

TRAVIS LANDING LOG NEWSLETTER

Newsletter
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Upcoming Events

- ◆ RAIN DATE Park Party July 16, 2006
- ◆ Board Meetings for 2006
- ◆ Boat Storage Cleanup July 2006

Letter from the President

I have to tell you that being elected by a landslide wasn't easy - although I suspect running unopposed may have helped. People have told me I am crazy for in fact, I am really happy to be the new president of the TLPOA. I have looked back at old newsletters and I know that many of you have had this job before me AND still live here. So, how bad can it be? We have a great group of people on the board and we are committed to taking care of business.

I have lived in Travis Landing for twelve years but have been coming here for thirty. My sister and brother-in-law built the house at 5506 Longhorn Landing in 1976 and I learned back then that a wonderful summer day always included a swim in the lake. Now, thirty years later I live here with my husband and my father, still love the lake and this neighborhood, and hope to be saying the same thing for many years to come.

One thing that makes our neighborhood special is its increasing diversity. We have young families, children of all ages

and our own senior contingent. We have people in the middle of their careers and those who can tell us the virtues of retirement. We have a diversity of religion, race and nationality...hey, we even have differing opinions on just about everything. These are all good things.

My hope is to help make this an even better place to live. I want to continue the effort in the big park to maintain our trees and to plant new ones. I see us cleaning up the boat area and establishing order to the storage system. We need to have a park plan that is passed on from one Board to the next. We hope to soon have a homeowner's directory available to all residents as well as a welcome packet for new property owners and renters. We will get our Travis Landing website up and functioning and make it possible for residents to get information via email...and all that is just by July 1!

With love for our community,

Elizabeth Boggess, President TLPOA

Board Meetings

Your new TLPOA Board had its first meeting on June 7, 2006. Due to the vast number of projects the Board wants to address, it was decided that we would meet monthly for the next few months then resume our quarterly meeting schedule. The following dates were scheduled: July 11, 2006, August 15, 2006, and October 10, 2006. All meetings will be held at Elizabeth Boggess' home at 5505 Longhorn Landing and anyone is encouraged to join us. **Highlights of our first meeting are as follows:** David Moll resigned as head of the architectural committee. We thank him for all his years of service and his endless hours; David Lawrence running was selected to fill his vacancy; Margie New has taken on the daunting project of getting the TLPOA website up and; the park responsibilities were divided up among the

board members:

Richard Hess - Boat Storage Issues

Margie New - Reservations

Jamie Neal and Linda Talbot - Park Security

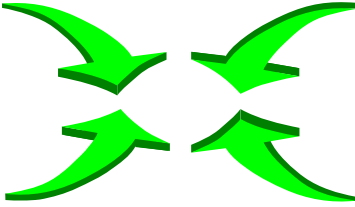
Margie New and Stacey Breach - Tree Maintenance

Donna Roughton, Reed Farnsworth and Marc Dearden - Future Park Planning

Elizabeth Boggess - Ongoing Park Maintenance.

These subcommittees need your help. Please contact a board member if interested...we need a group effort.

Neighborhood News



*A community creates
synergy*

TLOPA BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2006-2007

Board of Directors:

President: Elizabeth Boggess

266-3390

Vice President: Margie New

266-3947

Treasurer: Richard Hess

266-3390

Secretary: Cara Farnsworth

426-5263/266-0040

Voting Members:

Stacey Breach 266-3190

Marc Dearden 266-2521

Reed Farnsworth 266-0040

Jamie Neal 266-8041

Donna Roughton 266-6051

Linda Talbot 266-3738

Committee Chairs:

Park Committee: Margie New

266-3947/Volunteers Needed

Architecture Committee: To be

elected

Recreation Committee:

Jamie Neal 266-8041/

Volunteers Needed

What's happening in our neighborhood -

- Please if you have not switched over your trash collection service, we are encouraging everyone to contact Salford Disposal 834-8139. There are only a handful of residents who have not switched. If you switch mid-service, your current trash collector will refund the difference.
- Thanks to Duane Dobson, Jack Kelley and Richard Hess for working hard to restore our boat ramp.
- Volunteers are needed! We need members on the recreation committee and park committee. If you are interested in becoming part of one or all of these committees, please contact any board member or committee chair for information. If you have any experience in photo shop or other computer skills, we need your help with new residents welcome committee. Names of volunteers will be taken during our park party on July 16, 2006.
- If you wish to reserve a spot in the park

for a party or other gathering, remember to contact the new park vice president prior to the date to make sure your area is available.

