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President's Message

Ross Burns

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to my fellow neighbors! Many of you will be in full holiday mode by the time you read this. The year seems to have gone by fast. I encourage everyone to take some time to reflect on the year and give thanks for those around you. We are truly blessed to live in such a great neighborhood.

This year has certainly been one for the record books in the weather department. In my October message, I was just mentioning the dire need for rain after a flash drought which followed significant rains this past summer. Well, El Niño has come out swinging and it's been hard on our trails, but mostly good for our lawns. Come rain or drought, we will do our best to keep everything looking nice and working properly. Thanks to those who point out landscaping and irrigation problems on Nextdoor.com – we can typically respond faster this way to correct the problem. I think that having a connected neighborhood helps the HOA work more efficiently for the residents.

Our one year anniversary of being Cedar Park citizens is almost upon us. City zoning of our properties has been the one loose end that needed tying-up and I'm happy to say that the zoning plan was finally approved by City Council on November 12th. A contentious issue was the zoning designation for the club parking lot. The club voluntarily gave-up certain grandfathered development rights on this lot, accepting the designation of condominium zoning instead. It's not a perfect outcome for the community, but a better one than we were initially looking at.

The club currently has no development plans for the lot, but might put in condos that back up to the golf course at some time in the future. The number of current parking spaces must be maintained in any case however. On another front, all proposed bonds passed in the city bond election - the closest impact to us will be the eventual widening of all of Anderson Mill Rd to 1431. Finally, I want to thank Mayor Matt Powell and Sergeant Ray Killebrew for coming out and talking with the residents about community safety, crime statistics and the exciting things that are happening around the city, including new development and employers. The city manages its tax revenue well and works hard to lower our property taxes whenever possible. Make sure to shop Cedar Park this holiday season.

I want to congratulate our new social committee on a great Halloween event. We had hundreds of people from the neighborhood turn out for the festivities and Haunted House. This event typically takes the most effort to pull off, but Michelle Thompson and her team took the challenge and never looked back. I look forward to our next event, the Holiday Festival on December 13, from 3 - 7 PM. I invite you to read more about her and her team later in the newsletter.

Finally, as the year draws to a close the HOA is in the process of adopting a budget for FY2016. I'm happy to report that we do not anticipate a dues increase. Wishing all the best for you and your family this holiday season.

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TWIN CREEKS NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH NEWS...

Brian and Shannon Tweedt, Neighborhood Watch Co-Chairpersons

BLOCK CAPTAIN POSITIONS STILL NEEDED

We are still in need of Block Captains for a handful of streets. Please contact Twin Creeks Neighborhood Watch Chairpersons, Brian & Shannon Tweedt, at tweedts@gmail.com to discuss volunteering.

Block Captains For the Following Streets Are Needed:

The Gardens: 2500's Farleigh Lane

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Meet your New Twin Creeks HOA Social Committee!

Earlier this year Shelley Evans, after 7 years serving the community as the HOA Social Committee Chair, handed off the position to Michelle Thompson. Shelley has done a phenomenal job for so long throwing the Halloween, Christmas, Easter and 4th of July events. The HOA would like to give her a huge THANK YOU for taking on so much for so long. Michelle knowing she had big shoes to fill, brought on a team of wonderful ladies to assist, forming a committee instead of a single chair spot. She is so impressed with each and every one of them. They are extremely hard working, fun, passionate and throw their all into each event. She feels very fortunate to be working with each and every one of them and looks forward to the coming year of parties.

Their next event is the Winter Holiday Festival on Sunday, December 13th from 3pm-7pm at the Twin Creeks Country Club FAC. We hope everyone takes a moment to come by and enjoy meeting Santa, dip into Smore's and Hot Cocoa bars, craft tables, and a Holiday train ride. Plus more! It is going to be a fun family event. See you there!

The Social Committee invites you to send feedback and/or requests for all of the events. They would love to hear more of what the Twin Creeks community would like to see. Please send feedback to Michelle either by phone, 972-878-9277 or email Michelle@PlatinumVue.com.

Thank you and Happy Holidays!!
Your Social Committee



Michelle Thompson

Michelle moved into Twin Creeks in January this year. She lives with her wonderful husband Ken, pups Bailey and Sienna and is care giver for her sweet father, Bill. Having a former career in catering and hospitality management, she is really excited to be working with the HOA to throw parties again. Loves Twin Creeks and the community. What a great place to live!



Tina Heilman

Tina Heilman has been a Twin Creeks member since 2013 and is the Block Captain for Dartford Bend. Her family includes husband Steve, wonderful sons Holden (6 years old) and Graham (11 months), and dog Rocky. She is lucky to work from home with some travel and cannot say enough good things about the residents of Dartford Bend.



