

Travis Ranch Beacon

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Welcome to the Travis Ranch Pool!

Collect your Stuff!
Get Ready NOW

For the
Travis Ranch
FALL 2013
GARAGE SALE
SEPT. 20-22

(If you're a Resident of Travis Ranch – or a Resident-accompanied Guest)

Pool Hours are 9:00 to 9:00 pm.

Our fine Pool is a really great part of what Travis Ranch offers its residents and is open NOW for you to enjoy. Come on out and bring your guests. You've paid for the pool by paying your HOA dues – but unaccompanied outsider non-guests have not paid – and are not permitted use of the pool or area. To protect our pool you must sign up when you come to the pool. You must shower before entering the pool. And you are asked to keep the area clean and to pick up your trash when you leave.

Note that no lifeguards are on duty; please be careful. **CHILDREN SHOULD NOT USE THE POOL WITHOUT ADULT SUPERVISION.** The Homeowners Association assumes no responsibility for personal injury resulting from use of the pool or for loss or damage to personal property at the pool.

PLEASE READ ALL THE RULES POSTED AT THE POOL AND AT THE HOA WEBSITE. They're for your protection and are to maintain the safety and quality of the pool for all residents and their guests. Violations of posted rules may result in loss of pool privilege.

The Travis Ranch HOA Pool Committee and Essex Management are also working together to keep the pool and the area clean and enjoyable by maintaining the pool and its site. They are hoping to provide monitors for the pool area; if you're interested in serving as Monitor email poolkeys@essexhoa.com.



Fun at the Pool

A big thank you goes out to everyone that came out to the pool party May 5 to celebrate the opening of pool season! A special shout out also goes to the Social Committee for planning and setting up this special event.



4th of July Whoopee!

We all enjoy good fireworks on the 4th. However, sometimes they can be a problem; occasionally they can be a dangerous hazard. If you have fireworks, try to enjoy them safely and with respect for your neighbors. A few good guidelines:

- ★ **Always supervise children.** Children don't know about the dangers. Never let young children hold or ignite fireworks of any kind. Even sparklers, which may not seem dangerous are extremely hot, and are the leading cause of firework injuries to children under 5. Let the children we love enjoy seeing them – but safely.

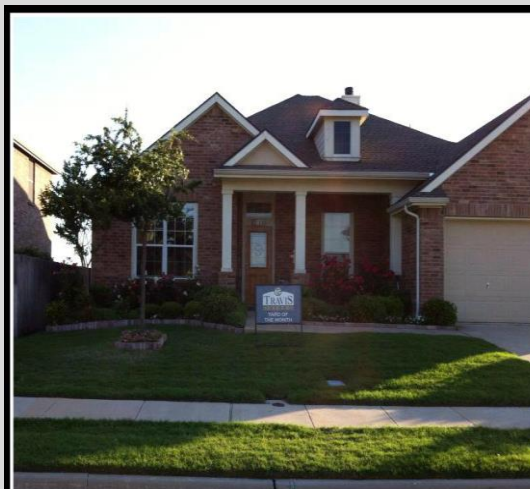
- ★ **Operate fireworks carefully.** -Don't hold in your hand. -Don't toss at anyone. Keep unused fireworks away from where you're lighting them. Most fireworks should be ignited only on a flat, hard surface. – Respect the fact the fireworks may be defective, may behave in ways you don't expect, or have "short" fuses, exploding early. Having a bucket of water available can be useful to extinguish burning remnants, and as a simple safety measure.

- ★ **Respect your neighbors.** Keep your fireworks away from homes and 600 ft. away from the school. Clean up your trash – It can look pretty messy the next morning. (This has happened a lot.) And finish your fireworks by a reasonable hour (10:00?). Your neighbors have to sleep.

YARD OF THE MONTH

The Landscape Committee has selected the yard of the month winner for April. Congratulations to 1635 Luckenbach for an awesome looking yard. The winner will receive a Lowes gift card. Anyone can nominate themselves or others by making a recommendation on the Travis Ranch Landscape Committee Facebook page.

