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LEGENDARY TIMES

A monthly newsletter for the residents of Kissing Tree



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Dear Community,

As summer heats up and more guests join us to enjoy everything our community has to offer, I wanted to take a moment to share a few friendly reminders to help keep everyone safe, respectful, and neighborly during this busy season.

Pool & Fitness Center Guidelines

We love seeing our amenities come to life in the summer, especially with families spending quality time together. As a reminder, children's pool hours are from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM daily, with extended hours until 2:00 PM on holidays. This window is designed to strike a balance between playful family time and quiet enjoyment for all residents—thank you for helping us maintain that balance.

Our fitness center is a shared space meant to support healthy living for all. To ensure safety and accountability, anyone using the fitness center must be at least 16 years old and accompanied by their homeowner. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in making it a welcoming and responsible environment.

Guest Access & Expectations

Homeowners are always welcome to bring guests to enjoy the community amenities, but please remember that guests must be accompanied by you if visiting a resident-only space. Guests under 19 must be accompanied by an adult resident when using amenities. As well.

Minors may not occupy a home independently—they must live with a parent, legal guardian. This includes students home from college for the summer; they're welcome to stay, as long as they are living with their parent or guardian.

A guest is considered to be "occupying" your home if they stay more than 30 consecutive days or more than 60 total days in a 12-month period. Homeowners are responsible for ensuring their guests are familiar with and follow all community rules and expectations.

Drive Safely & Watch for Others

With increased summer activity, please take extra care while driving through the community: Observe all stop signs and always follow the 25 MPH speed limit. Be especially cautious in parking lots and on cart paths—watch for walkers, cyclists, and fellow neighbors.

Let's all do our part to keep Kissing Tree the warm, welcoming, and safe place we all love. Thank you for your ongoing care, hospitality, and community spirit—especially during this busy season!

Rebecca Rounds-Burger, Executive Director

July Featured Events

Mondays

River Adventures

Start your week off at the river with your neighbors. From kayaking to tubing, join in on an endless amount of fun!

Fridays

DJ Dance Parties

Join us in dancing the night away with well-known DJ Henry who will be getting the party started by spinning all your favorite tunes!

Friday, Jul. 4

4th of July

The Community Life team offices will be closed in observance of the holiday. Independence Hall and other amenities will remain open.

Tuesday, Jul. 15

Website Orientation

New to KT or need a refresher? The next website orientation is at 10 a.m. in The Depot. Bring the device you would use to log in.

Tuesday, Jul. 15

SCS Billiards

Join in on one of the many Sports Champion Series: Billiards. Compete against your neighbors to win lifestyle bucks and bragging rights.

Saturday, Jul. 19

Summer Bazaar

Shop at KT's Summer Bazaar event. See all the talent and creativity of your neighbors artists and crafters.

For more information, navigate to the [electronic calendar](#) on our resident website

The Repair Report

Preventative Maintenance

- Quarterly Gate Preventative Maintenance concluded. All gates inspected and worked on. (May)
- First aid, AED, Fire Extinguisher, and Exit signs are being addressed on a case-by-case basis. (May/June)
- All vents and drains cleaned. (May)
- Fitness Center strength equipment asset mapped and included in the work order system, PM's will be conducted this month. (June)
- Water treatments and mosquito control on wet ponds. (May)
- Continued development on Firewise Program. (Expect an announcement this month going into July)

Projects

- **Pool lighting required. (May):** The source of the issue took a long time to find our, but we found the cause of the problem and have had it fixed. Bathroom lighting and wall lighting have been restored in the indoor pool.
- **In-house landscaping and landscaping coordination. (May):** Numerous landscaping projects continue to proceed in-house to better address the many landscaping challenges throughout the community. Additionally, many projects continue to be discussed every Wednesday with the landscaping contractor, ED, and Asset team to best address the numerous community concerns related to landscaping.
- **Pond Asset Mapping. (May):** All pond names/numbers, inspection records, vendors, locations, and parts have been added to our work order platform to make work order creation more precise, frequent, and accurate. Additionally, this now allows us to create recurring scheduled work orders that populate automatically and assign staff who are unfamiliar with some of the more remote locations of the ponds to them as they now have exact coordinates on how to get there.

The Repair Report

- **AC and Door Repair in Fitness Center and Pool. (May):** HVAC repairs were conducted by Andy for the fitness center when problems arose last month, while Ivan adjusted the swing speed of the automatic door to the pool.

