

Wellington Walk News Flash

Fall/Winter 2015-16

Tennis News



Congratulations to Paul White's ALTA Summer Mixed Doubles upon winning their division and making it to the 2nd round of playoffs! Good job!

There is an ALTA Sunday Women's team playing out of Wellington Walk this fall. Good luck, ladies!

The Board is aware that there are several cracks in the tennis courts. Due to some very large and unforeseen expenses this year, we were unable to afford the repairs.

We hope to be able to schedule these repairs in 2016. Thanks for bearing with us!

Pool Closes on Sept. 27



Our swimming pool will be closing for the season on Sunday, **Sept. 27th**. Plans are underway to replace the pool/security system for the pool/tennis/pavilion area, before the pool opens next spring. Thanks to those of you who cleaned up after yourselves over this summer. We do not have a daily "cleaning crew", so it is up to us homeowners to be respectful and keep our recreation areas maintained.

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Garage Sale,

Oct. 2-3



Our Fall Neighborhood Garage Sale will be held Fri & Sat, Oct. 2-3. (Advertised on Craigslist)



Reminder to fly balloons from your mailbox to alert visitors that you are participating.



Some homeowners have been using storm drains to dispose of lawn clippings in Spring and Summer and leaves in the Fall. This is unacceptable. These drains all lead somewhere. Some empty directly into the backyards of other neighbors which means all this yard waste makes a huge mess in their yards! The water department has stated that this is hazardous and can cause problems with water backup and clogging. 'No Dumping' signs have been painted on the drains but the problem remains. Please be respectful.

Dispose of your yard waste properly!



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Fall is in the air and we look forward to the cooler temps and bright colored leaves!

Home and Yard Maintenance

- PICK UP DOG EXCRETIONS! And please refrain from throwing "poopy bags" in the woods near residents' homes.
- Weed, edge and mow lawns, trimming grass that grows over sidewalks and curbs.
- Keep bushes and tree trimmed, especially river Birches that hang over sidewalks and into the street, both of which impede foot and vehicle traffic.
- Please do not leave yard clippings in the street.
- Rehang loose or missing gutters.
- Evaluate the outside of your home regarding areas needing repairs or re-painting.
- Put fresh mulch in planting beds as needed.
- Remember to treat lawns with pre-emergent. If you have bare spots in your Bermuda grass, try sprinkling sand over it to help the grass grow.
- Several trees in the neighborhood are infested with Fall Web Worms, which generally will not harm the trees. If you can reach the bag and pull it open, the worms are exposed and the birds will eat them. Or spray the branches with Sevin.

Thanks to all the residents of Wellington Walk for keeping our subdivision in tip-top shape.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 27

Pool Closes

October 2-3

Garage Sales

November 19

7:00 PM

Annual Meeting at Grayson UMC

Volunteers needed for set-up

Please e-mail

social@wellingtonwalkhoa.com



Holiday Lights may be displayed from **Thanksgiving to Jan. 15.** **Make sure to remove by the above date.** 😊

December 5

Neighborhood entrances decorated for the holidays.

Removed on

January 9th



Michael and Frances Evans
936 Mendenhall Way

Breanna Moore and Family
877 Mt. McKinley Way

Rebecca and Tom Reinhart
and Family
1160 Mt. McKinley Dr.

Londa Samuels and Family
1360 Mt. McKinley Dr.

Hameed and Abida Somani
1340 Mt. McKinley Dr.

Dana Ulrich and Sean Cohen
361 Kodiak Ct.

On behalf of the whole subdivision, welcome to all our new neighbors! We hope that you will enjoy our beautiful neighborhood!

8 Simple Ways to Make Your Neighborhood a Safer Place

Long gone are the days where all the neighborhood kids played kick-the can in the middle of the street each summer night. Whether you blame it on paranoid parents or uninterested children, one thing is for certain: many neighborhoods today are lacking the close-knit feeling was prominent just ten or 20 years ago. Missing this feeling creates concerns for neighborhood safety overall.

Neighborhood safety is a team effort, but it starts with *you*. What can you do to make your neighborhood a safer place? We have some simple tips here.

Know your neighbors.

This cannot be emphasized enough. Know whether they work during the day, whether they have children (and, if so, what they look like), and what their needs are. Do you live next to an elderly couple that stays home, but sometimes needs help? Or is there a teenage driver in the family? Are there small children you need to look out for? Knowing these things helps you be aware of who is in your neighborhood and what could be suspicious.

Have a way to reach your neighbors if they're gone and something is amiss in the neighborhood. Feel free to contact them if you see any out-of-ordinary or suspicious behavior around their home or if you're gone and would like them to [check up on your house](#). You might even help develop a neighborhood calling tree.

Keep up your yard, and encourage your neighbors to do the same.

A neighborhood with mowed lawns, flowers, and freshly painted homes looks like it's cared for, and this alone can help deter crime. A well-kept yard also provides fewer places for suspicious persons to take cover. If there is a certain open lot or abandoned home that is an eyesore, work together as a neighborhood to clean up weeds, plant trees, and do a bit of fixing up on the exterior.

Be extra cautious when you go out of town.

Talk to your neighbors and arrange for someone to mow your lawn, shovel your walks, or pick up your mail and newspapers. Use timers on your lights, or find a [security system](#) that will allow you to turn lamps off and on remotely.

Close your windows and blinds at night.

A big screen TV is a less enticing steal if no one knows it's there. Leaving your blinds open and lights on at night provides a free look into your house, its layout, and the habits of its occupants. And leaving windows open at night or when you're gone is an invitation for an uninvited guest to come on in.

Improve the lighting on your street.

Streetlamps are not the only way to do this. Ask that each household turn on their porch lights in the evenings and install motion-sensor lights in the backs or sides of the house so potential intruders don't have the darkness to hide in.

Encourage outdoor activity.

Go on walks with your neighbor, work in your yard, and let your kids play with the neighbors down the street. Organizing a neighborhood cookout can encourage people to feel more comfortable spending time out in the neighborhood as well.

Install a security system.

In the end, one of the surest options to improve safety in your neighborhood is to get a home security system and use it properly. A [2009 study](#) by - Rutgers found that, as the number of home security systems increased in an area, the number of residential robberies decreased in that area. Use the Safewise security system finder tool to help you [evaluate what security system](#) will work best for your home.

Improving neighborhood safety is a team effort, but it needs to start with someone and that someone should be you. As you get to know your neighbors, discuss your concerns, and apply some of the ideas above, you'll find that your neighborhood becomes not only a safer place to be, but a more enjoyable one.

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Numbers



Police

(Non-Emergency):

770-513-5700

Emergency Dial:

911

Animal Control:

770-339-3200



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