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A LETTER FROM THE E.D.

Dear Community,

One of the Community Life Team's strategic goals in 2024, is to forge a stronger working relationship with the City of San Marcos and Texas State University. These relationships are important to Kissing Tree in that we have a history of hiring, mentoring, and supporting students from Texas State University and we rely on City services and support City leaders with our time and money.

As it relates to Kissing Tree's relationship with Texas State, the TXST@KT program led by the SPARK Class of 2023 Graduates, kicked off in February with a threefold approach. By mentoring students, creating lifelong learning opportunities for residents, and endowing a future student scholarship fund, Kissing Tree residents are making a difference in the local community.

As a large voting bloc in the City of San Marcos and Hayes County, Kissing Tree has yet to fully appreciate its influence on the City. To this end I decided to participate in the new UniverCity program, offering a behind-the-scenes look at various city departments to learn more about San Marcos's inner workings.

The UniverCity program will provide participants with an overview of the city's history and governance, and interaction with various city departments such as finance, human services, information technology, and the airport. Participants will also tour the city activity center, parks and recreation, Main Street, and the fine arts center, as well as learn more about the fire department, police department, emergency management, city marshal's office, public library, neighborhood enhancement projects, public works, SMTX utilities, planning and development services, engineering, and capital improvement projects.

Through participation in this program, I hope to be better informed and supportive of our community's interests and help support future resident leaders.

Sincerely,
Matthew Dozier CMCA, AMS, PCAM, LSM

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FEATURED EVENTS

FARMERS MARKET
Wednesdays, 9 - 11 a.m.
Make sure to head to the Biergarten early to catch various vendors, products, and quantity may vary each week.

TRAIL HIKES
Fridays, 7:45 - 11 a.m.
in need of some nature? Join your neighbors on Friday mornings for a refreshing hike and enjoy the beauty of the outdoors.

COFFEE WITH THE ED
Wednesday, Apr. 3
This is an informal, unstructured time for you to ask questions, listen to community updates, and stay in the know.

WEBSITE OREINTATION
Tuesday, Apr. 16
Upgrade your website skills. The Community Life team will walk you through the resident website and help you register for events.

TXST@KT SERIES
Tuesday, Apr. 23
This month will showcase the tracing the geography of fine wine in Texas presented by professor Colleen Myles from Texas State University.

BATTLE OF FLOWERS PARADE
Friday, Apr. 26
Enjoy great street seats to the oldest and largest parade of Fiesta San Antonio!

For more information, navigate to the electronic calendar on our resident website.

Want to Share Event Photos?

Share fun photos of you enjoying the KT campus, events, and more! While we may not be able to fit everything, we'd love to feature more resident photography in Legendary Times. If you're interested, please submit photos to ktmc@coherelife.com.



Age Verification Form: What is it and why do I have to fill one out?
HOPA, or the Housing for Older Persons Act, is a federal law that provides certain exemptions under the Fair Housing Act. It allows communities to establish themselves as housing for older persons, typically aged 55 and over, with specific benefits and amenities tailored to this demographic.

In Texas, as in other states, filling out the age verification form is required to maintain compliance with HOPA. This verification process, required every two years, ensures that at least 80% of the occupied units in the community are inhabited by individuals aged 55 or older. By adhering to HOPA regulations through age verification, Texas communities can preserve their special status, offering exclusive benefits, amenities, and a unique living experience for residents in the 55 and over age group. It also ensures legal compliance with federal fair housing laws, contributing to the overall well-being and vibrancy of the community.

This is a requirement for all residents here at Kissing Tree! You can find more information in your governing documents under attachment 11 right here! We will reach out to you when it is time! Responding with a completed form and sharing necessary documentation helps keep us in compliance!

Did You Know?
The Community Life Team has received some questions recently regarding some of the retaining walls in the community. The primary question is directed at whose responsibility it is to maintain and clean these walls. If in a traditional home, the responsibility may belong to the homeowner. You can find all the information you need regarding wall and fence maintenance in your Area Declaration pages under section 3.04. Where are those area declarations? You can find them here!

Non-Public Amenitiy Spaces
This is just a reminder clarifying which amenity spaces are open to the public and which amenity spaces are for our residents and their accompanied guests only. Our wonderful restaurant, golf course, and even the dog park are considered public amenities. Non-residents are free to share with our guard house where they are going, and the guards will direct them to the public parking spaces near the restaurant! However, the fitness center, pools, sports courts, and Independence Hall are considered resident-only spaces. We love to have your guests here to visit! Please remember all guests must be accompanied by a resident when in our resident-only amenities, including the Independence Hall Bar area. If you have any questions, please reach out to your community life team!

MICAHMENDATIONS

Move Your Memory: How exercise can be beneficial in increasing and maintaining good memory and cognitive function by KT Fitness Instructor Laura Garmon.

