



February 2017

## HOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## GETTING TO KNOW YOUR NEW HOA BOARD



Our first member to highlight this month is our new Board President Ashley Henderson. Ashley and her fiancé Michael Butler moved to Heather Ridge Estates in May of 2015, with

their “fur-babies” Kasen, Kota (German Shepherds), and their cat, Kali. In her spare time, Ashley enjoys remodeling the interior of her home, playing with her pups, and working on Pinterest crafts. Ashley is a Recruiting Specialist for First Command Financial Services and has a positive philosophy about the community; “Our friends didn’t become our neighbors but instead I would like to see our neighbors become our friends.” When asked about her ideal community, Ashley says she would like to create an environment where people want to be involved, attend meetings, volunteer and share ideas.

## YARD OF THE MONTH

Yard of the month will be returning in a couple of months. Time to start planning and planting!! How does it work? Monthly the HOA Board will be accepting votes on homes within the community that have the best curb appeal. The winner will get their photo and yard displayed in the monthly newsletter as well as a gift card prize. Voting will begin in the month of April so be on the lookout. Also, don't forget that the good people at Calloway's Nursery would be happy to help you with any of your gardening needs.



## THE REAL SOCIAL NETWORK

New Year's Day has come and long gone. This year my focus is choosing thankfulness. I was fortunate to meet many more of my neighbors these past couple of months. I met several veterans and their families and am incredibly thankful for their service and their family's service. I met many mothers and fathers who are in the thick of raising kids like I am with my girls and it was nice to share our joys and concerns about raising our kids. I also met a gentleman who has a peaceful prayer garden, which has inspired me to work in my own garden and make it my own special place. Then there was kind neighbor who has a thoughtful and keen eye for design, as well as, one whose eyes lit up every time she talked about decorating for the different holidays. Meeting more of my neighbors has helped me form a deeper sense of community and gratitude that I live in this wonderful neighborhood. I encourage you to meet more of your neighbors in Heather Ridge Estates and become involved within our community. Tune in next month for more tips, ideas, and thoughts.

—Lauren

## LESLIE'S CORNER

### Financial Information:

The board of directors has approved the 2017 operating budget. The assessment dues are set at \$240.00 which is the same rate as last year. The board of directors has worked hard to keep dues the same while making improvements to the playground.

A copy of the budget can be viewed/downloaded from the website: [www.texas.fsrconnect.com/hrsaginaw](http://www.texas.fsrconnect.com/hrsaginaw). Payments can be made by mail to: P.O. Box 60200, Los Angeles, CA 90060-0200 or to pay dues online visit: [www.fsresidential.com](http://www.fsresidential.com).

Collection of unpaid dues are pursued according to the Collection Policy. The policy is available to be viewed/downloaded from the website: [www.texas.fsrconnect.com/hrsaginaw](http://www.texas.fsrconnect.com/hrsaginaw), as well.

In brief, the collection policy is: after January 30 a late charge is applied to the account, as well as a fee to mail a reminder letter. Then a 2<sup>nd</sup> notice is sent certified mail (costs are billed back to the owner), and if payment is not received, a demand letter is sent. The demand letter includes all the legal language that sets up the foreclosure process.

No one wants to foreclose! Foreclosure is the (remedy) or process set up by the declaration and Texas law, when members of the association don't pay dues timely. Rest assured, at each step in the collection process, the association wants to work with the members. Contact: [collections.tx@fsresidential.com](mailto:collections.tx@fsresidential.com) today, for payment arrangements, **before being late**, and adding legal costs to the account.

### Manager's message:

As your association manager, it is my privilege to serve your association. To that end, sometimes the not so pleasant part of my job, is to enforce deed restrictions. Restrictions are promises and responsibilities that go hand-in-hand with home ownership. I know we all get busy, and work long hours. Sometimes it's difficult to muster up the energy and time to mend fences, paint, apply fertilizer to the lawn, but the payoff is huge!

Your home is likely the single biggest investment you will make in a lifetime. How you care for the home will reflect in your profits, when it's time to sell. Home value is based in part, on what another home in your neighborhood sold for, relative to size and extras too (like a swimming pool), but for the most part, **curb appeal**, sells homes.

Please take the time and effort to care for the home, to the best of your ability. And if you need help, call me. Your board members or committee volunteers may have the resources to assist you, or refer you to another party who can help, before the association is forced to remedy the matter through legal avenues.

Thank you!

Leslie Gamel

Association Manager

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## SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION

**We all want to keep our neighbor safe, so here are some tips to help prevent crime:**

1. Always keep your garage door closed when you are not in the garage. It takes only a moment for someone to steal from an open garage or gain access to the inside of your home. Don't give anyone this opportunity.
2. Park your vehicles in the garage. If you can't, make sure that your cars are always locked.
3. Remove any visible valuable items from your vehicles parked outside.
4. If items must be stored in the car, put them in the trunk and out of sight.
5. If items must be stored in the bed of a truck, invest in a locked tool box or cover to hide valuable items.
6. Turn your porch light on at night to help deter curious individuals. Add more lighting to the outside of your home. Motion-sensor lights can be used too.
7. Do not place valuable items on the outside of your home, such as expensive yard items. Ensure your children's bicycles, scooters, skateboards, and any other play toy they hold dear are brought inside after each use.
8. If you see anything suspicious, day or night, call 911 immediately.

**STAY  
CONNECTED**

**KEEP  
• EACH OTHER •  
SAFE**



## MONTHLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# February 2017

Heather Ridge Estates  
Home Owners Association



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 City Council Meeting 6p-7p @ City Chambers	8	9	10	11 Daddy/Daughter Valentines Dance 6p-830p @ Rec. Center
12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16 Blood Drive 2p-5p @ Rec. Center	17 National Adoption Weekend- \$10 pet adoptions	18 National Adoption Weekend- \$10 pet adoptions
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26	27	28				
Saginaw City Events in Purple	Ft. Worth City Events in Black	Heather Ridge HOA Events in Green				

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# March 2017

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MAY YOUR BLESSINGS OUTNUMBER  
THE SHAMROCKS THAT GROW,  
AND MAY TROUBLE AVOID YOU  
WHEREVER YOU GO.  
- IRISH BLESSING

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Spring Break Camp @ Southside Comm Center	14 Spring Break Camp @ Southside Comm Center	15 Spring Break Camp @ Southside Comm Center	16 Spring Break Camp @ Southside Comm Center	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Kickback Event 7p @ Riverside Comm. Center	
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