

February and March 2008



Developers Report

Thanks for the Input

...And Your Winner is: Rambler

Congratulations to all our neighbors who participated by providing their feedback to help name the official Ranch at Brushy Creek HOA newsletter!

There was a two-way tie in the survey, each choice receiving 44% of the vote.

Additionally, we received some creative write-in names from a few clever residents, including:

Street Beat at Brushy Creek

Brushin' Up with the Ranch at Brushy Creek.

It was a tough choice, but The Public Relations Committee held a runoff and *RBC Rambler* narrowly defeated *RBC News*.

More Survey results pg 2.

Much progress has been made since our last update. As anticipated the Section 3 and 5 streets were paved in December, extending North Frontier further into the project. General cleanup and landscape installation will occur thru January and into February in these areas. Newmark's Section 4 is scheduled to begin paving in late January. Initial street clearing and utility trenching is underway in a new section of lots being developed by Newmark north of Ranch Trails, Section 6.

Over the next few weeks you will notice several changes occurring at the main entry on Parmer Lane. The Entry is getting a facelift which will include erecting a larger sign on the NE corner of Ranch Trails and Parmer Lane. Construction is scheduled to start the week of January 14th and should be finished by the end of March. During this time, the entry will look like a construction zone. This work is being paid for by the developer and will ultimately be maintained by the HOA. ***

Also, solar mailbox lighting systems have been ordered for each kiosk. Due to the long lead time on these systems, delivery and installation is expected to occur in early to mid March. The lights are motion activated and have proven to be very durable and effective in other communities.

We have also been working on updating the community website at www.theranchatbrushycreek.net. There you can find useful information related to homebuilders in the community, area amenities and a link to the HOA Calendar and Events Page. A link to Goodwin TX's (the management company) website is provided to request items such as ARC Applications, Pool Keys, Deed Violation Forms, etc. We will constantly be updating the HOA portion of this website as new events and notices are posted. ***You may go to the Community Update page in the HOA section of the website, to see an artist rendering of the new entry. (Please know that is image is conceptual and that the final product will differ from the rendering.)

The Silverado Austin Development Team

More About Your Website Resource

In addition to Newsletter Archives and a Community Calendar, www.theranchatbrushycreek.net also provides information on builders, area attractions, and your HOA.

In the HOA section, go to the Community Update area to see the rendering of the new entry at Parmer Lane. While there, click into the color pictures of winning homes for the:

Holiday Tour of Lights!

- \$75 GRAND PRIZE.....412 Buckridge
- \$50 Second Place.....3803 Turkey Bend Path
- \$25 Third Place.....3608 Turkey Bend Path

Newsletter Production and Scheduling

PLEASE SLOW DOWN



Keep Kids SAFE

The *Rambler* is published bi-monthly by the HOA. Delivery is the last week of every other month. E-mail rbcnewsletter@gmail.com for complete details on newsletter advertising and article submission deadlines. *Thank You.*

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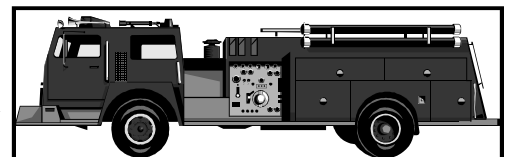
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Want to get Involved?

The Neighborhood Watch Committee is seeking a Chairperson. Contact Acting Chair, Erin Willms, or Resident Board Member, Christy Pardee to learn how you can help.



SPECIAL THANKS

to the Cedar Park Fire Dept for bringing Santa to RBC !!!

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????? RBC Riddler ?????

I run without legs; when it's hot I'm your friend,
 but too much of me can be your worst enemy;
 I'm clear but you can see me, **What am I?**
 ? ? *See page 4, bottom right for answers.* ? ?

Draw lines Match circles and squares:

KIDZ KORNER

Manatee (circle) ALASKA (square) Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep (circle)
 Black Bear (circle) TEXAS (square) CALIFORNIA (square) Bison (circle)
 HAWAII (square) Humpback Whale (circle) Longhorn (circle) California Grizzly Bear (circle)
 FLORIDA (square) MOOSE (circle) COLORADO (square) NEW MEXICO (square) OKLAHOMA (square)

Where Your Kids Can Eat Free in Austin

Several places where Children can eat free in the Austin area, times vary. (Call locations for more details):

