



Handyman Needed!

The HOA board is looking for a qualified neighborhood handyman. If you (or someone you know) has experience and a desire to help keep our neighborhood in great shape, contact board@scofieldridge.com to apply!

A Quarterly Newsletter of the Ridge at Scofield Farms

Ridge Reporter

Creating New and Improved Yards

Scofield Ridge yards are looking great and appear to be recovering from the drought, thanks to your hard work and a little rainfall over the summer. Our Architectural Control Committee (ACC) has approved over 90 landscaping requests since January.

Many applications have been for xeriscaping with native plants and the installation of drought-tolerant sod. If you are planning a landscaping improvement project, please remember to submit an ACC application, which may be found at www.scofieldridge.org under the Resources tab.

Pay Monthly Dues Automatically

Did you know that you can have your monthly dues paid by automatic draft instead of mailing a check each month? Goodwin has a new option on its website to set up an automatic draft online.

Simply go to sco.goodwintx.com and click "Sign up for Auto Draft (ACH)" find SCO-Phase VIII HOA on the list, and follow the instructions to complete the process.



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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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Upcoming Events

October 22

Oak Wilt Meeting

Join us at the Scofield Farms Pool at 6pm.

October 31

 **Trick-or-Treating** 

Pool Closing

Last call to swim! The pool will close for the season on October 31.

December 8

Snapshots with Santa

Have your photo taken with St. Nick at 10am in the Creole Cul-De-Sac!



December 15

Holiday Lights Contest Have your holiday lights up by December 15 to be judged for our annual contest!

Website Photo Contest!

Announcing our Snapshots at Scofield Ridge Photo Contest! Submit your photo to board@scofieldridge.org to enter our photo contest. The photo should depict "Life at the Ridge" -- whether it is at the pool, playground, Social Event, front yard or back yard activities, or walking your pooch. We want your photos! The winning photo(s), selected by the Social Committee in November, will be shown on the home page of our website www.scofieldridge.org. Submissions are due by November 15, with a maximum of two photos per household.

Tree and Shrub Trimming

It's time to give the beautiful trees in our neighborhood a trim again. Trees and shrubs that hang or protrude into the path of sidewalks can be a safety hazard for pedestrians and bicyclists who use the sidewalks. In accordance with deed restrictions, please make sure shrubs that align the sidewalk are cut back. In addition, tree canopies that hang over the sidewalk should be raised to 7 feet. (Don't forget to spray the cut wounds to prevent Oak Wilt!)

Basketball Goals Now Allowed

The proposed amendment to allow portable basketball goals was passed at the last annual meeting. Basketball goals must be maintained in good condition and be along the side of the driveway. Please submit an ACC application if you wish to have a basketball goal—portable or permanent—on your property, available at www.scofieldridge.org under Resources.

Congratulations to recent Yard of the Month Winners!

July: 1801 Montana Sky— Xeriscaping was recently added to this already nicely groomed yard, giving it a soft, colorful touch.

August: 2004 Maize Bend Drive—This yard uses native plants to perfect the overall design of their recent landscaping change.

September: 13500 Lathe Cove—The shrubs were full bloom and other bushes were neatly manicured. Palm trees are nicely incorporated throughout the landscape.

October: 13201 Armaga Cove—This yard is an example of what owner determination can accomplish after a long struggle with heat-intolerant St. Augustine. Wonderful Palisades Zoysia!

We're Going Green!

The Scofield Ridge Reporter will no longer be mailed out to residents. Watch your mailbox for more details to come!

Important Fall Maintenance Tips for Homeowners

from Realty.com

- ⇒ Planning to do some winter projects inside the house? If it involves painting, better safe than sorry! Paint interior walls before it gets too cold to leave the windows open for ventilation from the smell or the fumes. The same goes for carpet cleaning or floor refinishing.
- ⇒ Check the heating system. Check the filter, pilot light and burners in a system fueled by gas or oil. Fireplaces, boilers, water heaters, space heaters and wood burning stoves should also be serviced every year.
- ⇒ Clean ducts in the heating system. Clean and vacuum dust from vents, baseboard heaters and cold air returns. Dust build-up in ducts is a major cause of indoor pollutants. In a home that is shut tight for the winter, dust increases the possibility of illness. Ducts should be professionally cleaned about every three years.



⇒ Test fire and smoke alarms as well as carbon monoxide detectors. Often alarms and detectors go unattended. Batteries should be checked every six months to ensure that they're working.

⇒ Remove excess leaves and damaged branches surrounding the house. Now that leaves have fallen off of trees, it's a good time to remove any dead branches. Dead branches have the potential to break and fall, ruining roofs or decks.

