



The Raven's Nest

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A Star-Spangled Success

Neighbors line the route for the Fourth of July parade — full recap and photos on pages 4 and 5.

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Our Mission

To serve the residents of Ravensway/Saracen Park by providing a platform for timely and important information, fostering communication within our community, and acting as a trusted source of updates from residents, the HOA board, and committees. Our newsletter is created by members of the community to ensure transparency, collaboration, and reliability in our shared efforts to maintain and enhance the vibrancy and well-being of our neighborhood.

Have a story?

Event photos, a local market, a cleanup day, a neighbor worth bragging about — we want it. This newsletter is written entirely by volunteers, and the next issue is planned for **October 2026**.

newsletter@rwnl.org

NEW THIS ISSUE

A new management partner

The Board is transitioning association management from SBB to DTA. Details in the Letter from the Board.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

School starts August 12

Tax-free weekend, Meet the Teacher, and school-zone reminders in our Back-to-School Guide.

GET INVOLVED

Two Board seats open

Plus volunteer workdays and the Events Committee. One of the most direct ways to shape the community.

*Written, photographed and
proofread by your neighbors.*

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Letter from the Board

BOONE A. ELLIOT · VICE PRESIDENT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS

With the summer well under way, I would like to highlight some of the progress we have achieved as a community. Much of the Board's time this year has gone into behind-the-scenes work: improving processes, increasing financial visibility, identifying and addressing risks to the association, and building a more sustainable foundation for the community.

A New Management Partner

The Board is in the process of transitioning management of the Association from SBB to DTA, a highly regarded company we believe is better positioned to give our unique community the attention it deserves. We expect this change to improve the level of service residents receive and to support the stronger financial and operational footing the Board has been working toward.

Greater Financial Visibility

We've also implemented Square credit card processing and begun moving to a cashless system for amenity and event transactions. This has improved tracking, reduced the risks that come with handling cash, and provided a much clearer picture of how funds are collected and used. Every amenity pass, pool key, event transaction, and clubhouse rental is now logged and reconciled automatically.

Volunteer Workdays Are Paying Off

Our new Community Volunteer Workdays are already helping us tackle improvements that budget constraints would otherwise delay. The playground and volleyball court at the clubhouse both received some much-needed attention, including refreshed borders and fresh sand. Just as important, they give neighbors a chance to connect and take pride in the community together. Upcoming dates and details will be found on the [Volunteering Page](#).

Get Involved

Thank you to everyone who made our Fourth of July celebration a success. Looking ahead, the Events Committee is recruiting volunteers to help plan future events, and we have two vacant Board positions to fill — one of the most effective ways to shape the direction of the community. If you're interested, or just curious about what's involved, please reach out. The [Volunteering Page](#) has details on all of these.

Ravensway is making great strides, and we need everyone's help to keep it going. Thank you to everyone who has contributed — whether it's picking up litter on your walk, helping a neighbor, or attending monthly meetings.

Your neighbor,

Boone A. Elliot

MONTHLY HOA MEETINGS

August 18 & September 15

7:00 PM at the clubhouse or online. Access links live in the Messages section of the homeowner portal.

We are all the HOA

Board and committee members are volunteers entrusted with specific responsibilities, but the strength and direction of our community depend on the engagement of every resident. Log in to the Owner Portal and confirm your contact information so you receive Board updates between issues.



WELCOME TO THE NEST

INTRODUCTIONS

Meet Your Facilities Coordinator

Please join us in welcoming **Lauren Weems** as the Ravensway / Saracen Park Home Association's new Facilities Coordinator.

Lauren will help oversee the day-to-day operations of our community facilities and amenities, including coordinating maintenance and vendors, supporting clubhouse reservations and amenity access, and helping keep residents informed through community updates. She will also serve as the Board's liaison to committees, providing operational support for community events and activities.

