

The Whispers

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NISD Superintendent to Headline WOHHA Annual Meeting

WOHA's upcoming annual membership meeting is expected to draw a large crowd, now that Covid restrictions have eased. The gathering will be held Sunday September 18 from 1:00–3:00 p.m. at Hobby Middle School (11843 Vance Jackson at Huebner) and marks the start of the yearly membership drive. Community project updates, Board elections, and guest speakers are on the agenda.

Attendees will hear from Dr. Brian Woods, Superintendent of San Antonio's Northside Independent School District, who oversees all public schools in our area. He is expected to address school safety protocols, as well as discuss how public schools provide choice, and will answer questions from residents. Councilman John Courage will be on hand to discuss upcoming traffic safety



improvements for Wurzbach Parkway and also city budget planning, which is currently underway.

WOHA President Simon Esparza will provide a progress report on critical projects planned or underway, including lighting of the final community entrance at Whisper Willow. Cheri Weise, the WOHHA Treasurer, will deliver the organization's financial report and share encouraging news about membership. Other Board members will be on hand to greet members and answer questions. No By-Law revisions are anticipated this year.

Elections for the WOHHA Board of Directors will also be held. New or renewing volunteers commit to a two-year term and lead one of some dozen committees that oversee important community tasks (see insert box) often with help from additional volunteers. Qualifying nominees can be added to the ballot by submitting a written request to the President at least five days prior to the meeting. Although the meeting is open to all community residents, only members in good standing may cast ballots.

Share your talents with your neighbors!

WOHA is currently looking for volunteers with the following skills. Projects typically require less than two hours a month, can be undertaken on one's own schedule, and do not require participation in Board meetings. For more information, contact WOHHA via whisperingoaks.org

- Graphic Design
- Website Management
- Community Outreach
- Social Event Coordination
- Newsletter Contributor
- Community Gardening
- Code and Safety Monitoring

SAVE THE DATE

WOHA ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, 18 September, 2022

1:00–3:00 p.m.

Hobby Middle School
Vance Jackson at Huebner Rds.

Let's due this! The WOHHA 2023 Membership Drive begins now.

☒ I'll do my part! My check for the \$125 annual household dues is enclosed.

☐ I'll do a bit more! The additional \$_____ included supports the WOHHA Capital Fund.

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Happy New Year!

No, I'm not off my rocker. And I'm not thinking of the Jewish new year, Rosh Hashanah—though many of our Whispering Oaks neighbors are Jewish and will be celebrating the holiday later this month. I'm thinking of the first of October that marks the beginning of WOHA's new fiscal year.

To kick that off every year, we have our **Annual Meeting** on a Sunday near the end of September. At that time, everyone's invited to come together (though all Board meetings are open to all members) to hear about the state of the neighborhood and to hear from important San Antonio figures.

This year, we meet on **Sunday, the 18th**, at Hobby Middle School, as we did last year—an excellent venue for our purposes. Our featured speaker will be Dr. Brian Woods, Superintendent of Schools for the Northside ISD—and we're mighty happy to have him, grateful to him for giving up part of his Sunday for us.

Present, too, will be our City Council Representative, John Courage, who has attended all of our Annual Meetings since he was elected, and he and his staff have been good to work with.

Last year, our featured speaker, Chief William McManus, spoke about the security of our neighborhoods. While that's always on our minds, Uvalde has brought to the forefront concern about the safety of our children in school. For us living in Whispering Oaks, there's no one better to speak on the question than Dr. Woods.

Each year, your Board of Directors brings in a speaker who we think can address a central concern of our neighborhood—just as we keep working at the neighborhood's concerns in general. Please come to the meeting! Hear what we can report to you. And, most especially, please join the Association by paying our low annual dues of just \$125 (and maybe a little bit extra). As we like to say, "If you can afford to live in Whispering Oaks, you can afford our low dues." There's a convenient coupon right on page one, or you can pay right at the meeting with a check.

