



GRANADA HILLS

JUST SOUTHWEST OF WEIRD

SPRING 2023

Bouncing Back – The Resilience of Granada Hills

The Ice Storm of 2023 left behind tremendous damage to our neighborhood – primarily our beloved trees. The storm arrived January 31st and hung around for about four days, resulting in massive power outages, as well as $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ inches of ice accumulation. This tremendous weight was just too much for many of the trees. For multiple days, we helplessly listened to the ear-splitting cracks of branches splitting and the booms of them falling. We cautiously emerged to find what looked like a war zone. Our streets and yards were littered with branches, debris, and sometimes entire downed trees. People were without power, and crews were working around the clock to provide support to those in need.

Throughout Granada Hills, not unlike the rest of the city, we are working to clean up storm debris, downed trees and branches, and repair damages to homes. The hum of chainsaws now fills the air and has become a new normal for the time being. As with so many disasters, the silver lining lies in the kindness and generosity that overflows in times of need. Neighbors are outside, spending long hours talking with and helping one another. We are knocking on the doors of our neighbors, bringing them food, sharing



Granada Hills Park after the ice storm.

Photo Credit: Nicolle Ramia

warmth from our homes, and organizing clean ups. We are sharing this experience as a community, and we are creating shared memories of resilience.

Thank you for being a part of this community.
Your Granada Hills HOA Board



**SATURDAYS, STARTING MARCH 4TH,
8 AM**

Every Saturday, starting in March, let's meet at the basketball court. We'll have an unofficial start time of 8 am. Walkers, Joggers, Runners and Bikers all welcome.

Walk a mile, jog 3, run 10, whatever your goals are, let's meet some neighbors and do it together!

It's My Park Day – Saturday, March 4

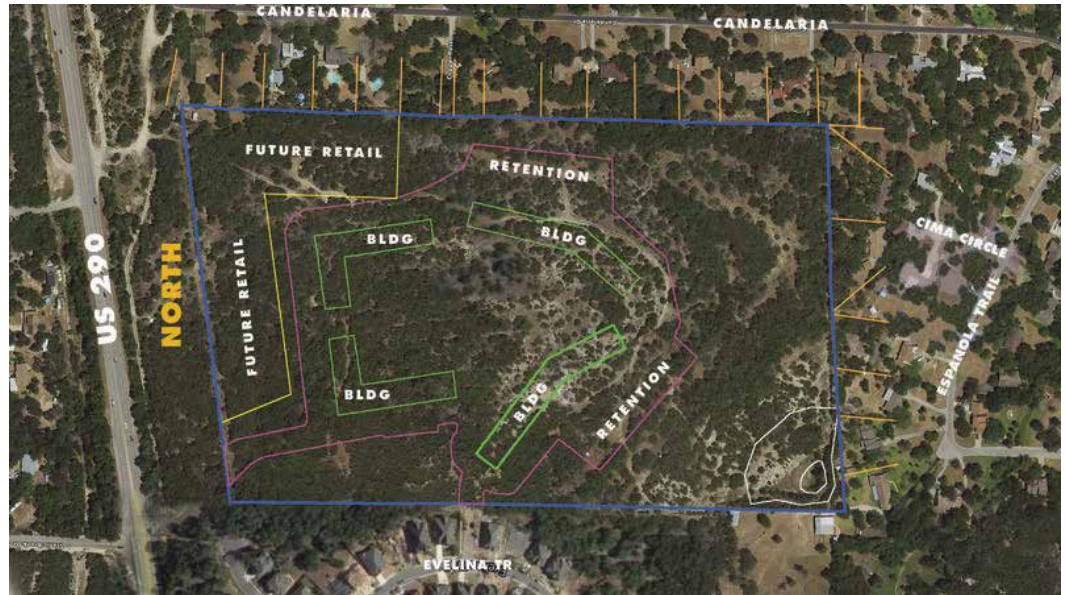
Mark your calendars for this event where neighbors come together and work to beautify and rejuvenate our shared spaces. The HOA provides mulch, new plants/flowers, kiddie cushion, snacks and water. Here are some of the things we will focus on this year:

