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## GNW ELECTIONS

*It's time to vote!*

by **Mel Stallings**  
2018 Election Officer

of Directors, the body that sets policy for use of common area amenities, approves the budget and sets assessments, and conducts other Association business. This year, Directors Jo Ann Fernandez and Mark Zoller are running for reelection for two open director seats. You can view their bios on page 2 of this issue.

Ballots were mailed

out to residents the first week of April. Included is a letter explaining the requirements residents must follow in order to have their ballots counted for the election.

Should you have any questions about the ballot, please send me an e-mail at ppr7tq@gmail.com. I will gladly clarify anything that is not clear.

### PROXY

The ballot gives the

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## About San Antonio's Trails

by **Myrl Britten**  
Chairman GNW Government Relations Committee  
District 6 Board Members

Greenbelt which means that it's ownership is shared by every GNW homeowner. It is therefore important for every home owner to vote their wishes on the proxy ballot coming soon.

Along with and depending on this project is the development of the city satellite office on Tezel Road (the old Citco gas station). One of the services that the satellite would provide is an area for the Parks Police, which if GNW moves forward with the Greenbelt trail extension would give additional security coverage along the trail since their vehicles would be stored, leave from and return to this location.

**IF** the trail is approved this is what you may see. You enter the trail off Tezel, unless you live on the Greenbelt, then you open your back fence gate and walk onto the trail. You see signage that has a high-level map showing the trail and how it connects to the trail at Cathedral Rock with signs that points the way along with remaining distance. You will also see a reminder/warning that the trail is not a circle.

Continuing on the trail you see posts that have GPS coordinates and how far you've traveled from the start. You see these until you enter Cathedral Rock Park where they start over.

If you run into problems such as a flat tire there are Trail Stewards who have equipment

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## ON THE PROXY/BALLOT: GREENBELT REFERENDUM

The 13 acre Great Northwest Greenbelt common area between Timberwilde Drive and Tezel Road is owned by the Great Northwest Community Improvement

Association, Inc. The City of San Antonio has

proposed extending the Linear Creekway Trail through the Greenbelt by paying for the addition of a ten-foot-wide meandering paved trail with a 3' easement on each side through our Greenbelt that will connect the Great Northwest to the Leon Creek Trail System, providing access to these trails without having to use surface roads.

The Board of Directors appointed an ad hoc committee that conducted research, identified Association Member concerns and provided the Board with objective and fair representations of available related facts. The Board also held two Greenbelt Path Town Halls at which the San Antonio Parks Department made a presentation, and benefits and concerns of granting the City an easement on which to build the path and how it will impact property whether or not your Great Northwest home borders the Greenbelt were discussed.

Before the Board makes a decision on whether or not to grant an easement and further negotiate with the city to work out the best terms, it wants the input from the community. In order to get membership input the Board requests your vote on this referendum item on the enclosed ballot. Please give your opinion through your vote.



Picture Courtesy of City of San Antonio

The proposed trail route. A larger image is available on page 5.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2017-2018



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## 2018 Candidate Bios

Voting for the Great Northwest 2018 Elections begins. Your vote is essential to reaching "quorum," which is the 10% of the Great Northwest homeowner votes necessary to make the Annual Meeting of Members a legal meeting. That's 496 votes that we will need by 7 p.m. on May 3.

Along with the Greenbelt referendum, which will be on the ballot, two directors on the Board will be elected by acclamation. Get informed now so that you will be ready to vote when your proxy ballot arrives in mail.



### Jo Ann Fernandez

I am a 13 year resident of the Great Northwest Community. For 6 of those years I've had the opportunity and the privilege

to serve on the Board. As I reflect, the Great Northwest community has made great strides to make things "Great" and I'm honored to be part of

it. Some of the decision making I've been part of has been maintaining a "great" budget and placing some of your assessment dollars in our MR&R (Master Repair & Replacement). In 2017, I was part of the decision making in maintaining the assessments for 2018. I was able to vote in favor to place the Greenbelt on the ballot for 2018, so that you as a resident can vote to either maintain the Greenbelt or allow the City to convert the Greenbelt into a trail way. I'm excited to disclose that I've been part of aligning our Compliance and strengthening our Deed Restrictions. I'm honored to be the Liaison of

Scholarships and award "great" intelligent students of the Great Northwest. It's been very exciting to be a Liaison for Community Events for the Great Northwest community. With 5000 homes and 17,000 residents we have many events to offer to the community. I'm an Alumni of St. Edwards University in Austin, Texas. I assist with hospitality at St. Mary Claret Catholic Church. As I go into this election, I ask for your support and vote. With your vote it will allow me continue my agenda to make the Great Northwest a "Great" community.



### Mark Zoller

Twenty eight years ago, my company transferred me from Dallas to San Antonio. After a week of house hunting, we chose a home in the Great Northwest. There was so much to offer. Great schools, recreation opportunities, security, quality houses, and a

friendly atmosphere. What a great neighborhood to raise a family.

As a current board member, my focus has been on property values, and quality of life. Our homes have increased in value and our association offers plenty of amenities to keep our residents active.

Our community is as great, if not greater than it was 42 years ago when the Great Northwest was created. I want to continue doing my part in maintaining and improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods. Please allow me to serve another term as a Board member.

