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A Newsletter for the Residents of Legend Oaks II

Legend Oaks 2 Annual Homeowners Association Meeting

Our annual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, at Bethany Lutheran Church, Community Life Center (Fellowship Hall) on Slaughter Lane. We will be electing one new board member at this meeting.

Sign-in begins at 6:30 pm. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm. Dinner will be provided by Austin Pizza Garden.

We had our meeting at this location last year. It is a great place to meet, with a large meeting space and plenty of parking. Get there early to enjoy your dinner before the meeting starts!

Meeting Agenda

Roll Call and Certifying of Proxies

Proof of Notice of Meeting

Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes from Sept. 9, 2014

Election of one Board Member

Reports from Board of Directors

Manager's Report

Committee Reports

Results of Election

New Business

Communications from Members – Up to 10 people may speak with a maximum 3-minute time limit.

Adjourn

Welcome New Neighbors!

According to the Legend Oaks 2 Homeowners Association, the following new neighbors joined the neighborhood in July:

Darren & Michele Rootstein

6019 Bel Fay Lane

Chin Huang Yong

6912 Poncha Pass

Be sure to welcome these new neighbors to our neighborhood!

Everything you need to know about the Homeowners Association can be found at <http://hoasites.goodwintx.com/loh/Home.aspx> - bylaws, how to get a pool pass, meeting minutes, payment instructions for HOA dues, architectural change forms.

Want to know what is going on in the neighborhood? Subscribe to:

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Update on Quarry Park

By Janet Rourke

John Yarber has stepped up and volunteered to coordinate park cleanups at Quarry Park.

Here are John's thoughts on the park:

I've only lived in the neighborhood for about a year, although I've lived in beautiful Southwest Austin for over 20 years. I met Jim one day when I happened to be walking by the Quarry Park and we had quite a long discussion. He's very interesting, and I remembered that I had worked on the park with the Trail Tamers about 10 years ago. I was very glad to meet him and see that the park was doing so well. Jim mentioned that he was going to be moving to Thailand and would need someone to try to take over the project. I admit that I hesitated because I travel a lot, mostly on hiking trips, so I waited until after the last project Jim was doing to volunteer. (I was surprised that he didn't already have a volunteer.) I'll be happy to do whatever I can, although I don't expect to be as good a manager as Jim was; I don't think anybody can accomplish as much as he did.

Quarry Park is such a beautiful place, so we need to decide what we want it to become, or let it stay the same. In my personal opinion, it should be a very natural piece of nature, managed, but not over managed. I heard someone mention that they much prefer this park to Dick Nichols, and I agree with this comment. It is much more in touch with nature. I recently walked a small dog through the park and we encountered a fox sitting on a high boulder. My dog barked and so did the fox. It seemed to be a very proud fox, one with no fear, as it didn't run away, but just stood there above us. Hey, it was cute! So, back to the future of the park. I think we need to keep it wild and encourage wildlife (except coyotes). Maybe we can find a way to have a drinking water source and plants that attract wild birds and other wildlife. On the other side of the plan, I do not want to let it ever look like a neglected lot, over grown with weeds. I've noticed that we do have a problem with weeds right now and I would love to get a group together to remove some of the Johnson grass and stickers - they just don't help the landscape of the park.

There will be volunteer opportunities for working on the park in the fall, and we can certainly use some help when the weather isn't so hot. In the meantime, Bob Terfruchte, (everyone knows him, he's the great guy who feeds us breakfast tacos and coffee when we have the projects!) has purchased a very natural bench as a memorial to add to the park. We need a crew to place and anchor the bench near the entrance to the park; the project has already been approved by the Parks Department, with Jim's help.

What can neighbors do to help the park? Well, maybe when we're hiking through the park, we can remove some of the Johnson grass and stickers. I've done lots of hikes where we bring along a trash bag to pick up litter. We don't have much litter in the park, but we do

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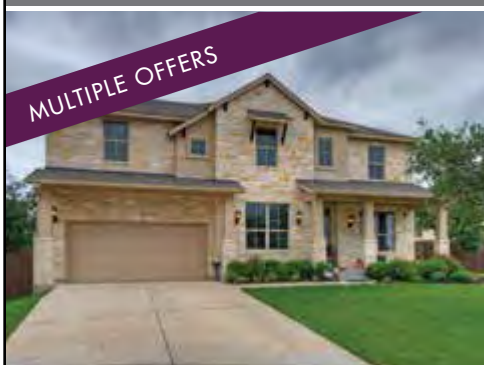
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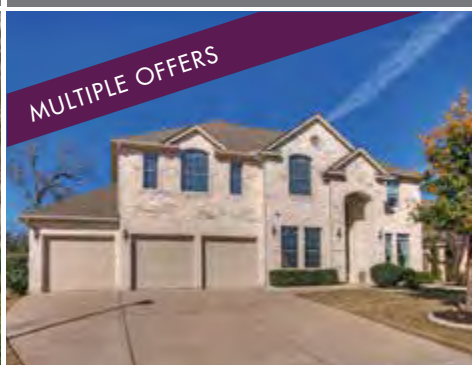
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have some ugly weeds. Or maybe you are a master gardener (or just a gardener) and would like to help with planning and plantings for the park. Or maybe you have a boy or girl scout troop and would like to get the troop involved with adding mulch to the trails. Any help will be appreciated!

The park is a great place to enjoy nature, and we're so lucky to have it right in our neighborhood. It doesn't need a lot, thanks to Jim's excellent management, but even nature can use our help. I would love to have neighbors help me, as, like I said earlier, I travel quite a lot. You can reach me at johnyarber@att.net. Thank you.