1. Aerate/fluff, add kiddie cushion mulch in playscapes
2. Mulch under trees at park and pool side
3. Cut back bushes, rake beds, remove leaves
4. Paint picnic tables and gaga ball pit
5. Clean pool bathrooms and storage areas
6. Trim trees in dry creek areas
7. Replant potted plants in pool area
8. Power wash pool furniture
9. Weed and spruce up planters and flower beds
10. Prune bushes and shrubs
11. Trim low-lying tree limbs
12. Plant new flowers as needed

Granada Ridge Apartments

Development Update By Anna Coots

Development of the long-awaited, 40-acres property backing up to Candelaria and Cima Circle is well underway. Land prep for the future 3-building x 5-story, 372-unit “Granada Ridge Apartments” began in late 2022 with the clearing of trees. Many residents experienced falling ash and heavy smoke inhalation from this phase that we are thankful is now complete. The tree buffer that exists now will remain part of a total of about 75% pervious/25% impervious coverage, according to the project plan.



The intense pounding, beeping, and earth-moving vibrations we have been experiencing is the digging of 2 very large filtration ponds located just inside the tree buffer line. Pond 1 backs up to properties on Cima Circle and Pond 2 backs up to properties on Candelaria Drive. According to the developer, this land-clearing and heavy prep phase should be completed by the end of February. Though Travis county does not restrict the morning start time, the developer and general contractor have agreed upon a 7am start time - a welcome improvement from the initial 5:30am start. Saturdays are usually work days and Sundays are usually quiet.

The main entrance of the apartment complex will be on Scenic Brook, which will be extending south of highway 290 with the new access road. There will be a second “emergency” exit through the Ridge View neighborhood along Carlina Ridge. There is no plan to connect roads between the Granada Hills neighborhood and Granada Ridge apartments.

Building renderings, including lighting design and eventually landscape design, will be shared as they become available. For questions or concerns regarding this development, contact Anna Coots / email: anna@aocoots.com / mobile: 512-422-9041.



Raffle/ Door Prize Winners:

The HOA hosted a raffle this year at the annual meeting. Congratulations to the following residents who went home with some sweet prizes!

2023 Pool Membership – Jenni Ross
Yeti Cooler – Gloria Franco
Fire Pit – Scott Bobb
Spicewood Winery Tasting – Gina Budd
Austin Zoo – Gloria Franco
CBD Gift Pack – Jenni Ross



Glimpses of Granada Hills



Ice accumulation on bare twigs gives the illusion of a floral bouquet. Photo credit: Nicolle Ramia

Have a great photo of Granada Hills that you'd like to share? Submit it to sara.headden@gmail.com.

HOA Events & Membership Information

Upcoming HOA Events:

- Granada Hills It's My Park Day – March 4th
- Easter Celebration – April 2nd
- Neighborhood Garage Sale – April 8th
- Pool Season Kickoff Event – May 6th

Become a member of the HOA today and help to keep Granada Hills great! At only \$180 per year, your voluntary membership facilitates community upkeep, neighborhood advocacy, social events, and more. Learn more at www.granadahillshoa.org/membership

We are a voluntary neighborhood HOA who work to build community and make our neighborhood the best that it can be. We are always looking for more volunteers to help with projects, committees, shared spaces care, and neighborhood events. Our monthly board meetings are the third Monday of the month. If you would like to get involved, please email us at board@granadahillshoa.org or leave your correspondence in the HOA mailbox at the park.

Neighbor Spotlight – The Fitzpatrick Family

We are John and Rachael Fitzpatrick – one of the three Fitzpatrick families in the neighborhood. We moved to Granada Hills in May of 2019 with our two kids Emma (9 years old) and Ben (5 years old). We loved it so much that we had John's brother Teddy and his family move here too, as well as his mom Denise. We love to take family road trips, sometimes to Port Aransas during the summer for some fun at the beach or most recently to Durango, Colorado over the holidays to play in the snow.



