

# TRAVIS LANDING LOG NEWSLETTER

Newsletter  
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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ Annual Holiday Party December 8, 2007
- ◆ Deed Restriction Committee Meeting January 13, 2008
- ◆ Board Meeting January 15, 2008

## Letter from the President

Dear Neighbors,

In October you received a packet of information about several issues of importance and concern to our neighborhood. This newsletter will have further updates as well as information about what to look forward to in the coming months. We have social events to announce, new trees in the park, proposed deed restriction revisions and information about the annual meeting in May. Most of the Board members have terms that will expire in May and that is something we want to discuss with you, too.

Many of you have stepped up to help in the past few months with so many different projects and for that we are all grateful. The results are always better when you get more

people involved and so many of you have special talents...thank you from the entire neighborhood for your efforts to clean up the parks, fix our park roads, plant new trees, keep the front entrance watered, keep the new trees watered, make trips to the tax appraisal office, research our current crisis, revise the deed restrictions, plan parties and serve on the architectural committee.

Thanks for another good year in the neighborhood and come celebrate with us at the annual holiday party on December 8<sup>th</sup>...see you there.

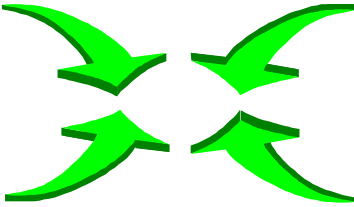
Happy Holidays,

Elizabeth Boggess, President  
TLPOA

## Tree Drive Set For January

We have had two successful tree drives this year and we are planning a third for January 2008. Thanks to Stacey Breach we are able to order trees at wholesale prices. Enclosed please find a flyer that lists the available trees you can order and prices. The Garden Diva - Norma Ayala - has also offered her services for planting if you want. The tree drive is open for every property owner wishing to plant new trees on their property or if you wish to make a contribution to plant a new tree in our park. All order forms are due by

January 14, 2008 with tree delivery set for January 19, 2008. We hope everyone takes advantage of this opportunity. If we able to place an order of \$400 or more, we will be able to have the trees delivered to the park for free.



*A community creates  
synergy*

#### TLOPA BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2007-2008

##### Board of Directors:

President: Elizabeth Boggess

266-3390

Vice President: Margie New

266-3947

Treasurer: Richard Hess

266-3390

Secretary: Cara Farnsworth

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##### Voting Members:

Stacey Breach 266-3190

Judy Harrison 266-1715

Reed Farnsworth 266-0040

Jamie Neal 266-8041

Donna Roughton 266-6051

Linda Talbot 266-3738

##### Committee Chairs:

Technology Committee: Margie

New 266-3947

Architecture Committee: Mark

Hollcraft 266-0557

Recreation Committee:

Jamie Neal 266-8041

Park Committee: Please contact

any board member for

assistance

Deed Restriction Committee:

Cara Farnsworth 266-0040

## Neighborhood News

What's happening in our neighborhood -

- The roads in the big park have been resurfaced. Thanks to Joe Bland and his crew for doing such a great job!
- Thanks to Stacey Breach for all her hard work in organizing a tree drive. We now have 77 new trees in our neighborhood.
- Just a friendly reminder to submit all home improvement or remodeling plans to the architectural committee for approval before you start or contact Mark Hollcraft for questions.
- REMINDER - LEASH LAW IN TRAVIS COUNTY - please do not let your dogs run loose in the

neighborhood as it is a danger for them and a nuisance for everyone else.

- Thanks to Linda Talbot, Linda Hodges, Morton Gold, Jamie and Charlie Neal and their family for a fun filled Trick or Trunk Halloween time in the park.
- Bernadine McBride, former Travis Landing resident, passed away in Waco on Thursday, November 22, 2007. Bernadine was an active participant in life in the Hudson Bend area and will be remembered fondly by so many of us who knew her.

Please share any news you may have. You can email Cara Farnsworth at [editor@tlopa.org](mailto:editor@tlopa.org).

## Park News

There has been a lot of activity in the big park. First we had the endless summer rains that inundated three of our new trees and left debris all through the park. The happy news is that only one of the submerged trees died and the other nine look great. We had several cleanups in the big park to get rid of the trash and do massive raking of organic matter that was left when the flood waters receded.

In August, They Might Be Monkeys! removed dead wood from about a dozen large trees in the big park. These are magnificent trees and they look so much better now that they have had some attention. To get the most from our association money, we opted to do the tree work cleanup ourselves and that was a big job. We did have some great volunteers and in fact scheduled one more work day to finish that project on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

In September, Joe Bland volunteered his time, equipment, and employees to work on the roads in the big park. The association paid for the fill that was used and what a big improvement in the roads. We know that all of you who use the park appreciate Joe's work.

In October, ten more trees were planted in the park. Thanks to Board member Stacey Breach for organizing what turned out to be community event. Trees at wholesale cost were available to anyone in Travis Landing and the wonderful news is that 77 trees were ordered. We are very happy with the quality of the trees and plan to make another order available to you in January. Thanks to all of you who helped get those trees planted!