See you at Hobby Middle School!

WOHA Needs You!

Never Volunteer! Right? Nah...

Interested in helping make Whispering Oaks an even better place to live? Consider joining the Whispering Oaks Homeowner's Association Board of Directors. These volunteer positions include a once-a-month meeting, as well as the time spent on WOHA projects, which can vary, depending on the type of activity and your ability to help out.

Planning social events, providing articles and photos for *The Whispers* newsletter, liaising with city and school district officials, supervising maintenance of the common areas, preparing the neighborhood directory, and joining the SAPD Citizens on Patrol program—these are just a few areas in which neighbors can help. Running a membership drive and working on long-range planning and capital campaigns are also duties of the Board members. Responsible high school students needing community service hours may also participate in some of these activities with parents' permission.

Homeowners and residents who have lived in Whispering Oaks and paid WOHA dues for at least one year are eligible to join our all-volunteer Board. Contact any Board member a.s.a.p., although nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting, **Sunday, Sept. 18th at 1:00 p.m.** at Hobby Middle School. For more information, contact any current Board member or email board@whisperingoaks.org.



Sidewalk Safety

Wanna Take a Trip? Not This Way!



The City of San Antonio requires that all homeowners maintain the sidewalks around their property as though they are an extension of their yard. It is the homeowner's responsibility to see that the sidewalks around their home are safe and hazard free. This means, for example, that if someone should trip and injure themselves while passing your home on the sidewalk, you would be liable for any damages that might result from such an accident. There are a variety of hazards that we might see on sidewalks, such as fallen branches or other debris, any manner of toys and vehicles, and unrepaired damage to the sidewalk itself.

But help is available! The City of San Antonio has a program to help homeowners repair any trip hazard on sidewalks due to damage to the walkway or settling of the sidewalk that has created a lip at the road's edge an unsuspecting walker might trip over. The City's program does not apply to any cosmetic improvements you may want to make to sidewalks around your property, but does to the elimination of trip hazards to the public. The City's program to eliminate trip hazards will pay up to 50% of the homeowner's cost of repairing the dangerous conditions.

For complete information about accessing the City's sidewalk repair program, call 311 or follow the link:

<https://www.sanantonio.gov/PublicWorks/Projects/Sidewalk-Reconstruction-Program>

Let's keep our neighborhood a safe environment for everyone.

Yes, Political Yard Signs Are Legal... But with Limitations

With another election season upon us, you'll see campaign signs popping up in Whispering Oaks yards. This routinely causes confusion because our Community Covenants prohibit nearly all yard signage. But the revised Texas State Election Code (Section 259.002) takes precedent, and therefore residents are allowed the minimum provisions under the ordinance to avoid running the legal risk of a violation.

- ✓ One yard sign is allowed per candidate or specific ballot measure.
- ✓ Qualifying signs must be ground-mounted and no larger than 4x6 feet.
- ✓ Language or images must not be offensive to the ordinary person.
- ✓ Signage may not be enhanced so that it distracts motorists.
- ✓ All signage must be removed within 10 days following the election.



What's the Board Up To?



People wonder what the Board of Directors does. Yes, sometimes we have to send out letters to our neighbors, but that's rather rare. Most of our interactions are quite pleasant. If they weren't, we wouldn't volunteer to spend several hours a week helping the neighborhood!

Just to give you an idea, here's a list—a *partial* list—of what we're working on:

1. We are making progress installing entrance lighting at Whisper Willow. This final intersection is our toughest challenge yet.
2. We are updating landscape irrigation at all entrances to save water and lower utility costs.
3. We are partnering with District 9 staff to secure funding for additional sidewalk and roadway safety improvements.
4. We are working with the City on the still-not-completed "Flying T" entrance at Whisper Valley, now that the work has been transferred from the State, causing a delay.
5. We are consulting legal experts to ensure Short Term Rental properties are compliant with City ordinances and do not pose a nuisance to their neighbors.
6. We are helping the City Arborist review ordinances that mitigate the spread of oak wilt throughout the city.