Kate Best

Kate is married to Jay, and mom to 8th grader, Austin and two pups, Madden and Cody. She is also a Realtor with Keller Williams, an Aggie and Texans fan, and loves food, drink, friends, and entertaining!



Holly Clark

Holly is a new resident of Twin Creeks, just moved in March 2015. She Lives on Prairie Mist Court with her husband Sean, mother-in-law Pat, and their three adorable daughters; five year old twins Ella and Bailey and 11 month old Mallory. She is also owner of very cute, but very dumb dog, Bubble.



Eva Schalles

Eva Schalles moved to Twin Creeks last year when she married her husband George. They live in the Gardens with their sweet 3 children; Isaac, Paisley, and Anson.



Karen Quinn

Karen Quinn moved to Twin Creeks in August with her darling daughter Maddy. On a whim she and Maddy came up to volunteer for the haunted house event and the team grabbed her and pulled her in as a permanent committee member. Karen has so many creative fun ideas, we are so happy to have her join us!! You may have seen her and Maddy in the Halloween Haunted House as the Jester and Wolf respectively.

A Spooktacular Haunted Halloween Fest Was Enjoyed By All!

Michelle Thompson, Social Committee Chair

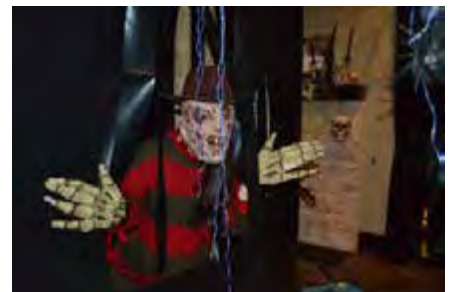
Thunderstorms and flooding didn't stop the trick or treaters out looking to be haunted this past Halloween! Over three hundred Twin Creeks residents showed up for the HOA Haunted Halloween 2015 Fest and it was a wet but fun and scary party for all. Our local teen volunteers were spectacular in the annual Haunted House, and kids of all ages were able to attend. An especially huge THANK YOU to our resident Scary Clown Cory, Evil Surgeon Cooper, and Spooky Samantha for their hard work with help setting up the decorations and managing volunteers.

The crowd gathered for the costume competition and with over 10 different categories and prizes for pets and kiddos alike: there were so many wanting to join in. The costumes were fabulous! Our young ones also enjoyed cookie decorating, Creepy Feely Boxes, and building spooky crafts. All enjoyed the Hover Archery game and Spooktacular Selfie Booth.

The HOA Social Committee would like to thank wholeheartedly everyone who volunteered for setup and teardown. It was a lot of preparation, but seeing the kids have such a great time made it all worth it.

The HOA Haunted Halloween Fest will return next year --- this time hopefully no rain!!

Check out some of the photos from this successful event...



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Sunday, December 13th, 2015

3 p.m. – 7 p.m.

@ the TC Country Club FAC

Plans are still being worked out, but here's a Sneak Peek at what the elves are working on...

Ride the Winter Wonderland Train

Come Meet and Get Your Picture Taken with Santa

Enjoy Building S'more's at the S'more's Corner

Wear Your Ugliest Sweater and Perhaps You Can Win a Prize! (All Ages!)

Snuggle Up and Get Warm at the Hot Cocoa Bar (Mulled Wine for the Adults)

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Happy Holidays!!

Michelle Thompson, Social Committee Chair

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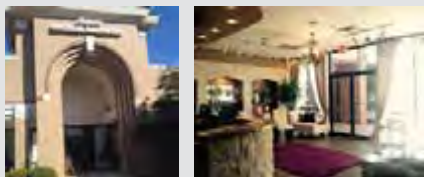
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Ring In the Holidays with Fun Things To Do

Looking for something to do during the holiday season? There are a number of events and activities in and around our neighborhood to check out ...

- Need to do some holiday shopping without the children? Check out Little Elves at the Cedar Park Recreation Center on December 17, 2015. You can drop off your children, ages 3 – 10, for a fun afternoon of holiday themed crafts, games and snacks. Cost is \$25.00/child. You can register at www.cedarparktexas.gov/index.aspx?page=837 or call (512) 401-5500.
- Austin's spectacular Trail of Lights at Zilker Park will be open from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. nightly December 8 – 22, 2015. For more information go to www.austrintraillights.org
- The Omni at Barton Creek will be holding their 6th annual Holiday Lights & Ice event from December 18, 2015 – January 6, 2016. This event benefits Make-A-Wish Central & South Texas. www.omnihotels.com/hotels/austin-barton-creek/things-to-do/resort-activities/holiday-lights-ice.



