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NEWS AND HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE
BONBROOK PLANTATION HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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Mailbox Etiquette

Long gone are the days where our mail was delivered to our own personal mail boxes. Now we have these efficient cluster mailboxes that are usually on someone's property. Please remember the following courtesy rules when getting your mail:



1. Do not leave your unwanted junk mail on top of the mailboxes. Your neighbors do not want your junk mail either. Please dispose of your junk mail properly in your own recycle bin.
2. Sometimes the mail carrier makes a mistake and you end up with a homeowners mail from 2 streets over. Please do not leave this mail on top of the mailboxes. Either take it to the persons house or put in the outgoing mail slot with a note for the mail carrier.
3. Posting lost pet signs and adds for services is illegal. Our cluster mail boxes belong to the federal government and this is stated in their regulations to be a crime. It is very devastating when we lose a pet and we want to get the word out for help in finding them, however this is not the place to put them. The problem is these signs are never removed after. Please do not use the cluster mail boxes as a place to advertise.
4. When driving to the mailbox to check your mail please be courteous about the following issues:
 - Do not block the street when picking up your mail.
 - Please do not use the nearest driveway to make a quick turnaround. This can cause issues with dogs barking, lights being shined into the home unnecessarily and startling the people inside.

Thank you in advance for following these simple guidelines and making this a better community to live in.



Bonbrook Committees

Events Committee

If you would like to be a part of the Social Events Committee please contact Karla Keim at Karla.Keim@gmail.com.

Yard of the Month Committee

If you would like to be a part of the Yard of the Month Committee please contact Brenda Beltran at brenda@sterlingasi.com.

Landscaping & Holiday Lighting Committee

If you would like to be a part of the Landscaping & Holiday Lighting Committee please contact Joel Raymond at joelraymond5@hotmail.com.

Thanks to all the Committee Members for their hard work and time they donate, it is greatly appreciated.

Electrical Fire Safety Tips

Each year in North America, hundreds of people die and thousands more are injured in accidents involving electrical fires or shocks. Most of these incidents can be prevented by following simple electrical-safety rules:



Electrical cords and outlets

- Never overload electrical outlets, and use only one appliance per extension cord.
- Maintain all electrical cords. Replace any cord that is cracked, frayed or otherwise damaged. Also, replace cords that become hot when in use.
- Never allow an electrical cord to become crimped against walls or furniture.
- Don't run extension cords under rugs or across doorways, and never hang them over nails. This may cause the insulation to deteriorate, exposing a wire that can cause a fire or electric shock.
- Have a professional electrician replace old or damaged outlets with modern, three-wired, polarized receptacles. Proper grounding is essential to minimize fire and shock hazards.
- Plugs should match outlets. Three-pronged plugs require three-wired receptacles or a properly grounded adapter. Polarized plugs with one prong wider than the other require polarized receptacles.
- Never cut off or bend the ground pin of a three-pronged plug. This ground connection protects from severe shock caused by a faulty cord or malfunctioning appliance.
- Never alter the wide prong of a polarized plug to make it fit into an outdated outlet.

Fuses and circuit breakers

- If a fuse blows or a circuit breaker is tripped, don't just replace or reset it. Find out what caused the circuit to overload and correct the problem.

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TRASH CAN PLACEMENT

There seems to be a lot of confusion as to where you can or cannot store your trash cans and recycle bins. This is one of biggest eyesores in the community when driving through.

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE RULES WITH TRASH CANS:

1. Trash cans and recycle containers are **NOT** allowed to be stored in your driveway.
2. Trash cans and recycle containers are **NOT** allowed to be stored on the side of your home.
3. Trash cans and recycle containers are **NOT** allowed to be stored on your front porch behind a pillar.



Trash can and recycle bins should only be in view on Tuesday nights/Wednesdays and Friday nights/Saturdays for bi-weekly trash pickup. Please make sure to store your containers out of view, which means either in your garage or in your back yard. Failure to comply can cause fines to be placed on your account. Please help keep your community clean and hide those trash cans.

How to Control Ants...

Quick and Easy Tips to Prevent Ants

GOT ANTS? HERE'S THE SOLUTION:

These TIPS will be especially helpful this season because the ant populations are bigger this year. The spring rains have softened up the soil and generally provided a more favorable living environment for pests. The nicer the environment, the bigger the families they have!



In Your Home

- Dispose of fallen fruit outside your home.
- Clean trash containers and trash areas.
- Use tight fitting trash lids.
- Repair dripping hose connections.
- Dispose of uneaten pet food daily.
- Keep counters and floors free from food crumbs.

In The Workplace

- Discourage eating at the workstation.
- Keep dumpsters away from the building.
- Use lids on dumpsters.
- Repair dripping sprinkler connections.
- Empty trash cans daily.
- Keep coffee area free from food crumbs.

