

Canyon Gate at Cinco Ranch

August-September 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.

Back to School

School is back in session on August 16th. The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Department and KISD Police will be watching school zones as well as areas with increased traffic to assure safe and compliant vehicle operation. Please remember that it is **ILLEGAL** to pass a stopped school bus that is loading/unloading children.

Residents should remember to not only comply with the reduced speeds but should also be alert for young pedestrians and "pick-up / drop-off" traffic patterns. This has changed in recent years with the reduction in bus routes, so please be aware of the areas where children are crossing/waiting (i.e. Canyon Gate Boulevard and Canyon Park Drive). Households with young drivers should have the annual "reminder" talk about appropriate speeds in the subdivision and near schools. It also can be beneficial to remind expected guests of the presence of the school zones as well as bicycle lanes.

CINCO RANCH MUD 8 (includes Canyon Gate, South Park, & Canterbury) CONSTABLE PATROL ACTIVITY July 2017

Type	Number
Alarm Calls	1
Citizen Contacts	31
Burglary of a hab/bldg.	0
Disturbance (phys/verb)	1
EMS/Fire/MVA	1
Other agency assist	1
Other (non-specific)	71
Property Checks	120
Suspicious per/veh/cir	1
Traffic Complaints	0
911 Hang Ups	0
Reports	1
Traffic Citations	4
Traffic Warnings	7
Event Totals	239

Community Garage Sale

The fall community garage sale is tentatively scheduled for October 7th - the first Saturday in October. The Homeowners' Association will advertise in local papers and post signs inviting people into the community. **The management company has no involvement with the garage sale; please do not email the office to register.** Instead, please go to <https://goo.gl/RvcW6f> to register (registration closes at 6 pm Wednesday, October 4th). Registration gives your sale a listing on the maps distributed to those entering the community for garage sales. Please note that the two community sponsored garage sales (April and October) are the **ONLY** garage sales allowed in the community. To be included on the listing, you must be registered by the Wednesday **prior** to the garage sale (time is needed to have copies/maps made, etc.).

Security

The front gate is our best defense against outside crime. We require all vehicles entering via the Visitors gate to present photo ID. Residents need to be sure their guests are aware of our procedures. If the visitor doesn't like it, they can leave. Residents utilizing the Visitors lane to enter the community need to contact the office to obtain an EZ tag (or to program your tollroad tag) or Resident sticker. Failing to obtain either item, be prepared to show ID when you enter.

Residents are to be called for all visitors **ONLY** between the hours of 10 pm and 6 am. Please be sure the office has your most recent contact information.

And **please** go to our website <http://www.canyongateatcinco.com> and sign up for community emails if you do not already receive them. Emails are sent about security issues, upcoming activities, and other information concerning our community.

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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