As stated, this is just a partial list. As always, your all-volunteer Board needs your support and your help. Please do what you can.

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The crowds were down a tad, but...

It Was the Fourth of July!



So the Swim & Tennis Club, as usual, held its extravaganza, now aided by the WOHA Board. The Club sponsors the children's parade, the open pool, and the picnic with potluck, while the Board chips in the frozen ice, a new feature since this past Memorial Day.

This year, frankly, the numbers were down compared to the huge crowd for Memorial Day. But that's because the temperature numbers were up: Although the expected 101 degrees did not pan out, 97 was plenty hot for many to just stay home. Even so, lots of folks made it to the parade and to the picnic. Witness the photos below. And, as usual, the conviviality was warmer than the temperatures outside.



Some 15 children lined up for the annual parade to the pool.



Thanks to our own John Moore, two fire trucks and these ever-faithful firemen attended...but not just for the free food. They love giving the children tours of the trucks.



These darling girls won first place, a prize of \$10 each.



Then folks lined up for ices from the Ice Factory—and this time they did *not* run out!

Thanks for sponsoring, WOHA Board!

Fourth of July cont'd...



What a scrumptious table. And all for the low, low price of \$5. Can you believe that the price has remained the same for at least 25 years?



Lotsa folks enjoying themselves.



Some just had to cool off... even though it wasn't even 100 degrees out! Hey, is that the Swim Club president, Dr. Brent Eilers? How does *he* get into so many photos?

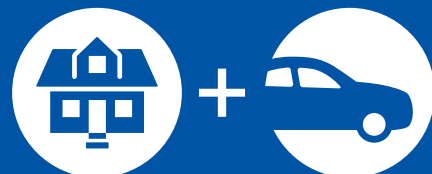
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Garden Club Report

Back on Schedule!

Garden Club members are meeting again for the 2022–2023 programs. A few of our events include an introduction by a Master Gardener to native plants for the yard, a tour and lunch at the Japanese Sunken Gardens, and a presentation by the San Antonio Water System. No doubt the SAWS representative will discuss water-saving ideas. We all know that water is fast becoming a more precious commodity.

Ditching the Lawn

As you circulate around Whispering Oaks, you might notice that yards are evolving. Prolonged heat and drought have turned our green, green grass of home into something akin to fields of dirt and hay.

Some homeowners are digging up their thirsty carpet grass and opting for eco-friendly meadows of drought-tolerant native plants. Has the “glorification of Saint Augustine grass” had its day in suburbia? Now might be the time to maintain a small patch of carpet grass and a larger area of less-thirsty, but still-attractive plants and shrubs.

One candidate is Autumn Sage (*Salvia greggii*.) It's a native perennial with red to coral flowers during spring and fall. Also called Cherry Sage or Gregg Sage, it does well in full sun to partial shade. Another choice is Garden Sage (*Salvia officinalis*.) It's a deer-resistant, hardy evergreen perennial requiring low-to-medium watering. Early fall is a good time to plant it. Summer will bring on its whorls of blue purple flowers.

Wishing you a colorful, cooler, and wetter autumn season.

“If you look the right way, you can see that the whole world is a garden.”
—Frances Hodgson Burnett

Yards of the Month



July 2022

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Blue Marlins Swim Team

What a Season!

The 2022 Whispering Oaks Blue Marlin Swim Team thanks all who supported by donating this season. These donations were invaluable in helping cover the cost of replacing all lanes lines, refurbishing starting blocks and team t-shirts. The donor list below includes businesses and neighbors who donated.

