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Saddle Bags



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Changes to the Saddleridge Board

In May Geoff and Joan Goetz sold their home and moved to North Carolina to be closer to family. Geoff had served on the SR Board of Directors since 2009, as Secretary and most recently President. However, with sale of his property, Geoff could no longer be a Board Member under rules of the Covenants.

Bo Garrett graciously agreed to serve as a Board Member. In accordance with the bylaws, at the April meeting the Board has appointed Bo to complete Geoff's remaining term to begin upon Geoff's resignation. Bo and his wife Judy have been property owners since February 1997 and residents since 2001. Bo graduated from Calhoun High School Port Lavaca, Texas and went on to graduate from a trade school in Austin, as a Inside Machinist. He worked 19 years as a machinist at the Alcoa Aluminum Plant and for several contractors. He then spent 28 years as a Supervisor, Consultant, and Project Manager at Nuclear Power Plants. After completing a \$130 million and a \$110 million project, Bo finally retired at the end of 2010. Bo and Judy have 3 children and 8 grandchildren.

The change in Board membership also made it necessary to reassign some of the officer positions. Effect May 1, the new Board's organization is as follows:

Jim Soden - President
Bo Garrett - Vice President
Sharon Drobeck - Treasurer
Nannette Kraklow - Secretary

National Night Out is October 4th

The thirteenth Saddleridge National Night Out will be Tuesday October 4th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Saddleridge Clubhouse. Local officials, firefighters, deputies, and the SPOA Board have been invited to attend and to answer your questions concerning the Subdivision, City and County.

Food, drinks, desserts and root beer floats will be provided. Bring the whole family. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, Block Captains and Board Members. Information will be available related to home and fire safety, crime prevention, medical emergencies and family disaster protection.

If you are not familiar with the Neighborhood Watch Program and/or would like to join the Saddleridge Team, please contact Cecil and Lee Gibson at 847-0207 or Bo and Judy Garrett at 847-9112.

NEIGHBORS WATCHING OUT FOR NEIGHBORS
GET INVOLVED – YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Drought in Saddleridge

Unless you have been living in another country for the past year, you already know that we are in drought. Not just a drought, but the highest severity index, category D4, "exceptional" drought. According to LCRA meteorologist Bob Rose, "This rivals the drought of 1917, 1918 just because it's been so dry." Beyond the obvious of praying for rain, there are some things that we all can do to keep this from becoming a bigger tragedy.

Water Conservation - Those who have rainwater collection systems for their water supply and are already buying water, really have no choice but to conserve water use. For the rest of us who have individual wells, it still makes sense. Regardless of your well depth, you are probably drawing from one of the Trinity Group of aquifers. It is not certain where the water in these aquifers originates, but as large as the current drought area is, it is almost certain that more water is being pumped out than is going in. As this continues the water levels in these aquifers will drop and wells will start going dry. It may not be your well or your next door neighbor's well, but somewhere, maybe hundreds of miles north of here, a well runs dry. Every little bit helps and here are few things to consider doing:

- **FIX LEAKY FAUCETS/FIXTURES.** A leaky faucet can waste up to 3,000 gallons of water per year, and toilet leaks can waste up to 73,000 gallons a year.
- **INSTALL WATER-EFFICIENT SHOWERHEAD AND FAUCET AERATORS.** Water-efficient plumbing fixtures can reduce water use by 25 to 60 percent.
- **WASH ONLY FULL LOADS OF LAUNDRY.** This can save up to 3,400 gallons of water each year.
- **USE THE DISHWASHER WISELY.** Run automatic dishwashers with a full load, and scrape dishes clean rather than rinsing before washing.
- **BE SMART WHEN WATERING YOUR YARD & LANDSCAPING.** Water the 'green zone' around your buildings, but only as needed. For flowerbeds and vegetable gardens, consider using drip irrigation. When watering trees that you have planted, use a deep-root feeder.
- **DO NOT WASH THE CAR.** Consider your dirty vehicle to be your 'badge of honor'. If you absolutely have to have it clean, consider taking it to a commercial Car Wash that recycles their wash water.