<http://tinyurl.com/bgaonwp>



Calendar for Garbage Collection:

It's not unusual to see Garbage and Re-cycle bins put out on days when there is only Garbage collection but it is hard to keep track. Here's a Calendar you can post by your garbage can.

	June		July			Aug		
Garbage & Re-cycle	5	19	3	17	31		14	28
Garbage ONLY	12	26	10	24		7	21	

KNOW THE LAW

ATV Violations



All-Terrain Vehicles (ATV's) can be a lot of fun – but not in Travis Ranch. They're not permitted in the fields and wooded areas around Travis Ranch (all Private Property and posted). The medians of Travis Ranch Boulevard are also off-limits to ATV's which damage the sod, sprinklers and landscape. Violators are subject to fines and possible compensation for damage.

ATV's also cannot be operated on the streets of Travis Ranch - or on any public street in Texas (Texas Transportation Code 663.037). Golf Carts, mopeds, and mini dirt bikes are also prohibited.

Travis Ranch Crime Watch Committee

Watering Rules

HOW You're Watering	WHAT You're Watering	DAYS You can Water	Times
Automatic Sprinkler System	Lawn and adjacent landscaping	EVEN No. Address: MONDAY ODD No. Address: TUESDAY	Daily Limit 2 hrs ONLY: Before
Hand-Held Hose	Lawn and adjacent landscaping	ANY DAY	10 am or
Hand-held Hose Soaker Hose Drip System	Foundations Landscaping Trees/Shrubs New or Existing	ANY DAY	After - 6 pm

New Watering Rules in Effect!

On June 1st, Travis Ranch residents became subject to "Stage 3" Water Restrictions set forth by three agencies in order to conserve water. Summarized in the Chart are the regulations applicable to Travis Ranch, as understood by your HOA (which is NOT involved either in setting or enforcing these regulations.) Refer to the websites below for explanations and official rules of these agencies and contact them if you have questions.

Suggestion: It will not benefit your lawn if excess water runs down to the sewer. Check for excess runoff. Space out your watering across separate times. (For example: 5 or 10 minutes each at several separated times) Also check for overspray on sidewalks, street and driveways; adjust spray heads.

Forney, including Travis Ranch, receives its water from the North Texas Municipal Water District (www.ntmwd.com) through the Forney Lake Water Supply Corporation (www.forneylakewater.com). The particular day that TR residents may use automatic sprinkler systems is set by Forney. (See: www.cityofforney.org)

Note 1: Chris Metz (Forney Director of Public Works) confirmed that the allowance for listed watering methods **other than Automatic Sprinkler Systems** applies to both new and existing Landscaping.

ALSO PROHIBITED:

- "Using water in such a manner as to allow runoff or other waste."
- Vehicle washing/rinsing by hose "...except with a hose end cutoff nozzle".
- Draining & Refilling swimming pools



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Good Travis Ranch Neighbors. . .

Respect for each other is the cornerstone of good neighbor relations. Diversity of backgrounds, attitudes and lifestyles is strength for a neighborhood like Travis Ranch even though most of our neighbors will not be exactly “like us”. A healthy, happy, exciting, progressive neighborhood requires respect, understanding and tolerance on the part of everyone.

Welcome new neighbors and introduce yourselves. Help the new neighbors with info about the area and tips on how to deal with it. Exchange telephone numbers and e-mail addresses with new neighbors. (Also a good idea to do with all your current neighbors.) Make communicating with your neighbor easy – it could well be important. Alert neighbors to solicitors and strangers that show up. Help to keep an eye out for their children or any pets that might get loose.

Respect for your neighbors means you control your dog. Keep it on a leash when you’re outside. Be sure to clean up after your dog - immediately. Teach your dog not to bark (If that’s a problem, help is available). Keep an eye out for your “outside” cat; make sure it’s not bothering neighbor pets. Problems? Communicate with your neighbor.

Let your neighbors know when you’re having a big party. Try to curtail noise after 10:00 and urge late-leaving party-goers not to be raucous – keep the noisy goodbyes inside. Watch where your guests park; suggest the best location. You might even invite your neighbor!

Know your neighbor and his needs (they may not be the same as yours) and treat him the way you want to be treated – with respect, understanding and tolerance.