

NEWS

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The purpose of the Hudson Bend Colony Neighborhood Association is to protect and promote the quality of life, the value of property, and the residential plan and goals of our neighborhood. Regular membership is available to all property owners in Hudson Bend Colony I and II. Associate memberships are available to all others who will join with us for these purposes .

We especially extend an invitation to other neighborhood groups in the Hudson Bend area to become associated with us for the mutual benefit of all.

THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE FACING US SINCE LAKE TRAVIS WAS CREATED...SHOULD L.C.R.A. BE ALLOWED TO PIPE WATER FROM OUR LAKE TO SAN ANOTNIO ?

More about this on page 3

**PICNIC IS EARLY THIS YEAR:
ANNUAL MEETING AND SPRING
PICNIC: SATURDAY MAY 6TH**

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Hudson Bend Colony and Lake Travis - gems of the world that deserve our protection, our attention and time. This residential development is threatened from many sides. San Antonio wants our water, commercial exploitation challenges our peace, as does the sprawling urbanization, and now a proposed toll bridge threatens to cut the lake in half.

I have proposed that the same officers stay in place for one more year because, while we stayed alert and ready, we were not called for much extra work. We revised and modernized the Bylaws, began a Hudson Bend Colony telephone book and promoted the continuing adoption of the revised Restrictions to insure continued peaceful residential use of Hudson Bend Colony.

We should not be misled by the current calm; Hudson Bend Colony and Lake Travis are envied by many. An association of all your neighbors is the best way - and truthfully, the only way - to speak with any effective voice on our own behalf.

**PLEASE SEND YOUR ANNUAL DUES OF
\$25.00 TO THE TREASURER:**

ERMA CAMPBELL

6205 Hudson Bend Road

Austin, TX. 78734 phone: 266-2141

Current officers of our neighborhood association:

President: Conrad Werkenthin

Vice Pres: Jodi Taylor

Secretary: Patti Stalik

Treasurer: Erma Campbell

Directors:

Gary Paisley

Betsey Dykes

Wyoma Craghead

J.R. Randy Lacey

PatNex

**Conrad Werkenthin serves as our legal counsel.
Carole Sikes publishes our newsletter.**

Regular membership in the neighborhood association entitles you and your family to attend our annual picnic, to vote, to receive newsletters and notices of important events affecting our neighborhood and our property.

Associate members who are not property owners have all privileges except voting.

OUR BARBECUE AND COVERED DISH ANNUAL PICNIC & MEETING WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR AT THE HOME OF

**Diane and Lee Biggart
6401 Hudson Bend Road
SAT. MAY 6th AT 5 P.M.**

The Biggarts are located at the end of Hudson Bend Road. We will gather around their pool on the lakeside of their home. Bring folding chairs and a salad or dessert to share.

Your entire family and guests are welcome. But REMEMBER.... Call Erma to reserve plate(s) of barbecue***266-2141*****

NEWS ABOUT NEIGHBORS

Eileen and Randy Beck have a new baby girl whose name is Elizabeth. And next door, Barbara and Bill Kelley's new baby, Alexander.

We are delighted that Milton Taylor looks so fit and feels great after multiple by-pass surgery. And R.B. Klug has recovered from his accident, he was hit while riding his bicycle on 620. Maybe the new traffic light there will make it safer.

On Median Road there are two new houses, custom built for owners Betsy & Terry Manning and Christine & Douglas White. By the way, have you noticed how neatly kept is the roadside along Median Road? Thanks to James Benson and his riding mower, from all of us who drive Median. And thanks to Mary and Milton Carpenter on that street for the fantastic yard displays at Christmas and Halloween. For those of you who missed it, look for a treat next year (we hope!). And don't miss the Christmas lights at the Stalik's house on Elm.

Joe Chapman has recently retired, we hope to see him and Flo more at Lake Travis and less in Houston. And Charles Sikes has retired after 37 years of retailing in Austin.

