

The Windermere Whistler

June 2009

Open Board Meeting

Our second open board meeting of 2009 was held on Saturday, June 13th. Several agenda items were discussed including the monthly financials, securing ownership of the property located by the gate, the boat ramp study, pending lawsuits, nominating committee, website status and hail damage to the Pavilion roof. It was a great turnout by our homeowners and an informative meeting on the issues facing our community.

Boat Ramp Updates

The projected costs are around \$150K to take the boat ramp down to 640' MSL. Another option the board is looking at for boat access in our community includes a low water boat ramp. Todd Warwick, Boat Ramp Committee member is communicating with LCRA about the possibility of Windermere Oaks leasing some land from LCRA to the left of the boat ramp to do a low water ramp somewhat similar to Ridge Harbor's which ends at 642'.

2009-2019 Windermere Oaks Board Members

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Serving essential roles on our Board are the following:

Patti Flunker – Whistler/Communications/Website Development & Social Committee Chairman

Jerry Kramer – Grounds Control Chairman

Committees

Architectural Control Committee

Chairman – Jerry Ingham 830-693-1641
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Committee Members – Ed Parsons, Scott Penner, Todd Warwick, Kent Mason and Todd Warwick

Grounds Committee

Chairman – Jerry Kramer

Committee Members – Richard Crow, Ron Richardson, Soup Campbell and Marvin Lewis

Social Committee

Chairman – Patti Flunker

Committee Members – Anne Hannafin, Pauline Kramer, Cindi Leech, Rita Maquess and Nicole Gelinas

Communications Committee

Chairman – Patti Flunker

Committee Members – Ed Parsons, Mike Madden, Todd Warwick and Kerry Spradley

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Happy 4th of July!

Oak Wilt

Oak wilt suppression efforts in Texas cost at least \$500,000 a year in federal and state money, according to the Forest Service, which wages a seemingly never-ending fight to keep the disease in check. At risk are property values, shade and aesthetics. The fungus spreads fast, often traveling through connected root systems, clogging up the tree's xylem until the tree, trying to foil the fungus, essentially suffocates itself.

Prevention plays an important role in the management of oak wilt. Landowners and homeowners can take an active role in oak wilt prevention by taking the following steps:

1. Avoid pruning or wounding oaks between February 1 and July 1. This is the time of year when oak wilt fungal mats are most likely to form and nitidulid beetles are active. If a nitidulid beetle carries oak wilt spores from a fungal mat to a fresh wound on an uninfected oak tree, the fungus could become established in the disease-free tree. The least hazardous periods for pruning are during the coldest days of midwinter or extended periods of hot weather in mid- to late summer.
2. Sterilize/Sanitize all pruning equipment between trees using denatured methyl alcohol (shellac thinner), isopropyl alcohol, or a general purpose household disinfectant such as Lysol, Listerine, Pine-Sol or related products. Using household bleach is **NOT** recommended as it can be corrosive to pruning tools as well as people.
3. Immediately paint all wounds on oaks to prevent contact with contaminated beetles. Wounds should be painted, regardless of the time of year they were made, with commercial tree wound dressing or latex paint (color doesn't matter!). Wounds can be either man made or natural and include freshly-cut stumps and damaged surface roots.
4. Do not transport or buy unseasoned firewood. Fungal mats may form on unseasoned red oak firewood infected with oak wilt making it possible to spread oak wilt to uninfected areas. Seasoned firewood (dried for at least one year) should not present a threat of spreading oak wilt. Also, burning infected wood cannot transmit oak wilt.
5. Promptly remove and either burn or bury all red oaks that are dying or have been recently killed by oak wilt. Generally, this would be oak wilt-infected red oaks that die in the late summer or fall. This will prevent nitidulid beetles from spreading spores from fungal mats that may form on the trees in the fall or the following spring.

For more information go to the Texas Forest Service at: <http://txforestservicetamu.edu/main/default.aspx>

Lake Travis Water Levels

We are in serious drought situation and our lakes are experiencing some of their lowest levels in years. In the midst of this dire environmental situation a utility authority known as **Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority** is in the process of extracting water from Lake Travis. They are developing a \$500 million water project to supply water to the cities of Leander, Cedar Park and Round Rock. A group called **Save Our Springs** and **DELTA** were formed to educate the public on the realities of this massive project that will have a significant impact on our water usage for Lake Travis area residents. According to the Save Our Springs Organization *"The Williamson County cities of Leander, Round Rock, and Cedar Park, working through the recently created Brushy Creek Regional Utility Authority (BCRUA), are rushing ahead to build a regional water treatment plant, and a deep intake site on Lake Travis. There has been serious opposition to the project in the communities of the Village of Volente, where the deep intake site will likely be, and the Trail's End neighborhood, an unincorporated community in Travis County that will likely have to deal with a raw water pipeline being constructed in front of their homes. A group working on Lake Travis issues in general, Don't Empty Lake Travis Association (DELTA), has also joined the fray in trying to highlight concerns in the community about dropping lake levels and the effects of projects such as the BCRUA."* For more information on these organizations and updates on the current project please visit: www.draininglaketravis.org or www.sosalliance.org

Also.....