- Val Sisson with eXp Real Estate
- The Law Office of Hilley & Solis
- Sunrise Heating & Cooling
- The Law Offices of J. Charles Bunk
- Seven Wells Pool Management
- Molly Bailey
- Bob and Gail Hughlette
- The Doug Smith Family
- Ron and LoGina Vincleslio



The Blue Marlins are part of the Maverick Summer Swim League and compete against other teams in the league that are approximately the same size. The meets are set up based on the number of participants. This season consisted of approximately 120 swimmers. However, several of the swimmers joined so they could 'learn to swim,' rather than to compete. One-third of the team was '6 and under' and half of that group were four year olds. The improvement in this age group was outstanding. Most could not swim at all and by the end of the 8-week season they could go across the pool, most unassisted. By the end of the season, every swimmer on the team improved from their personal best.

This season, the team was offered an opportunity to swim in five dual meets. Three of those meets were hosted at the Whispering Oaks pool. Normally, there are four dual meets and a championship meet, but unfortunately the league was unable to book a facility to host the championship meet.

As in previous years, the coaching staff was top notch! Kyrlyo Shvets was the head coach and is also a coach for Streamline



Aquatics. Liam Stallard, neighborhood resident and son of Aedin and Tom Stallard, was one of the assistant coaches that led the team. The other two assistant coaches were Amy Gibson and Nick Lambiasi. Additionally, the team had four Age Group Helpers who were from the neighborhood: Noah and Naomi Wilson (son and daughter of Ricky and Jocelyn Wilson) and Emersyn and Elynn Eilers (daughters of Brent and Brianna Eilers).

Several neighborhood swimmers won awards for High Point and Most Improved. The callout is for Elynn Eilers who received the top honor on the team and was awarded the Blue Marlin Award. Only two swimmers (one male and one female) receive this award each summer. This prestigious award is selected by the coaching staff and represents overall sportsmanship and spirit of the team. The young man who won, Jasper Menking, lives outside our neighborhood.

If you are looking for a non-profit organization to support, our hope is that you will consider the Whispering Oaks Blue Marlins. This team focuses on teaching children to swim in a fun and safe environment.

Personalized gear can be purchased to support the team at ANY time, with or without the team logo. The team receives proceeds for every item ordered. Thank you in advance for considering to support this effort. Please use the QR code below or go to <https://7gyexb6m.paperform.co/> to find the available selections and place an order.



Consider ordering for yourself or as a gift! The items make fine gifts for birthdays, weddings, etc.

Interested in Swim Lessons? Please reach out to LoGina Vincleslio. Email @ teamsabluemarlin@gmail.com or send a text to 210-389-3363. She will connect you with an authorized swim instructor. The ONLY authorized swim instructors at the Whispering Oaks pool are the coaches from the Whispering Oaks Blue Marlins and Streamline Aquatics.

From Councilman Courage

Highlights from the 19 July District 9 Dispatch



Taxes

In June, City Council passed the following tax relief items:

- An increase to 10% for our homestead exemption
- Increased the senior homestead exemption from \$65K to \$85K.
- Increased the disabled person's exemption from \$12,500 to \$85K

I anticipate when the 2023 budget is adopted in September, the tax rate will also decrease. This is the greatest tax relief package the City of San Antonio has ever implemented.

The Bexar County Appraisal District (BCAD) will automatically update accounts for residents who already have a homestead exemption. Residents may verify their homestead status online by looking up their accounts at www.bcad.org. The new tax exemptions are effective for the 2022 tax year, which began on January 1, 2022. Residents will begin receiving their tax bills on October 1. For questions about the homestead exemption, they may also contact BCAD Customer Service at 210-224-2432.

The City of San Antonio is only one taxing jurisdiction that makes up your total tax bill. The City equates to about 20% of the total bill. We have been encouraging other taxing entities to adopt more tax relief, and recently we have seen the County and San Antonio River Authority enact their own exemptions or increase their exemption offering further tax relief. No doubt there is more work to be done. We are using the tools we have at our disposal to create further relief. I encourage you to reach out and contact your state representatives with your concerns and questions as well.