*Mark Zoller*

## Board Briefs

Each Board meeting takes a couple of hours as the Board considers items of business on the agenda. While Board Briefs list decisions made by the Board, Members are encouraged to attend meetings to hear the Board as it discusses and debates matters upon which decisions must be made.

### DECISIONS MADE OR ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

#### February 15, Regular Meeting

##### Board Appointments:

- Director David Gast was appointed as Board Liaison for the Architectural Control Committee

##### Board Decisions:

- Approve the Annual Meeting mailing components.
- Transfer \$400,000 from Operating to the Operating ICS savings account.
- Approve \$64,000 to fund the items on the 2017 Year-end Sweep Report presented, plus the

##### addition of a storage building

- Move the balance of \$41,226 to MR&R Reserves Approve the transfer of \$41,226 to MR&R Reserves Savings from the 2017 Year-

#### March 1, Executive Meeting

##### Board decisions:

- Send 30-day notice letters then file Small Claims Court lawsuits against four homeowners and file Small Claims Court lawsuits against two homeowners
- Appoint David Gast to fill the remaining term of the director term vacated by Ida Rodkey

## BOARD MEETINGS ARE ALWAYS OPEN TO GREAT NORTHWEST RESIDENTS.

Executive Board Meetings - 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month, 7 pm (Residents may observe)

Regular Board Meetings - 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the Month. 6:30 pm (Residents may participate)

8809 Timberwilde Dr.

**FROM THE COVER: GNW ELECTIONS - IT'S TIME TO VOTE!**

opportunity to choose a proxy to vote for you at the Annual Meeting. If you attend the Annual Meeting, you do not need to choose a proxy.

Each member of the Board has volunteered to be a proxy for the election. Residents can also designate another individual to be your proxy, such as a neighbor.

Complete the proxy ballot and then return it to the Lodge, either in person or by return mail.

**QUORUM**

Property owners are entitled

to vote in the election and for the Greenbelt Referendum. There is one proxy ballot per residence. The most important aspect of the vote is that we must attain quorum, 10% of residents must vote, for the election to be certified. Should we not attain quorum, we will have to hold another election, until we attain quorum.

Residents can also vote electronically through the GNW website, [www.greatnorthwest.org](http://www.greatnorthwest.org). If you have not logged on yet, you will need to "Request a Login." It takes

one business day to approve login requests. Call 210-681-2983 if you need assistance.

The method you choose is up to you. In either case, PLEASE VOTE.

**ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting is May 3, at 7:30 p.m. at the GNW Lodge (8809 Timberwilde Dr.). Please save the date and plan to attend.

The Chairman of the Board and the Community Manager will provide reports on the status of the Association. Association finances

will be discussed by the auditing company that reviewed the "books" of the Association. They will answer any questions about the financial state of the Association. The meeting will also give you a fantastic opportunity to meet and interact with members of the Association.

I hope to see each of you at the Annual Meeting. And, PLEASE VOTE!

*Mel Stallings*

**In a Perfect World...**

by **Cindy Gates**

*Community Manager*

In a perfect world the developer of the Great Northwest would have planned for all the amenities the community of 5,000 homes needed from the start. It's typical for a large community that the developer works with the county planning department for approval to build amenities that will provide its homeowners with parks, paths, and recreational amenities that will accommodate the needs of residents in a community. The establishment of a homeowner's association is also a county requirement to create an entity who will own and administer the operations, maintenance and replacement of amenities in the community.

As the build out of the Great Northwest progressed, the developer built amenities to meet the needs of the growing number of residents who lived here. And from time to time residents became involved, and as approved by the Board, built amenities such as Kuwamura Park. This park was developed by a committee to accommodate children, teens and families to connect with neighbors, play and barbeque outside. Another amenity added by the Board of Directors in responding to residents input was the Lodge across from Timberwilde Elementary School where the Association's offices, conference room, meeting and multi-purpose hall are located.

Today residents have the opportunity to decide if it's time for a trail amenity to be built in the Great Northwest. The one under

consideration would be an extension of the city's trail system that would meander through our Greenbelt. In this case the Board of Directors will take into consideration the outcome of the referendum vote and a variety of input from the Greenbelt Ad Hoc Committee and residents attending Town Halls. They'll also consider the mission of the Great Northwest Community Improvement Association, which is to act to improve the quality of life of Association members and to preserve and increase the value of Association members' properties in the community.

The definition of "perfect" in a perfect world of a community association may or may not include a trail through the Greenbelt. Read this issue of Passages that contains information you will want to know before you cast your vote. Then open your Annual Meeting mailing you'll find in your mailbox. The proxy ballot has the referendum question on it. Follow the steps on the proxy ballot carefully to give the Board your opinion to move forward with the process of adding the trail amenity, or not.

Best regards,

*Cindy*

**HOW TO VOTE:***Your Ballot, Step by Step*

First, know where and how you can vote:

- Option 1: Visit [www.greatnorthwest.org](http://www.greatnorthwest.org) and click "VOTE!"
- Option 2: Complete the mailed ballot and returning it to the Great Northwest office at 8809 Timberwilde Dr
- Option 3: Vote at the annual meeting

Then, just follow the steps on your ballot:

**Step 1: Pick someone to vote for you in your absence**

The ballot gives you the opportunity to choose a proxy who will vote for you at the Annual Meeting. You do not need to choose a proxy if you plan on voting at the Annual Meeting of Members on May 3.