Recipe Corner

Banana Bread

Ingredients

1 1/2 cup sifted flour
1 cup brown sugar
2 beaten eggs
1/2 cup vegetable oil
1 tsp vanilla
1 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp cinnamon
3 ripe mashed bananas
Optional- 1 cup chocolate chips

Directions

Combine all ingredients.
Pour into a loaf pan
(greased and flowered).
Bake at 350° for 45 to 50
minutes. Enjoy!

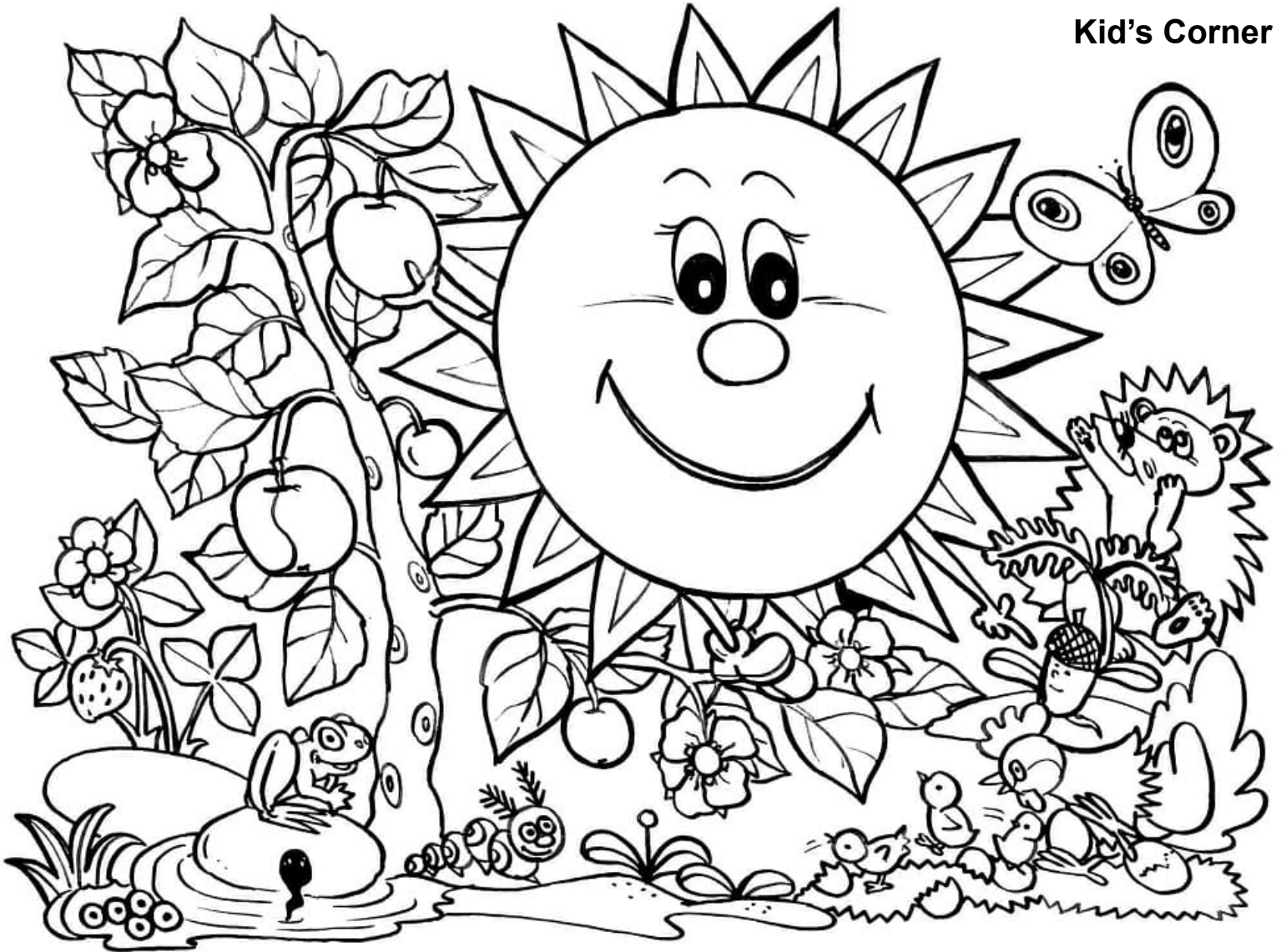


Submitted by Erika Brown

Kid's Corner



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REPORT IT!

We can all do our part to keep Granada Hills safe and clean...

- Blocked or damaged street signs, overgrown right-of-ways, street repairs? Please email: TNR.Dispatch@traviscountytx.gov
- Stray Dogs and other public nuisances- File a report by visiting http://311.austintexas.gov/reports/list_services
- If you observe an AISD bus exceeding the speed limit, record the Bus # and location and then call (512) 414-0238

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WE NEED YOU!

Are you interested in helping the HOA continue its volunteer effort of maintaining and improving our neighborhood and park?

The HOA always needs Board members and committee volunteers. Please visit the website, www.granadahillshoa.org, to learn more and contact a current board member at board@granadahills.org for more information.

Thank you!

Granada Hills Pool - Summer 2023

Texas is known for it's drastic shifts in weather, and takes no time going from an ice storm to scorching hot, so it's already time to start thinking about how to stay cool and keep the kids busy this summer. Remember how hot it was last summer!!!

Here's your answer ... right here in our own neighborhood is the fabulous Granada Hills pool that will open the beginning of May for the season. The pool is a great place to cool off, enjoy some family time and a great place to meet neighbors. And if you're a little older like me, here's my secret ... the pool is a great place to swim laps the last hour of the day when we usually have the whole pool to ourselves!