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is holding a public meeting for comments on increasing the amount of water Leander will get for an inter-basin transfer from 6,400 AFY to 24,000 AFY. The meeting will be held **Tuesday, June 30, 2009, at 7:00 PM at Lakeway Activity Center 105 Cross Creek Lakeway, TX 78734.**

WOPOA Calendar of Events

Open Board Meeting

Place: The Pavilion

Date: Saturday, September 26th

Time: 9:30 Am

Fall Social

Place: The Pavilion

Date: Saturday, October 17th

Time: TBD

Open Board Meeting

Place: The Pavilion

Date: Saturday, November 7th

Time: 9:30 Am

Christmas Tree & Pavilion Decorating

Place: The Pavilion

Date: Saturday, December 5th

Time: 9:30 Am

Annual Board Meeting

Place: Spicewood Community Center

Date: Saturday, February 6th

Time: 9:30 AM

Newsletter via e-mail

In order to deliver our community information in a more efficient manner and save money on administrative cost you will now be able to receive The Windermere Whistler pdf form via e-mail. Please send your e-mail address to patriciaflunker@yahoo.com.

Website

If you have experience developing websites and would like to volunteer your expertise on website development we would love to hear from you. Please contact Patti Flunker at 512-699-1082.

Welcome to the Neighborhood

The Woods, The Cruz's, Carol Foy, The Stein's,

(please e-mail if you have been left off this list)

4th of July Parade

The Spicewood Lions Club is pleased to announce that they will be sponsoring the first annual Spicewood 4th of July Parade and Summer Drawing.

The Parade will run from 9-11am on Saturday, July 4th. It will start on County Road 408 and end at the Spicewood Community Center on County Road 404 where free hot dogs and refreshments will be served. Both individuals and area businesses are welcome to participate in the parade. There will be children's bike decorating contest and many other opportunities to "strut your stuff" including decorated floats, golf carts/ATVs, horseback riding, pet walking, classic/specialty cars, and walking groups. Burnet County Sheriff W.T. Smith will serve as the Grand Marshall and the Spicewood Volunteer Fire Department will have fire and rescue equipment in the parade as well. Entry forms and up to the minute details are available on the Spicewood Lions Club website: www.spicewoodlions.org. Contact Sherry Hollingsworth at 830-613-0256 or sherryh@tstar.net for more details on how you or your company can join the parade. All entries are free but donations to the Lions Club will be gladly accepted.

The Spicewood Lions Club will also be kicking off their Summer Drawing Fundraiser at the parade for the "Lake Travis Bass Buggy", a two-seat Pelican Bass Raider pontoon boat, trolling motor, fish finder, trailer, and all the basic supplies you will need to fish the beautiful Lake Travis. Tickets will be \$5 each and the Bass Buggy will be a featured float in the parade.

Chartered in April of 2009, the Spicewood Lions Club is dedicated to working together for the good of the greater Spicewood community and supporting the traditional causes of the Lions Clubs International. If you are interested in learning more about their organization or would like to join them, visit their website at www.spicewoodlions.org or call Julie Weiss at 512-789-0697 for more information. The Club meets at Opie's BBQ on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month - visitors are always welcome.

Happenings in the Community

Spicewood Library

Spicewood Library is located at 1011 Spur 191 by Spicewood Elementary (830) 693-7892 There new summer hours are

Tuesday/Friday –10:00 AM – 6:00 PM,
Thursday 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM and on Saturday from 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM. The library is always looking for more volunteers to help out for at least 1-2 days per month. Shifts are available from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, 2:00 PM – 6:00 PM and on Saturday from 10:00 PM – 3:00 PM. We are in need extra people due to the extended hours this summer and training is quick and easy. Check out our summer reading program for children. Book light prizes for all who succeed! Remember, please, to stockpile your unwanted items for our spring 2010 Rummage Sale and donations for our spring BBQ/Auction.

We are trying to start a community vegetable garden near the library. Any donations of gardening tools, plantlings, etc will be so appreciated. ALSO, manpower!! It is a great way to meet new people with a similar interest in gardening. Call the library, (830) 693-7892 to help with this worthwhile project (fundraiser). We can always use donations for our Thrift Store, located behind the library. Come see! Please visit your library often. We enjoy your smiling faces!

Spicewood Arts Society

Organized in 2000 the Art Society sponsors 5-6 performances each year along with their 2 Summer Programs. Upcoming performances:

Matt Wilson September 12th, 2009 Matt Wilson is THE man for Rock 'n' Roll and beyond. Matt played the role of the Piano Man in the 1st National Tour of the Billy Joel musical "Movin' Out". He spent 2 years on the road with this Tony award winning musical before returning to the rock 'n' roll entertainment. What a way to start our new season ... high energy, great music and loads of fun!

ORDER TICKETS AT www.SpicewoodArts.org
Season Tickets for all 6 performances:
\$110 purchased before 8/15/09
\$130 purchased after 8/15/09
Individual tickets: \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door.

