

The Providence Times



Fall Fun!

Adult KICKBALL

Sign-ups on Sat, Sept. 9th

*Pancake
Breakfast*

Sat, October 7th

Sat, October 21st

*Barktoberfest and
Movie In The Park*



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* "Gathering Room" in the Clubhouse

Questions about your HOA Account?
 Call Premier Communities
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Say "Hello" to Your New Neighbors

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SAMUEL BOOTH
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Clubhouse Hours:
 Mon-Fri 9am - 6pm
 Sat & Sun 10am - 7pm
 Closed everyday Noon - 1pm (lunch)

Pool Hours:
 10am - 10pm
 Clubhouse Pool closed Mondays
 Harbor Village Pool closed Tuesdays

After Labor Day:
 Clubhouse Pool will be open weekends only through September 17th
 Harbor Island Pool will stay open (except for Tuesday cleanings) until September 30th.

HOA Orientations:
 RSVP 440-2200

Enforcement Violations - June 2006

LAWNS- 252 FENCE LINE- 26
 TRASH- 5 DEAD TREES- 75
 SALE/ LEASE SIGNS- 63

Enforcement Violations - July 2006

LAWNS- 170 FENCE LINE- 66
 TRASH- 47 DEAD TREES- 87
 SALE/ LEASE SIGNS- 5

FOR EMERGENCIES CALL 911

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 1-877-423-2743

Denton Co. Sheriff's Dept
 Non-Emergency 940-349-1600

Aubrey Fire Dept.
 Non-Emergency 940-365-9785

Electricity: Co-Serve
 1-800-566-2314

Telephone: Southwestern Bell
 1-800-464-7928

Water: Mustang Water
 940-440-9561

Garbage: Waste Management
 1-800-772-8653

CONTEST CONTEST CONTEST

Every newsletter will contain a resident's address embedded randomly within an article. Find the address and, *if it is your address*, come by the HOA office during business hours to claim your prize: a \$25 gift certificate¹. For example:

You can get a deep green lawn using 1234 Providence Boulevard a high nitrogen fertilizer.

The person who resides at 1234 Providence Boulevard will have until **September 30** to claim his or her prize. Please bring a valid picture ID and current billing statement.

¹The gift certificates are sponsored by the Developer.

Big Changes!

Fresh New Looks For Website & Newsletter!

Newly Designed Website Launches

The Providence Homeowners Association website will be getting a facelift. Along with the new look, expect some new and improved features- like a bigger picture gallery so you can see more of the fun that happens at Providence. We hope that you'll find the new site informative and user-friendly.

The new design is expected to launch around the end of September, so keep checking out www.providencehoa.com. When the new site launches, you will need to register for access, even if you were registered with the previous site.

Newsletter Changes Format, Begins Accepting Advertising

As has been reported, the Providence Times will be changing its look. This issue is expected to be the final newsletter using the current format. Beginning with the November/December issue, the newsletter plans to take on a more "newspaper" style layout with more information and more input from the community at large.

We will also begin accepting advertising. If you or your company would like to take advantage of this opportunity, call Deborah Victory at 940-440-0077 ext 102.



Cynthia White Appointed Chair of Regional Transportation Council

Denton County Commissioner Cynthia White has been appointed to chair the Regional Transportation Council (RTC) and will assume her new role as Chair at the RTC's July 13, 2006 meeting.

The Regional Transportation Council is the transportation policy body of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and is made up of local elected city and county officials as well as transportation provider representatives. Some of the functions the RTC provides include the programming of federal and state funds for transportation projects, selecting specific federally funded projects and programs, providing guidance on the development of multimodal transportation plans and programs, and ensuring compliance with federal and state laws and regula-

tions as it relates to metropolitan transportation and air quality planning.

In addition to supporting regional transportation issues, White has been actively involved in several Denton County projects including the Lewisville Lake Bridge/FM 720, the extension of the Dallas North Tollway, advanced planning for the Outer Loop, and the expansion of FM 2181, FM 423 and FM 2499.

Michael Morris, the Executive Director of the RTC, says, "We look forward to the leadership Cynthia has demonstrated in Denton County and believe the region will benefit from her integrity and experience."

New Lake Filling Schedule

Many residents have been wondering about the schedule for filling the new lake. The Upper Trinity Regional Water District (UTRWD) did complete their water line in late June, but they are still constructing the water plant and pump

station. The actual fill schedule will also depend in large part on the current drought conditions. Once the filling process 9812 Lexington Drive begins, it could take up to 3 to 4 months to reach its planned water elevation.