Infrastructure & Public Works

Litter and Overgrowth

In last year's budget, we secured a dedicated team within the Solid Waste Department to keep our city-maintained streets clean of litter and debris. We also have city crews and contractors that should be maintaining City Owned medians on a monthly basis. If there is a street where you see an abundance of trash or litter, please report it to 311.

Traffic Signals

Included in the Bond is funding to improve key intersections throughout the district to help keep traffic moving and reduce your time sitting in traffic. We also secured funding to extend Sonterra Road to 1604, which will ease congestion north of 1604. As with all technology, traffic signals may malfunction from time to time or their sensors may get dirty which could cause them to malfunction. If you notice an intersection signal that seems to be off, please call 311 or our office to report it so that a traffic engineer can inspect it. Many times, the issue can be addressed remotely from the Traffic Operations Center.

Bike Lanes

Biking has increasingly become a popular recreational and even a commuting option, especially with the increase in gas prices. The Northside of San Antonio has some of the best linear creek ways that connect major parks and neighborhoods. We are currently in the process of a bike transportation plan that will look at routes and needed improvements.

Public Safety

Panhandlers and the homeless are clearly growing around the city. Major cities across the country are grappling with this and as the 7th largest city in the nation, San Antonio is no exception. We encourage you to call the homeless hotline (210-207-1799) and make the Department of Human Services aware when you see encampments or homeless on the street. Do NOT give money to the panhandlers or homeless. Contrary to what it seems, this only reinforces systemic issues. There are services available with the city when they are ready and willing to ask for it.

Speeding

Our office installs temporary radar feedback signs on problem streets to reduce speeding. Our data suggests a 30% reduction in speeding while the radar feedback signs are installed. You can request a radar feedback sign through our office. For areas of extreme speeding, we can request SAPD traffic enforcement. We also rely on assistance from the Bexar County Sheriff's Office as well as the Constable's Office.

One of our top priorities is the safety around our schools. We recently funded two installations of overhead school zone beacons which should be installed by the end of the year. One at Johnson High School, the other at San Antonio Christian Academy on Redland Road. If you would like to help, the City is always looking for School Crossing Guards.



FINAL FALL CLEAR-OUT
OCTOBER 7 & 8

WHISPERING OAKS COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE



Conduct your own garage sale on your driveway the same day as your neighbors, just before the City's upcoming Curbside Bulky Pickup Day. Whispering Oaks HOA will promote the community-wide event. **Each participating residence must secure their own \$16 permit from the City.** Visit www.whisperingoaks.org for more details.

Nearby Neighborhoods Hit with Anti-Semitic Leaflets

So far, Whispering Oaks has been spared. But several North Side neighborhoods have been subjected to ugly antisemitic leaflets. These leaflets are thrown onto lawns in the middle of the night by virulent hate groups who disseminate vicious messages. Of course, there is no reason to assume that hate stops at persecuting just one group: persecution of one group is persecution of all. There is the famous quotation written after World War II by a German minister, Pastor Martin Niemöller, who was arrested and survived the concentration camps. He said he didn't speak up for any groups who were arrested by the Nazis because he wasn't in those groups, but when they came for him, there wasn't anyone left to speak up!

Below is advice from the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), which has been fighting antisemitism since 1913, about what to do if you find a hateful flier. The ADL is interested in fighting hate against any group.

—The Editor

Flier Do's and Don'ts

DON'TS

1. Do not throw away the flier.
2. Do not call the media. This just spreads the hateful message, and often extremists and haters raise money based on media attention.
3. We discourage you from posting on social media, but if you feel you must post it, please do not share the name of the group or individual taking responsibility for the flier. This just spreads the hateful message so the extremists can raise money.
4. If you encounter someone distributing the fliers, do not try to engage with them. But if you can, take a photo of them and/or the license plate of their vehicle to share with law enforcement and the ADL.

