



Fall 2002

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Neighborhood News

GHRHA Goes Worldwide

www.greathillsreserve.com

Have you visited our neighborhood website? greathillsreserve.com went live this summer.

On our Website you will find:

- Updates on Neighborhood Events
- Email addresses of GHRHA Officers
- Online forms to submit Architectural approval requests and complaints
- GHRHA By-Laws
- Useful Web links (GHRHA Yahoo Group, Round Rock ISD, Williamson & Travis County Tax offices & more)
- Pictures from past neighborhood events

Have a suggestion for our website? Please let us know. You can use the suggestion form on the website (www.greathillsreserve.com) or send an email to webmaster@greathillsreserve.com.

Remember: This is your neighborhood, and your website. So help make it great!



Holiday Home Tour

Yes, it's that time of year.

Every holiday season neighbors in the Reserve celebrate the holidays by getting together. This year's Holiday Home Tour is on Thursday, December 14, 2002.

How it Works

Residents of the Reserve volunteer to host a portion of the evening. The home tour will start at one of our neighbor's houses. Food and beverages are served.

After enjoying the hospitality of our first neighbor we will walk to the next neighbor's house for some more food & drink.

This gives us a great opportunity to build a stronger community by getting to know our neighbors better.

How to Participate

Fill out the form either on the web (www.greathillsreserve.com) or attached on page 5 of the Newsletter & submit to Joni Jones at 10305 Nolana Cove, 918-1787.

Garage Sale Update

The neighborhood garage sale was a huge success! We had more customers than ever before! Someone was quoted as saying, "I think the whole world is here"! Keep in mind that our neighborhood has a garage sale every year and you may want to consider participating next year in order to clean out unwanted items and earn some extra cash. The sale is usually held during the latter part of September.

This Season's Events

November 5, 2002

Voting Day

Polls open 7am – 7pm

Laurel Mt. Elem. or North Oaks Elementary depending on your home address.

November 15, 2002

Deadline for Curb Paint opt-out

Visit the GHRHA website or forward the enclosed form to Pat Dreiling at 7404 Blue Beach Cove.

December 1, 2002

Holiday Home Tour RSVP

Want to participate in the Holiday Home Tour? Let us know!

December 14, 2002

Holiday Home Tour

Time & Location TBD

Visit with your neighbors, tour their homes, eat, drink & socialize.

May 12, 2003

GHRHA Meeting

Time TBD, Laurel Mountain

Vote for the 2003 – 2004 Board officers, vote on changes to the association Deed Restrictions.

Welcome Packets

An article to block captains:

Please call Sheri at 335-9602 to get "Welcome Packets" for new neighbors and at the time of delivery ask if they would like their names and children's names to be listed in our next newsletter. The same with baby's arriving in the neighborhood, we are pleased to print the happy family's name and the name of the little arrival if we have it!!

Thank you again to our 22 block captains who continue to get the newsletters and welcome paks out to the neighbors and watch for crime in our area! Thanks for all you do!!!

Yard Waste?

Neighbors - It's been great to see so many well-kept yards this summer, beautifully landscaped. It makes our neighborhood stand out as an attractive place to live. If you don't have a mulching mower, or accumulate other yard waste in the process of beautifying your yard, please remember to keep it out of sight until trash pick-up day.

Yard waste comes under the same deed restriction as our garbage pick-up rules which states that trashcans should only be out at the curb on the day of pick-up. Thank you for your part in keeping our neighborhood a pleasant place to live!



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Holiday Reindeer

Yes, the Holiday season is right around the corner.

Every year, residents of the reserve decorate with holiday reindeer. The reindeer are made of wood forms (they store flat) and are painted white.

Making your reindeer

If you are new to the reserve, you can get the pattern for the reindeer by calling Sheri Brummett at 335-9602.

Dogs

Can be your neighbor's best friend too!

Did you know that the Austin area has the most dogs per capita in the nation second only to San Francisco? Owning pets really adds value to a person's life. Please remember to be a courteous neighbor when it comes to your dog.

How to keep your dog from being a bad neighbor:

- Please be aware of your dog barking during non-waking hours.
- Please always walk your dog on a leash. Not only does Austin have a leash law, but remember that some people (and some other dogs) can become frightened of your free-walking dog.
- When walking your dog, always bring a bag with you to clean up after your pup.

