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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER OF AMBERWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

COVENANT CORNER

By now everyone knows the summer is going to be brutal and our landscaping is begging for some relief. Overall, my hat is off to Amberwood residents on their commitment to keeping our neighborhood attractive. I hope you noticed the improvement in appearance to Amberwood North and South. I would like to thank our neighbors who helped remove dead vegetation.

The Covenant Committee is starting a flyer program to help new residents and old timers review issues detracting from our neighborhood appearance. They will be distributing flyers in the near future. Major concerns with our neighborhood include:

- Proper storage of trash cans
- Yard maintenance
- Improper parking of RV's, watercraft, trailers, and inoperable or unlicensed vehicles
- Unapproved and non-

- compliant storage buildings
- Yard signs without Board approval
- Non-compliant portable and permanent basketball goals
- Windows without draperies, blinds or shutters
- Garage doors open when not occupied
- Improper disposal of or failure to pickup pet waste



If you have questions about a problem in our neighborhood, contact one of our Covenant Committee members. If you would like to report a violation, please use the RealManage Resident Portal at <https://www.realmanage.com/ResidentPortal/Login/Default.aspx>.

Tom Witt
Amberwood Board Vice President

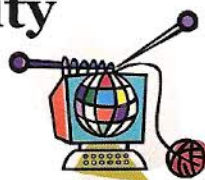
Monarch Utilities

Amberwood Subdivision is now in stage 3 of water restrictions. Please visit <http://www.swwc.com/drought-notice/> for all of the watering restrictions.

Amberwood Community Website

<http://amberwoodhomeowners.org>

http://amberwoodhomeowners.org/classifieds/1_Kyle/



AMBERWOOD NORTH AND SOUTH ENTRANCE

Kudos to Tom and Frances Witt, Judy Moss, Peggy Farrell and Sonny and Evelyn Tamayo. The group pulled and cleaned up both main entrances by removing the dead grass in the early morning on Saturday, May 21st. And thanks too, to those other volunteers who helped with the south entrance. This is in preparation for the planting of new ornamental plants to re-develop and beautify these two entrances. Volunteers are needed for planting these plants, an email will be sent out soon requesting volunteers. So far, repair of the irrigation system and the dry weather are conditions on when the planting date will be.

Mark Your Calendars!

Wednesday, July 20th: Amberwood Neighborhood Meeting at 6:30 PM at Chapa Middle School

Wednesday, September 21st: Amberwood Neighborhood Meeting at 6:30 PM at Chapa Middle School

Tuesday, October 4th: Amberwood National Night Out

Saturday, December 10th: Santa in Amberwood (Benefit: Paws and Hays County)



Amberwood Social Committee Members

Elizabeth Lara, Linda Freeman, Mary Barron, Belinda McDaniel, Ida Gomez, Natalie Woodward, Diane Hervol, Monica Salas, Sue Prator, Sandra Bryant (Chair)



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Do you want to get involved?

Join a COMMITTEE!

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

Covenant Committee

Co-Chair: Mrs. Frances Witt.....295-4651

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AMBERWOOD POOL HOURS

Closed Monday

Pool Hours:

9:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Tuesday through Sunday

Must have pool key pass and be current on assessments



Community Reminders

- Please keep your trash can stored out of sight at all times except for on trash pick up day.
- Watch for children when driving through the community.
- Be sure you are maintaining your yard on a regular basis.



Welcome to Amberwood

Are you new to the neighborhood? Do you want to stay informed? If so, please email rbryant13@austin.rr.com with your name, address, home/cell number and email address or call 512-262-0620.



MAY YARD OF THE MONTH WINNER



157 Amber Ash Drive



Amberwood Community Garage

is a SALE

August 6, 2011

October 1, 2011

7:00am to 2:00pm



AMBERWOOD POOL OPEN FOR THE SEASON

According to our records, the addresses below don't have amenity access. Please contact RealManage if you have any questions at service@realmanage.com or 866-473-2573.



As a friendly reminder, please do not share your pool card with anyone. If you do share your pool card with others, you will lose amenity access. If someone doesn't have a key they need to contact RealManage to obtain one. Thank you.

