



# The Pony Express

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## SECURITY AND SAFETY CONCERNS

### ◆ SAN ANTONIO POLICE

Call the San Antonio Police about a crime taking place or for an emergency at 911, otherwise call the Police at 207-7273.

### ◆ Summary of Police Calls from Oakmont Downs-

Nov-Dec 05- Threats -2, Criminal Mischief- 1, Miscelenous-15, Acc Minor- 2, Suspicious Pereson-2, Suspicious Vehicle- 2, Liquor Violation-1, Burglary of Vehicle-3, Theft-1, Burglary- 1, Vehicle Theft- 1, Traffic Violation- 1.

◆ **The San Antonio Fear Free Environment Officer (SAFFE) Officer** responsible for the Oakmont Downs community is Officer Raul Alonzo, phone 210-207-7169. He can advise you about crime proofing your home. He works out of the S.A. Police Prue Station at 5020 Prue Road.

**MUST KNOW \*677-** If you are ever out driving day or night and an unmarked car with a police light on top signals for you to pull over, pull over only when you can stop at a place with people around and secure your doors. In the meantime, if you have a cell phone, dial \*677 which will connect you directly with the police dispatcher. The dispatcher will be able to tell you if they have a police car where you are. If they do not advise them of the situation so they can take prompt action to arrive on scene and handle the situation.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The following is the initial calendar for Oakmont Downs Community events during 2006. Specifics are subject to change as the year progresses. (See this calendar on the community bulletin board on Stable Pass and also the community website [www.oakmontdowns.org](http://www.oakmontdowns.org))

◆ **Board Meetings:** All Board meetings are open and interested residents are welcomed. All meetings normally start at 7:00 PM. on the last Thursday of each month unless otherwise specified. The Board will meet each month at the Boone Elementary school library, except in June and August when the Board will meet in the home of Gloria Sanchez at 12206 Stable Square Drive

February 24, 2006

March 30, 2006

April 27, 2006

May 25, 2006

June 29, 2006

July (No meeting)

August 31, 2006

September 28, 2006

October 26, 2006

November (No meeting)

December (No meeting)

- ◆ **Park Fix UP:** March 4, 2006, Saturday, 9:00-Noon, **Volunteers needed**
- ◆ **Easter at the Park for Children:** April 15, 2006, Saturday, 10:00-Noon
- ◆ **Neighborhood Garage Sale:** April 1, 2006, Saturday, 9:00 AM to Noon
- ◆ **Community BBQ Picnic:** May 20, Saturday, 4:00-7:00 PM, at the Park
- ◆ **Backyard Rendezvous:** June 24, 2006, Saturday, 9:00 PM to Noon
- ◆ **National Night Out:** Aug. 1, 2006, Tuesday, 7:00 PM-Finish
- ◆ **Judging of Halloween Home Decorations:** October, 28, 2006, after 7:00 PM
- ◆ **Halloween at the Park:** Oct. 29, Sunday, 5:00-7:00 PM
- ◆ **Annual Meeting:** November 7, 2006, Tuesday, 6:30-9) PM, San Antonio Christian Church
- ◆ **Holiday Home Decorations:** Homes may be decorated starting Nov. 15, 06
- ◆ **Holiday Gate Decorations:** November 19, 2006, Saturday, 9:00-Finish AM, **Volunteers are needed.**
- ◆ **Judging of Holiday Decorated Homes:** December 20, 2006, Wednesday, after 7:00 PM
- ◆ **Removal of Gate Decorations:** January , unknown yet, **Volunteers are needed.**
- ◆ **Removal of Home Decorations:** Homes should have decorations removed by Jan. 31, 07, Tuesday
- ◆ **Yard of the Month Award:** April thru September 06

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## COMMUNITY INTERESTS, ISSUES, IMPROVEMENTS, EVENTS

### A. Board Decisions-

1. Jan. 28, 2006
  - a. Elected Officers
  - b. Set the Board and community calendar for 2006
  - c. Assigned Board Member responsibilities for 2006
  - d. Prioritized needed projects

### B. Have You Heard These?

#### **Subject: I AM Thankful For:**

For the wife who says it's hot dogs tonight, because she is home with me, and not out with someone else. For the husband who is on the sofa being a couch potato, because he is home with me and not out at the bars. For the teenager who is complaining about doing dishes because it means she is at home, not on the streets. For the taxes I pay because it means I am employed. For the mess to clean after a party because it means I have been surrounded by friends. For the clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat. For my shadow that watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine For a lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home. For all the complaining I hear about the government because it means we have freedom of speech. For the parking spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking and I have been blessed with transportation. For the pile of laundry and ironing because it means I have clothes to wear. For weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been capable of working hard. For the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours because it means I am alive. And finally, for too much e-mail because it means I have friends who are thinking of me.

### **The Old Poodle**

A wealthy old lady decides to go on a photo safari in Africa, taking her faithful aged poodle named Cuddles, along for the company. One day the poodle starts chasing butterflies and before long, Cuddles discovers that she's lost. Wandering about, she notices a leopard heading rapidly in her direction with the intention of having lunch. The old poodle thinks, "Uh, oh! I'm in deep trouble now!"

Noticing some bones on the ground close by, she immediately settles down to chew on the bones with her back to the approaching cat. Just as the leopard is about to leap, the old poodle exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious leopard! I wonder if there are any more around here?"

Hearing this, the young leopard halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees. "Whew!" says the leopard, "That was close! That old poodle nearly had me!"

Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard. So off he goes, but the old poodle sees him heading after the leopard with great speed, and figures that something must be up. The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard. The young leopard is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!"

