

Canyon Gate at Cinco Ranch

October-December 2017

Onsite Office Hours

Monday	8:15 to 3:15
Tuesday	8:15 to 3:15
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	8:15 to 3:15
Friday	8:15 to 3:15

Closed Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday

Voicemail is available. Calls will be returned during scheduled office hours.

HURRICANE HARVEY

On August 25, 2017, the article for the community newsletter was submitted to Krenak Printing for publication in late September (the magazine comes out about a month after articles are submitted). A great deal has changed since Harvey passed through our area. Our community is much different than it was on Friday, August 25th and everyone has experienced a loss of some kind. Our goal is to rebuild our community and make Canyon Gate an even better place to live than it was before.

We would like to thank every one of the volunteer organizations that came out in droves to help homeowners clean and muck out their homes, cook food, and just generally lend a helping hand to those who needed it. There are so many that we can't possibly thank them all, but it is so nice that during such a difficult time, people were able to band together to help each other out.

One of the HOA's tasks in the coming days is to send formal thank you letters not only to all the churches and volunteer groups, but also to the wonderful men and women of the National Guard, the US Coast Guard, the Cajun Navy, Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office, Fort Bend County Constable's Office, ESD 100, Commissioner Andy Meyers' office, and the Fort Bend County Office of Emergency Management for the truly remarkable way they handled Canyon Gate's evacuation by boats, helicopters, etc. While we don't know the names of individual rescuers, we thank them all for saving the citizens of Canyon Gate by any means necessary (floaties, rubber boats, wave runners, boogie boards).

Community Garage Sale – Cancelled Until Further Notice

Recovery Efforts

It is hoped that by the time of this article's publication, the community is closer to recovering and a sense of normalcy has been restored. We hope to have the Recreation Center completed and, with luck, the guardhouse should be back to normal with a fully operational gate system so that residents are entering via a separate lane and the guards can give full attention to visitors.

The debris pickup should also be mostly completed by the time this issue of the newsletter is out and once the debris is picked up, the MUD will clean our street for us.

While people still need to pay their taxes, the county and MUD district will be re-assessing homes so that the taxes are based on the current "after-flood" market value.



We'd like to thank the good people of Canyon Gate for keeping their sense of humor during an incredibly difficult time.

We will rebuild!



A special thanks to Deputy Sheriff William Ferguson (best hugger ever) for giving out supplies and free hugs to residents. We thank him for the awesome party with supplies for all, food, music, haircuts, etc. at the Cinco Ranch Church of Christ next door to Canyon Gate. Not only is he a great hugger, but he rocks!

Thanks also to Laura Arteaga-Francis for all her help, and to Pastor Bo Pugh for his team's hard work on manning tables and supplying the scrumptious barbecue.



What is Wildlife Rehabilitation?

By Cheryl Conley

Whenever people ask what I do and I answer by saying I work with wildlife, they usually have many questions. I am going to answer the most often asked questions below.

What is wildlife rehabilitation?

The process of providing aid to injured, ill, displaced and/or orphaned wild animals in such a manner that they may survive on their own when released in their natural habitats.

Where do you get your animals?

Animals are brought to our Center by the public. We also work with wildlife removal companies, law enforcement and other rehabilitation centers.

Does it cost anything to bring an animal to your Center?

No. There is no charge for our services but we do ask for donations. We are a non-profit organization and don't receive any state or federal funding. Caring for wildlife can involve x-rays, medications, food, caging and many other expenses. Home-based rehabilitators spend their own money to provide for the animals until they can be released. Often times it takes months.

What happens when I bring an animal in?

You will be asked to complete a form with information as to where the animal was found, what you believe to be wrong with the animal, whether or not you've attempted to give it water or feed it, and if you or anyone else has been bitten.

The animal will be taken from you and transferred to a Center container and then taken into our Vet Room. The animal is thoroughly examined and treated if injured. Most often the animals are dehydrated and will require fluids. Once a determination has been made as to its health, it will either go into our on-site care program or to a home-based rehabilitator for care.

When do they get released?

Only healthy animals will be released back to the wild. If the animal is an infant with no injuries, they must reach a certain size and weight before being released. If the animals have injuries, it must be completely healed and of a certain size and weight to insure its survival once released.

What kind of experience do you need to rehab wildlife?

No experience is needed but you must be committed. You can choose between our on-site care programs or home-based rehabilitation. On-site care is the easiest since you work shifts. You will be under the guidance of supervisors who will teach you proper feeding and care. Our on-site care programs run from early spring through the fall. Home-based rehabilitation requires an even bigger commitment. The animals are in your care 24/7. Some species are easier to care for than others and we would be happy to work with you on which species is best for your situation. You will also be responsible for purchasing the food for your animals but we do offer a substantial discount on specialized formulas and food. We can help you with the caging and do not charge for this.

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Is there a need for home-based rehabilitators?

YES! We are always happy to find people who want to help. We provide all the training and you are assigned a mentor who is available to help you every step of the way.

Do you need on-site care rehabilitators?

YES! If you are interested, you will attend an orientation class and a training class and you'll be ready to go. You will work a 4-hour shift and must commit to working 5 shifts during the length of the program (approximately 6 months). Most of our on-site care rehabilitators come back every year.

Our website is a great source for more information on wildlife. Our calendar will let you know when our classes are and it's easy to sign up. Attending an orientation class does not commit you to anything. It's simply an informational class for you to learn more so you can decide if it's for you. Go to: www.twrcwildlifecenter.org or you can call 713-468-8972.

Recreation Center Rental

The recreation center has a room available for parties, meeting, reunions, etc. A signed contract plus a \$300 security deposit will hold your reservation.

Homeowners must be current on their dues (or payment plans) and rental fees must be received prior to the party. The rental rate is \$35 an hour with a two-hour minimum. The key for the clubhouse is to be signed out and returned to the guards in the guardhouse. Please READ THE CONTRACT CAREFULLY before signing – this is a binding legal document and the rules and regulations stipulated in the contract will be enforced. Call the onsite office for additional information.

Important Numbers

Onsite Office	281-492-6020
Canyon Gate Guardhouse	281-646-7906
Best Trash	281-313-2378
Reliant Energy	713-207-7777
Cinco Mud #8	281-579-4500
Centerpoint Energy (gas)	713-659-2111

To report a street light outage, go to:

<http://www.centerpointenergy.com/outage>

You will need the number off the pole as well as the address/intersection

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