Monday

- Margaritas
- Hangtown Grill
- GattiLand
*moms eat free
- TGI Friday's
+ free animal balloons
- Texadelphia South
- Zuzu
after 6:00 p.m.
- Double Daves Pizza, Serranos, La Salsa and Joes Crab Shack

Tuesday

- Kerbey Lane Café
- Spaghetti Warehouse
after 6:00pm
- Fazoli's
*kids eat for \$0.99 from 5 – 8:00 p.m.
- Denny's
*4:00 – 10:00 p.m.
- Chick-fil-A
*after 5:00 p.m.
- Bennigan's
*after 5:00 p.m.
- Zuzu
*after 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

- EZ's – all day
- Luby's
*after 4:30 p.m.
- Moe's Southwest Grill
*after 5:00 p.m.
- Central Market
*after 5:00 p.m.
- Zen
*after 5:00 p.m.

Saturday

- Luby's – all day
- Texas Land & Cattle
*11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday

- Zen – all day
- Souper Salad
kids aged 3-5 eat for \$0.50;
kids aged 6-12 eat for \$0.99
- Texadelphia
only certain locations

All Week

- IHOP
*4:00 – 10:00 p.m.
- Cici's Pizza
kids under 3 eat free

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Survey Results:

Preferred Topics
 Community Calendar, Classifieds, Kidz Korner

****Also Receiving**
Multiple Preferred Votes:
 Pets' Place, Food Flair,
 Web World

Least Interest:
 Motivational
 Minute

A Letter from Chief Connealy, Cedar Park Fire Department

The City of Cedar Park is projecting an April 2008 opening for Fire Station 4, located at 150 Church Park Rd. in the Ranch at Brushy Creek neighborhood. There will be 15 firefighters assigned to this fire station. Williamson County EMS will possibly operate an ambulance in this station as well. The Cedar Park Fire Department will have an Engine, Brush Truck, Mini-Rescue and a Hazardous Materials/Incident Command Trailer located in the station. There will be a minimum of four firefighters on duty 24/7/365. The City is very excited about opening this fire station to improve response times on the east side of the city. The City Council and City Manager have been very supportive in getting this station opened. The City has hired the 15 firefighters to staff this facility over three budget years to better manage this significant amount of additional personnel to the budget. The Cedar Park Fire Department will be good neighbors and work with the community to minimize the sounds of sirens and other factors associated with having a fire station in the community. We look forward to meeting everyone in the neighborhood during a Fire Station Dedication Ceremony to be scheduled sometime in April. We will utilize the media and place signage in the neighborhood to let residents know the date of the event.

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Landscaping Tips

Ranch at Brushy Creek: COMMUNITY UPDATES

Two bids have been received to construct the Path connecting to Brushy Creek Park. The Board hopes to have construction begin by second week in February so that path is finished by no later than end of March '08. We are building parallel to Brushy Creek road, connecting Arrowhead Trail and the existing Church sidewalk to the west. This piece of sidewalk will complete the path from Arrowhead Trail all the way to the Brushy Creek Lake Park and Parmer Lane.

The new City Park is scheduled to open at mid-March. Only landscaping, the paint on the basketball court, the shower, drinking fountain and the park sign itself remain to be completed.

The city has approved zoning changes, allowing mixed use and retail for the tracts in front of the existing housing. They've also added a 50 foot green space set back along the boundary between the housing and the now vacant property. The large Business development north of Ranch Trails is now a combination of office use along Parmer with the remaining 105 acres remaining as business development.

The City of Cedar Park owns the majority of the land behind the part of Turkey Path that faces the greenbelt. The City will maintain this area and home owners really do not have authority to mow on City of Cedar Park land without a license agreement from the City.

February

It's time to prune your roses, if you haven't already.

You can prune your evergreens and summer blooming shrubs but DO NOT prune spring bloomers. You'll be cutting off spring flowers.

Good time to clean up Crape Myrtles. Recommend minor pruning for shaping.

Cut back ornamental grasses to 6", or so, above ground. This will make a prettier plant when new growth starts this spring.

Start your bed preparation with compost, composted manure and other organic materials.

March

The last freeze usually occurs before mid month. It's time for your garden to take off. Plant your spring annuals – Petunias, Dianthus, Lantana, Begonias, etc.

Your lawn is ready for spring treatments such as aerating. Apply organic fertilizer and compost.

Good time to plant trees and shrubs so they're established before the dreaded heat.

March is Live Oak leaf and Oak bloom season. Keep the rakes and antihistamines ready!