158 Amber Ash Dr	1572 Amberwood Loop	1113 Cherrywood	113 Maplewood N
261 Amber Ash Dr	1552 Amberwood Loop	1367 Cherrywood	133 Maplewood S
218 Amber Ash Dr	1957 Amberwood Loop	1172 Cherrywood	108 Maplewood S
120 Amber Ash Dr	1413 Amberwood Loop	1398 Cherrywood	280 Maplewood S
249 Amber Ash Dr	1724 Amberwood Loop	1206 Cherrywood	232 Maplewood S
178 Amber Ash Dr	1505 Amberwood Loop	1255 Cherrywood	142 Pecanwood N
309 Amber Ash Dr	1773 Amberwood Loop	1266 Cherrywood	136 Pecanwood N
392 Amber Ash Dr	1508 Amberwood Loop	1173 Cherrywood	148 Pecanwood N
375 Amber Ash Dr	1689 Amberwood Loop	1155 Cherrywood	188 Pecanwood N
297 Amber Ash Dr	1541 Amberwood Loop	1119 Cherrywood	111 Pecanwood N
243 Amber Ash Dr	1701 Amberwood Loop	1249 Cherrywood	167 Pecanwood N
363 Amber Ash Dr	1600 Amberwood Loop	1361 Cherrywood	143 Pecanwood N
207 Amber Ash Dr	1933 Amberwood Loop	1360 Cherrywood	149 Pecanwood N
149 Amber Ash Dr	1949 Amberwood Loop	1391 Cherrywood	166 Pecanwood N
169 Amber Ash Dr	1708 Amberwood Loop	1131 Cherrywood	280 Pecanwood S
362 Amber Ash Dr	1537 Amberwood Loop	1130 Cherrywood	273 Pecanwood S
236 Amber Oak Dr	1407 Amberwood Loop	216 Firwood N	133 Pecanwood S
190 Amber Oak Dr	1383 Amberwood Loop	249 Firwood N	125 Pecanwood S
154 Amber Oak Dr	1797 Amberwood Loop	139 Firwood N	225 Pecanwood S
118 Amber Oak Dr	1625 Amberwood Loop	209 Firwood N	209 Pecanwood S
178 Amber Oak Dr	149 Ashwood N	201 Firwood N	108 Pecanwood S
184 Amber Oak Dr	116 Ashwood N	265 Firwood N	133 Poplarwood Dr
230 Amber Oak Dr	100 Ashwood N	225 Firwood N	156 Poplarwood Dr
148 Amber Oak Dr	133 Ashwood N	217 Firwood N	157 Poplarwood Dr
136 Amber Oak Dr	121 Ashwood N	132 Firwood S	225 Poplarwood Dr
133 Amberwood Ct	257 Ashwood N	172 Firwood S	148 Poplarwood Dr
140 Amberwood Ct	203 Ashwood N	180 Firwood S	272 Poplarwood Dr
125 Amberwood Ct	108 Ashwood N	124 Firwood S	273 Poplarwood Dr
116 Amberwood Ct	132 Ashwood N	172 Maplewood N	241 Poplarwood Dr
117 Amberwood Ct	249 Ashwood N	136 Maplewood N	117 Redwood Dr
124 Amberwood Cv	156 Ashwood N	132 Maplewood N	125 Redwood Dr
116 Amberwood Cv	101 Ashwood S	100 Maplewood N	
1545 Amberwood Loop	140 Ashwood S	169 Maplewood N	
1425 Amberwood Loop	165 Ashwood S	133 Maplewood N	

2011 Amberwood Easter Egg Hunt



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).

MAINTAINING YOUR YARD DURING A DROUGHT

Homeowners know how important water is to maintaining healthy lawns. During times of drought, however, the water supply can become so depleted that water restrictions are imposed by the water company to conserve water.

You can still keep your lawn in good condition even when water is restricted. Although restriction programs throughout the state are being implemented, each water district adopts a conservation policy based on its individual situation.

Irrigation during Stage III becomes more difficult. You still need to water deeply to maintain a healthy root system. However, it is time consuming to hand-water the lawn to the depth needed. Some approaches one might adopt during Stage III of water rationing include:

- Water with a hose only those areas that are showing severe drought stress. Make sure that enough water is applied to effectively wet the soil. When puddling or run-off begins to occur, stop watering that particular area, let the surface dry and then resume watering. Continue this cycle until the soil is wet to the appropriate depth. Use a sharp probe or spade to help determine the depth of water penetration. Do not water those areas again until drought stress symptoms reappear. This requires considerable time and daily attention.
- If you do not have the time to hand-water or the yard is too large, you may want to stop watering the lawn altogether. Most warm-season turfgrass species can survive short periods of drought stress. When the grass is under severe drought stress, it may go

dormant. Dormant grass will turn brown and may appear dead. Once watering or rain begins again, however, the grass will recover if the drought has not been too severe. Recovery may take up to 3 months during the growing season. Grasses that can go dormant are buffalograss, Zoysia japonica, and bermudagrass. Other grass varieties are not as drought-tolerant, and they may die if they are deprived of water for an extended time.

- It is helpful to understand the strengths and weaknesses of your particular grass. If the grass in your lawn goes dormant during drought, you could stop watering altogether. However, if your grass does not go dormant and must go without water for a long time, much of your lawn may die and need to be replaced.

- Use a combination of the previous two techniques. Water only high priority areas and allow other areas to go dormant or die. If you use the back yard more than the front, it would be the high priority area. If a beautiful landscape is important to you, then the front yard might be the priority. This approach will allow you to maintain a green lawn in important areas of the yard and still save water.

Other considerations:

- Continue to mow as needed, cutting no more than one-third of the leaf blade at any one time.
- Use little or no nitrogen fertilizer.
- Use a shower or fan type nozzle on your hose to help disperse the water when watering by hand.



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