- We are reminding everyone to lock the gate entrances to our parks. As you are aware, an unlocked gate invites unwanted guests. In addition, please do not "loan" your key to non-residents.
- Thanks to Jamie Neal and Ymki Van Den Burg for their security forces during the Memorial Weekend. We are planning a similar force during the upcoming 4th of July weekend. Remember your ID or key.
- Thanks to Norma Ayala. She was hired to clean up the brush around the boat storage area. Great Job!
- Just a friendly reminder to submit all home improvement or remodeling plans to architectural committee for approval before you start.

Please share any news you may have. You can email Cara Farnsworth at editor@tlpoa.org.

Park News

The big park is a focal point for many of us, especially this time of year. The new board members didn't have much time to get organized before Memorial Day but we did our best. We got the big burn pile taken care of with the tractor work of Jack Kelley, son-in-law of property owner Mary Daniel. The pile was enormous from all the tree trimming during the winter and the Hudson Bend fire marshal had given us specific instructions on how it could be burned...not as simple as lighting a match! The burn went smoothly and the area was leveled and is already greening up. **PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS**

NO LONGER A BURN PILE AND THERE IS TO BE NO DUMPING IN THE PARK IN ANY AREA INCLUDING HOUSEHOLD TRASH IN OR NEAR THE DUMPSTER.

While we had Jack and his tractor, we had him help out Duane Dobson and board member Richard Hess with the boat ramp project. The three of them pushed dirt rock and gravel up to the edges and under the ramp to stop the water from undermining the concrete. Hopefully, the water will soon come up and cover their hard work. Gary Ranous mowed the park again this year and our fearless president sprayed the poison ivy twice. We will watch for new growth...if you see poison ivy anywhere, please contact Elizabeth Boggess at 266-3390.

Vandalism to our Park Gate

Over the Memorial Weekend Ymki Van Den Burg worked the gate to verify those entering the park were homeowners or guests of homeowners. Jamie Neal organized this security detail - she did an outstanding job and we found this worked well. After we survived Memorial Day weekend, the park gate was vandalized. Someone was evidently in the park without a key and could not get out. With a great deal of

force they broke the hinges on the wrought iron gate. We now have to replace the gate at a cost of \$925. A police report was filed and we will prosecute. Should you have any information regarding this incident, please contact Elizabeth Boggess at 266-3390. **The Board is posting a reward for information to find out who was responsible for this needless act.**

Environmentally Sound

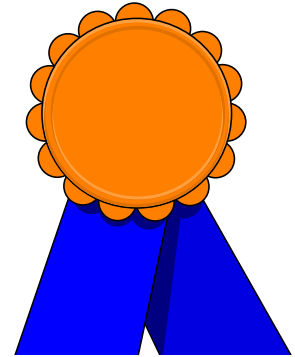
The following article appeared in the Sunday Parade and was given to us by Lisa Marshall, a resident of our community.

Five Steps to a Healthier Yard Make your yard environmentally friendly and safer for kids and pets

1. **Lighten the tree canopy close to your home.** You'll improve air circulation as well as cut down on the growth of molds and mildew on your home's foundation, siding and some interior walls.
2. **Use beneficial insects to control pests.** Check a local nursery for ladybug beetles or order them from an organic garden supplier. They'll arrive hungry for aphids and ready to lay eggs for the next generation of plant protectors. Green lacewings also have voracious appetites for spider mites, mealybugs and other pests.
3. **Replace herbicides and pesticides with natural pre-emergent weed control and lawn fertilizers.** Grass and soil

4. **Check you kids' wood play sets for any greenish-tinted wood.** It may have been treated with chromate copper arsenate, an arsenic derivative toxic to children. If the manufacturer confirms that the wood was treated, remove it.
5. **Adopt Eco-friendly methods of dealing with pet waste.** Consider Eco-friendly litter made of wood waste, peanut shells and sand; deodorize by sprinkling the litter box with baking soda. Dog walkers can try biodegradable scooper bags.

