

Legend OAKS

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A Newsletter for the Residents of Legend Oaks

EDITOR NOTES:

Some of you may remember that I was editor twice before. I had to resign the second time because of my wife's stroke and the need to become a caregiver (and make a living). Sadly, she died last October and I can resume volunteer activities. What follows is a repeat of my two previous introductions.

2004

Progress? When we moved to Oak Hill 18 years ago, the 290 extension was under construction, Escarpment and Beckett ended just south of Davis, Convict Hill Road ended just west of Escarpment, Circle C was an infant, and William Cannon from 290 to Brodie had very few businesses. Now we have economic crises, privacy disappearing, little common courtesy, gridlock on 290/71, stalled growth plans, political stalemate, and I am sure you can add much more to this list.

2011

How about some good news! We are still in the land of opportunity. Just look at all the new businesses on William Cannon and Slaughter, all the new development on 290 between Oak Hill and Dripping Springs. Look at the mushrooming of information and e-commerce on

the internet. Washington politicians may have failed us, but we shall overcome! Oak Hill is flourishing...(I wrote this 4 years ago. Still true!)

Our new newsletter committee includes Anita Garner and Janet Rourke. This our first issue, and not everything is complete. We will have lists and links for some references ready for the next issue.

We are starting this newsletter again at the request of several new LOHA2 members who wanted more information about the neighborhood. We are contacting all committee chairs to request information about current activities in association, pool, landscape, finance, maintenance, and recreation programs. We will be listing new owners as homes change hands. We will list names and information about available baby sitters. We will list all coming activities in the neighborhood, to include school activities. We should note information about

new children, jobs, businesses, family changes, etc. Please let me know of anything you would like to share with our community.

If you have items for publication, send them to me by the 10th for any following month.

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Calling All Parents Who Need Babysitters

and All Babysitters Who Want Babysitting Jobs!

The Legend Oaks Newsletter Editorial Committee is starting a Babysitter Match-Up.

DO YOU BABYSIT? WOULD YOU LIKE MORE BABYSITTING JOBS?

Are you a parent who needs a babysitter on an occasional or a regular basis? Would you like to hire someone in the neighborhood to watch your child or children?

Then the Legend Oaks Babysitter Match-Up is perfect for you! In the old newsletter, babysitters' names and telephone numbers were listed. Because some babysitters are under 18, the newsletter editorial committee discussed the safety of listing babysitter names and phone numbers in the newsletter. We decided to try an email match-up instead.

This is how the match-up will work. Parents needing a babysitter can send an email with information on when they need a sitter, what they are looking for in a sitter, and how many children they have.

Babysitters need to complete and submit an application to get on the email list.

When we receive a parent's request for a babysitter, we will forward the request to babysitters on the babysitter email list. The babysitters can email the parents if they are interested in babysitting for them.

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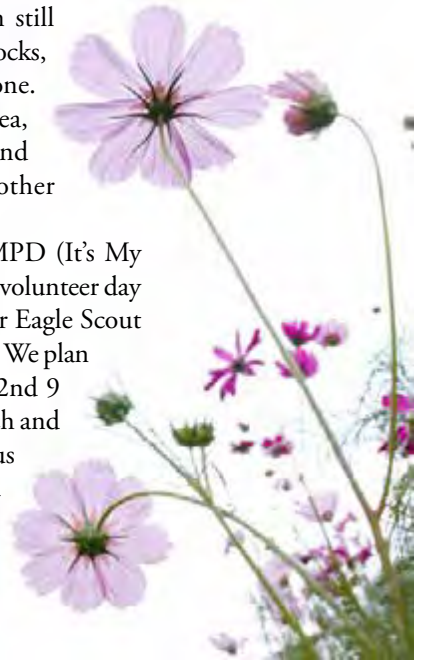
When I was editor the first time, the park did not yet exist. I found out about the property from the city (I live directly across the street) and was told that it was on the Parks Department inventory. I called the Parks Department and Joan Singh, the area manager, said they had no budget or plans for the park. First they erected a sign. Then, at my urging, a doggy mit dispenser. I was invited to get volunteers, and Parks would help. As editor of the newsletter I wrote a call for volunteers on a particular Saturday. 20 people showed up, and filled a dumpster with debris. That was the beginning!

The park was constructed in the next 6 years entirely by volunteer labor and funding. The Parks Department contributed tools and some materials (including wildflower seeds), the city poured the sidewalk (not there before). The Parks Foundation gave us grants (we had to apply and match and justify them), many people donated money, Eagle Scouts did the rock walls and waterfall, American Youthworks did stone benches and rock and tree work and fence posts. Trail Tamers helped plan and build trails. Volunteers did trail mulching and rock lining, and purchased and installed cedar fence rails. Volunteers did debris clearing and all other maintenance.

This is an historic site. This is the center of the quarry that supplied

limestone for the construction of the present Statehouse. You can still see evidence of drill holes in rocks, and piles of unused limestone. Other construction in the area, such as Bell Quarry Hill and Starbucks, will obliterate other quarry remains.

We had volunteers for IMPD (It's My Park Day) in March, another volunteer day in April, and there is another Eagle Scout project being conducted now. We plan a work day on November 22nd 9 to noon to spread more mulch and rake the trails. Plan to join us for a nice Fall outing, clean and invigorating, and lots of good company! See you there?





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Walkers on Convict Hill Rd. Bob Terfruchte and Metro

Bob started working for AMD in 1982, full time electrical engineer for many years. Voluntarily laid off, back to work as a contractor. Likes the flexibility. Once had a very large house (3,000sqft), now lives in a condo, suitable for a bachelor. He has been walking daily with "Metro", and previously "Freeway", daily for over 12 years. Probably at least 4,400 miles, as they walk at least a mile every day and sometimes more! Look for a large man with a cane and brown, fuzzy dog. Bob had a hip AND a knee replacement!

So many people walk in Legend Oaks! Guys with dogs, girls with dogs, some with two, even three dogs. Girls with kid strollers, some with strollers and dogs! Guys and girls without dogs or strollers! We plan to interview some every issue. Our neighborhood is very health conscious!



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Patton Elementary, "Wild about Patton", Safari Carnival is November 15th from 2 to 7PM, rain or shine. There will be live music, Safari Greg Animal show, 10 inflatables including "Wipe Out" and a 100 foot slide! Try your luck on some wild games and have fun at our many booths. Come hungry for some yummy food! And finally, don't forget about our HUGE Silent Auction with over \$15,000 worth of items to bid on you will get some amazing deals! Everyone is welcome! Check out our website at www.pattonpta.org.

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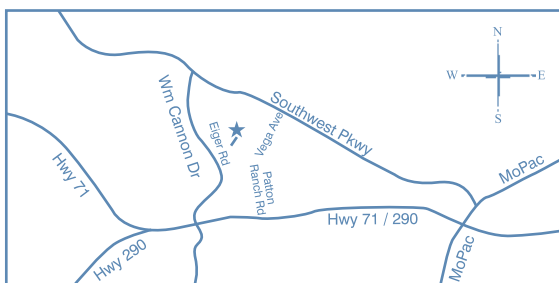
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