

AUSTIN'S COLONY WINTER NEWSLETTER

Howdy Neighbors,

I hope you and your families had a wonderful holiday season. Our neighborhood sure was filled with the Christmas spirit this year not to mention snow! My family and I enjoyed driving around seeing all the lights and displays throughout Austin's Colony.

In case some of you might not have heard, our management company BCR, recently became Berkshire Hathaway Caliber Home Services. The contact information has been updated on the website, but the name is all that has changed. I sincerely hope all of our residents have been as pleased with our new management company.

Soon the winter will give way to the spring season and our neighborhood will be turning green again. As this happens, please be sure that any dead plants or shrubs are removed from flowerbeds and replaced in accordance with the CCRs of your phase. Please make sure to keep our neighborhood looking nice by regular mowing and weeding of yards and flowerbeds.

This letter is accompanying the annual dues statement. Please make every effort to pay your dues on time as to avoid any unnecessary expenses to yourself and the HOA. These dues are what allows the HOA to fulfill its mission to continually strive for the betterment of our neighborhood, enhanced property values, and improved quality of life by encouraging Austin's Colony residents to actively participate in providing a safe, clean, beautiful and dynamic neighborhood. Additionally, Austin's Colony has some of the lowest HOA dues in B/CS, and two keys to remain so are, 100% participation in payment of dues and paying them on time. Any dues not paid by March 31, 2018, will be considered late and subject to added fees. If you have any concerns, please contact the HOA via our website email link and we will work together.

Just a few reminders, if you have a concern or problem you need to share with the HOA, please use the email address linked on our website. That is the best way to be heard by the members of the HOA Board of Directors and our management company. You can also contact BHHS Caliber by phone or in person as well. If you have an approval to submit for the Architectural Control Committee, you can send it via the website, or in person to the management company location. September 10, 2018, will be the Annual Meeting at Harvey Mitchell Elementary Cafeteria. Please make plans to be at this meeting, as we encourage active participation in Austin's Colony HOA. We work to make sure we have guest speakers that can answer questions you might have about our neighborhood as well as the City of Bryan.

Thank you,

Charles Grimes

President of Austin's Colony HOA

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Landscaping Project — Phase Two —

will start in early Spring with GT Grounds as the Contractor. The Parkway will be completed, Bullinger at Colony Village will have a angle flower bed, and areas around Bullinger will have shrubs planted behind fence lines. Project will start sometime in the early Spring 2018. Plants are placed with consideration of sight issues, and also so they will not block back gates. All landscaped areas will have drip irrigation. Thanks to The City of Bryan for placement of water taps for the project.

A Big Thank You

to our local neighborhood businesses who donated door prizes and items for National Night Out.

***Hilton Garden Inn of College Station, Premier ER,
Ducky's Car Wash, Boonville Barber Shop,
Trevino-Smith Funeral Home, Shipley Donuts on Wildflower,
Wing Stop, Chick-Fil-A, Carrabba Development,
and GT Grounds and Irrigation.***

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- Please remember that before home improvement projects such as patios, pools, gazebos, home additions, garages additions, sheds, and pergolas, approval must be received through the Home Owner's Association Board per deed restrictions. These are the guidelines in the Codes, Covenants and Restrictions which can be reviewed on the Austin's Colony website. Please submit plans for approval before any project starts through the Austin's Colony HOA Website or contact the management company.
- Any advertisement construction sign that is placed in a yard by a contractor must be taken down after job is complete.
- By now, all holiday decorations should be taken down. The area looked really festive this year and everyone appreciated the residents that decorated their homes.
- Hogs have been rooting up areas along Bullinger and the Parkway. To deter more destruction please turn off all feeders, and refrain from throwing home food scraps over fences. They are being pushed by all of the construction surrounding our area and looking for food sources. Please review the January Board Minutes to review contacts if you are concerned with hogs around your home. The City of Bryan is working with AgriLife to identify ways to control on hogs in the Brazos County area.
- The Brazos County Inmates took care of the turf destruction that the hogs have done along sidewalks and some other easement areas. Thank you to Councilman Owens for arranging for the help!
- If your property is along any alleyway, easement, or retention pond, throwing tree limbs or storing items along fence lines is not permitted. This helps leave the area tidy and as an attractive clean green-space. No trash or debris can be placed near a drainage area in any street area or stored on top of such areas. See City Restrictions regarding this matter.
- We have had several residents report items stolen from garages. Please keep garage doors down when you are not outside, and keep valued items out of sight for those that maybe looking to invade your property area.
- Packages were stolen off porches during holiday delivery season and not recovered. If you have a neighbor that might be home when packages are to be delivered, talk to them and leave a note on door to have packages delivered to their home for safe keeping. Neighbors looking out for Neighbors!
- National Night Out was a very rainy event, but many residents came out, enjoying the evening under the Park Pavilion. After the rain did stop, the children were able to play. Thanks to President Grimes for serving as our Chief Cook. Mayor Andrew Nelson and the Bryan PD visited and spoke to the 75-80 residents that attended, along with Jacqueline Peterson who is our lead for Nextdoor.com. Thanks also to the Physician Premier ER Employees who helped and stayed the entire evening. Special thanks to board members Marissa McGuire and Patti Wade for organizing this first-ever event for our area.
- Thank you to Karen Crompton, Debbie Schultz, Patti Wade and Karen Thompson for decorating the entrance for the holidays, and to Calvin Wade for removal of the decorations.
- When you are out walking your dog, your animal must be on a leash. Also, please pick up after your dog! Dog waste stations are located at the park area, please carry bags to pick up waste. All barking complaints need to be made to the Bryan PD non-emergency number.
- Concerns about violations can be reported to the Board via the website or to any member of the Board of Directors. Examples of violations might include: lack of yard maintenance, unsightly vehicles, businesses, and temporary structures. Please review Codes, Covenants and Restrictions on line.
- Home Owners Association Dues for 2018 will remain \$120.00. Dues received after March 31, 2018 will be considered delinquent.
- Please contact the Management Company with any mailing address changes for your residence. Email addresses are also very helpful to have, and can be submitted through the website.
- Phase 18 will begin soon and will add another 37 homes to our area. Phase 19 will not begin until 2019.
- Next Board of Directors meeting will be held on April 3, 2018, 6:00 PM at Berkshire Hathaway Caliber Home Services office.

AUSTIN'S COLONY HOA BOARD 2018:

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*Save the
Date*

**SEPT 10, 2018
7:00PM**

**Annual HomeOwners
Meeting at Harvey
Mitchell Elementary**

BCR Management is now
Berkshire Hathaway
Caliber Home Services.
Same group and location,
just a different name. They
can be reached at
979-703-1819 or by email
hoa@bhhs caliber.com

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR ALL HOME OWNERS INFORMATION

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