



HOPPENINGS

FPPOA NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2023-24

Beavers are BAAACK!!

Fascinating BEAVERS create their own wetlands.

Beavers are the demolition crew of the natural world. No other animals — well, besides humans — change their environment more drastically than these chubby, paddle-tailed rodents. Whether that determined construction work makes the beaver a hero or a pariah depends on whom you ask.

The FPPOA will be recruiting a group of people willing to walk down Wolf Creek from the bridge to the lake and break down the beaver dams. These dams restrict water flow to the lake and create marshy conditions. In the past the highway flooded at the bridge and the culvert close to CR 3150 when the beavers were left to their own devices. This project will be most effective if done with a group on a planned weekend. It will require shovels and high waterproof boots, Please email the fpboa to volunteer. [Read more from Texas Parks & Wildlife Magazine.](#)



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Visit frogpondlake.com for important information:

Thank you all for attending the WCID Appreciation Pot Luck Lunch!

Big thanks to those who came to meet and listen to the WCID board and much appreciation goes to the WCID board for taking the time to answer every ones questions.

Thanks to all who provided all the delicious food and drinks!

Great turnout!



US 69 Woodville-Colmesneil Relief Route

[Map View here](#)

This map includes comments, likes and dislikes for all three proposed routes.

The TxDOT Beaumont District is proposing a US 69 relief route that stretches approximately 25 miles from approximately one mile south of RR 255 to approximately one mile south of Black Creek in Tyler County. US 69 is a south-north highway that runs from Port Arthur to Denison, Texas and is designated as a hurricane evacuation route.



approximately 300 feet of ROW width. Bicycle and pedestrian accommodations would be considered throughout the project.

Project purpose and need

The purpose of the US 69 project is to provide a relief route to support safe and efficient south/north movement of people and goods between Colmesneil and Warren. The proposed project aims to do the following:

- Provide an alternate south-north evacuation route for the growing population of Southeast Texas
- Improve safety by providing a relief route to reduce congestion on existing US 69
- Address demand from freight traffic
- Provide an alternate/secondary route from south of Warren to north of Colmesneil

Proposed improvements

The approximate 25-mile proposed project would include a new location roadway. The ultimate roadway south of US 190 would generally include two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction, a northbound 13-foot outside shoulder to be used as a hurricane evacuation lane, a southbound 10-foot outside shoulder, and two-lane frontage roads in each direction that would require approximately 400 feet of right-of-way (ROW) width. The ultimate roadway north of US 190 would generally include two 12-foot travel lanes in each direction, a northbound 13-foot outside shoulder to be used as a hurricane evacuation lane, and a southbound 10-foot outside shoulder that would require

Timeline/next steps*

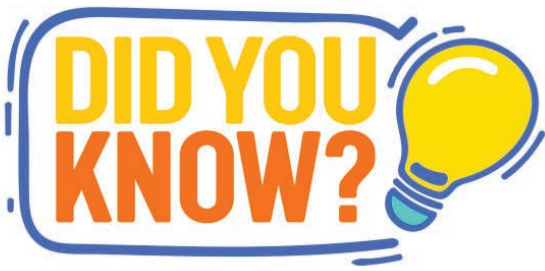
- Virtual public meeting with in-person options – Oct. 2023; more information will be shared later this month
- Draft preliminary design and Draft Environmental Assessment – fall 2024
- Public hearing – winter 2024
- Environmental Decision – spring 2025
- Begin ROW acquisition**
- Finalize design and begin phased construction upon approval**
- *This project schedule and dates are tentative and subject to change.
- ** This project could be constructed in phases depending on funding.

Get involved

- Virtual public meeting with in-person options
- In-person meetings:
 - › [Tuesday, Oct. 24, 2023, from 5 - 7 p.m.](#)
 - › [Thursday, Oct. 26, 2023 from 5 - 7 p.m.](#)
 - › [Online engagement site](#) This link takes you to the map view.

