

Canyon Gate at Cinco Ranch

February 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.

2017 ASSESSMENTS PAST DUE

The January 31 deadline for paying HOA fees has come and gone. A \$25 late fee will be applied after 2/15. Reminders are sent out in February and will be sent again in March. The process for overdue accounts to be sent to collection will begin on April 1st for accounts with the full balance remaining.

Dues can be paid with a check or money order. Credit card payments are not accepted at the office, but can be made **online only** (Visa or MasterCard) at www.canyongateatcincoranch.com. A 3% convenience fee will be added on.

PAYMENT PLANS ARE AVAILABLE

Payment plans are available by calling or emailing the onsite office. **You must call or email to request the plan – it will not be set up automatically.** Payment plans must be set up (**and the first payment received**) before April 1st to avoid collection.

Community Garage Sale

The Canyon Gate Annual Spring Community Garage Sale is scheduled for **Saturday, April 1st**. The community will be open to the public for homeowner garage sales from 7:00 am – 3:00 pm. (*This date will be moved to Sunday if it rains on Saturday.*) The sale will be advertised in local papers. If you wish to have a garage sale, please register online at <https://goo.gl/RvcW6f> or call Lisa Donaldson at 281-579-7227. **PLEASE DO NOT EMAIL OR CALL THE ONSITE OFFICE** as the management company has no involvement with community activities. Be sure to leave your address and the types of items you plan on selling (i.e. toys, children's clothing, furniture, kitchen equipment, etc.). Registration gives your sale a listing on the maps distributed to those entering the community for garage sales (but is not mandatory). Please note that the two community-sponsored garage sales 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.).

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

Type	Number
Alarm Calls	0
Citizen Contacts	1,051
Burglary of a hab/bldg.	0
Disturbance (phys/verb)	1
EMS/Fire/MVA	0
Other agency assist	0
Other (non-specific)	2
Property Checks	178
Suspicious per/veh/cir	0
Traffic Complaints	15
911 Hang Ups	0
Barking Dog	0
Traffic Citations	0
Traffic Warnings	0
Event Totals	1,247

They're Coming!

Without the benefit of Google maps or Waze, they travel thousands of miles every year and know exactly where they're going. Who are we talking about? Migratory birds, of course. About 40% of the total number of birds in the world migrate. Bar-headed geese are the highest flying and can reach heights of 5.5 miles above sea level, the altitude needed to clear the Himalayas in India. The Arctic tern travels the farthest—around 50,000 miles/year.

Why do millions of birds risk their lives to fly to different locations each spring and fall? Simply stated, it's for survival. Food availability is the number one reason but migration is a risky business. Billions of birds are killed along their journey. Harsh weather conditions is one reason but urban sprawl tops the list. Up to one billion die every year due to window collisions and about 7 million die from strikes with radio and TV towers.

But how do they know where they're going? Researchers believe that birds have a mineral substance above their beaks called magnetite. It helps them determine the earth's magnetic field so they can find true north. They also use sunrise and sunset to distinguish between east and west. Night flyers will use the moon and constellations to help guide them. Birds also learn to recognize landmarks like mountains and rivers. And how do they know when to go? Birds can "feel" when it's time to go. Outside temperatures and shorter daylight hours trigger a hormone in birds. For a couple of weeks prior to leaving, they eat more than usual and often times will double in weight. The extra weight will help them survive their long journey.

Spring is in the air and many species of migratory birds are headed our way to spend the summer. They'll be busy building nests and raising their young before heading out in the fall.

TWRC Wildlife Center has a great opportunity for all those interested in feeding and caring for baby birds. It's a wonderful experience! For more information, go to www.twrcwildlifecenter.org and click on "VOLUNTEER." There you'll find the Baby Bird Program listed.

TWRC Wildlife Center is a Houston-based wildlife rehabilitation and education center available to anyone needing assistance with wildlife. Check our website at www.twrcwildlifecenter.org or call 713-468-TWRC and don't forget to donate so we can continue to help wildlife as we've done for 36 years.



Fitness Center/Recreation Center Lobby

Anyone under the age of 18 is not allowed in the fitness center unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The recreation center lobby is not to be used as a gathering place for kids to socialize. The Association is asking for all homeowners who use these facilities to help with watching over these areas. If a child is under the age of 18 and is in the fitness center without a parent or guardian or appears to be simply loitering in the lobby, please politely ask them to leave. Thank you.

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
CCB Property Management	281-793-8938
Best Trash	<u>281-313-2378</u>
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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