**Step 2: Vote for TWO directors**

Direct the proxy holder you choose on the ballot how you want him or her to vote by checking off two directors on the ballot.

**Step 3: Vote on the Greenbelt Trail**

This year's ballot will include a referendum on the Greenbelt Trail: The Board of Directors is considering granting the City of San Antonio an easement to extend the Linear Creekway Trail between Timberwilde and Tezel Road through the 13 acre Greenbelt common area that belongs to the Association. You can choose:

- Yes, proceed with negotiations
- No, don't proceed with negotiations

This issue of Passages includes information about the Greenbelt Trail on the cover and pages 4-5.

**Step 4: Validate your proxy ballot**

Validate your proxy ballot with your signature. Remember, you can only vote once per household.

**Step 5: Return your completed proxy ballot**

If using the mailed proxy ballot, return your completed form to 8809 Timberwilde Dr., San Antonio TX 78250, across from Timberwilde Elementary School. The deadline is May 3, 2018.

**VOTES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE  
ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS  
ON MAY 3**

## Vote AGAINST the Greenbelt Referendum

by Lori Calzoncit

*Greenbelt Ad Hoc Committee Member*

We all choose our homes for specific reasons- proximity to great schools, the huge kitchen, or the fourth bedroom for the new baby. For many residents of the Great Northwest, we chose our homes because of the Greenbelt. Our community is fortunate to have a piece of untouched, beautiful nature within its boundaries and open to residents to enjoy. Each day we see Great Northwest residents strolling through the Greenbelt with their dogs. We also see deer, hawks, owls, and rabbits enjoying the Greenbelt. The idea of changing the Greenbelt by placing a 10-foot wide concrete path open to the entire City has stirred a lot of emotions in our community. Those opposed to the linear path construction have serious concerns about safety, privacy, flooding, parking, and the use of GNW amenities by non-members.

For those living along the Greenbelt, their privacy will be greatly affected by the walkers, joggers, and bicyclists who will now be right behind their fences. Concerns of safety due to increased traffic and easier access to the backs of their homes is also a major factor in the opposition of the linear path construction. While the City has claimed that the path will be constructed in a way to ease flooding concerns, they can offer NO GUARANTEES that the homes along the Greenbelt will not flood as a result of this construction. With many of these homes already in the flood plain and having to pay flood insurance premiums, flood control is a major concern. For anyone who has driven down Timber Path and Timberwilde on Soccer Saturdays, you know that parking is already an issue. 85% of linear path users use the trails on the weekends- a time when parking in our community is already at a premium. While

the City has plans to convert the old gas station on Tezel into some usable parking spaces for the trail, it will not address with those choosing to park along Timberwilde or any of the cul-de-sacs along the Greenbelt. We pay for the wonderful amenities that the GNW offers as homeowners. How will we keep nonresidents from using our courts, playgrounds, soccer fields once we have invited the City into our Greenbelt? The Board has answered that it is an issue now. Won't adding more people to the equation make it a bigger problem? For those living along the Greenbelt, the construction of the path will also be a major concern with dust, noise, and heavy machinery at their back doors. The City currently has estimated the project completion date of 2021.

Those in favor of the Greenbelt have touted that it will give our community access to a linear path. We already have access to 5 walking trails within a 5 mile radius of our GNW Lodge. The Cathedral Rock trailhead is less than 1.5 miles away, and the walking trail at Oscar Perez park is less than 0.25 miles away.

Please carefully consider your vote on the Linear Path. This is not a decision to be taken lightly. Once the decision is made, it cannot be undone. Once the path is built, it will not go away. We would be forever changing the beautiful Greenbelt we have cherished in our community and opening our Association up to many new challenges with security, parking, and control of our amenities.

Please keep OUR GREENBELT Green. Don't let them pave paradise and put up a parking lot.

**Vote NO!**

### Greenbelt Trail Referendum Preview

The Board of Directors is considering granting the City of San Antonio an easement to extend the Linear Creekway Trail between Timberwilde and Tezel Road through the 13 acre Greenbelt common area that belongs to the Association.

- Yes, proceed with negotiations
- No, don't proceed with negotiations

## Vote FOR the Greenbelt Referendum

by Bill McDonough

*Greenbelt Ad Hoc Committee Member*

The Linear Creek Pathway will add an asset that will enhance the Great Northwest. I, like others, on the Ad Hoc Committee, reviewed the proposal in terms of safety, security, privacy, parking and access to GNW Facilities, nature and drainage, and finally, amenities and marketability of our community.

For safety and security concerns, I requested data from the San Antonio Police Department (SAPD) and other HOAs where the trail had been constructed. SAPD's study indicated residents along the Oxbow HOA pathway had less crime than other parts of Oxbow during the period CY 2012 through September 2017. Other HOAs also expressed concerns prior to the pathway being along their fences; however, once built, those concerns were alleviated. Many have even added gates to directly access the pathway. People using the pathway with cell phones will increase safety and security.

Privacy is a personal choice. Some along our Greenbelt have open fencing to enjoy the view and nature. For the most part, the pathway will follow the existing maintenance trail between Timberwilde Drive and Tezel Road, which stays a good distance from backyards. In other neighborhoods resident who live next to the pathway have chosen view over safety and privacy, too.

