

# Coronado Hills Neighborhood Monthly Newsletter



## MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT



If you've ever dealt with city officials, you know how much dedication it takes to get things done with the City — and few neighbors embody that persistence quite like **Paul and Richard**.

After the heavy rains around Memorial Day, neighbors at the start of Brookhollow experienced significant flooding shortly after the Shared Streets project began. Recognizing how this work was affecting their street, Paul and Richard spent countless hours of their free time advocating with the City to make critical changes that would **protect not only their own property but also their neighbors along Brookhollow**.

Thanks to their efforts, adjustments were made to improve water flow and safety for the entire area. This advocacy builds on decades of involvement — from helping get new streetlights installed to working with Watershed Protection on creek flow issues. Paul and Richard have lived in Coronado Hills for **50 years**, and their long-term commitment to our neighborhood has made a lasting difference.

As a token of appreciation, we're thrilled to recognize them as our **December Neighbors of the Month** and gift them each a **\$25 gift card to Pinhouse Pizza** for all they've done to make our community safer and stronger.

### Nominate your neighbor!

Whether someone helped you out in a small way or took on a big project that benefited the whole neighborhood, we want to hear about it! Submit your nomination at [chcrna.com/neighbor-of-the-month.html](http://chcrna.com/neighbor-of-the-month.html)

## NEXT MEETING:

virtual only this month

Tuesday - 6:30 PM  
**December 16th, 2025**

GoogleMeet Online:  
[bit.ly/CHCRNAMeeting](https://bit.ly/CHCRNAMeeting)



## DOG PARENTS PSA

We've heard from a few neighbors about dogs being *walked deep into front yards* or up to windows and hedges. Even when intentions are good, this can startle people inside (especially at night) and can feel unsafe or uncomfortable.

Front yards are *private spaces*, and unexpected movement close to the house can alarm residents, especially given some past incidents in the neighborhood.

**To keep everyone feeling safe** and at ease, we kindly ask to keep dogs closer to the sidewalk or curb & be mindful of pets who are outside.

Thank you for helping us keep all residents (furry or otherwise) safe

## MENTAL HEALTH & SAFETY

A few neighbors have recently encountered individuals in the area who may be experiencing mental health distress. These situations can feel unsettling, but it's important to remember that Austin has a dedicated service designed specifically to help

Integral Care, Austin/Travis County's local mental health authority, operates a 24/7 Crisis Helpline that connects you directly with trained mental health professionals



**Integral Care Crisis Helpline:**  
**512-472-HELP (4357)**  
Available 24/7, free, and confidential.

If the situation appears urgent you can call 911 and request a Mental Health Services Response Team.

We share this so neighbors can feel informed and ready to respond with care and safety if someone seems to be in crisis.

## NEIGHBORHOOD HOLIDAY OUTING

**When:** Saturday December 20<sup>th</sup> 10AM - 12PM

**Where:** Glenhill Cove (big thanks to the neighbors there for hosting!)

### What:

A relaxed, neighbor-centered hangout to celebrate the season together. We'll have hot cocoa, light snacks, and a few easy games for all ages — but mostly, it's a chance to slow down, say hello, and get to know the people who live around you. Come as you are, stay as long as you'd like, and feel free to bring friends, family, or just yourself. **Everyone is welcome.** ❤️

Feel free to **come late and/or leave early**. We'd love to see you.

Neighbors ask to **please avoid parking in the cul-de-sac**. Parking along Glenhill is plentiful so please park there - or walk over if possible.

The Board will be accepting voluntary donations at the event via cash or check for neighbors who'd like to support future neighborhood activities.

*Have an idea for an event? We'd love to hear it! Let us know via our survey:*  
[bit.ly/CoronadoHillsSurvey](https://bit.ly/CoronadoHillsSurvey)

## CAST IRON PIPES DISCUSSION REMINDER & SIGN UP

We're excited to see interest in our upcoming conversation about **cast iron pipe replacement**. We look forward to **helping to facilitate discussions like this** that connect neighbors and make home projects a little less overwhelming.