It happens to all of us, forgetting a phone number, the items we came to the store for, or the name of someone we just met. Most of the time, it is on the tip of our tongue, and not being able to remember is downright bothersome and annoying. If it happens a lot, we may even start to worry about it, especially as we get older. While a slight decline in these domains is usually not a great cause to worry, it can still cause a lack of confidence and be a source of anxiety for many individuals. Not being able to remember notable events such as birthdays, having difficulties picking up new skills, such as learning a new computer program, or not being able to recall a recipe or grocery list can be bothersome and impact how freely a person can navigate their private as well as professional life. Cognitive changes, such as the ability to remember things, are normal to occur when we get older, experience stress, or lifestyle changes, but we can help keep our brains healthy by implementing exercise into our daily lives and with that offset negative changes in our brain health.

Exercise has been linked to increased memory function, enhanced mood, increased ability to learn and retain information, enhanced problem-solving, as well as enhanced attention span and can be a great tool to use to support a healthy brain.

Before discussing how exercise can help keep our brains healthy, let us examine cognitive decline itself to get a better understanding of what it is. When humans age, a slight decline in cognitive abilities is often observed and understood to be normal by the scientific community (Murman, 2015) It can be quite difficult to define what is deemed to be a normal change in cognition when growing older but commonly observed changes in cognition include the following domains:

Memory means the ability to remember things on a short as well as long-term basis, for example, remembering events, phone numbers, or future plans (Harada, Natelso, & Triebel, 2013). Processing speed, meaning how fast information can be processed, for example, how fast a person can respond to a stimulus when driving or how fast a person can learn and retain a new skill (Murman, 2015).

Attention, means the ability to focus on a task at the very moment, for example, dividing attention or staying focused for a longer time (Harada, Natelso, & Triebel, 2013). As mentioned above, current research acknowledges that cognition and memory change when growing older, but it is not quite clear when these changes start occurring. Some research suggests that the above-mentioned changes in cognition begin happening for healthy adults in their 20s and 30s (Salthouse, 2009), while other research suggests that a noticeable cognitive decline does not start to happen till individuals reach about 50 years of age (Salat et all, 2005). This indicates, however, that cognition is most definitely something to take care of and support at any point in life especially as we age.

Now let us discuss why and what type of exercise can help our cognitive abilities. Research has been trying to understand how exercise impacts cognition for quite a while and offers many different explanations. One of the most notable explanations that meshes biology and cognitive psychology is the fact that brain circulation, also known as cerebral blood flow, is enhanced during physical activity, especially circulation in the hippocampus, which is an important brain area contributing to learning as well as memory (Babei & Azari, 2022). Additionally, the body releases a plethora of different essential hormones and neurotransmitters to the brain when exercising, enabling proper communication between neurons and supporting optimal health within the brain as well as throughout the whole body (Babei & Azari, 2022). While current research suggests that exercise in general can be beneficial to cognitive functions and brain health (Gomez-Pinilla & Hillman. 2013), aerobic exercise is often highlighted as most effective when supporting brain health, especially memory. Aerobic exercise is a form of cardiovascular conditioning that includes but is not limited to exercise formats such as cycling, playing pickle ball, walking, aquatic exercise, dancing, and running making it incredibly versatile and adaptable to many skill and ability levels (Cleveland Clinic, 2022). Simply put, any exercise that gets your heart rate up is good for your brain. As for how much and how long should you work out to support your brain health?

15-30 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity, that gets your heart pumping, three to four times a week is a good goal for a healthy adult (Cleveland Clinic, 2022). If that seems like a lot, do not get discouraged. Every little bit of extra activity you can get can be beneficial for your brain, such as taking a brisk walk or simply working in your yard for a little bit. Living an active lifestyle can have many forms and physical as well as cognitive health is a journey, not a race. As long as you keep your body moving, you support your brain and ensure healthy memory and cognition.

FITNESS FANATICS

Diane Gould

In the ocean of fitness and health, we have a star whose life is as immersed in water as it is in inspiring others. This month's Fitness Fanatic spotlight shines on one of our incredible instructors who not only commands the pool with grace and expertise but also brings a depth of experience and passion to Kissing Tree's fitness programming, especially our aquatic programs.

Raised in Honolulu Hawaii, Diane Gould discovered her affinity for water when she could barely tie her shoes. By the age of 3, she took off on a competitive swimming journey and by 8 years old she was undergoing rigorous, twice-a-day training to master the art of swimming. Her dedication and talent propelled her onto the United States Swim Team, taking her into the international waters of Germany, Brazil, and Japan. These experiences not only honed her skills but also broadened her horizons, allowing her to absorb diverse training philosophies and techniques.

