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President's Letter

By Rey Sauceda



Dear Homeowners,

We are moving right along with the 2023 fiscal year for our Association. The Board of Directors has been working hard on getting our goals completed.

I want to take the time to thank all of our Board members for volunteering for numerous committees and providing registration for our SAYOR program. We are truly blessed we have Board members who take time out of their busy schedules to provide for our community. I ask if you are interested in volunteering for an event, please let us know. We have a great community atmosphere, and people genuinely like to help better the community. I also want to thank Wendy Farar for her time in coordinating the community garage sale. She has done a great job these past years.

In addition, the Board of Directors has drafted the <u>2024 budget</u> that meets our community's needs. We worked hard to keep costs manageable and decided to propose a budget <u>without</u> an increase in dues. In our budget, we have assigned funds for the 10-Year Committee, so they have the funds to get our projects completed. The Board of Directors approved redesigning the sidewalks near the pool area to ensure they are ADA-compliant and to fix any hazards. We are also moving forward in resurfacing the tennis courts to ensure our tennis and pickleball players enjoy the amenity to its fullest extent.

A lot is happening, and we are doing our best to handle all these items. Another item we have moved forward that comes with some pains but, in the end, will look great is working with the City of San Antonio through Councilman John Courage's office to repair our roads. This will bring a great look to our community. We also worked with CPS to ensure their projects for more lighting on our boulevard will be addressed.

The next event I invite everyone to is our annual meeting on **December 5, 2023**, at 6:30 p.m. We will have the City of San Antonio Public Works and Councilman Courage attend to provide updates on all the projects being performed in our community. We will have some light refreshments and great information to share for 2023 and 2024.

Cheers to a great holiday season.

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CEHA Community Calendar



12/4 @ Noon – CEHA Annual Meeting Proxies due to American Postal Center 12/5 @ 7PM – CEHA Annual Meeting, 15315 Huebner Road-Woodland Baptist Church, Maresh Hall – Meet and Greet from 6:30pm-7pm

12/10 @ 1:30PM – Santa parade – pictures at the park (weather pending)
12/17 @ after dark – Holiday Lights
Competition (weather pending)





NEW RESIDENTS

Kenton & Mary Lou Lohman 14711 Churchill Estates Blvd.



Eduardo Garcia 14714 Chant

Lisa Jones Ramos 14922 Eminence

> **Russell Marie** 1742 Donerail



Damon & Gertrude Stone 14322 Citation

WE **NEED** YOU

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Christmas is quickly approaching and for those who have lost their wages, who need food, and who have no place to call home, need hope and could use our help







Here are some ways you can help:

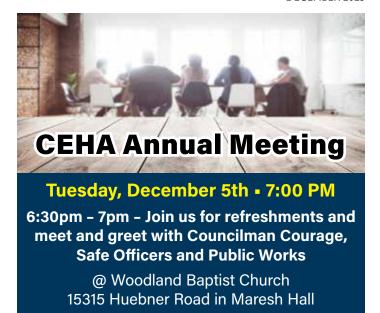
- **Provide Holiday meals** \$50 provides a hot holiday meal for a family of four.
- Become a Volunteer to ring a bell
- Volunteer to help with the Angel Tree Program
- **Adopt Angels for Christmas**
- Host a virtual Kettle fundraiser



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TENTATIVE AGENDA:

- 1. Meeting Called to Order by CEHA President
- Verify Quorum
- 3. Introduction of CEHA Board Members and Staff
- 4. Welcome Councilman Courage
- 5. Approval by Membership of 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes (available for review on CEHA website)
- 6. Overview of CEHA 2023 Projects
- 7. Voting by Membership: Budget and Board Member Elections
 - 2023 Financial Report
 - 2024 Budget Presentation and Membership Vote to Approve 2024 Budget
 - Presentation of Nominees for Board Member Elections and Membership Vote. Candidate profile information available on CEHA website
- 8. Open Discussion
- 9. Adjournment

DISCLAIMER: CEHA Board of Directors may, at any time during the membership meeting, close the meeting and hold an Executive Session for discussion and consultation concerning any of the matters to be considered during the meeting pursuant to Section 209.0051C of the Texas Property Code. Other topics discussed during the board meeting may include general association business, including old business, covenant enforcement and budgeting/assessment.

