

Lakeside Village Newsletter

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June 2020



Announcements:

- The burn pile remains closed at this time. Additional information is included in the minutes below. Property owners may continue to access the property behind the burn pile for parking and recreational purposes.
- The property owners' annual meeting was held Saturday, June 13. A summary of the meeting is included in this newsletter.
- Annual maintenance dues statements were mailed during the week of June 22. If you have not received your statement, or have any questions concerning the statement, please call the Association office. A PayPal option is available on the website: www.lsvpoa.com

SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL PROPERTY OWNERS' MEETING SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 2020

The Annual Meeting of the SJC Lakeside Village Property Owners Association was held Saturday, June 13, 2020, at the 980 North Volunteer Fire Department. Registration was from 10:30 – 11:00 AM.

After verification of a quorum of membership (including 17 voting members present, 33 represented by absentee ballot, 1 represented by proxy ballot, and 22 by electronic vote, for a total of 73 represented) President Gail Miller called the meeting to order at 11 AM and introduced the current SJC Lakeside Village Board of Directors. Directors present were Fay Earls, Rod Kirschner, Petie Grant, Marcy Metz, Gail Miller, and Barbara Niles. Directors absent were Gretchen Beausoleil, Roger Biedanski, and Jim Savoy.

Due to the Covid 19 health restrictions, there were no invited guests.

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MINUTES

The minutes of the June 8, 2019 annual meeting were read. A motion was made by Petie Grant and seconded by Rod Kirschner to approve the minutes. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Gail Miller)

Ms. Miller thanked property owners for their attendance and the Board of Directors for volunteering their time to manage the operations of the Association. Property owners were invited to attend the regular monthly board meetings that are held the second Saturday of each month at 9:00 a.m. (except in December). The current Board of Directors were introduced along with the offices they hold as follows: Gail Miller, President; Petie Grant, Vice-President, Deed Restriction, Architectural Review; Fay Earls, Treasurer & Secretary; David Doughty, Architectural Review & Maintenance & Security; Rod Kirschner, Architectural Review, Deed Restrictions & Website Administrator; Marcy Metz, Architectural Review & Deed Restrictions; and Barbara Niles, Community Relations. In addition, Ann Young, Administrative Assistant was present. Directors absent were Gretchen Beausoleil, Roger Biedanski and Jim Savoy.

PUBLIC FORUM (signed up to address the membership)

Kevan Smith, Chief of 980 North Volunteer Fire Department addressed the membership. Chief Smith thanked members for their support. This fire department covers 17.5 square miles in the north end of San Jacinto County, in addition to providing mutual aid to all other volunteer fire departments in the county. A big problem for the rural fire departments is the availability of sufficient amounts of water. By providing mutual aid, departments are able to provide additional water as needed. The continued support of the community has provided funds for the department to purchase a second brush buggy. These buggies are vital to fighting ground fires in the rural areas of the county. An aggressive recruitment program is under way to bring in junior and senior fire fighters to maintain membership that has been lost due to attrition.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

A financial statement was provided to those in attendance showing beginning and ending balances for all accounts as well as how money was spent during the partial months of the fiscal year July 1, 2019 through May 30, 2020.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

A property owner asked about the status of the burn pile. Ms. Miller explained that the Board discusses the burn pile at almost every monthly meeting and how best to manage it. The Board will probably take a vote on the future of the burn pile at the regular monthly meeting to be held July 11. The site that has been used in the past for the burn pile has been significantly reduced due to Trinity River Authority restrictions. In addition, strict regulations from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality have been put in place which require the burn pile to be monitored as long as there is any burning material. Since the burn pile is being burned by volunteers from the 980 North Volunteer Fire Department, it is not possible for them to remain on site 24 hours a day until the pile has been completely burned down. The Department must be available to respond to emergency active fires in their assigned area.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposed Special Assessment

Members were asked to consider approving a special assessment in the amount of \$40 per lot (an increase of \$4 per lot from last year). The purpose of the special assessment is to supplement the base maintenance fee and provide adequate funding for basic operations of the Association.

Fire Fund

Members were asked to consider voting again in favor of approving an annual fire fund in the amount of \$12 per lot, with a cap at \$36 for property owners who own more than three (3) lots.

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Election of New Directors for 2020-22

Declared nominees were introduced and members present were instructed to cast their ballots.

