

Around the Bend

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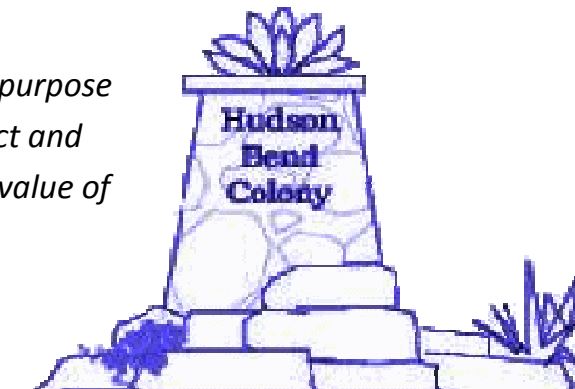
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From Article II of our Bylaws: The purpose of the Association shall be to protect and promote the quality of life and the value of property in our neighborhood.



President's Message

By Kyle Kelly, New HBCNA President

Do you have a new neighbor? If so, go say hello whether they are owners or renters and let them know about the Hudson Bend Colony Neighborhood Association. Or, better yet, give one of your HBCNA board members a heads-up and we will extend our greetings and provide our newcomers with a welcome packet. While our organization is voluntary in its participation, the \$40 membership fee per household is well worth the value received throughout the calendar year. The annual HBCNA Spring Picnic for members is becoming well-known for its great educational speakers, food and fun. Last year's 2013 Spring Picnic introduced HBCNA member attendees to the graciousness of the owners of the private LaHacienda RV Resort who provided the location, to the fine-tuned ear and knowledge of master naturalist and birder Jane Tillman, and the mouth-watering barbecue provided by Holdin' Smoke BBQ. Additionally, HBCNA was able to line up the impressive musical talent of internationally known singer/songwriter Bo Porter. Later in the year, HBCNA provided its members with a fall bulk trash drop-off event that helped the members who participated avoid local dump fees, which can be \$60 or higher. Each household within the Hudson Bend Colony neighborhood also receives two newsletters during the year that are full of news and concerns impacting our neighborhood, gardening and landscaping tips, local critters, recipes, and local events.



Hudson Bend Historic Marker Dedication

By Kyle Adams, Photos by Steve Hudson



Hudson Bend Colony has a fascinating history. Wiley Hudson and his family of 8 children settled on the bend of the Colorado River (later named for him) in 1854. In only 6 years, other families had joined them and had quickly formed a small community with an established school and a church. The area was farmed for many years and about 1/2 of it flooded after the completion of Mansfield Dam in the 1940's. It is now home to both commuters and retirees alike.

An historical marker was awarded the area in 1978 but it was knocked over by a motorist after only a few years. A movement spearheaded by the Hudson Bend Garden Club (particularly Doris Law) and WCID#17 to reinstall a marker commemorating the area's historical significance resulted in the marker we now see at the little roadside park on Hudson Bend Road .7 mile from its intersection with FM620.

Construction crews from WID#17 widened, improved and re-furbished the site and a formal dedication was held November 19, 2013 in a mid-day ceremony. The President of the Garden Club, Ali Whyte, made a short speech as did David Steed, President of the Board of Directors of WCID#17 thanking all who made the new marker site possible. The Garden Club served coffee and cookies to a small crowd of 30-40 people.

Pull off the road at the little park sometime and read about Hudson Bend Colony and it's beginnings. It's where we all live.

News We Can Use

by Kyle Adams

Hudson Bend and the rest of the Lake Travis area has had only one day per year when residents could dispose of chemically hazardous household chemicals. On that appointed day, everyone lined up at Hudson Bend Elementary School to bring their hazardous chemicals for disposal. That crowded event which lasted for hours and backed up traffic for miles should soon come to an end.



Plans for a permanent year-round disposal site have been approved and construction is set to begin as soon as a building permit is issued. The property on General Williamson Dr. east of the Lake Travis Fire Station will have a very basic metal building erected on a concrete slab. The Lake Travis Regional Reuse and Recycling Center will accept paint, waste oil, floor stripper and almost all other chemicals. An interesting product will be offered for free: the discarded paints will be mixed, creating one "light" color latex and one "dark".

The Center will be owned jointly by the City of Lakeway, Lakeway Municipal District, the city of Bee Cave, Hurst Creek MUD, WCID#17 (our water supplier) and The Village of the Hills. Hours of operation will be announced later. Watch for it to open!