Club Meets To Exchange Recipes

Do you have a collection of family recipes you would love the chance to share? Do you want to add to your recipe repertoire?

The Recipe Exchange Club meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 7 PM in the club house.

For more information, contact Arlene Murphy at ArleneRM2003@wmconnect.com.

New "Over 40" Club

If you were born in 1966 or before and if you have a pulse --- then this club is for you! The "Alive And Kicking Over 40's Social Club" has been formed so that people, regardless of their relationship status, can get together and socialize with others in our age group.

Some of the activities planned are: regular dinner outings, sporting events with tailgate parties, game nights, cookouts, trips to movies, plays, concerts, festivals, car rallies, you name it. We are not dead yet so let's live it up!

The first get together will be 7pm, Thursday, September 28th at the Providence Clubhouse. We look forward to seeing you. Contact Debra Ross at 940-393-5193 or ddsross@hotmail.com.

INdEpENDENCE WEEKEND CEIEbration

The Independence Weekend Celebration on July 1st was a huge birthday party for America!

The food was great and kids enjoyed an assortment of bounce houses where they could be rowdy in a safe environment. Then there was a parade! Trophies were awarded in categories such as "Kids/Bicycles", "Wagons/Strollers", "Classic Cars", "Floats" & "Marching Groups"... but truly all participants were winners. Live music was provided by TWO BANDS: "Genesis Metro" & "Channel 15".

As evening approached, many feared that a storm might dampen the fireworks display. However, we were in luck! The bad weather passed and Providence had one of the best fireworks displays many had ever seen.

A big thanks to all our wonderful sponsors: 1st Texoma Bank, Walmart, Point Bank, Presbyterian Hospital, Main Street Listings, Cook Children's Hospital, Golf Carts For Fun, Genesis Metro, Midway Church, Capital One, Cebridge, DoorKing, Vision Homes, DR Horton, Choice Homes, Red Roof Ventures and Papa's House Church.



Happy
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amERICA!



Providence Talent Show Was A Hit



The Providence Players Theatre Group presented the First Annual Providence Talent Show on Saturday, June 24th.

The talent show was a big success! Congratulations are in order to all the winners. In division 4-7 years, First Place went to Micky Baker, singing "Some Where Over The Rainbow". Division 8-

12 was a tie! First Place went to Alex Baker, singing "A Thousand Miles" and Felicity Miller, singing "Naked". In division 17 & Up, First Place went to Samuel Snyder playing 'Hey You' on his guitar. In the Group Acts division, First Place went to Hayden Budd and his band (STAB). Second Place was a tie! Jasmine & Ashleigh singing "Bob To The Top" and Alyssa Murphy-Hosford "Cooper & Company".



There is a lot of talent in Providence and the Providence Players would like to thank all the residents that came out to support them.



Come Out & Join The Fall Fun at...

The 2nd Annual

Barktoberfest



The Hospitality Committee is pleased to bring to you the "2nd Annual BARKTOBERFEST"!

BARKTOBERFEST will take place on Saturday, October 21st from 12-4pm at the Paul Revere Park "doggie park" (on the corner of Amherst & Davisville by the ballpark in the Creek Village). Come out and visit with local vets, groomers, pet-sitters, boarding kennels & much, much more!!

Scheduled events include:

- 1pm-** Pet Costume Contest (registration begins at 12:45pm)
- 2pm-** Providence Pet Tricks (registration begins at 1:45pm)
- 3pm-** Pet/Owner Look-a-like Contest (registration begins at 2:45pm)

Amazing prizes will be awarded to all contest winners! We ask that all pets be current on

vaccinations and be accompanied by an adult. Dr. Beall of the Aubrey Animal Medical Center will be on site to Micro Chip all pets. Those interested please e-mail the Hospitality Committee at hospitality@providencehoa.com.

And, Back By Popular Demand...

Movie In The Park

Also on October 21st, the Sports Committee will be hosting a Movie-in-the-Park.

The movie will have a Halloween theme. All kids and adults are encouraged to join their neighbors for a night to remember. Come out to the Ball Park in Creek Village around dusk (with a rainout date of October 28th).

Block Captains Needed

The Safety Committee is recruiting Block Captains!

A Block Captain is the liaison between your street and the Safety Committee. We are working with the Denton County Sheriff's Department to keep Providence safe. The time commitment is minimal but the benefits are big!