Ivan Smith, Community Assets Coordinator



Trash and Recycling Overview

Allotted day for pickup: Sunday night at 5 p.m. through Monday night at 9 p.m.

Bin with Green lid (Green Waste)

Allotted day for pickup: Bi-weekly on Tuesday night at 5 p.m. through Wednesday night at 9 p.m.

Bin with Tan lid (Recycling)

Allotted day for pickup: Bi-weekly Sunday night at 5 p.m. through Monday night at 9 p.m.

Placing your bin(s) out early or on a day other than the assigned slot will result in a compliance violation.

Kylee Holte, Community Standards Coordinator

Micahmendations

The 10 - Minute Walk: Small Step, Big Impact

We're all told to "move more," but between errands, appointments, and everything else life throws at us, a full workout isn't always realistic. But here's something simple that punches way above its weight: the 10-minute walk. That's it. Just ten minutes. No fancy equipment, no gym clothes, no heart rate monitors - just your feet and a bit of space.

Why 10 Minutes Works

A 2024 talk by neuroscientist Wendy Suzuki laid it out plainly: walking—even for just 10 minutes—activates key areas of the brain, boosting mood, memory, and focus. Dopamine, serotonin, and other "feel-good" chemicals start firing. It's like pressing a reset button for your brain. But the benefits don't stop there, here are 3 more proven benefits:

1. Better Blood Sugar Control

Taking a walk after a meal helps your body use glucose more efficiently, lowering blood sugar spikes. If you are managing or preventing Type 2 diabetes or just trying to keep energy steady, this is a big win.

2. Boosted Digestion

Post-meal walks help your digestive system do its thing. That means less bloating, less sluggishness, and a faster return to feeling light and mobile.

3. Improved Longevity & Mobility

Short walks done consistently are linked to lower rates of cardiovascular disease and longer life. For our community, walking regularly is one of the simplest, safest, and most powerful health habits you can adopt.

When to Walk

- Right after meals (especially lunch or dinner)
- Mid-morning or mid-afternoon as a mental reset
- After a tough conversation or brain fog - walk it off, literally

Micahmendations

The 10 - Minute Walk

Tips for Making It a Habit

- Set a daily walk reminder on your phone or smartwatch
- Pair it with a podcast, music, or walking buddy
- Use KT trails or the treadmill after class

You don't have to train for a marathon to get major benefits. You just have to move—a little bit, every day. The 10-minute walk is a low-barrier, high-reward habit that I recommend to every client, every age, every goal.

Try it this week. After a meal, after a meeting—just ten minutes. Your brain, your gut, and your future self will thank you.

Micah Ross,
Fitness Manager

TARBOX & BROWN

Did you know? July T&B Fun Facts:

- Americans eat about 150 million hot dogs on the 4th of July — enough to stretch from D.C. to L.A. more than 5 times!
- July is National Ice Cream Month (thanks to President Reagan in 1984.)
- The first American cocktail (The Sazerac) was born in the early 1800s in New Orleans.
- The average watermelon is 92% water — perfect for hydrating in the heat!

Why Dinner Reservations Matter — For You & For Us!

Planning to dine with us soon? We're so excited to have you! One quick favor before you head over: please make a reservation if you're planning to join us for dinner.

Here's why it makes a big difference:

- Helps us serve you better: Reservations allow our team to plan ahead so we can offer you the best possible experience — from your favorite server to timely, freshly prepared food.
- Reduces wait times: Especially during busy nights, a reservation helps you skip the line and relax into your evening without the stress of long waits.
- Keeps the kitchen flowing smoothly: When we know what to expect, we can better prep ingredients, staff appropriately, and keep everything running efficiently behind the scenes.
- Ensures we save your spot: We love a full house, but walk-ins can fill up fast — a quick reservation guarantees your table is ready when you are.

[Make a reservation here.](#)

Brooke Roseland
Director of Food & Beverage

KT GOLF CLUB

Summer weather is here and with that comes Summer FUN! One of the most fun annual events of the year is upon us with the annual July 4th festivities taking place. We're looking forward to the day-long celebration this year on July 2nd that is capped off by the always wonderful fireworks show. We're ESPECIALLY looking forward to the VIP viewing party we're throwing on the T&B patio. If you didn't get to experience that last year, I hope you've made reservations for this year. The view of the fireworks is incredible and the drinks and appetizers served to cap off the experience. We're also really looking forward to the Golf Cart Committee's party here on July 4th. We have some good food and cold drinks ready to go! If you haven't already tried one, make sure you get a cold frozen margarita from the new machine down in Independence Hall. Those will be delightful this summer during the warm days.