Sterling Association Website

The website personalized for Bonbrook Plantation Community Association is now available. To access your account, go to the Sterling Association Services, Inc. website which is www.sterlingasi.net. Once at the home page, on the left hand side you can click on the link marked "Member Login". If you do not know your account number or password, please email servicedesk@sterlingasi.com to request it. You can access information to your account for financial status, compliance and contact information as well as association documents and an events calendar. We encourage you to take some time and review the features of the website so that you can use it to its full capacity. We also suggest that you immediately change your password to something easy for you to remember and add your email address. Go to the "Contacts" tab Email options and Password/ID. For your convenience we have added a document entitled "INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO USE YOUR WEBSITE" located as a featured document on the left hand side of the home page once you log in. We are confident you will find this new website beneficial and helpful to you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Office & Recreation Information...



The Summer Hours effective May 1st for Bonbrook Plantation's Office are as follows:

Closed on Saturday, Sunday and Wednesday, open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

The Summer Hours for Bonbrook Plantation's Fitness Center effective May 1st are as follows: Open seven days a week from 5:00 am to 11:00 pm. All homeowners should have an access card to gain entrance into the Fitness Center. For your own safety, please do not allow entrance to anyone without an access card, thank you. To obtain an access card, you must complete the access card registration form in order to

obtain an assigned access card. You can drop by your clubhouse during open office hours or simply go to your community website: www.bonbrookplantation.org and select the Clubhouse Recreation Access Card Registration form. Complete and either bring into the clubhouse office or drop in the mail and we will issue your access card to you.

NOTICE: the camera surveillance system is monitoring the recreational center and all access cards are monitored through the access card system, so all entry times are recorded 24 hours a day – 7 days per week.

Bonbrook Plantation Events

2016 At A Glance

September

Back to School Event (TBA)

October

10th - Quarterly HOA Board Meeting
12pm at B.P. Rec Center
15th - Semi-annual Garage Sale
22nd - Halloween Children's Event

November

19th - Thanksgiving Children's Event

December

11th - 17th Holiday Light Judging
17th - Holiday Event at B.P. Rec
Center

You can also visit the Calendar section on www.bonbrookplantation.org to view upcoming meetings, events, and maintenance updates.

Be A Good Neighbor

10 Good Reasons To Leash Your Dog

1. It's a great good neighbor policy, preventing your dog from trespassing on neighbor's property during your walk. It also keeps your dog from jumping on people you encounter, ensuring that your dog has the chance of being properly introduced.

2. Improved companionship. A well trained and leash-obedient dog is a pleasure to walk with.

3. Walking your pet on a leash will prevent the spread of disease. It is less likely that your dog will be exposed to Parvo or Distemper. A leashed dog can be restrained from sniffing the droppings of other animals.

4. A leash is commonly referred to as "Your Pet's Lifeline," protecting your pet from traffic and unrestrained animals. Accidents or animal bites are greatly reduced when responsible pet owners obey the leash law.

5. An obedient and well behaved dog is a positive reflection of its owner.

6. Re-locating your dog into another household is 100% easier if your dog is obedient and leash trained.

7. It's a great way to reward your dog. Your dog will immediately respond with a wagging tail the moment he or she sees you holding the leash.

8. It's a great identification tool, symbolizing that the dog has an owner, and enabling someone who sees the leash and identification tag attached to the dog's collar to find you if you and your pet should become separated.

9. It's a great relief to wildlife, keeping your dog from chasing squirrels, deer and other wildlife.

10. It's the law! The law is in place to protect other members of the public and your pet from injury.

Be a good neighbor. Be a good friend. Use a leash.



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Electrical Fire Safety Tips (continued)

- Never replace a fuse or circuit breaker with one that exceeds the amperage rating for a given circuit.
- Avoid using several high-amperage appliances - such as irons or other heat-producing appliances - on the same circuit.
- Never replace a fuse with material that conducts electricity.



Warning signs

You can spot many electrical problems before they cause a fire or shock. Be alert to the following danger signs:

- If fuses blow or circuit breakers trip frequently, wiring may not be adequate. Shrinking television pictures and slow to heat irons and toasters are tip-offs that wiring may not be adequate. Call a licensed electrician to check and/or update wiring in the home.
- Feeling a tingle when you touch an electrical seasonal light.
- Discoloration of wall outlets.
- A burning smell or unusual odor coming from an appliance or wiring.
- Sizzling sound at wall switches or outlets.
- Flickering lights. If you cannot locate a problem inside your home, call your power company or an electrician immediately.

Yes, alligators are present in the lakes!

Alligators are present in the lakes of Bonbrook Plantation and they can be dangerous.

Please stay away from the water and do not attempt to feed or approach the wildlife, thank you.



Important Numbers:

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Comcast (Cable, Phone & Internet)	800-464-7928	Newsletter: Prepared Publications	281-652-5802
Si Environmental (Mud 155)	713-341-1000	info@preparedpublications.com	
Water/Sewer (Billing/New Service)	832-490-1600	Schools	
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Wednesday and Saturday pickup		Polly Ryon Middle School	832-223-4500
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CenterPoint Energy	800-332-7143	George Ranch High School	832-223-4200
www.centerpointenergy.com/outage			
(must provide 6-digit pole number and street address)			
CenterPoint (Gas Service)	713-659-2111	Management Company	
Direct Energy (Electricity)	713-877-3500	Sterling Association Services, Inc.	
Power to Choose www.powertochoose.org		PO Box 38113	
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