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December 10, 2023 @ 1:30

SANTA WILL START
AT THE REC CENTER AT 1:30PM
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO STOP BY
FOR PICTURES AND COOKIES







Just a friendly reminder for the 1st Freeze!

Potted plants: consider bringing them inside for the holidays to save them from a freezing death!

- Bulbs in pots do well covered with blankets & snuggled up against your south-facing house foundation.
- Delicate plants like Spiders/ Airplane plants in pots or baskets or AloeVera should come in.
 - » When possible, place them by a window, add plantgrow bulbs in floor lamps and overhead light fixtures! If your floor is wood or carpet, lay down some plastic to catch accidental watering spills.



Holiday Safety Tips!

Test your smoke alarm and check the batteries twice a year. A good reminder is to check the detectors when Daylight Saving Time begins in March and ends November 5th.

- · check to make sure your smoke alarms are working
- keep trees away from fireplaces, and water daily
- · do not overload electrical outlets
- never leave a source of fire or heat unattended
- turn off, unplug and extinguish all decorations when leaving the house or going to sleep



12-point Tune-up Includes:

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- . Inspect & Clean Contactors
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- · Check Capacitors

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CE Tennis Court Reservations

For all our residents who love to play tennis and pickleball, be sure to reserve days and times online. Please visit: https:// churchillestateshoa.skedda.com/booking to select a time that works best for you.

We encourage residents to be mindful of the number of reservations made. Here are few rules and reminders as you book time on the courts:

- Court use is limited to CE residents and their guests. A resident must accompany guests at all times.
- Courts must be yielded to those having advance reservations.
- Proper tennis attire and etiquette is requested. Good judgment, sportsmanship and courtesy shall be applied at
- Courts are for tennis and pickleball only. Toys, skates, bikes and other activities are prohibited.

TENNIS COURTS KEY - Please complete the following form and mail it with your \$12.50 check (payable to CEHA) to American Postal Center, 13423 Blanco Road, San Antonio, TX 78216. You will be notified when your key is ready to be picked up. Your dues must be current in order to obtain a key.

CEHA Tennis Court Key Request Form

Name
Address
Phone (Home)
(Cell)
Email
Number of Keys Needed at \$12.50 Each:





Churchill Estates Real Estate Corner

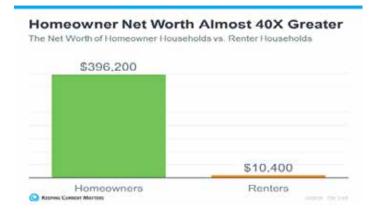


By Katie Griffin Ross, Resident Realtor

RENT OR BUY?

If you're weighing your options to decide whether it makes more sense to rent or buy (https://www.keepingcurrentmatters. com/2023/10/13/the-difference-between-renting-and-buying-a*home-infographic/*) a home today, here's one key data point that could help you feel more confident in making your decision. Every three years, the Federal Reserve Board releases the **Survey** of Consumer Finances (SCF) at https://www.federalreserve.gov/ econres/scfindex.htm. This report covers the difference in net worth for both homeowners and renters. Spoiler alert: the gap between the two is significant.

The average homeowner's net worth is almost 40X greater **than a renter's.** And here's the data to prove it (see graph below):



The Big Reason Homeowner Net Worth Is So High

In the previous version (https://www.federalreserve.gov/econres/ scf_2019.htm) of that report, the net worth of the average homeowner was roughly \$255,000 and that of the average renter was \$6,300. But in the release that just came out this year, the gap widened as homeowner net worth climbed dramatically. As the Survey of Consumer Finances (SCF) report says: (https:// www.federalreserve.gov/publications/files/scf23.pdf)

". . . the 2019-2022 growth in median net worth was the largest three-year increase over the history of the modern SCF, more than double the next-largest one on record."

One of the biggest reasons homeowner net worth skyrocketed is home equity.

