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Message to members from NLLOA President

Some of you may have attended the TXDoT public meeting to hear about the proposed widening of FM-2338. TXDoT has delayed this project and now it won't get underway until 2006. It also will not include any provisions for bicycle lanes, which is a concern to some of us cyclists. I will be meeting with TXDoT to express some of these concerns and also to see if they would consider some interim improvements such as a dedicated turn lane into Sun City for eastbound traffic like they added at Shell Road. I often find morning delays at this intersection due to traffic making a left turn into Sun City. We will also continue to work with TXDoT to allow us to put in a nice entrance and signage to North Lake at the new intersection planned for FM-2338 and FM-3405.

One of my City colleagues who serves on the Georgetown Economic Development Commission and is also Vice-Chair of the Georgetown 4(b) Transportation Enhancement Corporation (GTEC), Dr. Henry Carr, has agreed to attend one of our next NLLOA Board meetings. Dr. Carr will discuss all of the planned roadway improvement projects underway and planned by GTEC. This will probably occur at the September meeting and we will post a notice on the listserv so be sure to sign up for that service if you haven't already. I will also try to have

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Nuisance Animals

A large portion of the calls to WCSD this quarter was related to nuisance animals. It seems that barking dogs and loose animals have been a common complaint among North Lake residents for quite some time. We have also had some problems with missing goats lately. The owner reported that there has been a history of loose dogs in the area. Dogs need to be licensed and penned, on a leash, or under verbal control at all times. Not only is it dangerous for your pets to be running loose, but it is also unlawful. Let's review the laws and ordinances that pertain to these situations:

Texas Penal Code §42.01(5) BARKING DOGS

A dog owner who knowingly allows his animals to make unreasonable noise in a public place, or near the residence of another person, commits Class C disorderly conduct. The owner has to recognize that the noise is so disturbing that no reasonable person could regard it as appropriate. Such a dog would also give grounds for a civil nuisance suit.

Williamson County Animal Control Regulations [Art. 4477-6a] (Class C misdemeanors)

- 1. Failure to submit an animal that has bitten someone to the authorities for quarantine, or failure to comply with a quarantine requirement;*
- 2. Failure to inoculate, quarantine, or destroy an animal that has been bitten by a rabid animal;*
- 3. Keeping a vicious animal (other than a canine);*
- 4. Failing to get a dog or cat more than four months old a rabies vaccination;*
- 5. Failing to get a dog or cat license*
- 6. Allowing a dog or cat into a public place when it is not wearing its license tag;*
- 7. Interference with the Health Authority, Animal Control Officer, or*

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Roads Report

This past quarter a work order of 38 county road problems (potholes, signs down, etc.) was turned in. Mr. Tschoerner of Williamson County Road and Bridge responded within one week. We truly appreciate his immediate attention. The state was called about a dead deer on FM3405 and it was picked up the next day.

The association purchased two "Children at Play" signs. Thank you to Don Wallace and Steve Morris for installing them.

The speed limit of our North Lake roads is 30 mph. Please be considerate and watch your speed. We value our children!

The association will be sending out courtesy letters to those with junk/non-running vehicles that are in violation of North Lake restrictions. If the association can assist you in complying, please let us know. We all want to keep our property values up!

The North Lake sign on Ridgewood and FM2338 had partially fallen down. The sign was very rotted and deemed unusable. It will need to be replaced in the future, as funds are available. Contributions to this effort are appreciated. Please send your donation to the address below. We are also planning on repainting the other North Lake signs if possible.

Thank you to those who year after year have helped with the cleanup of FM3405: Ed Pastor, Elmer Friedrich, Isom Shoemaker, Walter Stueck, and Jack Searfoss.

Delores Wallace

Neighborhood Watch

In our June board meeting, \$400 was allocated to purchase up to 20 additional Neighborhood Watch signs at strategic locations throughout the neighborhood. We are currently in the process of ordering these signs through Williamson County.

Tuesday, August 5 is National Night Out. To celebrate this event, NLLOA will be hosting a block party at the Hightower residence at the corner of Valley View and Sunset in North Lake at 7pm. We have requested a visit from our Community Liaison at Williamson County Sheriff's Department (WCSD) so you can discuss your concerns, and we will be in contact with Fire and EMS to request their presence as well. We will also have refreshments. Bring your own drinks.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Please take this opportunity to eat our snacks and get to know your neighbors.