New Book Coming on the History of Our Community

By John Chapman

Recently I was fortunate to sit down with an old friend and former HCBNA founding member, Carole Sikes and her husband Charles to discuss the book she is writing, **The Birth of Lake Travis and Hudson Bend, Evolution in the Hills West of Austin**. Prior to our meeting I was able to read two excerpts from her book due out this fall. My family 1st moved to Hudson Bend in 1984 and the area was much different then. Carole on the other hand was introduced to the area as a small child.

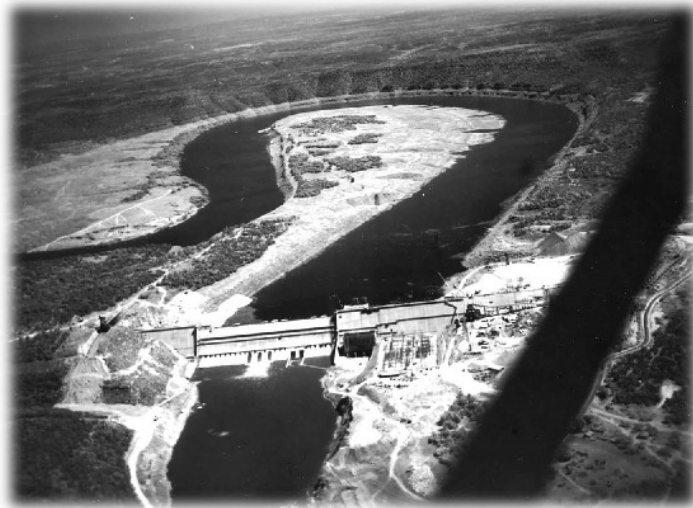
Her late father, S.C. "Mac" McIntosh, and Hugh Webb purchased, surveyed and developed our Hudson Bend community beginning in 1939.

If you've ever wondered who





in the heck was everything around here named after you've got to get your hands on a copy of Carole's book in the fall. There are rich details about Hudson Bend, and stories about how Lake Travis and the other Highland Lakes changed the economics of the area. From a place where subsistence farmers lived along the Colorado riverbanks enduring droughts, floods and no electricity, we have changed into a cottage lined gem in the Texas Hill Country.



Carole has done her research both with her family photo album and other area groups who have photos and maps of the area at different times. Expect details in the Fall HBCNA newsletter on how to get a copy of this pending novel.

Happenings In 'The Bend'

by Kyle Kelly, HBCNA President

- ◆ The HBCNA Spring Meeting and Picnic will be held this year on Saturday, May 3rd, at 16658 Forest Way. The event will start at 5:00 p.m., to be followed by an informative presentation, a BBQ meal, and live music. Mark your calendars and be sure to bring your favorite side dish or

dessert, as well as your 2014 membership fee of \$40 if you have not already paid through the mail by the time of the picnic.

- ◆ A new gated community of approximately 38 individual detached homesites with condominium-style ownership is planned for a 15 acre site in the Hudson Bend area. The development, known as Cresta Tramonta, will be located at 4429 Eck Lane and is slated to break ground early 2014. The development will have one of the lower price points in the Lakeway area, from the mid-\$200,000s to the high \$300,000s.



- ◆ A representative from the Hudson Bend area water district (WCID17) notified HBCNA that waterline work will be starting in March along HiLine Drive. The work will last through the summer and is scheduled for completion by September of this year.
- ◆ Travis County Road and Bridge division started working on a Pool Canyon Road bridge repair project about 6 months ago. The project had been idle for the last 4 months and an HBCNA member contacted the Board about the half-finished, unsafe state of the repair project. An email was sent to Travis County Road and Bridge expressing the HBCNA concerns. Travis County responded almost immediately and just recently completed the work remaining on the bridge repair.
- ◆ Last fall an HBCNA member contacted the Board with concerns that tree trimming company in the area was not fol-

lowing proper oak wilt prevention practices. A few Board members met with the company, provided its reps with oak wilt prevention information from the City of Austin, and obtained assurances from the company owner that corrective action would be taken for work already performed and proper practices would be followed since active oak wilt is a concern in our neighborhood.

Night sounds

By Tom Struppeck

Have you heard the owls? We heard several owls this summer and finally saw them one night sitting atop a barren tree across the street. They stayed put while I got the flashlight, and when I got back I was able to see that they were a pair of Great Horned Owls, unfortunately I did not get a photograph.

