

# Durham Park Newsletter

## Fall 2018

### 2018 Board of Directors

Virginia Malone – President  
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Nancy Young – Activities  
Virginia Malone – ACC

Laurie Buchanan – Treasurer  
Kristin Giuoco – Secretary  
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### Durhampark.info

This is your go to place for meetings, events, news, forms & official documents, such as deed restrictions and bylaws. [www.durhampark.info](http://www.durhampark.info)

### Dates to Remember

**October 8** – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Regular Board meeting @7pm  
**October 27** – Community Hayride  
**October 31** – DPA Candidate Statements due  
**November 12** – Regular Board meeting  
**December 10** – Regular Board meeting  
**December 15** – Christmas Party  
**Jan 14** – Annual/Regular Board meeting, votes counted.

### Looking for Candidates

There are **three** positions opening on the Board of Directors for Durham Park Association. All of the positions will have three year terms. Once the three open positions are filled, the Board will then vote to place the new Directors into specific positions on the Board. If you are interested in serving our community on the Board of Directors and are committed to donating your time, you can find more information attached regarding how to submit your request for candidacy.

### Pool News

Hey all, the pool is still open and will remain open until after Sept. 30. Weather permitting we will keep it open until the first or second weekend in Oct. I will send an email to all pool members as soon as a closure date has been set. Until then, continue to enjoy it! We are looking into installing a gate that would lock automatically. That would eliminate the problem of the pool being left unlocked sometimes. Shout out to Bill Peek and Sam Manning for maintaining the pool, George Barrett for mowing the pool area, the DPA board members for helping out, and all of the pool members who helped keep the pool area clean.

### Annual Lot Assessments

As of August 31st, 187 out of 203 property owners have paid their 2018 lot assessment fees. If anyone would like to clear up their outstanding balance by using a payment plan, you can send an email to [treasurer@durhampark.info](mailto:treasurer@durhampark.info) or call Laurie Buchanan at (325) 518-0341.

### Durham Park Annual Hayride Saturday, October 27th

We are gearing up for our annual hayride!

We are looking to borrow 60-75 square hay bales to use on trailers for everyone to sit on. Volunteers would pick up Saturday prior to the hayride and could bring back that evening.

#### Volunteers needed:

- Candy stops - 10 -12 houses to hand out candy
- Trailers available for riders
- Drivers for trailers
- 2 adults per trailer to monitor riders
- 60-75 square hay bales for use during hayride

Please contact Nancy at:  
[activities@durhampark.info](mailto:activities@durhampark.info)

#### As a reminder:

- Children of all ages must have an adult riding with them to participate
- Waivers must be signed by adult for each rider prior to the trailer leaving the park
- 5:30 p.m. - Trailers, drivers and trailer monitors meet at park.
- 6:00 p.m. – Hayride begins. We leave the park- All waivers signed, riders on trailers

### New Neighbor Welcome

So far this year we have 18 new property owners, with more to come. Welcome to all!

### **Fall Maintenance Tips**

After receiving nearly 10 inches of rain in a little over a week, our work on the ponds flooding issues is at a stand still. Oh well, you can't control Mother Nature. But with that being said, surely fall is just around the corner. And with that, cooler weather is bound to be soon. Here are just a couple of tips for the season:

1. Call your local chimney sweep to clean your fireplace. If you are a frequent user, your chimney should be cleaned every three (3) years.
2. Change out those batteries in your smoke alarm.
3. The burn band has been lifted. Before burning you must call WILCO @ 512-864-8323 and report. ALL burns must be completely out by dusk.
3. A fall cleanup is still possible. Watch the Durham Park Bulletin for more information.

Thanks for those who volunteer their services for the good of our neighborhood.

### **Community Building News**

Durham Park's community building was once part of the estate known as Hurricane Hall. It was one of the largest cattle ranches in the area. It is available for residents to use for birthday parties, graduation parties, family reunions, poker games, etc. If you haven't been inside the building recently, you should check it out. Thank you to Irineo Samaniego for volunteering to lay the donated laminate flooring down. It looks amazing!

### **We are now Emailing Newsletters!**

As the DPA board we are eager to find ways to better serve and communicate with residents in a more efficient and cost effective manner. One very easy, prompt and simple way to do this is using email for Newsletters, Annual Assessment invoices, etc. which saves multiple dollars compared to mailing information to over 200 residents.

If you would like to start receiving emailed communication, please go to [www.durhampark.info](http://www.durhampark.info) and complete the Release for Notification by Email form and return it to us at 800 Glasscock Rd, Liberty Hill, TX 78642.

### **ACC Reminder**

The Durham Park Deed Restrictions state that all improvements and livestock must have prior approval from the Architectural Control Committee (ACC). Applications are posted at [www.durhampark.info](http://www.durhampark.info). The ACC generally completes all applications in less than a week.

### **Deed Restrictions Update**

We have a Focus Group of community members who have been meeting diligently to review and propose changes to our current Deed Restrictions which will be up for revision in 2020. Their deadline to provide inputs to the board is September 30<sup>th</sup>.

The next step is the formation of a Deed Restriction Committee. They will review the recommendations and determine if any additions/deletions should be recommended and provide a finalized committee document to the current board by Dec 15<sup>th</sup>.

The document will then be submitted for legal review. Once that is done and any appropriate/required changes are completed, the document will be sent to the property owners for review by the end of March 2019.

The board will address all concerns, both written and oral during the May 2019 Board Meeting. If needed, special meetings will be set up to go over the proposed updates.

Each suggested change will be voted on as a separate item. Ballot vote November/December 2019

Approved changes will be recorded with Williamson County as part of the official records of the Association.

### **Calling all Volunteers**

Volunteering to help at events, helping to maintain the park grounds, or giving input in your area of expertise will enhance the commitment of making this a community to be proud of.

To VOLUNTEER to help at events or to help with maintenance contact the board by letter at 800 Glasscock Rd, Liberty Hill, TX 78642 or by email.

Our email is [board@durhampark.info](mailto:board@durhampark.info)

**Speed Limit – 30 MPH** Please remember that it could be your neighbor, their child, or a pet that you may be endangering. It could also be your own family. Be mindful. The time you save is not worth it.