

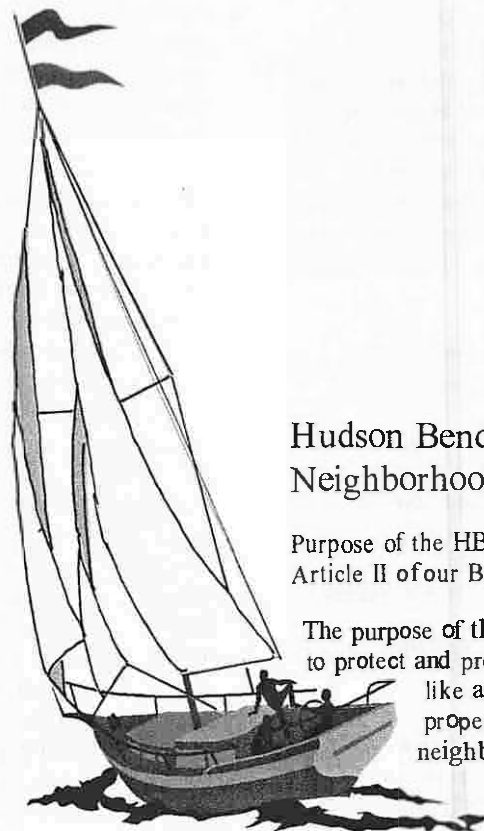
AROUND THE BEND

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Hudson Bend Colony Neighborhood Association

Purpose of the HBCNA, taken from
Article II of our Bylaws:

The purpose of the Association shall be
to protect and promote the quality of
like and the value of
property in our
neighborhood.

Feasibility Study – A Hike and Bike Trail?

By Gary Paisley

A plan is afoot to create a hike and bike trail on the Hudson Bend Peninsula. Many residents of the Hudson Bend area with families often bemoan the lack of sidewalks, or safe areas for their children to ride bicycles, and adults, runners, and bicyclists often wish there were an automobile free way to access stores, businesses and transportation to parks, schools or work from their neighborhoods.

The Hudson Bend Colony Neighborhood Association is sponsoring a feasibility study to see if a hike and bike trail can be created.



HBCNA resident Gary Paisley has been working on this project since last summer.

About sixty people met on September 14, 2002 at the

Lighthouse facility on Hudson Bend Road to hear about the proposal, ask questions and fill out a trail route survey.

They learned that a hike and bike trail can be used by horses. That if it were three miles long it would cost about \$500,000 to build using a granite sand surface, and that federal funds could pay up to 80% of that figure. The LCRA has funds available for parks and paths, and Travis County is supportive of such efforts. Water Quality District 17 has offered to be the nominating agency for project funding. Sixteen people signed up at the meeting to be part of a team to push this project.

Results of the trail route survey indicated that residents would like to travel from the Emerald Point Marina area to 620, utilizing the High Voltage power lines, bridle paths and only rarely be in the shoulder area of Hudson Bend Road. They indicated desirability to see undeveloped LCRA land become a park, and that connecting a new park to the existing Mansfield Dam park would also be a good thing for a hike and bike path to offer.

Since that time, further work on the right-of-way issues has been fruitful:

1. The LCRA has indicated that as far as they are concerned they do not have a problem with a hike and bike trail that utilizes the area underneath the high voltage power lines, but landowners over which the power line traverses will have to give their individual assent for it to be used as a hike and bike trail.
2. LakeWind subdivision has a wonderful undeveloped (and not developable) area nearly adjacent to the existing Mansfield Dam Park that is part of a drainage and conservation easement. It was indicated that this could be used for a hike and bike trail; however LakeWind is also expected to be a gated community. It may not be possible to have a public hike and bike trail going through LakeWind. Further communications with the developer will continue.
3. The bridle path easements have turned out to be a reality, at least in the only subdivision researched to this date. La Hacienda Estates has nearly a mile of bridle path easements recorded on the plat submitted to Travis County in 1968. A good portion of these easements are blocked, either by trees, heavy vegetation, water or fences. A note on the legal plat describes the bridle path easements to be used by owners of lots in La Hacienda Estates. As far as I know, there is not a neighborhood association in La Hacienda Estates. It is not clear at this point who the representative entity is for La Hacienda Estates.

