

# **Ladera Townhall Meeting Notes**

On July 16, 2018, about 75 Ladera residents gathered at the Sonesta Hotel to hear a presentation by Adrian Overstreet.

**Purpose:** To get a general idea if residents of Ladera were in favor of Adrian Overstreet constructing a road on his property which lies between the back of Tambre Bend and Target. He needs Ladera support to go before the Bee Cave City Council to get his plan approved

#### History of the Property:

Originally part of a large tract of land purchased by Home Depot USA, Inc. At the time, the property was outside the city limits of what was then Bee Cave Village.

In 2000 a development agreement was signed by Home Depot USA, Inc and the Village of Bee Cave (Ordinance 00-11-14c). The development agreements were popular when the Village of Bee Cave was trying to attract businesses to the area.

To summarize the most important stipulations of that agreement:

-The term of the agreement commenced on the effective date and continues in perpetuity.

-The agreement, whole or part, may be assigned to any subsequent developer or owner of all or a portion of the land.

#### **Currently:**

Mr. Overstreet is bound by Ordinance 2008-15 which is an amended version of the original development agreement cited above.

The road will run behind Target and connect at Bee Cave Parkway where Target has the option of erecting a monument sign at

He does not know what will be developed on the property.

He is willing, if it is legal, to set aside the original development agreement and renegotiate a new ordinance with the City of Bee

Cave. An example would be to increase the buffer between the backyard walls on Tambre Bend and his property from 30 feet to 100 feet. This would be enough room to construct a walking trail connecting Ladera Boulevard with Bee Cave Parkway.

The new road may or may not decrease traffic currently cutting through Ladera, but it might help. If Mr. Overstreet develops the property he will work with Ladera and has said when he does construct anything on the property, envisions several buildings with a smaller footprint which will blend in with the trees and current topography.

This is a valuable piece of real estate and if Mr. Overstreet does not build the road it could be sold to another developer who does not care about the wishes of Ladera residents. It would be wonderful if the property could remain as is, but someone will develop it in the not too distant future and Mr. Overstreet has proven to be a "man of his word" and eager to work with residents.

At the townhall meeting, after a show of hands in favor of the road, the Ladera HOA will proceed to work with the City of Bee Cave and Mr. Overstreet.

The Ladera HOA will notify residents if and when this item will appear as an agenda item at the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting and the City Council Meeting. The more Ladera residential support the better. The Bee Cave City council does listen to its constituents and your comments matter to them.

If you have a Facebook account and have not joined the Ladera HOA Bee Cave group page, please do so as that is where official HOA business and information is posted for the residents of Ladera.

# **Upcoming HOA Project**

Safety is a big concern for the Ladera HOA. The Ladera entrance sign on Bee Cave Parkway is poorly lit and can be difficult for residents and visitors to see at night. Therefore, the Ladera HOA is currently getting bids to upgrade the lighting at that entrance sign, as well as the entrance sign on Ladera Boulevard. It will really enhance the community by not only creating a more attractive entrance, but also to enable everyone to see that area in the dark. In addition, we want to be able to decorate for the holidays, and with the upgrade, it will allow us to do so. We will keep you updated on the progress of this project.

### **IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

### LADERA HOA CONTACTS

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### **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

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Lake Travis Elementary	
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Repair	1-800-246-8464
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Customer Service	
Repairs	
Austin/Travis County Hazardous Waste	512-974-4343

### **OTHER NUMBERS**

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Bee Cave Library	
Municipal Court	
Lake Travis Postal Office	
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City of Bee Cave	512-767-6613

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Travis County Sheriff	U
Animal Control	e
health-human-services/animal-control	

### UTILITIES:

Water	www.wtcpua.org
	www.texasdisposal.com
	www.austinenergy.com
	https://texasgasservice.com

### **NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORKING SITES:**

www.laderahoa.org www.nextdoor.com www.facebook.com

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# **DID YOU KNOW?**

While just about everyone is familiar with the North and South Poles, none of us knew that there was such thing as a West Pole. In 2007, the Texas Legislature declared the West Pole of the Earth to be located in Bee Cave, TX."