You may see Lauren throughout the community conducting facility inspections, coordinating projects, or assisting residents with facility-related questions. Her role is centered on helping ensure our amenities are well-maintained, organized, and enjoyable for everyone. We're excited to have her on board.

THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE IT HAPPEN

Volunteers

One of the things that makes Ravensway such a great place to live is our volunteers. Every committee — including this newsletter — is staffed by volunteers, and so many of our neighborhood events and projects are made possible by neighbors willing to give a little of their time.

We've seen that community spirit in action recently. Two successful volunteer workdays brought neighbors together to make improvements at the clubhouse, and our Fourth of July celebration was another great example of volunteers making something special happen for everyone to enjoy.

The truth is that our community is only as strong as the people willing to get involved. Whether you have a few hours to help at an event, enjoy working on projects, or have skills you'd like to share, there's an opportunity that's a good fit for you. Visit the [Ravensway HOA volunteer opportunities page](#) to see what's open.

Where we need hands

Board of Directors

Two vacant seats to fill

Events Committee

Help plan what comes after the Fourth

Community Workdays

A morning of work, a visible result

The Newsletter

Writers, photographers, proofreaders

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RAVENSWAY CELEBRATES · JULY 3 & 4, 2026

A Star-Spangled *Success*

BY EMILY MORGAN

This year's Fourth of July celebration was nothing short of spectacular. Over two fun-filled days, our neighborhood came together to celebrate community, country, and connection — and what a celebration it was.

The parade was the undisputed star of the festivities. From creatively decorated floats to smiling faces waving red, white, and blue, the streets were full of energy and pride. Families lined the sidewalks, kids laughed and waved, and the spirit of togetherness was felt by all.

None of this would have been possible without the time, effort, and enthusiasm of our volunteers and participants. From planning and setup to cooking, decorating, and cleanup, your dedication made this celebration truly special.

Thank you to everyone who participated, contributed, and helped create such a memorable Fourth of July. Events like this remind us just how wonderful our neighborhood community is. Here's to many more celebrations together.

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Want to help plan next year? The Events Committee is recruiting now — it's the best way to meet neighbors and shape what the neighborhood does together.

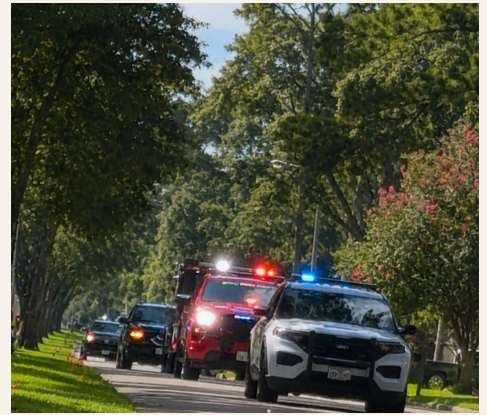
Sign up online
ravenswayhoa.com/volunteering

Red, White & Ravensway

Photos by your neighbors.
Send yours to newsletter@rwnl.org



Streamers, flags and a full crew — the parade rolls down Ravensway Drive.



A crowd favorite: the antique roadster, flags flying.



Every wagon, bike and jeep in the neighborhood got the red-white-and-blue treatment.



Volunteers on setup duty before the doors opened.



Checked tablecloths, cold drinks, and a pavilion full of neighbors.



"Here's to many more celebrations together."

Committee Notes

RAVENSWAY RACERS SWIM TEAM

Just keep swimming

Congratulations to the Ravensway Racers for finishing the 2026 swim season with a **3-2 record**. For more than 25 years RRST has brought together swimmers ages 4-18 as part of the Northwest Aquatic League, building skill, teamwork and confidence in and out of the water.

Registration for the 2027 season opens in **March**. Find out more at ravenswayracers.swimtopia.com.

2026 SEASON FINAL

3-2 Northwest
Aquatic League

Thank you to the swimmers, coaches, timers, and the parents who showed up at 6 AM with folding chairs and a cooler. See you in March.



