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A Newsletter for the Residents of Legend Oaks II

## Editorial

*Jim Turney*

I know I said good-bye several months ago, but I have settled into my new location and examined opportunities. I am in an "Active Adult Apartment" in San Marcos, meaning that no one has caregivers and no meals are served. There are 206 apartments, lots of amenities and activities and I can get to Legend Oaks in 35 minutes. No one volunteered to be editor, and Nikki approved, so I will continue. If you do not like this, and would like to volunteer, contact whoever is the president now.

This will be my 4th time as editor. The first time, along with the help of Allison Finch, we did our own copy, then contracted printing and mailing. Along came Peel. All we had to provide was copy and mailing list. No cost for printing or mailing. This newsletter is supported by advertising. This makes for difficult timing in submitting articles. Copy has to be provided on the 10th for publication by the 15th of the next month. You cannot give Halloween information in September for October publication, rather in August for September publication. Likewise you must submit Christmas articles in November. When we published ourselves, we controlled the timing. No longer. Keep this in mind if you are planning to submit an article for an upcoming event.

Surely you were surprised and shocked with Nikki's resignation! Elsewhere in this issue is a tribute. I said earlier that a long-time president is a good thing. Her predecessor was also long-term. I hope we find another person with the same drive, persistence, and dedication.

I am also resuming leadership of Quarry Park projects. The park is not part of LOHA2, although it abuts on 3 of 4 sides. Again, no one else wanted to do it. I have another long term project in mind, which you will read about elsewhere. You can be sure it will be completed on my watch. I am still very much involved in Oak Hill, having invested so much of myself in 17+ years!!

We are still interested in contributions about activities in LOHA2. Written articles would be wonderful! Please submit all items to me [drjet33@gmail.com](mailto:drjet33@gmail.com) or Janet Rourke [janetrourke@sbcglobal.net](mailto:janetrourke@sbcglobal.net).

## A Tribute to Nikki

*Duane Pietsch*



Nikki Tate has been an absolute champion for the Legend Oaks II Homeowner's association for 7 years. Under her leadership, the board has increased transparency, improved standards for protecting the integrity and value of our neighborhood, and worked through a major capital project, all while honoring the commitment to maintain reasonable dues and responsibly manage resources. Nikki has selflessly and tirelessly given her time to ensure that the interests of the association are protected. Her efforts have always encouraged community involvement and participation, consistently promoting community-focused decision making and initiatives. The hallmark of her tenure is that the business of the association is conducted professionally, fairly, and respectfully. On behalf of the current board and the entire association, Thank-you, Thank-you, Thank-you, Nikki. We bless you as you share your leadership experience with other organizations. I know you will be an asset as to them as you have been to our association.

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According to the Legend Oaks 2 Homeowners Association, the following new neighbors moved into the neighborhood:

Sheldon and Claire Busch 7173 Ridge Oak Road

Please 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, ...

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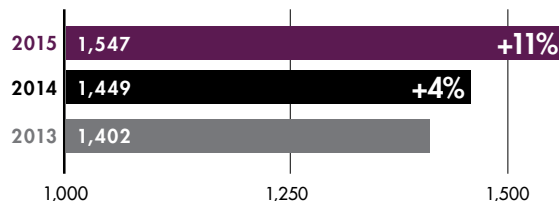


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*Janet Rourke*

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# Quarry Park News

*Jim Turney*

September 26 was National Public Lands Day, and we had a load of mulch provided and delivered by the Parks Department. Our group of dedicated volunteers, many of them repeaters, spread and raked all the mulch in 2 hours! Also cut growth over the trails and removed weeds.

It should have looked wonderful, but it did not! The mulch that was delivered was very bad. Not from fresh wood, so it was not red, and it contained bits of plastic. Dark mulch made the trails look shabby. We pointed this out to the Parks Department, and they agreed to provide a new supply of double-grind fresh mulch.

