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### Yard of the Month



February yard of the month goes to the Hanrahan family who have been in the neighborhood since July 2006. Dan is the Online Programs Manager for Advanced Micro Devices. Dan has three great kids...Bethany (age 15), Brett (age 12), and Chase (age 10). Thank you Hanrahans for keeping the neighborhood a beautiful place to live!

## **Neighborhood Traffic Calming**

Everyone should have received a letter from the City of Austin Public Works department informing us that we will be part of a neighborhood traffic calming project. More correctly, the area bounded by Davis Lane to the north, Manchaca Road to the east, Slaughter Lane to the south, and Silk Oak Park to the west has been selected for this project. They held a meeting February 7, 2008 to discuss and also accepted input via surveys returned to them in the mail. Examples of traffic calming techniques are traffic circles, speed cushions, and diverters. Any updates will be posted in forthcoming newsletters.

## **Crime Prevention Training**

For 2008, the Austin Police's Southwest Neighborhood division will conduct a Crime Prevention class on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. The location is Clinton Hunter SubStation at 404 Ralph Ablanado (between Congress and South First, one block north of Slaughter Lane).

Upcoming classes will be held Mar 11th, Apr 8th, May 13th, Jun 10th, Jul 8th, Aug 12th, Sep 9th, Oct 14th, Nov 11th, Dec 9th.

## Clean Sweep - Saturday, April 5, 2008

Clean Sweep is an annual citywide cleanup of public spaces throughout Austin. It is followed by a Volunteer Party and Environmental Fair at Waterloo Park with free lunch, live music, a rock climbing wall, kid's environmental activities, exhibits, interactive Green Art. Participants will also receive a free t-shirt and a chance to win door prizes.

Contact Brian Block at brian@ keepaustinbeautiful.org or 512-391-0621 to sign up for a company sponsorship. You can join a "cleanup spot" at Lady Bird Lake or creeks throughout Austin or hold a cleanup of your own. See www.keepaustinbeautiful.org for a list of cleanup spots or to register another location to be cleaned up. Supplies will be provided and Keep Austin Beautiful can also help recruit additional volunteers for your cleanup spot.

Clean Sweep 2008 will be on Saturday, April 5th. The cleanup will be from 9 to 11 A.M., and the party will be from 11:30 to 1:30 P.M.

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## **Handy Websites**

#### For your new car: www.iihs.org

Check their ratings to see a listing of the safest cars available. They compile data on how well each car protects its passengers. Also take a look at their Insurance Losses by Make and Model section; this will give you a good indication of how much you will pay in insurance premiums (the more losses, the more expensive your premium will be).

#### Did you know:

- Heavier cars are not necessarily safer (longer and well-designed is also important)?
- Electronic Stability Control can reduce the risk of a crash by up to 50%?
- Nearly half of all urban crashes occur at intersections?

# For your young family: www.safefromtoxics.org and National Geographic's www.thegreenguide.com

Look at The Right Start brochure on www.safefromtoxics.org for information on two ubiquitous sets of chemicals to avoid (flame retardants, or PBDEs, and Phthalates). PBDEs are mainly found in foam (mattresses, sofas, etc.), while phthalates are often found in soft plastics and cosmetic products (lotions, shampoos, makeup). Be forewarned: this site can make you a little paranoid. If you're a little skeptical of non-government research sites, check out the pages on PBDEs at the Washington State Department of Ecology's site, www. ecy.wa.gov.

Look at the buying guide www.thegreenguide.com for products that are kind to you and the environment. They also have a great Smart Shopper's PBDE guide that you can cut out and take with you when shopping.

# Sudoku

The challenge is to fill every row across, every column down, and every 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9. Each 1 through 9 digit must appear only once in each row across, each column down, and each 3x3 box.

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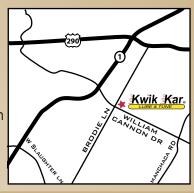
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With the subprime mortgage fallout it may take a little longer to sell your home. Keep the following in mind:

Curb appeal is a huge factor so keep your lawn well-maintained and the front of your house inviting. Consider fragrant and colorful blooms near the entry-way. Make sure your outdoor lights are in working order and refresh the paint on your front door.

Choose neutral colors (but not white) for your interior that will appeal to most homebuyers.

Have a brightly lit kitchen. Remove all magnets and notes from the fridge.

Make sure your family/TV room looks comfortable and inviting. It's okay to show the smaller bedrooms as children's rooms as long as they are tidy and the decorations are appropriate. Try to keep a consistent theme within each room. This should attract homebuyers with families but not act as a deterrent to singles or couples without children.

#### Classified Ads

**Personal classifieds** (one time sell items, such as a used bike...) run at no charge to Tanglewood Oaks residents, limit 30 words, please e-mail *mail@marissaatkinson.com* 

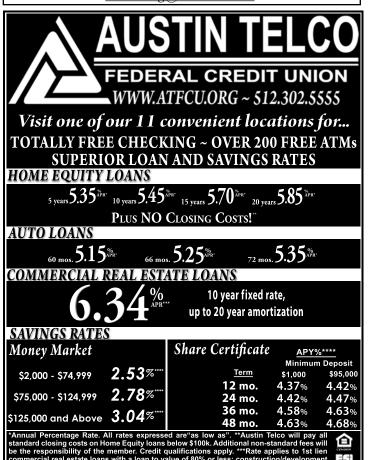
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#### It's Getting to be Termite Season

Termites can be a serious problem for homeowners in Texas. Homeowners usually deal with subterranean termites, which typically swarm between February and April, depending on environmental conditions. Ants may also swarm during this time, so be able to tell the two apart. Termites have wide waists, straight antennae and wings of equal shape and size. Ants have pinched waists, bent antennae and hind wings that are smaller than the front wing.