(adapted from Austin Gardener)
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INPUT REQUESTED

The ARC/Landscape Committee is gathering information on how residents would like the gas line and access greenbelts to appear. We would like **YOUR**

INPUT! Please keep project costs and maintenance in mind as you make your suggestions. Your thoughts can be included by e-mailing Byron Stephens: byronndeb@earthlink.net.

Upcoming Social Events Brought to you by your RBC HOA

Event dates and times are tentative and subject to change. If you would like more information or are interested in sponsoring an event please contact the Social Committee.

Date/Time	Event
March 15th 10am	Easter Egg Hunt
April 2008	Community Garage Sale

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Services provided by the RBC Residents; Free listings for RBC kids !

Babysitting	Carly Reid	512-388-8232	13 years old with past babysitting experience
Babysitting	Elisabeth Rodriguez	512-255-5427	Please call for prices
Babysitting	Jordan Smith	512-804-9777	13 years old, also with past babysitting experience
Babysitting	Kayla Brandvold	512-246-3928	Red Cross Certified, CPR training; practice on two younger brothers
Babysitting	Lauren Hamaker	512-331-5850	9th grader, Red Cross Certified, CPR training
Babysitting	Monique Jones	512-433-6688	8th grader w/three years experience with children ages 3 & up
Pet sitting	Paige Bouldin	512-276-5241	Good with Animals...Loves Pets

February and March 2008 Dates to Remember

Feb 2nd Mardi Gras 5K
St. Gabriel's Catholic School 2500 Wimberley Ln. Austin TX 78735
512-327-7755

Feb 4th **WORLD WRESTLING ENTERTAINMENT**, 7:00pm. Erwin Center 512-477-6060

Feb 14th-17th **SESAME STREET LIVE, "When Elmo Grows Up"**
Erwin Ctr. 512-477-6060

Feb 29th - March 15th **Star of Texas Fair & Rodeo** Seventeen days of Country Music, Rodeo and Stockshow in 8 counties. Travis County Expo Center, 512-919-3000

***Austin Zoo**, Daily: 10am-6pm Petting Zoo, Rides, Field Trips, Special Events, 60 species & 200 animals. 1087 Rawhide Trail, Austin, Info:(512) 288-1490

March 1st—2nd **TEXAS STATE ARTS FESTIVAL**, 10:00am - 10:00pm Texas Crafts, food, music . Info: (512) 441-9015

March 2nd **WINNIE THE POOH**, 2:00pm & 4:30pm. Eeyore, Rabbit, Piglet, Owl, Kanga, Roo, Pooh in an Enchanting musical, Paramount Theatre , call 1-866-443-8849

March 2nd **Kite Festival at Zilker Park**, registration starts 12:00pm Admission: Free Zilker Park, Info:(512) 647-7488

March 7th - 16th, 2008 **SOUTH BY SOUTH WEST CONFERENCE + FESTIVALS**, Annual Music, Media and Film Festival, Venues vary with artist, Austin. (512)-467-7979

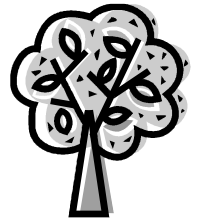
***Austin Steam Train Association**, Ride the Texas Hill Country Flyer, Cedar Park Dept 512-477-8468 x 13

***Giant Chess**, 1- 3pm, free, Knee-High pieces available Saturdays. Wooldridge Square Guadalupe Austin, (512) 477-1566

Neighborly Tips – Go Green!

Thanks to our new waste removal service provider, Red River Waste Solutions, recycling is now easier than ever.

You can use the green recycling bin that you should have received along with your new trashcan, to help in reducing landfill waste.



According to the City of Cedar Park website, the following materials may be recycled: corrugated cardboard, plastic bottles with the lids removed, all empty steel and tin cans, clean dry paper including newspapers, inserts, magazines, phone books, mail and other office paper, box-board including shoe boxes and cereal boxes with liners removed.

Simply place all recyclable materials in your recycling bin alongside your trashcan for Friday pick-up.

—Submitted by Kelsey Byron

Matching Answers below: (www.stateanimals.com)

Alaska Moose	Hawaii Humpback Whale
California Grizzly Bear	New Mexico Black Bear
Colorado Rocky Mountain Bighorn Sheep	Oklahoma Bison
Florida Manatee	Texas Longhorn

***Riddler**—Unscramble the letters for answer: **ratew**