

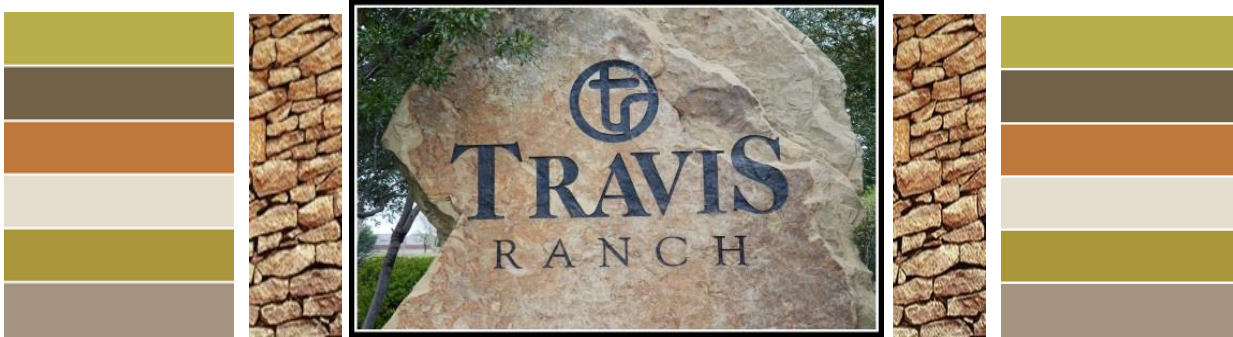
# Travis Ranch Beacon

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## HOA Committees Being Re-Organized Join Your Neighbors!

The Committees of the Travis Ranch HOA, re-organized two years ago when Essex first took over the management of Travis Ranch, have become depleted and need to be filled-out and reorganized. If you feel you might be able to contribute to your community, just fill out the enclosed form or fill it out at the link below or on the HOA website. (Please submit by June 1. We will get back to each and every applicant to discuss committee selection, answer questions and let you know when your committee will be meeting to organize. You can call Ken Uding, chairman, Communications Committee at 972-357-7210 if you have any questions).

<http://goo.gl/forms/Y2Pv3USnjc>

If you have ever volunteered, but didn't get adequate follow up; we apologize (we know it has happened.) We hope that now you will come forward again. Also, if you do have past experience on a Travis Ranch committee, you're welcome to help the new committee to know what has to be done and to learn from your experience (even if you're not able to actually be a member now).

Your Communications Committee will assist all committees to cooperate with each other and will keep all members abreast of current issues in Travis Ranch including meetings of the committee chairmen, to serve partly as a "Steering Committee".

In September, there will be the annual attempt at a general HOA meeting. The Communications Committee's goal for that meeting is to achieve (for the first time) the quorum necessary (10%) to have it become an "official" HOA meeting and thereby assert some responsibility for the residents of Travis Ranch. Members of all committees along with interested non-members will work together to achieve that goal.



## Travis Ranch Committee Listings

**Communications Committee** - Maintains contact with and between all other committees. Reports to the Travis Ranch residents about neighborhood problems and promotes HOA events, by the BEACON Newsletter, the HOA website and other social media outlets. May also serve as liaison between Essex and the other committees. Is responsible for setting dates for the community garage sales.

**Crime Watch/Safety Committee** - Interacts with local law enforcement, collects information on crime and safety concerns in the Travis Ranch community and promotes continued awareness of how each resident can help to deal with these issues, to meet HOA requirements and to maintain a safer community for all.

**Landscape Committee** - Selects "Yard of the Month" award. Advises Essex Management on landscaping needs in all the "common areas" of the community as well as monitor and report problems such as graffiti, broken equipment, etc. to the park areas.

**Pool Committee** - Monitors cleanliness, safety and general conditions at our community pool and the surrounding area. Contacts Essex Management regarding necessary maintenance and repairs. Coordinates with the Social Committee to plan the annual Pool party celebrating the opening of the pool.

**Social Committee** - Organizes, promotes and conducts social events for the community. Typically, there will be four events for the year, work for which can be divided up among the committee members. Conducting these events efficiently will require coordination with other committee personnel.

