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EDITOR NOTES

We have had a long, troublesome summer! There was HEAT, vandalism, animals, fires, economy, politics, jobs, you can probably think of more. Our top focus has been SURVIVAL! And we are the lucky ones. We have a helper who has endured 2 fires, with teenagers and an invalid husband. *Count your blessings!*



There have been many emails via Yahoo Groups about some of the problems. There are many ways to help people in need, especially those made homeless by fires. As usual, there are lots of volunteers. And also as usual there are predators. I am writing this on 9/11, which reminds us to be always vigilant. And the threats are far beyond terrorism. As one message noted on Yahoo, two people were seen smoking on the brown lawn by the pool. The fire in Oak Hill was started by a homeless person who left an open fire unattended. We must be always alert.

Other messages talked about trash and debris in wooded areas. My suggestion is to get neighbors organized. When we moved to LOHA2 in May 1998, such an area was directly across the street. It turned out to be city parks property. I was advised to get volunteers for cleanup. I was newsletter editor at the time and advertised a call for workers. On April 16th 2005, 16 people plus 2 from APD filled (and more) 2 huge dumpsters. We had work days every month for several years, which led to the dedication of Convict Hill Quarry Park on April 21, 2007. There needs to be a leader and dates and a plan. Let me, or Craig Powell, or any Landscape Committee member, know if you are interested.

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Items for LEGENDARY TIMES

THE NATURE OF THINGS

I loathe the squirrels around the yard who like to dig up everything. Yet this Spring we had six of the little tree rats born in one of our trees and I've watched them grow up. They chased one another, played together - obviously a social order to them of sorts and a family unit. And then a few found other places or were dinner. We were down to four. Yesterday morning I saw a buzzard in the street with one of them. Either the furry thing was hit first or the buzzard snagged it, but in any case the buzzard was eating a good fresh meal of squirrel. I came home a few hours later and 99% of it was gone as was the buzzard in the street. Later that evening, I noticed the tail/spine and a few 'parts' in my yard. I reminded myself I needed to get that up before the dog found it. I forgot. This morning while setting up the water, not a single piece of that squirrel remains. Critters during the night chowed what was left, again completing that circle of life and death for wildlife. When you look at the life and death of animals in that light, it's not hard to break it down logically as to what goes on around us day and night, 365 days a year. Interesting. - *Scott Strance*

POOL DAMAGE

Surveillance photos from the recent vandalism of the pool house have been posted to a new album on the Yahoo Groups site. Here is the link to the album. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/legendoaksneighbors/photos/album/1634989166/pic/list>

There were two males involved. The one in the hat appears to be about 5'10", and he has a pony tail down to the middle of his back, (at least 15" long). He was initially carrying a piece of hardiplank house siding that appeared to be a cutoff, so he may be involved with painting or siding installation. The other person is estimated to be about 6'2", and he is believed to be the driver of a dark 2008 Dodge Dakota or possibly Durango, (the year may be off slightly, but that is the body style), with damage to the front light/fender on the passenger side.

Bear in mind that these photos were taken in total darkness with an infrared camera, so colors and shades may not correspond as expected. If you have any information about these men or the vehicle, please contact either me, Nikki Tate or Scott Strance offline, and we will help ensure that the information gets to the detective on the case.

*Thank you,
Jonathon Mayor*

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LOHA2 MAP

There is an excellent map on the Yahoo Groups site. It can be accessed at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/legendoaksneighbors/files/Landscaping/Map%20of%20Legend%20Oaks%20II%20-%20Sep%202011.pdf>

FIRE DANGER!

While driving down Escarpment around 3:30 this afternoon, I was dismayed to see a young couple smoking in the brown, dead grass behind the pool. Unfortunately, I was late to meet my child's bus, so I couldn't stop and I don't know what I would have said anyway, but the thought of a cigarette coming in contact with the dead grass and/or brush in that creek bed/green belt area that runs from the park down behind the homes on Ridge Oak made me feel sick to my stomach. - *Robyn Czarnecki*

MARATHON TRAINING

There is a marathon/half marathon training program that is starting soon at DN Park at 6pm. The program is designed for ALL LEVELS, from first timers to veterans. Whether, you run 15/minute mile or 8/minute mile this program can work for you. You can also choose between training 1,2 or 3 days a week. If you want more information please contact me or see the website. (www.roguerunning.com) If this time doesn't work for you please contact me and maybe we can start a time another program at a different time.