VOTING RESULTS AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW DIRECTORS FOR 2020-21:

The following election results were presented:

Special Assessment of \$40 per lot: FOR 63 / AGAINST 10

Fire Fund \$12 per lot (up to 3 lots): FOR 69 / AGAINST 4

Five (5) Board Members were elected as follows:

Tommy Green, Rod Kirschner, Raymond McCann, Marcy Metz, and Steve Null.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

NEWS FROM 980 NORTH VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



(Facebook: 980northvfd)



L-R:

**DJ DeJournett, Assistant Fire Chief, Sam Grubbs, Firefighter,
Tyler Harris, Captain, Kevan Smith, Fire Chief)**

What if Volunteer Firefighters Didn't Volunteer?

By Kevan Smith, Fire Chief

Statewide, about 75 percent of fire departments in Texas are managed entirely by volunteers, according to data provided by the Texas A&M Forest Service, which provides training and some resources, such as grants, to volunteer fire departments. As of 2016 Texas' 28,450 volunteer firefighters only slightly outnumber the state's 26,931 paid firefighters, who are mostly in larger cities.

The standards and guidelines set forth for the volunteer departments are the same as paid departments. Both sides of the fire service fall under NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) standards and guidelines.

Training requirements are fairly similar for paid and volunteer firefighters. A main difference is paid firefighters must be certified under the Texas Commission on Fire Protection, while volunteers have the option of earning their certification under the State Firefighters' & Fire Marshals' Association.

The need is there to have folks to protect life and property, so I think that's historically why volunteers have been in place because somebody needs to answer the call. What a lot of people forget is that volunteers are just that, volunteers. They have full time jobs, families, hobbies and so forth. Still they have answered a call to a higher purpose by dedicating themselves to risk their own safety for a stranger's life or property. When flames erupt in a city, paid firefighters hurry from their fire station to tackle the blaze. But volunteer firefighters face an extra step of heading to the station and gearing up before arriving at the scene of a fire.

First, they have to stop whatever else they're doing, which in working hours could mean they may not be available. On weekends, they might have to sacrifice a family outing or ball game. Even during these trying times of global pandemics and curfews volunteers are still giving their time to do what they can to ensure the public's safety. While some counties fund their fire departments, some cannot. Even those funded are not funded to the point of being able to operate at full capacity. This is where grants provided by the Texas Forest Service and other government agencies help out. Still applying for grants take a skilled grant writer and money to apply, as well as a wait list once all paperwork has been filed. Sometimes these grants can take years to meet the requirements and be awarded to a department. Other ways that volunteer departments acquire funding are through various fundraisers and POA fire funds. These monetary supplements allow for departments to pay utility bills, fuel for vehicles, tools, equipment and in some cases water.

With 25% or less of the state being covered by paid municipalities it leaves the majority of our rural areas vulnerable during fire related emergencies. If no one took the time to volunteer more rural residents would have the possibility of losing their lives or property. While not every fire is the same and sometimes all property cannot be saved, every call that is responded to by volunteers is done so with professionalism. Now think

about where you live. Think about what would be lost if these people didn't take the time out of their lives and away from their families to help others. Think about all that would happen if volunteer firefighters didn't volunteer. Your continued support helps keep them trained, keep their gear and equipment up to code so that they can keep your family safe if the time ever arises.

980 North firefighters responded to call outs as follows:

Month	Number of Call Outs	Total Volunteer Hours
January	4	301.5
February	4	303.5
March	4	284.5
April	5	317.5
May	6	149.3
	Total Hours to Date	1,356.3

Scheduled firefighter training for the month of June includes:

- 2 hours = Responder Safety & Traffic Control Study
 - 2 hours – Responder Safety & Traffic Control Live Operations
- Instructors: Gabe Johnson & Kevan Smith

Friends and Neighbors.....



Jerry Luce, LSV Resident



Calendar Events			
July 4	Independence Day	August 8	POA Monthly Meeting
July 11	POA Monthly Meeting	August 21	Senior Citizens Day



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SAN JACINTO COUNTY
IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS

Sheriff (non-emergency dispatch)	(936) 653-4367
Precinct #4 Commissioner	(936) 377-2481
Precinct #4 Constable	(936) 377-5009
County Judge	(936) 653-2199
Property Tax Office	(936) 653-3292
Appraisal District	(936) 653-1450
Motor Vehicle	(936) 653-2311
Permit Office	(936) 653-3823
911 Addressing	(936) 653-3823
Game Warden	(936) 239-2711
Trinity River Authority	(936) 365-2292
SHECO (Electric)	(936) 653-5400 (800) 458-0381
SHECO (outage)	(888) 444-1207
Riverside Special Utility Dist.	(936) 594-6488
Voter Registration	(936) 653-5804
Windstream (phone/internet)	(800) 347-1991 (936) 435-4310
980 North VFD (Sheriff dispatch)	(936) 653-4367
Animal Control	(936) 524-3891
Justice of the Peace	(936) 377-2131