The Dominion News

A Dominion HOA Publication

February 2009

Your board is working hard to keep *The Dominion* beautiful and safe, by developing and updating HOA procedures, managing our resources, scheduling repairs to HOA owned roads structures, and working with city, county, and regional authorities to assure our voice is heard.

We want you to get the latest news – please, let us have your email address and update it with the HOA as needed. We pledge that your email address will not be given out to anybody.

February 2009 Newsletter - Topics

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- April 20 – Annual HOA Meeting

In addition to the newsletter you can always get information at our regularly updated website:
www.dominionhoa.com

New HOA Office
Construction on the new HOA office building is continuing apace. We hope you like the looks of our future "city hall" in the oak grove near the main gate. Watch your newsletter for an invitation to the grand opening in early summer.

Safe Street Signs and House Numbers
Legibility and visibility of street signs, particularly at night, and easy visibility of house numbers from the street were two of the top items identified in our recent drive-through with SAFD. They determine how fast EMS and fire protection can find your home.
The Dominion Street Committee is working hard on a complete census of street intersections and relevant placement specifications, so we can issue an RFP for new, more legible street signs. This will be a major new expense item and thus requires review by the Finance Committee.
Meanwhile every homeowner can make sure their house number is really visible from the street; perhaps some shrubs need to be trimmed or the paint needs to be refreshed. Illumination by spotlight can make a big difference at night; we recommend considering solar spot lights where hardwiring a new light is difficult.

Safety Information for Homeowners
The Disaster Committee under the leadership of Dr. Bob Lee continues to work on:
1 - A specific set of recommendations for Dominion homeowners, to lessen the risk of a disastrous fire in a home.
2 - A specific set of recommendations for Dominion homeowners about what to do in case of a disaster within the home.

New Law: Annual Dog Permits
In the City of San Antonio, as of January 1, 2009, any owner or keeper of a dog six months old or older that is not spayed or neutered <u>must obtain an annual dog permit</u>. Get a permit application on the City of

San Antonio Animal Care Service website www.saacs.net or by calling 207-6652. That department will also help you get your pet spayed or neutered. Noncompliance can result in citations and mandatory court appearances.

Water Rationing in Sight

Due to the continuing, extreme drought conditions in Central Texas, all homeowners are alerted that water rationing is just around the corner. Please, select your annual plantings for Spring and Summer accordingly; you will be grateful later.

Here's a tip: **SAWS** will come to your house and conduct a free **Residential Home Water Survey,** which includes checking interior and exterior for leaks, specific suggestions on how to lower your water usage, and general conservation tips.

To schedule a survey, residents can contact the **SAWS Water Conservation Dept** at 210-233-3689.

Major Street Repairs

After extensive planning involving the Street Committee, the Finance Committee, consulting engineers, and HOA staff, we are getting close to awarding the contract for the major repairs necessary on Dominion and on Brenthurst. The repair sites for action during this calendar year were selected based on structural necessity, traffic load, and financial resources; luckily, petroleum, the major ingredient in asphalt, is now cheaper than last year and we will get more '*bang for our buck.*'

Construction on IH-10

Our "Front Entrance" should be completed in March 2009. Landscape and irrigation will begin as soon as TXDoT has vacated the area. Through friendly negotiation we were able to keep our signature stone lanterns, even though they are now on the TXDoT right-of-way.

The latest news is that our brand-new westbound exit from IH-10 to Dominion Drive will be ready in September 2009. Ultimately the access roads on both sides between Camp Bullis Road and Dominion Drive will be one-way, however both access roads from Dominion Drive on outward will continue to carry two-way traffic for the foreseeable future.
We will experience major delays at the Camp Bullis intersection for another year, till bridge, underpass, and U-turns are complete. Your HOA will continue to update you on changes in traffic patterns.

Joint Land Use Study – Camp Bullis Area
The Dominion has a representative on the Executive Committee for the Joint Land Use Study concerning the area around Camp Bullis. Results of this effort will be open for public review and comment in March 2009. We will keep you posted on developments.

Meetings with Candidates for Mayor and City Council Dist.8
Put this on your calendar: The HOA, the Dominion Civic Awareness Committee (*Dominion PAC*), and the Dominion Country Club will jointly host two candidates' forums:

- Candidates for Mayor on Tuesday, April 7
- Candidates for City Council Dist. 8 on Thursday, April 9

All Dominion residents are invited to attend and to ask probing questions, for example about city services for our area.

April 20 – Annual HOA Meeting
On Monday April 20 at the Annual HOA Meeting we will elect three directors for terms of three years each. Information for the six declared candidates was emailed last week. Take the time to talk to them so you can be an informed voter.

Sincerely,
Brigitte B. Saidi, Chairman
Dominion Homeowners Association