Over the last few years, known as the 'unicorn' years for housing, home prices went through the roof. That's because there weren't enough homes for sale, and there was a big influx of buyers rushing to buy them and take advantage of the then record-low mortgage rates. That imbalance of supply and demand pushed prices higher and higher. As a result, most homeowners who had a home during that time saw their equity grow a lot.

If you're still in the middle of making your decision on whether to rent or buy, you may wonder if you missed the boat on the big net worth boost. But here's what you need to realize. As a recent article in The Ascent explains:

"Whether your net worth increased in recent years or not, there are steps you can take to boost that number in the coming years. . buying a home can be a great way to grow your net worth,

since home values have a tendency to rise over time."

Historically, home prices climb over time. Even now that mortgage rates are closer to 7-8%, prices are still rising in many areas of the country because supply is still low compared to demand. That's why expert forecasts for the next few years call for ongoing appreciation – just at a pace that's more typical for the housing market.

While it likely won't be the record ramp-up that happened over the last few years, people who buy now should continue to grow equity in the years ahead. That means, if you're ready and able to buy a home today, you'll be making an investment that'll help build your net worth in the long run.

As Jessica Lautz, Deputy Chief Economist at the National Association of Realtors (NAR), says:

". . . when deciding to rent vs buy, one must calculate the total cost of homeownership (maintenance, utilities, commuting, etc.) and the total financial benefit. Based on new Fed data . . . the median net worth of homeowners was \$396,200 vs renters at \$10,400. There is no question about the wealth gains that homeownership provides."

Bottom Line

If you're on the fence about whether to rent or buy a home, remember that homeownership can give your net worth a big boost over time. If you want to learn more about this or the many other benefits of owning a home, connect with me and I will be happy to help you decide which path is best for you.



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HOA Board of Directors 2023 Annual Meeting

The annual HOA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2023, starting at 6:30 PM. All homeowners are invited and highly encouraged to attend this meeting.

The annual HOA meeting will be held at Woodland Baptist Church located at 15315 Huebner Rd, San Antonio, Texas 78248. A meeting notification and agenda will be sent to all homeowners who have registered their email addresses with CIA Services. The meeting agenda also will be posted on the community website. Please note: The dates for the 2024 HOA quarterly meetings will be listed in the January 2024 newsletter.

2023 Accomplishments and 2024 Goals

The Gates at Churchill Board of Directors completed the following projects in 2023 for our community:

- Implemented a "Parking and Towing Policy" and a "Monitoring Camera Policy". The purpose of the parking and towing policy is to mitigate parking violations by defining parking rules for vehicles in our community. The camera policy defines the usage, access and storage of images collected by the cameras at the entry and exit gates. The policies are posted on the community website. Homeowners are encouraged to review these new policies.
- Worked closely with CPS Energy to restore and resurface the roadways that were impacted by electrical work on Triple Crown and Preakness Ln.
- Installed new speed bumps on Triple Crown and Preakness Ln.
- Formalized an agreement giving Google Fiber the necessary approvals to install their product in our community and begin offering fiber-to-the-premises service to homes in the community. The contract is posted on the community website.

Goals for 2024 include:

- Continue to promote roadway safety in our community by reminding residents to comply with the posted speed limit, obey stop signs, and watch out for children, pedestrians and bicyclists on our streets. Residents can help spread this safety message by reminding guests and visitors about the need to drive slow in our community.
- Continue with the next phase of the street maintenance and repair work. Residents will receive notifications before road work begins on their street.
- Increase homeowner involvement in our HOA. Homeowners
 can get involved by attending HOA meetings, serving on
 a committee or running for a position on the board. The

Board of Directors also welcomes homeowner input on other ways to better our community.

Sign Up - Email and/or text messages from C.I.A. Services, Inc.

To receive email or text messages from the Board of Directors, homeowners must register their email address with CIA Services. These messages provide information on events and issues in our community, including HOA meeting notices, security incidents and gate issues. To register: go to www.ciaservices.com. Click "Find My Community" and select "Churchill" or "The Gates at Churchill Estates" from the list. From the home page, select "Register for Email Messages". Complete the appropriate fields and submit your information.

