

# THE LADERA Bulletin

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER



## WELCOME TO THE BULLETIN

*A Newsletter  
for the Residents of  
Ladera*

The Bulletin is a monthly newsletter mailed to all Ladera residents. Each newsletter will be filled with valuable information about the community, local area activities, school information, and more.

If you are involved with a school group, play group, scouts, sports team, social group, etc., and would like to submit an article for the newsletter, you can do so online at [www.PEELinc.com](http://www.PEELinc.com). Personal news (announcements, accolades/ honors/ celebrations, etc.) are also welcome as long as they are from area residents.

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## Recap of Ladera HOA Annual Meeting on March 8, 2017

Thanks to all who attended this meeting. Your input is valued! The board works for you and wants to make Ladera the best community possible.

- There were 41 residents in attendance and the additional 37 who were unable to attend, sent in proxies for the election of a new board member and decision to raise delinquent dues fees.

- Maneesh Sharma (see article), was elected to a 3-year term to the Ladera HOA Board.

- Outgoing board member, Carl Johnson (see article), was recognized for his invaluable contribution to the community.

- There will be a \$100 assessment to cover emergency, unbudgeted expenses for 2017. The reserve study (or Rainy Day Fund study) indicated there should be \$26,000 put aside for these unplanned expenses. This assessment will be in the July 1, 2017 HOA Dues bill and will be due by August 31, 2017. (see article in February issue of the Ladera Newsletter).

- Monty Parker, a Ladera resident and current Bee Cave City Council Member, spoke to the group about the upcoming election. Monty is running for re-election! Election day is Saturday, May 6 at Bee Cave City Hall located in the Hill Country Galleria. We endorse Monty for re-election because he has kept not only the best interest of Ladera forefront, but also the city of Bee Cave. (see article)

- A discussion of a late fee increase of \$50 per month was discussed and voted on. Although most were in favor, we needed 67%

of homeowner's approval, but only had 37 homeowners were in favor, so the change did not pass. Please remember the quarterly HOA dues are due 15 days after the beginning of each quarter and will incur a late fee after that. If delinquencies continue to occur and interfere with cash flow, an increase in late fees will be considered again. Please pay on time.

- Four committees were formed to enhance the community. (see article)

### CARL JOHNSON RETIRES FROM THE LADERA HOA BOARD

Carl Johnson served on the Ladera HOA Board the first year it was handed over to the residents from Taylor Morrison, the developer of our community. Serving on any HOA board is time consuming and at times, very frustrating. To volunteer to serve means a person has a passion for keeping the community in tip top shape and the residents happy.

On behalf of the board we would like to thank Carl for the work he did this past year as an inaugural member of the HOA board. Under his leadership, the landscaping in the neighborhood is greatly improved. He kept us grounded and on task. It was an honor to have him on the board and he will be missed.

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## NEWLY ELECTED LADERA HOA *Board Member*

On Wednesday, March 8, Maneesh Sharma was elected to the Ladera HOA Board for a three year term. Maneesh and his family have lived in Ladera since July 2014. He immigrated from India, where he was born and raised. He received his graduate education from Canadian University and currently is in management for a semi-conductor company in Austin. His children attend Lake Travis Independent schools and his wife practices dentistry. When Maneesh is not traveling for his job, he works from home giving him time to contribute to the board. He says he is excited to be on the board and asks that residents support our community to continue to make is a great place to live!



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## Re-elect Monty Parker to the Bee Cave City Council

Monty Parker, a Ladera resident, is up for re-election to the Bee Cave City Council. If you have ever attended a Bee Cave City Council meeting, and I encourage you to do so, you will find that Monty has done his homework on the issues our city faces. He ALWAYS acts in the best interest of the city's citizens. He loves the people and welcomes interaction with them. He listens and encourages feedback from all of us.

Please go to his Facebook Group Page called "Monty's Bee Cave Buzz". He is timely in his communications which update citizens on current and future actions by the city council. Bee Cave is exploding with new development. Not all developers act in our best interest, but Monty has and will continue to do so. A current example is the development of the Backyard right off Bee Cave Parkway between the Central Park and the new Hill Country Indoor Sports center. Monty fought to have the developer include access to Highway 71, for safety and traffic purposes. Because of his dedication to doing the best thing for the community, this developer must acquire access from both Bee Cave Parkway and Highway 71 to proceed with his project.


