

# North Lake Land Owners Association

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## Membership Meeting Report

Our Annual Membership Meeting was held on January 8, 2009 at the Sun City Activity Center. While we had a number of residents who joined us, we are still looking for other residents to voice their concerns and opinions so we can become a better community. Won't you please think about taking an active part!

Speakers were:

Williamson County Deputy Matt Kreidel reviewed crime statistics. There were a few theft issues in an isolated area. He suggested residents keep cars locked and garages closed to prevent theft.

David Wheelock from the Brazos River Authority explained that the BRA was created by the Texas Legislature to manage water supply and quality. The BRA is also contracted to manage eight additional reservoirs including Lake Georgetown. They manage two water treatment plants: Cedar Creek and Lake Granger.

Justin Farmer, owner of the Tippin House (Alzheimer's Facility on Woodcrest) spoke about his intent to be a good neighbor and would like to help residents feel more at ease with his facility.

## Adopt a Highway Clean Up

► Saturday, May 2, 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 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 January cleanup and the National Day on April 4. **Look for the signs advertising the cleanup.**

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## WHY MEMBERSHIP IS IMPORTANT

**We cannot express how important your membership is for 2009. The issues we have faced in 2008 will become even more challenging as continued growth affects our community. Your voice and your membership count! Please see Page 3 for the membership application.**

**JOIN NOW!**

**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, 2009 was \$6,676.74.

**Security Report**

Security issues this quarter involved 2 accidents, 6 animal related issues and 4 police related issues.

**Restrictions**

The owner of one home was questioned about utility poles stacked in the owner's yard. The resident is building a garage and our deeds and restrictions do not bar a resident from doing so.

**Wildflower Etiquette**

- Don't enter private property without permission.
- Don't trample or pull up plants or pick the wildflowers.
- Don't take anything from park property.
- Clean up after yourself, your pet, and those who came before you. Think of it as a random act of kindness.

**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/>

**Roads Report**

Several dead animals were removed this past quarter and work orders were submitted for reflective signs on W. Ridgewood. Trees were trimmed at Council and Apache Trail. Due to the widening of 2338 an intersection sign was down and the contractor will replace it. Contractors were notified that business signs are not allowed in North Lake, especially attached to utility poles.

**Membership**

We are at 53 members. There are nearly 500 homes in North Lake now and we need to have more membership in 2009. We ask for your support in joining.

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

A tragic accident happened last January outside Austin and it could have been completely avoided... it is the third one like this reported in the last year or two.

A woman was waiting to make a left turn from a two-lane road into a two-lane road to her left. There are a lot of these two lane roads that do not have a left turn waiting lane. The cars approaching the stopped vehicle from behind just pass on the right and keep on going.

This poor woman had pre-turned her wheels toward the left so she could take off and make the turn quickly when the time came. She sat there waiting for opposing traffic to clear. Someone driving behind her did not realize she was stopped and ploughed into the rear of her car.

If her wheels had been straight she would have been pushed forward, had a smashed up rear of her car and maybe a whip-lashed neck.

**BUT HER WHEELS WERE TURNED TO THE LEFT as she sat there.**

The impact of the rear-end collision drove her across the line and into the oncoming traffic. She was broadsided on the passenger side by a car coming the other way... and she was killed.

She had her seatbelt on and was probably a very nice person but no one told her to make sure that being hit from behind can't drive you across the road and into the opposite lane.

So... When you make a left and have to wait for traffic to clear to let you across... keep your wheels straightforward until you start to move... It is your life at risk.

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**2009 Application for membership or Renewal of Membership**

If you're already a member  
please give this to a neighbor.

**2009 DUES - \$25.00****Due January, 2009 – 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Deer and More Deer

Several landowners have expressed concern over the growing deer population not to mention the controversy over feeding or not feeding. Here is some input:

White tailed deer are found all over the United States. There are an estimated four million deer in Texas. They are often solitary animals but can be found in herds ranging in various sizes. White tails eat mostly forbs (weedy plants) and shrubs, and can be found in woody and brushy areas of the state. Deer do not migrate but remain in an area about one square kilometer in size (about 7 square city blocks) year round.

White tailed deer can be seen in many urban areas where deer overpopulation is a problem. Many homeowners feed the deer because they enjoy watching these browsers from their windows. The problem with feeding deer is that they can become a nuisance. Once they get comfortable eating the feed that is provided to them they have less fear of humans and will eat landscape plants and garden vegetables. Deer love to eat the tender new growth of plants. often eating roses and other favorite landscape plants. Feeding deer also leads to more fawns being born and while that seems desirable, it can lead to an overpopulation, which usually means starvation for many animals.

Additionally:

- The amount of deer that die and are left to rot spreading disease.
- The accidents they cause resulting in injury or death to drivers.
- Deer will attack your pets when they feel threatened with their young and many dogs have been kicked causing serious injury or death.
- Deer carry deer ticks and Lyme's disease, which often goes unnoticed and can cause irreversible damage.
- Although Chronic Wasting Disease (CSD) is a contagious fatal disease among deer and elk, research suggests that humans, cattle and other domestic livestock are resistant to natural transmission. The possibility of human infection remains a concern.

According to the Fish and Game Department:

"People mean well, but don't realize the damage they're doing. Feeding wild white-tailed deer may actually reduce the animals' ability to survive a winter, making them more vulnerable to starvation, predation, disease and vehicle collisions. Despite people's good intentions, supplemental feeding creates an artificial situation in which the deer, the habitat and the public may suffer." The Fish and Game Department urges landowners to NOT provide supplemental feed to deer, because the practice actually can cause far more harm than good.

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