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AMBERWOOD

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF AMBERWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

IT'S TIME TO OPEN THE POOL WITH A SPLASH!

You are invited to CELEBRATE the Amberwood HOA Community



When: **May 16th**

Time: **11:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

There will be B-B-Q, snow cones, popcorn, a moonwalk, a DJ (music) and more! Just bring your own lawn chair!

Please RSVP by April 30th!

RSVP to sandra32@austin.rr.com or 512.262.0620

Hosted by the Amberwood Social Committee

Visit www.amberwoodhomeowners.org for more information!

- The pool will be open May 1st through May 22nd on weekends only. May 23rd through September 7th the pool is open everyday except Monday's. September 8th through September 27th the pool is open weekends only. Pool hours are 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM.
- Please remember that the pool is only available via use of your pool access card. If you do not have a pool card or need a replacement please contact RealManage at 512.219.1927.
- In order to receive a pool access card or use the pool you must be a homeowner in good standing with the HOA which means: you are current on your assessments and are in compliance with the Amberwood DCC&Rs.

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**KYLE POLICE REPORT FOR
AMBERWOOD COMMUNITY**

OCTOBER THROUGH DECEMBER 2008

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Safety Committee

- 2 incidents of animal disturbances.
- 2 incidents of criminal property mischief.
- 1 incident of vehicle stop.
- 15 incidents of burglary of vehicle.
- 2 incidents of theft.
- 6 incidents of assault.
- 2 vehicle accidents.

The Kyle Police Department has changed the content and format of the police report furnished to the HOA from which this report is developed and consequently not as much information will be provided as has been the case in the past. Please notice that vehicle burglaries tripled in the 4th quarter of 2008 so please take steps to protect your property and turn on your exterior lights.

There has also been an increase in the number of trailers parked in the street and in driveways in Amberwood and this has generated numerous complaints. Please be aware that any trailer parked for an extended period or repeatedly in the same location is a clear violation of HOA deed restrictions as well as being a great disservice to the residents of Amberwood. If you own one of these trailers please be a good neighbor and remove it to preclude any further legal action being taken by the HOA and RealManage.

Kyle Animal Control: 268-8800
Kyle Police Department: 268-3232

If any Amberwood resident has a safety concern they may contact one of the Safety Committee Co-Chairmen listed below:

Duane Ammerman
225 Amber Ash Dr.
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**Want to get involved?****Join a COMMITTEE!**

Contact the chairperson below to join or just stop in at the next scheduled meeting!

Covenant Committee

Chairperson: Mrs. Vicki Rubsam.....295-4304
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Energy Saving Tips

- Prepare meals that don't require an oven or stove. Save energy and keep your house cooler at the same time!
- Close vents and doors to rooms that are not occupied.
- Delay laundry and dishwasher chores until night. This will reduce use on your air conditioner and your local electric system.
- Clean refrigerator coils at least once a year. Make sure there is a space between the wall and the unit so the refrigerator gets air to cool the compressor.



SPRING GARDENING IS HERE!



Spring is a busy time for gardeners. It's a time to prepare for the summer by pruning, cleaning and planting. It can be a lot of hard work, so make sure you are only doing those tasks that will give you the most benefit in your garden and your yard. Here are some easy-to-follow tips for gardening in the spring time that will ensure a beautiful and bountiful garden all summer long.

1. Clean Your Yard

Remove any mulch from the soil so the soil can properly loosen. Once the soil has loosened and warmed up, put down new mulch and remember to keep it away from the base of the plants.

2. Prune Trees and Shrubs

Wait to do any pruning or trimming until the trees and shrubs in your yard have started growing new leaves. This will allow you to see which branches are dead or damaged. Trim shrubs each year to keep them to a manageable size.

3. Add Compost To The Soil

If you have a compost pile from last year, spread the composted soil on top of your garden in order to add nutrients to the soil. If none, compost is available at any local nursery stores.

4. Start Planting

Make sure to place your plants in nutrient rich topsoil, as this will make them grow faster and stronger. Use stakes to help stabilize new plants, especially trees and to provide support for climbing plants, such as tomatoes and cucumbers. Also, make sure to keep new plants well watered for the first two weeks while they become established in their new home.