George Zentichko has returned to his home; John and Kathy Pugsley and 2 sons bought the Davis house on Hudson Bend Rd. Also

new on that street are David and Sandy Boone with 2 daughters; Bill and Wanda Colley and Norman Poole and Mike Jones.

Other new neighbors we want to welcome are the Novaks, Wendy and Ron, on Forest Way. And on Pool Canyon Road: Steven and Laura Neeley, and Gary and Sharon Lee. We hope to see all of you at the picnic, as we do last year's newcomers, Laura Sikes, Jodi and Jon McMahan, Bob and Terresa O'Neill, Bruce and Claudia Foster; and we especially hope Joyce Holeman and Blanche Washburn are well enough to come.

A weekend neighbor, Houston resident Randy Smitheal has bought more property in our neighborhood. It's good to see neighbors investing in our Hudson Bend Colony subdivision: Patti & Bill Stalik have bought additional property, as have Ann & Lou McManamee property owners in an adjoining subdivision at the end of Pool Canyon Road. Eursel & Francis Reissig's daughter, Sandra Heatley is clearing her lot on Pool Canyon Road.

Have you looked over the fence at the ravine on Pool Canyon...a beautiful; natural habitat for native plants and animals has been created by a U.T. prof who owns adjoining property in another subdivision. I've been told he is working with federal grant money to study turtles!!

So please let me know when new residents move in. We need their names and addresses so they can receive the newsletter and any bulletins our Board sends. I'm sure I've left out several. And if you like this column about what's going on with neighbors, please let me know...of if not, I'll expect to hear...this annual newsletter is for your information and we need to know what you want us to include.

DEATHS

In memory of three Hudson Bend Colony residents who have died during the past year
**Bernice Huskins
Bill Ward
Bob Washburn**

Each year we get closer to 100% of all properties to be updated with revised, restated subdivision codes. Board member Betsey Dykes is to be congratulated for her efforts and the results of several more signatures.

Several of you have indicated to some of us that you will sign the document ratifying the new codes, but have not followed through. If you will not be at the picnic this year, please contact me, Carole Sikes 266-1139, so that I can make arrangements for you to sign. If you are at the picnic, I'll have what you need to join with us in this project. This will include your property on the list forevermore.

SPRING PICNIC AND ANNUAL MEETING IS MUCH EARLIER THIS YEAR! SATURDAY, MAY 6TH.

Perhaps it won't be so hot! We'll gather around the Biggart's pool and visit and eat as well as learn what's going on in our neighborhood and the lake area.

******Cole Rowland has been invited to speak to us about the requests from San Antonio and Corpus Christi to LCRA to transport our Lake Travis water into their cities. He created the Highland Lakes Group, an organization of many Neighborhood Associations, Chambers of Commerce, Marinas, and other groups along the Highland Lakes; and he produces a newsletter entitled Water Matters.**

******We'll also learn more about the proposed new bridge to cross the lake just below Hurst Creek, feeding into 620 south of Hudson Bend Road.**

COPIED FROM THE COMMANCHE TRAIL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION'S MARCH NEWSLETTER:

The City of Lago Vista opened discussion with the Texas Turnpike Authority (TTA) in Jan. 1994 concerning the feasibility of a bridge between Lago Vista and RR 620. At a Dec. 1994 meeting with the TTA, the staff presented findings from its study of the bridge issue. The TTA Staff estimates

that a toll bridge from Arkansas Bend Park (at the end of Sylvester Ford Road) to the Hudson Bend area would cost \$41 million. The toll would be approximately 1.50. Before the TTA Board proceeds any further, they have requested that the local jurisdictions raise some of the funding for a feasibility study

From what I understand, the bridge would have approximately six to twelve pillars set in the lake, with a height of 14' maximum (sailors beware).

Protect Lake Travis Association is opposing the construction of the bridge and has asked that individuals write to the TTA and LCRA and voice your opinion on the bridge.

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.....The most important issue..... and the greatest threat to your property values (not to mention recreational pleasure) is the possible siphoning of water from Lake Travis to supply other communities like San Antonio whose voters have *twice* turned down participation in the Applewhite Reservoir.

