

HUDSON BEND COLONY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER
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The purpose of the HBCNA is to protect and promote the quality of life, the value of property and the residential plan and goals for our neighborhood.

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HBCNA First Meeting and Family Picnic 1985

Come and bring your family on Sunday, June 23, to 1600 Forest Way at the McIntosh/Sikes place. See map for location. Bring a new member. They may Join for 1/2 year@ \$15.00.

5:30 - refreshments
6:15 - announcements
 meet your board of directors
 update on activities
7:00 - supper

BBQ chicken, beans, potato salad, soft drinks, beer, iced tea will be furnished. Please bring a salad or dessert to share. Also bring blankets or folding chairs for you and your family. We will be looking forward to seeing you there.

In case of rain the meeting and picnic will be postponed until Sunday, June 30.

For reservations call Ginger Chapman at 266-2642.

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TREASURES REPORT:

\$1391.50 previous balance
 \$27.50 disbursements (supplies)

\$1363.00 balance

FROM OUR ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

I want to thank our board of directors and those who have assisted us in getting organized. It has taken an enormous amount of time to make calls, solicit memberships and attend meetings related to our newly formed organization... THANK YOU!

I am astonished at the many opportunities and responsibilities that our association now has. What many of you may not realize is that the city of Austin, the county and the LCRA are counting on us to appear and represent our views regarding many important matters which are taking place in our area. These are matters which affect us very directly in terms of our traffic safety, the scenic beauty of our area, the quality of the water we drink, the lake and ultimately the value of our property.

Like it or not, we are becoming a part of Austin. Our area is exploding and we are only beginning to "see the tip of the iceberg" My guess is that some of you will be seeking other places for quiet recreation, others will become actively interested in helping determine what happens in our area and more will take a "wait and see" attitude. All attitudes are valid for now, but I suspect the "wait and seers" will not be waiting long.

Notices to attend meetings on behalf of our area come across my desk weekly regarding zoning and sign post hearings, work sessions of the City Planning Department, the 620 Ordinance Committee, etc. I've called on members of our board to attend city council sessions, meetings with developers and with other area neighborhood associations...WE NEED HELP!

My view is that what is happening around us will continue to accelerate at an unbelievable pace. It is my belief that we can, if we will, affect the outcome. We can help determine such things as density in the undeveloped areas...how many buildings, what kind of buildings, how tall, how close to the roadway, how many access roads, etc. We are currently working weekly with the committee that is writing the ordinances for land use on either side of the planned 5 lane expansion to 620.

There are many other neighborhood associations in the area from 2222 to Hwy 71 with similar concerns. We have been exchanging ideas. I would like to encourage an area council of these groups to be formed so we could more easily respond to the increasing demands for citizen input on matters involving us all.

Meanwhile, we will continue to attempt to preserve our neighborhood area (once we have struggled through the traffic to get here!) as a great place to live and to play and to relax. It has been a real "eye opening" experience and privilege to serve as the president of your association. The real bonus has been meeting so many of you who are my neighbors in a place where I hope to spend more and more of my time.

Carole M. Sikes

Dwyer-Sanders is planning to develop approximately 200 acres on the corner of 620 and Hudson Bend Road with office buildings, retail space, 500 plus homesites and condominiums. The developers have been meeting with neighborhood groups and city staff.

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The city is drawing up ordinances for 620. Several of your board members have been meeting with the committee to study traffic safety and landscaping. The HBCNA and the Beby Ranch Neighborhood Association asked the Mullen city council to impose temporary controls until the ordinances could be completed. The vote was unanimous to do so. Your board has also represented you at city sector meetings. The city is divided into 14 sectors for the purpose of determining land use, zoning, etc. with input from citizens groups like ours.

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Representatives from groups on the Hudson Bend peninsula (Hudson Bend Colony, Beby's Ranch, Big Hollow and Travis Landing neighborhood associations) have been discussing the formation of an area council made up of all the neighborhood groups for the purpose of keeping everyone informed of local happenings and sharing support of common goals.

