

North Lake Land Owners Association

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Annual Meeting

A big thanks to all of the residents who attended the Annual Meeting back in January and the speakers who volunteered their time. We have generated a great deal of enthusiasm for increasing our membership in 2008 and for having the Association take an active role in the many changes that will affect our neighborhood as Georgetown and Williamson County continue to grow. There is always room for member involvement on our Board of Directors and with the various committees. We will only be as effective as our members make it, and with the changes ahead for our area, your suggestions and involvement are crucial to our success.

Upcoming Events

Annual Potluck – September 13 at Elmer & Neva Friedrich’s home (more info later)
National Night Out – October 7, 2008 (place and time to be determined)

Adopt a Highway Clean Up

► Saturday, May 3, 8:00 a.m. ◀

The North Lake Land Owners Association sponsors a portion of FM 3405 for the Texas Adopt-a-Highway Program. We meet the first Saturday of odd numbered months. The next cleanup is Saturday, May 3, at 8:00 a.m. Meet at the sign nearest Williams Drive. Three groups will each do a one-mile section of FM 3405. Please bring water and proper clothing. Bags and vests are provided. Any questions, please contact Bob Redoutey, 931-2612. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** Thanks to all those residents who helped with the March cleanup. Hope to see you on May 3.

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PUT YOUR CAR KEYS BESIDE YOUR BED

Tell your family and everyone you know: Put your car keys beside your bed at night. If you hear a noise outside or someone is trying to get in your house, just press the panic button. The alarm will be set off and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. It’s a security system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your home. Odds are the burglar won’t stick around. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime. Elderly people prone to falling could also use this tip.

“A government that robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.”

George Bernard Shaw

Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors meets the Second Thursday of every month at the HEB off of Williams Drive. Our meetings, although somewhat formal, are open to all residents. Please join us so we may meet you and build a stronger community. Meetings start at 7 pm and are usually over by 8 pm.

Treasurers Report

The balance ending March 31, 2008 is \$6,076.52.

Restrictions

All deed restriction issues should be reported to Frank Bradley at 864-9212. This should include new homes being built or any violations of our deed restrictions. This quarter: Approved a single-family residence on both Spray Lane and Sheryl Ann Cove. A future buyer was given approval to park their travel RV on the side of the home being purchased as long as no other neighbors objected (which they did not). The painter-contractor site on 2338 was told to clean the site and did so in one day. A discussion with a commercial real estate agent regarding violations resulted in a firm understanding that attempts to re-characterize the nature of 3405 would result in immediate court reaction. We received a formal document agreeing to establish an untouched green belt of 15 feet wide between North Lake and Somerset Hills. ESD8 has notified our area that it has reclassified us as rating 2/8B. Check with your insurance agent as this may lower your insurance rates.

JOHN PAUL ESCAMILLA

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Web Sites of Interest

Georgetown

<http://www.georgetownchamber.org/>

<http://www.georgetownparks.org/>

<http://www.georgetownisd.org/>

State resources

<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/>

<http://www.state.tx.us/>

<http://www.dot.state.tx.us/>

Entertainment

<http://citylightstheatres.com/>

<http://www.thegeorgetownpalace.org/>

Security Report

There were only a few law enforcement activities during the last quarter. Most were minor, including dead deer removal calls. All activities are listed in the Board of Directors minutes. Our thanks to Deputy Claude Gamez, Williamson County Sheriff's Crime Prevention Unit, for providing the list. All Security related issues should be directed to Ed Pastor at 863-2331.

Roads Report

Our roads appear to be in excellent condition. The county will be trimming overhanging tree branches. We had a situation where a vehicle met a school bus and the vehicle lost its antenna. Any road related issues should be directed to Paulette Peterson at 630-8014.

Membership

We are at 54 members.

Updated information including previous reports, minutes and newsletters can be found at www.north-lake.org.

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Contact John at 512.868.1574
512.658.5190 (cell)
coll12@hotmail.com

Cell phone companies are charging us \$1.00 to \$1.75 or more for 411 information calls when they don't have to. Most of us do not carry a telephone directory in our vehicle, which makes this situation even more of a problem. When you need to use the 411-information option, simply dial 1(800)FREE 411 or 1 (800)373-3411 without incurring any charge at all.

2008 Board of Directors

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What is Virtual North Lake? A free email message service (listserv) for the North Lake community. Just send an email and all subscribers will receive the message. The listserv will provide residents with another method of communicating with each other about suspicious activity or hazardous situations, news about plans for roads and other matters affecting us, announcements of NLLOA meetings, garage sales and other events. To subscribe to the listserv, send a blank email from your email address to northlake-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. You will receive a confirmation email. If you don't have a Yahoo UserID and password, set one up by clicking in the confirmation email on the link to the web-site <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/northlake>. Click on "Register" in the upper right hand corner and follow the directions. To post a message, send it to northlake@yahoogroups.com. It will be sent to all subscribers exactly as you wrote it. For more help, email [Bob Redoutey](mailto:Bob.Redoutey@northlake.org), list moderator.

2008 Application for Membership or Renewal of Membership

2008 DUES - \$20.00

Due January, 2008 – Accepted all year long

(Cut on dotted line above and mail to the address below with a check or money order)

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P. O. Box 584
Georgetown, TX 78627

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Address: _____ Section: _____ Lot(s): _____ Tract: _____

Email Address: _____

How to Protect Your Home From Unhealthful Molds

- Keep water out. Fix any leaks within 24 hours.
- Be on the lookout for discoloration of walls, ceilings, or anything made of wood or pipes. Mold growth can be almost any color: white, black, green, fluorescent.
- Look behind cabinets or pictures on cold outside walls where condensation can occur. Keep furniture away from outside walls.
- Check around air handling units (air conditioners, furnaces) for stagnant water. Keep these units serviced with regular cleaning of ducts and air filters.
- Be aware of odors. Mildew has been described as pungent or "aromatic."
- Know the symptoms of mold-related illness, which can range from chronic sinus infections and asthma to nosebleeds, extreme fatigue, severe headaches, dizziness, rashes and central nervous system problems. Do the symptoms get better when you go on vacation and worse when you return home?
- To get your house checked for mold, contact the American Industrial Hygiene Association for a referral to a certified industrial hygienist (703-849-8888, or www.alha.org). Testing costs \$200-\$500.

Know When to Replace Your Water Heater

The best indicator that a water heater should be replaced is its age. The average life cycle is in the eight- to 12 year range. Once the heater gets past 12 years old, it's working on borrowed time. If you don't know the age of your water heater, you can usually make a pretty accurate estimate of its age by looking at the data tag affixed to the tank and locating the serial number. On some water heaters the first two numbers are the month the heater was manufactured, the next two numbers are the year it was manufactured. Other water heaters have a few letters starting the serial number and the first two numbers after the letters are the year it was manufactured, for instance MLL98. You may need to obtain the legend from the manufacturer's Web site to determine the year of your specific make and model. Based on national average:

Hot Water Usage

Sinks – 11%

Bath – 12%

Dishwasher – 14%

Clothes Washer – 26%

Shower – 37%

Jimmy, age 4, was listening to the Pastor tell a Bible story. He read: "The man named Lot was warned to take his wife and flee out of the city but his wife looked back and was turned to salt." Concerned, Jimmy turned to his mother and asked, "What happened to the flea?"

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