

NORMANDY FOREST



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TOWN HALL *meeting*

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 6th AT 6:30pm

TOPIC:

**THE WALL AROUND NF:
WHEN, WHERE & HOW MUCH?**

Following the HOA Labor Day Event



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The Association has an active Architectural Control Committee that approves or denies all construction and any improvements. You may request an ACC form by contacting Chaparral Management 281-537-0957 or the association website. Please keep in mind that the Association has thirty days (30 days) to approve or disapprove any ACC and verbal approvals or disapprovals are not given.

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- Animals should be on a leash

DID YOU KNOW?

These are some of the foods that are poisonous to dogs: *Bread dough, raisins, avocado, grapes, chocolate, Macadamia nuts, onions, garlic, wine, beer and diet sugars.*

Be a responsible pet owner, make sure your pet has fresh water and shelter from the sun and heat this summer.

CREEKFEST IN OCTOBER

On Saturday October 3rd the fifth annual Creekefest will be held at the Cypress Creek Cultural District in Spring. The festival offers both indoor and outdoor activities for all ages. Locations include Barbara Bush Library, Collins Park and Pearl Fincher Museum.

There will be canoeing on the Cypress Creek along with live performances, craft markets and 5K and 1K Family run. The Chamber of Commerce hosts this free event each year along with the Cypress Creek Foundation for the Arts and Community Enrichment, the library and the museum. Food trucks and carts will be on hand with a large selection of treats. For more information go to www.houstonnwchamber.org.

PLANTING IRISES

Plant irises in early spring or wait until late summer or fall to plant bare root rhizomes or divide crowded clumps.

Dig up and divide iris clumps every three to five years, or when the center dies out. With a knife, separate rhizomes, check for fat, white worms and discard any rotten or soft rhizomes. Each one should have a leaf. Cut the leaf back till it is 3" long. Replant 12-18 inches apart with leaf and part of the rhizome above the soil. Water.

LABOR DAY TOWN HALL MEETING

The MUD in cooperation with the HOA has rescheduled Normandy Forest's first TOWN HALL MEETING for Sunday, September 6, 2015, at 6:30pm. The new date will allow the HOA Labor Day Family Event and this meeting to be held the same day.

The purpose of the Town Hall Meeting is to explain details about the proposed exterior wall around the subdivision and its impact on the community. The obstacles to overcome before construction, the time table to completion, location, specifications, construction costs, construction finance and funding, and tax implications are just some of the issues that will be presented. Opportunity to answer questions and hear opinions from the residents will be scheduled in this meeting.

We will be taking the first step to make the Wall a reality on November 3, 2015 when a district wide referendum vote to approve a Bond issue for \$1,000,000 to pay for its construction will be voted on by all registered Normandy Forest voters, not just homeowners. This will be discussed as well.

In conjunction with this event, HOA Activities Coordinator, Michelle Tsatsaronis will host a Back to School/ Labor Day at the Park. Family Day that will begin at 2:00pm and will include Hot Dogs and Drinks with a DJ starting at 4:30pm.

*Food | Bounce houses for the kids
Activities and games for all*

Please plan and schedule this day as an important event for your family and our community.

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Save money by using frozen or canned fruit, vegetables or meats in your recipes. They are usually less expensive than fresh but just as nutritious according to WebMD. Just be sure to rinse canned foods to remove salt or sugary syrups.

The best time to book a flight is usually 47 days before takeoff according to CheapAir.com even better if it is a Tuesday. Book your flight about 3pm ET.

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Lifeguards Are Life Savers!

Submitted by HOA Director John Nemeć

A lifeguard's day can be long and somewhat boring, but when they are called upon to rescue a swimmer in distress, no one does it better than our lifeguards at the Normandy Forest pool.

In just the last week they made life saving rescues on consecutive days. The first rescue was made during the neighborhood Family Fun Night event. A swimmer got a little too far into the deep end, the child lost its grip and went under. The lifeguard quickly jumped in and made the rescue.

The second rescue involved a young child that stepped right off the pool deck into water that was too deep. Sometimes people get distracted and children can just wander off. It is amazing how fast it can happen.

Our pool management company, Aqua Rec, has an extensive in-service training program coupled with an in-house auditing program that ensures the lifeguard's skills are always at a test ready level. It is gratifying to know that when the situation presents itself, the guards are prepared to respond.



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The Vision of the Lake Travis Chamber of Commerce is to be the voice for business in the South Lake Travis area.



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