Our tentative meeting date is **Tuesday, January 20 at 6:30 PM** (virtual) so as many neighbors as possible can participate.

A reminder that **CHCRNA meetings** are held the **3rd Tuesday** of each month at 6:30 PM unless otherwise posted at [CHCRNA.com](http://CHCRNA.com).

If you haven't signed up yet and would like to **learn or share** your experience, please fill out our short form: [bit.ly/CHCastIron](https://bit.ly/CHCastIron)

## FIREWORKS PSA

As we head into the holidays, we want to remind everyone that **fireworks are illegal within the Austin city limits** — including here in **Coronado Hills**. That's not just a technical rule; it's in place because fireworks have real impacts on our neighbors, our pets, and our neighborhood wildlife.

🌟 **Fireworks can seriously affect people's health**. Neighbors may have conditions that make sudden explosions physically or emotionally distressing, including: PTSD and trauma survivors, autism spectrum sensitivities, sensory processing disorders, anxiety disorders, cardiac and respiratory conditions.

🐕 **Dogs, cats, and chickens panic, hide, jump fences, or escape.** Shelters see the biggest spike in **missing pets** of the year after firework holidays.

🐦 **Birds, squirrels, and nighttime animals flee their nests in a panic.** Studies show a sharp increase in roadkill on firework nights.

🗑️ **Fireworks leave behind heavy metals, smoke, and debris that land in yards, streets, and storm drains.**

🔥 **Fireworks also create a fire hazard.** Sparks can ignite dry leaves, fences, sheds, and even roofs — especially in neighborhoods with mature trees like ours.

Thank you for helping **keep Coronado Hills safe**, clean, and welcoming for everyone who calls it home — human, feathered, furry, and everything in between. ❤️

## FALLEN LEAVES GUIDE

Fallen leaves aren't "yard waste" — they're one of the best things you can give your soil. As they break down, they **return nutrients, improve soil structure, and help your yard hold onto moisture.**



Leaves also create small, natural habitats that support pollinators, butterflies, fireflies, and other beneficial creatures that keep our neighborhood ecosystem healthy.

If leaves go to the landfill, they can't break down the way nature intended. Instead of becoming food for our soil, they create methane — and we lose that free, natural fertilizer.

**The good news:** Coronado Hills has **FREE weekly Green Bin pickup**, and the City will collect up to **15 extra items** (like paper leaf bags) alongside your bin each week.

So if you do need to clear some leaves, please **use the green compost bin system** rather than the trash. Even better, consider leaving some leaves in a garden bed or under trees and shrubs — it boosts soil health, reduces waste, and helps our local wildlife thrive. ❤️



## THANK YOU TO NEIGHBORS FROM THE BOARD



As we wrap up the year, we want to extend a heartfelt **thank you** to everyone who helped strengthen our neighborhood in 2025. Whether you **joined a meeting, emailed the City, shared feedback, or showed up to one of our events**, your participation truly matters. Every bit of engagement — big or small — helps us build a neighborhood we're proud to call home.

A very special thank you goes out to our incredible **newsletter distributors**. Some of you have been helping deliver newsletters for years, and others joined us as recently as November — and we're grateful for every single one of you. Your work keeps our neighbors informed, connected, and included.

Maintaining and improving a neighborhood truly takes all of us. From advocating for safer streets, to picking up litter, to sharing knowledge, to simply saying hello to a neighbor — these are the things that make Coronado Hills a real community, not just a place we live.

In 2026, we're excited to introduce **new ways for neighbors to get involved**, no matter your schedule, energy level, or experience. Whether you're ready to dive into a task force, join a casual event, or participate quietly from home, there will be meaningful opportunities for everyone.

And as always, we want to hear from you. Our **Neighborhood Survey** is open year-round — please take a moment to share your ideas, needs, and hopes for the neighborhood. Your feedback directly shapes our priorities and future projects.

Thank you for being part of Coronado Hills & Creekside. Here's to an even stronger, more connected community in the year ahead. ❤️