Crime Prevention Tip

Have you ever worried about your house when you are out of town? WCSD provides a service called a close patrol to check in on your house when you are away. At a minimum they will drive by and inspect, but if time permits they will check that doors and windows are secure. They will also perform a close patrol to check in on the elderly in poor health.

WCSD has another program to check in on the elderly called, "Are you OK?" They use an automated system to call the resident each day. It verifies that they answered the phone and it then plays a recorded message. To find out more or request either of these services, call WCSD at 943-1300.

Calls received by Sheriff's Dept. in past 3 months:

Nature of the call	# of calls
Criminal mischief	11
Animal	11
Ambulance calls	6
Noise or Disturbance	3
Suspicious activity	4
Theft	1

Thanks to the Wellspring United Methodist Church for allowing us to use their beautiful new facility for the NLLOA board meetings.

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someone available from TXDOT at that same meeting to discuss the State roadway projects like FM-2338 and the Parmer Lane extension. Dr. Carr and I have been very active in supporting the City's deal with Simon Property Group to build a large new retail mall on the Wolf Ranch property on I-35. We may also discuss that at the September meeting.

I have also asked Paul Brandenburg, the new Georgetown City Manager, to attend one of our upcoming meetings to talk about how Georgetown is managed and especially about issues of concern to those of us living in the ETJ. You may have noticed that there is a pending large new impact fee that would affect most of North Lake if we ever are annexed and asked to hook up to City sewer and water. Again this is just one more indication that we need our association to step up and take an active role in City issues and State highway decisions that affect us in North Lake.

For those of you have signed up for that free listserv service, we are also making arrangements with Chisholm Trail Water District to post water-boil notices so that anyone signed up will receive an email notice of water problems.

This past month the Chair of our Membership Committee resigned and we are looking for someone to take up those duties. Please contact any of the NLLLOA Directors if you would like to serve as the head of that very important committee. At last count our membership was up to about 120, a nice increase in the past few months, but still shy of our goal of 200 members. Please make every effort to recruit new members so that we can have everyone participate in our association. I look forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting!

Russ Peterman
NLLLOA President

their designee while in the performance of their official duties.

Williamson County Ordinance [Art. 192-3

A. The law authorizes any peace officer, commissioner, or magistrate who knows that a dog is killing, wounding, or chasing stock (not other dogs, cats or people) to seize or kill the dog. Someone outside law enforcement can also act, if actually present and witnessing the attack. Note that this law, unlike the necessity defense, permits action either during the attack or after the fact.

B. Any dog which is running at large (off its owner's property) at night must wear not only a tag, but also a leather or metal muzzle. Failure to comply with this requirement could lead to a \$100 fine and/or 30 days in jail.

Again, if you have questions regarding these or other laws please call WCSD at 943-1300.

Mike Metz

Security Report

There have been four separate instances of mailbox vandalism in the last month. Reports have been made to WCSD, and our own interviews with victims have turned up some suspects. Some residents that have been victimized numerous times are understandably quite upset about the situation. One resident intends to install a sophisticated hidden surveillance system. Others are less patient. Here's my question for you: Do you know what your own kids are up to at night?

We will continue working to get these perpetrators convicted for their own safety and for the security of our neighborhood. If you have any legal questions or information regarding criminal acts, please call WCSD at 943-1300.

Water Report

Effective July 1, Mandatory Stage 1A water rationing is in effect through September or until further notice.

2003 Application for Membership or Renewal of Membership

Dues: \$10.00 per year

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

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Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

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

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Calendar of Events

Board Meeting **First Thursday of month, 7 p.m.**

Wellspring Methodist Church, all members invited

National Night Out Block Party **August 5, 7 p.m.**

Join us at the corner of Valley View and Sunset.

Get to know your neighbors.

Concealed Handgun Class **Sunday, August 24**

Contact Mike Metz at 930-2125 for more information
and make your reservation for this free class.

What is Virtual North Lake? A free email message service (listserv) for the North Lake community. Just send an email and all subscribers get an instant copy of 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 deborahweiss@att.net.



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