Access to Great Northwest facilities remains the same. Pathway users would access recreational facilities just as currently done via a gate from the Lodge parking lot or the gate at the maintenance area next to the basketball court. Our Security department makes regular checks of users.

Parking is a concern with the heavy use of our recreational facilities. Unlike events at our facilities, path users are sporadic. The pathway will not generate the kind of parking issues we have with sporting events. To ensure this, we propose granting additional space in easement, specifically for a very large area for additional parking at Tezel Road next to the

old gas station. The city is already proposing to include storage and office space for use by the Park Police, who patrol the city pathways, at this location. We are also asking the city to add additional parking at Oscar Perez Park for the trailhead.

Drainage is always a concern for those living along the flood plain plus the threat to your Lodge and recreation facilities. Drainage will improve under Timberwilde Bridge as more overhead clearance is needed for bike riders. As long-time residents can attest, prior flooding got worse due to storm water backing up at Timberwilde Bridge. The City keeps the easements for pathways clear of debris following flood events. So instead of waiting years for a special project or tasking our own GNW Maintenance crews, the City will respond fairly timely to keep the pathway useable.

The pathways are also viewed as an amenity by other neighborhoods. Feedback from our survey of SA HOAs indicated that pathways are welcomed additions. Homes for sale list the pathway as a values amenity. Studies report higher sale prices close to pathways which helps off-set the additional cost and concern for flood insurance. Safer transportation routes for bike riders and walkers (no dodging vehicles, trash cans in the street and uneven sidewalk) have also been mentioned as benefits. The pathway gives everyone a place to enjoy friends and family while enjoying nature. The Greenbelt is owned by all GNW homeowners and for all resident's use. Lindsey Place, on Grissom Rd, reports their community members are using their entrance at the trail head in one of their cul-de-sacs for youth groups and outdoor events.

Need more detailed information? Please contact me at mcdoo2@att.net. I'll be glad to answer your questions, share what this limited space did not address, or direct you to other sources to answer your questions.

**Vote YES!**

to help, there are also Trail Watch Volunteers who will answer questions and help.

What I have learned over the past years on the Linear Creekway Parks Advisory Board (LCPAB) is that the park system is taken seriously in San Antonio. There are two boards associated with the parks system. The Parks and Recreation Board and the LCPAB. I have been the District 6 representative on the LCPAB for some years. Each of the ten districts has a representative as well as a Mayoral appointee and a liaison with the Parks Department. We meet monthly in the media briefing room of City Hall. Over the years I along with my fellow LCPAB members have reported areas of concern found by and/or reported to us which were promptly fixed, or a plan put in place to correct them. The mission and goals for the Howard W. Peak Greenway Program are simple:

- Mission: To enhance the quality of life for San Antonio residents and visitors
- Goals:
  - Expand recreational opportunities
  - Preserve open space and riparian connectivity for wildlife habitat
  - Install building blocks for comprehensive system of pedestrian and bicycle connectivity
  - Increase effectiveness of stormwater management

Thanks to our previous District 6 Councilman, Ray Lopez, who started this endeavor, and our current Councilman, Greg Brockhouse, who has maintained the momentum, the Great Northwest now has the opportunity for neighborhood access to the Linear Creek Trail System. You may or may not know, the Linear Trail Development Projects are funded through a shared 1/8 of a cent Sales Tax. This tax was re-approved in 2014 to cover 2015 through 2019. It is shared by the area which purchases land over the Aquifer recharge zone. If approved, this trail access will start at Tezel Road through our Greenbelt and will continue on into Cathedral Rock Park. The approved funds (shared 1/8 cent sale tax) for this project is 4.2 Million dollars. Trail extension through the GNW Greenbelt will provide an access connection safe from vehicular traffic to the trail

system.

The decision to accept this 10' wide concrete trail improvement is up to us, the GNW homeowners. If we do not accept this project the funding will be used in other District 6 linear creekway projects. Our next opportunity for a Greenway trail project will not occur until the 2020 through 2024 cycle.

If the trail is approved by the Great Northwest it will:

- be 10' wide concrete,
- have a 3-foot easement on each side
- be level and easily traveled by those with balance problems including walkers or wheelchairs.
- have a dividing line down the middle
- have clear way-finding signage
- have bridges across any low water
- be open only during daylight

hours

- be maintained by the City

Your trail excursion can be as long or as short as you want. Just remember the trail is not a circle. When you've gone half the distance you want to travel you need to stay on the trail and turn around.

### Trail Etiquette

San Antonio offers a myriad of fabulous trails throughout the community for walking, jogging, hiking, cycling, and skating. Not least among these is 47 miles of hike and bike greenway trails along Salado Creek, Leon Creek and Medina River. As more and more San Antonian's flock to the trails for fitness and fun, the need has grown to remind trail users to share the trails by following simple etiquette rules so everyone has a great and safe time on the trails:

- Stay right and pass on left
- Announce "Passing on the

left"

- Bikes yield to pedestrians
- Travel at a safe speed
- Keep an eye on children
- Keep dogs on a short leash
- Single file in groups
- Slow down on curves
- Keep to the edge when stopping

### Safety Tips

Summertime is a great time to embrace the beauty of our natural surroundings. Step up your fitness routine and enjoy the benefits of hiking, cycling, running, and walking on trails throughout the San Antonio park system.

