

APRIL COVE

Newsletter



Welcome to 2020, It's the future!

Where are the flying cars?

No matter, they will be here soon enough.... on to business.

TIME FOR OUR APRIL COVE ANNUAL MEETING

Please note the membership voted at last years meeting to move the meeting to Saturday in order to make it easier for more to attend.

Saturday, February 8th, 2020

Lakeside United Methodist Church

Lunch will be provided by the Goodwill Committee and will start at 1:00 PM.

Annual Meeting to follow lunch.

We encourage all members to attend. Many important April Cove matters are discussed and voted on at this meeting. Please let your voice be heard. It is also a great opportunity to see your neighbors and meet new neighbors. Not to mention... food, the Goodwill Committee will serve sandwiches, chips, desserts and beverages.

Location of the Annual Meeting

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.



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April Cove Website

www.aprilcove.org

Facebook

April Cove at Richland Chambers Lake

*If you would like to help with the website, please contact
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ANNUAL MEETING DRAFT AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Agenda Review
3. Introduction of Members –
Establish Quorum
4. Minutes
5. Appoint Election Inspectors
- 6 .Reports from Committees
 - A. ACC
 - B. Maintenance
 - C. Goodwill
7. Reports from Officers
 - A. Progress Report
 - B. Financial Report
8. Budget
9. Old and Unfinished Business
10. New Business
11. Elections
12. Good and Welfare
13. Adjournment

We need volunteers to help at the sign-in table. Please contact Susan Barkley at 903-599-2832 if you can help.

ACMF BOARD POSITIONS OPEN

Each year we elect a President, Vice President and Treasurer. Additionally we elect one of the three members of the architectural committee and an alternate.

Please consider serving on the Board for the upcoming year. The strength of April Cove depends on the strength of our Board and we must have individuals within the membership willing to fill the Board positions. Ideally, Board members should live in the subdivision or be able to come to the subdivision for meetings and activities. If you have questions, please contact a Board member.

ANNUAL DUES

Annual dues are due January 1st and road fees are due July 1st. Invoices are sent out as a courtesy however failure to receive an invoice does not release you from your obligation to pay your dues on time. Thank you!

Please note, annual dues are now \$235 per lot based on a vote of the membership at last years annual meeting. Road fee remains unchanged.

ANNUAL MEETING GENERAL INFORMATION

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 2019 annual meeting were distributed last March. They are available on our website (www.aprilcove.org), or you may contact Scott King if you would like a hard copy.

A copy of the end of year financial report for 2019 is attached for your convenience. By making this available to the membership prior to the meeting, we hope to provide you with time to review and understand the report.

The burn ban was canceled on October 25th, 2019. Check the Freestone Co. website for the latest status. www.co.freestone.tx.us

