



The Park at French Creek

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Constable Patrol Contract Terminated

In May, a letter from the Safety Committee was sent to all Park at French Creek homeowners summarizing the community safety survey. Reasons were cited for terminating the constable patrol. The Safety Committee reports: "During the six month service contract, several residents were cited more than once for violating the safety precautions in our

development. We are a community of 131 households and believe if everyone will observe our minimal traffic safety precautions, we can achieve everyone's goal without resorting to outside enforcement or physical impediments. Your respect for every resident's safety is paramount to avoiding an incident that would trigger additional precautions."

Home Improvements

Are you thinking of adding something here or changing something there? Don't forget to submit for approval to the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) before starting those wonderful improvements to your property. Obtaining ACC approval protects the changes made to your home and assures that all owners adhere to the guidelines provided in your documents. For a copy of an Improvement Request Form, contact our ACC department at acc@ams-sa.com or download a form from the website at www.parkatfrenchcreek.com/forms.html.

Welcome, New Neighbors

The Welcome Committee recently visited Nelson and Maria Balido, 9610 French Tree; Bill and Peggy Dickson, 9611 French Stone; Ray and Belinda Yopez, 13702 French Park; and Chuck and Annette Hamm, 9502 Creek Cove.

Yard of the Month Winners



May Yard of the Month
14006 French Point

The inaugural Yard of the Month award went to Dick and Gay Bratton. Gay commented, "I give all the credit to Dick. He does such a great job." June Yard of the Month was awarded to Terry and Brenda Hoffman. Their yard is exuberant with its many flowering plants. Congrats to the award winners.



June Yard of the Month
9507 French Point

Dorrie Anders, chairman of the Beautification Committee says, "Thanks to all of you that take pride in your yards and keep them manicured and looking fantastic. Keep up the hard work. We have three more months through September to award the YOM." Other members of the committee are Val Moran and Carole Washburn.

Water Restrictions

Remember, year-round landscape watering is allowed **only before 10 AM and after 8 PM** everyday, except with a handheld hose, soaker hose, bucket, or watering can. More information can be found at www.saws.org.

Upcoming Events

National Night Out

Tuesday, October 5

Neighborhood

Holiday Party

Friday, December 3

Community Updates

Neighborhood Entrance—The Park at French Creek has had a spring cleaning with the removal of various signs by the front entrance. It was brought to our attention that these signs were in the right-of-way, but they did not have a city approved sticker on them. The sign owners were notified that the signs needed to be in compliance or they would be removed. We now are glad to see an attractive uncluttered entrance when we get to our neighborhood! If you have a question regarding the appearance or unusual activity in our neighborhood, please contact our board of directors.

Entry—A “No Outlet” sign has been placed at the entrance to PFC, and the entry fence has been cleaned and stained.

Creek Entrance Blocked—Boulders have been placed in the open space off Hausman Rd. to impede unwanted vehicles from entering the subdivision at that point.

A Special Thank You to:

- the Beautification Committee for putting up and taking down the flags for both Memorial Day weekend and 4th of July weekend.
- the members of the Safety Committee — Al Alanis (Chair), Carl Washburn, Joyce Shelton, Kevin Moran, Minnie Alanis, Josie Bedard, Helenann Lauber, and Bob Address — for compiling the safety survey information and implementing several safety projects.
- Bill Cavin for preparing the safety survey spreadsheet.
- the members of the Welcome Committee — Teresa Moran (Chair), Sue Majors, Lynda Crane, Helenann Lauber, Carol Kumler, Josie Bedard, and Minnie Alanis — for greeting our new homeowners.
- The members of the Social Committee — Carol Kumler (Chair and host of the June 26 social), Karel Donley, Joan Address, Sue Majors, Dorrie Anders, and Joyce Shelton — for organizing and hosting the various get-togethers.



Energy Saving Tip

Want to save electricity and lower your home energy bill, especially during the hot summer months? A free Honeywell programmable thermostats, like one of CPS Energy’s Peak Savers, can help. What makes a Peak Saver different from your ordinary, store-bought thermostat? It won’t cost you a cent, (that’s right, a \$300 value), you don’t have to install yourself, and you have complete control. Change the temperature at home—anytime, anywhere—from the internet using your work computer or laptop. While you are

getting a good deal, so is CPS. When you use this thermostat, you can help CPS save energy during “peak” demand times during the hot summer afternoons.

The ENERGY STAR rated Honeywell thermostat being installed in your home is capable of receiving radio signals. On the hottest summer days when CPS Energy needs to reduce demand, a signal is sent to the thermostat to begin turning your air-conditioner’s compressor on and off. They call this a “cycling event.” the compressor will typically cycle off for approximately 10 minutes every half-hour. The cycle repeats continuously for up to four hours.

Cycling events typically occur on weekdays, May through September, excluding holidays and weekends. However, system emergencies can happen at any time causing an event. During a cycling event, your thermostat will show “Save” on the display. In addition, your heating/cooling system fan will continue to circulate air throughout your home during the cycling event. You may opt-out of 3 events per year by calling 866-222-7645. If you are interested in acquiring a Peak Saver, apply online (www.cpsenergy.com), print an application, or call CPS toll-free at 866-222-7645.

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Product Repels Snakes



The abundant rains this spring have resulted in an increased population of snakes. An inexpensive option for snake problems is Dr. T’s Snake-a-Way. The product, which can be found at Home Depot and Lowe’s, is a repellent that costs about \$15. It comes in a plastic carton and contains pellets that emit an odor offensive to snakes. *Submitted by Al Alanis*



- Observe the speed limit (25 mph).



- Make a complete stop at stop signs.



- Wear light clothing or reflective gear when walking or running at night.

PFC Homeowner’s Website: www.parkatfrenchcreek.com