My books tell me that these are widespread and common in North America; I can tell you that they are big. Females are actually larger than the males, but they are both big. I was fortunate to see both of them and to hear a third one which I believe was one of their offspring.



How big are these owls? Well, one of their favorite animals to feed upon are skunks, so they are quite a bit bigger than a skunk. I am told that they occasionally will fly into a human and when that happens the human is often knocked down. With an eighteen to twenty-five inch body length and wingspan up to five feet, these two to five

pound birds are formidable hunters.

After reaching maturity at age two, these birds can live for another ten years or more in the wild, so you should have many opportunities to see and hear them in the coming years.

Treasurer's Report

By Tom Sciance

The report is shown below. The newsletter cost was for three issues, two in 2013 and one carried over from 2012. In 2014 there will be two issued but the postage rate and mailing requirements will cost somewhat more per issue.

The fee to the Secretary of State was to change the registered representative to Thomas Struppeck, replacing the late Conrad Werkenthin. It will be necessary to renew our charter with the state in 2014, at an estimated cost of \$25.

The Board decided to repeat the successful dumpster project and has taken steps to reduce the cost of the annual meeting. A goal was established to increase the paid membership to at least 40, which would cover all anticipated expenses. The bank balance on 1/1/2013 was \$5,125.90.



Income:	Memberships.....	\$1,240.00
	Miscellaneous.....	\$30.00
	Interest.....	\$4.19
	TOTAL.....	\$1,274.19
Expenses:	Newsletters.....	\$630.00
	Annual Meeting	\$900.00
	Miscellaneous.....	\$105.71
	Dumpster Project.....	\$365.00
	Bank Checks	\$20.50
	Secretary of State.....	\$5.00
	TOTAL.....	\$2,026.21

Bank balance on 12/31/2013 was \$4,373.88, a net change of -\$752.02 for the year.

Fall 2013 Bulk Trash Day Was A Success!

By Kyle Kelly, HBCNA President

Remember the bulk trash event that was held last October 12, 2013? Well, the dumpster ended up almost 100% full and there were 10 HBCNA members that stopped by to partici-



pate. The HBCNA board is planning to make this activity a regular fall event for our membership. We will provide more specifics in the Fall 2014 HBCNA newsletter regarding the planned date and timeframe. The event will be open to all association members. A membership form has been included in this newsletter along with routing instructions so go ahead and renew your membership for 2014 (or sign up for a new membership if you don't already have one) so that you can participate. The membership fee of \$40 per household is cheaper than a trip to the local dump, which can easily cost \$60 or more! Then as you do your spring-cleaning, start setting aside

your bulk trash items for delivery on the announced date. As a reminder, you will not be able to use the HBCNA bulk trash event for disposing of the following items so you will need to determine other disposal arrangements:

- No Hazardous Waste (e.g. explosive, flammable, toxic or corrosive – propane tanks, gasoline, motor oils, paints, car batteries.)
- No Biohazardous Waste and No Biomedical Waste (e.g. needles, syringes, lancets.)
- No Dirt, Ash, Stone or Masonry Products (e.g. bricks or concrete).
- No Car or Truck Tires.
- No Refrigerators, Freezers or AC units due to Freon filled compressors.
- No full or partially filled wet paint cans. Hint, partially filled paint cans may be filled with kitty litter which will absorb the wet paint and if set in the sun for 48 hours will harden and no longer be considered hazardous and then may be placed in the dumpster. Note, the can should be no more than a third full as the litter will expand as it absorbs the paint. If the can only has a small amount of paint, open and leave in the sun to dry, once dry it is no longer hazardous and may be placed in the dumpster.

The 2014 Hudson Bend Colony Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting & Picnic is Saturday, May 3rd

By Kyle Kelly

The bluebonnets are back, the days are warming, and spring is definitely in the air. It is also time for the Hudson Bend Colony Neighborhood Association (HBCNA) Annual Picnic and Meeting. Our neighborhood picnic will be held this year on Saturday, May 3rd, so mark your calendars now!

This year's location will be at 16658 Forest Way, which is the home of long-time HBCNA members Tom and Anita Science. The event will start at 5:00 p.m. You just need to bring your favorite side dish, your 2014 membership dues of \$40, your

favorite drink, and your family and friends because everything else will be provided by the HBCNA, including door prizes. Non-members and guest tickets for the picnic will be \$10 each at the door.