COURT ACCESS

Gate and storage-box access now comes with your **Amenity Pass**. Apply online at ravenswayhoa.com/amenities.

TENNIS & PICKLEBALL COMMITTEE

Quiet summer, busy fall

Tennis

- Men's open play, Tuesday & Thursday, 7-10 PM — the only scheduled summer activity.
- Court gate access is tied to your Amenity Pass; [apply online](#) rather than picking up a key.
- Fall leagues begin the first or second week of September. Dates aren't set; text or email us to be notified.
- Lessons and drills run several times a day Monday-Saturday with Strive Tennis, (281) 875-5692.

Pickleball

- Ongoing open play; no special activities scheduled.
- Paddles, nets and balls are available on **tennis courts 1 & 2**. Two pickleball courts can be set up on each.
- Return equipment to the court storage box, or roll the net back to the fence and loosen the tension when you finish.

Please help keep the courts clean. Pick up trash, empty the court bin when it fills, and don't sit or bounce on the tennis nets — they aren't built for it. Current court schedules are posted at the courts, on the Ravensway HOA webpage, on NextDoor, and on Ravensway Community News on Facebook.

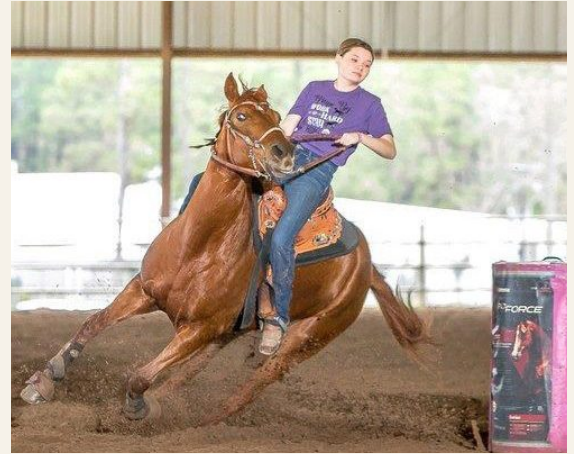
RAVENSWAY STABLES COMMITTEE · BY MARC HENRY

Bits & Bridles

Welcome to our first article in quite a while. This is where you can find out what's going on at the stables — and maybe learn a little something about horses that you didn't already know.

Haley Peterson showed Gracie in Leadline at Waco at the end of May through the Paint Horse Association, and her mom, Lauren Guinn, showed Gracie placing in five classes. Woohoo!

Right now 16 horses call Ravensway Stables home, and we have room for a few more. If you're looking for something for you or your youngsters to get involved with, come talk to some of the owners to see if a horse might be for you. Over the years we've had show horses, racers, jumpers, and just plain pets — something might spark your interest.



Ravensway Stables is a self-funded, neighbor-run co-op boarding facility.

KNOW YOUR HORSE

Read the ears

Many of you come by to see the horses and sometimes pet or feed them. They almost always welcome visitors — but not always, and the easiest sign to read is the ears. A horse swivels its ears to hear all around, but also uses them to express interest and displeasure. **Ears forward toward you** means they're interested in your visit, or in whatever is in your hand. **Ears pinned backward and still** means back away and find a more welcoming steed — and if the tail is swishing at more than the flies, take the hint.

What the committee does

As a self-funded operation supported primarily through boarder leasing, the committee works within a limited budget to maintain a high standard of care for horses and riders. We manage leasing agreements, coordinate repairs and maintenance, and organize all-hands workdays for fence repair and grounds upkeep. We also meet regularly to review budgeting priorities, maintain vaccine and health compliance, update boarding policies, and explore facility improvements — balancing affordability with responsible horse care.



BOARDING & QUESTIONS

RavenswayStables@gmail.com
ravenswaystables.com
 Room for a few more horses.

