

EDEN CONSTRUCTION AND POND HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS



Eden subdivision was the design and development of Ray Ellison. Ellison began his career in construction in 1949 as a 2-man business and emerged to become San Antonio's largest individually owned firm (Rayco), building more than 55,000 homes in San Antonio before being sold to KB Homes in 1996. Ellison homes offered buyers bigger lots and more square footage at an

affordable price. Eden home

construction began in the mid 1970's, and it is rumored Ellison took special pride and interest in its development. A total of 1227 homes were built in Eden prior to closeout of construction in 1992.

We can't be certain when Ellison purchased this parcel of land, but, recent historical research does record this Wetmore area as originally settled by African Americans -- former Buffalo Soldiers and prior enslaved workers. The original pond at Eden's entrance on Tavern Oaks is believed to have once been a cattle tank. There are photos that showed wooden cabins at the entrance, and a few original home owners recall cattle once grazing there. Eden's new homeowners liked the pond, but not the cabins. Therefore, the pond was embellished into a tri-peninsula shape, and sadly, the cabins were demolished.

The original pond proved to be a big attraction for new residents (and migrating waterfowl that tended to stay). However, the pond covered over 15,000 square feet in surface area, was very shallow, had a bentonite (clay) bottom subject to cracks, and no natural source of water. In the summer of 2018, irreparable cracks developed in the bentonite, and the cost for resupply of water became unsustainable for the HOA.

Plans to restore the pond were developed and an enormous fundraising campaign was organized. In only one year, funds were available to begin the restoration process. The new design is less than half the surface area, but twice its depth. Water evaporation and leakage are far less, and the water temperatures far cooler due to the depth. However, it still has no natural source for water and an overpopulation of waterfowl, therefore, the costs



for its water resupply and maintenance are still a source of concern for the HOA.

The new pond was dedicated in October 2019 and enjoys countless visitors each day, most coming with bags of food to feed the ducks and geese. Both overfeeding and misfeeding the waterfowl are detrimental to the health of the ducks as well as the pond! We encourage visitors to enjoy the pond and its waterfowl, but feed them food such as peas, lettuce, cracked corn, oats or seeds. **DO NOT GIVE THEM BREAD!** Enjoy feeding and getting to know them, but don't let them fool you, they are fed multiple times a day!



The Eden Homeowners' Association (EHA) takes great pleasure in welcoming you to Eden. The EHA is a *voluntary* association open to both property owners and renters. Unlike mandatory HOAs, the EHA does not hold or yield the enforcement authority over property owners.

In 1992, after the developer's buildout of new homes in Eden, concerned residents realized the need to form an association with a mission to promote, preserve and enhance the quality of life and values in the Eden neighborhood. The EHA operates strictly as an association dedicated to keeping our members informed through developed relationships with city and state representatives. We promote a community of neighbor helping neighbor that increases community safety and promotes a clean, fun and attractive neighborhood we can all proudly call "HOME."

The most notable financial responsibility of the EHA is the care and maintenance of the Eden Duck Pond. The EHA also maintains the entrance island, where a phased approach for improvements is underway with work scheduled as funds permit. The EHA schedules Clean Up Days at the pond and island when volunteers are encouraged to join in the effort to keep our entrance clean and make it ready to host our Spring and Fall Marketplace Fundraisers. Clean up days are fun and a great way to meet your neighbors! Other fun events sponsored by the EHA are the annual Holiday Lighting at the Pond, Neighborhood Night Out, Veterans' Day Tribute and more -- as funds and volunteer support permit!

A major concern to the EHA is commercial development of the Thousand Oaks frontage property. Eden welcomes the development of neighborhood compatible businesses, but the EHA provides a forum for Eden residents to voice personal positions regarding developments that require a change to current commercial zoning. We hope you will find the contact info provided inside useful as you adapt to your new home. For your consideration, a membership form is attached. Membership dues are only \$50.00 for our fiscal year beginning October 1 and ending September 30. Additional donations are always welcomed, and periodic volunteerism of your time is greatly appreciated. The best method to communicate with our EHA leadership is through email, so please be sure to provide us with yours. Have something to share?.... the EHA Board can be reached by e-mail at: edennewswatch@gmail.com. -- and follow us on **Facebook: edenduck pond** and our Eden Website: <https://www.edenduckpond.com>.

PLEASE JOIN

THE EDEN HOA SURVIVES ONLY BY YOUR MEMBERSHIP

HELPFUL COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

DISTRICT 10:

Councilman Marc Whyte - Office: 210-207-0999

NORTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE

President – Mike Gallagher, Office: 210-946-0190

POLICE: Eden is supported by Northeast Substation
13030 Jones Maltsberger, San Antonio 78242
Phone: 210-207-8126

Police Emergency:Call 911

Police Non-Emergency:... Call 311

Eden's San Antonio Fear Free Environment (SAFFE) Officer is

Officer Joel Freeman, 210-207-5191 or email

Joel.freeman@sanantonio.gov

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Eden is supported by Station #14

Fire Emergency: Call 911

Non-Emergency: Call 311 or 210-207-6000

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO SERVICES:

For all questions regarding the following services, call 311, or # noted.

CPS ENERGY (Electric & Garbage) 210-353-2222

SAWS (San Antonio Water Systems (Water & Sewage) 210-704-7297

COVID ILLEGAL DUMPING

CODE ENFORCEMENT GRAFFITI

BROKEN TRAFFIC SIGNALS JUNKED VEHICLES

BRUSH & BULKY ITEM COLLECTION POTHoles

DEAD ANIMAL PICKUP STREETLIGHT OUTAGES

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT (Trash Pickup) 210-207-6428

SWM Pickup Schedule below: Bins must be placed curbside by 7:00 a.m.

Monday: Dark Gray Bin (*Trash)

Thursday: Green Bin (Brush) and Blue Bin (Recycle)

ADDITIONAL SERVICES: Bulky Item and Brush Pickups (on separate dates, twice a year. Residents are notified of date in advance by SMW door hangars.

Note: The Eden HOA also sponsors a Semi Annual Neighborhood Cleanup Day. On this date, residents can bring their unwanted items of various types to a designated area near the front entrance where a large crusher truck is on site.

HELPFUL COMMUNITY CONTACT INFORMATION (con't)

SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Northeast Independent School District – <https://www.neisd/domain/5973> This site will ask for your street name and then will list the respective elementary, middle, and high schools for your address

POST OFFICE:

MAIN OFFICE
10410 Perrin Beitel Road
San Antonio, Tx 78284
210-368-1712

LOCAL OFFICE: (services Eden)
15610 Henderson Pass
San Antonio, TX 78232
210-495-9774

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Rose Bean, Stella Bustos, Brent Hoben, and Cynthia Zunker

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR(S)

Judith Johnson

The Eden HOA holds an **Annual General Membership Meeting in September**. Election of HOA Officers is held at this meeting every other year. Next election will be in September 2023. Monitor your email, the Eden Website or Eden Facebook and Street signage for information with date for this event. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer with this group of dedicated Eden residents, please reach out by contacting us through:

Facebook: Edenduck Pond (*there are several sites for our duck pond. But only one is managed by our HOA.*)

Website: <https://www.edenduckpond.com>.

Email Address: EdennewsWatch@gmail.com (this address is constantly monitored and is also used for all on line payments being made to the HOA.)