Fire Danger - So far this year Saddleridge has been very lucky. However, the longer that this drought persists, the higher are the chances of having a disastrous fire. The 'burn ban' is in effect and is not likely to be lifted anytime soon. In addition to not burning outdoors, we all should be aware of some other potential wild fire sources.

- When grilling or barbecuing outdoors, use a propane fueled grill whenever possible. If you must use wood or charcoal, set up your equipment on a concrete patio, driveway or other area that is devoid of vegetation. Keep a hose handy and do not leave the fire unattended in case sparks or live coals try to escape. When done, drown the remaining coals in a bucket of water.
- When mowing or using power equipment outdoors, use extreme care and keep an eye on the surroundings. A spark from hitting a rock or other hard debris can ignite dry grass. If you must mow, it is best to do it early in the morning while there is still dew on the grass. Have a hose handy in case a fire does start.
- Postpone doing any welding, cutting or metal grinding out of doors until better weather such as just after a rain shower. However, if you cannot postpone the 'hot work', take extra precautions. Wet down the surrounding area or lay a wet tarp to catch any sparks. Have a second person with a hose, bucket of water, or extinguisher to be a 'fire watch' while the work is being done. Continue to watch the area for at least an hour after the work is complete.

Annual Meeting & BBQ

The Annual Property Owners Meeting and BBQ were held at the clubhouse on Saturday, April 16. Despite the competition from other local events that weekend, the turnout was good, with approximately 65 Property Owners and guest present. The Association provided BBQ from Fuschak's and soft drinks

The special guest speaker at the meeting was the new Hays County Sheriff, Gary Cutler. Sheriff Cutler present crime rate statistics on various areas of Hays County. He also praised the very low incident of crime that Saddleridge enjoys.

Jeff Watson gave an update on the RR12 road construction. Jeff, in addition to being a Saddleridge resident, is a Manager at HNTB Corporation. HNTB is the Engineering firm that designed the RR12 improvements. Jeff alerted the residents to the temporary closure of the Saddleridge Drive entrance. This closure was necessary in order to complete the elevation changes for the new RR12 road surface. The entrance is schedule to be reopened by mid August.

Treasurer's Report * January - June 2011

The finances for the Saddleridge Property Owners Association are sound. (This is due to the superior fiduciary oversight of the Treasurer!)

From an actual numbers standpoint our Total Assets are \$158,154.53 which is an increase over 2010 of \$836.73 for this same six months' time period.

On a cash flow basis our Net Income is (\$2,032.08.) This is also an improvement over 2010 of \$1,174.71. The negative nature of this figure reflects the timing of our cash inflow, typically January through March and November through January of the following year. We estimate what the split will be and know that for a few summer months of little or no cash income, the ongoing expenses will result in a negative number. Our Total Cash Reserve, (the result of scrupulous money management,) is \$77,838.30; again an increase over last year of \$1,020.50.

On the sad side of business, we are having a record number of foreclosures in the subdivision. In addition, we are in the process of filing four liens for the non-payment of dues. The SPOA Board of Directors takes this opportunity to sincerely extend a note of appreciation to those of you who take care of business on a timely basis, i.e., pay your dues no later than January 31st of the current year. We count on this income to plan an effective Budget.

Respectively submitted,
Bob Eastlake
Bookkeeper SPOA



*Hays County has a
leash law.*

*Call (512)393-7896 when
you see a loose dog.*



Saddleridge Property Owners Association Wants YOU!

The Saddleridge Board election will be coming up again before we know it. All Board Members serve a one-year term, beginning November 1 and ending October 31. The Association Bylaws require that Board Members be elected at the Annual Business Meeting, to be held the last week in October. This year's meeting will be Saturday, October 29. Anyone wishing to have their name on the ballot for this year must let one of the current Board Members know before Friday, September 23.

Being a Member is a great way to give back to the community. It does not require that much time or effort. The Board meets just one evening a month and hosts three special events per year.

If being on the Board is not to your liking, the Association is also in need of members for the various Committees. In particular, we need someone for the Nominating Committee. For a full listing of the Committees, please see the Saddleridge Web site at www.saddleridge.com/commit. If you have any interest, please let the Board know.

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