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Hello Neighbors from your BOARD PRESIDENT

Well, as this message is being written, we've all just received two gigantic bins for trash and recycling with new schedules for recycling and new rules for trash collecting. Take time to read the new rules from the trash contractor. The HOA board will soon be discussing what needs to be done about deed restrictions so that we have a realistic way to store these bins. The MAIN thing we NEED to do is to remember to not have ANY cars parked on the streets during pickup days. There is no way these huge, mechanized trucks can maneuver our streets (especially the cul-de-sacs) if cars are parked there. This may be new to us and the surrounding neighborhoods, but is fairly common in other areas.

The board will be looking at important projects for this next year during our meetings. One (of many) things I've learned while being on the HOA board is that all projects move at a pace that would make a snail feel like a race horse. You put out

the proposed projects for bids---get the bids---vote on which bid to accept---arrange a contract with the winning bidder---and then wait until they can get to that project. I still haven't had the chance to say "Boy, that went fast!"

The Christmas decorating went well for this second year of awarding the Yard of the Month to the winner. This year it went to 19310 Camellia Bend which could probably be seen from the International Space Station!. I thank the family who did the judging (anonymously to protect their safety in case someone else thought they should have won instead).

It appeared that we had more decorated yards than in previous years and many of them looked beautiful. Next year I'm proposing that we provide some type of award other than the regular Yard of the Month sign. AND, for those of you who said "Where is Camellia Bend?" get out on your feet, bikes, or cars and tour the neighborhood and learn our streets. That's an order---or a suggestion.



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The Modern Game: “The Backhand Return Serve Drop Shot”

In previous newsletters, I offered tips on how to execute the basic strokes for players who are just beginning to play tennis or who want to resume playing.

I am now offering suggestions on how to play the “modern” game mostly geared towards players who are happy with hitting the ball over the net and controlling the point with consistency. These players may already be playing for leagues or in tournaments and are looking for more “weapons” on the court.

In this issue, I will offer instructions on how to execute “The Backhand Return Serve Drop Shot.” This shot is used when an opponent is expecting a deep service return and the player “surprises” the opponent with a short angle drop shot. It can be used in both singles and doubles play.

In the illustrations, Fernando Velasco, Director of Tennis and teacher at of the Grey Rock Tennis Club, shows the proper technique to execute this stroke. Velasco is presently ranked #1 in Singles and Doubles in the USTA Men’s 70 Division in Texas,

and #13 in Singles and #8 and #10 in Doubles in the US.

Step 1: The Back Swing: When Fernando sees the opportunity, he makes a quick turn of his upper body and takes the racket high and back. The head of the racket is now at shoulder height, his shoulders are turned, and his eyes are focused on the incoming ball.

Step 2: The Point of Contact: The success of the drop shot is to “cup” under the ball with the strings. The grip is relaxed and ready to push the ball forward and under the ball as he makes contact with it. His left shoulder is almost opening and his weight is moving through the shot.

Step 3: The Follow Through: In order to get maximum underspin, Fernando is keeping the right hand extended as long as possible. His weight is going forward. The left hand is left leaning forward for better balance.

As the shot goes over the net, and it was successful, Fernando will run towards the net, expecting his opponent to either lift the ball short, or try to drop shot his drop shot.

Look in the next Newsletter for: “The Overhead from the Baseline”

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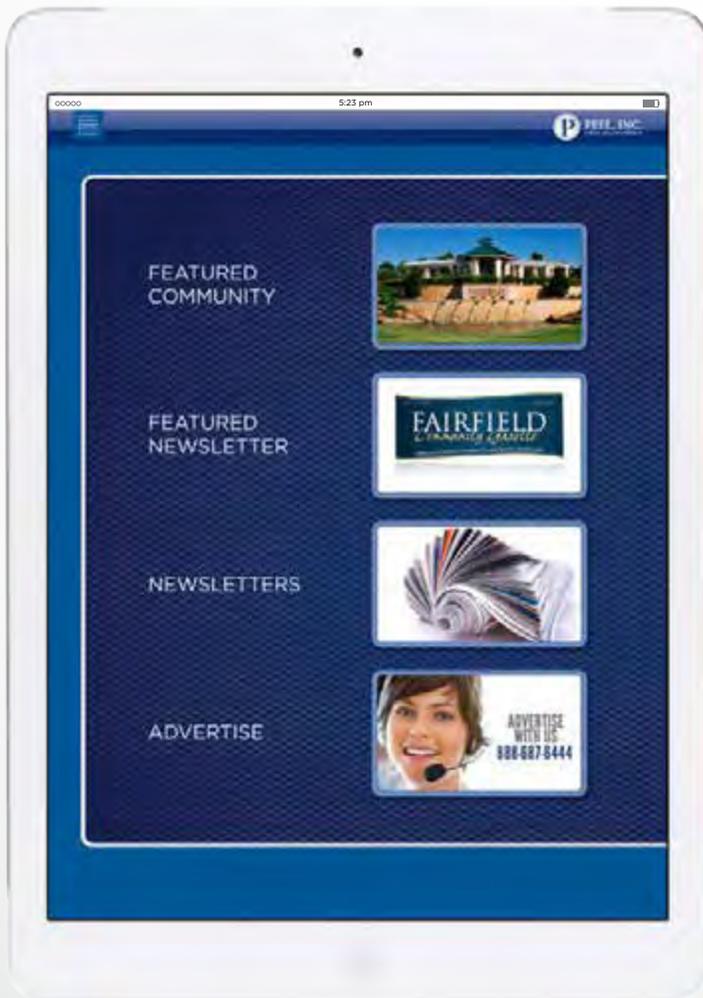


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