago, we had a series of power surges and one, even with surge protectors, knocked out a printer and a TV in my home. Fortunately, they were inexpensive to repair.

This subject was brought up with the HOA, Board of Directors. Surges were happening to often for them not to be a CenterPoint problem.

Ken Tillinger made some phone calls to CenterPoint and was able to get in contact with the proper people, who agreed that this problem could be a line problem. Since those discussions and some follow up it seems as if the issues has been taken care of.

We do not expect, other than occasional, future power surges as we have seen in the past. If you do experience future power surges frequently, please let a Board member know.

Ralph Russo

Crime Prevention for University Park

There will be a Crime Prevention and Neighborhood Watch presentation given by the Crime Prevention Group of the Pasadena Police Department for University Park Patio Home-owners on April 22nd.

The presentation will be given by Officer Bobby Keene of the Community Services Division and will emphasize three key topics; Home Security, Personal Safety, and Auto Theft as it relates to our community, families, and homes. The presentation will be held at the University Baptist Church on Middlebrook Dr., April 22nd at 7 PM in Room LC226 prior to the regular monthly Board meeting. It will be of vital interest to all of us . Come with your questions and comments.