DO'S

1. Do keep the flier and its container for evidence.
2. Do call law enforcement. If you feel you are in danger, call 9-1-1. If not, call the San Antonio Police Department's non-emergency number at 210-207-7273. Stay on the scene if you feel safe and you can speak with law enforcement. Once the officer takes down the information, get a case number for future reference.
3. Do take photos of the flier and, if you're comfortable, of anyone or anything connected with the flier: a person, a vehicle, anything that might give law enforcement some clues.
4. If you have a security or doorbell camera, check to see if that camera recorded someone tossing the flier on your lawn or your street.
5. Provide law enforcement any information, including photos, videos, what you have seen or heard, and the flier and its container.

6. Report the incident to the ADL at www.adl.org/reportincident. Describe what you found, how you found it, if you know of any more fliers in the neighborhood, whether you reported it to media or law enforcement, and the case number you received. Upload any photos or videos you have along with your incident report. Someone from ADL will contact you.
7. If you have questions about any of these points, please call ADL at 713-627-3490 and leave a message. Someone will get back to you as soon as possible.
8. Seek support from family and friends. Get additional support from community resources (law enforcement victim's assistance representatives, ADL) and/or other professionals.
9. If numerous fliers were found in your neighborhood, and your neighbors are upset, work with WOHA to call a community meeting to discuss responses and invite law enforcement and ADL to speak about how to respond to these incidents effectively. (Note: ADL representatives cannot attend meetings on Friday nights or Saturdays.)
10. Again, if you are unsure how to handle the situation, call law enforcement or ADL. ADL can be reached at 713-627-3490, or you can email Senior Associate Director Dena Marks at dmarks@adl.org or reach her cell at 832-567-8843.

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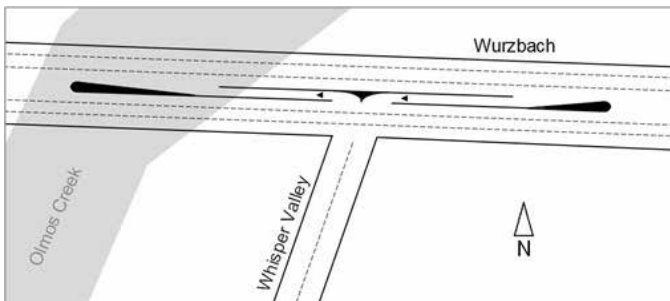
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Courage Says Wurzbach 'Flying T' Will Be Installed Despite Tx-DOT Snafu

District 9 councilman John Courage has assured WOHA that a safety improvement he proposed for Whisper Valley at Wurzbach will be installed, as planned, even though funding from Tx-DOT disappeared. A curb-lined center turn lane, known by traffic engineers as a "Flying T," will provide safe harbor for motorists as they enter and leave Whispering Oaks.

Traffic safety on Wurzbach has long been a community concern and Tx-DOT's roadway expansion plan caused alarm when unveiled nearly four years ago. Motorists utilizing Whisper Valley will navigate an additional Wurzbach lane in each direction when the project is completed, making crossing eastbound traffic and merging into westbound flow even more difficult. Courage convinced Tx-DOT to fund the Flying T, but the agency recently advised budget constraints, putting the feature in jeopardy.

However, Courage confirmed to WOHA last month that the City will step in to fund the project. It's the third roadway safety enhancement the District has secured for Whispering Oaks since 2020. Construction of the Flying T may not commence until after Tx-DOT crews wrap up their tasks because different contractors will install the curbed center turning lane. Updates on the project will be posted on whisperingoaks.org.



Artist rendering of Flying T curbed center turn lane.

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Rise Recovery Grand Opening Our Own Evita Morín Presides



Harvey Najim, local philanthropist; Nelson Wolff, Bexar County Judge; and Evita Morín, Rise Recovery CEO

On Thursday, 16 June, Rise Recovery held a grand opening of its new campus, named for its principal donor, Harvey Najim. Some 300 attended. Evita Morín is the Chief Executive Officer of this special academy, a high school for young people who are substance abusers who wish to "rise and recover."