Monty's biography is on the Bee Cave City website at:

<http://beecavetexas.gov/city-government/city-council/council-member-monty-parker>

He needs your vote to continue in this very important position. Your votes are extremely important, so you can vote early from **April 24-May 2** or on election day, **Saturday May 6**. The polling place is at Bee Cave City Hall in the Hill Country Galleria.

In addition, incumbent Bee Cave City Council members Kara King and Marie Lowan are also up for re-election. They, too, have done an outstanding job for the community.





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## Ladera Committees Seeking Members

The Board of Directors is in the process of forming committees for Ladera. We are looking for resident volunteers to join these committees and advise the board on the different areas listed below. Please look out for more information in your inbox. Volunteers may submit their request to join a committee through the community website, [www.laderahoa.org](http://www.laderahoa.org).

**Traffic/Speeding Committee**

**Beautification Committee**

**Social Committee**

**Zoning/Civic Advocacy Committee**

## SPRING-SEMI ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

If you have articles you would like to sell, Ladera will be having the semi-annual neighborhood garage sale on the following dates

Friday, April 7 - 8am - Noon

Saturday, April 8 - 8am - Noon

Sunday, April 9 - 8am - Noon

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The ladies from Ladera are invited to happy hour from 5pm-7pm the first Wednesday of each month at the rooftop bar at the Sonesta Hotel. This is a great way to meet new friends and catch up on all things Ladera and Bee Cave. If you have questions, please contact:

Charlotte Parker at [charlotte.parker@ymail.com](mailto:charlotte.parker@ymail.com)

## LADERA NEIGHBORHOOD SPRING FLING

All residents are invited to the Ladera Neighborhood Spring Fling on Saturday, April 8th from 1-3 pm. Come to the cul-de-sac at 3703 Tordera for a fun time and a great way to meet your neighbors. There will be a Petting Zoo, Kids Barrel Train, Pictures with the Easter Bunny and Bunny Hop Dance Party with a DJ!

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## TALKING TRASH - PAPER OR PLASTIC?

The single-use plastic bag was invented in Sweden in 1962. The first application was the shopping bag. Over 1/3 of all plastic production is for packaging designed for short-term use. Plastic bags are made from natural gas or petroleum that formed over millions of years, yet they are often used for mere minutes before being discarded to make their way to dumps or incinerators, if they don't blow away and end up as litter first. In landfills and waterways, plastic is persistent, lasting for hundreds of years, breaking into smaller pieces and leaching out chemical components as it ages, but never fully disappearing. Animals confuse the bags with food and they can end of entangled, injured or dead. Studies have shown that plastic from discarded bags actually soak up additional pollutants like pesticides and industrial waste that are in the ocean and delivers it to sea life. The harmful substance can then move up the food chain to the food people eat. Plastics and the various additives that they contain have been tied to a number of human health concerns, including disruption of the endocrine and reproductive systems, infertility and a possible link to some cancers.

In 2014 it was said that 100 billion plastic bags pass through the hands of consumers every year, almost 1 bag per person, each day, laid end-to-end they could circle the equator 1,330 times. Many cities are looking for ways to reduce the plastic litter that blights landscapes and clogs sewers and streams. Single use plastics (bags, soda/water/juice bottles, etc.) are damaging our environment and threatening the value of our communities. To discourage use, some larger cities have instituted a bag charge to discourage single use plastics. Some are even discouraging the use of paper bags and rewarding customers that bring their own reusable bags. We can save taxpayer dollars by committing to using reusable bags at grocery stores and even when shopping in the mall.

Several Texas cities have either instituted a charge/reward system or declined to not "ban the bag" and instead create recycling programs. Of note, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, El Paso, Freer, Fort Stockton, Kermit, Laguna Vista, Laredo, Midland, Odessa, Port Aransas, South Padre Island and Waco. Galveston has postponed a vote to sometime this year. Governor Greg Abbott has ruled against some of the miscellaneous ordinances, but it appears to affect those passed for solid waste management purposes only. Most cities have passed ordinances for other purposes, such as Ft. Stockton...to protect cattle and horses (they eat then die) and coastal wildlife. San Antonio District Council member, Chris Medina, said it best, "If we could just stop using them, we could clean up our environment, protect waterways and wildlife, reduce maintenance costs and reserve our taxpayer dollars for better uses like street improvements or education".

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