

# TRAVIS LANDING LOG NEWSLETTER

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## Letter from the President



### Greetings Neighbors,

It's that time of year. Spring is springing and the important annual TLPOA meeting is approaching. So please mark your calendars for **Sat, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. This is your chance to give direct input on the association. Look on page 2 of the newsletter for more details about the annual meeting.

As 3 board members roll off the board on May 2nd, I am sure their replacements will stand alongside us, persevering for the common interest of us all. I refer, in particular, to the Cothran suit, which we did not go looking for (the issue over the lakefront properties). The suit is still ongoing even after these 6 months..

I am proud to say **Thank You** as the targeted fundraising goal has been obtained. Even vastly more satisfying is the wide response of the owners joining ranks. Two-thirds of the property owners contributed, recognizing the importance of this issue. It is reassuring to know that your response reinforces the substantial personal effort over the last six months, by the litigation committee made up of Elizabeth Boggess, Jim and Beverly Allen, and Dennis Ela. We have dedicated ourselves to using the resources provided as best we can.

In the meanwhile most of our lives go on in the main. As you will read below, for example, park maintenance goes on to ensure your enjoyment. This includes neighbors donating their own resources and services humbly without ceremony. To that point I am extremely proud of their humility (since I can't boast about my own, I'll boast about theirs; ...it's an attempt at humor, honest!)

Yours Truly,  
**Patrick Johnston,**  
**President TLPOA**

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## Annual May Meeting

The annual May meeting for Travis Landing property owners will be held at the **Travis County West Service Center on Saturday May 2, 2009, with the business meeting scheduled from 10:00 AM - noon**. There is ample parking and the building is easily accessible. The center is located on 620 going North (toward 2222) just beyond the dam on the right. It is a white stone building just before the Pedernales Electric Offices.

It is heated and air conditioned, has kitchen facilities, allows no alcohol, and seems to be a good choice considering the strange weather lately. Please come early to allow for signing in as you enter. A lunch will follow with plenty of visiting time. Jamie Neal, our board member in charge of social events, has good plans for the lunch. All you have to bring is an appetite!

**Partial agenda inside on page 2.**

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ Board Meeting  
April 14, 2009
- ◆ Easter Egg Hunt  
April 11, 2009
- ◆ Annual Meeting  
May 3, 2009



## ANNUAL MAY MEETING AGENDA

### Board Positions Open

Three positions on the TLPOA Board are open. Board members Cara Farnsworth and Richard Hess are leaving the board after completing four years of service to TLPOA. Kelly Johnson has completed one of a two-year term and must leave because of other commitments. (Kelly has served on the board in prior years). There is a flyer in this newsletter giving you a ballot with the candidate names that the current board is recommending to fill the vacant positions. This ballot will contain spots for "write-in" candidates. *Voting Absentee: If you wish to vote absentee, please use the enclosed ballot and follow the directions on it.*

### Board Recommends Increase in Dues

The board recommends an increase of 10% for the coming year bringing our yearly payment to \$94.20 per lot. We will have a vote for the increase at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. As always there will be a Treasurer's report. Your dollars are stretched as far as possible. Below are some the things the annual dues cover...

- Maintenance of the subdivision entrance and all the common areas. This includes mowing and weed eating the common areas, boat and trailer storage as well as trimming shrubs that are at the entrance, replacing signs, locks and picnic grills, road and fence repairs
- Purchase of new trees and care and maintenance of all trees.
- The port-a-potty, security lighting, garbage pickup, and security for holiday weekends in the Big Park
- Newsletters and letters to the property owners are published and mailed.
- Board of Directors liability insurance.
- Three social events are held each year as well as the annual meeting.

### Neighborhood Volunteering

To help keep costs down, volunteers are needed to maintain, repair, and beautify the common areas in Travis Landing. A volunteer sign up will be available at the meeting for the following activities...

- Watering new trees at the park. The volunteer system for watering the new trees in the park is **critical**, as the long drought has made this a vital concern. **We appreciate all who have participated in this effort.** They still need TLC if they are going to grow happy and healthy. We need volunteers for watering for June 2009 to May 2010. Details on page 3.
- Painting the fence and gate at the park entrance. This is a one-time volunteering opportunity that will help keep the neighborhood looking great.
- Ongoing maintenance of the common areas. This includes mowing, edging, and trimming the tall bushes at the entrance. You can sign up for one or all of these activities. If you can take on one maintenance task it makes a difference. There is success in numbers

**We'll see you at the meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Travis County West Service Center.**

### TLPOA BOARD MEMBERS AND

#### COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2008-2009

#### Board of Directors:

President: Patrick Johnston

263-2468

Vice President: Judy Harrison

266-1715

Treasurer: Richard Hess

266-3390

Secretary: Cara Farnsworth

426-5263/266-0040

#### Voting Members:

Nancy Dobson 266-8615

Linda Hodges 266-3203

Kelly Johnson 266-7935

Tom Kramptiz 817-528-5475

Margie New 266-3947

Jamie Neal 266-8041

#### Committee Chairs:

Technology Committee:

