

Hillcrest Trails

The latest news and announcements for Hillcrest Trails HOA

Announcements

Easter Egg Hunt!

Please join us on Sunday April 10th at 4PM for our neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt. The event will be held on Utility Easement at the end of Alexis Drive. If you are interested in participating, please drop off on the porch at least 10 filled eggs to 110 Alexis Dr. by Thursday April 7. Thanks and see you there!



Need help with the gates, please contact Kevin Miller for any entry code updates or new remotes.

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Message from the Board

Hello Hillcrest Trails - we hope you all had a fun and relaxing Spring Break and a Happy St. Patrick's Day! It's hard to believe time is passing so quickly...

Unfortunately, we continue to have issues with the south gates. Right after we had the exit side repaired, the entrance side had a failure. We have decided to leave the gates open for now while we meet and discuss our options including a potential complete replacement. We have invested a great deal of money on repairs and will continue to do so with the current gates which in the end would most likely cost more than putting in some new ones.

Once we have all of our bids and plans together, we will set up a special HOA Meeting to review the plans including cost with the neighborhood. There may also be a one time assessment needed to complete the work needed to return the gates to an acceptable standard. More to come and we will keep everyone posted.

Thanks, we hope you all have a great month of April and a Happy Easter!

YOUR HOA BOARD MEMBERS

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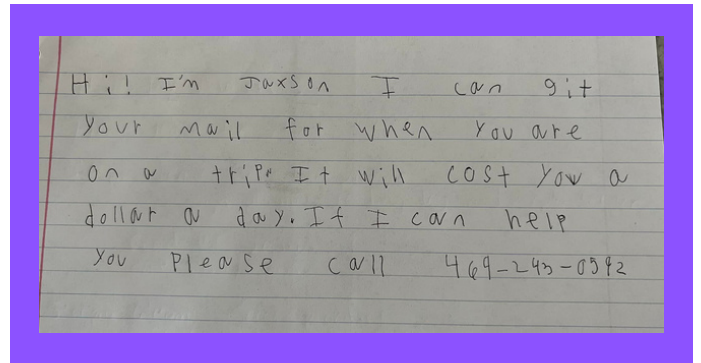
How We Communicate

As we continue to work as a team on the HOA Board, we will also continue to improve and update how we communicate with you all as well. Here is a quick review of what we have in place today and what enhancements we have planned:

- **Hillcrest Trails Website (hcthoa.com):** Here you will find our Board Meeting Minutes, the latest Newsletter, Forms, Events, and all other community information.
- **Hillcrest Trails Facebook Page:** Here you will find the Newsletter and Events. This is a great venue to ask questions and drive engagement with your neighbors.
- **Hillcrest Trails Newsletter:** It is currently being printed and delivered to your mail box and it is posted on Facebook and the Website as noted above. Starting soon we will deliver it via email vs. printing to help save the cost and to make the process more efficient. To support this, we will be doing an edit of our directory to ensure we have everyone's current email addresses and please go to our website and subscribe to our email messages.
- **Email:** We have our HOA address that you can use (hcthoa2019@gmail.com) and soon we will be sending out HOA Meeting notifications, the newsletter, and any other updates via email to again save on printing costs and efficiencies.

Jaxson's Mail Hold Service

Our very own Jaxson Donham has started a mail collection business for when you are out of town or unable to get your mail. His prices are super competitive at only one dollar a day. If you are interested in acquiring his services, please contact his mom Corye at 469-243-0592. Good Luck with your new business Jaxson!



Tips to Have a Green, Weed Free Lawn

Spring is upon us and so are all of those pesky weeds! Annual grassy weeds, like crabgrass and foxtail, are easily stopped in spring, when the seeds and tiny seedlings are most vulnerable, so they don't become a problem in summer. Applying a crabgrass preventer stops weeds before they start to grow. Here are a few other tips for preventing weeds:

- **Feed regularly.** Proper lawn care is the best medicine. When your lawn is stressed out, it has a higher chance of being taken over by weeds. Feeding your lawn regularly every 6 to 8 weeks during the growing season with a lawn fertilizer helps your lawn stay thick and lush, making it less welcoming to weeds by leaving little space for them to grow. You can also give your lawn a boost by aerating or dethatching as needed.
- **Mow higher.** Weed seeds, like all plants, require sunlight to sprout. The next time you mow, raise your mower height. Mowing at a taller height, usually one of the two highest settings on your mower, helps the grass grow tall and thick to shade the soil, so weed seeds are less able to sprout and grow.
- **Water deeply.** Watering deeply and infrequently helps your lawn grow deeper roots so it can better compete with weeds. Frequent, shallow waterings encourage shallow root growth. This makes the grass more likely to suffer during periods of heat and drought, causing thin and bare spots that weeds will take advantage of. When your lawn develops deep roots, it can grow thicker to help crowd out weeds.

Have an announcement or someone you would like to recognize?

Please send any announcements or special recognition to be included in this newsletter to our HOA email address hcthoa2019@gmail.com or to any board member. Please feel free to use our HOA Facebook page or new website as well.

If you have any great photos of the neighborhood, please email them to hcthoa2019@gmail.com so we can use them on our new website - thanks!