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NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE
HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Centerpoint Energy
(Natural Gas) 713-659-2111
(Power Outage) 713-207-2222
(Streetlights)
www.centerpointenergy.com

Digger's Hotline 811

Electricity Providers
www.powertochoose.org

FBC Animal Services
281-342-1512

FBC Appraisal District
281-344-8623

FBC County Clerk
281-341-8685

FBC Main Switchboard
281-342-3411

FBC Public Transportation
281-633-7433

FBC Road & Bridge (mosquitoes)
281-342-0508

FBC Sheriff Non-Emergency
281-341-4704

Genesis Community Mgmt
(HOA Management)
713-953-0808

Lamar ISD
(School Bus) 832-223-0280
(Main) 832-223-0000

Si Environmental
(Water) 832-490-1600

Texas Dept of Public Safety
512-424-2000

Texas Pride (Trash & Recycle)
281-342-8178

Young Resident Has an Eye for Helping Community

Thirteen-year-old Luke saw a problem and moved forward to help solve it. As you know dozens of wild ducks make Run Lake their year-round home. Understandably, they leave their "calling cards" on the walking path. Luke recognized this situation as unsightly, inconvenient, and unhealthy for his community. He stepped out and personally cleaned the entire 0.8-mile-long sidewalk as a service project for the neighborhood. He voluntarily did the hard work to clean it and set the example for the residents whose homes abut this sidewalk.

Luke is enthusiastically promoting this community activity. As a follow-up, he fashioned a handbill and distributed it to each house on the lake, encouraging the residents to follow his example and to "adopt" the area behind their home, keeping the walking path and surrounding area clean. If you are one of those homeowners, please support Luke and help keep your part of the walking path and lake edge clean and clear of trash. Your neighbors that use the walk will appreciate your efforts.



Luke cleaning the walking path

If you walk your dog around the lake, through the parks, or on street sidewalks please follow Luke's example and clean up after them. HOA provides doggie stations around all the park areas which include both bags for picking up after your dog and cans for disposal. All your neighbors will appreciate it.

New Pool Management Announced

The HOA has contracted with Texas Aquatic Enterprises (TAE) to manage and maintain the pool beginning March 1 of this year. This company provides full-service maintenance and management. They will provide all lifeguard services, as well as cleaning the pool and maintaining all the equipment.

We look forward to a great swim season beginning with Memorial Day weekend. Save the pool schedule below as printed or scan it to your phone for easy access. It is also available on the website, www.RiversrunHOA.com.

Please note the following general pool and recreation center regulations as posted in the rec center. This signage speaks to both pool safety and rec center rules. In addition, there will be a state-required safety rules sign posted in the pool area. It speaks specifically to pool safety. Thanks to TAE for making us aware of this new state requirement.

All children under 48 inches tall must pass a swim test in order to swim without a life jacket and an adult within arm's length. The life jacket will be provided by TAE. Once a child passes the swim test they will be registered and can swim freely for the remainder of the season.

TAE also informed us of new legislation requiring that our AED (Automated External Defibrillator) located at the Rec Center must now be inspected monthly during the swim season. This inspection will be provided by a third-party licensed inspector. It is important that such life-saving equipment be up to date and functioning properly. Thankfully, the need for resuscitation has never occurred but if it does, the equipment must work perfectly the first time.

Should an emergency arise it is important the lifeguards be able to determine who is in the pool. They will enforce requirement that everyone sign in and out, as well as have a valid key card. Anyone without a card key will be asked to leave the facility. If you do not have a valid card, contact Kristin@GenesisCommunity.com soon. They will issue one to you within a week or so.

Pool hours are 10 am to 8 pm except on Sundays when they are noon to 8 pm.

On Memorial Day weekend, the pool will be open Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, May 28-30.

From June 1 through August 21 it will be open Tuesday through Sunday, except it will be open July 4 and closed July 5.

In addition, it will be open August 27-28 and September 3-5.