The Parks and Recreation Department encourages you to consider the following safety tips as you make your plans for an outing on one of the many beautiful trails in your City parks and on the Howard W. Peak Greenway trails:

- Utilize the buddy system
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Carry a charged cell phone and proper identification
- Communicate to friends and family where you're going
- Remain on the main trails
- Trust your instincts
- Take care in acknowledging strangers
- Dial 911 for an emergency and use mile and quarter-mile markers to identify your location
- Dial 210.207.SAPD for non-emergencies
- Carry a sound-making device
- If listening to music on head phones or earbuds, be aware of your surroundings. Consider using one earbud
- Wear bright or light-colored clothing so you're easily seen
- Carry water
- Wear sunscreen
- Observe posted rules and park hours
- Park in well-lit areas
- Leave valuables at home

For more information see the following website: <http://www.sanantonio.gov/ParksAndRec/Parks-Facilities/Trails/Greenway-Trails>.

Thanks for your consideration,  
*Myrl R. Britten*

Trail area from Tezel Rd to Cathedral Rock Park



Picture Courtesy of City of San Antonio

Draft of proposed linear creek pathway through the GNW Greenbelt, located behind the GNW Lodge.

# Calendar

## APRIL

■ Silver Creek | ◆ Emerald Valley

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Poker ■ 7 P	3	4	5 Exec. Board Mtg ■ 6:15 P	6	7 Bulk Drop Off ■ 8 A - 12:30 P
8	9 ACC Mtg ■ 4:30 P	10 O.W.L.S. Luncheon ■ 11:30 A	11 Office Hours: 10 A - 1 P 3 P - 7 P	12 GNWatch ◆ 6:30 P	13	14
15	16 Poker ■ 7 P	17	18 Book Club ■ 7 P	19 Reg Board Mtg ■ 6:30 P	20	21 Spring Community Yard Sale ■ 8 A - 2 P
22	23 ACC Mtg ■ 4:30 P	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

## MAY

■ Silver Creek | ◆ Emerald Valley

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3 Annual Meeting of Members ■ 7:30 P	4	5
6	7 ACC Mtg ■ 4:30 P Poker ■ 7 P	8 O.W.L.S. Luncheon ■ 11:30 A	9	10 GNWatch ◆ 6:30 P	11	12 Spring market Day ■ 9 A - 4 P
13	14	15	16 Book Club ■ 7 P	17 Reg BOD Mtg ■ 6:30 P	18 Swim Team Registration Ends	19 Free Pet Awareness Event ■ 10 A - 2 P
20	21 ACC Mtg ■ 4:30 P Poker ■ 7 P	22	23	24	25 Family Dive-In movie ■ 8:30 P	26
27	28 Memorial Day BBQ ■ 4 P - 8 P	29	30	31	1	2

## COMING SOON

### APR 7 • SPRING BULK DROP OFF

8 am - 12:30 pm, Emerald Valley parking lot, 9310 Timber Path and Timberwilde Elementary parking lot, 8838 Timberwilde  
**Volunteers needed! Contact 210-681-2983**

Don't miss out on a chance to drop off your brush and bulk items.

Accepted items include: appliances, furniture, lumber, mattresses, shrub, tree limbs, water heaters, vehicle tires (limit 4)

Not accepted: bricks, commercial waste, concrete, construction / remodeling materials ◦ hazardous waste ◦ soil / sod ◦ railroad ties

### APR 21 • SPRING YARD SALE

8 am - 2 pm, Silver Creek Soccer Complex, 8809 Timberwilde Dr.  
Sign up starts on March 5 and ends on April 20

Save time on scouting for garage sales by stopping by our Community Yard Sale. Interested in selling your items? Visit the office to sign up for spots: \$10 for 1, \$15 for 2, \$25 for 3.

### MAY 3 • ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

7:30 pm, GNW Lodge, 8809 Timberwilde Dr.

Join us as we inform Members about the Association's business that occurred during the previous calendar year. We will also celebrate recognize volunteers and announce neighborhood award winners and scholarship winners.

### MAY 12 • SPRING MARKET DAY

9 am - 4 pm, GNW Lodge, 8809 Timberwilde Dr.

Stock up on your handmade and unique decor, accessories, and more! Interested in a booth? Inside tables are \$30, outside tables are \$20. Register at the GNW Office starting April 2.

### MAY 19 • FREE PET AWARENESS EVENT

10 am - 2 pm, GNW Lodge, 8809 Timberwilde Dr.

Nothing is cuter than a puppy or kitten, but pet ownership brings new responsibility. Take advantage of this opportunity to learn about pet ownership. Keynote speaker: Animal Care Services Officer Aimee De Contreras, will speak about San Antonio pet laws and services offered by ACS, and will answer your questions.

### MAY 25 • FAMILY DIVE-IN MOVIE

8:30 pm, Silver Creek Pool, 8809 Timberwilde Dr.

We'll be featuring a family-friendly film (to be announced) at our Silver Creek pool for a refreshing, Friday family night.

### MAY 28 • MEMORIAL DAY BBQ

4 pm - 8 pm, Silver Creek Pool, 8809 Timberwilde Dr.

Enjoy a relaxing Memorial Day with your family at the Silver Creek Pool. We will be celebrating the holiday with FREE hot dogs, lemonade, and chips. Hot dogs are given on a first come, first serve basis.