For more information visit:

<https://www.txdot.gov/projects/projects-studies/beatmont/us69-woodville.html>

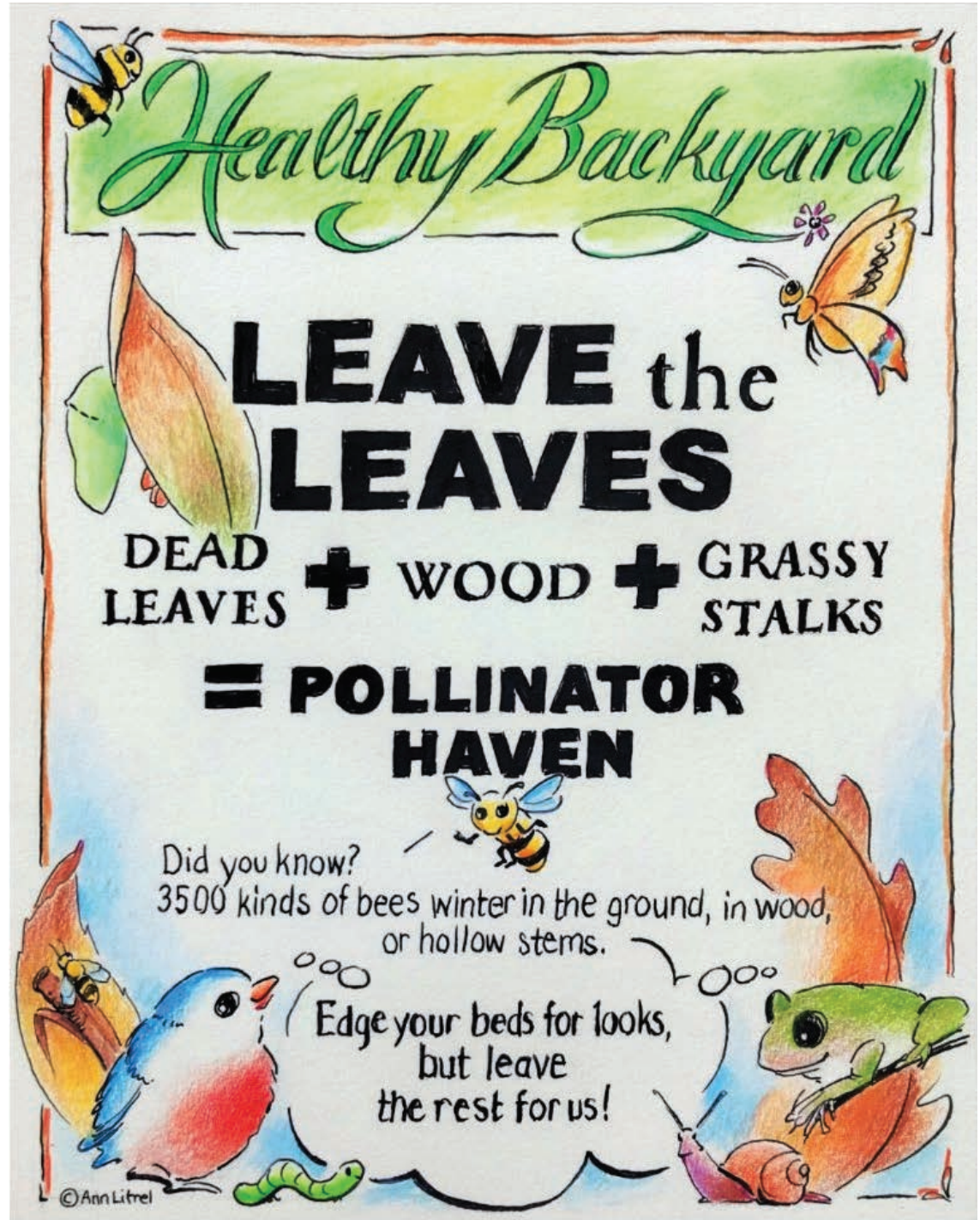


It's Ok To Leave Your Leaves!

Leave the Leaves to Help Pollinators

Besides providing the right plants, and protecting your garden from pesticides, one of the next most valuable things you can do to support pollinators and other invertebrates is to provide them with the winter cover they need in the form of fall leaves and standing dead plant material. Frequently however, this is the hardest pill for gardeners to swallow.

