

The Dominion News

A Dominion HOA Publication

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The summer of 2009 continues with record heat and drought, stressing plants and wildlife. Let us pray relief comes before long. Apart from those concerns, we hope you and your families had an enjoyable summer. School will start soon, and we want to remind you to observe traffic regulations around school buses operating within our neighborhoods. Do not pass when the bus lights are blinking and watch out for children walking on the street. Our children are our most precious assets and we need to assure their safety.

Here are the news headlines for your monthly update from the HOA Board:

- Independent Audit of 2008 Finances found no problems.
- Speeders watch out - increased penalties coming.
- Access road to HOA Office under way.
- Replacement of street lights under dark sky ordinance.

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

Independent Audit of 2008 Finances

During the last two months the firm of Armstrong, Vaughan, and Associates in Universal City conducted an independent audit of HOA financial data for 2008. The audit found no serious issues or problems. It is normal practice for non-profit organizations such as our HOA to conduct an audit every three to five years. The previous audit was also conducted by Armstrong, Vaughan, and Associates and examined 2005 data. Although the current audit covered 2008 data, the auditors also performed a number of tests of financial data for 2007 to assure that we started out 2008 with appropriate figures.

Severe Penalties for Speeding

The safety of our neighborhood is of prime concern. Dominion residents have a right to enjoy the neighborhood by walking, jogging, and bicycling on our streets. Speeders pose a serious hazard to the very values of our area. We will not tolerate speeding by anybody or at any time.

Your HOA Board is studying an array of increased penalties for speeding and will implement them presently. Dominion Security has been instructed to boost their monitoring of traffic speeds and to issue tickets to all offenders. Let us all be safe and observe the speed limits:

- 20 mph on all neighborhood roads, except:
- 30 mph maximum only on Dominion Drive, Brenthurst, and Ambassador

Access Road to HOA Office

Preparations for moving into the new HOA Office Building are continuing apace. The last big item is the construction of an access road from the parking lot at the old "Sales Pavilion" to the HOA property. We have a permanent, recorded easement through that lot, and the

documents required to get construction started are being filed as you read this. Our concern with the access, as during the entire planning for the HOA Office Building, has been to keep as many of our beautiful old oak trees as possible.

Once the access road is paved, the physical move from the old “double wide” and the off-site record storage to the new building will start. We confidently expect to have the new office up and running by October. Your HOA Office Committee headed by Billie Kite Howlett has done a fantastic job with this project, and they are happy to deal with the last major item on their list: preparing a “Welcome - Open House” event for the new building. You will get an invitation to the open house soon.

Replacement of Street Lights

The Dominion lies in the geographical area near Camp Bullis that falls under the new City of San Antonio “Dark Sky” ordinance. Although our community’s light fixtures are “grandfathered”, we have certain obligations to use down lighting on all new outside light fixtures when they are replaced. In an effort to maintain uniformity, we are currently looking into the replacement of street globes for all Dominion street lights. We are committed in doing the right thing as we continue to be good neighbors.

The Architectural Control Committee is familiar with the rules and is already applying them to all new construction and exterior remodeling. Please remember that all property owners must comply with the new ordinance as well, so please check with the HOA Office and or City of San Antonio Development Services prior to installation of any exterior light fixtures.

Classified Community Ads

Your HOA Newsletter accepts free classified ads from residents to residents. Just email the text to the HOA Office.

Sincerely,

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