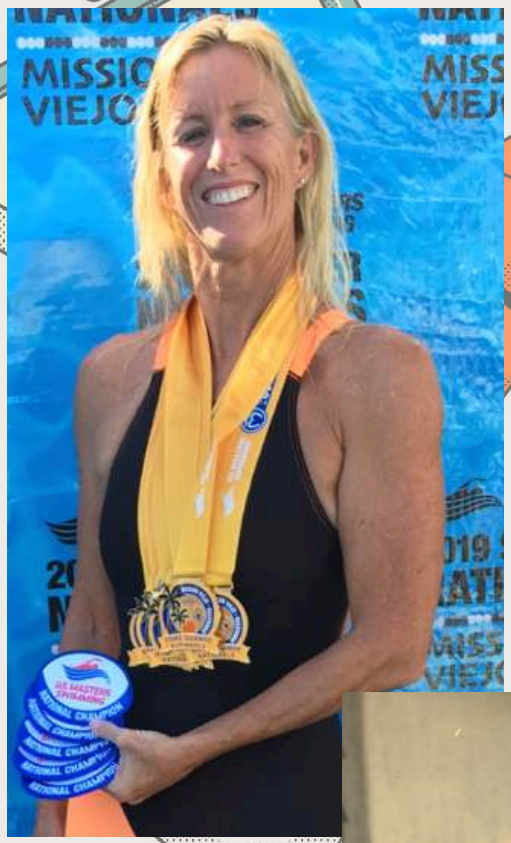
Diane's aquatic ability caught the attention of the University of Texas, where she received a scholarship that would see her swimming career flourish and where she would ultimately finish her competitive swim career in 1990.

Transitioning from competitive swimming to coaching, Diane has dedicated her life to guiding others in their aquatic journeys. Whether it is coaching Masters swimming, teaching adult swim lessons, or leading water fitness classes, her expertise is as vast as the waters she swims. With certifications in senior fitness, water fitness, and adult swimming, alongside essential CPR/First Aid qualifications, she is equipped to ensure every participant's safety and success.

Diane is a firm believer in the importance of keeping our bodies in motion, especially as we age. Her approach to fitness emphasizes the benefits of water exercises in maintaining and improving our physical well-being. Her classes are not just about staying fit; they're about embracing a healthy lifestyle, buoyed by the support and expertise of a seasoned professional.

Expanding her repertoire, Diane is now introducing personal training-style adult swim lessons at Kissing Tree. These sessions are tailor-made, offering personalized guidance for those looking to improve their swimming technique, overcome water-related fears, or simply enjoy the health benefits of aquatic exercise in a more private setting.

Diane's journey from a young swimmer in Honolulu to a beloved coach and instructor at Kissing Tree is a testament to her passion, dedication, and belief in the transformative power of swimming. We invite you to dive into the various programs Diane offers and discover the many ways water can enhance your fitness journey and overall well-being, whether through mastering strokes in the pool, strengthening muscles in water fitness classes, or embarking on personalized swim lessons.







HOME INSTEAD

The Fitness Center Sponsor of the Month for April is Home Instead, an In-Home Care Services company:

- Comfort and Independence at Home
- Senior In-Home Care Services

From personal care to Alzheimer's care to transportation, Home Instead® services make life easier for seniors and their families. Your local, independently owned and operated franchise office will seek to match compassionate, reliable caregivers — we call them Care Professionals, or Care Pros for short — with each Client's personality and needs.

1. **Experience**

The Home Instead® network provides high-quality care backed by more than 25 years of experience in homes across the globe. With nearly 1200 franchise locations around the world, each local business draws from our collective experience to continually improve services and make Home Instead care as person-centered as possible.

2. **Care Pro Training & Screening**

Care Pros employed by the Home Instead network must pass a comprehensive background check to become insured. They also strive to exhibit true compassion for older adults. Care Pros may then receive ongoing training that helps them perform at the highest levels.

3. **Proven, Personalized Approach to Care**

A free care consultation drives the process, which evaluates the current situation and identifies the areas where support is wanted or needed. Before making a care recommendation, the Home Instead approach generally includes listening to the input of everyone involved to craft a well-rounded care plan that keeps your loved one at the center.

4. **Investment in Technology**

Home Instead has joined forces with Honor, to lead the world's largest home care service network providing the most human-centric technology and operations platform. Together, we're combining high tech with high-touch to revolutionize how society cares for older adults, their families, and Care Professionals.

5. **Quality Assurance**

Through Client and Care Pro surveys, each local Home Instead franchise office can routinely evaluate the safety and quality of their care – and can use the feedback to make adjustments where indicated. Your local Home Instead franchise office will also engage in continuous improvement initiatives and quality assurance checks.

