



SPRING CREEK FOREST

NEWSLETTER – July / August 2026

Bits from the Board

Hello everyone!

While not all of the repair initiatives we presented previously have been completed, there are a couple of items of note:

1. The renovation of the outdoor bathrooms by the pool has been completed. They look great! We hope everyone is pleased.
2. The pavilion by the pumphouse has been repaired and the pumphouse wall has been replaced. We will consider painting or staining the pumphouse walls after the preservative has had enough time to dry.
3. All of the iron fencing around the clubhouse property has been painted and looks very nice.
4. The parking lot lights at the playground have been replaced. We do need to have the angle adjusted so that they shine more just into the parking lot. Even though they are the same wattage, the new lights are much brighter.
5. Tennis court fencing has been repaired to alleviate any hazardous areas.

We have an opening on the board for the position of Secretary, which is an officer's position.

Jennifer Chapman has resigned for personal reasons, and we thank her for her service. Any resident interested in filling the position should send an email to President@scfneighbors.com. First choice will go to a section representative, if anyone wants to step up. If not, the position is open to interested residents. This would be a temporary position until officer elections in 2027.

**Our Pool is open 6 days now
July 4th Bike Parade and
Celebration at the Clubhouse
250 Years**

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Please take some time and visit our neighborhood website,
www.scfneighbors.com
Here there is a wealth of information about our neighborhood, including:
Announcements, Calendar of Events,
Important Documents, Other
Neighborhood Contact Information

Social Events – What's going on??

Feel free to attend one of our regularly scheduled events:

- ✚ **Ladies Bunco Night** is the first Tuesday of every month. There is an entry fee of \$5 which is paid out in prizes. Come have some fun with dice and friends, starts at 7PM. Bring a snack to share. The theme for May is High Tea.
- ✚ **Book Club** is the first Wednesday of every month at 7PM. All book lovers are welcome! Lively discussions about current readings. Light appetizers are provided by Mama's Gotta Eat.
- ✚ **Seniors' Fun Day** is the third Thursday of every month. This is going to be a two-part event from here on out.
 - At 10AM in the morning, we meet at the clubhouse to play card games, board games (bring your favorite), watch a movie, or just sit and chat and get to know each other. Coffee and tea are available and usually someone brings some snacks. This program was on hiatus for a bit, but started back up in March. Attendance could be better. Come meet some neighbors and have some fun.
 - The new **Mingle and More** program starts at 7 PM in the evening. So far, it has been very well received, with a variety of speakers and topics. All residents are encouraged to participate in these events. Keep an eye out for an email from Sterling and announcements on our Facebook page for future events.
- ✚ **HOA Board Meetings** are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Open Session now starts at 7:45PM. Log in information for ZOOM and the agenda are published each month in the meeting announcement from Sterling, which comes out via email one week before the meeting. You must have a valid email address on file with Sterling to receive these announcements.

PLEASE NOTE: For our May board meeting, on May 28, we offered both in-person attendance and ZOOM for the meeting. Everything went well, so this format will remain in effect until further notice.

Please keep an eye on the calendars and event listings available in the community. Both the Sterling website (the same one you log in to look at your account) and our SCFneighbors.com website have a calendar of events to let you know what's coming up. You should check in with either one periodically to see what's happening. We also have the marquee at the entrance off of Louetta which posts important dates. And special events also get an eblast from Sterling and get posted on our Facebook page. For additional information and/or to volunteer for an event, you should send an email request to Social@scfneighbors.com or contact Krystal Williams at 469-222-8981 (text is best).

Volunteers are almost always needed and welcome.

Social Events – What's going on??

Upcoming Events



America 250 Celebration - Saturday, July 4 – This year marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Every year, our Social Committee plans an elaborate Independence Day Celebration. Since July 4th is a Saturday this year, that is when the festivities will take place. Schedule of events is below. Come on out and join us for this historic day.