I currently coach a half-marathon program (my runners are training for the San Antonio half) and have been training with them since 2005, so I would be happy to answer any additional questions you might have. - *stephanievwoddruff@yahoo.com*

THERE'S MORE TO POOP THAN MEETS THE EYE!

There is a problem in LOHA2 with residents not picking up after their pets in our park and walkways. It is a little more than disgusting as noted below. This is apparently a national problem. The U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirms pet waste can spread parasites including hookworms, ring-worms, tapeworms and Salmonella. Pet waste also contains E. Coli and other harmful bacteria including fecal coliform bacteria, which can cause serious kidney disorders, intestinal illness, cramps and diarrhea in humans. (There are 23 million fecal coliform bacteria in a single gram of pet waste!)

Dog poop often contains roundworm larvae, which can cause blindness. If a human ingests a roundworm larva, it can migrate through the body causing disease to the brain, lungs, kidneys, liver, heart or eyes. So when people (especially children) touch soil, dog toys or anything that has been in contact with dog feces and then touch their mouths, they can become infected. Dog poop doesn't just "wash away" or disappear. So if you're not disposing of your dog's waste, you're putting yourself, your family, your dog and your water supply at risk.

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- There are approx. 73 million dogs in the US.
- Statistics show that nearly 41% do not pick up after their dog.
- That's 29 plus million dogs producing approx. 10 million pounds of poop per day left to wash into our lakes, streams and storm drains.

Tracy Johnson

MONTHLY HOA MEETING

The HOA board will begin meeting monthly on the 1st Monday of the month at Austin Pizza Garden starting at 7pm. These meetings will be open to all residents! - *Nikki Tate*

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Are you the "hostess with the most-est"? If so, then the recreation committee needs you! If you would like to make your mark on the annual Christmas party or just continue the tradition, this is your chance. We have the names and numbers of all the previous vendors, so you don't have to start from scratch. Other recreation opportunities are optional, like an Easter egg hunt, pool parties, Halloween, or other meet and mingle activities. Please contact HOA president, Nikki Tate at nikkitate@gmail.com asap. - *Amanda Hyde*

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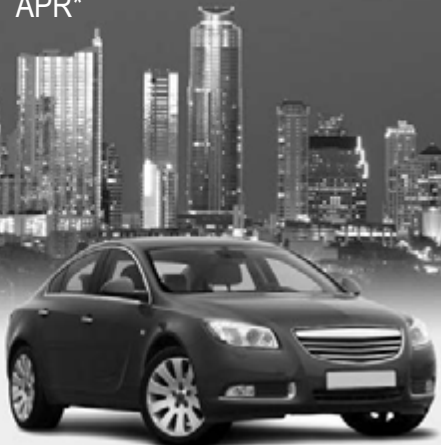
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September 06, 2011

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- **I. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by President Nikki Tate. Directors in attendance were:

President - Tate, Nikki

Vice President - Strance, Scott

Secretary Pruet, Darryl

Celeste Schulz from Goodwin Management along with HOA attorney Patrice Arnold also attended the meeting.

- **II. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AUGUST 28, 2010 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

- **III. REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS & COMMITTEES**

Nikki Tate spoke about the Recreation Committee that oversees the Christmas Party and Easter Egg Hunt. Two members from the committee have stepped down and it is in need of volunteers. If no one steps up, there will be no Christmas Party this year.

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NEW NEIGHBORS

MOVE DATE- Address..... Resident Name

7/25/2011 - 6704 Telluride Trail Chris & Amy Stewart

7/28/2011 - 6610 Deboe Drive Marco Mariotti & Sylvianne Ramirez

8/11/2011 - 6801 Telluride Trail Christopher McNeil

8/11/2011 - 8129 Cheno Cortena Trail..... Javier M. & Marcy Martinez

8/15/2011 - 7513 Robert kleburg Michael Funes

8/22/2011 - 6821 Poncha Pass Jeff & Tejashri Kyle

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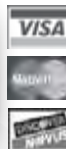
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Annual Meeting- (Continued from Page 5)

The Maintenance Committee Chair has also stepped down and volunteers are needed. Nikki Tate went on to share about the vandalism at the pool stating that it was the reason for the pool closing.