Now, the old poodle sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?" But instead of running, the dog sits down with her back to her attackers, pretending she hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old poodle says: "Where's that damn monkey? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another leopard!"

### **C. Winners of the Christmas Decoration Contest-**

- a. The best home belongs to Billy and Mayra Moore at 12418 Stable Forest.
- b. The second best home belongs to Ruben and Nelda Valadez at 6208 Stable Briar.
- c. The third best home belongs to Robert and Imelda Martinez at 6218 Stable Downs. They were assisted in the decoration by their children, Marielena, Olivia, and Robert. Congratulations to all these homeowners for doing such a beautiful job in decorating their homes for Christmas.

Their pictures may be seen on the community website [www.oakmontdowns.org](http://www.oakmontdowns.org)

**D. Oakmont Downs History-** I am in the process of trying to document the history of our community to date. If you were a Board Member or a Chair Person or committee member and still have records from the time you served, please let me know, and with your permission I will come and borrow the records. After extracting needed information, I will return the records to you. If anyone has newsletters or a community directory prior to 2002 please let me know and I will arrange to borrow them. I would also be interested in finding out which home was occupied first and last, when and by whom. If anyone can remember any unusual incidences please let me know. Any information you have that might be interesting for our history let me know. I can remember having Santa Claus at the park with rides on a fire truck. Does anybody have pictures of people at community events and of Board Members for the first few years that could be copied? Where and when were the first postal boxes installed? Does anyone still have a resident decal for their car that were made available one year? What was the first year to hold a community garage sale, holiday home contest, and national night out? Does anyone know where the big boulder at the intersection of Stable Oak and Downs came from as well as the big boulders in the island at the north and west gates? Does anyone know where Jim Miller, Betty Cagle, Tommy Hungate, Robin Stasny, and Karen Madeira are now? And lastly, does anyone know how this land was used before it became Oakmont Downs? Anybody remember any details on the above? I hope to place the finished history on the website so residents can have access to it. I also plan to serially publish it in the Newsletter.

Thanks!

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**E. Short Bio of Jennifer Hissa, New Member of the Board-** Well, I have lived in Oakmont Downs for four years. We moved here from Ft. Lauderdale, FL. I have a beautiful 4 year old daughter a wonderful husband and a 140lb. furry monster dog named "Ranger". (He is actually very sweet.) I am a kitchen and bath designer by day, and devoted mother and wife by night. That's about it. Jennifer

## **F. Near Future Community Events**

1. Park Fix Up, Mar. 4, 2006 Saturday, 9:00 PM to Noon. This will get the Park ready for the events that will be held this year. Please mark your calendar and come out to help. You may be contacted to volunteer for this event. Snacks and drinks provided. **Volunteers will be needed.**
2. Neighbor Garage Sale, April 1, 2006, Saturday, 9:00 PM to noon. Start getting ready now for this big and popular community event. Collect those items you want to sell. Purchase your garage sale permit prior to this date.
3. Easter at the Park, April 15, 2006, Saturday, 10:00 AM to Noon. Bring your younger ones out to this very popular with the children event. Snacks and drinks provided.

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## **BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS FOR THE ASSOCIATION**

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(See Board Members on the community bulletin board and also on the community website

[www.oakmontdowns.org](http://www.oakmontdowns.org))

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## **BOARD COMMITTEES**

### **◆ CHAIR, ARCHITECTURAL CONTROL COMMITTEE**

Bill Pazak, phone 699-3465, email address: [billpazak@stic.net](mailto:billpazak@stic.net)

### **◆ CHAIR, PAVILION COMMITTEE**

Sharon Fajkus is in charge of Pavilion reservation personal or group. She may be called at phone 690-8968, email address: [dfajkus@ev1.net](mailto:dfajkus@ev1.net). Find out more about the Pavilion and Park at [www.oakmontdowns.org](http://www.oakmontdowns.org) under BUSINESS.

### **◆ WEBMASTER**

Pamela A. Dooley, phone 210-558-3007, email address: [hchs16@yahoo.com](mailto:hchs16@yahoo.com). You can find out more about Pam at her web site [www.dooleywebs.com](http://www.dooleywebs.com). You can find out more about Oakmont Downs website at [www.oakmontdowns.org](http://www.oakmontdowns.org).

### **◆ NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

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(See Board Committees on the community bulletin board and also on the community website

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## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

As of 12/31/2005, the Association had \$20,478.34 in the checking account, \$24,443.01 as reserve funds and \$4,726.62 in a money market account.

As of 12/31/2005 two members were 30 days behind, one was 91-120 days behind and four were 120+ days behind their association dues.

See inserts for 2005 year ending Income Statement and Balance Sheet.

(See the budget, current income statement and balance sheet on the website [www.oakmontdowns.org](http://www.oakmontdowns.org))

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## **RESIDENT VIOLATIONS**

During the month of Nov/Dec, letters of violation were issued for the following: improperly stored trash containers- 9, improperly stored items - 1, improperly stored basketball goals-1, un-approved landscaping-1, barking dog-2, disabled vehicle-2, yard needs maintenance-2.

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## **EDITOR**

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Where did 2005 go? And what is worse, where did January 2006 go? Where did those small children and grandchildren go? They became the past! What can we do to hold on to the past and those happy moments now gone? We take pictures, save letters, save announcements, save mementoes, save cards, save records, and write memoirs! I looked at the short history of Oakmont Downs the same way and decided that before the evidence of this history disappears, I would try to document our short history. I hope you will feel the same and will respond to my appeal for information about that brief history. Lets bypass that well known statement "If we do not know history, we are doomed to repeat the past as well as its mistakes"!