There are lots of things yet to do:

- ❖ Further bridle path easement research. Several individuals have mentioned that at one point in time, there was a veritable network of bridle paths on Hudson Bend. How many are actually recorded as easements, and have some chance of being re-activated?
- ❖ Contact with the management of Emerald Point Marina revealed that they apparently have leased the undeveloped area from LCRA that we feel could be turned into a bike path park/wildlife area. What are their plans, if any for this area?
- ❖ Research to see if "shoulder improvements" can be made to the most hazardous areas of Hudson Bend Road by Travis County.
- ❖ The Woods of Lake Travis Homeowners association has plans to turn the area adjacent to the LCRA land into a park, would they be interested in access to public funds for development if the area could be used as a hike and bike path easement?
- ❖ LakeWind (Toll Brothers) need to be contacted to see if their drainage easement can be used for a hike and bike trail.
- ❖ A letter needs to be drafted to the property owners to grant hike and bike trail easement over affected property areas (LCRA power line, shoulder areas on Hudson Bend Road).

HBNCA director Daniel Kallick was in charge and was appreciative of having Charlie Rogers present for support. Thank you, Charlie.

Daniel would like everyone that showed up to accept the gratitude of the HBCNA for volunteering their time and effort to clean up the roads.

Trash was collected from several streets in our neighborhood. The number of bags that were collected was the same as last year.

The folks from our neighborhood that donated their time and energy were:
Doylene Fenton, HBCNA
Art Harper, Lake Travis Outreach
Charlie Rogers, HBCNA
Ray Pencsak, HBCNA
Gary Paisley, HBCNA Director
Dyan Bennett
Jo Cowley, HBCNA
Jack Cowley, HBCNA
Elizabeth Sutch, HBNCA
Pat Cougney,
Mary Volpe,
Marites Kallick, HBCNA
Liz Chapman, Chapman Marina
Thomas Sigg, HBCNA

Those individuals and organizations that make this event happen every year are:
Jim Woffard, LCRA
Keep Austin Beautiful
Travis County Parks
Protect Lake Travis Association
Commander Trail Neighborhood Association
Hudson Bend Colony Neighborhood Association.

Thanks to all that helped!

Happenings in Our Neighborhood

The Reserve on Hudson Bend, An Elegant Addition
By Carol Bubak

The Reserve at Hudson Bend subdivision is located on Hiline Drive before Carlos and Charlie's. Its sole builder is Monterey Homes whose parent company,

"It's a dirty job,



but..."

By Patricia King Sigg

The annual trash clean up took place on June 6, 2002 and was once again well supported by some determined and reliable individuals and businesses in our neighborhood.

Meritage Corporation developed the subdivision. It is a gated community, consisting of the Reserve Lakeside and Reserve Hillside sections, which are across Hiline Drive from each other. There are only two streets, Laguna Cliff Drive and French Harbour Court, which are both cul-de-sacs. There are at least thirty-seven lots for homes in the \$369,000 and up range. Homes are over 2,590 square feet. As of this writing, about fourteen lots have been sold and about seven of them have sold in the last six months.

We have two families who have already moved into their completed homes, one in the Reserve Lakeside and one in the Reserve Hillside. There are about six more homes under construction now and six more lots are being cleared. Art Craig is the construction manager for Monterey Homes and was formerly the manager for Legacy Homes in the Westside Preserve at Buttercup Creek.

Most new homeowners are including rustic limestone or stucco exteriors, granite countertops and floors of stained concrete, inlaid marble or wood floors.

Most of the fifteen plans available have features such as sweeping staircases, rotundas and balconies with wrought iron belly balustrades.

The subdivision has a clay tile roof requirement which adds a rustic Mediterranean charm.

The most popular homes being sold are in the \$460,000 to \$550,000 price range. Therefore, the subdivision is quite an asset to our area because it is heavily deed restricted, which keeps property values higher for the Hudson Bend area.