Nikki Tate added that the Board and Landscape Committee has completed Phase One of the landscaping improvements seen throughout the community.

Nikki Tate The brick wall that was not built appropriately. Wires are poking through the wall and it has become dangerous. It has been established that it is HOA property and the Board is in the process of getting bids for replacement. It is expected to cost between \$400-500 thousand dollars to complete the wall project. A homeowner asked how it would effect HOA dues. Celeste Schulz explained about the reserve fund and gave current figures of its balance. Nikki Tate added that the Board is looking into different assessment options.

She went on to discuss having a separate formal meeting to present fencing options to the community when they have additional and better information. Nikki Tate spoke about the new state legislature applying to Homeowner Associations. The state has changed the required percentage of owners to change restriction words and requirements. Nikki stated that this will help with the wrought iron fence issue. The Board further discussed these changes applying to satellite dishes, solar panels, and adopting these policies.

Darryl Pruett stated that our HOA Attorney, Patty Arnold, will be working with our association to update our Restrictions on other areas that apply to the new legislative changes. The board will hold another specific meeting to vote on all the changes. Nikki Tate mentioned that the Board will hold monthly meetings that will be open to everyone beginning in October. The board will hold a meeting on the 1st Monday of every month at Austin Pizza Garden at 7pm.

• IV. ELECTION OF ONE BOARD MEMBER

Nikki Tate explained that quorum had not been met and the election could not take place. It was discovered that 64 homeowners

were present with the inclusion of proxies. All present homeowners voted unanimously to have Nikki Tate remain on the Board of Directors. Darryl Pruett objected to the vote due to the fact that we failed to provide 30 day notice of an election.

• V. MANAGERS REPORT

Management company does as the liaison between the Board and the owners. One of the main provisions given by Goodwin Management is accounting. Celeste reviewed the Balance Sheet and Expense Report for what is going out and coming in showing the balance of \$293,000.

Celeste went on to review violation enforcement. Nikki Tate added about yard maintenance issues in the Debcoe area. Celeste went on to review the ACC application process and obtaining an application through the Goodwin Management website under the Legend Oaks page. She added to make sure that you also obtain any and all needed City Permits for your project.

Nikki Tate made note of the \$8,000 water bill applied in the financials. She stated that there was a backlog of 12 months assessed from the city for a meter that was never applied to their bill. The community had received free water for the last ten years and the city only assessed them for the last 12 months.

• VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jonathon Mayor gave the Pool Committee report. He spoke about the new security upgrades with cameras and key cards. Jonathon showed reports by dates showing 5,700 visits this summer. The cameras also caught men stealing the copper wiring. Nikki Tate added of the continued work being down to capture the culprits. She went on to explain why they only allow one card per household. The Board and homeowners went on to discuss the 18 and older rule being applied at the pool. Nikki Tate and other Board members added as to why they will always vote to have lifeguards.

• VII. NEW BUSINESS

The board encouraged every resident to

sign up for the yahoo message board for our community. This is a great way for the board and residents to communicate about important information to the majority of residents in quick format.

• VIII. OWNER COMMENTS

Homeowner asked about the water restrictions that went into effect on September 6th, 2011. The Board replied that they will be following those restrictions. Homeowner asked about the Austin Statesman papers being distributed without subscription. Owners are not properly disposing of them. Celeste stated that she will ask Clive Smith to follow up and see what can be captured on his inspection. Having the HOA restrict solicitation will most likely not stop the problem.

Owner stated that there is brush behind his fence by the greenbelt and he is fearful of fire hazards. The Board advised that he contact the city as it is their jurisdiction and they need to have it removed. The owner said that he would give his address to the Board after the meeting.

Homeowner asked that all the residents respect the City of Austin Trash Collection schedule. Having trashcans out when not allowed cheapens the look of the neighborhood.

Homeowner stated that she would like to see Purple Martin birdhouses throughout the community and in the greenbelt.

Homeowner stated that she does not believe the HOA should pay to put up the temporary mesh fencing when the wall starts to get repaired. The HOA can not provide absolute protection from pets and children getting outside the fence area.

Darryl Pruett explained that when negotiating with the contractor that we will make sure to get as much as we can from our leverage as this is a large project.

• IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Being no further business. President Nikki Tate adjourned the meeting @ 8:47 PM with a unanimous vote.

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