Termites are social insects with a developed caste system where each caste has a particular duty. Swarmers and worker termites are most commonly seen. Swarmers are the reproductive caste of the colony and are responsible for mating and laying eggs. They emerge from the nest in the spring and fly into the air to locate a mate. Swarmers can be black to tan in color with pale wings. Workers are small, white and wingless. They handle the day-to-day tasks that keep the colony running. Workers feed and care for the young, groom the queen, maintain tunnels, and excavate the nest. Soldiers resemble workers, but have hardened head capsules with well developed mandibles. They are responsible for colony defense.

If you suspect that you have termites, you should contact a pest management professional. There are numerous treatment options, so make sure to get several bids from a variety of companies. Compare costs with the service that will be performed to make an educated decision.





# **Teenage Job Seekers**

#### **Not Available Online**

#### **Attention Teenagers**

The **Teenage Job Seekers** listing service is offered free of charge to all Tanglewood Oaks teenagers seeking work. Submit your name and information to mail@marissaatkinson.com by the 8th of the month!

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# Tanglewood Oaks

# Tanglewood Oaks Owners Association December 13, 2007 Board/Owners Meeting Minutes

As posted on Tanglewoodoaks.com by Karen Wood

#### Meeting called to order 7:45pm

**Roll call:** Present- Karen Wood, Joe Synoradzki, Reginald Voglezon. Judy Phelps, representing Pioneer Real Estate Services, was present.

The prior meeting was the Annual Meeting. Those minutes will be approved at the next annual meeting. The September minutes are approved.

The Architectural Control Committee – there are no plans to be reviewed at this time.

#### **Property Management Report:**

The financials are reviewed as presented. Board questions why the taxes and insurance are over budget? Who prepared the last budget?

Resale certificate report: there is no current report.

The violation drive report is reviewed. Ms Phelps discussed the problems with the revised procedure ("on watch"), as there are violations that are unresolved for a longer period with the new procedure. Discussion of this topic is deferred to next regular meeting of the Board.

Pioneer sent letters to all past due accounts notifying the owner that have until 12/31/07to bring their accounts current or they will be assessed a late fee of \$10 per month beginning Jan 1, 2008. Annual

dues of \$144 are due January 31, 2008; late fees will be assessed if not fully paid by April 1, 2008. The board requested an updated collections report. Pioneer will provide at the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

#### **Business:**

#### **Election of Officers:**

The 2008 Officers of the Board are: Joe Synoradzki, President; Karen Wood, Vice-President; Jose Castillo, Secretary/Treasurer.

**Westgate Fence:** Different styles and materials are discussed. Pioneer will assist the Board in collecting several bids for several fence styles.

**Westgate Extension:** Highlights of the meeting of neighboring HOA's and the school were discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for early January 2008 to discuss the extension of the roadway. There is a concern of the traffic increase this may cause through the neighborhoods.

**Community Events:** Three decorated yards will be selected as the "Best Christmas Yard". There will be a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place with Home Depot Gift cards presented to each. The Board is asking Brandi Nobles to handle this task, as she already handles the Yard of

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the Month. Pioneer is authorized to purchase the gift cards totaling \$100.00 for the event. It is also confirmed that Pioneer will purchase twelve (12) Home Depot Cards valued at \$25 each for the 2008 Yard of the Month. Those cards will be given to Brandi.

**Appeals:** Mr. Maldonado at 2908 Cohoba is requesting another extension to remove the air conditioning unit from the side of his garage, which was installed without Architectural approval. The Board gave careful consideration to his request, but found he had already been granted several extensions and this violation has existed since October 5, 2006.

Motion presented by Director Wood to approve the request for an extension; Second by Director Synoradzki. Motion failed. Board granted to January 17, 2008 to either remove the a/c unit or submit an Architectural Request for screening the a/c unit with landscaping. They want to review request before any landscaping is installed.

**Patrol Schedule:** Patrol has already been scheduled for the Christmas and New Year holiday. There is discussion of the increase in vehicle break-ins in south.

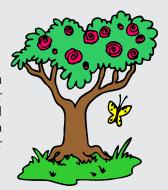
**Website:** Past President Gary Trumbo is still maintaining the website. He has continued to donate his time for the past year, even though he was/is no longer a resident of Tanglewood Oaks. He will continue to maintain the website, but is requesting payment for his services. Director Synoradzki will begin the website maintenance and is currently working with Mr Trumbo on the transition. The Board

of Directors acknowledges Mr Trumbo for his years of volunteer service in maintaining the website. He has done a great job.

**Homeowners Forum:** no homeowners present Meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

# YARD of the MONTH

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