On the golf course side, we have a summer-long cart detour as you travel from holes 17 to 18. Please make sure you observe that as we want to keep everyone safe as we route around the new construction zone there. Golf course conditions are really great right now and we hope y'all are taking advantage of playing this summer. The couple of events that the golf staff has been hosting have been a huge hit and a ton of fun. Make sure to sign up for those as we move forward! As always, make sure you're staying hydrated while you're out there. The beverage cart is running daily to bring you cold drinks and there are water coolers out there as well. Please utilize those! If you feel unwell or overheated out there, please find some shade and take a break or head in to get some air conditioning. Texas heat is nothing to mess around with!

The restaurant launched the new menu at the start of June and there are some tasty new items to try on both the lunch menu and the dinner menu. If you haven't been in to try those, please come see us. It's been a great start to the summer and we love seeing everyone visit us in the restaurant. The new cocktail menu has some really wonderful refreshing creations that are crafted especially with Summer in mind. Lastly, don't forget that we do serve a small breakfast menu every day starting at 7:00 AM. The breakfast tacos and omelets are huge and delicious. Swing by and dine in or feel free to order some tacos to go. Two tacos are a full meal!

I look forward to seeing everyone at all the fun events this Summer! Let's keep celebrating and having fun all Summer long. KT residents certainly know how to do that!

Best wishes,
Ryan Andrews, Golf Course General Manager



Updates From The Green

Summer Maintenance

Summer is here, all the grass is in full grow mode, and we are doing our best to keep up! Growth regulators are being applied monthly to tees and fairways, and weekly to the greens. This reduces clipping yield, and provides a more uniform playing surface. Also, we are undercutting and topdressing greens every other week to reduce grain and increase ball speed.

We have two new crew members I would like to introduce you to Kyle Gangwyler and Zane Trefts. They come to us from Cordillera Ranch with solid experience. We also have a new crew member starting in August. Caleb Billingsley is joining us from Boot Ranch in Fredricksburg, and he is bringing some great skills with him as well. If you see them out on the course, please say hi! They are a great addition to our team, and strive to make Kissing Tree a better place. for everyone.

John Mckay

The 3-Hole Game

Tiger Woods once said he tries to hit fairways and greens. As he progresses through his round he starts to dial in accuracy. He has always said 100 yards and he focuses on distance and then 100 yards and out he tries to control his accuracy. His game plan consists of 6 3-hole games he plays within himself during a round of golf. If he can go through those 3-hole games 1 under or even par. He could then basically count on shooting 72 to 66 each round.

Playing 3-hole games is an easy way to monitor your game and see what is strong and what is weak during your round. It also helps keep a good round going and it also helps if you have a bad hole. It's easy to reset after each 3-hole stint. This way you never get too far ahead of yourself during your round which is what you do when you play golf.

Remember, no golf shot is more important or less important than your last golf shot. Playing 6 3-hole mini-games in your round is also a great way to manage your round, compete, and stay in the moment. It is far easier to focus on 3 holes than it is on 18 holes. An 18-hole round can get you down in the dumps quick and all you see is bad followed by bad. The three-hole game is easy to play par golf. It will help you stay out of trouble and give you opportunities to attack a golf course.

If you can go through your round and minimize damage try to shoot par on each 3-hole stint. You will be pleasantly surprised at what you shoot. The best part about this is once you have completed a 3-hole stretch, you can see if it was a bad stretch or a good stretch and only for 3 holes. Suppose it is bad it's easy to reset on the next 3 and start over. If it is a good stretch, you can start your next 3-hole stretch put the last one behind you, and start new every 3 holes. This will allow your thought process to be more focused. You might play some of your best golf by implementing 3-hole mini-games. Happy hunting folks!