Here is the actual resolution:

### H.R.A No. 2933

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, because the great, sovereign State of Texas has been unquestionably blessed by its Creator; and

WHEREAS, Proof of such blessings lies in the unquestionable fact that, when created, Texas received, along with all the other blessings given to the Earth, taller, billowing prairie grasses; gentler, winding, clear rivers; bluer skies; redder sunsets; faster horses; more unique animals; the most beautiful wildflowers, each honored with its very own season and the most beautiful of which is the bluebonnet, which is found only within the boundaries of Texas; fatter deer; oranger longhorns; more beautiful women; smarter children; and kinder men; and WHEREAS, Instilled within those blessed to reside within the borders of the state is a fierce pride, which provides assurance that this portion of Earth will flourish and not perish and that its inhabitants will band together and fight, if need be, to the death to preserve the blessing of the land and its contents; and

WHEREAS, When this Earth was set forth, it was set perfectly and with its own distinct boundaries; those boundaries include the Northern Pole of the Earth and the opposite, Southern Pole of the Earth; and

WHEREAS, It therefore stands to reason that a West Pole of the Earth would be understood to exist, and that it would be designed to be placed in the blessed and beloved Texas territory; and

WHEREAS, The location of the West Pole has been searched for, researched, and found to be located at 30 degrees, 18.25 ' north latitude and 97 degrees, 56.28 ' west longitude, in **Bee Cave, Texas**; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas Legislature recognize the presumed site of the West Pole as being in the sovereign State of Texas and acknowledge and accept it as justifiable and deserved, to add to the greatness of Texas.



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# **Texas Gardener's September Checklist**

Wow, it's been hot. Now is the time to clear out summer's leftovers to make way for your fall garden's perennials, trees and shrubs.

September is a pivotal month in the garden. It's the gateway month between summer and fall gardening, moving us into cooler-weather fare. So, if you can bear the heat, hang in there and get outside. Next year's garden will thank you for the work you do right now.

**Clean up your spring and summer garden.** That way you'll make room for your cooler-weather plants.

• Remove any plant that is dead, including spring and summer annuals, like petunias, impatiens and vincas.

• Get rid of your old summer vegetables that are no longer producing, like tomatoes, summer squash and summer greens.

• Trim any plant that is still robust but is seeing the effects of the hot summer months.

• Add all of this garden debris to your compost pile unless it is disease or pest ridden, then moisten the pile and turn it thoroughly.

**Plant perennials.** Fall is a wonderful time for planting perennials, and virtually any perennial that is suitable for growing in zones 7 or 8 is a good choice.

Consider adding Mexican mint marigold (Tagetes lucida),

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Mexican bush sage (Salvia leucantha), purple coneflower (Echinacea purpurea), yellowbells (Tecoma stans) and autumn sage (Salvia gregii).

Planting perennials in the fall gives them the cooler months to establish deep, healthy roots, so your spring growth will be much larger and robust.

**Plant trees and shrubs.** Beginning in September and moving into October and November is the preferred time to plant all trees and shrubs. Just like perennials, trees and shrubs that are planted in the fall will have the winter months to establish a deep root system. Their spring growth and drought resistance will be much better than if you plant them in the warmer months.

**Start a wildflower garden.** You'll have until Thanksgiving to plant seeds, but the first part of September until early October is the best time.

Wildflowers like **bluebonnets** (Lupinus texensis), **Indian paintbrush** (Castilleja), **Indian blanket** (Gaillardia pulchella) and **purple poppy mallow** (Callirhoe involucrata) require full sun and well-drained soil to flower best. You can buy seed mixes from your local nursery or botanical center. Wildseed Farm near Fredericksburg will have seeds (www.wildseedfarm.com). They have a great website and sell seeds and give great planting advice on that site.



# Table for 8

Table for 8 is a fun and exciting way to connect with neighbors from Ladera in a casual and relaxed atmosphere! Couples of all ages are welcome. We had our kick off in August and will meet monthly thereafter through December. Dining groups will change monthly, so you'll always get to know someone new. The menus are already selected each month. We'll gather in groups of 8 at the Host's house. Come join us and learn to cook something new, expand your palate and meet neighbors! Call or email Mattie Nickelatti at 512-809-1663, Mattie530@gmail.com or Kim Battle at 512-638-0038, BattleIsMyName.o@gmail.com.

Here is a sampling of the "Flight of Bites" we had at our kick off gathering:

ARGENTINA: GRILLED SKIRT STEAK WITH GREEN AND SMOKEY RED CHIMICHURRI CARIBBEAN: COCONUT LIME RICE PUDDING CHINA: CHICKEN LETTUCE WRAPS GERMANY: BEER SIMMERED BRATWURST ITALY: LEMON RICOTTA COOKIES WITH LEMON GLAZE [DESSERT] PERU: CEVICHE ON SWEET POTATO ROUNDS VIETNAM: BANH MI PORK BELLY SLIDERS USA: NEW ORLEANS MUFFALETTA SAMMYS WITH OLIVE SALAD MEXICO: CARNE ASADA STREET TACOS WITH ONION-CILANTRO RELISH THAILAND: CHICKEN SATAY SKEWERS WITH PEANUT SAUCE

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WTCPUA has implemented mandatory watering restrictions as of July 1st.