Because the young people are already committed, work with a dedicated staff, and also work with peers who are equally committed, the success rate is very high. And now, with a new, larger facility, located at 2803 Mossrock, Evita and her staff can do even more.

Why Recycling is So Valuable

- An average person creates 1,609 lbs. of garbage each year.
- By 2050, the ocean will consist of more plastic than fish (by weight).
- 20,000 plastic bottles are purchased every second.
- By recycling *one aluminum can*, you can save enough energy to power a TV for *an entire day*.



Drought Does Not Mean Death

By Mark Peterson

Drought is a normal occurrence in South Texas. But you can help minimize plant damage and mortality by following a few simple rules.

In the three decades I've lived in South Texas, I've learned three things about drought: (1) plants rebound, (2) preventive care goes a long way, and (3) it's fruitless to worry constantly about drought.

From 2009–2015, we had six years of record drought followed by 2 ½ years of record rains, and you know what? Only six percent of South Texas trees died, mostly hackberry, and the fields and highways rebounded with so much grass that the Texas Department of Transportation had to spend extra money to cut it. All it takes is a little precipitation for plants to rebound. Still, we can help minimize plant damage and mortality by following a few simple rules:

USE NATIVE SPECIES.

It's not their first rodeo—they know how to survive the dry weather. Texas native plants thrive with minimal care and welcome the wildlife to your yard.

ADD COMPOST TO TURF AND BEDS.

Organic matter from the compost increases soil's water-holding capacity and water infiltration.

APPLY MULCH TO LANDSCAPE BEDS.

Two inches of wood chips or pine bark mulch retain moisture for weeks at a time and reduces the required water for plants by half.

Water in concert with nature. Water during the spring and fall if normal rainfall fails to materialize. Native trees and Bermuda grass do not expect to be watered in August, nor should you be expected to do it. And here's a typical irrigation schedule for a landscape in San Antonio in August:

- **Seasonal annuals:** three times a week by hand.
- **Lawn:** once a week, 20-minute run time by spray in the sun, 14 minutes by spray in the shade.
- **Woody perennials:** once a week, 12 minutes by spray and 50 minutes by drip (.64 inch/hour precipitation rate)
- **Trees:** once a month, 75 minutes by drip (.64 inch/hour precipitation rate)

Of course, if it rains significantly at any time during the week, then you don't need to water at all. Drought is a normal occurrence in South Texas so relax, drink an iced tea, and watch a ball game.

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Wanna Read Sumpin' Funny?

Three-year-old Chantelle begs her mother to tell the story of when she was born.

"Daddy brought Mommy to the hospital, and the doctor helped you to be born," the mother began. "When you came out, we both said, 'Which sex is the baby?' and the doctor said, 'It's a girl.'"

"How did the doctor know I was a girl?" asked Chantelle.

"Well, when you were born, you came to us with no clothes on."

"Ahh," said Chantelle, "and boys are born with their clothes on!"

Y Otro en Español

Entra un hombre en una farmacia y pregunta:

"Hay ampollas?"

"Velcome, meester Pollas."



Real Estate Report

June–July 2022

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	<u>Price</u>	<u>Per Sq. Ft.</u>
Active listings – 6		
High	\$505,000	\$244
Median	\$482,499	\$178
Low	\$275,000	\$136
Sold listings – 3		
High	\$346,000	\$212
Median	\$328,000	\$177
Low	\$280,000	\$176
Sold listings – 3		
High	\$635,000	\$171
Low	\$399,000	\$155

"In the month of July, the San Antonio area saw an increase of 12 and 15 percent in average and median home prices, respectively, from the same time last year. The average price of a home was \$389,486 and the median price was \$341,600 in July 2022. Though the average and median price of a home continues to rise. This is the fourth month in row we are seeing a decrease in home sales." —San Antonio Board of Realtors



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