

# Durham Park Newsletter

## May 2018

### 2018 Board of Directors

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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

**May 12** - Volunteer Work Day, 9am-12pm

**May 14** – Next regular Board meeting at 7:00 pm at 800 Glasscock Road

**May 26** – Summer Splash & Pool Opening

### Volunteer Work Day on May 12th

Please come and help us beautify our park! Bring your push mower, rake, shovel, weedeater, spade, saw, hedge clippers and don't forget your gloves. We will be working from 9am to 12pm, but feel free to stop by and help as much or little as you can. Hope to see you there!

### Happy Spring Durham Park!

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 200 residents. Your information will NOT be shared and will be used for DPA communication only.

Please find the attached Release for Notification by Email in your packet. You will notice there is a blue raffle ticket attached to the form. Please fill out the information completely, tear off the bottom ticket (leaving the one stapled attached to the form) and return the form to us by May 20<sup>th</sup> for your **chance to win a \$25.00 gift card!**

You may drop your form off at the Community Park mailbox (800 Glasscock Rd) located by the entrance or mail it to the DPA, 800 Glasscock Rd, Liberty Hill, TX 78642.

The drawing will take place at the Summer Splash/Pool Opening event on Saturday, May 26th. If you are unable to attend the fun filled event, the winner will be notified by email and announced at the next board meeting.

### Pool News

Pool opens on May 26 at 12:00 noon. A season pass can be purchased for \$150. A two-day pass is available for \$25. The requirements for membership is as follows:

- Must be current on assessments
- Must read and follow the Park/Pool rules.
- Must sign the release of liability form.
- Must turn in all paperwork along with check made out to Durham Park Association

More information is available at [www.durhampark.info](http://www.durhampark.info) or go by the Community Building and pick up the pool rules and application found in the flyer box by the front door. Contact person is Becky Barrett (vice-president of the DPA), who can be reached at the above website. Come join the fun!

### Summer Splash Party

Join us for food, fun, and a **FREE day of swimming!** We will have a petting zoo from 10:30am - 12pm, food from 12 - 2pm, and the pool opens at 12pm. Come out for as little or as long as you would like and get to know your neighbors better. **This is a free event open to all residents!**

### Community Building News

The Community Building is available for residents of Durham Park to use. It is a great place to have birthday parties, family reunions, showers, receptions, or meetings. With a new hot water heater and new AC/Heater, it might be just the place to host an upcoming event. Because of its many tables and chairs, it would be perfect for hosting a game night such as Poker, Bunco, Canasta, or Five Crown. There is a \$50 cleaning deposit that is refundable if the building is left clean after the event. You must be current with your assessments to take advantage of this wonderful amenity. Go to [www.durhampark.info](http://www.durhampark.info) for more information or to reach the contact person, Becky Barrett.

### Moving Forward

Do you have ideas for activities? Do you see some ways to improve the park? Are there any changes in Durham Park that you would like to see implemented? Send your ideas to [board@durhampark.info](mailto:board@durhampark.info)

### Assessments

WOW Durham Park! Way to Go! Out of 200 property owners, only 5 have a balance due in their accounts for 2017. We ask that you please make every attempt to pay your assessments on time to avoid fees, fines, and the possibility of liens on your property for the non-payment of assessments. Payment plans are always available. Please contact [treasurer@durhampark.info](mailto:treasurer@durhampark.info) for more information.

### Deed Restrictions Update

The Board voted in the April meeting to form a committee of community property owners to review and make suggested updates to our Deed Restrictions. Per the Deed Restrictions, they can be updated in the year 2020. This may be a long process and the community as a whole will have to vote on any changes. Thus the reason we want to start so early. If interested in being a part of the committee, please send your request with your contact information to [board@durhampark.info](mailto:board@durhampark.info). A board member will contact you to discuss the process.

### Welcome Corner

We want to welcome all newcomers to the neighborhood for Jan – April:

- Shannon & Caroline Scott
- Jeremiah & Cheryl Richards
- Karen Taylor
- Eber & Sandi Jaramillo
- Stephen & Alexandra McStay
- Mario & Claudia Ibarra, along with Jesus Torres & Laura Isaias
- Newham Holdings, LLC
- Jose Maclas-Duarte Family
- Bradley & Melissa Katt
- Shelby Ward & Owen Hankle

### Street Lights

We have 29 street lights here in the community that are paid for out of your assessment funds. Each pole has a number attached to it for reference. If you see that one is not working, please contact Laurie Buchanan with the location and pole number at (325) 518-0341 or email [treasurer@durhampark.info](mailto:treasurer@durhampark.info) and she will schedule PEC to come check it out.

### FYI – Political Signs

Durham Park Deed Restrictions prohibit the posting of political signs. **However**, Texas Property codes supersedes our deed restrictions allowing for political signs to be posted within 90 days before the election and to be removed within 10 days after.

**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.

### Spring Maintenance Tips and News

- If you didn't replace your smoke alarm batteries when we "fell back" last October, please "spring forward" and do it NOW. I'm not tryin' to be bossy, but they say "where there's smoke, there's fire" and we're not wanting to roast marshmallows at your place, you know?
- Air conditioners can't run efficiently if they are clogged with dirt and grass, so it's a good idea to change your AC filters once a month during mowing season.
- If you have purchased an existing home (and even if you haven't), you never know what has been put down your drain. Don't forget to treat your system regularly. Our motto: Be kind to your septic system and it will be kind to you.
- A frog strangling rain (For this, we can only hope!) could leave behind standing water... and any standing water can quickly bring on mosquito infestations. Please prevent puddles and dry up dribbles, whatever the source.
- "I have always wanted to have a neighbor just like you!" ...If you have time on your hands, want to meet your neighbors, and will offer to help keep our community looking great, volunteer your help on May 12 from 9 to noon at the park. Then bring your work gloves and tools, pick-up truck, tractor, or backhoe... or offer to provide refreshments for those who come to work... Volunteers keep HOA costs down! "Won't you be our neighbor?"

### Architectural Control Committee

Construction has been going on at a near record pace here in Durham Park. Please remember that if you want to build a house, shed, put up a fence or bring animals onto your property, you must send in a completed Application for Approval form. The ACC will return the form to you within 7 business days. You can find the forms at [www.durhampark.info](http://www.durhampark.info)

### Easter Egg Hunt

Big "THANK YOU" to all the neighbors and volunteers who helped make the event a success by donating eggs, candy and raffle baskets - as well as stuffing eggs, helping to hide them and clean up afterward. Also, a big shout out to Sue for bringing the Easter Bunny to the park again.

### Tax Status

The Amendment to our Articles of Incorporation was accepted by the Secretary of State realigning us to file our IRS taxes as a Non-Profit Homeowners Association. Documentation was provided to our CPA for filing the IRS forms. Once everything has been processed by the IRS an update will be given.