

The Community Connection

NEWS FOR SWEETWATER RESIDENTS

Sweetwater Residents Driven to Create a Safer Highway 71

White ribbons wrapped on trees and streets around the Sweetwater neighborhood during November served as a reminder of the tragic loss of a beloved resident. In late October, his vehicle was struck by a truck that crossed into his lane just east of the Pedernales Summit Parkway intersection, marking yet another fatality on Highway 71.

Members of the newly mobilized Safer 71 organization want to ensure this tragedy is not in vain.

Safer71 is a non-profit comprised of residents of Sweetwater and surrounding neighborhoods. The group aims to achieve a zero-fatality road corridor on SH71 between Southwest Parkway and the Blanco County Line. This stretch of highway has seen 20 auto-collision deaths and 128 serious injuries since 2014. Seven of these fatalities occurred in 2018 alone and collisions are on the rise from previous years.

With many subdivisions far from their full build-out, multiple new schools approved for construction, new sports facilities in the works, and commercial developments springing up along Highway 71, this stretch of road will continue to see an increase in population and traffic. Without safety improvements to SH71 and a change in how people drive along it, the next accident is just waiting to happen.

Working with municipal and county governments, traffic jurisdictions, and local neighborhoods, Safer 71 aims to provide the necessary research, advocacy and outreach programs to ensure that SH71 becomes a road

that people can feel safe driving on every day. Their charter focuses on a comprehensive approach to the problems: Engineering, Enforcement and Education.

Safer71 asks that you join the effort by supporting, promoting or volunteering with its efforts. Visit www.safer71.org to learn more, stay informed on how you can help create a safer community for all residents and travelers on Highway 71.



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Administration Office.....	512-266-2533
Travis County Animal Control.....	512-972-6060

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Lake Travis High School.....	512-533-6100
Lake Travis Middle School.....	512-533-6200
West Cypress Elementary	512-533-7500

UTILITIES

Pedernales Electric.....	888-554-4732
Crossroads Utilities (Water, Sewer, Trash).....	512-246-1400
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Bee Cave Library.....	512-767-6620
Bee Cave Municipal Court.....	512-767-6630
Lake Travis Post Office	512-263-2458
Baylor Scott & White Medical Center.....	512-571-5000
City of Bee Cave	www.beecavetexas.com
Travis County (General No.).....	512-854-9020
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The *Community Connection* is mailed monthly to all Sweetwater residents. Residents, community groups, churches, etc. are welcome to include information about their organizations in the newsletter. Personal news for the Stork Report, Teenage Job Seekers, recipes, special celebrations, and birthday announcements are also welcome.

To submit an article for the *Community Connection* please email it to sweetwater@peelinc.com. The deadline is the 15th of the month prior to the issue.

Sophomores from National Charity League, Inc., Lake Travis Chapter Support Austin Pets Alive!



The National Charity League, Inc. Lake Travis Chapter (NCL) Class of 2021 capped off their class project on December 21, 2018 with a visit to Austin Pets Alive! (APA) to deliver homemade dog treats and donations of warm blankets and towels. The 30 sophomores made the bite-size dog treats and packed them into user-friendly bags for APA volunteers to use when walking dogs who are awaiting their forever home at the APA Town Lake Animal Center.

NCL members are placed into grade level classes that correspond with the daughter's graduation year. Each grade level plans and executes a service project related to one of the chapter's focus areas during the NCL service year.

"Our efforts and a great feeling of service all came together during

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our visit to deliver the donations,” said Reese Hood, Vice President of Philanthropy for the Class of 2021 and Lake Travis High School sophomore.

After working with APA to identify their needs, this year’s sophomore class spent many hours making dog treats with their mothers. The dog treats were cut into bite-size chunks and sorted into bags. They also collected much needed donations of blankets and towels to keep the animals warm during the winter months. The class toured the facility and got to meet some of the animals that will benefit from the treats and donations provided by the Class of 2021.

About National Charity League, Inc., Lake Travis Chapter

National Charity League, Inc., Lake Travis Chapter currently has 250 Members and provides hands-on volunteer service for 19 philanthropic organizations in the community. Members are women and their daughters, grades 7-12. Through this community service, NCL, Inc. develops socially responsible community leaders and strengthens the mother-daughter relationship. The traditional Six Year Core Program also includes leadership development and cultural experiences. Mother-daughter teams nationwide are responsible, dedicated, skilled volunteers actively engaged in local community work in 27 states across the country. To date, there are 259 Chapters, 87 of which are in Texas. For more information about the NCL, Inc., Lake Travis Chapter, please visit www.laketravis.nationalcharityleague.org to find a Chapter in your area.