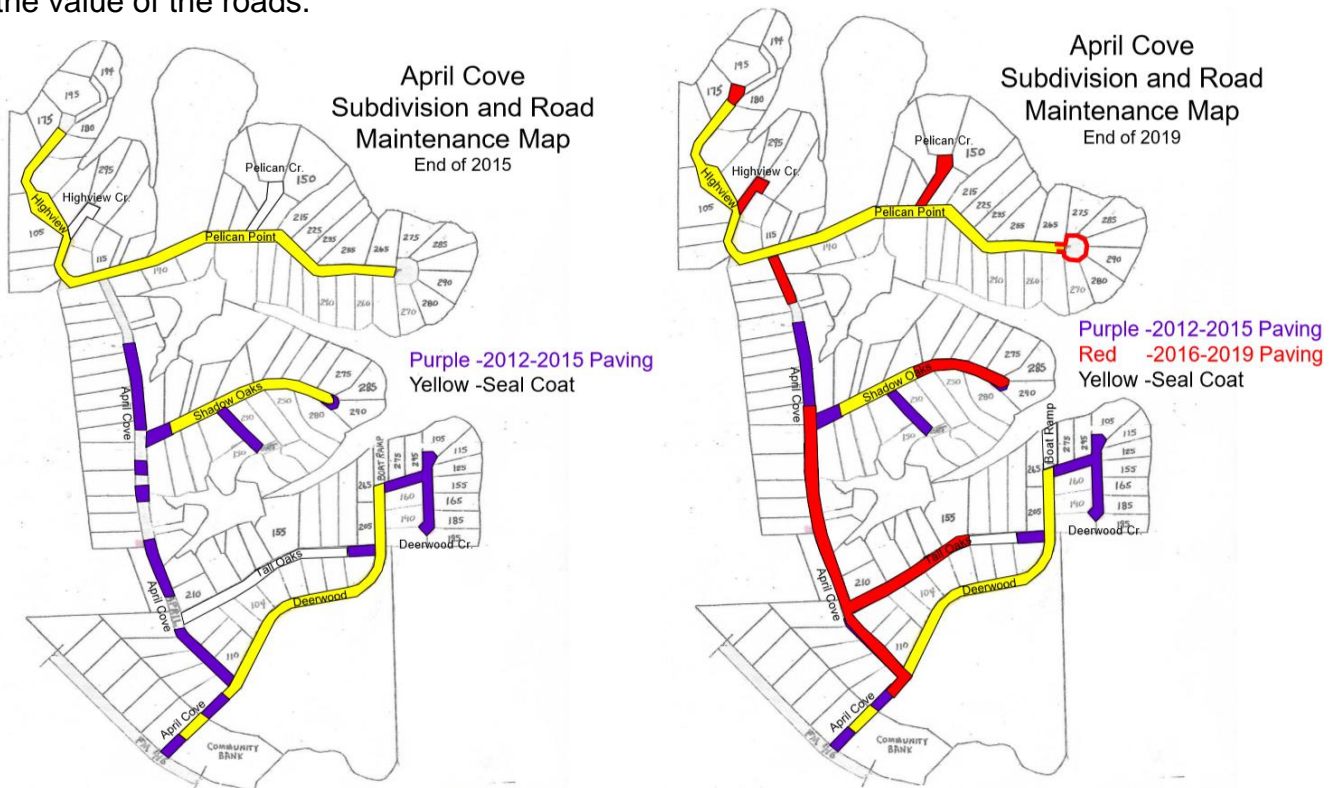


AROUND THE COVE

April Cove Roadways

Our roads are April Cove's most valuable asset. We have 8 Cul-de-sacs, a boat ramp, 11 intersections and approximately 18,500 ft of roadway that averages 18 ft in width. The cost of overlay paving is \$1.50 per sq. ft, mill out existing asphalt and pave is \$2.50 per sq. ft. Sealcoat is \$0.15 sq. ft.

If we were to completely redo our roadways it would cost \$832,500 (18,500 ft x 18 ft x \$2.50). If you add in the cul-de-sacs and boat ramp that number is very close to \$1 million. We spend between \$30,000 and \$40,000 per year maintaining our roads. That seems like a big number, and it is, but when you compare it to the value of the roads its less than 5% of the value of the roads.



Projects over the past 5 years

PAVED / REPAIRED:

Deerwood Circle, Boat Ramp, Entrance Road, April Cove, Highview Circle, Pelican Circle

PARTIALLY COMPLETED / IN PROGRESS:

Shadow Oak (completion 2020), Shadow Court, Tall Oaks (completion 2020), Highview, Pelican Point

SEALCOAT / CRACK REPAIR

Deerwood (2X), Pelican Point (2X), Crack Repair -Various Locations (continues 2020)



AROUND THE COVE Continued



Southern Oaks Volunteer Fire Department will hold their annual chili supper and cake auction

February 29th from 5-7 at the fire station.



Delicious Chili with all the fixin's will be served from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Adult tickets are \$7.00. Children under 12 tickets are \$3.00. A silent auction of home baked goodies will be held from 5:00 - 6:30. An auctioneer will be on hand to auction off some very special cakes and other items beginning at 5:30. Tickets will be sold for a Honey Pot drawing and door prizes will be awarded. The proceeds from the Honey Pot tickets are split with SOVFD receiving half of the ticket sales money and the other half being given to two lucky winners. Come by, sit a spell, have a great meal and join the fun while supporting your local volunteers.

Community Care Club

The Community Care Club will be having a community-wide garage sale on Saturday, April 4, from 8:00am - 2:00 pm at the Southern Oaks Volunteer Fire Dept. Donations may be taken to the station on Friday, April 3. No clothes will be accepted, but almost anything else that may be useful to someone in the community will be welcomed. If you are spring cleaning, this is a great place to donate those unwanted, unused items. If you are in need of something or like looking for treasures, this is the place to be on Saturday.



Got Trash?



