

HIGHLIGHTS AND HORIZONS

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Salmon continued

- minutes for a sockeye fillet. The rule of thumb is 10 minutes cooking time per inch thickness (measured in thickest portion). When done, lift fish from liquid being especially careful since fish may break easily after cooking. Serve hot with the veloute' sauce.
- Basic veloute' sauce** Melt 3 tablespoons butter in a pan over low heat. With a wire whisk, stir in 3 tablespoons flour and cook until bubbly. Remove from heat and gradually stir in 2 cups hot poaching liquid. continue cooking and stirring, until thickened. Add salt and pepper if needed and a dash of spice. Use your imagination with the spices or try nutmeg, tarragon or curry. Sprinkle with some finely chopped parsley. Makes 2 cups.
- Pour some of the sauce over fish; pass remaining sauce in a bowl at the table.

Served with steamed baby carrots, pasta, a green salad, and a nice white wine. A poached red fillet makes a *very elegant* meal.

Due to the high volume of crime lately, Northbrook has teamed up with an Authorized Dealer of ADT Security Services.



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Featured House of the Month

Owned by David and Debbi Doerr, this house is charming in design and stylish in landscaping. Many people have commented on this homes stylish flair. Congratulations to Dave and Debbi.

The Board of Directors and the Deed restriction' s committee have tried to communicate to our community that there is a problem with garbage being put out on the curb without being in a trash receptacle. This is clearly a violation of our deed restrictions. But, even worst is the fact that it makes our neighborhood look like we don't care.



Beautification Up-date

The Beautification committee met on February, 11, 2007 with an outside architect who recently reviewed out neighborhood's entrances, cul-de-sacs, club house and surrounding plant usage. The Board of Directors recognized the importance of maintaining a pleasing look to our neighborhood and approved the go-ahead to have the architect present his proposal to the March Board meeting.



In addition, when you cut branches from trees, shrubs etc., in order for the Garbage company to pick them up, they **must** be bundled and tied so that the garbage men can easily pick them up. We have been told that they only pick this type of trash up on Thursdays. Please wait until Wednesday night before putting them out on the curb to keep the neighborhood as neat and clean as possible.

It is important to remember that, not only are we responsible for our own homes and up-keep, but we are also responsible for the up-keep of the entire neighborhood. Attend the next meeting to find out what the outcome will look like as presented by the architect.

Deed Restrictions at a Glance

1. No trash, rubbish, garbage, or debris of any kind shall be allowed to remain on any lot. Sanitary containers will have a tight fitting lid and are not to be seen from neighboring lots or greenways.
2. No fence, wall, tree, hedge or planting shall be maintained in such a manner as to obstruct sight lines for vehicular traffic.
3. The Owner of each lot shall maintain the same, and the improvements, trees, hedges, in an attractive condition.
4. No building, fence, or other structure shall be placed on any lot nearer to the front lot line or nearer to a side street line as shown on the One Replat.
5. The Owner of each lot having a rear lot line in common with a portion of a boundary line of a greenway shall construct and maintain in good and attractive condition, at his expense, a fence which is six feet in height.
6. Roofs need to be maintained in a neat and attractive appearance at all times.

By City Ordinance:

1. Dogs must be on a leash and not let to roam the streets alone at any time.
2. Graffiti on an Owners property must be removed or a ticket can be issued. Graffiti is a problem and we wish to help eliminate the problem by being proactive in its removal.

These are only a sample of the simple Deed Restrictions Homeowners should be diligently maintaining. If any Homeowner does not have a copy of the Deed Restrictions, please call Dave Doerr or Jereme Scott. It's our neighborhood and we need to take care of it.

Recent Improvements:

- New signs on Bob White and Creekbend
- Signs moved at Bob White and Sanford to unobstruct our neighborhood signs
- Signs at Albury and Creekbend moved to unobstruct our neighborhood signs.
- New sidewalks finished as of February 15th.
- Most of the property has now been manicured and cleaned up
- Proposal to Board for Beautification of our Subdivision
- Lighting down the greenway is being looked at for improvements or replacement. Coming soon.

Major repairs needed to be Addressed by Homeowners

The Board of Directors and the Deed Restrictions Committee have walked the neighborhood in the past few months. It has been noted that there are a lot of deed restriction violations not being addressed by the homeowner. Here is a list of what we have seen:

1. Fences are falling down and needs to be secured, both on the sides of the house and the back of the house if your house faces a greenway.
2. Graffiti on fences, especially down the greenway needs to be removed. Not only is it a city ordinance and must be removed, but it also displays a lack of consideration for keeping up our neighborhood.
3. Sidewalks: this is a growing concern that now needs to be addressed. Some sidewalks on both the Bob White side and the Albury side are in disrepair. I spoke with the Section Chief of Public Works and Engineering last week. He made it very clear that property owners are responsible for keeping the ditch clear of weeds, brush, rubbish and any debris that may prevent the flow of water. Curbs, gutters, drive ways and sidewalks: Abutting property owners are responsible for maintaining curbs, gutters, driveways and sidewalks as stated in Ordinance Chapter 40.

During the month of March, letters will be sent out to the homeowners that need to address these areas. In addition, if you see that repairs need to be done by the Homeowners association, please do not hesitate to call either Dave or Jereme.

[The lights in the greenway are being addressed as I write this. We are waiting for the bids to come in to get the best cost.](#)

Security in our neighborhood is primary concern

Due to the fact that security issues have become an important issue lately we are looking for answers to guide us in making the decisions necessary to make our neighborhood a safer place to live. One such program is called:

CITIZEN PARTOL

The Houston Police Department is committed in using volunteers to enhance the delivery of police service to the citizens of Houston through the department's Police Volunteer Initiatives Program (VIP). An important component of the Police VIP is the Citizen Patrol program.

The Houston Police Department is concerned about crime in the neighborhoods and communities throughout the city. In response, the Citizen Patrol program was established in an effort to bring the citizens and the police department together for a common goal, and that is to improve the quality of life by eliminating crime. The Citizen Patrol program is designed to provide a means for citizens to organize into patroller groups for the purpose of reducing crime in their community. Citizen Patrollers are the additional eyes and ears the police can count on to make Houston a safe place to live and work.

The goals of the Citizen Patrol program are:

- To provide an effective method of discouraging neighborhood crimes and "decline."
- To promote a friendly and safer neighborhood environment while respecting the privacy and rights of all citizens.
- To encourage awareness and provide improved communication among neighbors.
- To upgrade the quality of life and property values in the area.

There are many active Citizen Patrol groups throughout the city of Houston who have been very successful in reducing crime and increasing value to the neighborhood. We will continue to investigate possibilities.



Don't forget that your Homeowner Association dues are now due. If you have not had a chance to pay them, please do so. This is the money we use to keep our neighborhood safe, and clean.

McLaird's Fancy Poached Copper River Red Salmon

Basic Poaching Liquid

Combine:

- 1 medium onion (sliced),
 - Juice from 1/2 lemon,
 - 1 Bayleaf,
 - 1 Tsp. salt, and
 - 1 C. of dry white wine for every 2 Cups of water.
- Cover and simmer ingredients for 20 minutes.

- Rinse your Prime Select fillet or steak with cold water and pat dry. Bring poaching liquid to a boil in poaching pan (or a pan just deep enough to immerse the fish). Lower fish into simmering liquid-- there should be just enough liquid to cover fish; if not, add equal parts water and dry white wine (or all water) just to cover fish. Reduce heat, cover, and simmer gently (water should never be allowed to boil).

Begin timing from the moment simmering resumes after fish has been added. Cook until fish flakes readily when prodded in thickest portion with a fork, usually 15-20