- The Annual Bike Parade, for decorated bicycles and golf carts, will be led by the Klein Fire Department and Harris County Sheriff. Participants should gather in front of the clubhouse and in the Playground parking lot starting at 9:30am. Parade will begin promptly at 10 and will be followed by the Fire department Hose Down at the ball field. The 10 best decorations will receive a prize.
- 4th of July Baking Contest – in the clubhouse. Entrants should be there by 9:30. Winners will be announced about 11:30
- Food and drinks after the parade, starting about 11am until about 12pm.
- Fun games for the kids
- And, of course, the pool opens at noon.



What has your HOA been up to?

Further to the brief update on the cover page, the following is a more complete description of repairs and upgrades taking place in the community:

- Outdoor bathroom renovation is complete. They look great and we hope you will be pleased.
- Playground parking lot lights have been replaced. The new lights are the same wattage but seem to be brighter. Some nearby residents have asked if they can be turned down more. The board will get that done as soon as possible. A lift truck is required to access the lights.
- The tennis court fencing has been repaired to eliminate any areas that could be hazardous. The lighting repairs on courts 1-3 are waiting for the installation work on courts 4-6. The new light poles are on order.
- We had requested a quote from Superior, our landscaping maintenance company, to improve the gardens in front of the clubhouse. After some initial discussion and a change of Superior area manager, we have reviewed an estimate and requested some adjustments. Waiting for a revised quote.
- Along the same lines, we are entitled by contract to 2 plantings per year, Spring and Fall, for the flowers at the front entrance. This work has been done and the entrance is looking much better.
- While the moss has been cleaned off the stones at the waterfall, the waterfall itself has some issues. The water channel is leaking water down through the rock structure and out onto the sidewalk and street. At some time in the near future, the waterfall will be shut down to try and identify the source of the leak(s).
- Painting of the steel fencing around the clubhouse property has been completed.
- Following the required repairs and signage additions, our pool passed inspection. The repairs to the pavilion by the pumphouse have been completed and the pumphouse wall has been replaced. There is some mismatch in the paint color on the pavilion because the old paint was/is dirty and/or faded. In the fall, when the weather is cooler, we might try cleaning/painting the rest of the pavilion. Previously, the faded grey color of the pumphouse wall was less at odds with the color of the pavilion than the new pickets. Once the preservative has had time to completely adsorb and dry, we might consider painting or staining the pumphouse walls to more closely match the pavilion.
- A new layer of mulch cushion has been added to the playground for the safety of our children.



Congratulations to our Spring Creek Forest Sharks Swim Team, celebrating their 49th season

This season, the Sharks participated in 4 regular season meets and one divisional meet, placing 3rd place overall in the Yellow 2 division of the Northwest Aquatic League. This is significant, as the Sharks have the smallest team in the division. Additionally, exemplary individual performances were provided by Mia Villanueva, Ezekiel Wilson, Kobe Wittmann, Brandon Evans, and Tripp Bennett, setting new team records in their events.





THIS IS A STOCK PHOTO FROM THE INTERNET. NONE OF THESE CHILDREN ARE RESIDENTS

****Come out and enjoy our pool****

Summer is here and its not getting any cooler

We have a beautiful pool here at the Spring Creek Forest clubhouse and it is open to all residents in good standing. Now that school is out for the summer, the pool will be open 6 days a week for your enjoyment. The full schedule is on the next page. You will need a facility access key fob for entry. If you already have a key fob, it is still good and can be used again this year. If you do not have a key fob and would like one, there is a form to fill out. You can email pool@scfneighbors.com or Norah@sterlingasi.com and we will send you a form and get you set up with a fob. There is no cost for your first fob. If you want additional fobs, you can get one or two more (total of 3 max) at a cost of \$15 each. If you had a fob and lost it, the replacement will cost you \$15. Contact either of the email addresses above. This is the same fob you use for access at the playground and breezeway gates. If your 2026 assessment is still unpaid, your fob has been disabled until payment is made.

