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CURRENTS

FALL 2021

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

Fall Fest

Get the kiddos all dressed up in costumes a day early and come out to the first annual Fall Fest at the Rec Center on October 30 from 5:30 to 7:30. There will be kid-friendly Halloween-themed music, decorations, and handouts for the kids. Take an opportunity for a family or individual selfie at our harvest-themed photo backdrop.

At 6:15, the kids will entertain with a costume parade. Cheer them on.

The Fall Fest will conclude a week of celebration by declaring winners in yard decorations. Go to our website <http://www.riversrunhoa.com> for rules and time frames. The rules will provide an email address for you to register. You MUST register by October 24.

Come on out, meet your neighbors and enjoy a (hopefully cool) Fall evening.

Landscaping Completed

Last winter's freeze that caused so much damage in our Rec Center also took a toll on much of our landscaping. Greenscape worked tirelessly to design and update landscaping around the Rec Center, in the pool area, and at our entrances. Of course, this took some time due to design work, supply issues, and contract matters. However, it is almost complete, and it will be beautiful when the hundreds of plants mature. The picture is inside the pool area in case you haven't ventured in there.

Greenscape Associates, LLC is our licensed landscape provider. They supplied the architectural design free of charge, which we appreciate so much.

Check all around the Rec Center and the entries, particularly the main ones off Reading Road. They did a great job for us and we can be proud of the landscaping, which they will maintain at a very high level. New Fall color will be added soon.



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Gym Equipment Upgrade

Look at the upgraded gym equipment! Just before the freeze shut our Rec Center down for an extended time all new commercial grade equipment was installed and it is fantastic! Maybe you were a gym user before the freeze and got out of the habit while it was shut down; start back! Maybe you gained a few pounds like most of us did due to inactivity during the pandemic; start to shed them today.

The gym is accessible with your card key from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM daily. If you don't have a card key contact Kristin@GenesisCommunity.com and one will be issued to you.



CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Take a look at the 16 foot tall lighted tree we will be enjoying at the Rec Center this year. It is lighted with over 2000 bulbs. After the Fall Fest, the Social Committee will begin working on a Christmas event, assuming pandemic rules will permit. Be a part of that planning. Contact Kristin@genesiscommunity.com and volunteer. The more folks who input ideas to planning, the better the event will be. Date and time have not been established.



Mailboxes

Watchmen, LLC has provided our day-to-day maintenance for several years now and we have grown ultra-dependent on them. You can see their people and trucks in the neighborhood every day. While they have an extensive to-do list which they routinely perform, they also perform all kinds of special projects.

For example, they coordinated with the insurance company on our major freeze damage claim at no charge and then performed all the repairs at a high degree of professionalism. This involved numerous subcontractors for the various trades such as plumbing, electrical, drywall, painting, etc. Our Rec Center is now better than new. While this was happening the board of directors decided to replace the PVC plumbing with PEC pipe to prevent a recurrence of the freeze damage. Watchmen handled it for us as a part of the repairs. It was not included in the insurance claim, but it was a wise investment.

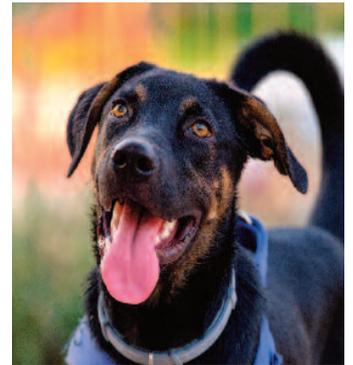
Shown here is another special project that you can help to alleviate. Watchmen is power washing all the cluster mailboxes due to notices that had been posted by residents. They always leave sticky residue that gathers dirt and adversely affects the appearance of the neighborhood. Even power washing does not clean all of it off. Federal Law prohibits posting on the mailboxes; please don't do it. Thank you.



POOPER SCOOPER/LEASH REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder to clean up after your pets. The HOA provides bags and disposal locations in all park areas. One of the most common complaints is when neighbors overlook this step of walking their dogs.

Problems arise when dogs are not properly leashed. It does not matter if your dog is well-trained to be off-leash; they will break training on occasion. Please keep them properly leashed at all times to avoid possible confrontations.



Ducks, Ducks, and More Ducks

One of the amenities we enjoy is our wild duck population. How peaceful they are floating on the ponds. Please remember they are wild, and not domesticated. Feeding them occasionally is not problematic but when they are fed every day they forget how to forage for their food. Younger ones might never learn. It is really a disservice to them because they require a varied diet including plenty of natural plants and insect proteins. It also contributes to overpopulation.

People often feed them bread, which should be classified as a no-no. Bread provides them with zero useable nutrients but lots of added body fat. It can also cause a wing deformity known as “angel wing”, an irreversible wing deformity which prevents them from being able to fly.

Let's enjoy our ducks but not spoil them.

NEWS YOU CAN USE

One Spare Thought

If you have not shared your email address with Genesis, please do so. They often communicate to our residents via email and if you are not on their distribution list you will miss out!

No Swimming In The Lakes

Parents, remind your kids. Swimming in the lakes is prohibited for their safety. Also remind them that only catch and release fishing is allowed to preserve fish for enjoyment by others and to keep the lakes healthy.

HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

With the euphoria created around the holidays, it is always important to remember that not everyone shares the holiday spirit.

Cars loaded with gifts and left in parking lots can become easy targets for thieves, so remember to lock your vehicle, even when you expect to be in and out of a store quickly. Keep packages in your trunk and out of sight. Park your car in a well-lit, heavily traveled area, and never leave the keys in your vehicle. If you choose to valet park be sure the contents of your vehicle are secure and not assessable.

Holiday Fire Safety

There are specific things you can do around Christmas and other holidays to keep you and your family safe from fire.

Keep trees away from curtains, decorations, and other flammable furnishings.

Use only Christmas tree lights that have the "UL" tag attached to them. This means that the lights have been tested by the Underwriters Laboratories and are safe. However, before you put the lights on the tree, (new or old), check them for broken or cracked sockets, broken or exposed wire and/or any loose connections. If any one of these problems is present, throw the light set away. Damaged lights can shock a person or start a fire.

If you have to use an extension cord, use no more than 3 sets of lights attached to it. Also be sure there are no exposed wires on the floor where someone may trip over them.

Be sure to unplug your lights when you leave home or go to bed.

For fire safety sake, do NOT decorate trees with cotton, paper or other materials that burn readily. Avoid wax candles and/or other types of open flame.

When decorating the tree, it is a good idea not to decorate the lower limbs with breakable ornaments if small children or pets are in the house. They could be knocked off, break and serious cuts may result.

Will you have guests in your home over the coming holiday season? Make sure they know about your family fire escape plan and designated meeting place outside the home. Take extra care when preparing those holiday meals. With so many distractions and extra people in the home it is easy to become distracted.