MEET KT GENIES

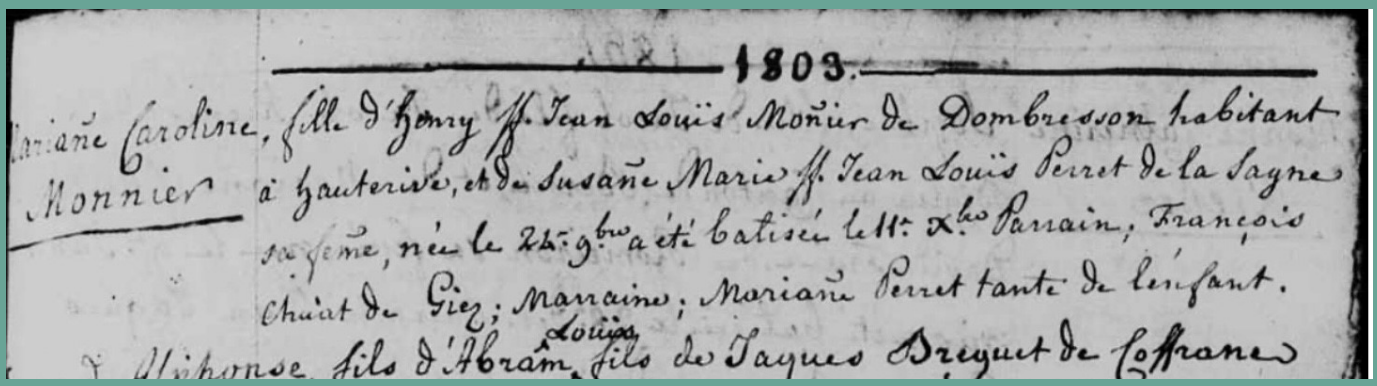
As we welcome the blossoming of spring, we are excited to gather once again for more enlightening sessions of Kissing Tree's Genies Group! Started and led by the dynamic duo of Beverly Pritchett and Debbie Crumpler, the group continues to be a beacon for those eager to delve into the labyrinth of their family history.

One of the most daunting tasks in family history research is overcoming the infamous brick walls that seem to impede our progress. Fear not, KT Genies (genealogy) is here to offer individualized assistance, helping you navigate through these obstacles and uncover the hidden gems of your lineage.

Every meeting in March, June, and September, join in to explore the rich tapestry of your ancestry. The next meeting, in June, will cover the basics of using ancestry.com. Under the guidance of Beverly and Debbie, you will embark on a journey to unearth the stories, triumphs, and trials of your forebears. You may reach them at ktgenies@gmail.com. You can find out more about their workshops and shared presentations on their Facebook page. Whether you are a novice or a seasoned genealogist, there's always something new to learn.

Speaking of adventures in genealogy, let's celebrate Debbie's recent journey to the Family Search Library in Salt Lake City, Utah. Debbie's quest to trace her family's footsteps across the ocean exemplifies the dedication and passion shared by all Genies members. Her interest began in 5th grade with her first family tree. Her present goal—to identify those who embarked on the voyage to the United States, unraveling the mysteries of their departure, and the lives they left behind—is a testament to the profound impact of family history research. Her advice to members is to set a goal of what they want to discover about their family.

So, mark your calendars, dear Genies, and join an adventure into the past and unlock the secrets of your family tree, one branch at a time.