Introducing “Get to Know Your Neighbors”

We are all very fortunate to call Sweetwater home. But, Sweetwater is more than just a place to live; it is a vibrant community brimming with family-friendly neighborhoods, chock-full of fascinating, talented people. Our variety is what makes us so both unique and extraordinary. However, sometimes, we get so busy, we lose sight of how interesting and diverse we’ve become.

We believe that getting to know the people who live nearby will help us create a sense of belonging and shared identity. We have created a column entitled, “Get to Know Your Neighbors” which we hope will strengthen connections, build trust in our wider community, and contribute to a happier neighborhood for everyone.

If you know of a person or a family that you believe is making Sweetwater a better place to live, please let us know. We would like to introduce them to your neighbors.

Email Kelly@peelinc.com to be featured in a future issue.



Happy New Year 2019

As of December 7, 2018 MLS Stats for Sweetwater were as follows:

14 Homes Pending Sales and 32 Active Listings not counting all the new construction

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Hill Country Galleria February Events & Happenings

VALENTINE'S WINE WALK

Thursday, February 14 from 5 to 9 p.m.



Hill Country Galleria is hosting its Valentine's Wine Walk on Thursday, February 14 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Guests can shop the eclectic mix of retailers in the Galleria while discovering great wines from all over the world. Participants will start at Twin Liquors to pick up a map that is both a guide to the walk and a ticket for each wine walk stop. The

Wine Walk's last stop will be a restaurant so wine-walkers can sit down and end their Valentine's Day with dinner. The first 100 attendees will receive a swag bag filled with Hill Country Galleria offers. February retailers include Twin Liquors, Lululemon, Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa.

CAMP GLADIATOR FREE WORKOUTS

February 2, 9, 16 and 23 at 9 a.m.



Camp Gladiator is hosting anyone over the age of 14 for free workouts in the Galleria's Central Plaza every Saturday. Join Camp Gladiator to experience their boot camp-style community workouts. Recommended to bring water, a towel and a mat.

LONE STAR FARMERS MARKET

February 3, 10, 17 and 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



***Note:** Hill Country Galleria will open at 12 p.m. on Sundays, with some restaurants and services opening earlier

Hill Country Galleria is home to the Lone Star Farmers Market. The event hosts the same great vendors as before and also offer face painting and other kids' activities along with live music. More information can be found at www.lonestarfarmersmarket.com.

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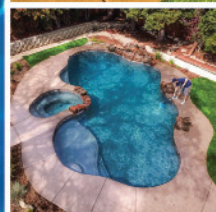
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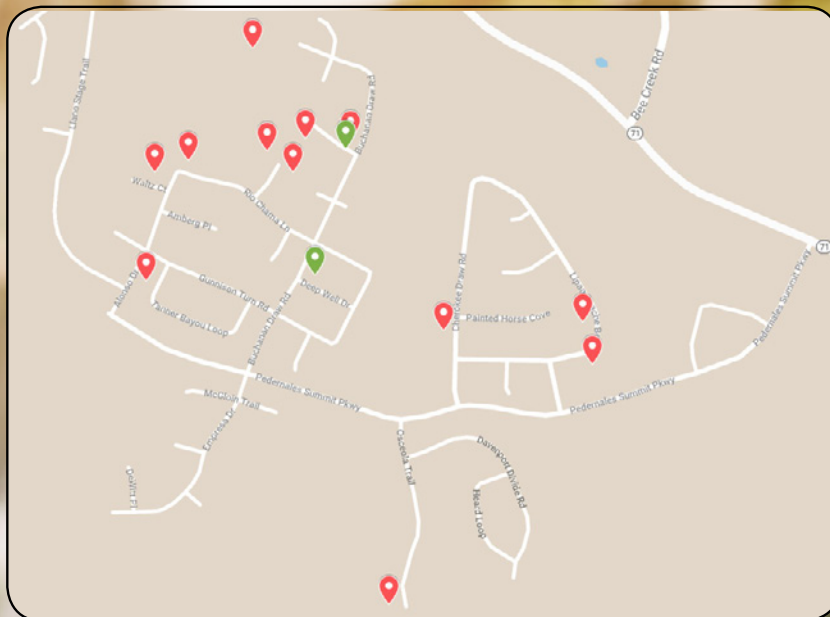
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