



April 2024



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone and Happy Spring!

**WELCOME** to our new 2024 HOA Board members who were elected at the February member meeting: Melissa Antalek, Laura Groff, Ann Pearson and Tina Thole. I would also like to give a big **THANK YOU** for serving to the previous members whose terms ended: Aaron Hernandez, Phyllis Thompson and Sue Trautner. Sue will now serve as the Communications Committee Chairperson.

We had a few guest speakers at the February member meeting; District 9 representatives, Bryan Naylor and Ricardo Reyes, SAPD SAFFE Officer, Claudia Ramirez, and Officer Salinas as well as Constable, Mark Vojvodich from Precinct 3.

SAPD will add 360 officers in 2024, which is a 15% increase in the force. Additionally, the City will add 100 traffic mitigation signs (show speed), 10 of which will be in our district.

Please contact me or any Board member or committee chairperson if you have any questions or concerns. All names, positions and contact information are on the last page of this and every newsletter.

*Roslyn Higginbotham*  
BWHOA President



### April

**17** - Board Mtg. - 7 - 8 p.m.  
Faith Presbyterian Church

**20** - Pool key distribution - pool area - 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### May

**4** - Shredding Event - pool parking - 9 - 11 a.m.

**12** - Mother's Day

**18** - Pool Party - 6 -10 p.m.

**27** - Memorial Day

### June

**14** - Flag Day 

**16** - Father's Day

**19** - Board Mtg. - 7 - 8 p.m.

## ARE YOU CONSIDERING OUTSIDE PROJECTS?

Spring has arrived and brought many nice days for doing outside projects. If you are planning to make any changes to your existing exterior at any time, including landscaping and fencing, they must be approved by the Architectural Control Committee prior to any work being scheduled or started. Forms are available on the BWHOA website, [www.blancowoods.com](http://www.blancowoods.com). Directions for completion and submission are on the form. Charles Schneider is the A.C.C. Chairperson. Please contact him at **936-870-8783** or [charles.schneider.01@gmail.com](mailto:charles.schneider.01@gmail.com) if you have any questions or concerns.



### FENCE STAINING

Several years ago, the BWHOA Board approved 4 stain colors for fences. If you are thinking of staining your fence, **please contact A.C.C. Chairperson, Charles Schneider**, to get information on the colors.



Our annual Shredding Event for residents will be held on

**Saturday, May 4 - 9-11 a.m.**

in the pool area parking lot. As you gather documents and other paperwork to shred, here are a few guidelines. Documents must be taken out of binders, but staples, paper clips and small binder clips do not need to be removed. Large pieces of metal do need to be removed. Manila folders and hanging file folders are acceptable. When you drive up, the shredding team will take your box/container, empty it into a large bin, then return your box/container to your car. For any questions, please feel free to call **Sue Trautner at 210-363-9282.**

### PARKING & TRANSPORTATION



VIA Metropolitan Transit offers free parking and transportation to and from the airport and bus terminal from 22319 U.S. 281.

**Please call: 210-362-2020 or email: [viainfo.net](mailto:viainfo.net).**

### POOL/TENNIS COURT KEY DISTRIBUTION DAY



Keys will be available for you to pick up at the pool area on **Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** and also at the May 18th pool party, Dues, including 2024, must be current. If you are unable to pick up your key on either of these dates, please contact **Roslyn Higginbotham at 210-831-8665.**



**SATURDAY, MAY 18 AT 6-10 P.M.**

Please join your neighbors at the pool for our annual party and a chance for you to meet new neighbors and visit with those you already know!

The Board will provide hamburgers, hotdogs and water. Brian Marx will be doing the grilling. Please bring a side or dessert to share.

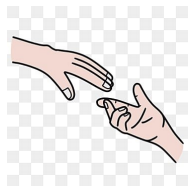
If your dues are current, you can get a pool/tennis court key at the party.

**Please bring chairs!**



### HOMELESSNESS & PANHANDLING

San Antonio has a population of about 2.2 million people. There are an estimated 3,000 who are homeless. Bexar County has spent \$75 million to assist the homeless. Additionally, there are many agencies such as Haven for Hope and SAMM Shelter as well as emergency shelters that help those in need. The goal is to give them a hand up, not continual hand outs. If you encounter someone who is incoherent or someone approaches your car window and wants money, please call **SAPD non-emergency at 210-207-7273.** Our SAPD SAFTE Officer, Claudia Ramirez, strongly recommends not giving out money. Permits from the City are required to do any soliciting on public property.





## CARING FOR THE POOL AREA

There is no garbage or recycling service at the pool. Please help take care of the area by putting items in appropriate bins and not putting food in them.

Also, please close and tie up the umbrellas after use.



*Thank you for doing your part!*

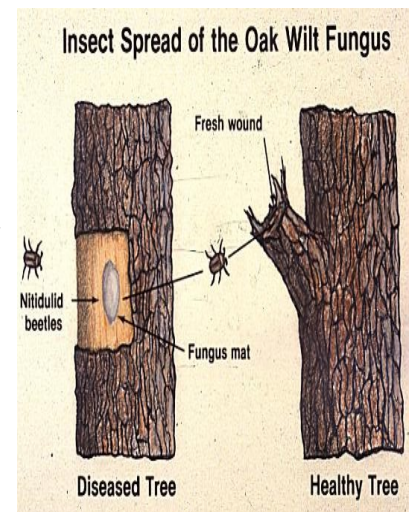
## HELP PREVENT OAK WILT

In order to prevent the devastating effects of Oak Wilt Fungus, oak trees, **SHOULD NOT be pruned or cut down between FEBRUARY 1 - JUNE 30.** During approved pruning dates, please be sure to hire a licensed tree pruner and make sure they spray the wounds ***immediately*** using latex or commercial tree wound paint.

For questions or more information go to:

**[texasoakwilt.org](http://texasoakwilt.org) or [sanantonio.gov/parksandrec](http://sanantonio.gov/parksandrec).**

Thank you for protecting your trees as well as those of the neighbors and surrounding areas.



## REAL ESTATE UPDATES NEEDED

The neighborhood resident who was a licensed realtor and graciously provided real estate updates for our newsletters, has decided to happily retire. If you are a licensed San Antonio realtor who would like to contribute real estate updates for the quarterly newsletters, please contact **Nancy Oroszi at [roroszi@satx.rr.com](mailto:roroszi@satx.rr.com)**. Thank you!

## POLITICAL SIGNS AND FLAGS

Per Texas State law, Chapter 392, Title 15, Section 259.02, political signs and flags can be displayed 90 days before an election and must be taken down by 10 days following the election.



## UPDATE

In August 2023, our District opened a new senior center, Walker Ranch, at 835 W. Rhapsody, near the intersection of West Ave. It is one of the most visited and active senior centers in the City. To become a member, you must be 60+ years of age.

Registration (no cost) can be done in-person at any of the City's senior centers. Walker Ranch serves a hot lunch each day from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The Center is open Monday - Friday from 7:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. except for Fridays when they close at 4:00 p.m. To name just a few amenities, Walker Ranch offers exercise, computer, guitar and wellness classes as well as state-of-the art exercise equipment.

If you are interested in keeping up with current events in the District, and receiving Councilman John Courage's newsletters, e-blasts and/or past e-blasts, please call his office at 210-207-0952 or visit his website at **<https://www.sanantonio.gov/council/d9>**.

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