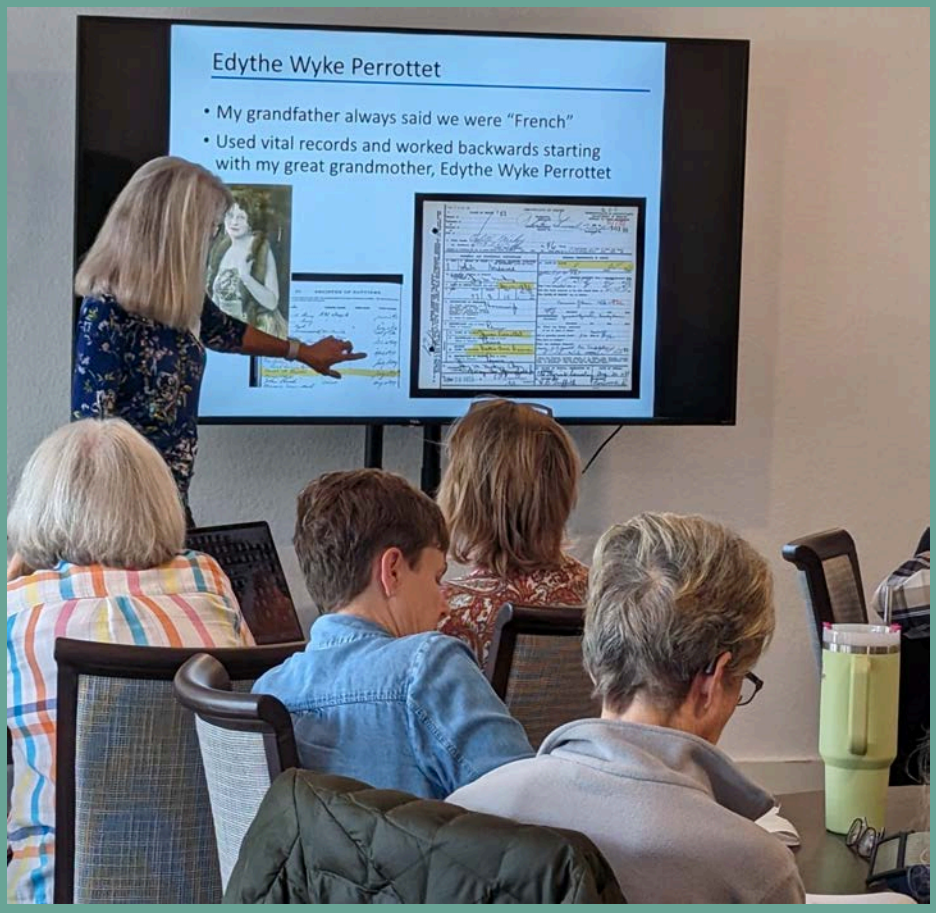


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Mariane Caroline Monnier, fille d'Henry ff. Jean Louis Monier de Dombresson habitant à Hauterive, et de Susane Marie ff. Jean Louis Perret de la Sagne sa femme, née le 25 9bre a été batisée le 11e Xbre Parrain, François Chuat de Giez; Marraine, Mariane Perret tante de l'enfant.

Louis
Alphonse fils d'Abram, fils de Jaques Breguet de Loffrane





Meet the Euchre Group

Are you a card enthusiast looking to join a vibrant community of players right here in Kissing Tree? Look no further than the KT Euchre group. Started by Jane Lawson and her husband, Chris, the KT Euchre group is a testament to the enduring appeal of this classic card game. But what exactly is Euchre, you may ask? Originating in Europe before the days of Bridge, Euchre is a captivating card game often likened to a shortened version of Bridge. It seems to be more commonly played in the Midwest.

Jane and Chris discovered their love for Euchre 10 years ago living in The Woodlands, and upon moving to Kissing Tree, they found themselves longing for the familiar click of cards and the camaraderie of fellow players. With a single posting in the Pioneer for interested residents, they were overwhelmed by the response – 30 eager players joined the ranks in no time! Today, the group boasts an impressive 50 members with no advertising, with up to 20 players gathering each 4th Sunday of the month at 4:30 pm at the Depot.

What can you expect from a KT Euchre gathering? A relaxed and social atmosphere, for starters. Players of all skill levels are welcome, from beginners eager to learn to seasoned pros looking for a challenge. The rules are straightforward and can be found on YouTube. The gameplay is engaging and a little competitive, with rotating tables and partners. The cost to participate is a mere $2 per person and the winners split the pot. Players are encouraged to bring their own food and beverages to enjoy during the games.

For Jane, her love for cards began in her teenage years when she learned Bridge, Canasta, and Gin Rummy from her grandmother. Now, she and her husband Chris, extend that same joy and enthusiasm to the KT Euchre group, welcoming new members with open arms. Whether you're a complete novice or a seasoned card shark, Kelly and Loren Engel are on hand to teach/coach you the ins and outs of this delightful game. So, if you're ready to shuffle up and deal your way into the KT Euchre group, reach out to Jane by text, at 713-8982853 or by email, Jane@JanePLawson.com. Whether you're looking for a new game to challenge your brain, playing for bragging rights, or just looking to make new friends, you'll find a fun, friendly welcome waiting for you at the Depot.




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Jane

Community Connection

SUMMER IN THE PARK

Where Community and Music Meet

As the heat of summer descends upon us, there's a buzz of excitement in the air – it's almost time for Summer in the Park! This beloved event has been a staple of our community since 1987. And at the helm of this yearly extravaganza is none other than Barry Brittain, a local legend whose passion for music and community knows no bounds.

Barry's journey into the world of music began during his teenage years, in Kansas, strumming chords in garage bands. Fast forward to today, and you might catch him on stage with not one, but two bands – Stringtown, Texas, and Willow Creek. Whether he's tearing it up in Gruene or jamming on Friday nights at the San Marcos BBQ on Hunter, Barry's dedication to music shines through. But it's not just about the performances on stage – Barry's garage is a hub for frequent jam sessions, where neighbors and friends come together to share in the joy of music. It's a tradition that harks back to Barry's upbringing, where his father's barbershop quartet provided the soundtrack to his childhood.



Summer in the Park is more than just a concert series – it's a celebration of community, culture, and connection. Since its inception, this event has been a labor of love for the San Marcos Performing Arts Association, dedicated to bringing families together for unforgettable experiences. From its humble beginnings under the gazebo to its current home at Plaza Park, complete with a purpose-built stage, Summer in the Park has evolved into a cornerstone of our town's identity.

Every Thursday evening from June to August, Plaza Park comes alive with the sounds of regional musicians, beckoning locals and visitors alike to come together for an evening of music and merriment. Bring your chairs, pack a picnic, or sample delights from local vendors – the choice is yours. And when the music moves you, why not take a dip in the nearby San Marcos River, or dance the night away under the stars?

But perhaps what truly sets Summer in the Park apart is its community spirit. Barry's goal, echoed by the countless volunteers who lend their time and energy to this non-profit event, is to remind us of the power of community involvement. "Communities can only be as cool as the people in it," Barry emphasizes, and it's a sentiment that rings true in every chord played and every smile shared. One of our own, Susan Ellis, is an active volunteer in this event. She has organized a KT banner listing resident names of those who donated to Summer in the Park. You can see our banner on the stage! Barry invites more volunteers to join in especially those with non-profit organizational skills.





