



Neighborhood 43 – October 2019 Newsletter

Following our September Block Captains meeting, as well as the Sept NRO meeting, I have a few things to share:

New neighbors – Please welcome the following:

- Bill Simmons – 113 Mustang Island (he is not really so new, having arrived in May, but please extend him a welcome when you get a chance!)

New to our neighborhood leadership team – Please welcome:

- Greg Hughes – *Water Ambassador* (also not new, but new to the position! He will receive training on October 18 – and is eagerly anticipating your water-related questions!)

N43 Fall Activities

- **Thursday, October 24 – 9-10 am** – Block Captain’s Training in the Ballroom – several of our block captains are scheduled to attend. We look forward to sharing what they learn!
- **Thursday, October 31 – 6:30 pm** – Annual **Rod Hoenes Caring Place Fundraiser and N43 Halloween Party** at the home of Dave and Ruthie VanDeMoortel . The Caring Place is low on food and in need of donations for those less fortunate. Please bring items to donate!
- **Tuesday, Nov 5 – 7am -7pm** – **Voting Day**. We are encouraged by the NRO/CA to support the bond package that is on the ballot – since it offers several items that will benefit Sun City, including:
 - CR 245 from north of RM 2338 to Ronald Reagan: Reconstruct and widen CR 245 to four lanes
 - Ronald Reagan Boulevard at Silver Spur Boulevard turn lanes: Intersection improvements
 - Ronald Reagan Boulevard at Sun City Boulevard: Intersection improvements including turning movements and a signal warrant study
 - SH 195 northbound off ramp at Ronald Reagan Boulevard: Design and construct a typical exit ramp for northbound traffic

- **Thursday, Dec. 5, from 8-4** – We will again participate in the **Salvation Army Red Kettle program**; please contact Ginger Beavers (gingerb@suddenlink.net or 512-868-0856) if you are interested in ringing the bell for a 1-hour shift.
- **Saturday, December 7** -- Join your neighbors for our annual **Christmas Party** in the Ballroom. You will be hearing more from our Social Committee soon. (This event seems far off, but the social committee is already hard at work planning!)

Other items of interest include:

Important: One neighbor saw a **coral snake** on McKinney Falls last week (it was dead, but....) and another resident on middle Goose Island had a **coyote** jump her fence and run across her yard in the middle of the day. (She is on the *inside* of Goose Island where the wall runs behind her property.) So be aware of uninvited wildlife!

- **Christmas Trees** - Earl attended our Block Captains meeting on Sept 26 and explained that the live trees for our holiday lighting will no longer be available from Bethany. After further research, he has determined that an artificial tree of approximately 6ft in height would keep the same traditional look (or a live tree of similar size), both purchased independently. He will continue to offer stakes which should ensure that the trees stay upright through the season. Residents can opt for pre-lit trees or use their lights from the Bethany trees. You will be hearing from Earl directly in a few days.
- **Our Fall Social** – a Potluck with entertainment by *Dueling Pianos* – was well attended (approximately 76 persons, including approximately 26 from Neighborhood 48 with whom we share our Christmas party). The food was excellent – thanks to you -- and the entertainment great fun (how could they know so many songs?!) Our thanks to Mary and Elayne for their efforts!
- **Treasurer’s Report:** Tom Sciance reported a balance of \$397.69 following our September meeting.
- **Emergency Call List:** Bobbie S brought up the fact that this list has not been updated for some time (some block captains do not even have access to the list) so we will be working on that this fall.
- Gene Jantzen, who attended on Renee’s behalf, reiterated that we should ***NOT stop for golf carts that are waiting to cross*** – as this can lead to confusion. He also mentioned that he and Renee are starting to report stop signs obstructed by vegetation – and getting results!

And, from the Sept NRO Meeting:

- **Pulte Update on SC Development**-Stephen Ashlock-Vice President Land Development, Pulte
 - The Retreat has about 175 homes left from the beginning 750
 - Silver Spur Loop is about half finished and they will start the rest at the beginning of next year
 - New models and a sales center will start next month in North Pointe (and take about 9 months to complete)
 - The North Pointe amenity center will not be started for two to three years

- Final neighborhoods to be built will be 65 and 66
- 1700 lots in North Pointe
- Probably 6 years out for development and 8 years out for full build out (10,041 homes)
- Pulte continues to work with the hiking club on new trails for North Pointe (6-12 months should have new trails)
- **Deer Census** – has begun (and should be complete by now); the numbers appear to be down a bit, but may be due to the heat (and the deer laying low)
- **Revision of Design Guidelines** – Carl Zimmerman, CA Community Standards Director
 - New Design Guidelines were completed on July 22nd
 - Now contain 74 total pages as opposed to old 119 page document (38% shorter)
 - Uses common style, clear language, common terminology, clearer diagrams, better organization and shorter length
 - Revisions were made to Articles 1 through 14 and are available on the SC Texas website

Questions were raised on effective date of the new standards and on solar panels. They are effective now. Inspectors will use whichever version works in the homeowners favor. There is nothing about ground-mounted solar panels. There was also mention of increased support for water-aware landscaping.

As a final reminder, we have the following ongoing N43 activities – again, open to new members from the entire neighborhood:

- **Ladies Mah Jongg** -- Every Monday evening, 6-9pm, at Cowan Creek. Please contact Patty Kantor at PattyK_60193@yahoo.com or 512-869-4203 if interested. We would *really like* to welcome and train (if needed) some new members!
- **Men's Poker** – Every Monday evening, at the home of that evening's host. Please contact Earl Hoenes at earlhoenes@suddenlink.net or 512-868-8617 if you would like to join.
- **Ladies Book Club** – October 17, 2pm (and every third Thursday of each month) at the home of that month's hostess. This month we are reading *Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy* by Karen Abbott and will meet at the home of Mary Tupacz. Please contact her at mmtupacz@suddenlink.net or 210-413-5845 if you would like to attend. Next month we will read *Circe* by Madeline Miller.