⇒ Maintain gutters. Remove all debris that can slow or impede the ability of the water to drain effectively from the roof. Trapped water can freeze then thaw, an action which could be destructive not only to the gutters themselves but to the adjoining roof as well.

⇒ Inspect the roof. Look for damaged or loose shingles, gaps in the flashing at joints with siding, vents and flues, as well as damaged mortar

around the chimney. Proactive maintenance can prevent emergencies and expensive repairs.

- ⇒ Inspect exterior walls and window sills. Check walls and window sills for damage such as cracks, gaps, loose or crumbling mortar, along with splitting and decaying wood. Wood trim and siding can suffer from deterioration or loose paint. Caulk exterior joints around windows and doors, which helps keep the home weather tight and helps to lower heating bills.
- ⇒ Maintain steps and handrails. Repair broken steps and secure loose banisters. Broken steps are easily hidden beneath snow, which could cause a dangerous fall. Similarly, a person slipping on ice will grab a handrail for support.
- ⇒ Prepare storm windows for installation. Check all weather stripping and all fasteners. Well-maintained and properly fitted storm windows will help to save on energy costs during the winter months.
- ⇒ Pools, sprinkler systems and outside faucets should be shut down. Homeowners can shut down outside faucets, while the other tasks are best performed by industry professionals to prevent cracked pipes and pool bottoms.



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Scofield Ridge Neighborhood Updates...

Scofield Common Area Updates

The HOA board is doing our part to improve several common community areas and the medians along Scofield Ridge Parkway. Planned improvements include xeriscaping of the area near the pool side mailboxes with drought-tolerant perennials, and adding two granite walkway paths to allow people direct access from the sidewalk. We are also soliciting bids for replanting the grass and trimming the trees along the Scofield Ridge Parkway medians. Please let our Maintenance and Safety Committee know if there are other neighborhood areas needing attention. E-mail them at maintsafe@scofieldridge.org. We appreciate the effort that everyone is making to keep our community beautiful.

Campaign Yard Sign and Holiday Decorations Reminder

Texas law allows campaign yard signs 90 days prior to election day, and requires they be removed within 10 days after. HOA CCRs permit holiday decorations in 30 days prior to the holiday, and require removal within the 30 days following.

City of Austin back to one-day-a-week water restrictions

The City of Austin has returned to Stage 2 water restrictions, which allow residents to water only one day per week. However, some of the City's rules have changed from the old Stage 2 schedule:

- Residents with *odd* addresses may now run automatic irrigation systems on *Wednesdays* only, before 5 am or after 7 pm; Residents with *even* addresses may now run them on *Thursdays* only, before 5 am or after 7 pm.
- Residents with *odd* addresses may use hose-end sprinklers on *Saturdays* only, before 10 am or after 7 pm; Residents with even addresses may use them on *Sundays* only, before 10 am or after 7 pm.
- Hand watering is allowed any time

Sidewalks

The sidewalk extension on Scofield Ridge Parkway past Howard Lane to the end of our crete-fence will begin soon. We will also be finishing the missing sidewalks in and around our neighborhood at St. Charles Avenue, Lamplight Village Avenue, Campesina Drive and the Creole Drive cul-de-sac. We are excited to make our neighborhood a more walking-friendly community. Recently the sidewalk was finished connecting Metric Boulevard to I-35. We are not aware of any City plans at this time to finish the sidewalk from the end of our crete-fence to Metric or the sidewalk west of the Scofield Park Apartments down to Mopac.



Fall Chewy Cranberry-Oatmeal Cookies with Orange Icing

Ingredients:

3/4 cup butter or margarine, softened
1 cup packed light brown sugar
2 eggs
2 teaspoons vanilla
2 teaspoons grated orange peel (can use juice from the same orange for icing)
2 cups quick-cooking oats
1 cup Gold Medal® all-purpose flour
2/3 teaspoon baking soda
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 cup sweetened dried cranberries

Icing

1 cup powdered sugar
1/4 teaspoon vanilla
3 to 4 teaspoons orange juice (can use peel from same orange for cookie)

Preparation:

Heat oven to 350°F. In large bowl, beat butter, brown sugar, eggs, vanilla and orange peel with electric mixer on medium speed, or mix with spoon. Stir in remaining cookie ingredients.

On ungreased cookie sheet, drop dough by tablespoonfuls 2 inches apart.

Bake 11 to 14 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from cookie sheet to cooling rack; cool completely, about 15 minutes.

In small bowl, stir powdered sugar, vanilla and enough orange juice until thin enough to drizzle. Spoon into small resealable food-storage plastic bag; cut off tiny corner of bag. Squeeze bag to drizzle icing over cookies.

Source: www.bettycrocker.com