Ravensway Back-to-School Guide

Summer has flown by, and it's time to dust off the backpacks. Whether your family is returning to school or sending a child to kindergarten for the first time, we hope everyone has a wonderful start to the 2026–2027 school year.

AUGUST 7–9

Texas Tax-Free Weekend

Save on qualifying clothing, shoes, backpacks and many school supplies before school begins.

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

Meet the Teacher

Millsap Elementary, 4:30–6:00 p.m.
Drop off supplies, learn transportation info, and sign up to volunteer.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

First Day of School

All Cy-Fair ISD students. Check your campus website for transportation, supply lists and updates.

CAMPUS SPOTLIGHT

Millsap Elementary

A special welcome back to all of our Ravensway families attending Millsap Elementary. School hours are **8:45 a.m.–4:05 p.m.**

Parents are encouraged to complete the Returning Student Update through the Cy-Fair ISD Parent Portal before the first day of school. Millsap Elementary: 281-897-4470.

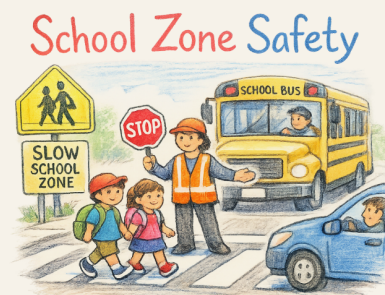
Back-to-School Checklist

- ✓ Label backpacks, lunch boxes and water bottles.
- ✓ Start adjusting bedtime and morning routines a week early.
- ✓ Review bus routes or car rider procedures.
- ✓ Update emergency contacts and medical information.
- ✓ Capture that annual “First Day of School” photo.

School Zone Safety

As our students return to school, please help keep everyone safe: slow down in school zones, watch carefully for children walking and riding bicycles, stop for school buses when required by law, and allow extra travel time during the first few weeks while traffic patterns adjust.

The zone is busiest 8:15–8:45 a.m. and 3:45–4:15 p.m. If you drive it, assume a child is about to step off the curb.



Neighborhood Happenings

Make the most of the last days of summer with activities close to home.

Northwest Branch Library

Free story times, crafts, STEM activities and family programs throughout August. Full schedule at hcplcalendar.net.

Little Cypress Creek Preserve

Take an evening walk, explore the trails, or pack a family picnic before homework season begins.

Collins Park

Playground, bikes, pickleball, and plenty of open green space.

Friday Night Lights

High school football season is around the corner — come support our Cy-Fair student-athletes.

Support Local Businesses

Celebrate the first week of school with a sweet treat from a favorite neighborhood spot — Jeremiah's Italian Ice, Bahama Buck's, or another local café.

At the Northwest Branch Library

FREE · ALL AGES

Story Time

Weekly sessions for babies, toddlers and preschoolers.

Maker & STEM

Hands-on building and science for elementary and tweens.

Crafts

Drop-in craft afternoons — supplies provided.

Books & Reading

Book clubs and reading programs for teens and adults.

Check the branch calendar before you go: hcplcalendar.net — Northwest Branch

AUGUST COMMUNITY CALENDAR

7-9

Texas Tax-Free Weekend

10

Millsap Elementary Meet the Teacher, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

12

First day of school, Cy-Fair ISD

18

Monthly HOA meeting, 7:00 p.m.

All

Free family programs at the Northwest Branch Library

Wed

NIA exercise class at the clubhouse, 5:00 p.m.



Welcome back, Ravensway

A new school year brings fresh opportunities and new friendships. Let's keep looking out for one another and cheering on our students — have a safe, successful 2026-2027 school year.

Items from the Community

WEDNESDAYS AT 5:00 P.M.

NIA Exercise Classes at the Clubhouse

NIA is designed for all activity levels and ages — you adjust the intensity to your own needs. The workout is low impact but thoroughly balances stability, stretching and strength. You'll have fun and gather with others who want to be mindful about their health journey through physical activity.

