



THE BREEZE

Newsletter of Las Brisas

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President's Corner:

The summer's scorching heat may be a memory, but the extreme drought it helped to create is showing no signs of relenting and could become the worst on record by Spring. Early October's rain brought a slight respite, but did little to change the overall drought situation. I am sure you've noted the toll it's taken on the Las Brisas common areas and many of the homeowners' yards. Our resident horticulturalist and landscape expert, Steven Jandt, has some tips for us as we finish out the winter and get ready for spring. Take time to read his article in this issue of *The Breeze*.

Thanks to the leadership and energy of Melinda Edmondson, the Las Brisas National Night out was a huge success. Melinda has volunteered again to lead the 2012 effort. When you see her, tell her thanks.

Many of us were somewhat disappointed by the vandalism that took place in Las Brisas on Halloween Night. There were kicked over pumpkins, driveways painted and a bunch of litter strewn about the subdivision. Additionally, even with the porch lights turned off, many door bells were still rung. By the way, if you know who painted the driveway over on Maderas, let me know. My sincere thanks to the morning walkers, and the many other residents who took the time to pick up empty water bottles, candy wrappers, and other discarded items on Tuesday morning after "Trick or Treat."

The Holiday Season is upon us and many of you will be decorating your homes for the Holiday Season. There will again be a holiday decorating contest. Details in this issue.

Important Dates to Remember:

Thursday, December 8 th , 2011	Las Brisas Annual Christmas Luncheon
Sunday, December 11 th , 2011	Holiday Decoration Judging
Thursday, April 12 th , 2012	Las Brisas Homeowners' Association Annual Meeting
Tuesday, October 2 nd , 2012	Las Brisas National Night Out
Wednesday, October 31 st , 2012	Trick or Treat in Las Brisas

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Las Brisas Official Website

Neighbors, check out the Las Brisas website. Everything you need to know about Las Brisas is at www.lasbrisas.com. Sign in and get useful information about the area, download HOA forms, reserve the Homeowner's Island, post notices, check out upcoming events, locate board members, and enter items into the Community Forum.

Independence Day

Celebrations Was Great Fun!

Las Brisas residents were out in force launching water balloons from their docks, or from their boats! Many boats were decorated and participated in the river parade! It was a really fun "parade"but the real intent was a contest to see who could launch their water balloons the farthest! Everyone had a great time. Las Brisas residents are encouraged to participate every year in this fun event. Mark your calendars to join in next year!

National Night Out A Huge Success

On Tuesday, October 4th we held a very effective National Night Out under the power lines on Las Brisas Blvd. The Braun Group, a local landscaping company, donated hot dogs and buns. Justin and Melinda Edmondson made sure sodas; water, ice, condiments and paper goods were available.

Mike and Brenda Holcomb provided tables and a sound system for music and Ken and Charlene Wilfong made sure the area had tents and a volley ball net for the kids. Members of the Sheriff's department were there to "meet and greet" and provided a K-9 demonstration. The Geronimo Volunteer Fire Department was

represented with volunteers and a fire engine. Based on the positive feedback we will plan to do this, again, next year. Tentatively, it is slated for Tuesday, October 6th. If you want to volunteer to participate in the planning and execution working group please send Melinda an e-mail. mEdmonson@seton.org



Las Brisas Annual Christmas Luncheon

On December 8th at 11:30 AM, Jo Ann Sannipoli will be hosting the annual Christmas luncheon at her home, 146 Las Brisas Boulevard. *All ladies of Las Brisas are invited to attend.* If you plan to come please



bring a dish and a stuffed animal to donate to a local charity. For more information and RSVP call Jo Ann 830.822.7250.

Time to help the Humane Society

One way to help raise money and supplies for the Guadalupe County Humane Society is to participate in the Texas Ski Ranch "Art on the Beach" event. It's scheduled for Wednesday, December 7th from 6 PM to 8 PM at the Texas Ski Ranch. *Come see local innovative and creative artists who are sharing their creations! Also, from December 1 – 30 bring in 1 to 5 items; dog or cat food, blankets, kitty litter or toys * and get a free taco from Wahoo's. Bring in 6 – 10 items, and get a free Wakeboard Session with rental included*

Ding Dong, Hello my name is . . .

As you know, solicitors are not allowed in our subdivision. Recent reports include educational materials solicitors, political campaigners, coupon book salesmen, and a meat dealer. Please do your part to deter these solicitors. First, if a solicitor comes to your door and you answer your door, get the solicitor's name and address information so we can start the violation process. Second, please do not have other people's children's names and addresses.





Annual Las Brisas Holiday Home Decorating Contest

So many folks enjoy decorating outside their homes for the holidays so we are again having a holiday decorating contest. Judging will be done by the Berberk's (1st place winners from last year), on Sunday night, December 11th. Help "light up" beautiful Las Brisas for the holidays! Winners will receive a sign on their front lawn after the judging for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. (Below are last year's winners photos.)



Gate Hours

The front gates are open from 5:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. daily. With nearly two-hundred-and-fifty homes sharing the gate it is cost prohibitive to have a gate that opens and closes every time a vehicle comes through.

\$100 Lost

One of our neighbors lost a one-hundred dollar bill on Las Brisas Boulevard. If you found it, we know to whom it belongs and the rightful owner is willing to give you twenty dollars for your honesty.

For Sale Signs

Just as a reminder . . . "No signs of any kind shall be displayed to the public view on any lot except one professional sign of not more than three (3) square feet advertising the property for sale or rent. Sale or rental prices shall not be placed on any sign." In other words, if you are going to sell your home "by owner" you need a professional sign, not a homemade sign.

Why Not Run???

We are considering a neighborhood run in the spring. Since it's about three miles from the front gate down Las Brisas Boulevard, around the Paseo del Rio circle and back to the front gate, it would seem that a 5K might be in order. If you're interested in participating in the planning phase, let Melinda know.

Keeping Las Brisas Beautiful – A Recurring Featured Article in The Breeze! By Steven Jandt

WHAT TO DO NOW WITH YOUR LANDSCAPE

We all have survived another blistering summer in south Texas, and our landscapes may have suffered more than is evident. It is time now to fertilize our plants so that they will overwinter better and return next spring with an abundance of leaves and color. Use a fertilizer with a 3-1-2 ratio, example 15-5-10 or 18-6-12, or if you prefer an organic approach use the 6-2-2 soil food by Gardenville. An application at this time of year is critical for improved cold tolerance and quick green up in the spring, water thoroughly after application. Now is also a great time to evaluate your landscape, for example, have some plants out lived or outgrown their usefulness? Do you have dead or discolored trees and shrubs? What can be done to add color and texture to the landscape? Do my trees need pruning? Fall is a great time to replace trees and shrubs because they have time to establish before the heat of summer returns. Determining what can be saved and what should be removed in a landscape is often a difficult task and can affect the overall look and performance of your yard, so choose carefully and seek advice when necessary. Ask yourself; does the plant add something to my yard? Does it still serve a purpose? If I take it out what will I use to replace it? All these factors play into retaining continuity in the overall look of your yard. I look forward to assisting you all in any way possible, so please feel free to call anytime, your neighbor Steven Jandt 230 Las Brisas Blvd 830-491-8648 kittypaws74@yahoo.com

WISHING EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY, HEALTHY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!!!



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