Streetman Solid Waste Transfer Point
111 CR 1040 Streetman TX
Go to aprilcove.org for fee schedule

CITY DUMP Fairfield

LOCATION

400 N. Cotton Street

SUMMER HOURS (Changes with the time change)

Monday 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

WINTER HOURS (Changes with the time change)

Monday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

CHARGES

\$5.00 per truck bed load

\$15.00 per trailer load

WHAT TO DO

Go to City Hall, 222 S. Mount Street, to purchase Dump Pass. Brush Only Pass is no longer available; you must get a Dump Pass.



Thank you to the Goodwill Committee and the Barkley's for hosting an April Cove Potluck Dinner party in January!



Housekeeping

Thanks again to the “Army of Mowers” who volunteered to mow the right of ways in 2019! Great job!

Right of Way Mowing

Spring will be here soon, and once again we will need volunteers to help mow the right of ways. Last years volunteers did an outstanding job. Volunteers are responsible for the right of way of a single street to mow themselves every few weeks or get one of their neighbors to volunteer.

Storage Lot Weed Eating

In the past we have waited for workdays to mow and weed eat the storage lot. Unfortunately, that becomes a big job. We have tried to keep the weeds/ grass under control with Roundup, but with all the things coming out about the potential dangers of using Roundup we are discontinuing that practice in favor of weed eating around the trailers and RV's on a regular basis. You guessed it, I am looking for volunteers to help me keep the storage lot from getting overgrown, roughly on the same schedule as the right of way mowing. My plan is to coordinate this effort through emails. If you can help with the weed eating or the right of ways email me (Scott King) at geowzrd@aol.com or let me know at the annual meeting.



Post Office Box

As of last summer we have a post office box in April Cove. The address is;

**113 April Cove
Streetman, TX 75859**



Spring Workday Date

Mark you calendars, **April 18th**. Focus will be on the entrance, mowing and tree trimming. The more people we can get to help the easier it is on all of us. 9:00 am at the entrance

Property Maintenance

Just a reminder that keeping our lawns mowed and shrubbery and trees trimmed make the subdivision look great and help keep property values up. All members are required to keep their properties in an attractive condition. If you must store household items outside, please make sure they are not visible from the street. If you need a list of contacts for lot clearing or maintenance, please contact a board member.

Accounting Software

The board has been reviewing accounting software packages and will most likely be implementing a new system that will simplify our billing and payments processes. Some features will be automated billing emails, the ability to make on-line payments, and email payment reminders. This will also make the process more efficient for the board and allow quicker deposits of community funds.

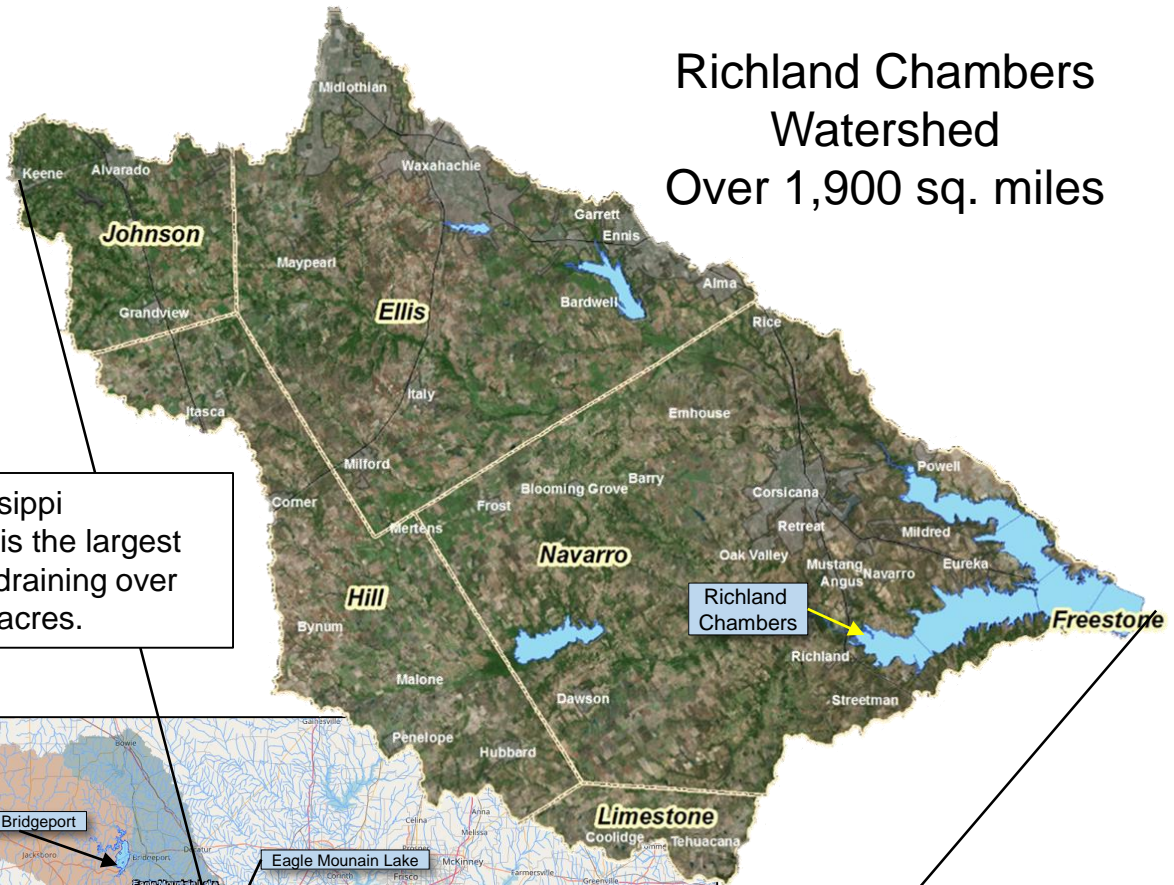
Everyone will receive more detailed information once a final selection has been made. While an email address is not required, it will make communication much easier and quicker for everyone, so please make sure the board has your email address on file if you have one. Until you are notified of any changes, please send your payments to the April Cove mailbox as noted on the invoices.