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- Like ice skating? How about Ice Skating on the Plaza at Whole Foods on North Lamar Blvd., Austin, TX. For \$10/day/person you can ice skate on the rooftop of Whole Foods from 10 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. daily, November 29, 2015 – January 9, 2016. Check it out at www.wholefoodsmarket.com/lamar
- How about going to see Ballet Austin's 52nd annual production of The Nutcracker! The performance runs from December 5 – 23/2015. For more information visit balletaustin.org
- Interested in a play? Austin's Zach Theatre is presenting A Christmas Carol and The Santaland Diaries through December 27, 2015. You can find more information on these performances at www.zachtheatre.org/content/2015-16-season

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- Blue Genie Art Bazaar: being held at Marchesa Hall & Theatre through December 24, 2015. Go to www.bluegenieartbazaar.com for more information.
- How about a Christmas Stroll in downtown Georgetown? Activities are being held on Friday, December 4th from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. and Saturday, December 5th from 9 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and include shopping, dessert with the Grinch, a parade, and Santa's Village. For specifics for each day's events, go to www.thegeorgetownsquare.com/Christmas-Stroll.html

Happy Holidays
Karen Calvert, Communications Committee Chair

A SPOTLIGHT ON DCCRS

(Declaration of Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions)

Karen Calvert, Communications Committee Chair

Each month we will put the spotlight on a new DCCR (or group of DCCRs). All DCCRs can be located on the Goodwintx.com site under Governing Documents within the Twin Creeks neighborhood.


This month the spotlight is on DCCRs 2.02 (a) (ii) (General Restrictions) and 2.02 (c) (General Restrictions).

Is the foundation of your home visible?

DCCR 2.02 (a) (ii) states: "Any portion of the foundation visible from a public street, the Golf Course, or any Common Area must be concealed by extending the exterior brick, stone or stucco to within 18 inches of the finished grade. The remainder of the foundation must be concealed by extending the exterior brick, stone or stucco to within 30 inches of the finished grade."

Wondering about the minimum square footage in the neighborhood?

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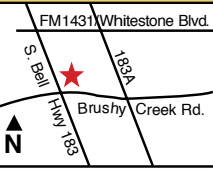
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Session 3: February 29th - April 1st* | Session 4: April 4th - 29th

Session 5: May 2nd - 27th

8 & Under FUNdamentals (ages 6-8)

Mondays-Thursdays 4:00 - 5:00pm

- Our 8U fundamentals program is designed to develop the basic athletic skills necessary to play the sport of tennis!

- This class is intended for players 6-8 years old and will be taught on the 36 foot court with red low-compression balls to maximize technical success.

- The main goal of these classes is to have each child learn to serve/rally/score with their peers and set them up for a successful start to this lifetime sport.

12 & Under FUNdamentals (ages 9-12)

Mondays-Thursdays 5:00 - 6:00pm

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HITTING THE SLOPES THIS SKI SEASON?

Keep in mind these tips to prevent injuries on the slopes.

Written by Kelly Cunningham, MD Sports Medicine specialist Founder. Austin OrthoBiologics.

As a former US Olympic Men's Ski Team physician and orthopedist, every year during the winter months I treat many ski & snowboard injuries. As traveling doctor for the team, I accompanied the athletes throughout the US, Canada and Europe on the World Cup tour and was responsible for the triage, stabilization, and treatment of these world-class skiers.

One of the most frequent questions I get this time of year from my patients who ski is "How can I avoid hurting myself on the ski slopes?" So what do I tell recreational skiers about staying healthy while on the slopes?

First and foremost, adjust to the altitude in your first few days. While there are medications that will improve your blood oxygen, they require a prescription and can have side effects. Perhaps the easiest to take along are low-dose aspirin or ginkgo biloba, as both are safe (unless allergic) and easy to take. Low-level exercise and lots of water (especially during the first night) are also key, as is abstinence from alcohol during the first 24 hours at altitude.

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Speaking of knees, in most solid, intermediate skiers, unlike beginners (learning to stop) and racers (ACL injury from shear forces), serious knee injuries are actually quite rare.

The best way to protect yourself from ski injury is:

- get in good "ski-shape"
- ski within your limits
- stay relaxed but focused
- watch out for that last, fatigued run of the afternoon
- if you fall, fall forward and throw your hands in front of you

And always, always, wear a helmet!

Austin resident Kelly Cunningham, MD is board certified by the American College of Orthopedic Surgeons, and an active member of the Arthroscopy Association of North America and the International Cartilage Repair Society. Learn more about preventing and treating sports injuries at www.AustinOrthoBio.com.

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