

North Lake Land Owners Association

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A Note from Your Editor

Hey, did anyone happen to see Spring earlier this year? Phew, it's hot and getting hotter. The little rain we get only taunts the landscape. Speaking of landscape, many areas are still under a burn ban. With July 4th right around the corner, the **Fireworks Danger is extreme**. Although fireworks are permitted in the County, home owners must understand the dangers presented when they are shooting rockets that fall into dry areas of brush or a neighboring home's roof. Please think before sending off bottle rockets and be attentive to where they land. That's if fireworks are not banned this 4th of July.

Welcome New Residents

It goes without saying, having great residents' makes for a great community. NLLOA would like to welcome all new residents to the community and encourage each of you to participate in the various community activities throughout the year. Our next event is discussed below. If your neighbor recently moved in, welcome them and give them a copy of this newsletter.

Adopt a Highway Clean Up Saturday, July 8th, 8 am

The North Lake Land Owners Association sponsors a portion of FM 3405 (North Lake Rd.) for the Texas Adopt-a-Highway Program. Our last event was May 6th. We usually meet the first Saturday, but in July its part of the July 4th extended weekend. Instead we will meet on July 8th, the second Saturday. Meet at the sign nearest Williams Dr. 3 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.

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National Night Out Tuesday, August 1st, 6-8 pm.

Ed and Millie Pastor's Home
95 Red Bird Trl.

Join your neighbors in this yearly event to discuss crime prevention in our neighborhood. A representative from the Williamson County Sheriff's Office will be available for questions as well as assorted brochures that deal with crime prevention. Bring a drink and a snack to pass. Ed can be reached at 863-2331.

Did you know... The temperature can be determined by counting the number of cricket chirps in fourteen seconds and adding 40.

Board of Directors

Our Board of Directors meet the Third Tuesday 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 May 31, 2006 is \$5,949.30. Expenses included printing costs for the previous newsletter and a donation to the Caring Place in behalf of Tom McDaniel. As of June 1, 2006, we have 75 paid members. Please review the Board of Director Meeting Minutes insert for more information.

Restrictions

All deed restriction issues should be reported to Frank Bradley at 864-9212 or Lewis Cogdell at 931-2123.

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95 Red Bird Trl. (corner of 3405)
863-2331

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://www.austinmetro.com/>
<http://www.thegeorgetownpalace.org/>
<http://www.innerspace.com/>

Security Report

There were several law enforcement activities during the first half of the year. All activities are listed in the Board of Directors minutes, inserted with this and previous newsletters. 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

Paulette has made great progress in having our roads attended to. Currently Scott and Paulette are working on a major road project which will include new signage and warnings. All road related issues should be directed to Paulette Peterson at 630-8014.

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

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The North Lake Board of Directors meetings take place the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Our next meeting is scheduled for July 18th and will be at HEB (upstairs), DB Woods and FM 2338.

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, list moderator.

2006 Application for Membership or Renewal of Membership

Annual Dues: \$20.00

Payment Due in January (accepted all year)

(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: _____

Wildlife and Drought

I think for some of us, one of the reasons we live in the North-Lake Community is the wildlife. How many of us sit and observe the animals and wonder what they are thinking?

Most of our native wildlife is adapted to drought conditions, although they are still affected by the resulting lack of water and forage. For example, animals can obtain water from food, particularly succulent plants like cacti. Some examples of the effect of drought on wildlife include:

- Low nesting success and survival rates for game birds;
- Sparse grass and ground cover, which means that wildlife nesting and escape sites may be lost;
- Diminished or curtailed flows of fresh water into the state's bays and estuaries, which can cause steep declines in the reproduction of fish and shellfish in these coastal nurseries;
- Freshwater fish can die in ponds with low water levels as the oxygen level declines; and
- When animals do not consume a sufficient amount of food and water, their physical condition declines. While the impact usually is not fatal to adult animals, it can mean death for younger animals. Animals in poor condition generally produce fewer offspring, and fewer of the offspring that are born reach adulthood.

As water sources disappear, wildlife seek out secondary water sources and stay closer to them. This can put an even greater demand on the remaining water sources and on the vegetation nearby. Diseases sometimes spread among the weakened wildlife concentrated in these areas, and predation may increase at these oases. Today, many species of wildlife benefit from the construction of livestock watering troughs and farm ponds that can provide water in areas that historically had little water during previous droughts. Better yet, we can help our wildlife by keeping a container of water outside to help them through our hot and dry summer.

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