This year we will again be offering the Water Aerobics class, which has been very successful the last two seasons. Many residents came out and enjoyed exercising in the pool with the help of our instructor. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. If required, make-up sessions are Friday. There activity is provided by your HOA at no cost to the participants.

Now that the Sharks are finished, we are leaving out one lane line, on the far side of the pool, for those residents who would like to swim laps. Please be respectful of the lane if someone is swimming laps.

2026 Pool Schedule for Residents

June

Starting in June, the pool is open 6 days a week, Tuesday thru Saturday from 12-9pm and Sunday from 1-8pm. The pool is closed to residents on Mondays for cleaning and maintenance.

July

This schedule continues through July with the exception that Saturdays during the month the pool will be open until 10pm, to give you all a little more time to enjoy the pool in the hot summer weather.

August

In August the pool will continue to be open 6 days a week through Tuesday, August 11. School begins on Wednesday, August 12, so at that point the schedule reverts to Friday 6-9pm, Saturday 12-10pm, and Sunday 1-8pm.

September

Hours in September continue to be Friday 6-9pm, but Saturdays go back to 12-9pm, and Sundays 1-8pm. The pool will be open from 12-8pm on Labor Day, Monday Sept. 7. Sunday, September 27 is the last day that the pool will be open. After that, it is closed until next year.

NOTES FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD

Some important items on this page may be repeated from last issue

HOA Board Meetings

Until further notice, HOA board meetings will continue to be offered for both in person attendance and ZOOM. Information for every board meeting is provided in an email from Sterling one week in advance of the meeting date, per Texas code regulations. This email includes log in information if you wish to join via ZOOM. You must have a valid email address on file with Sterling to get these important eblast notifications of community events. If you need to revise your email or add an email, please contact Norah@SterlingASI.com.

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month. Executive session runs from 7 pm to approximately 7:45. Open session begins at 7:45 pm. Residents arriving early will not be allowed to enter the clubhouse until 7:45. Please keep that in mind. We would love to see some of you at the meetings, so don't be shy.

Deed Restriction Violations

We regularly receive concerns about Deed Restriction Violations in our community. These restrictions are in place to help preserve the appearance of Spring Creek Forest and protect our property values. Our shared goal is to ensure that every resident feels proud to live here, and visitors and potential buyers are impressed. Violations are enforced fairly and consistently throughout the neighborhood. If you receive a violation notice, please address the violation in a timely fashion. If you need additional time, simply email Norah@Sterlingasi.com or text her at 346-363-7880 with your planned actions and timeframe. Addressing issues promptly helps avoid repeated notices and potential fines. If you receive a notice you believe to be in error, or have any questions, please contact Norah@sterlingasi.com. She will be happy to assist you. **If you are having issues with Sterling, please notify your Section Representative via Email (see first page).** We are aware that there are some emails from Sterling that come from "DoNotReply" and may go to Spam. We are attempting to get that corrected.

Let's keep our neighborhood beautiful!

Bicycle Safety

Many of us, including many of our children, enjoy riding bicycles through the neighborhood. Bicycles should be ridden on the right-hand side of the street with the flow of traffic. Bicycles are required to obey all traffic laws, just like any other moving vehicle. You must stop at stop signs and look for approaching vehicles. It is easier for you to see them than it is for them to see you. Pay attention to your surroundings and be aware of potentially dangerous situations. And be polite and yield to other cyclists or pedestrians. If you ride at night, you must have a headlamp and a red tail reflector so that you can be seen by other vehicles. Let's all be safe.

NOTES FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD

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At one of our previous Mingle and More presentations, the Harris County Sherriff's Department requested our help. They are instituting a new program where residents with door cams may be able to help solve crimes. The program is called **SafeCam**. If you have a door cam or other security camera facing the street, you can register your name and address with the Sherriff's office. This does NOT give the Sherriff's office access to your home network or security system. However, if there is a crime committed near your home, and the investigating officers think that your camera may have captured footage relevant to the case, they will call you and make arrangements for a technician to come to your house and review the footage of the timeframe in question, and make a copy if there is any visual evidence of value. You never know, you might help catch a serious offender.

