

THE HOA EXPRESS

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ROAD RECOATING

By Elby Jones

As discussed in the annual HOA meeting in November 2009 and during our January 2010 HOA Board meeting, it was approved by the board to proceed with recoating all roads within the subdivision. The bid for this project was awarded to Wheeler Coating. Wheeler Coating has indicated this project will be completed during the month of April or May. We need to get as much information out to all home owners prior to the project because of the parking requirements and driving changes in the sub-division. As we get closer to the dates more specific information will be disseminated to all home owners. A map of the sub-division indicates the order of recoating the streets.

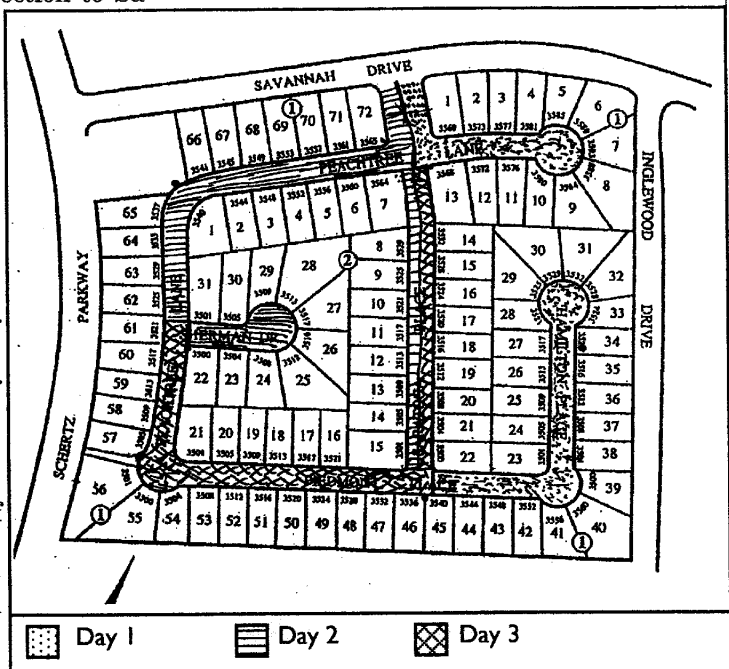
Day #1 – Hamilton Place, Piedmont Place (from Saratoga Place to Hamilton Place), Exit gate area from Peachtree Lane/Saratoga Place intersection to Savannah Drive, and the portion of Peachtree Lane from the Exit gate to inside the cul-de-sac.

Day #2 – Entrance gate from Savannah Drive to the intersection of Peachtree Lane and Saratoga Place, Peachtree Lane from the entrance gate to the intersection of Sherman Drive, Sherman Drive, and inbound lane of Saratoga Place from Peachtree Lane to Piedmont Place.

Day #3 – The remainder of Peachtree Lane and Piedmont Place, and the outbound lane of Saratoga Place.

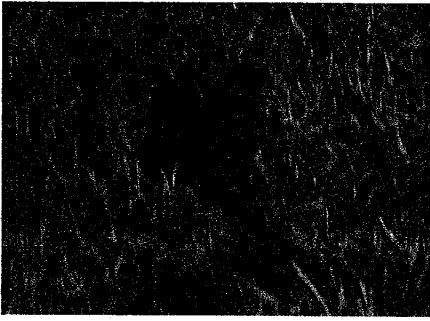
Important items to remember during the recoating project:

- No traffic will be permitted for 24 hours on the recoated surface.
- All vehicles must be removed from the designated roadway prior to the recoating. Vehicles not removed will be towed at the owner's expense.
- Identified roadways will be blocked prior, during, and after the recoating.
- Wheeler Coating will not be responsible for the cleaning of any vehicle that is accidentally driven on the new coating prior to the 24 hour drying time. In this case the homeowner will also be responsible for any repair work to the coating.
- Designated parking areas will be identified for each day.



WHAT IS IT?

By Elby Jones



What is in this picture?

