

# POINT BLUFF

## BULLETIN



### *the* **P**resident's *m*essage

Lots happening with your new Board! At our last meeting on May 29th, we approved a fine policy for repeated or ongoing violators of the Deed Restrictions. We voted to complete the remaining safety upgrades to our gate system. The gate will now be fully compliant and meet federal industry safety standards. We are getting a bid to install a permanent message board at the entrance, continuing our theme of “more communication is better”. We are looking at alternatives to better light or relocate the flagpole. We are getting bids to repair and refurbish the benches and arbors in the various parks. We approved incentive funds for mini National Night Out block parties in various locations in our ‘hood to encourage greater participation. See the next article below. Your Board also approved new Safety & Security Committee Guidelines, for that committee to more effectively interact with the Board. The new Guidelines can be found at <https://pointbluff.connectresident.com>. If you have not yet registered, the process is easy!

We had sign-up sheets available for neighbors to join 3 committees; Safety & Security, Social and Landscape. I've been to several of these meetings and am confident there will be good work-oriented suggestions coming out of them. Anyone is welcome to join, just email Kem Morales at [Kem.Morales@fsresidential.com](mailto:Kem.Morales@fsresidential.com) to sign up. If you do not get an email response from Kem confirming your addition to a list, please email me at [JimBarshop@yahoo.com](mailto:JimBarshop@yahoo.com) and I will ensure it is done. No neighbor will be excluded from joining any of these committees.

Our next regular Board meetings will be **July 29th** and **September 25th, all at 6:30pm** at the Swim Club meeting room. We have lots of business to resolve, and will ask for reports from the committees. On **Tuesday, July 9th, (at 6pm)** we will meet in a working session to review and discuss the existing Reserve Study. All Point Bluff neighbors are encouraged to come. Hope to see you soon!

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

July 9th, 6pm

HOA Board working session, Reserve Study review  
Swim Club mtg. room

July 10th, 6:30pm

Safety & Security Committee  
Swim Club mtg. room

July 10th, 7pm

Landscape Committee  
3310 Medaris Lane

July 29th, 6:30pm

HOA Board meeting  
Swim Club mtg. room

July 30th, 7pm

Landscape Committee  
3310 Medaris Lane

August 7th 6:30pm

Safety & Security Committee  
Swim Club mtg. room

August 14th, 7pm

Landscape Committee  
3310 Medaris Lane

August 27th, 7pm

Landscape Committee  
3310 Medaris Lane

September 11th, 6:30pm

Safety & Security Committee  
Swim Club mtg. room

September 25th, 6:30pm

HOA Board meeting  
Swim Club mtg. room

October 1st, evening

Mini National Night Out Block Parties  
In your front yard?



## National Night Out Mini-Block Parties?

National Night Out is coming up **Tuesday, October 1st!** Your Board decided to incentivize multiple smaller block parties this year versus hosting one big one. **We agreed to offer \$100 (in reimbursement for food and supplies) to EACH of the first ten neighbors who host a mini Night Out block party for their street, so long as they invite at least 10 of their immediate neighbors.**

Of course you can invite more, just rough up a simple flyer and hand deliver it to your neighbors. You can make small directional signs a few days before indicating the time and date of the mini-event. Coordinate where one of you hosts and cooks the meat (in your front yard please!) and others bring a dish potluck style.

This is a new concept and we hope many more of you will come outside that night to meet your immediate neighbors! If you are interested in hosting, please let Kem and me know at: [Kem.Morales@fsresidential.com](mailto:Kem.Morales@fsresidential.com) and [jimbarshop@yahoo.com](mailto:jimbarshop@yahoo.com)

## Safety & Security Committee

Hello community! On May 23rd our community's Safety committee met for the first time this year. During the meeting we discussed committee positions that need to be filled along with ongoing security concerns related to our main gate. In attendance was officer Dennis Quinn, our local SAPD SAFFE Officer. Officer Quinn felt it important to emphasize that in addition to gate security, **personal security should come first.** This could include such things as lights with motion detectors, alarm systems, remote video door bells (such as Ring or Nest), lights on timers and knowing your neighbors. Additionally, for cars parked outside, please remember to not leaving valuables in your car nor leave a garage door opener in plain sight. He also encouraged a neighborhood watch, something our committee has acknowledged the need for as well.

For a free home safety inspection please contact officer Quinn at 210-207-8350/5190. More safety information can also be found online:

<https://www.safehome.org/resources/guide-securing-home/>  
<https://www.homeadvisor.com/r/securing-your-home-from-burglary/>

<https://www.sanantonio.gov/SAPD/Crime-Prevention-Tips>

Our next meetings are planned for **Thursday, July 10th at 6:30pm at the Swim clubhouse, then August 7th and September 11th, same time and location.** Everyone from the community is welcomed to attend.

Also, mark the date for the **annual Texas Night Out on Tuesday, Oct 1st.** This is a great way to meet your neighbors. This year we will be attempting smaller, block-style parties to keep gatherings more local, so volunteers will be needed to host! As an incentive, the HOA will provide \$100 dollars toward food & supplies for the first 10 hosts. Please contact Kem Morales at First Service for details or to sign up for the committee.

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## HOA Manager's Report

**Mona's back!** Many of you will remember Mona Schneider of FirstService Residential as the Point Bluff HOA association manager until May 2018. We are excited to welcome Mona back and have her assist Kem Morales as association manager! If you would like to reach out to her, Mona's direct line is 210-582-5995 and her email address is [mona.schneider@fsresidential.com](mailto:mona.schneider@fsresidential.com).

**Summer Tips!** Many of us will likely hit the road or take to the skies this summer for vacation. We all look forward to summer fun and recreation, as well as, sitting by the pool or indoors reading that novel we planned to read months ago. As we schedule these times away from home we need to also prep to be away. FirstService Residential has provided the following as tips at <https://www.fsresidential.com/corporate/news-and-events> to help ensure your community is safe and well maintained while you are away:

1. Let your association manager know you're leaving.
2. Don't make it obvious no one is home.
3. Keep energy costs down.
4. Continue landscaping and maintenance while away.
5. Bring pet care in-house
6. Ask for help.

## Landscape Committee Meeting

Your Landscape Committee has already held three meetings this year! Committee members include residents of the Gardens, the Peninsula and Point Bluff. We've had 7-9 neighbors in attendance at each meeting, and anyone is welcome to join.

Committee members have lived in the area for several years and noted a recent decline in the upkeep of the common areas and sparseness of the current plantings. To address our concerns, we have asked the HOA Board to hire a landscape designer to create a unified plan for redesign.

We will also be looking at our current landscape maintenance contracts. Our upcoming meetings will all begin at **7pm and be held at 3310 Medaris Lane:**

**Wednesday, July 10th**

**Tuesday July 30th**

**Wednesday, August 14th**

**Tuesday, August 27th**

Our goal is to generate a beautiful, native Texas xeriscaped plan that complements the existing plantings as encouraged in our deed restrictions.

We also want the Gardens area plantings to retain their quaint original Italian countryside style. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact our HOA manager Kem.Morales@fsresidential.com with a copy to Chair Debbie Cesaro [dcesaro@att.net](mailto:dcesaro@att.net)

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