## ATHLETIC DATES

### SUMMER SWIM LESSON REGISTRATION

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### GNW GATORS SWIM TEAM REGISTRATION

Mar 5 - May 18 • (Ages 4-18)

### ADULT SOFTBALL GAMES (RAYMON RIMKUS)

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## SPRINGTIME BRINGS PUPPIES, KITTENS, AND NEW RESPONSIBILITIES

by Renee Townsend  
Safety & Security Team Leader

Nothing is cuter than a puppy or kitten, but pet ownership brings new responsibility. Are you a responsible pet owner? On Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., the GNW Watch Teams will host a "Free Pet Awareness Event" at the Silver Creek Lodge on Timberwilde Drive.

We hope that GNW residents will take advantage of this opportunity. Please invite your friends and neighbors to attend as well!

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:00 a.m.	Doors Open/Visit Display Tables
10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Keynote Speaker: Animal Care Services Officer Aimee De Contreras, will speak about San Antonio pet laws and services offered by ACS, and will answer your questions
11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Great Northwest Animal Hospital Veterinarians Travis and Michele Wright, will speak about vaccines, common pet illnesses and health issues, and will also answer your questions
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	We have invited a dog trainer to speak to us about some simple dog training tips.
12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	Animal Care Services will offer free microchipping during this one hour period only

We are also inviting some local pet adoption agencies to bring some adoptable fur babies.

**SPREAD THE WORD AND SEE YOU THERE!**

Renee Townsend • 210-264-4259  
mutti2two@gmail.com



## A-Team Members Help District 6 Clean-up

by Connie Stallings  
A-Team Team Leader

On the crisp and foggy morning of March 10, ten plus members

of the GNW A-Team helped Councilman Brockhouse's efforts to clean-up District 6. We met behind the Whataburger in the creek bed to clean-up all the trash that had been illegally dumped there. Two weeks earlier D6 staff and Solid Waste removed 68 tons of debris. Our efforts added another three plus tons, for a total of over 70 tons of trash being removed! A-Team members worked to get as much done in the timeframe of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. It was a daunting task, but we persevered and got this job accomplished!

We as a community need to be aware that all the trash that we see along our streets goes into our storm drains clogging them and causing possible flooding. Our rivers and streams also suffer from all the trash that flows into them. Take better care of our community - REPORT illegal dumping to **311**.



Picture Courtesy of Connie Stallings  
Some of the trash and bulk illegally dumped in the creek bed behind Whataburger. The A-Team helped remove 70 tons of trash.

Be a part of the **SOLUTION**, not part of the **PROBLEM!** Contact Connie Stallings (210-416-8595) if YOU would like to be part of the SOLUTION in keeping our community clean.

Connie Stallings • 210-416-8595  
connie\_stallings@sbcglobal.net



## Springtime Adventures

by Janet Anderson

O.W.L.S. Communication Officer

Look around you folks! It's Springtime in the

GNW! Buds are on many trees, some are already blooming, like my Mountain Laurel!! Residents of our Association can be seen cleaning up yards, planting bushes, putting down mulch and working very hard to develop a lovely, attractive community once again, following the ravages of

frosts and storms of the winter time.

For the above named reasons, the OWLS April travel will take place on April 17th to visit the WILDSEED FARMS in Fredricksburg, Texas. Did you know that it is the Nation's Largest Working Wildflower Farm?

Join us at our Covered Dish April Meeting on the 10th to sign up for this trip. The meeting will take place at the Lodge at 11:30 AM.

Connie Stallings will cook a ham and members

will bring food to accompany the main dish.

Dining out for April will take place on April 24th at 1 PM. Members will congregate at the Texas Roadhouse Restaurant on 1604 near Alamo Ranch.

If you are 50 yrs old or more, you are invited to join us for just \$10. The OWLS get together 3 times a month. Please contact Nancy Manley, President for more details!

Nancy Manley  
210-251-6178



## GNW Book Club

April 18 • 7 pm  
8809 Timberwilde Dr.

The book club will be discussing:  
*Leonardo Da Vinci* by Walter Isaacson

## OWLS Luncheon

April 10 • 11:30 am  
8809 Timberwilde Dr.

If you are 50 and over, join our active social group for just \$10 a month!





## Creepy Crawly Things Know What to Look for in the Greenbelt

by Roger Burton

*Security Chief*

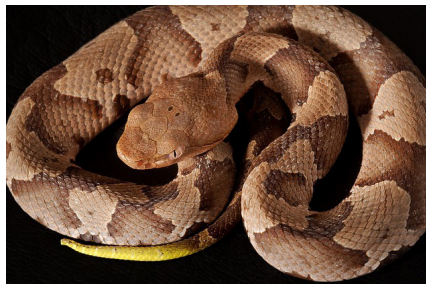
When someone says something like “Creepy Crawly Things”, the first thing most people will want to do is run, run, and run. Those “creepy crawly things” are snakes and this is the time of year that all kinds of snakes come out. This is largely due to the warm and wet weather the spring and summer months bring. As we discussed above, the GNW has many greenbelts and our nature park runs through it. People and their children use this area for recreational purposes. Of course, kids also use it for taking shortcuts home. The parents of this community need

to speak to their children about the dangers in the greenbelts. The greenbelts may have a large amount of snakes during the spring and summer months.

