

# McCREARY ESTATES

## HOA NEWSLETTER

### Pool Closing

The pool will be closing on Monday, October 13th. Therefore, the last day to swim will be Sunday, October 12th.

Please help keep the pool area clean by removing all belongings and disposing of trash properly. Further, the hose, life ring, and other pool equipment is to be handled with care. Please do not use the hose or pool equipment for recreation purposes.

### Facebook Page

Like us on Facebook to keep up to date on HOA news. The group is called *McCreary Estates - Wylie - TX*  
(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/695789183807121/?fref=nf>).

### Yard of the Month Winners

Congratulations to our yard of the month winners:

- 3602 Hibiscus (May and June winners)
- 100 Crabapple (July winners)

### Social Events

So far this year we have had some wonderful social events. Both the Easter Festival and the Summer Kick off Pool Party were well attended and so much fun.

I would like to thank all those who donated items for these two events as well as the rest of the social committee for helping in planning and carrying out such great events.

We have three more events planned for the rest of the year. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend these events.

Please email me at [amwhitfield@gmail.com](mailto:amwhitfield@gmail.com) if you would like to be a member of the social committee or if you are able to donate items to any of the following events. We would be very grateful for all assistance and input.

### September 13: Community Garage Sale

Permits are required by the city for this event and can be printed online. See the Facebook page for the link. The cost for permits is \$5.00 and must be turned into the city prior to the 13th. We will provide all the signage and advertising to make sure this is a wonderful event.

### October 11: National Night Out Outdoor Movie

We are in need of door prize donations. If you or your business would be interested in donating a door prize please email [amwhitfield@gmail.com](mailto:amwhitfield@gmail.com).

We will be showing a family friendly movie and providing popcorn. We are trying to secure a bounce house for the small children as well as pizza if the budget will allow. If you are interested in contributing anything for this event, please email me.

### December 6: Polar Express Christmas Party

This event is still very much in the planning stages. More information will follow.

## School Schedule

Mark your calendars now for some exciting events coming up at Groves Elementary as we go back to school.

- 4 September - KINDER PARENT INFO NIGHT
- 4 September - During the School Day - 1st General PTA Membership Meeting and opportunity to sign up as your child's room rep and other volunteer areas.
- 11 September - 1-4 grade information night
- 16 September - 6 to 8 p.m., Watchdogs Kick-off Party and Sign-up and Dad's Game Night with your child.
- 17 September - Groves Spirit Night at Chic-fil-A

Wow, we have lots planned and we hope you will make it a point to come out and participate. You are the voice of the children and our campaign is to BACK THE FUTURE of our kids.

Carol Hudgens, Treasurer  
Groves Elementary PTA

## Streetlights

Notice streetlights out? Contact Cyndy Long or Michelle Butler at SBB. Make sure to include an address closest to the light as well as the number that is listed on the light.

## Pet Care and Maintenance

Many fences are in disrepair, making it possible for some dogs to escape. Please make sure your fences are kept in good repair. Any pets roaming the property could hurt someone or animal control could pick them up.

## Homeowner Reminders

### Trash Cans – Out of Sight

Per the Associations' guidelines, **all trash containers must be placed out of public view. Please do not store your trash containers in front of your home.**

If you would like to build a fence or enclosure to retain your trash containers, please contact SBB for an Architectural Request Application.

### Backflow Testing

Homeowners are reminded to have their back-flows tested yearly. The cost is around \$20.00 per household. To schedule a test, you can contact Mike Williams at Backflow of Texas, 972-754-5013.

The HOA does not pay for this service; this note is a courtesy reminder.

### Speeding and Parking Issues

Homeowners are reminded to please **SLOW** down while driving through the neighborhood. Many homeowners park on the street, making it difficult to allow two vehicles to pass in the street. There are many blind corners, as well as stop signs posted. Homeowners have been seen dodging the signs and speeding around corners.

