

Travis Ranch Beacon

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Help! Your Community Needs You!

The five committees of your Travis Ranch HOA need volunteers willing to give a little time to help keep our community a great place to live. Actually, not very much time is required over the year and it can be fun to meet your neighbors! New volunteers along with the current members of these committees are both needed to sign up in order to carry on with supporting our community.

To lend a hand, just go to the link shown and submit the form: <http://goo.gl/L.7VBs6>

You'll be able to choose a committee (see listing below) – or, if you're not sure, we'll work with you to find which one is the best fit for your interests, skills and available time.

The HOA committees are:

Communications Committee - Maintains contact with the other committees. Reports to the Travis Ranch residents about neighborhood problems and promotes HOA events, by the BEACON Newsletter, the HOA website and other media.

Crime Watch/Safety Committee - Interacts with local law enforcement, collects information on crime and safety concerns in the Travis Ranch community and promotes continued awareness of how each resident can help to deal with these issues, to meet HOA requirements and maintain a safer community for all residents and their children.

Landscape Committee - Selects "Yard of the Month" award. Monitors landscape problems in the community and advises Essex Management on landscaping needs in all the "common areas" of the community.

Pool Committee - Monitors cleanliness, safety and general conditions at our community pool and the surrounding area. Contacts Essex Management regarding necessary maintenance and repairs.

Social Committee - Organizes, promotes and conducts social events for the community including the two community garage sales, the holiday party, and several others over the year. Personally welcomes every new resident.

Where can **you** fit in? Submit your form now.

Get your BEACON by e-mail?

Yes, if you can get your BEACON Newsletter by E-mail (and can do without the printed and mailed copy) you will get your copy many days sooner - and the money will be saved to use elsewhere!

Just go to the link below and fill out the information. You'll get your next copy by e-mail!

<http://goo.gl/PrPgXu>



NOMINATE YARD OF THE MONTH

The Landscape Committee wants the Travis Ranch residents to nominate neighbors for yard of the month. The winner will receive a Lowes gift card! Anyone can nominate themselves or others by making a recommendation on the Travis Ranch Landscape Committee Facebook page.

<http://tinyurl.com/bgaonwp>



See Travis Ranch Info on the Web!



Travis Ranch HOA Website

The "Official" HOA website for information from your HOA including events in Travis Ranch and notices from Essex Management. Also includes other important and helpful information for the residents. *(Currently being revised and upgraded.)*

<http://travisranchhoa.com/>

The following four sites have no official connection to Travis Ranch HOA or its management but all four are the work of concerned and creative independent residents within Travis Ranch. They are very current and can provide valuable information to all residents and, in particular, can promote communication between residents concerned with particular issues, and even helping to find lost pets - when time is critical. It could be valuable to any resident to be familiar with what they offer.

Travis Ranch Forney

This is a private site operated by one Travis Ranch resident. It is often current and inclusive about current Travis Ranch issues as well as activities and issues in Forney.

travisranchforney.com

Travis Ranch Insiders

This group provides residents a way to meet new neighbors coming into Travis Ranch as well as a means of information sharing including neighborhood issues, crime reports, local events and even local business reviews.

<http://tinyurl.com/cczqyb9>

Travis Ranch Forney Moms

An organization of Moms in Travis Ranch intending to inform, unite and support all residents. It's often very up-to-date on recent events and situations within Travis Ranch, and represents a variety of opinions.

<http://tinyurl.com/co9wb9m>

Travis Ranch'ers Business N Bartering

This quite new page is strictly for Travis Ranch residents to shop, trade, or serve one another with their businesses, services, products or talents.

<http://goo.gl/MoyGkZ>

Annual Holiday Party Huge Success

The annual holiday party was a huge success! The event featured a fruit cake eating contest, holiday games, pictures with Santa, local elementary school entertainment and lots of goodies to eat. There was even an area where kids could write a letter to Santa, and mail it directly to the North Pole. One of the big hits was the train ride, Polar Express!



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Get Ready Now - for the Spring Garage Sale !

Collect the clothes you don't wear anymore, gifts you'll never use, stuff you've kept - but don't need. Plan to sell them for \$\$\$ the easy way - at the **All-Travis-Ranch Spring Garage Sale** - It'll come in late April (about the 3d weekend). Be Ready!

When it's "RE-Cycle Day" – and when it's not!
(Post by your Garbage)

	Feb			Mar			Apr		
Garbage & ReCycle		12	26		12	26		9	23
ONLY Garbage	5*	19		5*	19		2*	16	30

* = also "Bulk" items pickup