

# WESTSIDE NEWS

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a great summer and start of the new school year. The pools are now closed as winter is around the corner. Before you know it, it will be time for Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. The next thing you know, 2010 will be gone and 2011 will be here. So, before time passes you by, think about all the things you wanted to accomplish this year. It's not too late to do some great things. Figure out what you can do to benefit yourself, your family and your community. A great way to help the community would be to join one of the HOA Committees. Every little bit helps.

**Darrell Park**

## Annual Meeting Information

Every year our HOA has an annual meeting. This meeting is different from our regular monthly board meetings in that we review the yearly expenses and budget, have a general report on how the HOA is doing from the President, and hold elections for the board positions. We also have the different committees give a report and have an open discussion with the attending homeowners. EVERY HOA member should be at this annual meeting.

Our annual meeting this year is scheduled for October 11, 2010. However, you might be surprised to know that according to our HOA Bylaws, if we do not have at least 40% of our HOA members in attendance, we have to reschedule the meeting for another time. That means that we need over 500 members in attendance or by proxy in order to conduct the business of the annual meeting. As you may have already guessed, this has never happened. The rescheduled annual meeting must then take place within 10-30 days of the original meeting date. At the rescheduled meeting, whoever is there in person or by proxy is sufficient to conduct the business of the meeting.

We would love to have over 500 members at our annual meeting. As much as we hope that it will happen, we understand that it probably never will. With that in mind, the board prepares for the annual meeting, but also prepares for a regular monthly meeting as a backup. If we don't have the 40%, our rescheduled annual meeting will be on November 8, 2010.

## Candidates for the Two Available Board Positions

Two out of the five board positions are up for election this year. The election takes place at the annual meeting which will be on October 11 if we have over 500 homeowners at the meeting either in person or by proxy, or November 8 if there were not enough attending the October meeting (see Annual Meeting Information Article). We have five candidates running for the two board positions. They are: Travis Krischke, Darrell Park, Chris Romano, Adam Rumsey and Terra Thomas. At the annual meeting the candidates will have a few minutes to present themselves before voting.

### Travis Krischke

My name is Travis Krischke and I am seeking election to the Westside Homeowners Association Board of Directors. I live at 2004 Nelson Ranch Loop with my wife, Jennie, two children, Garrett and Emily, and our family cat, Moose. We moved to our new home at Westside Preserve in March of 2007. I've been active with the HOA Modifications Committee for the past two years and have witnessed many positive changes in the neighborhood.

Professionally I am a Senior Account Executive with Symantec Software Corporation. I manage a multi-state geography along with a time of seven product and sales specialists. Personally I enjoy using many of the great amenities our neighborhood has to offer including the hiking trails, pools, and spending time on the playground with my daughter.

Fairness, equality, and trust are key ingredients in any relationship. I believe in helping others and developing friendships with every opportunity. As our community continues to grow and mature I would very much like to contribute my time and talents as a Board Member

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in service to the Association. I would appreciate your support and encourage everyone to attend the Annual Meeting or submit your vote by proxy so your voice can be heard.

#### Darrell Park

My family and I moved into the Westside at Buttercup Creek in 2002. I had just finished school and with my profession we had the opportunity to pick where we wanted to live. Since that time our family increased to 5 kids and we moved into a bigger house in the subdivision, one that we plan on living in forever. That's right. We're not moving. We will be in the HOA when our great grandkids come to visit. This is one of the reasons that a couple years ago I became interested in being involved as a board member.

I've been on the board now for about two years. I've been able to learn many things while on the board and have also been able to contribute many things. Here are some of the things that I have worked on while on the board:

#### Yahoo Group

I've tried to improve communication not only from the board but throughout the HOA. I started our HOA yahoo group so that our residents can quickly communicate with others on topics having to do with the HOA. We have more and more people joining the group all the time.

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**Newsletter** - I also helped us switch to a monthly newsletter with an email option for delivery. This helps get information out more often and with this change saved the HOA over \$2,000 each year. The HOA now spends nothing on the newsletter, including postage.

**Pools** - Since I've been on the board I've expanded the months and hours that the pools are open. The pools should be used as much as possible.

**Modifications** - I helped change the entire modifications and repairs form and process, including ending the application fees. The process seemed way too complicated. With the help of the Modifications Committee it is now easier to make modifications and repairs.

I hope to continue to help our HOA get better and better for as long as I can serve on the board. I enjoy keeping busy not only with my family, but throughout the community. Along with running my dental practice, I am also a partner in another company which starts and runs other dental practices. I also own and lease commercial real estate and sit on the board of a commercial condo association. I coach sports teams year-round at the YMCA and I'm the Cub Master for a local Cub Scout Pack.

### Chris Romano

Four years ago, we selected Westside at Buttercup Creek to bring up our small, growing family of four; it turned out to be the best home-buying decision we could have made. We continue to be impressed with the exemplary schools, sports programs, great friends, and the attractive surroundings of this family-friendly community.

Now that our children are growing beyond the pre-K phase, we are looking for ways to give our time and better serve the community. With the flexible schedule of a small business owner, my first real step in this direction has been with the Twin Lakes YMCA. Earlier this year, I became a member of that board and Chair of the Teen Action Committee. We are working directly with teens to gather their input and explore ways to make the YMCA 'the place' to hang out for pre-teens and younger teens.

My goal as a director in the HOA is to help with any positive momentum that moves us toward becoming become a safer, cleaner, more family-friendly place to live. I am asking for your vote to Board of Director in the upcoming election. In exchange, you have my pledge to act in the interest of the greater good for issues brought before the Board where my opinion or actions might be needed.