It may be habitual, a matter of social conditioning, or a holdover of outdated gardening practices from yesteryear—but for whatever reason, we just can't seem to help ourselves from wanting to tidy up the garden at the end of the season—raking, mowing, and blowing away a bit of nature that is essential to the survival of moths, butterflies, snails, spiders, and dozens of arthropods. That's why this year—and every year—we are making the case for leaving the leaves and offering input on what to do with them. [Read on!](#)





March 16, 2024 Annual FPPOA Membership Meeting

Openings for President and Maintenance. Loy and Kate have agreed to another term but newcomers are always welcome.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for the newsletter please contact Julie at frogpondfpboa@gmail.com. It's fun and she will be happy to assist in training if needed. We publish Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall.

Spectrum Internet is on the Pond!!



If you have a home business, this may be a great option for you.

As a business account, you're treated just like any other business. If anything goes wrong a technician comes right out and fixes it at no charge.

Contact **Robin Lawrence** at 409-540-5577 or email robin.lawrence@charter.com

Robin lives in Lumberton and will be your personal rep for Spectrum Business internet packages.

As of 12-1-23, their basic bundle package is \$82.97. Includes Free Install, no contract, internet speed of 300 MBPS, unlimited devices and data. Also includes 76 streaming channels. NOTE: The streaming channels do not include local channels, so if you subscribe to Roku, Hulu, Fubo, YouTubeTV, etc. it may be best to keep those. [View Business TV Essentials Channel Line Up Here](#)



Coming Soon!

As of now, there aren't any local reps assigned to our area for residential service.

Call [1.833.941.3665](tel:18339413665) for updated information and special promotions!

Why You Need This Fire Safety Gadget

Advice From A 25-Year Fire Fighter.

The Prepared Hero Fire Blanket is currently one of the hottest gadgets in home safety. It's a vital device that can save your home from disaster. See why thousands of people and many fire departments recommend them!

Stop Fire In Its Tracks

There are over 358,000 house fires in the USA every year. Almost all of them start small and are controllable.

Use the Prepared Hero's Fire Blanket to safely eliminate fire.

Pull the tabs to release the blanket and toss it over any small fire to instantly suffocate it.

Anyone Can Use It

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Heavy and complex equipment is a thing of the past!

No Messy Cleanup

Standard fire extinguishers typically leave you with a powdery mess to clean up after.

Works On Most Types of Fire

Most fires small enough for the blanket to cover around can be eliminated. This includes wood, paper, grease and even electrical fires. Especially once the heat or fuel source has been turned off.

Never Expires

As long as the blanket is in good condition, it will not expire. There is no costly maintenance or recharging.

And it's often times reusable! If it's not damaged after using, simply wipe it off and fold it back into the pouch. And remember to keep the quick deploy tabs hanging out!

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Toss It Over The Fire.
It's That Easy!**





2023 Reflections...

- ✓ We did not Flood
- ✓ We did not have any forest fires
- ✓ Exceptional fall colors while the leaves hang on longer than usual

Join Our Facebook Group

The FPPOA would like to say thank you to all the newbies for joining and to everyone who has been posting photos and neighborhood information to the group. This group was initiated to bring us closer to our neighbors and has proven to be a huge success! We LOVE IT! The more members in the group, the more interesting and fun the threads. Thank you for being an active member of our Facebook Community!



If you would like to join our Facebook group visit [facebook.com/groups/frogpondlake](https://www.facebook.com/groups/frogpondlake) and send invite.

Please NOTE: This Facebook group page has been developed as a social page for members of Frog Pond Lake and their friends and family. The group is intended as a place to share fun times and experiences on the lake. Any and all inappropriate comments or photos will be deleted in accordance with Facebook Community Standards.

This group is NOT a forum for official Property Owners Association issues. These matters should be directed to the [Frog Pond website contact page](#) or by contacting a Board Member or officer directly. Any post regarding FPPOA business will be deleted and the posting member will be directed to the website contact page <https://frogpondlake.com/contact-us>.





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