For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Maggie Millen at providencesafety@hotmail.com.



Landscape Committee Seeks Your Input

The Providence Landscape Committee recently re-formed and has big plans.

New for this year, the committee plans on having a "hands on approach". They will be happy to answer all homeowner's landscape/gardening questions. They request that you try to surprise them with your problems!

They also invite homeowners to email them and let them know if they would be interested in having a professional nurseryman come to Providence to conduct a seminar. Drop them a line at landscape@providencehoa.com.

The committee would welcome you at their meetings on the 2nd Wednesday each month at 7pm in the clubhouse.

Committees
Make It
Happen!

JOIN ONE!
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Communications Committee Seeks Members To Write For The New Providence Times

There is change ahead! The Providence Times is changing to a "newspaper" style" layout (See story on Page 3).

It is because of these changes that the Communications Committee is seeking volunteers more than ever. We are looking for people who would like to write for the paper - (all you "wanna be" journalists, here is your chance!) We are looking for interesting articles on our residents, helpful and informative articles about the community and the surrounding area, and just fun things to read. As a member of the Communications Committee, you could have a regular column in each newsletter published bi-monthly.

We are also always looking for unique, interesting photos that have been taken here in Providence. The best way to send them in is through email as jpegs, but "hard copies" are also accepted. Mail to:

Deborah Victory
Communications Director
809 Oakcrest Dr.
Providence Village, TX 76227

* Submitted photos won't be returned, so be sure to keep a copy for yourself!

Advertising space will now be available to local businesses. For Providence residents, a special rate is also available for business-card-size ads.

If you are interested, please notify Deborah Victory at 940-440-0077 ext.102, or email the Communications Committee at: communications@providencehoa.com.

Advice From The Landscape Committee During This Time Of Drought

We all seem to be having problems with our Landscape during this time of drought. Here are a few tips to help you get through.

Throughout this dry summer/fall, we recommend that you set your sprinkler system to water your lawn during the early morning hours before dawn; a good time would be around 5:30 am. The length of time would be 10 to 15 minutes, twice a week. That should be adequate to protect the turf.

Do you have a tree with leaves that look dried or are starting to curl at the edges? Here's a suggestion: Cut a PVC Plumbing Pipe the length of approximately 4' feet and place one end into the ground several feet from the base of the tree. For most trees in Providence, trees of 4" to 6" inches in diameter, installing the pipe one and a half feet from the tree base would be correct. The pipe only needs to be put into the ground a foot or so. When you are ready to water, place your garden hose end into the top of the PVC Pipe, then turn on the water at a slow rate, for 10 to 15 minutes. If your tree is really dying, you can repeat this step again in the late evening, opposite days. This allows you to water down into the root ball where the water is needed. It prevents water run off, and high water bills! This is also cheaper than replacing the tree! Many of the trees in Providence have not had ample time to become established. In a year or two, when the tree is established and healthy, the PVC pipe watering can be stopped.

One note about drought restrictions. There is some confusion within Providence about this. We are **not** under the same water restrictions as the Mustang Water Company. We are under the Fresh Water District. This confusion occurred because we receive our billing from Mustang Water. Check our website at providencehoa.com for the most recent Drought Stage news. As always, conserve water and respect this natural resource.

Family Pancake Breakfast

Date: Saturday October 7th
Time: 9am - 11am
Where: Clubhouse Kitchen
Fee: \$2 / adult, \$.50 / child

The Hospitality Committee would like to invite everyone to a Family Pancake Breakfast on Saturday October 7th. Bring the whole family and get to know your neighbors. For more information, contact the Hospitality Committee at:
hospitality@providencehoa.com.



Adult Kickball

Building on the success of their Adult Softball league, the Providence Sports Committee will be sponsoring Co-ed Adult Kickball this Fall. All talent levels are encouraged to participate, though you must be between the ages of 18 and 99.

Sign-ups will be held on Saturday, September 9th from 3:00 - 5:00PM at the Providence Clubhouse.

Contact sports@providencehoa.com for more information!

Playgroup Plans Fun This Fall

The Providence Playgroup will resume this Fall with a variety of fun activities scheduled on Wednesdays, such as trips to the Pumpkin Patch, Indoor Bounce House, Fort Worth Zoo and much more.

For more detail, just email Taryn Young...
providenceplaygroup@yahoo.com.