C.I.A. Services, Inc. Contact Information

The website for CIA Services is: www.ciaservices.com. To view the website for our community, click "Find My Community" then select "Churchill" or "The Gates at Churchill Estates" from the list.

Call the Customer Service Center at: (210) 490-0000 (866) 219-0563 (toll free)

The Customer Service Center is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM and closed on holidays.

Customer Care Center: CustomerCare@ciaservices.com

Homeowners also can contact the Customer Care Center using the "contact us" form on the Gates at Churchill Estates community website. To requesat a new gate access device or gate code, use the Ask-Request-Submit function on the website. Emergency requests for entry-gate assess codes will not be provided after normal business hours.

Customer Care Center email: CustomerCare@ciaservices.com

GATES AT CHURCHILL ESTATES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Mike Bartlett
Vice President: Jim Graves
Treasurer: Lee Wingert
Secretary: Jackie Harris
Director: Open. Volunteers Needed

Gates at Churchill Estates Committees

Violation: All board and committee members

Architecture Control Committee (ACC): Mike Culatto – Volunteers needed!

Communications (newsletter) Chair: Mark Stewart

Holiday Decorations Committee Chair: Open – Volunteers needed!

Cameras (video) Chair: TBD





As the summer is here and many more of us are out enjoying the Churchill Estates community, we receive a number of calls expressing concerns from residents about certain issues.

Here are the Top 5 to be aware of this summer:

1. Trailers, RVs and Boats – If you own a trailer, RV or boat, remember that they are not to be parked in the driveway, street or yard.



2. Pets – Enjoy walking the neighborhood with your pet, but be sure to clean up after them. Please keep pets inside during freezing weather or someplace warm.



3. Yard trimmings – Be sure to dispose of clippings properly. Clippings are not to be blown into the street or into neighbor's yards.



- **4. Trash Receptacles** Trash cans should be stored out of sight after their designated pick up day. You can place inside your garage or behind a fence. Your neighbors will appreciate it!
- 5. Driver Safety Be sure to watch your speed in the neighborhood, and be sure to not exceed 30 miles per hour. Come to complete stops at stop signs and save texting for when you are home safely.



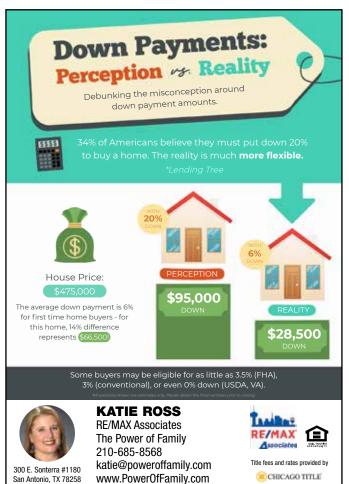
6. Airplane Noise Bothering You? – Call the San Antonio Airport Noise Mitigation Office at 210/207-3471 to report low or loud aircraft flying over your Churchill Estates residence.



7. Parked Car Reminders – The State law requires any vehicle stopped or parked on any public street to be facing the flow of traffic. This violation occurs more often while parked in front of your residence.



Thank you for being a good neighbor in Churchill Estates! The smallest gestures can make the biggest difference.







BABYSITTING/TEEN SERVICE REGISTRY

All CE teens who are available for babysitting, petsitting, or lawn mowing can be listed in this registry, which is published as a service to the community. A listing here does not constitute a recommendation or endorsement on the part of the Churchill Estates newsletter, the Churchill Estates Homes Association, Inc., its Board of Directors, or Neighborhood News, Inc. Contact Kara at churchillestateshoa@gmail.com to make changes to your listing and write Churchill Estates in the subject line.