U. S. Dist. Judge Lucius Bunton has instructed LCRA and cities using the Edward's Aquifer to obtain agreements for getting a minimum of 150,000 acre feet of treated water per year from other sources.

If we allow water to be transported from Lake Travis, you can be sure that many other communities will attempt to hook into and extend the pipe line, filling the coffers of the LCRA with

utility money and draining the pockets of those who own businesses around the lake.

Many of us can remember the years of draught and the low lake levels of the early 1950s and 1962-'63 and summer of '84. We can attest to the necessity for containing and conserving our water so that residents in the communities surrounding the Highland Lakes and along the banks of the Colorado River downstream will have sufficient water during those dry years which will surely come again.

REVISED SUBDIVISION CODE

Dear Property owner:

If your name is **NOT** on this list, please call me at 266-1139. **Thanks! Carole**

If your name is *not* listed below, please contact me or a member who can answer questions about the project. A signature page will be made available for you to sign. We have notaries in the neighborhood who have volunteered to help. This easily can be done at the picnic, or we will mail you the necessary papers to sign and have notarized.

If you have neighbors who are not listed, please contact them and encourage them to sign.

Hudson Bend Colony No. 1

Block 1

Broz, Finger, Sponberg, Dykes, Randall, Bowen, Johnson, Connelly, Nex, Englekling, Novack

Block 2

Blaylock, Foyt, Finger, Reissig, Dement, Sciance, Disch, Weis, Sikes, Sponberg,

Block3

Boone, Chapman, Fowler, Werkenthin, Paisley, Washburn, Kneblick, Thorpe, Smitheal, Lacey, Meredith

Block 5

Ratican, Sawyer, Knape, Zizlemann, Davis

Block 6

Chapman, Yates, Meredith

Block 7

Kieke, Stalik, Zentichko, Van Horn, Campbell, Mashburn, Modgling, King, Alff

Hudson Bend Colony No. 2

Block 1

Klug, Cook, Hall, Holeman, Krieg, Milstead, Easley, Monroe, Matteson, Huskins, Tinney, Wray, Bartz, Fenton, Kallman Gardner, Campbell, Rogala, Robison, Sikes, Webb, Zacarias, Weyland, Price

Block 2

Lee, Lehne, Sharpe, Chabot

Block3

Beck, Taylor, Kelley, Mizell, Peace, Craghead, Vandervort, Thigpen, McGee, Paxton

Block4

Stalik, Sikes, Taylor, Benson, Maxwell, Hass, Jackman, Earls,

Block 5

Webb, Winborne, Sikes

Block 6

McManamee, Kelley, Foster, Heatley, Sikes, McMahon

Multiple property owners who have NOT signed for ALL their properties and who need to call me are:
Smitheal, Manning, and Stanzel Brothers Trust

BOAT LAUNCHING

ONCE AGAIN, WE THANK THE MARINA ASSOCIATION FOR ALLOWING US TO USE THEIR BOAT RAMP. We appreciate the continued use of their facility for launching our boats.

If you want to use the Marina's boat ramp, call marina manager, **Jim Chapman**, 266-3290 for an appointment to launch; this is especially necessary on the week-ends. **And remember to make arrangements to remove your trailer after launching.** The point of land, which surrounds the Marina's one acre of land and boat launch, is owned by **Lee Biggart** and carries a "non-exclusive" parking easement . Because parking is very limited with all the operations on the point sharing the spaces that are there, we want to cooperate in every way, and to show our appreciation in any way we can, for the continued use of the slip owner's boat launch.

Vance Naumann is the current president of (LTLMA) the marina's association of slip owners.

ALSO remember:

DayBreak Boat Rentals at the end of HiLine Road has a boat ramp available for use at water levels above 674'. There is parking for 8 cars and trailers. Call Brian at 266-2176 and identify yourself as a HBCNA member. Launching charges will be paid by the neighborhood association.

ANNUAL PICNIC...SAT. May 6th
MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR THIS
IMPORTANT AND FUN EVENT!