Pool & Recreation Facility Rules

- Pool usage permitted only during operational hours when lifeguard is present, & only by Rivers Run & Rivers Mist owners & guests.
 - Guests limited to 4 per member at any time.
 - Members are responsible for actions of their guests.
 - Everyone must present valid key card and sign in and out.
 - All pool users are subject to being required to pass swim test
 - Children under 13 years not permitted without an adult (guardian) age 18 or older.
 - Children under 48 inches tall must wear wristband issued by lifeguards.
 - Children wearing red wristband must wear lifeguard-issued life jacket and be always within arm's length of guardian. Guardian must also wear red wristband.
- Pool use prohibited to anyone with open wound.
 - Use of alcohol, tobacco, illicit drugs, vaping prohibited in and around the facility.
 - Glass containers prohibited in and around the facility.
 - Skates, skateboards, bikes, scooters and hoverboards are prohibited.
 - Intoxication, loud music, profanity, improper behavior, running and horseplay prohibited.
 - Street Clothes or cutoffs prohibited in the pool.
 - Dangerous pool entries such as diving, flips, gainers, and somersaults are prohibited.
- Non-toilet trained children must wear swim diaper.
- Lifeguards have authority to enforce all rules and safety regulations
- Trespassers will be prosecuted

Annual Meeting Scheduled

The Homeowners Association annual meeting is scheduled at **6:45 p.m. June 13, 2022** at the Rec Center. This and all Board of Directors meetings are open to owners and lessees alike.

Two important events happen at the annual meeting: Presentation and formal approval of the annual budget and election of one or more members of the Board of Directors. This year we have one seat scheduled for election. Directors serve a term of three years. They volunteer their time and talents to direct the day-to-day operations of the association, manage the budget, and to plan for long-term projects. They deserve and desire our support and input to the business of the HOA. Everyone is welcome but only owners can vote for Directors.

If you are an owner and wish to be considered for election to the Board of Directors, please contact Kristin@GenesisCommunity.com. The window for self-nomination will be open from **May 2 to May 16**. Ballots will be emailed to all owners the last week of May.

Another special event occurs at this time – meeting our scholarship winners! Each year HOA grants scholarships to deserving graduating seniors from our community. ***This year the scholarship will be \$750.*** It is funded by fees that are paid by each purchaser of a home in our community. Come and meet these wonderful young people.

Signs of Spring

Fortunately our winter was much milder than last year and we are beginning to renew our flower beds and wake up our lawns. It is a tremendous time of renewal when we can enjoy beautiful weather and getting everything restarted outside.

The HOA has continued the longer-term projects upgrading our landscape throughout the community. Mist Park has had a great facelift in recent weeks.

We even have a new water fountain for both you and your furry friend!



The new look at Mist Park

Mulch has been added to all of the trees and all flower beds along with new color plantings.

We encourage each resident to mow, edge, weed and trim lawns regularly. Both appearance of common properties and individual lawn maintenance truly enhance the appearance and enjoyment of our community.. These outward appearances are important determinants on our property values.



A refreshing drink for you and your pooch

Congratulations!

Congratulations to seniors who graduated mid-year! While we don't have a list, surely there are some in our community!

Jeff and Lesa Juneck will celebrate their **31st** anniversary on May **18**. John and Felesa Baker will celebrate their **56th** on May **27**.



Do you or someone in your family have a special day coming up...Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation? Have you welcomed a new baby or grandbaby? Have you changed jobs or received a promotion (no commercials, please!)? Has a son or daughter entered or returned from military service?

Let us know about it and we will do our best to announce in an upcoming newsletter. Just contact Kristin@GenesisCommunity.com. Tell her about it and include your contact information so we can reach out to you.

GARAGE SALE

Each spring and fall our community holds a common garage sale. The next one is scheduled for May 14. The hours are from 8 a.m. to 1 p. m.

Grab your stuff and sell it to your neighbors. Then go around to your neighbors and buy their stuff! Just set up shop in your driveway and enjoy the day.

It's a great way to meet your neighbors and take a few minutes to visit with them.



Gators in the Lake



Our little Caiman in Run Lake

Most spring seasons bring Mr. Gator back to Run Lake. This year he showed up right on time in the first week of April. They are usually Caiman which are generally smaller than American Alligators. They look like gators and act like gators, so most think they are their larger cousins. They are normally not aggressive but we must respect them; remember they are wild carnivores. Keep small kids and pets away from the lake edges and don't feed the "gators". They will find plenty to eat in and near the water.

Occasionally residents ask about the removal of our "gators". This is not normally permitted under Federal law. Only if they are large enough (6 feet or longer) and/or become aggressive, a licensed gator hunter may remove them and release them into the wild.

Where do they come from? Our lake drains under Benton Road and out to Smithers Lake and eventually to the Brazos River near Brazos Bend State Park. They come up that drainage channel and into the lake. Once they find the open water they set up camp for the season. They usually are three or four feet long. The largest one we have ever had was about seven feet.

Fun fact....It is estimated that over 250 Alligators over six feet long reside at Brazos Bend State Park. There is no reliable estimate of how many small gators and Caiman are there but surely there are several times more.

REMINDER: To protect wildlife, pets and other people, any use of guns, including BB, paintball and Pellet Guns is strictly prohibited.