Let’s talk about the snakes that you may run across in this area. The most common snakes they will come upon will be the water moccasin (Cottonmouth), rattlesnakes, copperhead and coral snakes. The reason I bring these up first is because they are the poisonous ones. The most common non-poisonous snakes in the area are king snake, rat snake, grass snake and the milk snake. The king and rat snake are probably the best to have around, since they feed on all types of rodents and other snakes (they are the scary looking ones). If you see a

snake while you’re in the greenbelt, the best thing to do is stay away from it.

Parents with younger children, please monitor them closely if you take them out into the greenbelt. Younger children may try to touch or get close to snakes. For information about this subject, go to the Internet Search Engine and type: Snakes of Texas



Picture Courtesy of Pixabay - Creative Commons  
Keep an eye out for snakes, such as the copperhead pictured above.

## What's the Buzz?

### *Planting for Bees*

by Camille Fiorillo

*Horticulturalist*

Why would you want to attract those stingers to your garden? According to a USDA study "(P)ollinators are essential to the production of food, and in the United States, honey bees pollinate an estimated \$15 billion of crops each year, ranging from almonds to zucchinis". Without bees our food crops would be drastically compromised. This is not even taking into account home garden fruits and vegetables. The United States has been plagued with Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD). In one year over 44% of honey bee colonies were lost! CCD is caused by a variety of factors including the varoa mite, pesticides, and climate change. Home gardeners can help by growing bee friendly plants and avoiding the use of harmful pesticides.

<http://fafard.com/terrific-flowers-for-honey-bees/> recommends the following flowers to attract bees:

- Pale Purple Coneflower (Echinacea pallida, perennial)
- Common yarrow (Achillea millefolium, perennial)
- Sunflowers (Helianthus annuus, annual)
- Blue Giant Hyssop (Agastache foeniculum, perennial)
- Horsemint (Monarda punctata, perennial)
- Purple Coneflower (Echinacea purpurea, perennial)
- Black-eyed Susan (Rudbeckia spp., annual or perennial)
- Asters (Symphotrichum spp., perennial)
- Joe-Pye Weeds (Eutrochium spp., perennial)
- Goldenrods (Solidago spp., perennial)



So “bee” a “honey” and plant to support the bee population!

Happy Gardening!  
Camille

## NOTICE FROM SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT: OVERSIZED VEHICLES

*Courtesy San Antonio Police Department Facebook Page*

Oversized vehicle parking within residential areas is prohibited by City Code. Violations of this prohibition continue to increase. As a response, today City Council voted to approve increasing the violation amount from \$35.00 to \$500.00, which will take effect March 11th.

An oversized vehicle: A motor vehicle, trailer, or boat which by itself or together with other structure(s) or vehicle(s) attached to it exceeds twenty-

four (24) feet in length, eight (8) feet in width or eight (8) feet in height, exclusive of accessories such as antennas, air conditioners, luggage racks, and mirrors. If an oversized vehicle

is also a recreational vehicle, it may not be parked on the street in a residential district. If it does not meet the criteria for an oversized vehicle it may be parked on the street provided that it is not being stored there. It may park on the street only for such time as is actually necessary to load and unload passengers, freight and merchandise. There is no exception for trip preparation. This rule applies 24 hours a day.



### Line Dancing

Thursdays • 10 am

8809 Timberwilde Dr.

Join us while we boot-scoot in boogie through our Thursday mornings!

### Emerald Valley Activities

Dominoes • Wednesdays • 11 am

Chess • Wednesdays • 6 pm

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### E-tip of the month

<https://thehoneybeeconservancy.org/plant-a-bee-garden/>

## DEED RESTRICTION

### Activity from February 1 - March 1, 2018

Below is the list of calls/complaints to the **Deed Restriction Department** made during **February 1, 2018 - March 1, 2018**. **Calls per day: 8-15. Correction Rate: 92%** Abbreviations of sub-divisions are as follows: Silver Creek (**SC**); Timberwilde (**TW**); Ridge Creek (**RC**); Sage Coach Crossing (**SCC**); Commons (**C**); Village Northwest (**VNW**); and Emerald Valley (**EV**).

Complaint	SC	TW	RC	SCC	C	VNW	EV	TOTAL
Nuisance	60	21	60	35	26	39	72	<b>313</b>
Inoperable Vehicle	5	1	2	1	0	1	3	<b>13</b>
Basketball Hoop	9	0	9	0	1	0	11	<b>30</b>
Fence/Garage Door	15	7	13	3	5	5	9	<b>57</b>
Overgrown Grass	68	33	58	21	30	43	155	<b>408</b>
Boats/Trailers	11	4	7	2	1	2	4	<b>31</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>852</b>

## ACC STATS

All exterior construction, additions, changes or alterations must be approved by an **"Architectural Control Committee,"** as per section 5A.2-5A.9 of the deed restrictions.

### February 2018

Street	Improvement	Value
Ridge Pond	New windows	\$4,000
Valley Hill	Paint the exterior of their home	\$9,000
Ridge Place	New Fence	\$800
Ridge Run	Siding	\$41,000
Timber Wind	New fence	\$1,000
Timber Point	Security fence	\$1,300
Timber Point	Security Fence	\$1,830
Timber Rail	Driveway Extension	\$1,000
Valley Ridge	Garage conversion	\$3,000
Celine	Painting front door	\$600
Ridge Glade	Storage shed	\$3,027
Timber Belt	Storage Shed	\$1,500
Timber Spring	Water Fountain	\$600
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$68,657</b>

For more information you can find a copy of the GNW deed restriction and exterior guidelines on the Great Northwest website, [greatnorthwest.org](http://greatnorthwest.org).

