

The DOMINION

The Dominion News, August 2007

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We did not have an HOA Board meeting in August so we do not have a lot of news to share with you. However, with the Parade of Homes taking place at The Chateaux the first week of September, we wanted to provide you with the details of the event.

Parade of Homes

Overview:

This event is conducted by the Greater San Antonio Builders Association to provide new home building ideas and information in an attractive community with a variety of spectacular homes built by San Antonio builders. This year there will be eight (8) homes involved and attendance is expected to range from 20,000 to 30,000 for the week.

Dates/Times:

Friday, August 31-Preview Party 6:00PM-11:00PM
Saturday, September 1-Monday, September 3 8:30AM-6:00PM
Tuesday, September 4-Realtor Day (Realtors only) 9:00AM-12:00PM
Tuesday, September 4-Thursday, September 6 3:00PM-9:00PM
Friday, September 7 12:00PM-11:00PM
Saturday, September 8-Sunday, September 9 8:30AM-6:00PM

Tickets:

Friday, August 31: \$75 Per Person
All other days:
\$12 per adult at the gate
\$10 pre-sale at Home Depot stores
\$8 children ages 5-12 (no pre-sale discount)

Security:

Uniformed Bexar County officers will provide security for the event. Beginning August 29 through September 10, a Parade of Homes security officer will be on duty at the Parade area around the clock. Officers will be stationed at both Dominion gate entrances and the Parade of Homes entrance to direct traffic.

Parking:

There will be limited VIP parking only within the Parade of Homes site.

Dominion residents may walk or drive golf carts to the Parade site. Entry will be allowed only at the intersection of The Chateaux main entrance and Dominion Drive. Security officers will direct residents with golf carts to parking within the Parade site. For safety and security purposes, no parking will be permitted along Dominion Drive. Residents electing to park along Dominion Drive will not be allowed to enter the Parade site and will be asked to move their vehicles. Residents who do not wish to walk or drive golf carts to the Parade site will need to park at the general public parking sites noted below.

All general public parking will be offsite and all non-Dominion resident attendees will be bused to the Parade site. There will be no general public vehicles allowed through the Dominion gates with the exception of limited VIP vehicles. The offsite schedule is as follows:

Saturday, August 31-Preview Party, San Antonio Rose Palace
Sunday, September 2 and 9- 8:00AM-Noon, Six Flags Fiesta Texas
Sundays after noon and all other dates/times, Oak Hills Church

Transportation:

Buses from offsite parking locations will enter the Dominion through the North Gate. I know you are as frustrated as we are about the progress in completing the North Gate project, but I can assure you that the streets associated with the new North Gate will be temporarily open for the Parade of Homes. This will insure that Dominion residents will not have to dodge mini-buses during the Parade of Homes. However, you may want to consider using the main entrance during the Parade to avoid potential delays along Aue Road and the North Gate entrance.

Outdoor Music:

On the evening of August 31 during the Preview Party only, a band will be performing at the Parade site from approximately 6:00PM-11:00PM. This is the only evening outdoor music will occur.

TXDOT Project

The work at the main entrance has obviously taken longer than anticipated, but other than being unsightly, the project has not caused a great deal of disruption for Dominion residents. Perhaps we should continually recall the comments of the TXDOT official: you will be a bit inconvenienced in the short-term, but the accessibility and convenience you will have to and from IH-10 will make it all worthwhile in the long-term.

The Board will be meeting monthly as normal beginning in September and will have exciting news in the fall regarding an issue of concern to all of us: addressing the gate access procedure into The Dominion. We are in discussion with a company that provides a controlled access security software application designed for gated communities. The primary focus is quick and easy visitor scheduling and processing, coupled with meeting the need for providing a safe and secure environment. At some facilities with this process, per-guest entry time has been reduced from 3-5 minutes to less than one minute. We will keep you fully informed as these discussions continue.

Thanks to everyone for your patience with the TXDOT and North Gate projects and the inconvenienced caused by the Parade of Homes, especially those homeowners living directly adjacent to the Parade site.

Sincerely,

Lynn Merritt, Vice Chairman
Dominion Homeowners Association