If you would like your event listed please e-mail Patti Flunker at patriciaflunker@yahoo.com

Capstone Real Estate Management Service

The Windermere Oaks Property Owner's Association does not maintain an office in Windermere Oaks. Capstone Real Estate Management Services in Austin provides all management services for the community. Our contact at Capstone is K.O. Orsak. Please contact with changes of address, contact numbers, suggestions, compliments, complaints, reservation of Pavilion, copies of By-laws and ACC Guidelines and for general information or questions regarding Windermere Oaks. Her contact information is;

Phone – (512) 646-6739 Fax (512) 646-6798 or by e-mail at ketkeo.orsak@capstonemangement.com or by mail at

Capstone Real Estate Services
Attn: K.O. Orsak, PO Box 760
Austin, Texas 78767-0760

Their physical address is:
210 Barton Springs Road, Ste. 300
Austin, Texas 78704

In Memory of

Recently Ernie Tullis a long time Windermere resident and former board member passed away. He was a good neighbor and friend to the residents of Windermere Oaks. He and his wife Carol always enjoyed the time spent in Windermere. He was an avid naturalist that enjoyed the birds that visited us in our area every year. Ed Parsons, Ernie's neighbor remembers how Ernie would point out the White Pelican that would land on Lake Travis twice a year directly across from Windermere. "I also remember Ernie as an amateur astronomer who would spend many hours late at night enjoying the dark skies that exist in our part of the world"

Bulletin Board Information

The Bulletin Boards are located by the mailboxes at the Pavilion. There are 2 sides to this bulletin board. One side is for Real Estate Agents and Brokers who want to advertise property they have listed in Windermere Oaks and the other is for general information. In order to have your real estate flyer posted you must drop it into the small wooden box located under the bulletin board. The flyer will be posted on the locked side. General Information may be posted on the other side of the bulletin board, which is not locked. Simply slide the plastic across and place your flyer on the board. Please remember to remove your flyer when you no longer need to post this information. Thank you.

Community Service Day/Clean Up Day

Our Community Clean Up Day was held April 25th. We had a great turnout and successful event.. The ladies in the Social Committee provided delicious appetizers and desserts for all. Thanks to Carol Schwab and Pauline Kramer for being our pizza delivery drivers. From tree trimming to painting speed bumps everyone pitched in to make this a very successful clean up day. Thanks to everyone for lending a helping hand.

Architectural Control Reminder

Please refer to the ACC Guidelines and submit your changes to ACC Chairman Jerry Ingham at 830-693-1641 or by e-mail at jjingham@yahoo.com. For a copy of the current ACC Guidelines please contact K.O. Orsak at Capstone at 512-646-6739 or Patti Flunker at 512-699-1082.

Marinas

The Windermere Oaks Property Owners Association does not own the marinas. Each marina is owned independently by those who own the slips and which they have their own associations. The associations are solely responsible for maintaining their marinas and moving it when the lake is low.

Mowing

The Windermere Oaks Property Owners Association has a yearly contract with Duich Turf Services of Spicewood. They mow our common areas from April to November.

Gating Information

If you are have any difficulty with your code please contact Jerry Kramer and he can assist you with your gate issues. Also, if you have not filled out the form which will allow your visitors to find you in gate directory contact Jerry at gkramer@kca.net or call him at 830-798-8742.

Remember

Fireworks are banned in Windermere Oaks. Please remember this as we approach July 4th.

The Roads

Roads are maintained by Bill Hinds Asphalt Construction of Burnet, Texas. Repairs are usually done in the summer months when asphalt is most workable.

Trash Collection

Trash collection is every Tuesday. Please ensure your trash is in an enclosed bin if it is sitting out prior to Tuesday. Also, please remember to remind renters of our trash pickup policies. Thank you.

Swimming Pools

New Pavilion Pool Code press 4 & 5 at the same time and then 2, turn knob right and gate will open. There is a problem with the latch. When you leave the pool, close gate and press down to engage the latch.

Unfortunately, we have had to shut our pools down the last few weeks due to health related issues, which inconveniences the community and adds an additional cost to our pool expenditures. Remember these are community pools shared by all. Please no children with diapers in the pool, use restrooms prior to swimming in the pool, **NO DOGS IN THE POOL OR POOL AREA** and an adult must accompany children under 17.

Our pool rules are posted at each pool. Any questions related to pool policies please contact our Grounds Chairman Jerry Kramer.

Long Term Boat & Trailer Storage

For your convenience, the POA provides long term boat and trailer parking at no charge. To access this facility, take Hollingsworth Road (between the airstrip and McAllister Ranch) and go ½ mile to the south boundary of Spicewood Airport. Turn left and go .1 miles and turn right. The road will dead-end into the parking facility. The original marina key is required for the gate lock. Please contact KO Orsak for a copy of your key at 512-646-6739.

Important Phone numbers

LCRA	(800) 776-5272
Windermere Oaks Water Co.	(830) 598-7511 – George Burris
Perdarnales Electric	(888) 554-4732
Burnet County Sheriffs Department	(512) 756-8080
Spicewood US Postal Office	(830) 693-2377
Crime Stoppers:	(866) 756-TIPS