Book Club Meeting At Turelli's

In September, the book club will be meeting off-site at Turelli's Restaurant in Frisco. They will meet there at 7:00 PM on Thursday, September 14 for dinner and a discussion of **The Memory Keeper's Daughter by Kim Edwards**.

On October 12, they will meet at the clubhouse in the Gathering Room at 7:00 PM. The book selection for October has not been determined at this time. New readers are always welcome and can contact Mary Guy via phone, 469-235-6385 or email, marycguy@gmail.com for more information.

Cowboys Season Opener... Save The Date!

Football season is upon us once again! The Sports Committee will be celebrating the Dallas Cowboys home opener at the Clubhouse with food, drinks and fun. The game is on Sunday, September 17 at 8:15pm. We hope to see you there!



Pool Season Comes To A Close

It's been a long, hot summer. Hopefully you've spent your share of it lounging by the pool. Get out there now - swim, splash and play - because summer is winding down.

After Labor Day, the Clubhouse pool will be open weekends only, 10am to 10pm, through September 17th. However, for those who just aren't ready for summer to end, the Harbor Island pool will stay open, 10am to 10pm (except for Tuesday cleanings) until September 30th.

After that, pool season will end... until next spring!

FUNDING OUR LIBRARIES

By Cynthia White, County Commissioner

Every year the budget comes around like clock work. It's the typical scene that most people face in their personal budgets and their work budgets; the demand seems to outpace the resources. All items are on the table and evaluated given the most recent data available.

Libraries provide a valuable service to the residents of our communities but, perhaps more importantly, Denton County's funding of libraries, at its heart, allows access to all libraries by all residents particularly those who live in the unincorporated areas. Denton County Commissioners Court recently adopted a new Library Funding Policy and 1.0 of that policy reads, "The purpose of Denton County contributing funds to city libraries located within Denton County is to allow all residents the same type of library services and programs that are available throughout the County and for those services and programs to be provided at no additional cost to the citizens of the County."

I have been and continue to be a strong supporter of Library Funding for many reasons including the belief that access to information (which leads to a greater opportunity for an educated and well-informed citizenry) benefits the community at large in myriad ways. At the same time, over the past several years, unfunded state mandates, exploding growth and transportation demands whittle down the opportunity for discretionary budget decisions. In other words, well over ¾ of Denton County's entire budget is pre-determined by mandatory expenses (in a personal budget this could be likened to house payments, rent and utility bills).

Let's review Denton County's history of funding libraries. In fiscal year 2002 Denton County funded libraries \$707,319, in FY 2003 - \$744,498, in FY 2004 - \$790,813, in FY 2005 - \$686,847, in FY 2006 - \$549,842 and the recommended budget for FY 2007 - \$549,842. There has been debate over the past several years on how much to fund

libraries and how to fund libraries. Limited space keeps me from chronicling some of those debates. Let me just state that I believe the most equitable method of funding libraries is based on a per capita rate. While budgetary constraints may keep reducing the per capita rate, I support keeping level funding for libraries vs. cutting the bottom line dollar amount received. Translated to dollar amounts that means that I support allocating \$549,842 to libraries this year which is the same dollar amount they received last year and I believe there is at least one other commissioner, if not two or three, that agree.





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Developer's Corner

By J.C. Hughes, Huffines Communities

New Villages, New Amenities

The Huffines Communities and our builders (Choice Homes, D. R. Horton, and Vision Homes) would like to announce the opening of three new villages, Island, Harbor and Seaside, on the west side of FM-2931, just north of Highway 380. Cape Cod Boulevard will serve as the main entrance to the new villages west of FM 2931 and to the Creek Village on the East side of FM 2931.

The new landscaped entries on Cape Cod are nearly complete and will serve as the picture per-

fect gateway into the new villages. The new area includes portions of Eagle, Harbor, Island, and Seaside Villages. The new villages will be home to over 900 new families.

Amenities include a new salt water pool complex, a tennis court complex, eight new parks (three opened this summer), two new lakes (both opened this summer), and a new 2,500 sq. ft pavilion which is scheduled to open prior to Thanksgiving 2006. The pool complex sports a Junior Olympic

pool, adult pool, two kiddie pools, and a splash station (opened earlier this summer). These amenities are in addition to the numerous trails around the lakes and parks. A location is also reserved as a potential future elementary school site for the Aubrey Independent School District.

Please take the time to welcome your new Providence Village neighbors on the west side of FM-2931 and watch your community grow.