Pool memberships are available to HOA members again this year for \$315 for a family membership and \$275 for seniors (if you are a new pool member there is a one-time fee of \$50 to get you set up). If you have friends outside of Granada Hills who would like to join, we also have non-resident memberships available.

The pool is also a great place to host a birthday party. The pool picnic area is available for 3-hour private party rentals to pool members and non-members. There is a maximum limit of 30 guests.

Swimming is at your own risk and lifeguards are not present or provided. Children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a responsible adult (at least 18 years of age). Supervision of children at all times is the responsibility of the parent or adult guardian.

Everything you need to know about joining the pool or scheduling a party this summer is on the HOA's website ... <https://www.granadahillshoa.org/pool>



Headden Helpers

Eva & Kaia Headden, ages 10 and 12

Need an extra set of hands? We can help with watering plants, dog walking, household tasks or childcare.

Email for more info!
Sara.headden@gmail.com

Thanks for Your Membership!

As a reminder, your dues pay for....

- PEC Electric Bill for security lights around the park so neighbors feel safer and can play basketball and tennis in the evenings
- PEC Electric Bill for the streetlights at Gallant Fox (north and south) and FM 1826, making those intersections safer
- Water bill for the shared park space
- Playscape maintenance and improvements
- Park improvements, like our new sign and the gaga pit
- Tennis court upkeep
- Lawn care, tree care, and landscaping at the park
- Clean up/haul off of parks and pool areas after a disaster from ice or storms
- Property taxes for the park
- Garbage collection
- Port-a-potty at the park
- Neighborhood safety efforts, like the radar feedback speed limit sign
- Community events, like Trunk-or-Treat
- 4th of July Parade and Picnic
- And many other things we all enjoy and benefit from

If you haven't already, please join the HOA and do your part to make Granada Hills even better! Membership forms can be found at <https://www.granadahillshoa.org/membership>.



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