Margie New 266-3947

Architecture Committee:

Mark Hollcraft 266-0557

Recreation Committee:

Jamie Neal 266-8041

Park Committee:

Nancy Dobson 266-8615

Deed Restriction Committee:

Cara Farnsworth 266-0040



- A big thanks goes to Elizabeth Boggess and Cara Farnsworth for their ongoing efforts to consolidate the historical records for the TLPOA in order to keep our written history up to date. They received help from many of you over the year and it has helped the Board greatly.
- Thanks to Elizabeth Boggess, Cara Farnsworth and Jamie Neal for their time and effort to collect signatures and properly file the 2008 deed restrictions.
- Thanks to Richard Hess, Cara Farnsworth, and Kelly Johnson for their service on the TLPOA Board. They will be greatly missed.
- Thanks to Mort Gold and Linda Hodges for the use of their home to host the holiday party in December. Jamie Neal did her magic in coordinating all the areas to make this a memorable event.
- Stacey Breach and Bill Stout recently mulched the new trees in the Big Park. They also found watermelons growing!
- And a real big thanks goes to all who volunteered to water the new trees!
- Thanks to Stacy Breach and Chris Phillips for creating an easy to use watering system for the new trees.

## Park News

There have been few incidents of park misuse since the last newsletter and thanks to Jamie Neal for heading off one of them. A group of young men gathered in the park with their four-wheeler and motorcycle to utilize the sand bar. These young men were able to obtain a key from the home of a property owner while the owner was away.

**Remember:** Property owners must accompany their guests while using the Big Park. As a property owner, you may ask to see anyone's key if they are using the park. Get the number off the key. Keeping track will help us determine the frequency of changing locks and requiring the issuance of new keys.

The board has decided that the locks to the park gates do not need to be changed this year. Therefore, **new keys will not be issued for 2009.**

### QUICK FACTS

- Please refer to the **Calendar of Events** at [www.tlpoa.org](http://www.tlpoa.org) for any social activities, Board meetings, neighborhood events, park reservations, etc.
- **Park Reservations:** Go to [www.tlpoa.org/parkNews.php](http://www.tlpoa.org/parkNews.php) and click on the Park Reservations link.
- Should you need to **report a problem in the park** please call the Travis County Sheriff's Department at (512) 854-9728 and a board member (numbers listed on page 2).
- Before starting any **home improvement or remodeling**, please submit plans for approval to the architectural committee. Contact Mark Hollcraft at 266-0557 for details.
- **Deed Restrictions and Bylaws** can be found at [www.tlpoa.org/documents.php](http://www.tlpoa.org/documents.php)
- **Information and news** for the newsletter may be sent to [editor@tlpoa.org](mailto:editor@tlpoa.org) or contact Nancy Dobson.



## Watering New Trees

We are pleased to say that the volunteer system for watering the new trees in the park is critical, as the long drought has made this a vital concern.

### New Trees Watering Schedule

2008	
June	Elizabeth Boggess
July	Stacey Breach & Bill Stout
August	Wade Etheredge
September	Janice Blanton
October	Gary & Joyce Ranous
November	Michael Lord
December	Bev & Jim Allen
2009	
January	Mark Ridlehuber
February	Chris Phillips
March	Ross Wade
April	Barbara Bland
May	Mary Ragsdale & Ruth Lowe

Backups: Barbara Bland, Judy Harrison, Cara & Reed Farnsworth, Stacey Breach & Bill Stout and Elizabeth Boggess.

A watering system has been designed to make watering the trees easy. A water meter, 12V pump and a long hose have been added to tanks on a trailer so all you have to do is pick it up, fill it up and water. It takes about 2 hours, once a week (unless it rains). You will be shown how to use the watering system.

You can sign up now by contacting board member Nancy Dobson at 266-8615.

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

### Easter Egg Hunt

There will be another Easter Egg Hunt in the Big Park near the volleyball court (Location E), **Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM**. Bring your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews along with their Easter baskets for egg hunting and prizes. This will be another great time.

### Legal Fundraising Drive

Thanks to the property owners that contributed to this successful fundraising drive. This is a testament to the great community we have here in Travis Landing. We hope that the legal fund will be enough to cover our current and future legal fees. Any unused monies will remain in the legal fund.

### Technology Committee

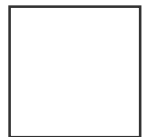
If you or anyone you know in the Travis Landing community has any word processing, programming skills, or expertise in web development and/or design, JavaScript, CSS, MySQL, Unix Administration, etc. or any related areas and would be interested in joining the Technology Committee, please contact **Margie New at 415-6855**.

**We said goodbye to long time property owners Bob and Aleen Woodard along with their daughter, Laura. We will miss them.**



**Hello to John (goes by Tom) and Laura Clayton along with their 2 sons. We also welcome Kristan Charles and Jack Armbruster and their Border Collie named Moosy. If you see these new faces, be sure to say HELLO!**

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