Name	Phone #	Age	Grade	School	Notes
Deonie Acosta	210-609-4261 210-391-4824	18	Senior	Churchill H.S.	CPR certification and two years of baby sitting experience
Kaylee Daniels	830-391-5376	21	Recent Grad		7 years babysitting and petsitting experience
Sam de Koning	719-466-7465	17	Senior	Homeschool	Pet sitting, available during school hours as well as evening and weekend
Jaden de Koning	719-466-7465	15	Sophmore	Homeschool	Pet sitting, available during school hours as well as evening and weekend
Colleen Dolan	210-238-6962	16	Junior	Incarnate Word H.S.	Babysitting/First Aid/CPR certified
Jennifer Glas	210-355-1930	18	Senior	Churchill H.S.	CPR/first aid certified, dog walk and pet sit, house sit. 4 years experience.
Ryan Glas	210-620-8193	16	Sophmore	Churchill H.S.	Pet sitting, dog walking, move furniture, clean around the house, car washing and detailing
Rafael Manrique	210-440-9303	16	Junior	Basis Shavano	Pressure Washing Driveways and sidewalks
Maya Stroud	210-404-8704	17	Freshman	San Antonio College	Babysitting, CPR and first aid certified, babysitting certified
Roman Zaragoza	210-388-3491	15	Sophmore	Churchill H.S.	Dog sitting and dog walking, lawn mowing, and help moving furniture
Jack Goebel	210-753-1609	17	Senior	Churchill H.S.	Pressure washing, call for free quote







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DECEMBER 2023



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Residential Project Approval Request Form

Date:	Name:	
Address:	Phone:	Email:
Please describe your project, including	the dimensions and the materials be	eing used and the location on your property
(front yard, back yard, side yard, back p	patio, etc.):	
If you are building a new home on a va broken")? Commutes to CEHA.		on begin (when will "ground be roken, the homeowner shall be liable for yearly
Are permits needed for the work you ar	re doing? Yes No	
If permits are required, have you obtain	ned them? Yes No	
If you have obtained permit, what is th	e expiration date?	
Name of Contractor (if applicable):		
Contractor Phone Number:		
Project Start and Completion Dates:		
(Please submit a new form if you have a above.)	an unexpected delay and do not beg	gin the project within a year of the dates listed
Drawings or plans showing the work as	e attached. Yes No	
Signature of Churchill Estates Homeov	vner:	
ě	signature indicates that you understa	dress on this letterhead or email to: and that work cannot begin until you receive rchitectural Control Committee and that once
a new form. The ACC will review the present the presen	oroject upon completion. This form oreview. Residents inside the gate dervices.com	
		ate Sent to ACC:



SEE SOMETHING, **SAY SOMETHING!**

If you notice someone in your area that may look suspicious, or you witness something out of the

ordinary. First call your appropriate law enforcement agency to get a faster response in getting these persons identified or the situation looked into. Second, use your social media, if you use it, to get the word out of your observations or concerns.



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.



PICKING THE TREE

• Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.



PLACING THE TREE

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



LIGHTING THE TREE

- Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home.

Check with your local community to find a recycling program.

Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

FACTS

- ! More than **one of every four** home Christmas tree fires is caused by electrical problems.
- (!) Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- (!) A heat source too close to the tree causes **one in every four** of the fires.



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Important CE Numbers & Addresses



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Gated Community Management Company – C.I.A. Services, Inc. (210) 490-0000 | CustomerCare@ciaservices.com | www.ciaservices.com

To Report CEHA Common Areas Sprinkler Problems – Mark Smith, 210-400-6275, cehapm@gmail.com

CEHA Website - https://churchillestateshoa.com/

SAPD Non-Emergency: 210-207-7169

Bexar County Constable Office: 210-335-4750; After 5 PM: 210-246-2263

Violations... RVs, boats and trailers cannot be stored in driveways or in the street. Basketball goals cannot be placed in the street.

CAR DECALS... New car? New to the neighborhood? Churchill Estates windshield decals are available, and they're free! You can pick them up at American Postal Center, 13423 Blanco Rd., #288 or leave a message at 210-697-3270 requesting the decals be mailed to you.

About your newsletter... CEHA deadlines are the 14th of the month. To place an ad, please call Neighborhood News at 210-558-3160. View the current CE newsletter online at churchillestateshoa.com.

Poison Control is a Phone Call Away



Emergency is 911, but there's another number you should post by the phone: Poison Control is 800-222-1222. If you have pets or know someone who does, don't forget Animal Poison Control at 888-426-4435. Having these numbers by the phone can save valuable time in an emergency.





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