You can sign up at www.harriscountysoc.org/services/safecam.

Golf Carts

The ever-increasing popularity of golf carts is creating an ever-increasing safety issue in the neighborhood. Golf carts are motorized vehicles not that much different from a small car. They should only be operated by licensed individuals and in a responsible manner. They are expected to obey all traffic laws, like stop signs. If two vehicles both decide to run a stop sign, guess what happens? Under no circumstances should we see 10- or 12-year-olds driving golf carts. Neither should we see anyone driving a golf cart steering with their feet! These behaviors are just asking for trouble.

Let's keep our neighborhood and our kids safe!

Similar issues exist regarding the use of minibikes, mopeds, small dirt bikes, and go carts by underage drivers, who speed around the neighborhood and don't obey stop signs. Eventually, someone is going to get hurt, possibly seriously. Better to avoid that possibility altogether by being safe and responsible. Again, as adults and parents, a lot of this responsibility falls on us.

See the following page for information regarding E-bikes

Lawn Care

Spring has been very nice to us, with plenty of rain and comfortable temperatures. All that will probably end very soon, but in the meantime, our lawns are growing like crazy. You almost can't wait a week between cuttings, much less two weeks or more. Please try and keep up with your yard maintenance. Tall weeds or grass growing down over the curb are very unsightly and a Deed Restriction violation. If you get a warning letter from Sterling, you would be wise to take care of it. After 10 days, if your lawn is still overgrown, Sterling has the authority to issue a Force Mow and have Superior cut and trim your lawn, for a minimum fee of \$75 charged to your account.

CONSTABLE MARK HERMAN
HARRIS COUNTY PRECINCT 4



E-BIKES IN TEXAS

KNOW THE LAW. RIDE SAFE. STAY LEGAL.



LEGAL E-BIKES

TEXAS LAW COMPLIANT



E-bikes that meet Texas law are treated like regular bicycles and can be ridden on bike paths, in bike lanes, and on streets.

TEXAS LAW REQUIREMENTS (BICYCLE DEFINED)

- ✓ Has fully operable pedals for human propulsion
- ✓ Electric assist only – motor may not propel the bike without pedaling
- ✓ Max motor output: 750 watts or less
- ✓ Max assisted speed: 28 mph or less
- ✓ Must obey all traffic laws
- ✓ Riders under 18 – helmet required
- ✓ No driver's license, registration, or insurance required



CLASS 1, 2, & 3 E-BIKES
ARE LEGAL WHEN THEY MEET
THE REQUIREMENTS ABOVE.



ILLEGAL E-BIKES

NOT STREET LEGAL



Electric motorcycles, dirt bikes, and other motorized vehicles do NOT meet the legal definition of a bicycle.

NOT LEGAL ON ROADS OR BIKE PATHS

- ✗ No pedals or not fully operable pedals
- ✗ Motor can propel without pedaling (throttle only)
- ✗ Exceeds 750 watts or 28 mph
- ✗ Designed for off-road use
- ✗ Considered a motor vehicle – requires registration, insurance, and driver's license
- ✗ Prohibited on streets, sidewalks, and bike paths



EXAMPLES: SURRON, TALARIA,
RAZOR DIRT BIKE, ETC.
THESE ARE NOT E-BIKES.

WHY IT MATTERS



Keeps our roads
and paths safe
for everyone.



Helps protect
riders, pedestrians,
and drivers.



Obey the law.
Avoid fines and
citations.

PENALTIES FOR ILLEGAL E-BIKES

- Citations may be issued
- Fines up to \$500
- Vehicle impoundment
- Parental/guardian citation when used by minors



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SAFE AND OUR ROADS OPEN
FOR EVERYONE.

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