Contact LeAnn for more info at LeAnnNia@live.com.

HARRIS COUNTY PRECINCT 4 CONSTABLE

Vacation Watch — Free

While you're away, the Constable's Office will patrol the area and keep a watchful eye on your home.

Call **832-927-6230** during business hours, or **281-376-3472** anytime, or use the [online request form](#).

TELL THEM

Lights left on · pets in the home · alarm system and whether it's armed · anyone authorized to enter · vehicles left behind · a secondary contact.

WHILE YOU'RE AWAY — A SHORT CHECKLIST

Tell your alarm company you're leaving, and make Precinct 4 the first contact.

Put lights on timers — lights on around the clock signal an empty house.

Leave a car in the driveway with no valuables inside.

Arrange pet care and confirm ID tags, microchips and shot records are current.

A trusted house sitter is the best way to keep a home from looking empty.

Put your mail on hold with USPS Hold Mail for up to 30 days.

RESIDENT PETITION · TIMBERLAKE IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Ravensway Deserves a Better Water Management Company

For years, residents of the Timberlake Improvement District have endured poor customer service from Regional Water — long hold times, unanswered calls and emails, delayed repairs, lack of follow-up, and unresolved issues.

The Timberlake Improvement District Board of Directors has the authority to choose the company that manages our water and wastewater system. A petition is now asking the Board to replace Regional Water with **Municipal Operations & Consulting (M.O.C.)**, a company known for responsive customer service and hands-on system management.

If you've experienced these frustrations — or simply believe we deserve better — please add your name. — *A concerned Ravensway resident*



SCAN OR TAP TO SIGN

Midterm Election Information

Shared with us by the League of Women Voters of the Cy-Fair Area. Take a few minutes this month to check your registration — the deadline arrives sooner than you'd think.



MIDTERM ELECTION INFORMATION

Check your voter registration

Apply for mail-in ballot, if needed & eligible

If you are new to TX or a new voter, register.

If you have moved within TX since the last election, update.



To Do's

votetexas.gov-->Am I Registered?

harrisvotes.com-->Voter-->Vote By Mail

Pick up a form at the Clubhouse, fill it out, and mail in
or email lwvcyfair@gmail.com

votetexas.gov-->Register to Vote--> Update your information

Registration deadline is Oct. 5th

Where to go

Registration & address updates: votetexas.gov

Vote by mail & local ballots: harrisvotes.com

Questions: lwvcyfair@gmail.com

DEADLINE

October 5

Last day to register for the November midterm. Paper registration forms are available at the clubhouse — fill one out and mail it in.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

A Little Bit of History

Excerpted from The PowderHorn, December 2002 · by Carol Moser

December 1977

1,236 RESIDENTS · 313 FAMILIES

The Steering Committee planned to award **\$10** to the best-decorated house for the Christmas season, and there were plans for caroling and "other items of interest." A general homeowners' meeting was called for December 3 at Millsap School, where it was decided to buy a laminating machine for resident passes.

The Garden Club was working with the developer to improve the appearance of the entrance. Yard of the Month went to 12634 Rifleman Trail. There was a singles tennis tourney, a ladies social league, and Block Coordinators working the concession stand at the Horse Show.

December 1987

761 FAMILIES

The Christmas lighting contest had grown to **\$25 and \$10** prizes. A fence went up at the basketball court, and volunteers were needed to put up the lights. Fifty-five people voted in that year's Board election.

A brand-new Yard of the Month sign was made by two neighbors — and was promptly stolen out of the winner's yard. That month's issue was printed in black ink on soft green paper.

December 1992

778 FAMILIES

Yard of the Month went to a home on Wiley Martin Drive, three new Board positions were up for appointment, and the Board was weighing the cost of keeping the stables running — a debate that had already been going since 1983.



Help us fill in the rest.