With over 40 years of calling San Marcos home, Barry Brittain knows a thing or two about what makes this town special. He started by founding the Texas Music Scene, which is now The Marc (in the Square). San Marcos' cool, funky, 'hippified' vibe is what draws people in – and Summer in the Park is the perfect embodiment of that spirit. So, all you Kissing Tree residents, come hang out by the river this summer and experience the magic of Summer in the Park. With an amazing lineup of musical artists and a community vibe like no other, it's an event you won't want to miss.

CRITTER CORNER



Hey there, pet-loving pals! This week, we've got a special fur-tale to share with you all about Nelson, the lively Australian Shepherd who's been making waves (and jumps, and tricks) in our community!

Nelson is the apple of the Readinger family's eye, keeping his pet parents Mark and Sue Ellen on their toes with his boundless energy and love for treats. Seriously, this pup's devotion to snacks is next level – he'll roll over, shake hands, and even play dead at the mere sight of a finger gun!

But Nelson's talents don't stop there – this clever canine is a regular showstopper when it comes to tricks. Whether it's agility, barn hunting, or dock diving, Nelson is always ready to put his best paw forward and show off his skills. Plus, rumor has it he's now mastering the art of skateboarding over at Pets & Moore – talk about a dog with some serious street (or should we say skatepark?) cred!

When Mark and Sue Ellen need to jet off on their adventures, Nelson isn't left out of the fun. Nope, this lucky pup gets to enjoy his little vacation at Remington Ranch, where he can roam, run, and splash to his heart's content on their sprawling 40-acre playground. Talk about living the dream!

So next time you hear someone say, "It's a dog's life," just remember Nelson – because around here, we know that being a pampered pooch is anything but ruff! Stay tuned for more tail-wagging adventures from our furry friends right here in our wonderful community. Woof woof for now!

T&B UPDATES

We have three new offerings as well as four new cocktails!

By the glass:
Crowded House Sauvignon Blanc $10
New Zealand

By the bottle:
Diatom Chardonnay (unoaked) $50
Los Olivos California

Comtesse De Malet Roquefort $37
Bordeaux, France

Cocktails:
Lemon Lime Time $7
Choice of vodka, fresh lime and lemon juices, mint leaves, topped with soda water

Son of a Beach $8
Malibu Coconut Rum, vodka, pineapple, and orange juices, a splash of grenadine

Texas Mule $9
Deep Eddy Grapefruit Vodka, ginger beer, splash of grapefruit juice, lime

Tartbreaker $10
Hendrick's Gin, fresh lime juice, simple syrup

Spring has sprung and so has our new lunch and dinner menus. Lunch menu new offerings French dip grilled cheese and the cheeseburger egg rolls will lead the lineup. It seems like we are getting a much better idea of what the residents enjoy. There are several other changes for lunch as well as dinner. The items I am most excited about are the Turkey pot pie and the Chicken Paillard. We are still doing very well with Prime Rib Night every Wednesday. We are also looking forward to Easter and Mother's Day Brunches. Shortly after Easter, we will be announcing Sunday brunch weekly. Thank you from the culinary department for all your support.

Sincerely,
Chef David

Food and Beverage Fact of the Month:

The world's oldest known recipe is for beer, written on a Sumerian clay tablet dating back to 4000 BCE.



Happy April everyone! We've survived another winter and we get to enjoy some nice Spring weather. Hopefully, by now, the wildflowers are in full bloom and the cooler days are well behind us! This month, I want to focus my newsletter piece on two main tops. Those are Spring agronomic planning and scheduling and then who is Troon and what do we do here.

March and April are two of the most important months in the agronomic calendar. As the turf comes out of dormancy, there is a lot to be done. This year, we have gotten warm weather much earlier than usual and the course is already greening up and starting to grow in moderation. Ideal growing conditions for Bermuda grass start when the soil temperatures reach 65-70 degrees. This means that the nights need to warm up to preserve soil warmth and the days need to be warm and sunny. A lot of people claim that when the low and the high added together equal 140 degrees, that's when the turf starts to take off. While we've touched that a few times this year, we're not there on a regular basis just yet. That means while we are all playing more golf with the wonderful temperatures, we need to temper our expectations for growth. However, with the head start we have gotten this year, once it starts it should take off.

