



OAK FOREST

Property Owners
Association

Neighbor

June/2007

Survey

The Oak Forest POA wants to hear from you! We want to know how we are doing and if there is anything we can do to better meet your needs. A survey has been enclosed with this newsletter along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Please take a few moments to complete the survey and return it in the envelope provided.

Water System Update

Aquifer Update

As the saying goes, "when it rains it pours". The recent rains have provided much relief to the aquifer. As a result the Barton Springs Edwards Aquifer Conservation District lifted drought restrictions in March. Rainfall since then has brought aquifer levels up to a comfortable level according to District monitoring wells. This is Texas though, and a hot summer is surely in store. Use water wisely.

Changing of the Guard

Due to time constraints, Rick Patty has resigned as Treasurer of your Oak Forrest Water Supply Corporation (OFWSC). Our many thanks to Rick for his time and dedication during the last three years as the Board has attempted to purchase the system from the court-appointed receiver. Russell Taylor has agreed to step in as Treasurer. Russell brings years of valuable experience to the OFWSC Board as he originally set up and ran the Hays City water utility along with his wife, Corrine. Welcome aboard Russell!

Water System Purchase

You may recall from the last newsletter that in January 2007 a Travis County judge ruled that OFWSC could purchase the water system from the court appointed receiver. The OFWSC Board has been working to complete the necessary paperwork necessary to continue the process...and it seems to have paid off. On

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May 8, 2007 the OFWSC received a certified letter stating that TCEQ accepted our Sale/Transfer/Merger Application and that we could proceed with the purchase. This is a major step. It has certainly been a long time coming. We began the purchase process in 2003 in an effort to have control over our water. The legal process has been a maze. Correspondence with attorneys, engineers, consultants, insurance companies etc has finally paid off. All that remains to do is write the contract and sign the check.

For those who are new to the neighborhood, the water supply has not always been as reliable as it is now. Prior to 2003, when TCEQ took the system away from the owner due to improper operations, it was not uncommon to turn the tap on and have only a fine mist of air spray into your kitchen sink. We have come a long way. But there is still much to do. The system is sorely under capacity. Our current permit with BSEACD only allows for about 2/3 of our annual water usage. Our well isn't capable of pumping water for all our customers since the neighborhood is reaching full build-out (we purchase water from a neighboring system). And the water lines are substandard. Once the system is purchased, the OFWSC will be working to make the system more reliable and self-sufficient.

If you want to learn more about the status of the water system, the OFWSC meets on the second Tuesday of every month at the Southern Hills Church of Christ, on FM 967 at 7:00 PM. And if you have the opportunity, please express our thanks to Minister Randy Consford of the Southern Hills Church of Christ for generously letting us use his church as the OFWSC meeting location.

Speed Limits

A friendly reminder that the posted speed limit within Oak Forest is 30 mph. The warmer weather and summer time brings more walkers and children outside. Please be courteous and follow the speed limit to make our neighborhood a safe place to enjoy a walk and a safe place for our children. It is really a shame we have to continually publish this reminder but we continue to have a number of people driving much too quickly through the neighborhood.

ROW Mowing

The abundant rain and cooler weather has made the greenery in Oak Forest grow quickly. Many areas are extremely overgrown and not looking very nice. The end of wildflower season will soon be upon us. Please be proactive in maintaining the ROW in front of your home including any additional lots you may own. Be a good neighbor and try to maintain areas near your lot that are not being maintained. It can be very expensive relative to the amount of work to bring in an outside party to mow the ROWs on the few remaining empty lots in the neighborhood. It would be better all around if we can manage this without formally hiring from outside.

A Reminder from Hays County Animal Control

Dogs are to be restrained by leash or a totally enclosed fence, unless the owner on the property is outside with the animal and is able to verbally command the animal to stay on his/her property. If the animal is found unrestrained, Hays County Animal Control can either issue a citation to the owner and/or impound the animal at San Marcos Animal Shelter in San Marcos.

To avoid citations please restrain your dog/livestock.

Your cooperation and compliance is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please call 512-393-7896.

Thank you,

ACO Frank Cheatham
ACO Laurel Hall
ACO Brian Roch
Hays County Animal Control

If your dog is missing contact:

San Marcos Animal Shelter
750 River Rd
San Marcos, TX 78666
512-393-8340

POA Board News

OFPOA Board

President – R.A. Rall

Vice-President – Clover Clamons

Treasurer – Paul Gravett

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Members –Skip Gibbons, Margie Laughlin, Mariah Nelson, Arlis Walker

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Committee Chairs

ACC – Clover Clamons

Welcome – Susan Patty

Neighborhood Watch – Bill Pruitt

Newsletter – Margie Laughlin

Web Site – Kathleen Lossau

Common Areas – Mariah Nelson

POA Meetings

Oak Forest POA meetings are held at 8:00 A.M on the first Saturday of each month at Southern Hills Baptist Church. All residents of Oak Forest are welcome to attend . Meetings are scheduled as follows for the next three months:

June 2, 2007

July 14, 2007 (Dedicated to NNO planning)

August 4, 2007

Water Board Meetings

The Oak Forest Water Supply Corp meets on the first Tuesday of each month at Southern Hills Baptist Church. All residents of Oak Forest are welcome to attend. Meetings are scheduled as follows for the next two months. Regular August meeting coincides with National Night Out and the meeting date is to be determined.

June 5, 2007

July 10, 2007

Committee News

National Night Out

Mark your calendars for August 7, 2007 for National Night Out. Oak Forest will sponsor an event for the neighborhood on this night. Look for more details in the next couple months. If you would like to help plan this event, please contact the event chair, Susan Patty, at welcome@oakforestpoa.org.

Welcome to New Neighbors

We would like to welcome the following new neighbors to Oak Forest

Buddy & Lillie Salas

Faris Badi'l

Will & Suzanne McManus

Klara (Demi) Varga

Clover & Steve Clamons

If you are new to the neighborhood and we have not recognized you here, please make your presence known by emailing the board through the web site. We would like to ensure we maintain a current list of all neighbors but have been mostly reliant on sometimes old county tax records and word of mouth.

Know your government officials

Hays County Sheriff – Allen Bridges – 512-393-7896

Hays County Clerk – Linda Fritsche – 512-393-7330

State Representative District 45 – Patrick Rose – 512-463-0647

Hays County Commissioner – Jeff Barton – 512-262-2091

US Representative – Lamar Smith – Austin District – 21 512-469-6034

US Senator – John Cornyn – Central Texas – 512-916-5834

US Senator – Kay Bailey Hutchison – Central Texas – 512-916-5834

Buda Mayor – John Trube – 512-312-0084

Texas Senator – District 25 – Jeff Wentworth 512-463-0125