Homeowners, we need your assistance. Should you see this type of violation, please retain a license number and contact SBB, so that a violation letter may be sent to the owner. This dangerous activity cannot be tolerated in our community and must cease before someone is seriously hurt.

Also, please remember, if you park on the street, park in the flow of the traffic, not against traffic, which is confusing and has cause accidents in the neighborhood.

## Advertise Your Business

Do you have a business that you would like to share with your neighbors? Please contact Cyndy Long at SBB (contact information at bottom of page) to inquire about advertising your business to the community.

## Landscape – Water Restrictions

During inspections, many homes are in need of weed treatment/control. Here is a list of helpful ideas and suggestions for fall and winter:

- Use a balanced fertilizer for trees and shrubs.
- Cut back perennial herbs to encourage well-branched growth for next year.
- Prune damaged or diseased branches from shrubs and trees.
- Mulch plants and trees to protect roots and conserve moisture.
- Keep flower beds clean of debris and leaves. Fallen leaves can harbor insects and diseases.
- Have sprinklers and irrigation system checked. No need to water as much during the winter (except for seasonal color and trees).
- Mow, trim, and edge lawns as needed.
- Apply post-emergent weed control as needed.
- Install winter seasonal color (pansies, kale, or dusty miller).
- Inspect outdoor lighting and replace bulbs if necessary.
- Please remove all dead vegetation or trees and replace when it's appropriate.
- Don't forget to wrap those pipes and remove the garden hose during freeze warnings!!

**Sparse Yards with little or no sod** – Although the city is under heavy water restrictions, many owners should consider adding winter rye to help build up mud and dirt in the yard. This can cause problems to your soil and foundation if there is no watering. Furthermore, planting with a drought-tolerant grass will also help (Such as Zoysia, which can be planted in the spring). Not watering your yard can cause major problems, so water according to what's allowed; it might save you money in the future. Furthermore, mud and dirt wash onto the sidewalks causing complaints from neighbors and a possible slip hazard.

**Deep root fertilization for trees** – Provides nutrients to the trees as sometimes the soil does not contain the nutrients some trees require. Due to the drought and water restrictions, deep root fertilization will give your trees a boost.

**Dead Vegetation** – Remove all dead vegetation or trees from beds and yards. If you decide to replace, make sure to replace when appropriate. Trees should be at least 4-6 inch calipers. With water restrictions being enforced, please monitor all watering.

**Irrigation** – Provide the correct amount of supplemental watering to your lawn during the spring transition period. Do not allow the lawn to become too dry. Approximately one inch of supplemental irrigation to the lawn per week during this transition should be adequate (should adequate rainfall not occur).

**Water Restrictions** – Wylie is currently at Stage 3 (watering once per week).

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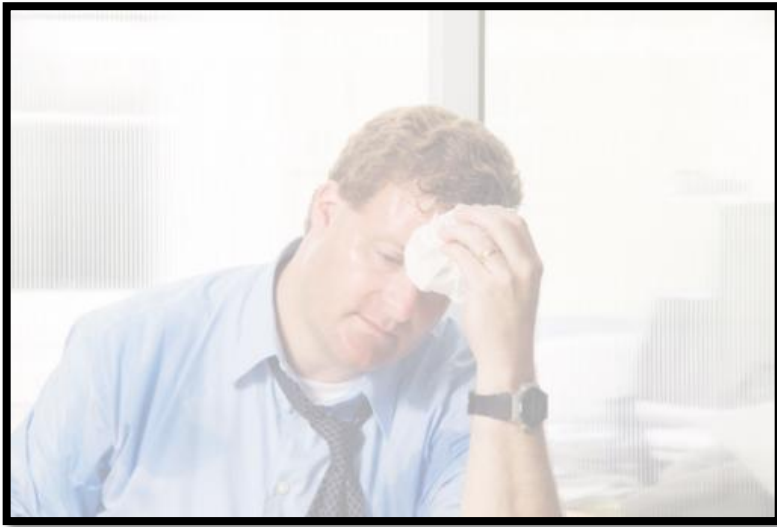
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