The Board is open to all suggestions to making our community more environmentally sound and will welcome all suggestions. Please contact Cara Farnsworth 426-5263 if you have any suggestions or comments.



No good deed is ever overlooked.

Help Wanted

We are trying something new in our community. We are asking everyone in our community if they have special skills or services that they can provide such as mowing, babysitting, landscaping, web design, computer skills, etc. To date the following people have contacted the board:

Jamie Neal - notary public - 266-8041
Norma Ayala - mowing, tree services, masonry - 233-9603
Margie New - Castille Landscaping - lawn care, landscaping - 266-3947
Lisa Marshall - Integrity Remodelers - remodeling contractor/design 266-0604

If you have or know of someone else who can provide a service and want to add their name, please contact Cara Farnsworth at 426-5263 or email editor@tlpoa.org.

Boat Storage Cleanup

Hopefully by now everyone has seen the change to our boat storage area in the big park. The Board hired Norma Ayala and her local lawn service crew to clean up the overgrown brush, poison ivy and trim the shrubbery around the boat storage area. We ordered numbered signs - 90 in all - to identify the boat slips/slots. These signs will be installed within next few weeks. Therefore, we are putting everyone on a **30-day notice** that has a boat, trailer, or other watercraft parked in the boat storage area to come forward, identify your property - register it with Richard Hess, and receive your assigned boat slip number. **All boats, trailers, etc. that are not identified within the next 30 days will be hauled away.** If you have questions or comments regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to contact Richard Hess at 266-3390. All this is in an effort to beautify our park. Thanks for your help and understanding during this project undertaking.

New Burn Permit Procedures

The Hudson Bend Fire Department has instituted a new procedure for those wishing to burn material outdoors. Before, it was only necessary to call 926-1706 and receive a verbal approval. It is now necessary to first get a permit for your burn site. It may be obtained at the Hudson Bend Fire Department, 11516 General Williamson Drive - 266-2533. At this time the Fire Department will not be charging for the permit but will require a site inspection. Once you have the permit, you may call for a verbal approval the day of the burn like before - but they will not approve the burn unless you can provide the number of your annual permit. This new procedure helps ensure the burn location is safe and satisfies the requirements set forth in the permit, and that the recipient of the permit thoroughly understands the rules for outdoor burning. By instituting this new procedure, the fire department will also have information to satisfy any caller reporting a burn. If you have any questions regarding these new procedures, contact the Hudson Bend Fire Department.

Annual Homeowners Park Party

As everyone is aware May was a rainy month - too bad we are not getting much lately. Because of this bad weather, the annual homeowner's picnic was cancelled. We are excited to announce that a make-up rain date for the park party has been announced. It will be held on Sunday, July 16, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. The park party will be held in the big park at the picnic benches at the center of the park. We will be providing food and drinks. So bring a lawn chair and good conversation - hope to see everyone there.

Dues - Just a Friendly Reminder

The homeowner dues are being collected at a good pace this year. Thank you to everyone who has paid. Putting a sign at the entrance reminding everyone to pay has been quite successful. To date, Richard Hess, Treasurer says that 85 of 194 lots have paid at the time of this publication. If you have not paid this year's dues, please remit payment utilizing the coupon below or contact Richard Hess to make other arrangements. Thank you for your prompt attention in this matter.

2006-2007 Maintenance Fee Coupon - TLPOA

P. O. Box 340457
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Statement Date: 7/1/06

Address of lot/lots owned:

Name:

Current Years Fee per lot \$70.75

Total Amount Due: \$

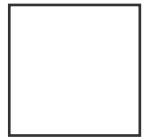
Mailing Address:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Do you own any watercraft currently parked in the boat storage area, please identify in space below:

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RECIPIENT NAME
STREET ADDRESS
ADDRESS 2
CITY, ST ZIP CODE