Several key tasks get done every year in preparation for the spring growth. The first is a wall-to-wall application of pre-emergent herbicide that helps keep summer weeds from germinating. Along with that application is a wall-to-wall fertilizer application as well. That consists of extremely slow-release fertilizer that will help feed the turf as it is coming out of dormancy and it is hungry. We also do a dryject aeration of the greens. Using the dryject machine that injects sand perfectly into the holes as it punches them provides a much better playing surface immediately after aeration that will also heal more quickly. While this rental is very expensive, it allows us to aerate earlier than many other places so that when weather conditions are perfect in April, we're not having to punch the greens in the middle of it, allowing you all to play more! Both of these were successfully completed in March so as we transition to April, we'll have more fertilizer applications and the few winter weeds that have broken through will start to die off due to heat stress. We are in a very good place moving into the warmer months. The last remaining big task will be transitioning the overseeded tee boxes from Rye back to Bermuda.

This is a delicate process and will make the tees look a little scruffy for a few weeks, but will give us great Bermuda to play off the tees all summer.

For the second topic, I just wanted to clarify who/what Troon is here at Kissing Tree to clear up some confusion, as I've recently heard some comments and fielded some questions relating to this. Troon is here as a third-party company. We manage over 800 golf courses around the world but own very few of those. We also operate over 650 food outlets ranging from snack bars up to private and exclusive dining-only clubs that are not attached to golf courses. Troon as a company does not receive any direct compensation from your tee times, or membership dues, and does not have an ownership stake here. The dollars that are spent here are currently going fully back into the golf club.

We work hard to drive as much revenue and traffic as possible so we can make more improvements to the golf course that you get to enjoy. There were some questions about how hosting more tournaments and allowing more public golfers is beneficial to Troon so we can generate more money for ourselves, and I want to make sure everyone understands that it doesn't directly benefit Troon, it benefits the Kissing Tree Golf Club. So, when you refer to the golf course, we should be calling it Kissing Tree Golf Club or KTGC, not Troon. We're a proud company and we're proud to be here, but I want to make sure that everyone knows and understands that we're here as Troon employees, but we're working for you as residents and for the betterment of the golf course, restaurant, and Kissing Tree overall.

Happy Spring! See you all out there on the golf course and in the restaurant!

Best wishes,
Ryan Andrews, Golf Course General Manager -April 2024

UPDATES FROM THE GREEN

This month we will be praying for warmer weather and sun. As of late, we have been experiencing clouds and cooler temperatures which is not optimal for growing Bermudagrass, especially greens.

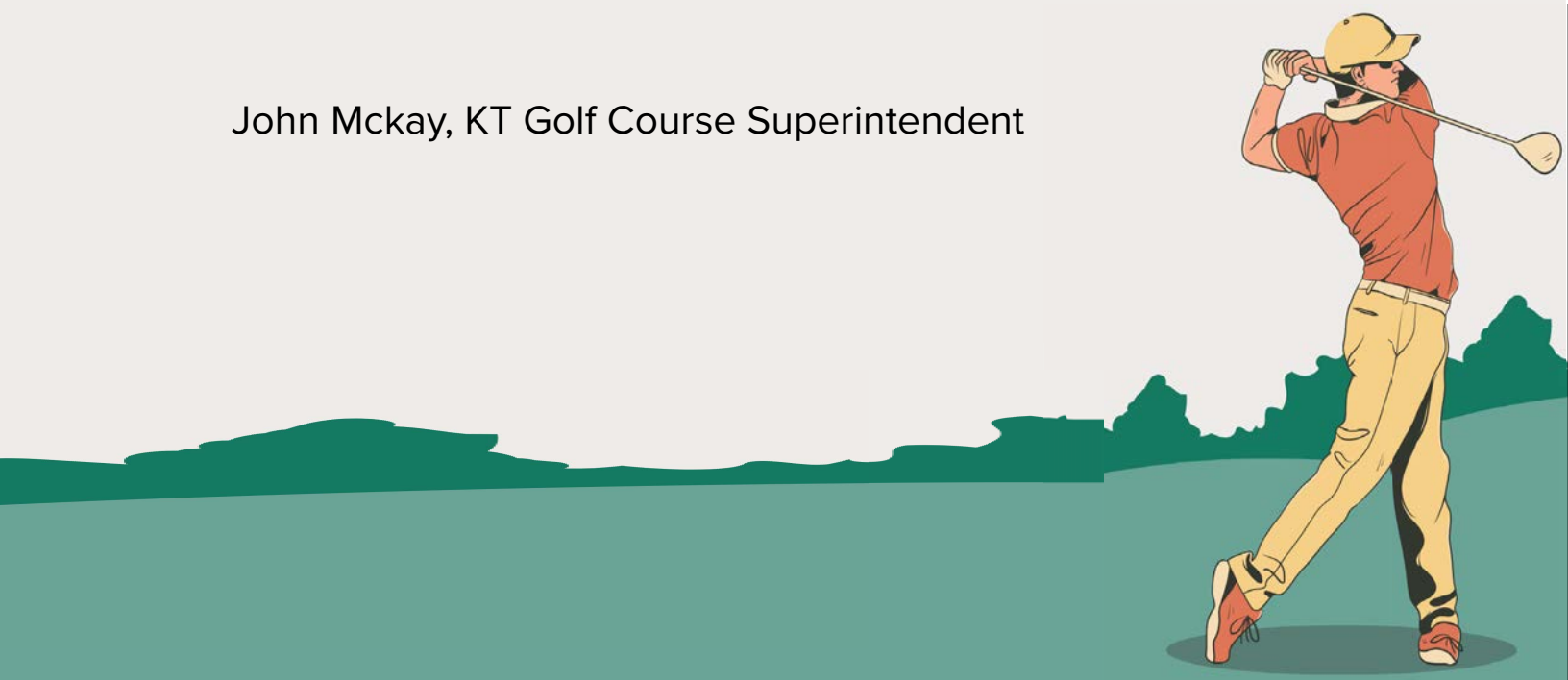
Bermuda grass thrives on 80–95-degree sunny days, which we will no doubt see, but right now we are in a holding pattern waiting for grass to grow. Once we get in a steadily growing environment, we will begin verticutting and topdressing to increase firmness and speed up the ball roll.

