



OAK FOREST

Property Owners  
Association

# Neighbor

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## Oak Forest Water Update

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*The Water System is Ours!!!*

After years of negotiations, the Oak Forest Water Supply Corporation finally owns our water system. What does this mean for you? It means that the control of the system is no longer in the hands of a third party and that people who live in the subdivision have a say in how the system is run. The day-to-day operations will still be carried out by the current operations company, Professional General Management Services (PGMS). But PGMS will report to a seven-member board of volunteers made up of Oak Forest residents.

One of the first things you may notice is a reduction in your water bill. When the court owned the system, the appointed receiver assessed a \$15.50 fee for their management of the system. That has been removed from the rate structure and will no longer be charged to customers. Information about the water board, water rates and the system will be posted on the Oak Forest web site soon.

The OFWSC meets on the second Tuesday of every month at the Southern Hills Church of Christ, on FM 967 at 7:00 PM. All members are welcome to attend.

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### Let's Celebrate!!!

We would like to have a small celebration in appreciation of all the hard work that went into making this a reality. It took many long hours of effort from the Oak Forest Water Board to get this purchase complete and there were many obstacles and bumps in the road.

We will have an ice-cream social at the site of the well on Saturday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m. Come and meet some of your neighbors and enjoy some ice cream.

The site will have been cleaned up the previous weekend (see Well Site Clean Up article on page 2).

## Kali Kate

A meeting took place on July 24 between Oak Forest and the owners of Kali Kate regarding the loud music that spills out of Kali Kate into the homes of Oak Forest residents. It was a brief meeting where the current layout and current and future plans were discussed. Kali Kate has been there, in its current configuration for 13 years.

The main issue is the current set up directs sound towards the property line closest to several homes in Oak Forest. However, the set up can not be changed due to limitations in the electrical system and the structure of the building itself. It would not be feasible to place the stage in a different direction. There is no house system and each DJ or band brings their own sound system limiting the control they have over directing the sound. They did, however, commit to looking into speaker placement with each group so that speakers would not be directed towards the closed property line if at all possible.

Kali Kate has offered to provide a schedule of events in advance. No event goes beyond 11 pm and they do not currently have capacity to have more than one event in a day. The Kali Kate manager, Blain Montcreif, also suggested that we are welcome to call anytime there is an issue and as soon as possible so that she can address it. She is at every event and can be reached at 512-295-2319 or [blain@kali-kate.com](mailto:blain@kali-kate.com). Kali Kate is a family business and they hope to keep it that way and they really do want to be good neighbors but are somewhat limited in what they can do. Schedule for this fall is as follows:

- > Sat - Sept 1 7:00pm to 11:00pm
- > Sun - Sept 2 7:00pm to 11:00pm
- > Sat - Sept 15 6:30pm to 10:30pm
- > Fri - Sept 21 6:00pm to 10:30pm
- > Sat - Sept 22 7:30pm to 11:00pm
- > Fri - Sept 28 7:00pm to 11:00pm
- > Sat - Sept 29 6:30pm to 11:00pm
- > Sat - Oct 6 5:30pm to 9:30pm
- > Sun - Oct 7 6:00pm to 10:00pm
- > Tues- Oct 9 6:00pm to 9:00pm

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## Well Site Clean Up

The POA Board approved and funded a proposal by Ben Patty for a well site clean up project. Ben Patty is the son of Richard and Susan Patty and is working toward his Eagle Scout award. He will lead crews of scouts and adult volunteers on October 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to perform several activities around the well. Work planned for the day include:

- Clean up of the lot – removal of dead tree and limbs, clean up and removal of cactus, cut grass and weeds, move sand pile inside gate
- Fix and preserve the fence
- Clear and make inside fenced area safe
- Make property look attractive and easy to maintain – move plants, prune tree and bushes, add xeriscape plants

Adult volunteers are needed. In particular, the team is in need of an adult to supervise putting in fence posts. If anyone has native plants they can donate to the effort or has any questions about this effort can contact Ben Patty at [ben.patty@earthlink.net](mailto:ben.patty@earthlink.net). We are lucky to have such enterprising young people in our neighborhood and will benefit greatly from their hard work. We thank them in advance for all their hard work.

Donuts will be provided for early comers and pizza for lunch for volunteers.

