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# APRIL COVE



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## APRIL COVE MAINTENANCE FUND, INC. ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

**Saturday, February 11, 2023  
1:30 pm**

**Lakeside United Methodist Church**

All members are encouraged to attend and participate in the annual meeting. Each member's participation is important to the integrity of the subdivision. Many important April Cove matters are discussed and voted on.

If you are unable to attend, your vote(s) may be cast by Proxy. You may limit your proxy to the election of officers and ACC members or you may elect to sign a full proxy which may be used for any vote taken during the meeting. Proxy forms are provided with this notice.

Draft minutes and the financial reports from the 2022 annual meeting are available on our website ([www.aprilcove.org](http://www.aprilcove.org)).

Three officers are to be elected as well as one ACC member and one ACC alternate. Please consider accepting a position to serve in the Association.

Lakeside United Methodist Church is located at 515 FM 416. The church is approximately ½ mile east of April Cove, across from the September Sound subdivision. The meeting will be held in the activities room.

***HAPPY NEW YEAR!!***

### Board of Directors Update

Larry Gallas was appointed Treasurer by the Board to serve the remainder of Kris Horner's term. Kris and Melissa sold their April Cove property in September and in doing so, he could not continue fulfilling the Treasurer's responsibilities.

### APRIL COVE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Steve Barkley President 903-257-6101  
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Mike Harris, V.P. 903-599-2809  
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Larry Gallas Treasurer 817-360-4658  
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## ANNUAL MEETING DRAFT AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Agenda Review
- Introduction of Members -
- Establish Quorum
- Minutes of 2022 Meeting
- Appoint Election Inspectors
- Committee Reports
  - Architectural Control
  - Maintenance
  - Goodwill
- Reports of Officers
  - Progress Report
  - Financial Report
- Budget
- Old Business
- New Business
- Election of Officers and ACC
- Good and Welfare
- Adjournment

### ACC COMMITTEE

Cheryl Wangrin 903-599-2575  
Tom Marusa 972-679-2423  
Dennis Stone 940-465-0124

## ROAD/STREET MAINTENANCE

Road maintenance is a hot topic in the subdivision. Budgeting and planning options for the coming year will be discussed during the annual meeting.

**Reminder.....**No load may exceed 40,000 lbs gross weight. **Any load between 25,000 and 40,000 lbs gross weight requires a permit and fees are applicable.** Contact a Board member for further information.

## SOUTHERN OAKS

### VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CHILI SUPPER & CAKE AUCTION

The Southern Oaks Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual Chili Supper on February 25, 2023, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at the fire station. The evening will include a live auction of beautiful cakes and a silent auction of various baked goods, all of which are donated by members of the Community Care Club as well as other members of the community. This event is the major fund raising event of the year for SOVFD. Please support the local volunteers.

## COMMUNITY RECYCLE PROGRAM

Fairfield ISD has a community recycling program. They accept recyclable plastic (numbered 1-7), paper, cardboard, catalogs & magazines, tin, and aluminum cans. Upcoming dates are January 21 and February 18. Hours are 8:30am to 10:30 am. The location is next to the high school on Post Oak Rd. All food containers should be rinsed. Paper, cardboard, and plastic do not need to be separated.

### PRIVATE FACEBOOK GROUP

An April Cove RC Community Facebook Group will soon be available. This group will provide private communications between April Cove property owners. We will be able to share information and have discussions that are common to April Cove. Only property owners will be permitted to join the group. You must have a Facebook account to have access to the group.

## RICHLAND CHAMBERS LAKE

The current lake level is 310.42 or 4.58 feet below full pool level of 315. While we anxiously anticipate winter and spring rains, we have seen worse conditions. In January 2015 the lake was down more than 10.5 feet. Have faith; it will come back! You can get more information about our lake by visiting [www.trwd.com](http://www.trwd.com).

