



Charter Oaks Gazette

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TO THE RESIDENTS OF CHARTER OAKS:

Neighborhood News

Patio Shade. Anyone who spends time outdoors during a Texas summer knows that shade is a major safety and comfort concern for everyone. Last spring, we had to remove one of the large shade trees on the pool grounds because the root system was causing damage to the pool. Volunteers constructed a new patio area where the tree previously stood, but with little financial resources remaining after paying for extensive repairs and renovations to the pool, costly tree removal, and stump grinding, umbrellas were the only affordable option for shade. Unfortunately, the umbrellas failed to be as durable as hoped, and by Labor Day all were broken. In order to provide shade for our pool users in the future, COCO contracted with Texas Custom Exteriors to build a permanent structure at the pool which will be completed before the start of the summer season. The materials have been ordered and work is planned to begin in February. The cost of the new structure is \$10,000.

Private financing has been arranged to pay for the cost of the new shade structure, and it is COCO's intent to pay off this loan within 2 years. Loan payments and increased operating costs have forced us to increase the annual pool membership rates for 2024 – 2025 by \$50. To put it into perspective, the \$50 increase is less than \$1 more per week for year-round use of the pool and grounds from last year. Basic membership rates, clubhouse rental rates, and guest fees will all remain the same. Please note that the COCO treasurer is accepting full membership payments and installments toward this year's memberships starting NOW.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION IS PROVIDED ON PAGES 3 AND 4.

COCO Annual Community Garage Sale

Start your spring cleaning by decluttering your home and donating items for the **COCO Community Garage Sale fundraiser** to be held on **Saturday, April 20, 2024**. Beginning Sunday, April 14, 2024, we will start accepting and picking up gently used and re-sellable items (no clothing, please). For a \$25 fee, you may reserve your own 10' x 10' space on the clubhouse grounds to personally sell your items (and keep all of your proceeds of sale). COCO takes care of the garage sale permit and does the advertising—so you can focus on selling your wares. For more information, contact Willie Yantis at 210-422-1325.

Bridge Anyone? If anyone plays bridge and is looking for a group, please TEXT Charter Oaks resident Al Eisch at 210-508-1321.

COCO History

For those of you who are new to the neighborhood or to COCO, Charter Oaks does **NOT** have a Homeowner’s Association (HOA). “**COCO**” stands for **C**harter **O**aks **C**ommunity **O**rganization, and is the nickname for “Charter Oaks Swim Club of San Antonio, Inc.,” a non-profit corporation. The Board of Directors is comprised of residents of Charter Oaks who volunteer their time and talent to clean, repair, and manage the pool, clubhouse, and grounds for the benefit of our members and our entire neighborhood.

Charter Oaks does not have an HOA. We are completely dependent upon voluntary membership dues, donations, and fundraising dollars in order to bankroll EVERYTHING. Your membership, your donations, and your support of COCO fundraising events are critical to our survival and ability to make our neighborhood a wonderful place to call home.

You can learn more about our neighborhood and the COCO mission by attending the **Neighborhood Annual Meeting on Monday, February 26, 2024, 7 p.m.**, at the Charter Oaks Clubhouse. Election of the officers and members for the COCO Board will be held following the program. The slate of proposed candidates for the 2024-2025 COCO Board is:

- President:** Willie Yantis
- Vice-President:** Andrea Rodriguez
- Secretary:** Liz Cabello
- Treasurer:** Phil Yantis

Members at Large:

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| Ruth Rogeness | Jessica Miller | Mario Alfaro |
| Craig Schiebel | Jennifer Tapia | 1 vacancy * |

** Anyone who wishes to serve on the board for the 2024 – 2025 membership year, please contact Willie Yantis (210-422-1325) prior to the Annual Meeting or attend and request nomination at the Annual Meeting.*

To serve on the board:

- (1) you must either be a homeowner or resident of Charter Oaks;*
- (2) be a current COCO Basic Member or COCO Pool Member;*
- (3) be willing to attend in-person and online meetings concerning the upkeep and management of the pool and clubhouse, and*
- (4) donate time and labor toward various projects.*

COCO Membership Information

COCO offers 2 membership options:

(1) A Non-swimming COCO Basic Membership is available to Charter Oaks residents only. Basic Membership helps maintain our neighborhood and allows members use of the clubhouse at affordable rates for private parties (no pool parties). The dues for a COCO Basic Membership are still only \$65 per year.

(2) A COCO Pool Membership entitles you and your household to year-round use of the pool, grill and picnic areas, as well as affordable clubhouse rentals for private parties. Your household includes anyone whose permanent legal address is with you, as well as any of your minor children and minor grandchildren, even if they live elsewhere.

Guests are all other relatives and friends who accompany you to the pool. Guests may not be non-member Charter Oaks residents. **Guests who use the pool are required to pay \$2 per day.** Pool membership includes a key to the pool. Pool hours are from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. every day of the week, year round.

If you are already a pool member, I hope you plan to renew your membership. ***If you are not a pool member***, please consider joining. Feel free to give me a call and I will be happy to give you a personal tour of the pool and clubhouse and answer any questions you may have.

To join COCO:

COCO Basic Membership	\$ 65
COCO Pool Membership	\$450

You may pay by check or cash, credit or debit card, or online at the Coco Store (for an additional fee). **Venmo is now being accepted, as well.**

NOTE: If for any reason you wish to cancel your 2024-2025 membership prior to May 1, 2024, a refund of your money will be promptly given.

Thank you for your support!

Willie Yantis

President, Charter Oaks Community Organization (COCO)

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COCO Home Page: <https://www.charteroakscommunity.org>

COCO Pool Membership 2024-2025

- Print and sign a Pool Membership Agreement. Review and agree to follow the COCO Pool Rules and Regulations. These documents are on our website:

<http://www.charteroakscommunity.org/join-coco-and-pool.html>

OR may be picked up from Willie Yantis at 10506 Mossbank.

- Pay your \$450.00 (\$470 via Square) annual membership dues to COCO. We accept cash, checks, Venmo, credit cards (via Square) and on-line payments (via Square & Venmo). There is a small service charge for Square payments.
- If you choose to do so, your membership may be paid in installments:
 - 4 installments: 4 payments of \$112.50 (\$117.50 via Square) or
 - 2 installments: 2 payments of \$225 (\$235 via Square).

Start your payment plan today and get your key in May!

- **The lock to the pool gate will be re-keyed on May 1, 2024.**

Once your Pool Membership Agreement has been signed, and your membership dues paid in full, you may pick up your new key from Willie Yantis at 10506 Mossbank.

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## COCO Basic Membership 2024-2025

Name of Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Charter Oaks residence address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/cell number: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

\$65.00 COCO basic membership

\$\_\_\_\_\_ Donation

Mail (or drop in mailbox at Clubhouse/Pool):

**COCO**

**3031 Oneida**

**San Antonio, TX 78230**