## 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.

## POA Board News

### OFPOA Board

President – R.A. Rall

Vice-President – Clover Clamons

Treasurer – Paul Gravett

Secretary – Susan Patty

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

ACC – Clover Clamons, Arlis Walker, Chris Gravett, Jon Nelson

### 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 200 Mourning Dove Lane. All residents of Oak Forest are welcome to attend . Meetings are scheduled as follows:

October 6, 2007

Meeting schedule after October will be determined by the new POA board.

### Water Board Meetings

The Oak Forest Water Supply Corp meets on the first Tuesday of each month at Southern Hills Church of Christ. All residents of Oak Forest are welcome to attend. Meetings are scheduled as follows for the next three months:

October 2, 2007

November 6, 2007

December 4, 2007

## Committee News

### Common Areas

Ten additional street lamps will be added to the Oak Forest subdivision. When complete, street lights will exist approximately every tenth of a mile throughout the neighborhood.

### Welcoming Committee

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

Donald & Angela Capp

Lawrence & Lillie Salas

Robert LaCasse

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.

### Newsletter

For those of you that answered the survey last time and indicated your preferred communication as email, the newsletter will be sent to you via email. I will continue to also send it via mail for now since it was only about 10 people who indicated a preference of email which is not worth the extra effort to eliminate the addresses from the mail merge.

## Annual Meeting

The Oak Forest annual meeting of property owners will be held in October. Details are still being finalized but it will probably be on October 30 at Manchaca Fire Hall. When the details are finalized, a separate announcement card will be sent out with the details. Please plan on attending and consider your availability to volunteer to be a part of the board next year. The current board will provide an update and we will have a meal.

## Hazardous Waste Collection

Did you know that the city of San Marcos offers periodic household hazardous waste collection events? The events are held at the City of San Marcos City Hall at 630 E. Hopkins St. Proof of Hays County residency must be provided. This is your chance to properly dispose of old paint, solvents, cleaners, or other hazardous waste that has been collecting in your home. Upcoming events are scheduled for September 15, 2007, December 1, 2007, and March 8, 2008 from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information about the event, refer to <http://www.ci.san-marcos.tx.us/departments/publicworks/Docs/2007NewsPaperAd.pdf>

## Oak Forest Bulletin Board

### ***Pet Vaccination Clinic – Hays High Choir Booster Fund Raiser***

When: October 2, 5-7 p.m.

Where: HCISD Administration Bldg (parking lot adjacent to bus barn)

Rabies: Dogs and Cats \$5.00

Dog Vaccines: DHLPP/Parvo/Corona - \$15.00  
Bordatella (Kennel Cough) - \$10.00

Cat Vaccines: PRCC/Feluk - \$15.00

Complete Yearly vaccine: \$20.00

### ***RC Critter Care***

Going on vacation or a long weekend? Let me care for your animals while you're away. I'll feed them and let them in or out of your home as directed. I can also pick up your mail and water your plants. I live in the neighborhood and have neighborhood references.

Fees: \$5.00 per visit to your home with a daily maximum of \$10.00. Discounts are available for jobs lasting 3 days or more.

Call Robert C. at 922-6098. Robert is a Dahlstrom student trying to earn extra money. All visits are parent supervised.

## ROW Mowing Update

ROW mowing and whether or not to do it, when to do it, and how to do it have been an ongoing topic for the board and there have been several changes in approach just over the last year. The following ROW mowing policy was agreed to at a recent POA board meeting:

- Residents are encouraged to maintain their own ROWs throughout the year.
- The POA will arrange for the ROWs to be mowed four times a year. The schedule for mowing will fall within one week before or after March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1.
- The POA would prefer to contract with someone in the neighborhood to do the quarterly mowing, paying a reasonable fee to cover expenses and time. The cost to bring someone in from outside the neighborhood is more than what the board feels is the most prudent use of POA funds since most residents do adequately maintain their ROW. If you are interested in the job or know someone who is interested, please contact the POA board.

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- > Sat - Oct 13 6:00pm to 10:00pm
- > Fri - Oct 19 6:30pm to 10:30pm
- > Sat - Oct 20 6:00pm to 10:30pm
- > Sat - Oct 27 6:00pm to 10:00pm
- > Sat - Nov 3 4:00pm to 8:00pm
- > Sat - Nov 10 6:00pm to 10:00pm
- > Sat - Nov 17 5:00pm to 9:00pm
- > Sat - Nov 24 6:00pm to 10:00pm
- > Sat - Dec 8 6:00pm to 10:00pm
- > Sat - Dec 15 6:00pm to 10:00pm