### Here are the guidelines:

Odd Addresses may water on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 4am-10am and 7pm-Midnight

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## LADERA HOME SALES

As of August 10, 2018, 13 houses in Ladera have sold this year and currently, one additional home is under contract with another additional three active listings. Lately, homes in Ladera are selling within six weeks of being listed. We have a very mobile community and because Ladera is located very close to major thoroughfares, our community is very desirable. Here is some advice if you are considering selling your home.

Selling a home can be complicated—you're probably trying to purchase another property while selling this one. Using a realtor will save you time and money by setting the correct price for your home, marketing and showing your property, advising you about the pros and cons of offers submitted for your home, helping you negotiate favorable terms, and negotiating on your behalf.

### Set a Price

If you ask too much, you may not find a buyer. If you price the home too low, you'll cheat yourself out of money. Websites with quickie value estimators aren't the way to determine the value of your home. Go to the only people with the data and the expertise to accurately read your market: REALTORS<sup>®</sup>.

### **Market Your Property**

In preparing your home for viewing by prospective buyers, remember that people buy on emotions. Your home must feel right or buyers will look elsewhere. Look at your home objectively and listen to suggestions from your agent about ways to make your home more appealing, such as cleaning, decluttering, removing personal items, making cosmetic repairs, etc.

### **Consider Your Options**

When a buyer makes an offer, what do you do? Your REALTOR<sup>®</sup> will help you review it. If you're lucky enough to have more than one offer, he or she will discuss your options to do what's best for you. Once an offer is accepted by you and the buyers, the buyers will perform inspections and finalize the deal.

# FIRST DAY OF FALL

The September equinox is the moment when the Sun appears to cross the celestial equator, heading southward. Due to differences between the calendar year and the tropical year, the September equinox can occur at any time from the 21st to the 24th day of September. This year the **first day of Fall or September** equinox, begins Sunday, September 23rd in 2018

## *Ladera Ladies Happy Hour* First Wednesday of Each Month

Ladies of Ladera, come to happy hour from 5pm-7pm the first Wednesday of each month. Contact Charlotte Parker at charlotte.parker@ymail.com for questions and/or to get on the email distribution list.



# **Partnership for Children**

On Thursday, September 20, 2018, Partnerships for Children will host the 7th Annual Girls and Giving at The Hotel Van Zandt in downtown Austin. It will be an evening of giving back as we enjoy food, signature cocktails, exciting raffles, live music, and dancing!

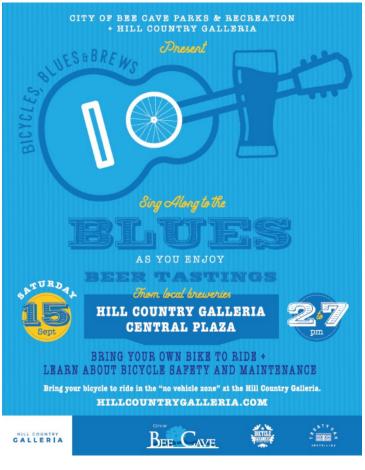
Last year our event sold out, so it you have not already reserved a spot, we encourage you to act now – you don't want to miss this opportunity.! You can view a complete listing of sponsorship benefits and purchase your tickets on our website - www.partnershipsforchildren.org.

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# The Ladera Bulletin BICYCLES, BLUES & BREWS



### Saturday, September 15th 2pm-7pm

The Hill Country Galleria is teaming up with the City of Bee Cave Parks & Recreation to host the first ever Bicycles, Blues & Brews event!

Sing along to the blues as you enjoy beer tastings from local breweries and learn about bicycle safety, watch demos and rent bikes courtesy of Bicycle Sport Shop. Bring your bicycles to enjoy riding in a vehicle free zone!

The fun starts in the Central Plaza at 2pm!

**Blues music line-up:** 2pm-4pm: Alan Haynes Band 4pm-6pm: Kathy & The Kilowatts

**Brews sampling line-up:** 

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Ah September! Time to celebrate the end of summer and the beginning of fall. The Autumnal Equinox... when the sun rises and sets exactly in the east and west, and the nights become longer than the days. As the temperatures cool, vour individual real estate needs may be heating up. Is it time to think about making that move?

Autumn days come quickly, like the running of a hound on the moor. - Irish Proverb

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