Curb Addresses

Our streets are dark and inviting to burglars and other criminal elements. Six out of every ten burglars escape their victims' homes before police can arrive on the scene. Without a series of addresses located in a standard place, police and emergency vehicles must drive slowly to locate your home. Many times, addresses on your home are not visible until emergency vehicles have reached your front door.

In order to provide prompt responses or rescues in life threatening situations, your home must be clearly marked. The addressing service will renew the addresses on driveways or curbs in front of your homes with highly reflective glass beading and black numbers. These addresses will give emergency vehicles a necessary series of numbers to follow to your home in case of emergency – day or night.

The Great Hills Reserve Homeowners Association Board is paying to have our curb-side addresses re-painted because many addresses are faded or non-existent.

Opt-out

If you would like to opt-out of having your address painted on the curb, simply fill the opt-out form enclosed on page 5 of the newsletter and give to Pat Dreiling at 7404 Blue Beach Cove by November 15, or fill the form out on our website at www.greathillsreserve.com.

Volunteer

The Homeowners Association is looking for residents to join the Architectural Review Committee. If interested, please contact Brenda Barron at 918-2737 or email her at architecture@greathillsreserve.com.

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Real Estate News

House Sales July 1 – October 15, 2002

Compliments of Sheri Brummett, Coldwell Banker R. Smith

Address	List Price	Bedrooms	Full Baths	Half Baths
10718 CASSIA DR	\$329,900	4	3	0
7534 FIREOAK DR	\$299,000	3	2	1
10610 CASSIA DR	\$395,000	4	3	0
10614 SKYFLOWER DR	\$489,000	5	4	0
7202 CERCIS CV	\$549,000	5	3	1
7308 FABION DR	\$379,000	4	3	1
7706 BLUE LILLY DR	\$349,900	4	3	1
6505 RAIN CREEK PARKWAY	\$359,900	4	3	0
10723 CASSIA DR	\$375,000	4	3	1
10710 CASSIA DR	\$358,500	4	2	1
10404 CASSIA CV	\$320,000	4	2	1
10402 CASSIA COVE	\$298,000	4	3	0
7534 FIREOAK DR	\$284,000	3	2	1
10610 CASSIA DR	\$380,000	4	3	0
10614 SKYFLOWER DR	\$452,000	5	5	0
7706 BLUE LILLY DR	\$342,500	4	3	1

*Days on Market range from 90 to 120 days

Street Lights

Have you noticed that the street lamp outside your house is out or fading on & off? That means that it is time for the lamp to be changed. Austin Energy will replace the burned out lamps; they just need to be notified of which ones should to be replaced.

To report a problem with streetlights, please call 505-7617 or send an e-mail to lightingrepair@austinenergy.com. Please include your name, address, daytime phone and the location of the streetlight in need of repair.

Repairs are completed in three working days or less!

Many in our area are out and they are a deterrent to crime. What a great, easy way of reducing crime in our neighborhood!

Neighborhood Crime

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I normally don't report car burglaries but felt compelled this time. Between Oct.15th-17th seventeen cars were burglarized in the Great Hills area.

Seven of those were parked at single family homes the other ten were parked at apartment complexes. It was a pretty even split between cars that were locked and cars those that were unlocked. The thieves took everything from purses to lap top computers.

At 2:54 A.M. Oct. 16th officers arrested two suspects after a citizen called 9-1-1 after witnessing a car burglary in progress. At this time there is no direct link to any of the burglaries mentioned above.

A couple of weeks ago we arrested another group. During an interview they stated they broke into cars in the area because it was so easy and they always found things in the cars. One of the suspects said they chose cars that were unlocked. When the two that were arrested Oct.16th were arrested a flashlight was found in their car (makes it easy to look in your car).

Please if possible keep you car in the garage and the garage door closed. If you are going to park your car in the drive or in the street do not leave anything in the car; nothing at all. And I mean nothing, no cell phones, no change, no CD's *nothing* at all. If you have an after market radio/CD player, television or any other type of accessory please take the time to record the serial number. Do not leave property in your car!!!! We want the thieves to say: Don't go to Great Hills to break in to cars; they don't leave anything in the car.



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Curb-side Painting Opt-Out Form

No, I do not want to participate in Curb-Side address painting.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

**Please Return to Pat Dreiling at 7404 Blue Beach Cove by November 15, 2002*

Holiday Home Tour Form

Yes, I would like to share my home with my neighbors for the Holiday Home Tour on December 14, 2002.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

**Please Return to Joni Jones 10305 Nolina Cove by December 1, 2002*