We are continuing to remove the bunker liner daily when we rake, but this is a long and tedious process that will not be completely resolved until a complete bunker renovation is done.

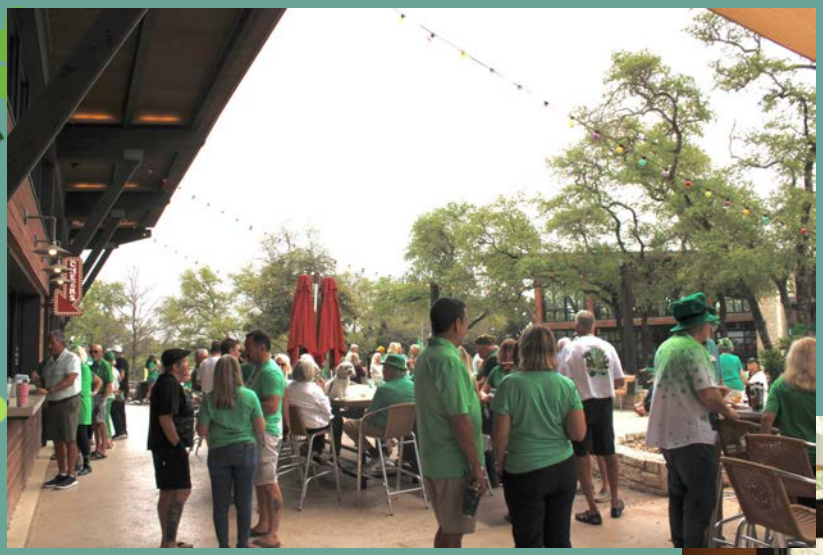
The irrigation project is finally finished, and you should see a dramatic decrease in leaks around the course.

Please be aware of the two truckloads of new sod that we put down and try not to drive through those areas. We are trying to improve the aesthetics and playability of the golf course, so please play those areas as ground under repair and take a free drop.

John Mckay, KT Golf Course Superintendent



ST. PATRICKS DAY









Upcoming events

CINCO DE BINGO

KT is starting their festivites by inviting you to a Cinco de Mayo Music Bingo on May 5. No time for siesta, it's time to fiesta!

OFF TO THE RACES

Join us at the 2024 KT Derby with friends and neighbors. Ladies, bring your original derby hat and enter the ladies hat contest. Enjoy the KT Horse Race and other games and win prizes. Don't miss the opportunity to take a photo with the KT pony. Contact Jon Fiese at jonfiese@gmail.com for more information on sign up.

DIVE-IN MOVIE

Join your neighbors for a poolside screening of Jaws. Keep an eye out for the details in the highlights, and remember - you might need a bigger boat!

2024 TOWN HALLS

Overview

On the following dates, join your Community Life team and board of directors to discuss important issues in the community, including amenities, construction, golf, maintenance, and more.

KTMC

Quarter 2: Jun. 26

Quarter 3: Sept. 25

Quarter 4: Dec. 11

Cottages

Quarter 2: Jun. 27

Quarter 3: Sept. 26

Quarter 4: Dec. 12

Villas

Quarter 2: Jun.27

Quarter 3: Sept. 26

Quarter 4: Dec. 12

Community Life Team

Matthew Dozier - Executive Director
Rebecca Rounds - Director of Community Operations
Kevin Wilson - Director of Community Engagement
Micah Ross - Fitness Manager

Rae Lynn Wilson - Community Operations Coordinator
Anitra Martinez - Community Standards Coordinator
Andy Pina - Senior Maintenance Technician
Sandee Miller - Community Care Coordinator
Austin Rounds - Fitness Coordinator
Linda Mott - Community Engagement Coordinator
Ashlyn Wilson - Communications Coordinator
Jeremy Mott - Custodial Engineer
Gerald Hayward- Custodial Engineer
Richard Salinas - Facilities Technician

Katherine Dodd - Fitness Attendant
Trent Rodgers - Fitness Attendant
Michael Martin - Fitness Attendant
Elise Salinas - Front Desk Ambassador

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