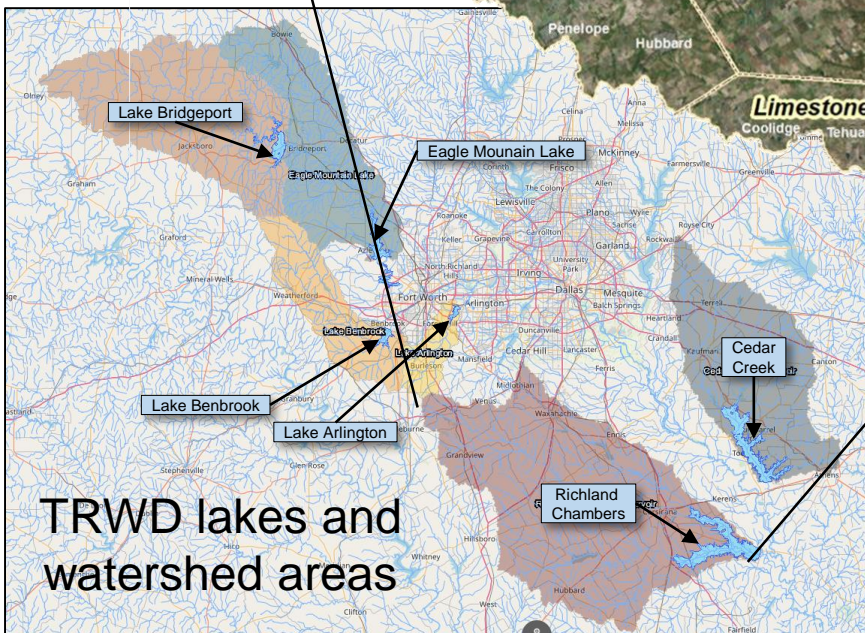
Richland Chambers Watershed

Ever wonder where all the water in our lake comes from? Answer, the Richland Chambers Watershed. A watershed, also called a drainage basin, is defined as an area or ridge of land that separates waters flowing to different rivers, basins, or seas. A watershed can be small, such as a modest inland lake or a single county. Conversely, some watersheds encompass thousands of square miles and may contain streams, rivers, lakes, reservoirs, and underlying groundwater that are hundreds of miles inland.

Richland Chambers Watershed
Over 1,900 sq. miles



The Mississippi watershed is the largest in the US, draining over 1.1 million acres.



TRWD lakes and watershed areas

Richland Chambers is part of TRWD, Tarrant Regional Water District, which is made up of 6 lakes and provides water for 2,096,667 people in Fort Worth, Arlington, Mansfield and the Trinity River Authority.