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Issue 6



A Quarterly Newsletter of the Ridge at Scofield Farms

Ridge Reporter

October 31

Pool Closing

The neighborhood pool closed for the season on October 31.



December 17

Holiday Lights Contest

Make sure your lights are up and turned on on the 17th to be considered for prizes in the 2011 Holiday Lights Contest!

February 11

Wine Tasting

Fun and educational wine tasting (no experience necessary) for adult residents here at the Ridge. Join in the fun!



Keep an eye on the community signposts and bulletin boards, as well as www.scofieldridge.org and our Yahoo! Group for the latest info on these events and other important issues.

Drought Conditions

Due to the extreme drought, current City of Austin Stage 2 Restrictions limit yard maintenance by allowing watering only once a week—either on Saturday (odd house numbers) or Sunday (even house numbers)—though hand watering is still allowed. While watering only once a week may not be enough to keep your grass at its greenest, homeowners are still required to keep yards mowed to an appropriate height, edged, and to control weed growth. If you are considering changing your landscaping to more water-friendly or native plants, please remember to submit an ACC application available on the Goodwin website sco.goodwintx.com.

Fire Safety

Our hearts go out to the victims of the recent fires. Please consider making a donation to the American Red Cross at www.centex.redcross.org. Many families have been misplaced and are still in need of help as they try to put their lives back together. These conditions bring to light the safety of our own homes with the dry weather that can easily spark fires. Dead trees and shrubs surrounding your home as well as dry grass and leaves act as fuel for a fire. Thin trees and shrubs within 30 feet around your home to create a defensive space perimeter. Remove small plants growing under trees as they allow ground fires to jump into treetops, and prune low tree branches up at least 7 feet. Do not stack any firewood against your home. Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, test them regularly, and change the batteries at least once a year.

Security Patrols

The Board has partnered with Scofield Farms Board of Directors and jointly hired a new security patrol company Pro Security Group. They are patrolling both neighborhoods looking for any suspicious activity during the daytime and overnight on various days. They have reported many open garage doors on their patrols which gives thieves quick and easy access to your home. As always, and especially during the upcoming holiday season, be mindful of not leaving expensive gifts in view from the outside. Also, keep vehicles locked and do not leave items in your car.

Get Involved

We Need You...

We are looking for folks to serve on the neighborhood committees. These committees play important roles in maintaining the value and quality of our neighborhood. We are looking for more volunteers for the *Publications Committee*. The time commitment is very minimal. Please write to board@scofieldridge.org if you would like to volunteer or learn more about what this committee does.

The *Maintenance & Safety Committee* is also seeking new members. The Committee's responsibilities range from the fun task of selecting the yard-of-the-month to serving as a peace-keeper between homeowners and the management company regarding homeowner violations (The committee is involved in finding resolutions before problems escalate, but is NOT involved in reporting violations.) In addition, the committee runs a recycling program for CFLs, household batteries, and old cell phones; and restocks the library shelves at Parmer Woods Retirement Center with donated books and movie/music CDs. The committee plans the annual neighborhood clean up and looks forward to finding even more ways to make the neighborhood a more pleasant and enjoyable place to live. The more members the Committee has, the more it can do for our Community. Contact maintsafe@scofieldridge.org for more information.

Pay Monthly Dues Automatically

Did you know you can have your monthly dues paid by automatic draft instead of mailing a check each month? Goodwin has a new option on their website to set up an automatic draft online. Simply go to their website sco.goodwintx.com and click "Sign-Up for Auto-Draft (ACH)," find "SCO-Scofield Phase VIII HOA" in the list, and follow the instructions to complete the process.

We want to hear from you! If you have any questions or concerns for the Board, please let us know at board@scofieldridge.org

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