

# North Lake Land Owners Association

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## Annual Potluck Dinner – November 17, 4-7 pm



The annual potluck this year will be held at Frank and Jane Bradley's home, 110 Sheryl Ann Cove. Please bring a **dish** to share as well as **chairs**. NLLOA will supply drinks and snacks. This is open to all North Lake residents. This year we are having a drawing for a gift certificate to HEB. If you have any questions, please call Paulette at 630-8014. **SPEAKER: GARY NEWMAN, WATERSTONE DEVELOPMENT.**

## National Night Out

This year's National Night Out was well attended. Over 40 adults met on August 7. Featured speakers were Gerald Pohlmeier from TX Dot who spoke on roadways. Rob Grotty from the Texas Forest Service gave an interesting talk on our local vegetation and discussed many topics including oak wilt. The Williamson County Sheriff's Department was also well represented by Sgt. Shariff Mezayek and his deputies. Thanks go to: Frank and Jane Bradley for being our gracious hosts, Lori Franz for organizing the event, and Bob Redoutey, our NNO representative.

## Adopt a Highway Clean Up

**Saturday, November 3, 9 am**

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, November 3 at 9:00 am. 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!**

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## Membership Special

**Remainder of 2007 AND 2008 - \$20.00.** Please consider joining to support our neighborhood in all the challenges it faces as North Lake grows. See Page 3.

## Holiday Wreaths

As the holidays approach, we not only want the inside of our homes decorated but the outside as well. Use caution when hanging wreaths on your front door. As this editor noticed this past weekend, one hungry 6 pointer had climbed up the front steps and was feasting on the fall wreath hanging on the door of one of our residents.

**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. This is a new night and week for 2007.

**Treasurers Report**

The balance ending September 30, 2007 is \$5,654.91. Expenses for the last 3 months included refreshments for National Night Out. We are currently at 74 members.

**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. The number of requests for approval of new home plans is ramping up. Since the last Newsletter I have approved three house plans, one commercial restriction clarification, one permission to operate as a business for a limited time, and one garage variance for construction. For new homes, several of the owners have had their builder add a facing ledge to **(Continued on Pg. 4.)**

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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 resurfacing is nearly complete with two issues outstanding. Williamson County has been notified and is working on both. The roads will be swept soon. Any road related issues should be directed to Paulette Peterson at 630-8014 or Cherie King at 868-3485.

***Updated information including previous reports, minutes and newsletters can be found at [www.north-lake.org](http://www.north-lake.org).***

**Annunciation Maternity Home is accepting donations for their garage sale on the first full weekend and the third weekend of each month. ♥**

***CAUTION: DUE TO CONSTRUCTION COYOTES ARE MOVING IN AND IN SOME CASES BECOMING AGGRESSIVE.***

***Jack's Small Engine Repair***

***Lawnmowers Edger's Blowers***  
***Most 2-cycle & 4-cycle Engines***  
***Tune-up's Repairs***  
***Blades Sharpened***  
***Light Welding***  
 (Free Pick up and Delivery)  
**North Lake Community**

**Contact John at 512.868.1574**  
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**2007 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@yahogroups.com](mailto:northlake-subscribe@yahogroups.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@yahogroups.com](mailto:northlake@yahogroups.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.

**2007 / 2008 Application for Membership or Renewal of Membership**

**REMAINING MONTHS OF 2007 AND FULL YEAR OF 2008 - \$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)

North Lake Land Owners Association  
P. O. Box 584  
Georgetown, TX 78627

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Lot(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Tract: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### **BITE ME!**

**Chiggers** are microscopic arachnids that despite their size torment animals, including humans. Also called harvest mites, this reddish colored pest hatches as larvae in grass and foliage and immediately grab onto the first warm-blooded creature that passes by. The larvae then attaches itself to a pore or hair follicle. In order to grow up into an adult chigger, it needs a little extra protein and gets this by injecting digestive enzymes into the hole and dissolving the surrounding skin cells for food. When the chigger larva has gotten what it needs from you, it lets go, changing to a diet of plant matter. It then feeds on plants and lays more eggs.

It isn't so much the chigger as the bite that's the problem. They become horribly itchy welts that refuse to heal for up to two weeks. Here are some ideas for getting rid of these annoying little beasties:

Chiggers become prevalent during the warm months. They set up in places that have lush vegetation like shrubs, berry patches, dense weeds and high grasses. Eliminate the attractive habitat and the chiggers may go with it. Don't grow a jungle. Mow the lawn and pull weeds. Also avoid letting piles of leaves and other plant matter collect. Soapy water will kill off adults in larvae in areas that are already infested. Flood these spots once a week for at least a month. If chiggers get into houseplants, set them outside and use a good insecticidal soap that is labeled safe for houseplants. Keep the plants outside for at least a month while you continue to treat them. If a household member or pet gets infested, get them out of their clothes and wash everything immediately. The larvae can migrate rapidly, finding new homes on others in the house or your plants. Avoid walking through thick foliage or sitting on the ground in places you suspect may be infested. Keep yourself covered in tight-knit clothing, pull your socks over your pants and make certain there are no open areas where chiggers might find skin. Wash your clothes immediately in hot water with detergent. Sulfur powders are often used as repellants and are usually available at local drug stores. DEET is a common ingredient in insect repellant and will repel chiggers. Since it can be harsh, apply only to your clothing. **If bitten: don't itch.** Apply something that will limit their exposure to air. Recommended: clear nail polish, green tea extract, calamine lotion or hydrocortisone cream.

### **Restrictions Update (Continued from Page 2) by Frank Bradley**

the foundation in parts where the design had either non-masonry or hardi-board siding so that in the future stone could be added. This keeps the opportunity to upgrade open. Some approvals have incorporated suggestions the directors have made. We were also able to have neighbors work out their individual differences in two separate cases where potential hard feelings could have developed and did not. Several Directors met with and ultimately worked with the County on behalf of one neighbor who needed help with drainage at the street end of their driveway. A new culvert was installed by the County at County expense. On another front...the developers of the several thousand acres of land surrounding the future intersection of 2338 and the Ronald Reagan Highway have received approval to change the intensity level of residential areas to Level 3. For the most part this does not impact NLLOA. BUT...and it is a but that voters should know about...the land at the corner of 2338 and Ridgewood is a mixed bag. Three of the corners are commercial/retail. The NW corner is and always has been residential only and was restricted to Intensity 1 (one family/home site per acre). Intensity 3 is three families per acre. This is significant. Our County officials actually don't get a voice because we are in the Georgetown ETJ and the Georgetown Planning and Zoning group and then the City Council vote on what happens to us. I spoke against the change to no avail. The builder did step up to the bat and has offered a 15-foot wide greenbelt.

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