However, both days we rescheduled for spreading new mulch were rained out! And since it was nearing the holidays, we decided to wait until IMPD (It's My Parks Day) the first Saturday in March. This is a city-wide event that we have joined for 8 years. I have walked the trails, and the rainstorms washed a lot of mulch away! So we will need to spread and rake a lot of mulch! Please joins us on Saturday, March



Ten flatcar loads of limestone a day were quarried by convicts and shipped to the Capitol in 1885 from (what is now called) Convict Hill in Oak Hill, then known as Oakhurstville. - photo courtesy of Austin History Center.

5th, 2016. You can sign up for the event on the Austin Parks Foundation web site, or just show up!

Another topic. You saw my email about my dream of an historic diorama. Big project, needs to be broken into smaller pieces. First step will be cutting a trail to the grassy clearing at the back of the park. That area is now inaccessible because of many rocks at one end. I will be working with Joe Diaz of the Parks Department to be sure we have approval for the trail. After we cut the trail we will mulch it, then work to prepare the grassy area. Attached is a picture. We are applying to the Parks Foundation for a grant to pour a slab, like a small house foundation, to support the diorama. Then to find artisans to create it. I envision a half



scale model of the attached scene, and only a few figures. Styrofoam granite. Getting this done may take several years. And it will have to be protected from vandals!

Stay tuned!

# South Austin Lions Club

*Nancy Shugart*



The South Austin Lions Club, which meets at Mr. Gatti's Pizza in Oak Hill, has two upcoming events you might be interested in attending. Both are free.

Saturday, January 16, 2016 1 PM

Barton Creek Mall, 2901 S. Capital of Texas Hwy.

The South Austin Lions Club is hosting the Lone Star Puppy Raisers Club for a fun and educational presentation. Come meet the puppies who are being raised here in Austin to one day become a guide dog for a person who is blind. Bring any questions you have ever had about what it takes to become a guide dog or who can become a raiser for one of these special puppies.

There will be a Q/A session following the presentation.

We are being told, at this time, that we will be inside the mall on the first floor in front of JC Penneys. If they move us to another location in the mall, then please just check with the information center on the first floor.

Thursday, January 28, 2016

6:30 PM: Dinner and socialize

7:00 - 8:00 PM: Meeting with guest speaker, Dr. Sean Paul.

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Our guest speaker will be Sean Paul, MD, a board certified ophthalmologist specializing in eyelid and facial skin cancer and aging around the eyes, based in south Austin. He will speak to us about eye health.

Also in January, the South Austin Lions will be bringing the Pony Readers Club school project to two elementary schools following a successful Bowling for Books fundraiser held in August 2015.

This fun bowling event was held at Westgate Lanes and \$1,800 was raised. This money is being used to purchase a very handsome hardcover book, Little Black, A Pony, for at-risk first-graders at four Austin ISD elementary schools. Two schools received this program in November 2015 and the other two will receive it this month, January.

Two magnificent horses are brought to the campus and the first-graders meet the horses and then proceed through four learning stations including information about tack, grooming, feeding, and shoeing. They then receive their very own copy of the hardcover book and are divided into small groups to read through it with a Lion or community volunteer.

For future events and for more information about who Lions are and what we do, please visit

[www.SouthAustinLions.org](http://www.SouthAustinLions.org)

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# Gardening Tips

*Janet Rourke*

Although it might be cold and bleak, there are still some things you can be doing in the garden this month. You can plant seed for cold weather plants and vegetables. You can start tomato and pepper seeds indoors or in a heated greenhouse. Now is the time to plant fruit trees – apple, figs, peaches, pears, pecans, persimmons, and pomegranates; berries - blackberries, dewberries, raspberries, and strawberries; and grapes. You can also plant hardy trees and bushes.

It is time to prepare vegetable gardens for spring planting. You can spray fruit trees with dormant oil to control pests and their eggs. You can prune grapes, fruit trees, roses, and other dormant plants, and divide/move dormant perennials, roses, shrubs, and trees.

If you must mow your lawn, mow it high to shade out germinating weeds. Check your irrigation system to make sure it is working correctly and has no broken heads. If you have weeds in your yard, now is the time to spread corn gluten (late January to early February). Corn gluten is an earth-friendly alternative to weed killers.



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