- A new type of ant hill
- Expended shot-gun shells
- Seed pods from a Mountain Laurel tree
- Soil pushed to the surface by a mole

If you thought it was any of the choices, you are incorrect! This is just one of many samples of what we have been seeing over the winter throughout the sub-division. Just take a few steps in any direction on our walkways and you will be confronted with a pile of animal feces. Talk about ruining a walk around the neighborhood! Nobody likes to be tip-toeing around the sidewalks to avoid these piles. It is very difficult to take your children or grandchildren for a stroll when you have to avoid the question "Mommy, what is that?". We have written on this subject several times in the

past and the problem is not disappearing, but is getting worse. I fully realize this is a very disgusting subject, but the idea of having irresponsible pet owners is also disgusting! A responsible pet owner should never take a pet for a walk without having a scoop and a bag to clean up the feces. All pet owners are asked to help keep the sub-division clear of these unwanted items.

As for the 95% of you who take responsibility for your pets...thank you!

TEMPORARY GATE OPENINGS

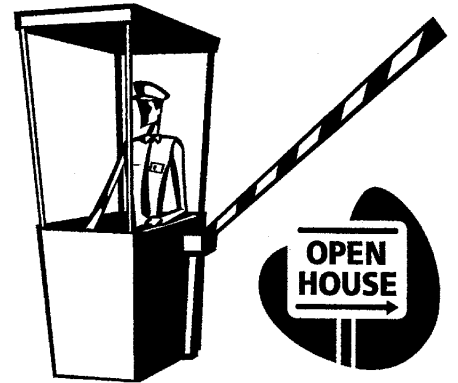
By Rob Chinnock

What are you doing this weekend? Is it junior's birthday party? Are you hosting an open house? Rather than make all your guests call at the gate or worse yet posting a sign outside the neighborhood with your code, just give us a shout. We (the HOA board) will approve most requests to open the gate short-term. There is one key element: you need to ask!

Here's how you ask:

- Figure out the date/times you want the gate open.
- Call Diane Munoz at ProComm: (210)545-1888 Ext 223

After you submit your request to Diane she will pass the information to the board. The approval may take a few days, so it is best to lead your event by at least 5-7 days.

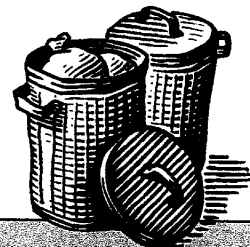


SPRING CLEANUP

By Elby Jones

The City of Schertz is once again holding their annual Spring Cleanup during the period of 6 - 21 March. Full details are contained in the February Schertz magazine that you received in the mail. This is the time to get rid of all those unwanted "eyesores" you have stacked in the back yard or in the garage. It is also a great time to take a look at your trees and see if any pruning is needed. Make sure all limbs ex-

tending over the road or sidewalks are pruned back. We need to make sure people and vehicles are not being endangered.



http://schertz.com/d_news_releases_detail.php?nid=196

"During the two-week clean up, Bexar Waste will pick up household waste not covered under their normal collection service; such as lumber and general trash as well as major appliances and furniture for a fee (prices start at \$25.00 per load and are determined by Bexar Waste). If you have questions regarding the details, please call Bexar Waste (210-566-5454)."

GOT A WEED PROBLEM?

By Elby Jones

All the recent rains have really brought forth an abundance of weeds in just about everyone's lawns. With spring just around the corner (or so they say!), it is never too early to start working on the weed population. As far as I am concerned, you have two choices to rid yourself of the weeds – (1) Pull them, or (2) Kill them. A good way to rid yourself of that extra winter stomach roll is the repetitive bending over to pull them, but of course, you always take the chance of not getting all the roots or you end up hurting your back. So the best op-

tion is to kill them, without killing your grass. Just remember -- mowing the weeds only knocks them down, but they return. If you are a novice at the art of killing weeds,



please ensure when go to a garden store, always look for the product that will do the most damage to the weeds for your type of lawn. Don't buy a bottle of Round-up and think you have found the ultimate product – it is the ultimate product if you intend to kill everything in the yard! Since we all have Bermuda grass in our yards, a good product to kill the weeds, and not the grass, is *Spectri-cide Weed Stop for Lawns*. Just make sure you follow the directions in mixing and spraying the product.