**Welcome Committee** – Personally welcomes all new residents to the community.

### **2nd** 2015 Travis Ranch “Garage” SALE!!

**June 12 - 13 - 14, 8 am - 5 pm**

Clean out your closets and boxes of clothes and all the household stuff you don't use anymore. Sell them for \$\$\$ the easy way: at the All-Travis-Ranch Community Garage Sale! Lots of

***Be as informal as you want, but follow a few tips and you'll enjoy a better Sale:***



Have items laid out on tables where they are easy to see; keep similar items together.

Clothes: keep similar clothes together; Label “Men’s”, “Ladies”, “Kids 2-4”, etc.

Use stickers to price tag everything. No one wants to constantly ask prices.

Clean any dirty, dusty items. Buyers don't like to handle your grime.

Have plenty of change and small bills. Watch your money, carry it with you. Don't be distracted when you are making change. Good to have someone to help you.

Decide if you'll negotiate price; most buyers try to bargain for a lower price.

***Note: The 3rd All-Travis Ranch 2015 GARAGE SALE will be August 14-15-16.***

# 2015 EGGstravaganza



Photo Compliments of Michael Brazeal

Our community recently put together and held the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual 2015 EGGstravaganza. Over 200 kids and families got together to participate in games, food and fun! The event included an egg hunt with over 1,000 candy filled eggs, several game booths with prizes, family and kid fun activities such as jenga, sidewalk chalk, play dough and a reading station with hundreds of free books! Thank you to all the families that donated eggs, candy & prizes as well as the volunteers that helped. We want to give a big shout out to all the sponsors below that participated. We also want to recognize those who worked so hard putting it all together: The Wathen Family, Creel Family, Gentry Family, Brazeel Family, the Dalton Family, and the Helm family.

The Travis Ranch Family wishes to thank the following sponsors:

- The Party Guyz – Bounce House
- Aloette by Karla Rodriguez
- Texas Green Landscape & Holiday Lights
- Jazzy Bugs Wiggle & Dance
- Kaufman County Constable's Office Pct. 2
- Half Price Books
- Aubrey's Embroidery
- Travis Ranch HOA
- Epic Pop Kettle
- The Gentry Family
- The Travis Ranch Insiders Admin Team
- Tim Ellecys Catering
- Morian Insurance & Stream Energy
- Lifeway Christian Store
- Forney Fire Department

A HUGE thank you goes out to every one of you that made donations, offered suggestions and help. This would never have been the amazing success that it was without all of you. Travis Ranch Community ROCKS! See you next year!!

Be in the know! Join the Travis Ranch  
Insiders Facebook page.  
[https://www.facebook.com/groups/498294  
133566658/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/498294133566658/)

This is a closed group just for TR residents  
that offer weather updates, information on  
local businesses, traffic reports, and much  
more.

## Pool Opening Delayed

As everyone in Travis Ranch is aware, on  
March 22, during the Spring Garage Sale, a  
vehicle crashed through the surrounding fence  
and into the Travis Ranch pool. The repair has  
resulted in a delay in the pool opening, normally  
the first week in May. According to Essex  
Management the repair is now scheduled to be  
completed by Memorial Day. Watch the HOA  
and other neighborhood websites for updated  
information.

*When it's "RE-Cycle Day" - and when it's not!*

|                              | May |    | Jun |    | July |    |    | Aug |    |    |
|------------------------------|-----|----|-----|----|------|----|----|-----|----|----|
| <b>Garbage &amp; Recycle</b> | 6*  | 20 | 3*  | 17 | *1   | 15 | 29 |     | 12 | 26 |
| <b><i>ONLY</i> Garbage</b>   | 13  | 27 | 10  | 24 | 8    | 22 |    | *5  | 19 |    |

*\* = also "Bulk" items pickup*

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## Travis Ranch Committee Volunteer Form

Please fill out the information below and email to [trcommitteeinfo@gmail.com](mailto:trcommitteeinfo@gmail.com) by June 1. Thank you!

**First and last name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Committee(s) you are interested in serving on. Please circle.**

Communications Committee

Crime Watch Committee

Landscape Committee

Pool Committee

Social Committee

Welcome Committee

**I have had prior experience on the following committees. Please circle.**

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Welcome Committee

**Comments:**

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone contact number:** \_\_\_\_\_