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Planned improvements for 620 include 5 lanes replacing the present 2. The new 620 will cross the Colorado Between Mansfield Dam and low water crossing(just downstream of the dam).

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In our last newsletter we stated that repairs to Hudson Bend Road were eminent, however, a snag has developed. The city of Austin is currently in court over it's limited annexation policy. Parties involved in limited annexation cannot vote in city elections, cannot be taxed by Austin but must conform to city zoning restrictions. 500 feet on either side of 620 from hwy 71 North to hwy 183 has undergone limited annexation. Travis county is waiting for the court settlement before repairs to a rapidly deteriorating Hudson Bend Road can be made since part of the road is within the "disputed area".

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A stacked boat storage operation is planned on property adjoining our subdivision on the East side of Pool Canyon Cove. The access to the water will be by way of an existing ramp which is located between the Austin Yacht Club property and the fenced boundary line of our subdivision.

The operators of the Lake Travis Lodges Marina are planning to more than double the number of boat slips at their present location at the end of Hudson Bend Road. Opposition has been registered with the LCRA to the proposed expansion into the main body of the lake on the grounds that the expansion would be unsafe, a navigational hazard and a flood control hindrance.

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As you may know, we have won an out-of-court settlement in our lawsuit against Michael Amerlan and Starshell Productions. Mike Walcher, who has taken responsibility for Starshell Productions, has promised to remove the dome.

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The water pressure in the Hudson Bend area can reach 140 PSI. This is greatly in excess of what the normal water pressure should be in a house. Many of our homes do not have a pressure reducing valve installed and problems such as many leaking water facets are a typical symptom of this. A pressure gauge can be screwed onto an outside hose connection to indicate what your water pressure actually is. If your pressure is high, a pressure reducing valve can be purchased from the water district #17 office(266-1111) on Eck Lane for about \$35. A plumber will be required to install the valve.

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If you plan to build a new home or remodel an existing home, then you may find the following information interesting. Before a large construction job can begin you must first submit plans to the Travis County Building Permit Department. They will issue a permit for \$8.50 if your new home or remodel conforms to the county requirements. Another license is necessary in the Hudson Bend area from the LCRA to install or enlarge the septic system. A drawing of the proposed system needs to be submitted to Bert Carter at the LCRA office on Lake Austin Blvd for approval. Since we are in Water District 17 and receive electricity from the city of Austin, they must also be notified of the construction and necessary inspection completed. If any of these steps are overlooked you can easily find yourself with a "Stop Work" order on your jobsite until the construction has met the above requirements. If you have any questions about this process please feel free to call David Bowen at 266-2230

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The HBCNA welcomes your comments and contributions to future editions of this newsletter. For additional information contact John Chapman at 266-2642.

Membership report:

55 regular members (property owners)

3 associate members

Patti Bates	Charles H. Lehne
Tommy & Inette Bicknell	Mr. & Mrs. S. C. McIntosh
Jimmy V. Blaylock	Irene Meredith
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Boone	James & Lavon Mills
David Bowen	Mr. & Mrs. Wm. C. Milstead
Harry W. Brown	Ferne & Walt Mizell
Bernie & Warren Broz	Glendine Modgling
Bob Campbell	Patricia Moore
Dr. & Mrs. W. H. Cardwell	Walter L. Muesse
Ann Chandler	W. S. Peace
C. Joe Chapman	Ruby S. Pierce
Ginger & John B. Chapman	Will & Joan Polson
Jim & Sharon Cook	Francis R. Reissig
John Craghead	Stan & Erika Rogala
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Paul A. & Mary Keller	Evelyn Webb
B. F. Knape	Conrad & Clare Werkenthin
L. L. & M. A. Kopra	Woods of Lake Travis
Edda I. Kuenast, M.D.	Cleon Yates & Juda Cloud
Helga & Jack Lawrence	John R. Zizelmann

We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to everyone whose time and energy has gone towards the formation of the HBCNA and encourage their continued support.

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