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QUARRY PARK - SITE OF TEMPORARY ARTWORK EXHIBIT

By Anna Bradley, Art in Public Places Coordinator, City of Austin

Quarry Park has been chosen by the City of Austin's Art in Public Places TEMPO Program to be the site of a temporary public artwork display.

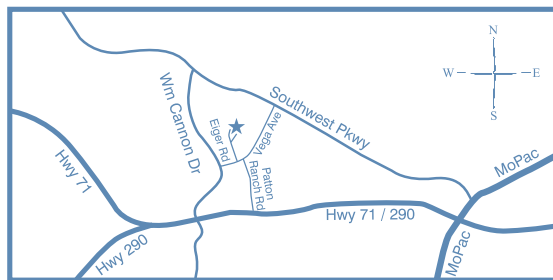
Artist Olivia Moore was selected from a competitive field of proposals to create the artwork for Quarry Park. She was inspired by the history of Convict Hill Quarry Park. Her artwork features an architectural folly of a jail cell mounted to a medium sized limestone rock as a nod to the convicts who were killed during the quarrying of the area. The sculpture was reviewed and stamped by a structural engineer, and the Parks and Recreation Department approved the project for safety and feasibility.

The installation will be up from August 17 to January 18th. It was installed and will be de-installed by a professional art handling company.

Art in Public Places is commissioning a videographer to create a short film about each of the 10 projects to be installed this year. More information on the program can be found at www.austintexas.gov/TEMPO. There is also a link to our YouTube channel where you can view the videos from the 2013/14 projects.



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MY NEW LiFe

By Jim Turney

In July, Jim Turney, LOA2 newsletter editor, moved to Pattaya Beach, Thailand. He is sending us updates on his new adventures. Here is his latest entry.

I love this place!



I discovered a very interesting service! In the food mart in the basement of the huge shopping mart next door, there is a large section of tables surrounded by food services. You can go to any of dozens of counters and select about any kind of food you can imagine, even

desserts and drinks, then go sit at a table and eat. It is much cheaper than a restaurant, and has more variety. It is cheaper than cooking at home. You can go for days, weeks, and never repeat a meal! This is where I eat most of the time!

There are Burger King, McDonalds, Starbucks, 7/11, and many other US places at the mall. The mall is well arranged, with IT on the 3rd floor, many banks on the 4th floor, and many restaurants, mostly on the 5th floor.

Near the entrance to the mall are many big fish tanks with tiny fish swimming. People sit beside the tanks with legs and feet dangling, and get a leg massage from the fish!



Mini-buses run constantly, pickups with a shell on back. You can signal a driver and hop on and off anywhere, the cost is from 20 to 40 baht (6 to 12 cents). There are many cars and buses, and even more mopeds! I rode one to and from the immigration law office this morning. Exciting! You

ride behind and hold onto the driver. Helmets are advised! And usually provided.

They drive on the English side. If there are rules, nobody pays attention! Surprisingly, no one gets hurt or killed! Having a vehicle is a problem – storage and parking. Getting around is cheap and easy. And fast! You can also walk!

There was a marathon here Sunday, very early to avoid the heat. The finish line was across the street. I heard shouts for winners and finishers starting at 6am.



Local Community Club Welcoming New Members

By Manjula Lannan

The Lions Club originated in 1917 when a 38-year-old Chicago businessman, Melvin Jones, asked a simple and world changing question: What if people put their talents to work improving their communities?

Nearly 100 years later, Lions Club International is now the world's largest service club organization, with over 1.4 million members in more than 46,000 clubs in over 200 countries. Lion's service foundation is built on four service pillars: Youth, Hunger, Vision, and Environment. Members can choose to get involved in the service they are passionate about.

The club closest to the Legend Oaks 2 community is the South Austin Lions Club (www.southaustinelions.org). Meetings are held on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 pm at Mr. Gatti's in Oakhill.

A recent event included Bowling for Books, held at Westgate Lanes on August 15th. A Book Fair & Vision Screening will be held at the Barnes & Noble on Brodie on September 5th. The vision screenings are complimentary, and so was the bowling. To find out about future events, check the events page on their website. You are welcome to attend the meetings and get a feel for the club over a pizza dinner.



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Leaving Your Home Alone When You Are On Vacation

By Nikki Tate

If you're going to be away for an extended period of time, or you're going to be without internet service for a more than a few weeks (yes, some people can actually still do that), think about finally setting up that auto-pay feature for some of your utilities to pay them automatically while you're away from civilization.

And, while keeping the electricity up and running is important, you may not need to leave everything plugged in while you're gone. Unplugging non-essential electrical items can also help protect them in case of a lightening storm or an unexpected power surge. If you have houseplants, be sure and consider their needs as well when deciding on what temperature to leave the thermostat on while you're away.

Two or three timers will allow you to set a time for your lights (or even a radio if you'd like some noise as an additional deterrent) to come on in the evening, and remain on until the timer switches them off.

If you have an alarm system, you may want to make 100% sure that it's in proper working order, as well as inform your alarm company

the exact dates that you'll be gone. If you ask someone to check on your house, be sure they know your alarm code along with the basic functions of the system. Most alarm companies will also be able to set you up with a temporary code for them that will automatically expire on your return date.

You definitely don't want to come back to a house full of bad smells, or flies, or both, so be sure and remove all the perishable items from the fridge. Check that all trash cans are emptied and see if that same friend might be able to put your trash cans out for collection - and then put them back in the garage on collection day. This will reduce the signals that nobody is home, and your neighbors won't be annoyed by your trash cans being left on the street for two weeks.

Be sure and cancel or put on hold any newspaper subscriptions, and check with your post office and see if you can have a vacation-stop on your mail delivery.

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Lemon Eucalyptus Bug Repellent

By Janet Rourke

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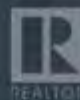
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