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A Note from Your Editor

Another year begins with a few new changes to our Newsletter. Before you read on, we need to thank our Treasurer, Bob Redoutey for his efforts in producing the newsletter last year. It's not an easy task in finding and compiling content for our readers. My name is John Coll. I am a Professional Geologist by trade and an outdoorsman by passion. My family and I arrived a month ago and love the community. It's such a peaceful community and a place to unwind from the hustle and bustle of big-city Austin. We look forward to getting to know our neighbors and community.

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.

Adopt a Highway Clean Up Saturday, May 6th, 8 am

The North Lake Land Owners Association sponsors a portion of FM3405 (North Lake Rd.) for the Texas Adopt-a-Highway Program. Our last event was March 11th and resulted in about a dozen bags of litter as well as a few unusual items. A special thanks to Janet, Bob, Lewis, Christine and Paulette for helping out.

Our next event is scheduled for May 6th. We need your assistance to keep this area of our community clean. We will meet near the Adopt-a-Highway sign off of Williams Dr. at 8 am. Depending on the numbers of those willing to help, we will divide into 3 groups, each doing a one-mile area. Bags and vests will be provided. Please bring water. If it's raining, we will reschedule to the following Saturday. Trash pick up is every first Saturday, on odd numbered months.

For any questions, contact Bob Redoutey, 931-2612.

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Board of Directors

Please welcome our new President, Scott Regan, Restrictions, Frank Bradley and Roads, Paulette Peterson to the Board of Directors. A special thanks to our outgoing Board of Directors, Lee Leeper and Debbie Purcell. We look forward to your continued involvement in our community.

December 2005, January, February, and March 2006 meeting minutes are included with this newsletter as inserts.

Treasurers Report

2006 beginning balance is \$5,752.08. As of March, 2006, we have 45 paid members. Please review the Board of Director Meeting minutes inserts for more information.

Restrictions

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

A \$50 DONATION WAS MADE TO THE CARING PLACE IN MEMORY OF TOM MCDANIEL, PRECINCT 3 COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

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 month of January. Of particular note: suspicious person (Harbor Drive) and violation of the burn ban (Cherokee). Our thanks to Deputy Claude Gamez, Williamson County Sheriff's Crime Prevention Unit, for providing the list (see February 2006 Board of Directors Meeting minutes insert). All Security related issues should be directed to Ed Pastor at 863-2331.

Roads Report

Ridgewood and FM3405 has been identified as a dangerous intersection. Please be careful. The Board is assessing our current road signs and the need for more. 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 May 16 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](mailto:Bob.Redoutey@northlake.org), 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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Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

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Email Address: _____

Water Efficient Methods for Your Landscape

I think everyone is very aware of the severe drought Texas is under. It not only has affected area farmers and ranchers, but also homeowners. Many homeowners are seeing their landscapes wither due to lack of rainfall and a warm winter and spring. And another result: burn bans. It is only a matter of time our water bills will skyrocket and water companies begin to ask homeowners to conserve water through water rationing.

To help alleviate landscape water problems this summer and in the future, homeowners should be evaluating water conservation methods. Whether called "Xeriscape," "Water Smart," or "Water Wise," landscape water conservation can produce quality landscapes that conserve water and protect the environment. Water-efficient landscapes are a viable alternative to the conventional, high-water requirement landscapes. For the past several years, residential and commercial landscapes have utilized more than 25 percent of the total water consumption in urban areas of Texas. This percentage can be reduced to extend the water supplies of Texas. By incorporating water conserving principles into home or commercial landscapes, it is estimated that water usage can be cut in half.

Many of us think that water-efficient landscapes are cactus and rock gardens. They can be cool, green landscapes full of beautiful plants which are maintained with water efficient practices. The same green, Texas-style landscapes which we are accustomed to can be achieved and still conserve water.

Landscape water conservation incorporates seven basic principles which lead to water savings:

- Planning and design
- Soil analysis and improvement
- Appropriate plant selection
- Practical turf areas
- Efficient irrigation
- Use of mulches
- Appropriate maintenance

By using these seven principles, you can help preserve our most precious natural resource -- water. For more information, check out these web sites or call John at 868-1574.

<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/extension/xeriscape/xeriscape.html>

<http://www.greenbuilder.com/sourcebook/xeriscape.html>

<http://tcebookstore.org/pubinfo.cfm?pubid=69>

<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/aransas/xeriscape.htm>

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