The annual HBCNA business meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. Immediately following the meeting will be a presentation by



Deborah Gernes, General Manager with our local Water Control and Improvement District 17 (WCID 17). Come hear about water and other issues that touch all of us.

The HBCNA picnic dinner will start at approximately 6:30 p.m. Back by popular demand will be mouth-watering BBQ meats provided by barbeque chef extraordinaire Ben Holder of Hold-in' Smoke, a local favorite. The meats provided will be sausage, chicken, and brisket.

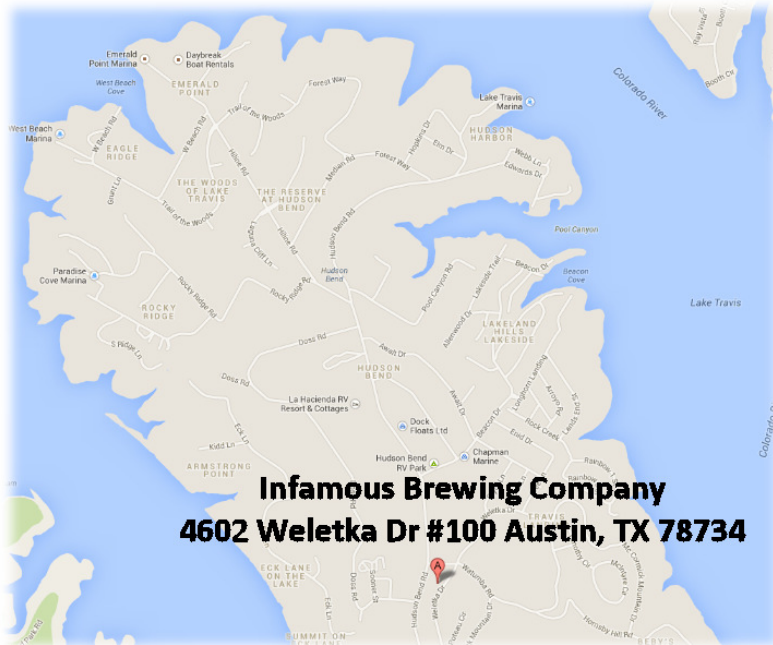
The music for the event will be performed live by the band About7, which is comprised of former Hudson Bend artists. About7's music is a unique and distinctive blend of accordion, guitar, mandolin, mountain dulcimer, bouzouki, harmonica, cajan and vocal harmonies.

Big things have been happening on the Bend

By Jacob Lutz/Mandy Spivey

If you haven't stopped by for Happy Hour at the tap room at Infamous Brewing Company, you've got some catching up to do. In fact, since the brewery was founded in 2011 by Josh Horowitz and Zack Perry, many Texas laws have changed regarding the ability to sell beer directly to customers. Taprooms are now allowed to serve patrons on the weekend, and as owners Josh and Zack labored daily to keep their operations going, they started looking to expand as well.

This year was the first year that a taproom was even an option for the guys at IBC, and around the first of this year the paperwork was finalized and expansion began into their next-door office building, effectively doubling the brewery's space. When the taproom first opened, the hours to visit their were 4-8



pm Fridays and 1-5 pm Saturday. However, due to demand and many locals asking why they weren't serving brews on Sunday, the decision was made to open on Sunday as well.

With favorites like the Highjack Cream Ale and the Buggy Firebrush Amber on tap, it's easy to see why locals are already calling it the best place to get a drink on Hudson Bend. And now with the addition of different visiting food trucks to serve patrons, it might just be the new favorite hang out spot, who knows!

Turkey Garbanzo Bean and Kale Soup with Pasta

By Elizabeth Brunet

Ingredients:

- 16 ounces whole wheat pasta shells
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 pound ground turkey
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh sage
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh rosemary
- 3 (14 ounce) cans chicken broth
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of water
- 1 (15 ounce) can garbanzo beans, drained and rinsed
- $\frac{1}{3}$ cup tomato paste
- 2 cups roughly chopped kale
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Stir in the pasta, and return to a boil. Boil, stirring occasionally, until cooked through but still firm to the bite, about 12-15 minutes. Drain well.
2. Heat olive oil in a large soup pot; add turkey, onion, and garlic. Cook over medium heat until meat browns and onion is soft, about 5 minutes. Stir in sage and rosemary and cook for about 1 minute, do not allow herbs to brown. Pour the broth and water into the pot along with the garbanzo beans and tomato paste. Bring to a boil and add kale. Simmer until kale softens, about 5 minutes. Season soup with salt and pepper.
3. To serve, place a serving of cooked pasta in the bottom of a soup bowl and ladle hot soup over.

