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Saddle Bags



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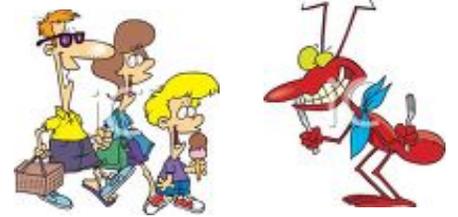
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Saddleridge Annual Spring Picnic Saturday, April 11



Mark your calendars. The Annual Meeting & Picnic is scheduled for Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 11AM to 1PM at the Saddleridge Clubhouse. Bring the whole family and enjoy the **FREE** chopped bar-b-que brisket sandwiches, fixin's, soft drinks, desserts, and (of course!!) good company. Once more; the fun begins at 11:00 AM, and will include **FREE** food. Did we mention that the food was **FREE??** Take a break from your Saturday chores and come hang out with your neighbors for a couple of hours; you'll be glad you did. **BONUS!!** -- The food at the picnic is a lot cheaper than anywhere else in town; did we forget to say the food is **FREE??!!**

COVENANTS & RESTRICTIONS TIDBITS

Here are a couple of reminders regarding certain Saddleridge Covenants & Restrictions items that cause (and will cause in the future) recurring resident angst, complaints, and questions.

Chickens; are they allowed or not?? Section 3.11 states "No animals, livestock or poultry of any kind shall be raised, bred or kept on any Tract except that one horse; one cow; or one goat per acre, or any combination thereof may be kept, as long as the maximum number of the above stated animals does not exceed one per acre and does not become a nuisance or threat to other Owners. Provided, however, animals being raised for 4-H school sponsored programs will be permitted". This means, of course, that **no chickens are allowed**. The Board is aware, however, that some residents who were keenly aware of this restriction have brought chickens onto their property anyway, in direct violation of the Covenants. It is hard to believe we have sneaky and dishonest residents in Saddleridge who would do such a thing; but there it is. Legal action can and will be taken in these cases.

RV Parking. Section 3.04 states "an RV camper, trailer, or motor home may be stored on the tract provided it is stored behind the main dwelling and not within 25 feet of any side property line or 75 feet of any rear property line. The declarant or the committee shall have the right to have any RV camper, trailer, or motor home found to be in violation of these restrictions removed and stored at the expense of the owner". The Board (and past Boards) have generally defined "behind the main dwelling" to mean behind a line drawn across the front of the house. The Board also realizes that there are some lots where the topography of the lot makes it impossible to meet these restrictions. In these cases, reasonable variances will be allowed.



SPEEDER PROFILE



LEGAL DISCLAIMER: The editorial article below in no way, shape, or form implies that the SPOA Board approves or condones any speed in Saddleridge above the posted 30 mph limit. There; the lawyers are happy now.....

As noted in the previous Saddlebags issue, a series of new Saddlebags articles has been introduced that will profile a chronic speeder living in our midst. The winner who was profiled in the inaugural article has actually seemed to slow down a bit!! This may be just a coincidence; or maybe the offending person recognized herself in the article. We may never know for sure; but for now the articles seem to be helping the cause. Now, on to the festivities!!

This issue's grand prize winner is.....wait for it.....well, we don't have a winner for this issue!! Most residents seem to have slowed down for the most part; and the Board would like to graciously thank those who have complied!! We do, however, have a number of interesting one-off honorable mentions; the best of which follows:

A resident was cruising home up Saddleridge Drive at a smidge under 40mph (which was a "reasonable" speed, even though a bit over the limit), when a chimp driving a white Cadillac came flying up on his butt. The Caddy driver then tailgated for a little bit until finally getting fed up with going "only" 10mph over the limit, and proceeded to blast around the "slower" car on the way up to 60+ before disappearing over the hill in a cloud of dust. What's up with that?!! There is no legitimate reason for driving like that in a residential neighborhood. If the chimp in the Caddy is reading this (there are documented cases of lab chimps developing rudimentary reading skills!!), please let the Board know the reasoning behind your actions on our roads (if only for entertainment value at the Board meetings). Did the Deputies call and say your house was on fire?? Were you trying to get home in time for an episode of *General Hospital* since your DVR was broken?? Inquiring minds want to know!! The Board would like to urge this driver to get a clue, pull his or her head out (we'll be listening for the "POP"), and slow down before you hurt yourself; or worse, hurt someone else.

All of you non-speeding residents can help the Board find a winner for the next *Speeding Profile* article. Do you see the same vehicle flying past your house at about the same time every day?? Feel free to call the Wimberley City Marshall (if you live in Section 1) or the Hays County Sheriff's Department (for those in Section 2) and ask them to set up a "Speeding Intervention" for the offending party. They will be happy to oblige. Please note that the authorities have been patrolling our area more often lately due to the speeding problem, and have been writing quite a few citations lately for Saddleridge residents. So, no whining to the Board if you get a ticket!! You've been duly warned (again!!). Let's all slow down a bit and smell the wildflowers. Vroom, Vroom.....