The first ten trees we planted in the spring

got off to a wonderful start with the summer rains. We were told that the new trees needed to be watered weekly for the first two years. Now that the rains have ended, the trees need to be watered each week by volunteers. Thanks to Stacey Breach's generous contribution of a water tank for this project - now all we need is help with this ongoing chore. It only takes about an hour and a half to water the trees...that includes time for filling the tank and doing the actual watering. If you might be available to help, please contact Elizabeth or Richard at 266-3390. We will be happy to go with you the first time if you want. If you can't help, we suggest you do a weekly rain dance!

We had to spend more money this year on mowing in the park than in the past. It is amazing what an abundance of rain will do! Morton Gold has taken on the job of mowing the main part of the big park and Norma Ayala takes care of the boat storage area. Thanks to both of them for their work and for all of you who help with litter patrol.

You may have noticed that we no longer have our dumpster in the park. Salford Disposal has replaced the dumpster with garbage cans because the equipment needed to empty the dumpster is broken and too costly to replace. Salford picks up our park trash at no cost so we are not complaining. Our plan is buy a few more cans and build a small enclosure to keep the cans from being turned over by animals. It has been suggested that we designate one barrel for bottles and cans for recycling so we will give that a try.

If you ever have an emergency while in the park or see the need to call 911, please be sure that you send someone to unlock the gate for EMS. This recently happened and EMS took a hacksaw to the padlock which I am sure was a big project for them and an expensive one for us to replace the lock and welded chain.

## Update on Our Waterfront Access

In August, we wrote to you about a company that had purchased 80 underwater acres in front of our subdivision. The Travis County appraisal district map showing those 80 acres made it appear that this land bordered much of our shoreline. The idea that someone else could own out shoreline was in conflict with our original Travis Landing subdivision plat showing the waterfront lots (including the big park) extending into the lake. There is a notation on the original plat that states, "Lots extend to center of lake as limited by 160.36 acre tract...". This reference to the 160.36 acres is what makes up our subdivision and a

portion of it extends into the water. When the outline of our 160-acre tract is superimposed on Lake Travis shoreline and depth maps, it appears that the water level would have to go down a considerable amount before our shoreline would reach the 80-acre underwater tract.

The Appraisal District has redrawn their map of the 80 underwater acres and although that map will not become official until April 2008, we are relieved to see it now matches the wording of our original plat. We are still gathering information about this situation but for now, feel that we should not be worried. Please contact a Board member if anyone contacts you claiming waterfront access or ownership issues.



*No good deed is ever overlooked.*

## DEED RESTRICTIONS COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Board is happy to announce the formation of a committee to review our current deed restrictions. Cara Farnsworth is leading the group made up of Dennis Ela, Patrick Johnson, Stephanie Moll, Mark Hollcraft, Mark Ridlehuber, Robert Harrison and Elizabeth Boggess. The committee is going through section by section of the deed restrictions to clarify and update and simplify what has been in existence for the past eight years. With the proposed changes in the flood plain levels, the architectural section is in particular need of attention. In the spring newsletter we hope to have a draft of the proposed changes to send out to you in a format that will make your review a breeze. You will have plenty of opportunity for input and comments. A big thanks goes out to the committee members for volunteering their time for this important project.

## TLPOA Social Calendar

Thanks to our social committee for planning another great community get together the Saturday before Halloween. We had a good turn out of kids as well as adults who enjoyed the chance to put on their costumes and eat hamburgers and hot dogs. The movie in the park was a little chilly but the hot popcorn made us happy. Thanks to Jamie and Charlie Neal, Linda Talbot, Morton Gold and Linda Hodges for all their hard work.

You should have received your invitation to the annual TLPOA holiday party that is rapidly approaching! Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is the date and it will be at the home of Morton Gold and Linda Hodges at 5709 Lands End from 4:00-7:00 p.m. We will have plenty of food and drink and promise lots of good cheer. Like last year, we are asking for a donation of an unwrapped toy for the Green Santa project in the Lake Travis area and don't forget, Santa will be making a personal appearance around 5:30 p.m. so don't forget your cameras.

## BOARD VACANCIES

Before you know it, we will be talking about the plans for the annual meeting in May. We are working on setting the date with the Austin Yacht Club but that has not been finalized as of yet. Last year's meeting was made so much easier by the use of their facility and we are hoping to do the same for our 2008 gathering.

There are going to be many vacancies on the Board this next year as most of our two-year terms are expiring. We have had a great group and while we have worked hard we have also had fun getting to know each other and coordinating projects for the neighborhood. We hope that by staying active community members and working on committees to continue some of the projects we have started we can help the next Board members with some of the everyday tasks that they will need to deal with.

Judy Harrison is heading up the nominating committee for the new Board. She is compiling a list of property owners who might make good candidates but maybe you would like to volunteer and make life easier. Being on the Board is a great way to get to know the community and take your turn at taking care of Travis Landing. Please contact Judy at 266-1715 if you are even a little interested.

# Month At A Glance - December 2007 - January 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Park Clean Up 10-noon
2	3	4	5 Hanukkah Starts	6	7	8 Annual Holiday Party 4-7 p.m.
9	10	11	12 Hanukkah Ends	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Last Day of School	21	22
23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Deed Restriction Committee Meeting 4:30- 6p.m.	14 Tree Drive Order Deadline	15 Board Meeting 7-9 p.m.	16	17	18	19 Tree Pick-Up 11:00-noon

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