Pesto Chicken Florentine

By Elizabeth Brunet

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 4 chicken breasts – cut into strips
- 2 cups fresh spinach leaves
- 1 (4.5 ounce) package dry Alfredo sauce mix
- 2 tablespoons pesto
- 1 (8 ounce) package dry penne pasta
- 1 tablespoon grated Romano cheese

Directions

1. Heat oil in a large skillet over medium high heat. Add garlic, saute for 1 minute; then add chicken and cook for 7 to 8 minutes on each side. When chicken is close to being cooked through (no longer pink inside), add spinach and saute all together for 3 to 4 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, prepare Alfredo sauce according to package directions. When finished, stir in 2 tablespoons pesto; set aside.



Meet the Nominees

Nominations to the 2014-2015 Board of Directors	
<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>
Kyle Kelly	President
John Chapman	Vice-President
Lory Alexander	Secretary
Tom Sciance	Treasurer
Elizabeth Brunet	Director
Steve Hudson	Director
Kyle Adams	Director
Jacob Lutz	Director

Kyle Kelly

Kyle joined the HBCNA Board three years ago and has served as its President for this last year. She and her partner Kenny Holder moved to Pool Canyon Road in mid-2010. She wanted to be closer to the water and he wanted to own a home on a parcel of land bigger than a postage stamp but with a reasonable commute into Austin. Kyle has been an active board member during her tenure, such as contributing articles to the newsletters; hosting board meetings; and lining-up locations, speakers, music, and food for the HBCNA Annual Picnics; and taking an active role in the beautification effort surrounding the HBC corner marker plot. Kyle has offered to continue on the Board as its President for a second year if that is the desire of the HBCNA membership.



John Chapman

John attended U.T. Austin starting in 1984. John was a founding board member of the HBCNA in 1984. After college, the family moved to Oregon and then to Bellaire, Texas. They returned to live in Hudson Bend in 2006. Ginger and John live in Hudson Bend for many of the benefits of living by one of the prettiest lakes in Texas, Lake Travis. John served on the board for many years. As Vice President, John produces the publication of Around the Bend.



Tom Sciance

Anita and Tom moved here from Delaware in 1997 and live on Forest Way. They bought the lot back in the '80's and decided to build on it after Tom retired from DuPont. He created Neighborhood Directory and has published this newsletter for several years. Tom says, "We joined the association as soon as we bought the lot, long before we moved here". He served on the board as President and VP for several years and now serves as Treasurer. Anita's hobby is growing flowers, shrubs and trees. She is especially proud of her 10 Madrones and other specimen trees. Tom teaches one course at UT each fall.

Lory Alexander

Lory and Archie Alexander live on Forest Way. Lory's family is a long-time resident of Hudson Bend, having bought property in 1963. She is familiar with the evolution and historic developments of our community. She has served on the board as President, Secretary and Director for many years and is offering to continue to serve as Secretary.



Kyle Adams

Kyle and Karen live on Median Road, after moving to Hudson Bend in 2010 after 35 years in Dallas. They joined the Association immediately and Kyle was elected to the Board of Directors the following year. They enjoy the quiet, serene life in the Bend but, like all of us, constantly wish to see more rain. Kyle likes being of service to the area by being on the Board and has offered to continue.

Elizabeth Brunet

Elizabeth and Manuel live on Pool Canyon Cove. The board had long been gathering information and discussing developing a web presence. Elizabeth took the information,

designed and developed the content of our website (www.hbcna.com). Now in addition to publishing our newsletters on paper, the newsletter is available via the website. She has served on the board as Director for four years and has offered to continue.

Steve Hudson

Steve and Connie Hudson live on Hopkins Drive. Steve has served on the board for many years as Director and Treasurer. As Treasurer he has kept the board continually informed of financial activities transacted on behalf of the HBCNA. He has also been instrumental in organizing many of the merchandising activities (i.e. ball caps and T-shirts) for the board. He has offered to continue on the Board as a Director.



Jacob Lutz

Jacob Lutz and Mandy Spivey live on Pool Canyon Cove. This will be Jacob's second year as a Director on the HBCNA board. Jacob moved to Austin from Michigan in 2008 to work in the Radio, Television, and Film industry. The couple can be spotted rollerblading and bicycling around the Bend with their Weimaraner, Moses.



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