5. Make Repairs

This past winter was not quite cold and freezing but check your fences, pathways, and other items in your yard that might need repairs. Tackle repairs right away in order to prolong the life of the damaged item. Spring is a good time for painting before the hot summer heat comes.

ALL AROUND THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Amberwood is a good place to live, raise families and to retire. Recently, a lot of concerns were raised regarding: cars speeding, vehicles with loud music on after 10:00 PM, dogs barking continuously, vehicles parked for longer than the Deed Restrictions allow, vehicles parked on the street curvature thereby blocking the sight of distance from the oncoming vehicles, vehicles parked on the handicapped ramps and on the sidewalks, loose trash floating through the neighborhood from trash and recycle bins, and dog poop all over the neighborhood pathways.

Please be a good neighbor and help keep the neighborhood a safe and clean place to live!

Spring Cleaning Checklist

Warming breezes scour the last of winter from house and garden. Spring rain awakens the earth and calls forth new life. Meet the rising sap with a new broom. Spring clean indoors and out to prepare home and hearth for the return of warm weather.

Our spring cleaning chore checklist will help you take care of important seasonal chores and welcome spring to an organized home:

Around The House:

- Schedule a family garage clean-out. Create efficient storage for sporting goods, camping equipment, recreational vehicles, and garden tools. You'll have the jump on summer fun!
- Inspect, clean and repair outdoor furniture.
- Tour house exterior and grounds. Make a list of any needed seasonal maintenance.
- Inspect the roof for winter damage: leaks, missing or broken shingles or tiles. Arrange for any needed repairs early; roofing contractors can be hard to find during summer's construction season.
- Use a sunny Saturday to scrape, prime and paint peeling spots on trim or woodwork. You'll protect wood against summer's heat and moisture-and prevent a more difficult paint job come fall.
- Clear away any remaining dead foliage and weeds from beds and

lawn. New growth will be protected from damage or disease.

The Inside Story:

- Changing seasons, changing clothes. Hold a family wardrobe check as you bring out warm-weather clothing. Sort winter clothing for discards and donations before you store.
- Pick a weekend and enlist the family for spring cleaning. Many hands make light work! Reward the team with dinner at a pizza parlor.
- Wash windows inside and out.
- While at the window area, check drapes and window treatments. Vacuum any dust; send dirtier drapes to the cleaners.
- Move furniture and vacuum beneath it.
- Arrange for a spring inspection of cooling systems. Don't wait for the first hot day! Air conditioning firms will give better service when they're not busy.
- When the weather warms, deactivate heat system humidifiers. Check the system manual for instructions on how to power down for the summer.
- Drain sediment from hot water heaters.

Source: <http://organizedhome.com/spring-cleaning-chore-checklist>

Amberwood is a deed restricted subdivision. If any homeowner requires a copy of the Bylaws/Deed Restrictions, please contact RealManage. RealManage also asks that all homeowners update their contact information and mailing addresses by contacting RealManage (contact information listed on page 2).

RECIPE CORNER

Cheesy Pork Chops with Spicy Apples

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 onion sliced
- 1 pinch of red pepper flakes
- 1 apple cored and sliced
- 2 teaspoons white sugar
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 4 pork chops
- 4 slices extra sharp Cheddar cheese
- Salt and Pepper to taste



Preparation:

1. Preheat an outdoor or stovetop grill to high heat.
2. While the grill heats, melt the butter in a skillet over medium heat. Add the onion to the butter and cook until soft. Season with red pepper flakes and then add the sliced apple. Stir in the sugar, balsamic vinegar, and simmer for 5 minutes, or until the apple is soft and golden.
3. Season the pork chops with salt and pepper. Grill for 3 to 5 minutes per side, depending on the thickness of the pork chops. Spoon the onions and apples on top of the pork chops and top with a slice of Cheddar cheese. Cover the grill, and cook for 3 minutes or until the cheese is melted and bubbling.

Green Beans with Hazelnuts and Lemon

Ingredients:

- 1 & 1/2 lbs. fresh green beans, washed and trimmed
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 & 1/2 teaspoon lemon zest
- 1/3 cup chopped hazelnuts
- Salt and Pepper to taste



Preparation:

1. In a large pot of salted boiling water, cook green beans for 3 to 8 minutes, or until tender. Drain the beans and place in a large bowl.
2. Add the olive oil, lemon zest, hazelnuts, salt and pepper.
3. Toss to combine.



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