Old photos, party invitations, event programs, back issues, or a story you've told a hundred times — send it our way and we'll run it in a future issue: newsletter@rwnl.org.

Community Amenity Guide



SCAN OR TAP • HOURS & RESERVATIONS

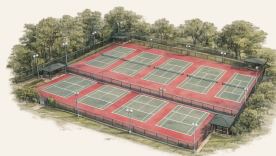


The Clubhouse

Rent for parties, meetings, classes and community events. Also our location for HOA meetings, elections and voting. Reserve online; fees vary by activity.

Note: court gate and storage-box access is picked up at the clubhouse, but applies to the courts only — it comes with your Amenity Pass; apply online.

Accessibility: a professional facilities assessment is complete and will guide upcoming budget planning.

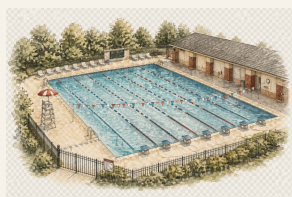


The Courts

Seven courts for tennis and pickleball. Paddles, nets and balls available on tennis courts 1 & 2. Courts are shared with Strive Tennis for instruction; if residents want a court that Strive is using, please inform a Strive instructor.

Pickleball open play: Mon, Fri, Sat 7:30–10:00 AM · Wed 7:00–9:30 PM (no league play) · Sun 4:00 PM, time may vary.

Men's tennis open play: Tue & Thu 7–10 PM.



Big Pool

RAVEN CREEK DR

A dedicated lap pool for training, competition and summer fun. Open June 1 through August 14, plus the late-August and Labor Day weekends. Closed Mondays for cleaning.

Home of the Ravensway Racers Swim Team. Amenity passes required for residents ages 14+.



Small Pool

RAVENSWAY DR

A relaxed neighborhood pool with shaded play space nearby. Generally opens after Mother's Day and stays open into October, weather dependent. Closed Wednesdays for cleaning.

Fences at both pools were repaired in March, and dead trees near the large pool and courts have been removed.

AMENITY PASSES

How to apply

01

Apply online at ravenswayhoa.com/amenities. Passes are required for residents ages 14+.

02

Residency and eligibility are verified; you'll get an email with your clubhouse pickup date and time.

03

Bring valid ID for all adults and a photo for each pass holder, no larger than 1.5" × 1.5". Copies can be made at pickup.

Same-day issuance is not available. Payment runs through the HOA Square account: cards, eCheck, Apple Pay, Google Pay, Cash App.

PLANNING A SPECIAL EVENT?

Clubhouse Reservations

Once you have your Amenity Pass you can reserve the clubhouse for parties, meetings and community events. Reserve online through the [HOA amenity page](#); fees vary based on activity.

The Stables

Managed by neighbors, for neighbors. Learn more at ravenswaystables.com.



Important Contacts

Emergency — crime, fire, or medical

911

FIRE

Cy-Fair Fire Department	281-550-6663
Cypress Creek Fire Department	281-894-0151

POLICE

Harris County Constable Pct. 4	281-376-3472
Harris County Sheriff	713-221-6000
Vacation watch (business hours)	832-927-6230

SCHOOLS

Millsap Elementary	281-897-4470
Arnold Middle School	281-897-4700
Cy-Fair High School	281-897-4600

RAVENSWAY

Association management	281-537-0957
Owner portal	owner.sbbmanagement.com
Stables	ravenswaystables.com
Activities committee	ravenswayactivities@yahoo.com
Newsletter	newsletter@rwnl.org

UTILITIES & OTHER

Animal Control	281-999-3191
Best Trash	281-313-2378
CenterPoint — Power	713-207-2222
CenterPoint — Natural Gas	713-659-2111
Poison Control	1-800-222-1222
Timberlake Improvement	281-897-9100

ADVERTISE WITH US

Put your business in front of your neighbors

The Raven's Nest reaches every household in Ravensway and Saracen Park. Rates and space for the October issue:

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