The beautifully appointed model home at 5700 Laguna Cliff Drive features granite countertops, intricate marble and wood inlaid flooring and a swimming pool with a waterfall and natural rocks to complement its rustic surroundings.

Monterey Homes is the upper end division of the builder's parent company, Meritage Homes. Meritage builds

primarily in the southwestern states and has developments in Houston and Dallas as well. This past year, the company bought out Hammond Homes, a longtime builder of fine homes in Austin.

The sales agent for the Reserve is Belinda Shuler, who has been with the Hammond Homes division of the Meritage Corporation for several years. Her sales office phone number is 266-4820. I encourage you to visit the Monterey Homes model to become familiar with our newest addition to the Hudson Bend area.

You will be impressed!

The Annual Picnic, June 2002 – Good Food and Conversation!

By Patricia King Sigg

The annual corporate membership meeting of the HBCNA was held on the 15th of June, at the Precinct 2 building at 4501 RR 620 North. The meeting was called to order at 11:40 a.m. by HBCNA Vice President Lory Alexander.

Nominating chairman, Ericka Rogala, announced the slate.

Director nominees:

- President: Carol Bubak
- Vice President: Lory Alexander
- Treasurer: Erika Rogala
- Secretary: Tia Murphy
- Directors: Kirsten Jacobvitz
Daniel Kallick
Patricia King Sigg
Gary Paisley
Marilyn Sitzman

Lory Alexander asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. The motion was made to accept the slate as nominated by acclamation. The motion was seconded and the acclamation was unanimous.

Several individuals were recognized for their continuous contributions to the efforts of the HBCNA and our community.

Charlie Rogers was recognized for his dedication to important issues. Charlie is always ready to lend a hand.



Tom Sciance was thanked for his continued hard work and patience with the Neighborhood Directory.



Cindy Banister and Nancy Weiss were acknowledged for their reliable help at the sign-up table, collating the newsletter and collating the neighborhood directory. Cindy Banister stepped in at midterm to fill a board vacancy this past year, as well.



Lory Alexander presented the new HBCNA President, Carol Bubak, with a walnut gavel. The gavel is engraved in memoriam of Director Bruce Kundrot. Bruce Kundrot had been an energetic and motivating member of the board. Carol accepted the gavel adding that

former President, Larry Gryder, will also be missed by our community.

There was a short discussion regarding an update on the Hudson Bend Harbor Condominiums, also known as the "Morse/Hightower project". It appears as though the property may be for sale.

The Highland Lakes Group sent the HBCNA board a ballot for their Board elections. The motion was made to accept both candidates on the ballot by acclamation. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Oak Wilt in Travis County

By Marilyn Sitzman

Eric Beckers of the Texas Forest Service presented valuable information about oak wilt to a group of Hudson Bend residents on January 11th.

The Texas Forest Service has mapped locations of oak wilt in 50 counties in central Texas and has identified areas of affected oaks in Travis County. Oak Wilt is a fungal infection that can kill red oaks in 2-4 weeks and live oaks in 2-4 months. Oak wilt spreads mainly by underground joining of root systems enabling the fungus to spread from one infected oak to all surrounding oaks. Also, insects can carry fungal spores from infected red oaks to fresh wounds on healthy live oaks to start new outbreaks. Oaks resist the fungus by plugging their water conducting systems but this disrupts the water flow to the leaves causing the characteristic leaf wilt and defoliation. Deep trenching to prevent the fungus from spreading through connecting root systems is the only effective way to stop the spread.

Fungicides can protect nearby oaks but do not stop the underground transmission. Preventive measures include identifying and destroying infected red oaks, immediate painting of wounds from tree trimming, and proper selection and storage of fire wood.

For information about effective measures to identify, treat, and prevent oak wilt infection and sources of assistance, go to

www.txforestservicetamu.edu

and search for "oak wilt" or call the Oak Wilt Hotline at 512-473-3517.

Your 2002-2003 Officers and Directors of HBCNA:

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