## VOLUNTEER WORK DAY

April Cove has two work days each year, one in the spring, and another in the fall. This is an opportunity to work together with your neighbors to maintain and improve the common areas of the subdivision. The spring work day this year will be **May 20**.

**ANNUAL DUES FOR 2023 OF \$235 PER LOT OR TRACT ARE NOW PAST DUE. IF YOU HAVE NOT YET SENT IN YOUR PAYMENT, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

*"Yesterday is history,  
tomorrow is a mystery, but  
today is a gift. That's why we  
call it the present."*

## SHARING CHRISTMAS CHEER!

Steve and Susan Barkley were the perfect host and hostess for the April Cove Christmas potluck social held on December 9. All who attended had a great time mingling with neighbors while making new friends.

Delicious food, drinks, conversation, and laughter were shared with the background of Christmas music from the piano. Gifts were exchanged during the telling of the fun story of how Santa misplaced his toy sack. Santa had to leave **right** away but couldn't remember where he **left** his Santa sack with all the toys for the boys and girls.

**THANK YOU!** to the Barkleys for opening their beautiful home to all.

## MISSING PACKAGES

More and more posts are being seen on local social media outlets from community neighbors who are missing packages that had supposedly been delivered. Please keep an eye out for stray boxes and packages. Should you have a package delivered to your address by mistake, be a good neighbor and return it to its proper owner.

**Freestone County currently does not have a burn ban in affect.**

Please don't start a campfire or burn yard debris if there are high winds.



## EATING OUT?

If you are hungry but don't feel like cooking, we don't have the convenience of fast-food restaurants on every corner. However, we do have some nearby choices.

### Lighthouse Café Update

The Lighthouse Café located at Fisherman's Point Marina suffered severe damage to the building last fall when a storm hit suddenly with strong winds. Everyone inside was safe, but the café has been closed since that time while repairs were being made. According to their Facebook page, the restaurant will re-open sometime in February. The café has been missed and we all look forward eating there again.

### Natalie's Classic Grill

Natalie's replaced Spanky's (across from the hardware store) last October. Their menu includes quick eats, baskets, plates, salads, specials, and more. They offer dine in, take-out, delivery and curbside service.

Hours of operation are M-T 8:00 - 3:00,  
Fri, Sat & Sun 8:00 - 8:00  
Phone: 903-389-3157

### GOOD EATS FOOD TRUCK

Shannon Williams operates Good Eats Food Truck daily. She is located next to the hardware store. Her daily menu is posted on Nextdoor Southeast RC Lake. You can stop by or text orders to her at 903-493-4080. She also offers catering.

## WE VOLUNTEERS

Most of the maintenance/upkeep of the common areas within April Cove is completed by your neighbors. They volunteer their time, skills, equipment, and energy for the benefit of the subdivision. It is not an exclusive club! Everyone is welcome to help and everyone is encouraged to pitch in and do their part.

ACMF schedules a group work day each spring and fall. (See article on Page 2.) A small group of familiar faces accomplishes a myriad of tasks and chores by working together. It would be great to see some new faces join us on May 20. Throughout the growing season there are volunteers who mow designated sections of the common areas and right-of-ways.

Entrance flowers and decorations are completed by volunteers to provide a cheerful welcome to all those entering the subdivision. We can always use more hands and more creativity. Keeping the beds weeded is a daunting task. Those weeds provide lots of volunteer opportunities.

The ACMF storage lot is another area that requires regular mowing and trimming. There is no cost to April Cove property owners to use the fenced lot, however, everyone who stores equipment there should have the courtesy to trim the grass/weeds around and under their property on a regular basis.

If you notice that an area in the April Cove community could use a little attention, remember that it is no one's "job" to do it. It's all volunteer. All property owners should want to keep our April Cove community looking its best for their own pleasure and to welcome any visitors. Taking pride in our subdivision by lending a helping hand benefits everyone; no matter how big or small the task may be. We do love our volunteers! Contact a Board member if you want to know how you can help.