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ALPOA'S GOAL STATEMENT:

Alto Lakes Property Owners Association's Purpose is to promote the general maintenance, enhancement and well being of real properties located in the Alto Lakes G&CC subdivisions and to represent the interests of the owners of these properties in matters that come before the Association.

We wish to sincerely thank all the members who have paid the \$25 annual membership dues. We have 964 members as of the first of April. Your continued support is very much welcomed and appreciated as it enables us to do worthwhile activities, provide equipment (benches at the golf driving ranges, AED units at Alto and Outlaw, library at Alto, etc.). We also contribute to local charities and support the Alto employees through their scholarship fund as well as their annual employee party.

SPRING/SUMMER 2019 ALPOA EVENTS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Highway Clean Up - **Saturday, May 11.** Join us and help clean up ALPOA's mile on Hwy 48 on either side of the entrance to Alto. Meet at 9 AM in the Century 21 parking lot and be rewarded with coffee and donuts afterward. If we get a good participation, the job can be done in about an hour.
- Bingo, Brauts, and Burgers – **Thursday May 23, 5:30 PM.** A fun evening of Bingo with cash prizes. Profit is for the Alto Employees Scholarship Fund.
- **July 4 Festivities** – ALPOA is partnering with ALMGA for a fun 4th of July, including a parade from Outlaw to Alto, hoping for bigger and better than last years', hotdogs and soft drinks, plus a fun afternoon of family oriented games such as face painting, beanbag toss, a bounce house. ALPOA is seeking individuals and/or organizations willing to help put this event over the top. Contact Roy Webb for information or to volunteer.webbroy7@gmail.com or 806-790-9918..
- Semi-Annual ALPOA Member meeting – **June 13.** Topic of interest to be determined.

Property Owners Take Note

- To full timers and part-time residents: Alto Lakes G&CC and ALPOA are asking everyone to be part of an informal Neighborhood Watch. Don't be politically correct, too busy, uncaring, or not nosy. Please watch your neighbors' homes on your block. If you see anything that seems odd or unusual, call the Sheriff's office. They will be happy to check things out. With strange vehicles, get the color, make, and possible license number. Watch out for Porch Pirates. If a package sits for a while on the porch, at least contact the homeowner or take the package inside until they arrive home.
- Homeowners can help themselves by not announcing they are not in residence: do not hang chains across the driveway; do not leave Christmas decorations on the front door in May; open the curtains/blinds and use timers to turn on and off various lights in the house. Make sure all the doors are locked. Cancel the newspaper. Neighbors can help during the winter months by driving into the driveway and leaving tire marks and walking around the house as if someone is present. If you see someone drive up to the house across the street walk out on to the porch and watch what are they doing and stare at them until you are satisfied all is well.
- Be proud to live here. **Mother Earth needs your help.** We are being overrun by uncaring people who think nothing of tossing beer bottles, beer cans, soda cans, cigarette butts, plastic food cups and bags and other trash from Hwy 48 all the way into Outlaw. Do a **Random Act of Kindness** and pick up trash on your property or while out walking. Carry some grocery bags and a grabber and pick up at least parts of your block. Get some friends to drive a cart while picking up trash. And if you do walk your dog, pick up after it and take the baggie home and dispose of it rather than leaving it along the road. It would be neighborly not to let your dog go poop on other people's property.
- **Dead Trees** - The Alto Lakes Board of Directors has authorized the Architectural Control Commission to begin action as prescribed in Article IX, Section (4) of the Unified Covenants. "In the event the owner or purchaser of any lot shall fail to maintain the premises and the improvements situated thereon in a manner satisfactory to the **Board of Directors of the CLUB, the CLUB through its agents and employees, shall have the right (but absolutely no duty), to enter upon such lot and to repair, maintain, rehabilitate and restore the premises and the exterior of any improvements situated thereon, and the cost thereof shall be charged against the owner of said lot by notice in the manner set forth in Paragraph 3 hereof and made a lien on said lot land foreclosed as therein set forth.**" After years of mailing letters to property owners about dead trees on their lots and their responsibility to remove these and keep their lots clean, the ACC has finally been given the "green light" to move forward with a more definitive approach to gaining compliance with the Covenants. During this period most of our members have done their part in keeping their lots properly maintained. But, unfortunately, some have neglected their responsibilities and our community has suffered both in appearance and from a higher risk of fire.

ALTO LAKES GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

As we have in the past, ALPOA has offered to allow the candidates for the upcoming Board of Director's election to write up a synopsis on themselves and their positions as they campaign for the Board (Elections to occur in June 2019 as part of the annual meeting). ALPOA is an independent and impartial entity and we do not endorse any particular candidate. Keep an eye out for this email blast.

ALPOA's, monthly board meetings are held in the Spencer room in the Alto club at 3:00 pm., on the second Thursday of the month. They are open to any ALPOA member, stop by if you have a question, input or just want to see what goes on. Let us know of any suggestion you may have on projects/activities, etc. that ALPOA might undertake.