NEW LANDSCAPING CONTRACT

By Elby Jones



Effective December 1, 2009 a new contract was established with Greater Texas Landscape Services to maintain our landscape inside the gate and areas surrounding the sub

-division. They will also be responsible to maintain the sprinkler system. Changes of annual flowers in the various areas will be planted during the months of March and October. If you have any comments or issues with the new con-

tractor, please let a board member know about it. We will be more than happy to pass good comments to the contractor, as well as recommendations to make the service even better.

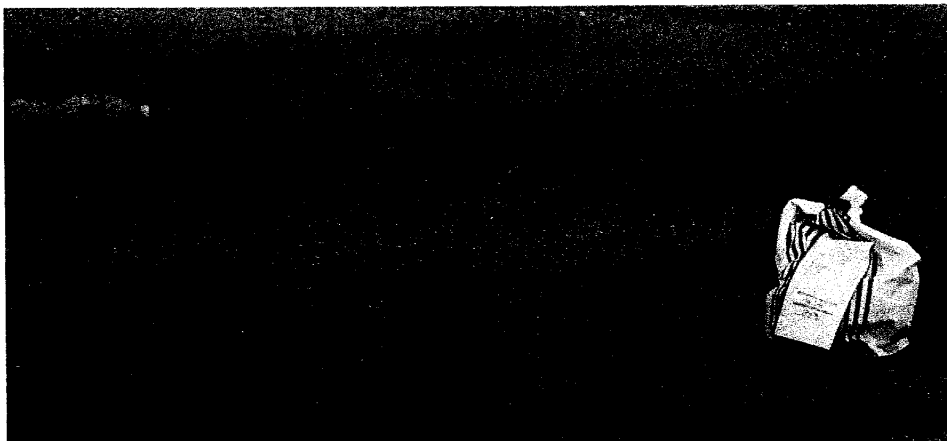
LITTER

By Elby Jones

We all have pet peeves about something. One of mine is litter! The photo above was taken in our subdivision on February 10th. It is always amazing how someone can just throw these items on our streets and apparently don't care! While the items were picked up and properly disposed of, it makes you wonder how long they would have laying in the road until someone else would have picked up the trash. Just because the trash is not on your yard or in front of your house doesn't mean you can't stop and pick it up! We have all seen trash in someone's yard or along the curb – be a concerned home

owner and take a few seconds to pick up the trash. We salute those who really have pride in

their sub division and have been taking the time to stop and clean up the area.



UPCOMING HOA PROJECTS

-Elby Jones

Your HOA board members are never at rest, as we are striving to always enhance the look of our subdivision. Some of the actions in the planning stage or already in the process of being completed are:

- a. Repair the sprinkler system to ensure we don't have a repeat of last summer with dead grass. (completed Feb 17th)
- b. Prune and/or remove several of the trees/bushes located on our property. We are concerned with several trees along Schertz Parkway and one on Savannah Drive. We are only referring to those located outside of the fenced area. (Working on bids)
- c. Stain the fence inside the subdivision at the corner of Peachtree. (Self-help)
- d. Replace several boards on the fence along Savannah Drive. Stain the boards and touch-up other areas. (Self-help)
- e. Identify quantity of grass sod needed to replace bad spots in our landscaping from last year's drought. (Self-help)
- f. Consider the cost to obtain a welcome sign similar to the one located at the entrance of Carolina Crossing North.
- g. Bring all sign posts and signs up to city code. (Self-help)
- h. Standardized house number signs on the curbs. (Self-help)

If you are interested in helping with any of the identified self-help projects, please let a HOA board member know. Additionally, if you have any ideas not mentioned above – let us know!

ET CETERA

-Thanks to those who attended our annual meeting! Your support is an integral part of the board's success.

-Don Kraft was elected to the board at our annual meeting. Welcome back to the HOA board Don!

-Welcome Tim Jacobs to the ACC! He joined the committee in January.

-The next garage sale day will be May 1st. If you want to participate, contact Rob Chinnock (210) 290-8707 or rojo1122@gmail.com. Expect a \$5-\$10 advertizing fee.

-From resident Kevin Gillen - This is a great website resource for home repair/improvements: <http://www.doityourself.com/>.