PIG-SLOB'S in SADDLERIDGE

You may have heard about resident Tom Campbell's valiant, and very successful, effort to organize a Saddleridge Cleanup Squad (a **HUGE** thanks goes to Tom, and the load of volunteers who joined up). At times keeping Saddleridge neat and tidy seems to be a losing battle due to pig-slobs roaming the streets in our neighborhood. As you may expect, most of the street-side litter comes from pig-slobs who do not live here (construction workers, etc.). However, we do actually have some pig-slobs living in Saddleridge!! Hard to believe; isn't it?? There seems to be two types of pig-slobs that have been witnessed personally by SPOA Board members. One is a resident litterbug who tosses little bits of trash from their vehicle (water bottles, beer/soda cans, cig butts, etc.). The other is a resident who cannot be bothered to pick up the occasional little bits of trash that somehow didn't make it from their trash bin to the garbage truck. Certain residents have even been seen dragging their bin back from the street while totally ignoring the trash bits left behind on the ground. Now that is just plain lazy!! Are these residents too proud to stoop so low as to pick up trash in their yard and the street in front of their yard?? Is the thinking "if the garbage man dropped it, its not my job to pick it up"?? C'mon, people!! Let's take some pride in our neighborhood. If Tom and his crew can pick up trash in your yard, so can you!! Don't be a pig-slob.



NEW



SIGNS

You may have noticed a couple of new signs in Saddleridge. Due to the recent spate of non-residents trying to shortcut through Saddleridge to Fulton Ranch Rd. via the rock-blocked gap at the end of Mission Trail, SPOA Prez Bo Garrett convinced the county to add "No Outlet" signs at the intersections of Saddleridge Dr. and Packsaddle Pass, and Saddleridge Dr. and Mission Trail. Hopefully this will cut down on aimless traffic in our area. Bo also got the county to replace the decrepit reflective barriers at the end of Mission Trail. Next time you see Bo, please thank him for all of his efforts!!



Friendly Reminders

We know most of you have seen this many times before, but there are still new folks moving into Saddleridge (and this also helps fill up space in this cheesy newsletter!!); so here it is once again:

Social Events

Looking to meet your new neighbors, or just wanting an opportunity to get away from the kids for a while?? Here are a few adult activities that you may have an interest in:

Saddleridge Dinner Club – This event occurs one weekend night per month (usually a Sunday starting at 6 PM) at a selected local restaurant for socializing and good food, with people paying for their own meals. If interested in joining this activity, please contact Carol Peregoy at 512-618-4729 or by e-mail at carolperegoy@gmail.com.

Ladies Bunco Group – This 'ladies only' group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, at a different person's home, for lunch, good conversation, and a rousing game of Bunco (a fun and easily-learned dice game). No skill or prior experience is necessary. If interested in this activity, please contact Marylou Melton at 512-847-2849, or e-mail her at mewmelton@yahoo.com.

Hill Country Book Babes – This informal (but highly intelligent!!) book club meets usually once per month, usually on the third Wednesday, at a member's home or a local restaurant. If interested in joining, please contact Carol Peregoy at 512-618-4729 or by e-mail at carolperegoy@gmail.com.

County Leash Laws

Just a reminder to all Saddleridge dog owners; Hays County has an animal restraint law. This means that your dog has to be restrained at all times by fence, chain, or leash. Please have your dogs on a leash when they are outside of their confinement areas. Failure to do so could result in a fine and other possible expenses if Animal Control picks up your loose pet. If you are threatened by a loose dog in Saddleridge, please report it to Hays County Animal Control at 512-393-7896.



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For you who want some of those cool blue & white address signs for emergencies (they can be seen by emergency personnel through thick smoke), they can be ordered from Hays County for \$3.25 each. To request an order form, contact GIS Services by phone (512-393-2160) or email (addressing@co.hays.tx.us). You can also get the form from Hays County Commissioner Will Conley's office at 512-847-3159.

Oak Wilt

Help keep Oak Wilt out of our area!! When pruning or trimming oaks, please seal **all** wounds with something. It doesn't have to be anything special; just generic spray paint will do it, as the wound only needs protecting for a few days until the tree starts healing itself. Remember, dead oak trees do not help your property value!!



Hays County Emergency Guide

A copy of the Hays County Emergency Guide is available at: <http://www.visitwimberley.com/cert/CERTemergencyGuide2013.pdf>
It contains emergency phone numbers for the Sheriff's Office, Dispatch, Animal Control and Poison Control, as well as information concerning Disaster Planning, the Emergency Notification System and Neighborhood Watch. It's a good thing to keep handy.

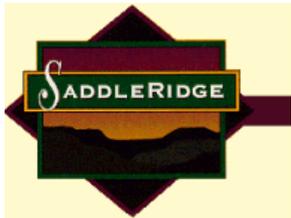


COUNTY WATER WOES

By now, everyone knows about all the nonsense going on with the Electro Purification Company's water grab project in Hays County; so we won't bother rehashing it all in this newsletter. The SPOA Board would, however, like to thank all of our residents (and non-residents) who have expended their time and resources to try to stop this pure greed play. Please continue to follow developments regarding this issue on hayscard.org, saveourwells.com, rollingoakswells.org, and tespatexas.org. And also please keep hounding your local officials to act on this now, before its too late.

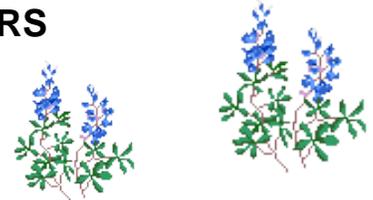
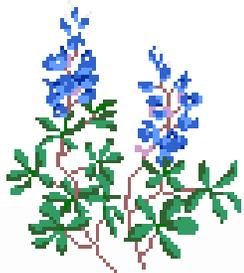


Monthly Meetings for Saddleridge Property Owners



The Saddleridge Property Owner's Association Board meets the third Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at the Saddleridge clubhouse. The first 30 minutes are dedicated to residents and property owners, who are also welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting as desired. Please stop by if you have anything you'd like to discuss with the Board.

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THE EASTER BUNNY GETS A RUDE AWAKENING.