### Adam Rumsey

My wife and I moved into the neighborhood two years ago in November with plans to start our family here. We welcomed our first child last November. Just as welcome has been our experience with our neighbors. Our street enjoys an old-time spirit of community that I have not experienced anywhere else that I have lived. I can proudly say that our neighbors have become an extended family for us.

I am interested in gaining a board position to learn more about the neighborhood and help to make it an enjoyable experience for as many people as possible. I have never served on a neighborhood board before, but our great experience here has made me want to be a more active participant in the neighborhood.

What I can promise to bring to the role are

- An eye for value, always looking for ways to make our HOA dollars stretch to get the most bang for the buck.
- An ear for the concerns of our homeowner constituents.
- A nose for items that may be a concern to the majority of our homeowners.
- A taste for quality and service.
- Two hands to dig in and get work done.

Hopefully you will offer me the opportunity to serve as one of your Board members.

### Terra Thomas

My name is Terra Thomas. My husband and I (and now our son) have lived in Westside at Buttercup Creek for nearly five years. For the past three years, I have served as the chair of the HOA's social committee, coordinating and planning neighborhood events, including the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, 4th of July Parade, Haunted Trail & Carnival, and Santa in the Park. Though the events started out small, over the years, they have grown in size and have strengthened the unity of our community.

I have a strong commitment to public service; I have worked as an attorney for the State of Texas for over five years. In my position, I frequently am called upon to exercise sound judgment and fairness. Additionally, I previously served as president of my college alumni chapter. I believe all of these qualities will make me an excellent board member.

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## Haunted Trail

Westside HOA's Neighborhood 3rd Annual Haunted Trail is coming to Godzilla Trail October 16th from 7pm to 9pm.

For more information or to get involved, please e-mail the Social Committee at: [westsidehauntedtrail@gmail.com](mailto:westsidehauntedtrail@gmail.com)

Look for signs posted in the neighborhood this month.

If your home backs up to Godzilla Trail on Shea or Nelson Ranch, WE NEED YOUR HELP! One of our biggest challenges is electricity. If you are willing to let us "plug in" into a backyard outlet, please email the Social committee.



## Recipe of the Month

### Pumpkin Pie

- 1 can pumpkin
- 1 can evaporated milk
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 t. salt
- ½ tsp. ginger
- 2 t. cinnamon
- ½ tsp. allspice
- ¼ tsp. cloves



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Do you want to help out in the community but don't have a lot of time? Join one of the following Committees and help out as much or as little as you want. Contact any of the board members or Kathy at Goodwin Management for more information.

Neighborhood Watch – Paul Blor

Modifications – Torsten Weirich

Social – Terra Thomas

Fence – Ross Burns

Landscaping – Angelika Schneider

Communications – Darrell Park

Pool – Jay Clover

## HOA

### Board Meetings

The HOA Board Meetings are the 2nd Monday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Hill Country Bible School Unit 5. To have information placed on the agenda please email Kathy Taylor at [kathy.taylor@goodwintx.com](mailto:kathy.taylor@goodwintx.com) or call 512-852-7998.

## Yahoo Group

Please join our Yahoo Group "westsidehoa" for news, updates and notices: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/westsidehoa/>

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Your car should be parked in your garage or in your driveway. Cars should only be parked in the street temporarily, and then put back in the garage or in the driveway. The only cars that should be parked in the street are those belonging to a visitor, or someone who doesn't live in the HOA. Even those cars should not be there for more than a total of 48 hours in a 7 day period. This is a rule that everyone agreed to when moving into this HOA. It's safer and makes the neighborhood look less cluttered.

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Some have asked, "When the stock market is in a downturn, would it not be a good practice to increase contributions to your investment accounts, thus buying more shares at a lower price? And when the market has provided a high return, would it not make sense to scale back contributions, buying fewer shares at the higher price?"

Yes, and of course this is the essence of what investors wish to do, namely buy low and sell high. But what is an actual practice which will force you to do it? After all, putting money into the market when the market is down can give a person a queasy feeling. Yet it is that very behavior which investors need to cultivate if they are ever to sell high. Enter value averaging (also known as dollar value averaging). VA refines the practice of dollar-cost averaging, which is more widely known. Either technique helps you reduce risk because you are buying shares at a variety of prices throughout the year instead of buying all the shares at a single price. When prices are dear, you buy fewer and when they go on sale you buy more.

VA is good because you start with a goal in mind of how much you can invest and an expected rate of return. Example: You wish to accumulate \$450,000 over the next 20 years. If you figure you can earn an annualized 8 percent, then you would need to put away about \$820

per month. You can then chart your progress month by month towards that goal. Now let's look at the "value" part of value averaging. Assume at the end of the first year, instead of having the \$9,840 you should have to be on track toward your goal, a downturn in the markets leaves you with just \$9,500.

That would mean that the next month, instead of investing your usual \$820, you would invest an additional \$340 to bring your portfolio's value to where it should have been to remain on track toward your goal. In fact, you would go through this process each month. In months where you fall behind, you would add to the amount you invest each month. And in months where your returns are higher than expected and your portfolio's value gets beyond where it needs to be, you would scale back your monthly investment, or even possibly end up selling some shares and removing money. The VA discipline forces you to buy when low and buy less (or sell) when high. While it's not perfect the approach makes sense for many families. The biggest benefit to VA is that it provides a reason and a discipline for saving. Most families are not saving enough to cover their future needs. Source: Michael Edleson, Harvard Business School; CNN; The Intelligent Asset Allocator by William Bernstein. - Submitted by Rich Keith



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## Sudoku

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			8					
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