## HOW TO REPORT A VIOLATION

*All reports are anonymous*

**Website - [greatnorthwest.org](http://greatnorthwest.org)**

Login ► Hover over "About" ► Hover over "Deed Restrictions" ► Click on "Report A Violation"

**Phone: 210-681-2983 ext. 102**

**Email:**

**[draco1@greatnorthwest.org](mailto:draco1@greatnorthwest.org)**

**[teresaj@greatnorthwest.org](mailto:teresaj@greatnorthwest.org)**

## MONTHLY SECURITY ACTIVITY REPORT

### Activity from February 1 - February 28, 2018

Below is the list of calls/responses the Security Department made during February 2018. Abbreviations of sub-divisions are as follows: Silver Creek (**S/C**); Timberwilde (**T/W**); Ridge Creek (**R/C**); Village Northwest (**VNW**); Commons (**C**); and Emerald Valley (**EV**).

	SC	TW	RC	VNW	C	SCC	EV	TOTAL
Alarms	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Animal Complaints	5	0	1	2	2	1	4	<b>15</b>
Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Assist Public	10	0	2	4	1	0	8	<b>25</b>
Burglary Mailbox	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	<b>5</b>
Burglary Vehicle	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Child - Missing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Criminal Mischief	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Criminal Trespass	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	<b>4</b>
Death - Suicide	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Deed Restriction	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	<b>3</b>
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Disturbances	14	1	1	0	1	0	2	<b>19</b>
Lost/ Found Property	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Poss. Controlled Substance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Public Intoxication	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
Harassment - Threats	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
Salesman/ Soliciting	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	<b>3</b>
Sex Offenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Suspicious Activity	4	0	1	2	0	0	0	<b>7</b>
Suspicious Pers./ Veh.	13	1	7	2	0	0	5	<b>28</b>
Thefts	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
Traffic Complaints	5	0	0	2	0	0	5	<b>12</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>128</b>

## SECURITY RESIDENTIAL SERVICES REPORT

### Activity from February 1 - February 28, 2018

Below is the list of responses the security department made when assisting the public during February 2018. Abbreviations of sub-divisions are as follows: Silver Creek (**S/C**); Timberwilde (**T/W**); Ridge Creek (**R/C**); Village Northwest (**VNW**); Commons (**C**); Stage Coach Crossing (**SCC**) and Emerald Valley (**EV**).

	SC	TW	RC	VNW	C	SCC	EV	TOTAL
Alarms	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Facility Check	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	<b>4</b>
Lost/Found Animals	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	<b>8</b>
Jump Start Battery	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	<b>2</b>
Home/Veh. Lockouts	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
Open Doors	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	<b>3</b>
Vehicle Lights Left On	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>0</b>
Welfare Checks	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	<b>4</b>
Out-of-Town	47	0	0	35	0	0	11	<b>93</b>
Special Watch	31	0	0	9	0	0	17	<b>57</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>172</b>

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*Camille Fiorillo Scholarship (\$1000)*

*Paul and Jay Laushey Memorial Scholarship (\$1000)*

*Use this form to apply for only one of these scholarships*

### Deadline for Applications

Applications must be received by 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 13, 2018 at the Association Main Office. **LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

### Awards Presentation

GNW Annual Members' Meeting, Thursday, May 3, 2018 at 7 pm.

### Instructions

Fill out the form below:

Your Full Name:	
Your Street Address:	
Your Daytime Phone Number:	
Your Evening Phone Number:	
Your Birth Date:	
Name of the Post-Secondary Educational Institution You Plan to Attend:	

Use one or more pages to include the following:

- Great Northwest and community service
- Academics (**Camille Fiorillo Perpetual Scholarship** requires a GPA of 3.0 or higher)
- Athletics (**Paul and Jay Laushey Memorial Scholarship** requires participation in one of the GNW sports leagues)
  - Letters of recommendation

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Eligibility

- ◆ You must maintain a permanent address in the Great Northwest (Emerald Valley, Village Northwest, Commons at Village Northwest, Ridge Creek, Silver Creek, Stagecoach Crossing or Timberwilde subdivisions) as of the date of the annual meeting for the year in which the scholarship is being awarded. Scholarships are payable upon proof of summer or fall registration at any post-secondary educational institution.
- ◆ Association assessments must be current for the property at which the permanent address is maintained.
- ◆ The Great Northwest Community Improvement Association cannot have previously awarded you a scholarship.

### Award Criteria:

#### Camille Fiorillo Perpetual Scholarship (\$1000)

- ◆ Academics (3.0 GPA or higher)
- ◆ GNW and community services (required)
- ◆ Letters of Recommendation (recommended)

#### Paul and Jay Laushey Memorial Scholarship (\$1000)

- ◆ Athletic (Participated in one of the Great Northwest community sports leagues. Provide date of participation and the league in which you participated).
- ◆ GNW and community services (required)
- ◆ Academics
- ◆ Letters of Recommendation

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**Additional hours (no alcohol): \$66**

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