Garbage & Recycling

Residential Quick Facts

Green Waste <i>Residuos verdes</i>	Recycling <i>Reciclar</i>	Landfill <i>Vertedero</i>
Green lid <i>Tapa verde</i>	Tan Lid <i>Tapa marrón claro</i>	Black lid <i>Tapa negro</i>
<p>Plants <i>Plantas</i></p> <p>Leaves <i>Hojas</i></p> <p>Grass clippings <i>Recortes de césped</i></p> <p>Small branches <i>Ramas pequeñas</i></p> <p>Untreated wood <i>Madera no tratada</i></p> <p>Kitchen paper products <i>Productos de papel de la cocina</i></p> <p>Pizza boxes <i>Cajas de pizza</i></p> <p>Dirty cardboard <i>Cartulina sucia</i></p>	<p>Glass <i>Vidrio</i></p> <p>Solid Plastic #1-7 <i>Plástico sólido</i></p> <p>Tin & Aluminum <i>Lata y aluminio</i></p> <p>Clean paper <i>Papel limpio</i></p> <p>Clean cardboard <i>Cartulina limpia</i></p> <p>Clean boxboard <i>Cartón limpio</i></p> <p>Cartons <i>Cartones</i></p>	<p>Pet waste <i>Desechos de las mascotas</i></p> <p>Treated wood <i>Madera tratada</i></p> <p>Diapers <i>Pañales sucias</i></p> <p>Incandescent lightbulbs <i>Foco de luz</i></p> <p>Styrofoam <i>Espuma de poliestireno</i></p> <p>Plastic straws <i>Pajitas de plástico</i></p> <p>Plastic utensils <i>Utensilios de plástico</i></p>

Curbside Bulk Pick-Up

What: Bulk/Brush waste pick up includes: furniture, large appliances (Freon-free), yard waste, trash bags, & boxes

When: 1st and 3rd full weeks of the month

Details: Limited to 3 cubic yards, free to San Marcos garbage utility customers, call our office (512-393-8412) 2 business days in advance to schedule

Pharmaceutical Drop-Off

What: Unused prescription medications

When: 24/7!

Where: San Marcos Police Department
2300 S. IH-35

Details: No liquids

Green Guy Recycling

What: 1 TV, 2 Freon appliances, 5 passenger tires, ANY Combination of 2: Mattresses or Box Spring

When: 8am to 5pm **Monday to Friday**,
Saturday 8am to 12pm

Where: 937 HW 80

Details: Bring a San Marcos Utility Bill!

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off (HHW)

Who: Hayes County residents

When: Fridays from 12pm-3:30pm & Saturdays from 8am-12pm

Where: 634 E. Hopkins

Details: Batteries, paint, oil, pesticides, adhesives, sharps containers, more information can be found on the city's website

Reuse Warehouse: Open Saturday 8am-noon

634 E. Hopkins

NEIGHBORHOOD ENHANCEMENT
RESOURCE RECOVERY

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2025 TOWN HALLS

MASTER

Q2: TBD

Q3: SEPTEMBER 17
Q4: DECEMBER 10

COTTAGES

Q2: TBD

Q3: SEPTEMBER 18
Q4: DECEMBER 11

VILLAS

Q2: TBD

Q3: SEPTEMBER 18
Q4: DECEMBER 11

Safety & Security Summary: All the reported incidents required [SentrySix Reports](#) to dispatch and intervene in the Kissing Tree Community of May 2025.

Trade Partners

The Trade Partner Program is an exclusive advertising and marketing agreement between qualified businesses and Kissing Tree Master Community Inc. Based on the agreement terms, Trade Partners will be allowed to interact in the community. Trade Partners will only promote their services and products in group or social settings. We are grateful to all of our Trade Partners.

Independence Trade Partner

Edward Jones (Matthew Zito)

Freedom Trade Partner

Thomas Funeral Home

Victory Trade Partner

**Christus Santa Rosa Hospital
CLC Landscaping
Austin Skin**

Liberty Trade Partner

**Inspired Closets
Cruise Planners Concierge Journeys, LLC
New York Life — Xavier Castillo
Humana
las Wealth Management**

COMMUNITY LIFE TEAM

Rebecca Rounds - Executive Director

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Jaime Godoy - Director of Community Assets

Martha Perkins - Director of Community Operations

Andy Pina - Manager of Community Assets

Sandee Miller - Manager of Community Care

Austin Rounds - Manager of Community Engagement

Micah Ross - Manager of Fitness

Anitra Martinez - Design Review Coordinator

Linda Mott - Community Engagement Coordinator

Ashlyn Wilson - Communications Coordinator

Kylee Holte - Community Standards Coordinator

Ivan Smith - Community Assets Coordinator

Reagan Porter - Fitness Coordinator

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Jeremy Mott - Custodial Engineer

Ty Klender - Custodial Engineer

Richard Salinas - Custodial Engineer

Trent Rodgers - Lead Fitness Attendant

Dillon Franklin - Fitness Attendant

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